

THE GYROLOG



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As "Retread" Gordon, and "Same Old Bull" Allan the No. 1 and No. 2 quarterbacks of the Gyrolog, respectively, have decided to take a few well deserved days off, yours truly has been chosen to pick up where they left off and to write the ongoing episode of the Edmonton Gyro Club. In football I would be referred to as the designated special team player. But, of course, this is not football so hereafter you can refer to me as the "Designated Writer". Now that this has been cleared up it is time to get down to the important news of Gyro. Any similarity in this report to that of my co-editors' reports is purely intentional.

OUR LAST MEETING was held at the Mayfair Golf & Country Club on Tuesday August 6. The meeting was chaired by our new President Merrill Morstad. We were all very pleased to see Merrill in "the chair" and looking very well after his recent illness. I am sure his quick recovery had nothing to do with the rumor that the FYS member was thinking of making a comeback and taking over "the chair". We welcome you, Merrill, as our President. We are sure you will do an outstanding job.

There were 34 in attendance. Included were Bryce Van Dusen's guest and acquaintance of many years, Harry Nash, and Wes Van Dusen who Bryce tried in his introduction, to pass off as his younger brother. Somehow no one believed him. Wes who is residing in Vancouver is a former president and now an Honorary member of the Edmonton Club. He is still very active in Gyro as a member of the Vancouver club. We were pleased to welcome Harry and Wes to our meeting. Wes brought greetings from the Vancouver club. He congratulated Gordon Rennie for the newsy bulletins which he enjoys very much. He would be pleased to hear from any member who might be visiting in the Vancouver area.

The first important duty for Gordon Rennie, who was pinch hitting for Marty Larsen who is on an tour of the Scandinavian countries (is he looking for his roots?), was to install Merrill Morstad as our new President for the 1991/92 term. Roger Russell presented Merrill with the President's Pin.

BIRTHDAYS - Greetings and best wishes to Allan McClure and Allan Douglas born on August 14, (Allan must have been "the" name for new borns of that day) and Dave Dutchak on August 18. All three born under the sign of LEO. Horoscope not available at this time.

HEALTH AND WELFARE - Bert Boren reported that Dan Lawton is at home recuperating after being hospitalized recently. Dan, we all wish you a speedy and full recovery. The news about Louis Tremblay was not so good. We can only hope for the best.

OBITUARY We regret to report the recent passing of Mrs. Valerie Dolmage, in Saskatoon, the dear mother of Mrs. Lauraine Dutchak. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Lauraine and Dave. We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Brian Ellis who passed away recently in Vancouver. Brian was a former Gyro member.

PROGRAM TEAMS Merrill reported that there are still a few dates open so if you wish a particular date to present your program please get in touch with Merrill before the next meeting. At that time he will assign a date to any team he has not heard from.

DIRECTORS' MEETING - scheduled for August 13, has been postponed due to vacations. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

1992 GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, LAKE TAHOE July 14 - 17 1992. Allan Warrack was asked if he would give a short talk on the hotel situation. Allan stated he would use his usual number of words but would say them faster. He reported that the facility that will be the Gyro headquarters is very large and in order to get our club members into the same wing, if that was desired, it was important that they complete the form provided with the July 30 Gyrolog and return it to him by the end of August.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION Gordon's second important duty was the induction of the newest member of our club, VICTOR JAGOLDUS. His sponsor, PYSPP Roger S. Russell was called upon to introduce Victor and to give us some background about him. Victor has had a most interesting and varied career which started in Lithuania (Roger would not reveal the year of Victor's birth). The family moved to Germany in 1941 and while there moved to various parts during the war years. From there they went to Bavaria and on to Canada in 1949. Victor attended Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton. Following graduation he went to work at CN telegraphs, then went with Delmar Dance Studio where he met his wife Valerie. He moved to Calgary where he and Valerie worked for Arthur Murray Dance Studio until they married in 1958. They returned to Edmonton in the fall of 1958. He joined CN Rail and stayed with them for 33 years, retiring in April, 1991. Victor also worked part time at CKUA Radio and with his wife Valerie worked for the Edmonton Public School's Continuing Education ballroom dancing program.

This fall he will start as Program Specialist with Continuing Education on their Handy-N-Wise program. He is presently President of the German Wine Society, Edmonton Chapter, which became the largest Chapter in North America in 1990. According to PYSPP there is no finer wine than German white wine. You might get an argument there Roger from the red wine lovers, especially Marty. Vic is an ardent soccer fan and apparently saw all 52 games during the 1970 World Cup and it was stated that the right team won. The team name wasn't given so we can only guess who won. Do we have any other soccer fans in the club that remember who won? Unfortunately, I am not a soccer fan, but I do know who won the Grey Cup symbolizing supremacy in Canadian Football. No doubt, Edmonton Eskimo fans would prefer to forget that experience. Darn, can't seem to get away from the topic of football. Sorry. Anyhow, Roger ended the introduction by stating that Victor taught him to dance. Someone, who will remain anonymous piped up, "To bad he didn't teach you to sing". Why can't everyone be nice to Roger? After all he did give us a year of great leadership in the position of President. Following the introduction, and after some technical problems with the VCR, Gordon showed Marty's excellent video, "You are among friends". Gordon then gave a short history of the Edmonton Gyro Club and very adeptly explained "Friendship", as only Gordon can do. He also stressed the importance of every member's obligation in attending meetings on a regular basis and, in particular, Founder's Night and the Tri Club Installation Night, as well as taking part in any of the duties relating to the operation of our club. The swearing in ceremony was then begun. Victor was informed that any answer other than "I will" or "I do" would result in his being placed on 3 month's probation. There was no mistaking that the message got across and we heard a hasty "I will" from Victor. Gordon then quoted Robbie Burns, something about "the best laid plans of mice and men, etc.". Apparently the Member's Kit that was to be presented to Victor was with Dick Ogilvie who is on vacation. Don't fret Victor. You will surely get it when Dick returns. Not to mention what Dick will get. In any case Victor, you have our congratulations. It is hoped you will enjoy a very long and happy association with Gyro.

