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This week (36)

On Tuesday 7 June 1988, the luncheon meeting commenced at the new summer time of 12.00 p.m. with 32 members, 3 guests and a guest speaker in attendance.

Roger Russell introduced his guest, Victor Jagoldas: Allan Warrack re-introduced his guest Ivan Ivanovich and Marty Larson re-introduced his guest Mike Matei.

Al McClure introduced the guest speaker Mr. Earl Olsen, Manager of Public Relations for CP Rail.

Mr. Olsen played a most informative video of the twinning of the Rogers Pass. One project involves construction of 33 kilometers of new westbound mainline track in some very difficult terrain. The purpose of the project is to reduce the grade from the existing line by 1%. The existing line will serve for eastbound traffic, the new line for westbound. Over the distance, the 1% difference will result in a vertical distance of approximately 150 meters, the equivalent of a 40 storey building.

The project will involve a 1.8 km tunnel, a 14 km tunnel (the longest in North America) and a section of track built on pillars, to avoid excavating the mountainside in the national park. The project will see the first revenue train on November 7th, the anniversary of the last spike for the original line in 1885. The project will make an additional 9 or 10 trains a day over the current 15 possible.

Don Agnew thanked Mr. Olsen for his interesting and informative presentation and gave him a gift on behalf of the club.

Club Roster

President Dave circulated a copy of the club roster for updates on any changes that should be included in the new version. Any Gyro who did not have an opportunity to make changes, should call with them.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on June 21 at 12.00 noon, at the Mayfair Golf Club. Again please note the new time! There will be a guest speaker, Constable Don Bowdige from the Edmonton City Police, who will speak on Home Security. Please come and bring a guest and pick up some tips on how to prevent problems.

Our meeting on July 5th, will, in part, be devoted to the budget for the coming year, plus President Dave's proposal for a new Program format. All Gyros are urged to attend and take part in the discussions.

Recent Events

District 8 Convention - John Pedden reported a very successful District 8 Convention in Waskesiu, hosted by the Saskatoon Club. There were 90 couples and 3 single members in attendance, with the following from the Edmonton Gyro Club:- Larry & Carol Dobson: Allan & Elaine Douglas: Marty & Shirley Larson; Al & Betty McClure: Gord & Ivy Rennie: John & Helen Ross: Roger & Janet Russell: Vern & Fran Sadd: Ernie & Beth Siegel: Barry & Valerie Walker: Allan & Jean Warrack and John Pedden.

Our congratulations to the newly elected Officers for District 8 for 1988-89

- Governor - Harvey Weible (Spokane)
- 1st Lt-Governor - Keith Bradley (Sherwood Park)
- 2nd Lt-Governor - Jack McNeil (Regina)
- I.P. Governor - Glen McIver (Cranbrook)
- Secy-Treasurer - Terry Lynch (Spokane)

The Installing Officer was Gyro International Vice President Bruce Poil, who performed this duty with dignity and despatch.

Congratulations also to the following award winners:-

Best Bulletin - Floyd Mueller (Stampede City)
Best Secretary - Allan McFadden (Lethbridge)
Russ Carter Trophy - Lethbridge Gyro Club
Man Mile Award - Trail Gyro Club

Our sincere thanks to President Ted Heselwood and all the Gyros and Gyrettes from the Saskatoon Club for a good convention.

The next District 8 Convention will be hosted by the Trail Gyro Club July 13 to 16, 1989.

Recent Events (cont)

Red Deer Golf

Ernie Siegel reported that Gyros from Edmonton, Crossroads and Sherwood Park clubs attended the Annual Golf Tournament in Red Deer on 26 May 1988. Attending from the south, were members from Calgary, Stampede City, and for the first time, 8 members from the Lethbridge Gyro Club. The usual good time prevailed, with Boyd Tucker (Lethbridge) winning the low gross.

The tournament next year will be held at the Red Deer Golf & Country Club on Tuesday 6 June 1989.

Coming Events

Gyroette Scramble - Ernie Siegel announced this popular event will again be held at the Devon Golf Course on Tuesday August 9, 1988. The cost will be \$16.00 for the golf and \$16.00 for dinner. Ernie rambled on about green fees at other courses and it seems the point was that he couldn't get Devon any cheaper.

Entries for this fun day to be submitted to Ernie Siegel, Bill Agnew or John Ross, on or before 4 August. Prizes are required - so how about some donations fellows, they will be most appreciated. Lots of prizes are needed because for this golf day, everyone is a winner. Ernie says the serious golfers are to be discouraged. Let's have a good turnout once again - enter now!

Dues

Marty Larson reported that the International dues increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00 as of 1 June 1988. However Gyros who wish to purchase a lifetime membership can do so for \$375.00, up to the International Convention (June 23-26). After the Convention the cost will be \$450.00.

Birthdays

Congratulations and best wishes go to Ron Holmes (June 7) Howard Wilson (June 10) Bill Graham (June 17) and P.P. Neil Sheidow (June 19).

Name Tags

New name tags have been ordered from International for those Gyros & Gyrettes who recently requested them. When you get your new name tag please remember to wear it at every meeting. Remember the penalty - no name tag - and your a non-winner, in more ways than one!

Sick & visiting

Harry Mills was welcomed back from his nationally televised sojourn in the hospital. Some people can make a splash no matter what they do!

Bill Graham reported that Alex Campbell was in the Royal Alex for a short period after an operation, but that he is now on his way to his summer home and doing well.

Cash draw

There was no winner at our last meeting, consequently we have a carry over. Come on out and collect.

Member Profile

A new additional feature for the Gyrolog will be a member profile, which is going to be obtained by our roving reporter Allan Douglas, who has agreed to accept this assignment. We hope that you will support the idea and if you see Allan bearing down on you with pad and pen, please co-operate and tell him something about yourself, that will of course bear publication. Good copy, Allan!

Smiles and chuckles

One place to find the perfect driver - is in the back seat of the car.

~~Today's underprivileged child is one who has to share the family car.~~

Stupid is forever - but ignorance can be fixed. (who said that?)

Marty Larson said he is looking forward to when he retires -- retires from what? or did he say something about retarded?

Dan O'Brien, the Blarney Stone, finally did something about his weight - he stopped getting on the scale.

Secretary's note:

My sincere thanks to Allan Douglas for taking over my duties as Secretary at the meeting of 7 June. He also gathered and compiled material for the Gyrolog, doing a fine job, you will agree. Naturally the corny jokes are mine.

Many thanks Allan, your work on my behalf and the Club's, is most appreciated.

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"Retread"

(P.S. I could also be "replaced")