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President Gord announced that all those in attendance were too shy to lead us in Cheerio, so we were simultaneously on our own. What a wide variety of tunes, tempos and word recollection followed!

Left on his own again, **President Gord** came through with a blessing that was very appropriate to the occasion.

Other than the guest speaker, there was one guest. **John Ross** introduced his friend, Jack McCracken, whom he met at Habitat for Humanity. Jack worked on two homes this summer and is dedicated to providing affordable housing for those who find it difficult to obtain. We were pleased to see Jack out again.

All of you know that **PIP Marty Larson** is retired, or semi-retired, or has slowed down a little. However, he still has the inside track on what is happening in the business community, particularly with mergers and acquisitions. He has let me in on some of the recent developments and, through the Gyrolog, I will ensure that you are as informed as he is. This time he tells me that Honeywell, Imasco and Home Oil have merged to become "Honey I'm Home". Also, Federal Express has acquired UPS and will now be known as FED UP.

PIP Marty Larson also reported that **Ed Edlund** is feeling better and is looking great. At the moment he is with his daughter in Calgary, but will be home on Monday September 27th and would enjoy visitors.

It is hockey season once again, and like any good hockey team, our hockey pool crew has both seasoned veterans and rookies. (The difference is that The Edmonton Gyro Club didn't have to cut anybody to get down to our final numbers).

Thanks to **Joe Ramsay**, the tickets have a new format. After meeting with other Gyros, he was able to get a new version of the ticket for a fraction of the cost. This year, rather than having to send in a full copy of the ticket, we

give the top part with the scores on it to the purchaser (or recipient) and return the bottom part with the name, address etc. to the new ticket flogger, **PIP Marty Larson**.

Another change is that all the games are OILERS games. They start on Saturday November 20th and run until Saturday April 8th. The difference is that this year they are NOT all Saturday night games. The good news is that **Bob Lippe** will not have to watch so many Maple Leaf games.

Our guest speaker was Doug Wright, the President of the Tire Recycling Management Association who was introduced by our own **Fred Schulte** who is a member of the Board of Directors. Doug came on board in March 1993 when the board was facing a backlog of over 2 million tires. There are 14 million tires on the road today in ALberta.

The bur under our collective saddles is the \$4 tax on new tires. The reason for the tax was to have some money to encourage the private sector to find ways to use old tires for new purposes.

The board has gone from having tired burned for fuel to making a number of innovative projects to use old tires. The first step is to shred the tires and tire shred is used for construction projects such as road stabilization and leachate collection. The next stage is processing is to make rubber crumb by grinding the shred further. The crumb is used to make a number of products such as flooring for dairy barns, improved sports fields, replacement sand for playgrounds, sidewalk blocks, truck box liners, and residential bricks for patios.

John Ross thanked the speaker on our behalf and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

Our guest speaker cut a new deck of cards and awarded a free lunch to **Mort Morter**.

Upcoming Events:

This year the St. Albert Club is hosting Founders Night. It will be held on Monday, October 4th. This is an important event for Gyros and we would like a good turnout from The Edmonton Gyro Club. The event will take place at the St. Albert Inn with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. For more information call **Phil Prato** of the St. Albert Club at 458-6233 or **President Gord** at 486-1240. **This will replace our regular meeting on Tuesday October 5, 1999.**

Our next regular noon meeting will be on Tuesday October 19th at the Mayfair.

Subject will be - Small Oil Producer
Guest Speaker - Jack Ellis