1991/1992 GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON ROSTER - 2 copies of the roster were handed out to all members present. Dave Burnett was thanked for his efforts in preparing this roster. Dave explained that he was troubled with the blank pages of previous rosters so he filled those pages. In particular, you will notice that the inside of the front cover and the inside and outside of the back cover are completely filled with important information. The Gyro song "Cheerio" has also been inserted on page 16, but Dave explained that some of the words are different to those we use at our meetings so we will continue to use our version at our club meetings. If there are any other errors in the roster please notify the executive so that corrections can be reported in a future Gyrolog. Thanks again Dave for an exceptional job.

DATES TO REMEMBER - ~~September 3, meeting. Program Team #14, Roger Russell, Ian McIntyre, Mel Snihurowych. Speaker is Mr. Roger Marion of Bacchus Agencies (1981) Ltd, importers of fine liqueurs and wines. His subject is about the importing of these liquors and the Company's relationship with the ALCB.~~ September 21, The annual Gyro Car Rally. We will all gather at President Merrill's place for a shotgun start and return there afterwards for a barbecue.

CASH DRAW - Lucky winner was Dick Mandlis.

GYROETTE SCRAMBLE - DEVON - August 8. A most successful event again. There were 56 golfers and a total of 97 at the barbecue dinner; a record, I believe. The weather, as promised by Chairman Ernie Siegel, was great although a wee bit hot for some. I understand that Ernie had asked Bill (Holy Willie) Graham to use his influence to bring us good weather, but perhaps that one extra prayer brought the extremely hot weather. But who lets the weather bother them when there was so much fun and great fellowship on this day. We were privileged to have among us several spouses of former members, 8 couples from the Crossroads Club (names not available at this time) and some out of town guests, namely; Wes and Ruth Van Dusen, Vancouver; Monica, the daughter of Ernie and Beth Siegel, from Kingston, Ontario; and Irene Watson, Killarney, Manitoba, the guest of John & Helen Ross. The winning team, with a score of 63, was Bill Graham (it was suggested that it helps to have some influence up above), Harf Watson, Terri Ellis and Marj Watson. Least Putts, won by the team of Jack Ellis, Mike Matei, Penny McDonald and Bonnie Bennett.

Longest Drive - ~~Men's won by Rick Little. Ladies won by Terri Ellis.~~ Men's Longest Drive in the senior age category, won by John Stroppa. Closest to pin - Men's won by Merrill Morstad. Ladies won by Pat Cormode. Thanks to Ernie Siegel, Al McClure, and Andy Carabott and the efforts of the many other people that assisted in making this such a great event. We also wish to thank Ernie for supplying his delicious wine called Rainwear 91. The story behind this wine eludes me at the present time.

A Very Special Thank You to Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen for allowing the use of their facilities for the after golf barbecue dinner and prizes presentation. It was the ideal setting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY - FRIEND - Whatever the number of a man's friends there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy he is lucky indeed if he has not one too many.

JOKE CORNER - compliments of President Merrill. It seems on a recent trip into Saskatchewan when Merrill and Marion were dining in a small restaurant in an out of the way place a man entered the restaurant who, apparently, was well known to the owner. He was greeted with a hearty, "Good morning, Metro. What would you like today". "A pepsi" answered Metro as he headed towards the pop machine. "And what kinda pepsi would you like", asked the owner. "I think I'll have orange", said Metro. Someone suggested this must be a Saskatchewan joke. Come on Merrill you can do better than that. Or do we recruit Neil "the joker" Sheidow again?

I was told that this report would likely be a short one. Obviously, I was either misinformed, or my fingers couldn't stop walking over the keyboard. I should have known better, because when Gyros get together there is much going on.

Regardless, you are forewarned that any verbal abuse, such as criticism of this report or sarcastic remarks, including but not limited to objectionable gesture directed at the writer will be ruled as objectionable conduct and carries a severe penalty. Of course, if you keep your thoughts to yourself no penalty will be assessed.

OUR NEXT MEETING - Tuesday August 20, 1991 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Time: 12:00 noon. Program Team #6, David Burnett and David Castell. Speaker is Bill Hibbard, an engineer with The Engineers Collaborative which designed the LRT bridge. Apparently it is quite an engineering accomplishment and will, no doubt, be a most interesting presentation.

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

Your "DESIGNATED WRITER",

John

