

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Last Meeting (24)

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday 20 September, at the Mayfair Golf Club, as arranged by Program Team No.10, of Larry Dobson, Dave Duchak, Jim Humphries and Team Leader John Stroppa. Merrill Morstad introduced his guest, a neighbor, Ed Yuzda.

Harry Mills (it's good to see you out, Papa Bear) was back on the job, leading us in Cheerio and Bert Boren gave the blessing.

President David Burnett welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the fall session and then promptly provided us with some tranquilizing trivia about that old chesnut of "how much wood could a woodchuck chuck , etc"., by saying the answer to that conundrum was 318 kilograms! This startling revelation was quickly disputed by Stew-Graham -- but he didn't offer any other figure. Really Dave -- if your trivia doesn't improve, you will be ignored by the membership to an even greater degree than you are at present.

John Stroppa introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Dan Candido, Technical Services Manager at the Esso Strathcona Refinery. Mr. Candido, a native of Sault Ste Marie, came to Edmonton in 1972 and has been at the Refinery since that time. He explained that technical services is a very challenging job, in the everchanging requirements of an oil refinery. Following his remarks, he presented an excellent video about the refinery operation, from the time the crude oil arrives until the final product leaves. Mr. Candido completed his presentation by answering quite a number of varied questions about his work. Larry Dobson thanked our speaker, for his most interesting and informative talk and presented him with a token of our appreciation on behalf of the club. Our thanks to John Stroppa and his program team for a good program.

Edmonton Gyro Club 1st Annual Car Rally - as President Dave stated - for those members of our club who were not at, or unable to attend this car rally, you certainly missed out on a great fun time. There were 25 who took part in the rally plus another 8 who attended the dinner following. The winning team, who did everything required and only missed three questions, was Mort Morter, Elaine Douglas, Fran Sadd and Jim Humphries. Second place went to Marty Larson, Suzanne Mah, Bernice Pedden and Andy Friderichsen, who might have finished first, except for some odometer slip-up - right Marty?.

~~Judging by the enthusiasm and the shared enjoyment by all who participated, the rally next year will be much bigger in numbers.~~

Neil and Ann Sheidow did a tremendous lot of work, preparing and arranging the rally, including setting up the route, the ports of call, plus some very thought provoking questions, all fully detailed on the instruction sheets. It really was good fun, worthy of repeating annually. Our thanks to Neil and Ann for the excellent job they did of arranging this new club activity. Our thanks also to Allan and Jean Warrack for the hospitality of their home, where we enjoyed chicken and refreshments. Program Team No.6 were Mort Morter, Allan Warrack and Team Leader Neil Sheidow.

Birthdays - birthday greetings were extended today (albeit in absentia) to the following:-

Paul Green	29 September,	sharing the date with Gene Autry and Horatio Nelson	
Tom Douglas	2 October	" " " "	Richard III, Mahtma Ghandi, Groucho
Roger Russell	5 October	sharing with whoever will have him.	Marks

We also bring belated birthday greetings to Bernie Brown 13 Sept and Vern Sadd 19 Sept, which ye old editor neglected to publish in our last log - sorry guys!

Health and Welfare - a nil report -- well, nil news in this case is good news.

Program changes - the annual Curl-a-Rama in Banff, Alberta will be held on 18 - 20 of November 1988 - not as previously reported.

Sherwood Park Gyro Club Silver Plate Dinner set for 4 Nov is cancelled. As a fund raiser for this year at least, the SP club are selling tickets on a hockey pool, (similar to the one which Harry Mills runs) except it will be for the Edmonton Oilers 40 home games. The tickets will record a score for each of the 40 games. If you match the 2nd period score you win \$10.00. Match the score at the end of the game, you win \$30.00. For Non-winners at the end of the season, there will be 2 draws of \$50.00 each. The cost of these pool tickets is \$30.00 and there are only 100 being sold. Looks like a good investment, so if you are interested please call Gord at 488-2856 - don't be tardy, tickets are going fast!

