

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday 21 May was in the form of a "field trip" when we met at the firm of Metal Fabricators and Welding Limited as arranged by Howard Wilson, who was associated with this company for many years, prior to his retirement.

This major custom fabricating company is serving the forestry, petrochemical, architectural/commercial, mining and agricultural industries in Alberta, British Columbia & Saskatchewan was established in Edmonton in 1953.

A producer of high quality components, has resulted in the installation of the "Abrasive Water-Jet" cutting system, which can cut various materials including stainless steel, titanium, marble, granite, fibreglas, plastics, etc., ranging from paper thin materials up to 7" (178mm) of Titanium.

We witnessed this remarkable high-tech equipment cutting through steel and plastic simultaneously. This is accomplished by concentrating a low volume/high pressure (up to 60,000 PSI) stream of water and by adding a low cost abrasive, such as garnet to the water; which creates the "Abrasive Water-Jet".

Following this remarkable demonstration, followed by a tour of the plant, plus a video on the company's history; we went to the Mayfair for lunch, with three members of Metal Fabricators, Mr. Marcel Gagnier, General Superintendent; Mr. Arnold Schmitz, President and General Manager, and Mr. Jan Scheper, Vice President. Our guests were introduced by Howard Wilson and thanked on behalf of the members of Gyro, by I.P.P. Roger Russell.

This "field trip" proved to be a great educational experience, Our thanks to Howard Wilson for arranging this most interesting meeting. Judging by the turn-out, it would appear that this sort of outing could be considered more often.

BIRTHDAYS - with our new President Merrill Morstad in the chair for his first meeting, he was helped along by giving him a wrong birthday list. However once corrected, the following birthdays for the month of May were announced as follows:- Allan Ursulek (10 May) Andy Friderichsen (13th) Boyd Slavik (17th) David Burnett (18) Ivan Ivankovich (23rd) Allan Warrack (24th) and Rick Newcombe (30th).

Our congratulations to all (albeit some are belated) to those born under the sign of Taurus and/or Gemini. Many happy returns!

HEALTH & WELFARE - Bert Boren reported that he had just been advised that Harry Mills had reported to hospital that morning for some tests, etc. We hope his stay will be short and with good results.

AIR MAIL - One of our new members Ian Fraser, who has just returned from two weeks in the Bahamas, gave me a new description of "air mail". It seems that he was on deck writing a post card to send to our club, when a gust of wind blew it out to sea. When last seen it was heading towards the heavens at great speed. Just one question Ian, "did you put a stamp on it". Never mind, the thought was there.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Our annual Gyro Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday 6 June 1991 at the Riverbend Golf Course, in Red Deer, Alberta. Tee-off time is at 8.30 a.m.

Bill Agnew reported that we have 15 golfers signed up so far. We will meet at the SE corner of Southgate Shopping Centre parking lot and be ready to leave at 6.30 a.m. sharp.

If you want to go and haven't given your name (and money) to Bill Agnew - call him NOW!!

STAMPEDE CITY GYRO CLUB INSTALLATION will be held on Saturday 8 June 1991, in the Elks Hall 2502 - 6th Street, Calgary, AB. YOU ARE INVITED! Cocktails at 6.00 dinner at 7.00 p.m. So far we have two couples (McClure's and Rennie's) going from our club. If any others would like to go please call Jack Williamson at 289-3351 or Floyd Mueller at 278-8824 - soonest.

GYRO CONVENTIONS - 17 to 23 June 1991 - GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION at Niagara Falls, Ont. See your May-April issue of the Gyroscope for complete information.

18 to 21 July 1991 - DISTRICT EIGHT CONVENTION - REGINA, Sask. Get your registrations in early and start making travel plan arrangements. You never know who you might be lucky enough to make the journey with. For our newer members, this is your chance to experience and appreciate the common denominator of Gyro - fun and fellowship - at it's best. You will enjoy.

