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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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OUR LAST MEETING was held on Tuesday 6 October at the Mayfair Golf Club, with Vice-President John Stroppa, presiding. We were happy to meet and greet a guest Allan Pedden, son of Past President John Pedden.

We were most fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Dr. John Tartar of the University of Alberta, who was introduced by Gyro Victor Jagoldas in his pleasing, humorous manner.

Dr. Tartar is Professor of Computing Science at the University of Alberta. He received his BSc and MSc degrees from the University of Oklahoma and his PhD from Arizona State, all in Electrical Engineering.

Prior to coming to the U of A, Dr. Tartar was associated with the North American Rockwell Corporation from 1961 to 1969 in several technical and managerial positions.

While at the Columbus Ohio Division of NAR, he was Director of the Analog and Hybrid Simulation Facility. In this capacity, he was responsible for the design and analysis of lunar orbit, rendezvous, and docking systems for the Apollo spacecraft, using man-in-the-loop simulation techniques. Also, he was responsible for studies of low altitude, high speed flight, TV guided missiles, and anti-submarine warfare systems.

After completing his doctorate on a NAR Fellowship, Dr. Tartar joined the Autonetics Division of NAR in Anaheim, California, as Director of Navy R & D programs. Here his general responsibilities included the assessment of automatic information processing systems, special purpose digital subsystems and microtechnology for their application to advanced avionics.

We were especially privileged to be given a talk about his "Reminiscences of the Apollo Space Program" in which he played a leading role. This highly skilled man told us a very interesting story about man's flight into space & the moon landing, which proved to be more of an engineering project, than a scientific one.

He has personally worked with many of the astronauts including, Glenn: Scott; Carpenter: Neil Armstrong, etc. with particular emphasis on perfecting the Lunar Module.

While your writer is not capable of reiterating Dr. Tartar's great talk, he did suggest that a movie that was produced entitled "The Right Stuff" is very good and does portray the original astronauts.

Dan Lawton very adequately expressed our club's appreciation to Dr. Tartar, which he ended with a quote by the late President Lyndon Johnson:- "yesterday is not ours to recover - tomorrow is ours to win or lose".

Our thanks to Program Team No.5 of Victor Jagoldas, Dan Lawton & Allan Ursulak for arranging this excellent program.

BIRTHDAYS - Greetings were given to Roger (PYS) Russell, who added another candle to his birthday cake on October 5th. Good on ya' "Libra".

The other birthdays will have been celebrated before our next "log". They are Bert Boren on October 23rd and Mike Matei on the 28th. Happy birthday and many more!

HEALTH & WELFARE - we learned that John Boychuk is still not enjoying very good health, but he sends regards to all his Gyro friends. How about a visit with John?

John Stroppa read a letter from Stanley Noel Smith apologizing for his non-attendance at Gyro, due to some debilitating problems. However he would welcome visitors at any time. A visit with Stan is always a great experience - just like a tonic - or was it a tonic? Drop over and find out for yourself!

RACE NIGHT -one last reminder, it takes place at Northlands on Tuesday evening October 20th. Gates open at 5.30 and the first race is at 6.30. You will be given your tickets in the foyer at the Northlands Clubhouse. Good fun and good luck!! This gathering cancels our regular noon meeting at Mayfair on October 20th.

GYRO FOUNDER'S NIGHT - will take place on Wednesday evening October 21st at the Regency Hotel, as arranged by the Sherwood Park Gyro Club. They need a "head count" for attendance, so if you plan on attending, please let John Ross know by October 18th at 468-5463 or at 435-7478. A good turnout is requested for this important annual event.

EDMONTON OILER NIGHT-has been arranged as an inter-club activity to be held on Monday evening 2 November 1992, at the Sturgeon Valley Golf Club in St. Albert. We understand that Oiler guests will include Bill Tuele, Dave Semenko & Bruce McGregor. Tickets are \$15.00 and we must have an attendance figure by October 26th. If you haven't told Dick Mandlis or Barry Walker that you are going, please do so right away. Guests are very welcome, particularly potential new members. If you bring out a potential new member as a guest, the cost of his dinner will be looked after by the club.  
Please note - our regular noon meeting for Tuesday November 3rd is cancelled.

ANNUAL HOCKEY POOL TICKETS - it's that time of year again the tickets are all ready. After many long years of looking after running the hockey pool, Harry & Ruby Mills are turning this responsibility over to Al McClure. Our sincere thanks to Harry & Ruby for their hard work & dedication to this worthy cause over the years. Our thanks to Al McClure for accepting this important duty. Al had the tickets at our last meeting and distributed quite a number. For those who were not at the meeting please call Al and arrange to pick up your tickets as soon as possible. The first hockey game for the pool is November 14th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - a financial statement of our Club together with an Auditors Report was presented by Vice President & Treasurer (pro-tem) Barry Walker. Copies were given to all in attendance. The report as presented was moved for adoption by Barry Walker and seconded by Roger Roger. The motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - FIRST POSTING - PATRICK A. (Pat) MILLARD, retired. Address 8932-142nd Street, Edmonton, AB. T5R 0M5 Telephone 483-7838. Wife's name Terri. Sponsored by David Burnett, seconded by Ernie Siegel.

EXTERNAL EXPANSION - Padre Bill Graham reported that a meeting was recently held in Red Deer Alberta as a start towards organizing a Gyro Club in that city. In attendance were Bill Graham: Keith Bradley (S/Park) and Marty Larson. Tentative plans ~~are~~ have been made to meet in Red Deer every second Tuesday, starting October 13th. Any Gyro who knows anyone living in Red Deer who they think might be interested in Gyro please call and give the name of that person to any of the a/m Gyros. This will be a great help to the organizing committee to get things underway.

FORT EDMONTON HISTORICAL FOUNDATION - at our last meeting V/President John Stroppa reported that at a recent meeting of the Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation, a number of volunteers were given special recognition for their time & effort in the establishment & development of Fort Edmonton Park, over the years. Among those so honored, were two members of the Gyro Club of Edmonton in the persons of Harry Mills and Gord Rennie. They received a certificate of appreciation and were appointed Honorary Members of the Foundation. Special mention was made of their work in assisting to establish Gyro Park No.10.

VOX POP - If you must make a mistake, make a new one the next time. (Dick Ogilvie)

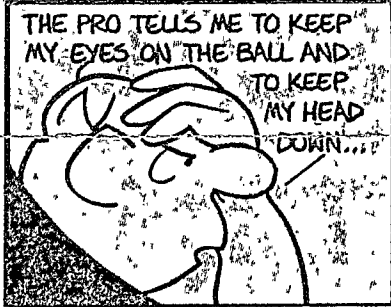
Many persons whose manners will stand the test of speaking, break down under the trial of listening. (Ron Ewoniak)

No one should retire from life at any age. (Tom Douglas)

People's minds are changed through observation, not through argument. (Gordon Robertson)

Everybody loves you when you pull a rabbit out of a hat. Just let the cat out of the bag though and you're in trouble. (Stew Graham)

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IN REVIEW

20 October - Night at the races.

21 October - Founder's Night.

2 November - Edmonton Oiler Night

No noon meetings on 20 October & November 3rd

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