EGC Hockey Pool - I had better give Harry Mills equal "ink" on this subject or I'm in big trouble. The proof that the hockey season is not too far away, Harry launched his Hockey Pool campaign at last Tuesday's meeting. He reported good response but would like to dispose of the 50 tickets that remain. As you know, this is our club's fund raiser, so let's all get with it and support Harry's hard work. You can't win without a ticket - so get one or more - now!

Coming events - Gyro Founder's Night - Tuesday October 18, 1988. This annual Tri-Club gathering will be held at the Santa Marie Goretti Community Centre at 11050-90 Street, right here in the City of Champions. Cocktails 6.00 p.m., Dinner 7.30 p.m. as announced by Al McClure, whose Program Team No.5 is in charge of arrangements. Team members - Allan McClure, Allan Ursulak, Allan Ernst and Gord Rennie (how come his name isn't Allan?)

This is the second of our Annual events which is a must for all good Gyro members, so mark your calendar. Our keynote speaker will be our Immediate Past International Gyro President, Dr. Keith Lowings of the Lethbridge Gyro Club. So come out to meet and greet Keith and all your Gyro friends from Sherwood Park and Crossroads Clubs. More about this event in the next 'log.

Cash draw - the good news - the draw is to be carried over to our next meeting.
- the bad news - Bryce Van Dusen's name was drawn but he was AWOL.

Money changers - speaking of bad news - the Mayfair Golf Club have raised the price of our noon luncheons, which means that you will now be asked to ante-up \$6.00 at each luncheon instead of the present \$5.00. This situation and other possible alternatives were reviewed at the club Executives meeting on Tuesday evening Sept 20th. Quo vadis??

At the a/m Executive meeting there were a total of 17 items on the agenda concerning our club's affairs, including proposed draft changes to our club By-Laws, which will be presented to the membership at large in due process, through a notice of motion, which will appear in the Gyrolog.

On the horizon - we understand that Marty Larson is resigning from his position as an Officer and Director of Pemberton Securities Inc., but will be remaining with the firm until the end of December 1988. After that - plans are a little uncertain at present - Marty may go from marketing to malingering or perhaps even lounging, but whatever you do Marty, we wish you well. No doubt you will be missed at Pemberton's, as well as your morning market reports on radio.

Quotable quotes

Howard Wilson - The modern world thinks too much of it's rights and too little of it's responsibilities.

Ivan Ivankovich - Old lawyers never die - they just lose their appeal!

Smiles and chuckles

Murray Pawling - There was the band leader who spent all week working on a new arrangement and then discovered that his wife wasn't going out of town after all.

Jim Humphries - The aging process has you firmly in it's grasp, if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.

Broken Reveries

He grabbed me round my slender form, I could not yell or scream...
He dragged me to his lonely room, where we could not be seen.
He tore away my flimsy wrap and looked upon my form ...
I was so cold and damp and scared, while he was hot and warm.
His feverish lips he pressed to mine, I gave him every drop ...
He drained me of my very self, I could not make him stop.
He made me what I am today, that's why you find me here ...
A broken bottle, thrown away, that once was full of beer.

Our next meeting - will be held at the Mayfair Golf Club on Tuesday 4 October 1988 at 12.00 noon, as arranged by Program Team No. 8 (~~Team Leader Harry Mills~~) (members - Jack Agnew, Roger Russell, Louis Tremblay and Bryce Van Dusen) who have arranged for a speaker from Travel Alberta.

Editor's Note; - It was a welcome change to have President Dave close out our meeting on 20 September, with a good story which he read in the Signpost, the Crossroads Gyro Club bulletin, edited by Bob Pringle. The story was ... "and there was the fellow who got badly scratched up, fighting for his girl's "honor". It seems she wanted to keep it!

There you go Bob, we do read your bulletin -- thanks for the help.

STOP THE PRESS!!! - The Crossroads Gyrette Club will hold a Whist Drive on Friday 21 Oct 1988, at 7.30 p.m. at the Captain's Cabin, 9562-82 Avenue. Cost \$5.00 includes a lunch. If you plan to attend, call Colleen Dunnigan at 475-8345 or Jane Kirkwood at 465-3243 by 15th October. This is always a fun night - a good mixer. See you there.

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