MORE GOLF - GYROETTE SCRAMBLE - will be held at the Devon Golf Course on Thursday 8 August. Ernie Siegel, Tournament Chairman, reports that plans are well underway for this popular event. Andy Carabott will be helping Ernie with arrangements.

CROSSROADS AND SHERWOOD PARK CLUBS PLEASE NOTE! - this mixed golf game is a real fun event so please accept this invitation to come and join with us. Call Ernie Siegel at 487-9092 and register. The dinner of barbecued steaks will be held at the home of Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen, the "Flying V Ranch" located a relatively short distance from Devon.

DOWN THE ROAD - Bridge Players, your attention please. As you know, John & Bernice Pedden were in charge of arrangements for last year's bridge season. They have kindly accepted that responsibility again for this year. John would like to have the names of those bridge players who intend to take part in the coming season. If you haven't already contacted John, please call him at 466-6691 and register.

EDMONTON GYRO MIKE MATEI GIVEN SPECIAL TOUCH FOOTBALL AWARD. - (Thanks to David Burnett for sending the following article.)

Mike Matei - Edmonton Touch Football Association

Mike Matei is probably the one person responsible for the development and certification of touch football officials in Edmonton and the province. Over 35 officials in Alberta are certified thanks to Mike's dedication. Over the last 5 years the level of officiating has dramatically improved.

Mike has been officiating and playing since 1985 and is certified as a level 4 referee and a Level 2 Course Conductor. He has been officiating at the Edmonton League and the city finals, Provincial play-offs and has been selected to officiate at the Canadian Touch Bowl for the last 4 years. Mike has also been a member of the Edmonton Touch Football Association executive for the past 4 years."

Our congratulations to Mike on receiving this special recognition for your hard work in this field of sport.

SMILES AND CHUCKLES - Always watch your punctuation. A misplaced comma can sometimes upset the meaning of a message; like the telegram that a wife sent to her husband. It read, "not getting any, better come home at once".

Sign of the times:- a notice on a faulty photocopying machine in a Government office -"this machine is not working at it's full potential".

VOX POP - Solving problems is sometimes easier than living with the solution. (Larry Dobson)

Most of us don't realize how much we have to be thankful for until we have to pay taxes on it. (John Boychuk)

The aging process is a lot like grapes, some turn to vinegar, but the best turn to wine. (Victor Jagoldus)

Inflation is when the buck doesn't stop anywhere. (Ian Fraser)

STOP THE PRESS - In the very near future, the responsibility for publishing our club bulletin the Gyrolog, will be shared by Co-Editors; Gord Rennie, Allan Douglas and John Stroppa. With this arrangement should an editor be away, publication of the Gyrolog will be looked after by a Co-Editor. Continuity will be assured and we look forward to this shared participation.

Gord will continue as "Retread" but the pen names of the other two participants has not yet been revealed.

CROSSROADS GYRO CLUB GOLF GAME AND DINNER - this prelude to their summer recess, is a mixed golf game at the Sherwood Park Golf Course, on Monday 24 June 1991. Teeoff time starts at 12.19 p.m. Dinner will follow at the Regency Hotel after cocktails at 6.00 p.m.

Members of the Sherwood Park and Edmonton Gyro Clubs are invited to join Crossroads. If you can't make the golf - then come to dinner anyway. Anyone interested please call Bill Bellman at 435-4509. You will be made most welcome.

DRAW WINNER - the name of Al McClure was drawn at our last meeting. Unfortunately Al was down east - so we have a carry over!

OUR NEXT MEETING - will be held at the Mayfair Golf Club on Tuesday June 4th at 12.00 noon.

Our guest speaker on this occasion will be Colonel Norman F. Oslund, Commandant of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Northern Alberta Division.

Colonel Oslund's talk will be about the Corps of Commissionaires, it's origin, history and it's present day role in various employment fields, including security. Come out and bring a friend.
See you there. (Retread)

