

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA
August 14, 1984

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 1984, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m. Mr. Rod Ziegler, Business Editor of the Edmonton Journal will speak on: Alberta's Future: Where Do We Go from Here?

COMING EVENTS

A Night at the Races - Tuesday, September 18, 1984. More details will be published in a later issue of the Gyrolog.

BIRTHDAYS

~~Al McClure - August 14~~ - Dave Duchak - ~~August 18~~
The Atom Bomb dropped on Hiroshima August 5, 1945

"Since I do not foresee that atomic energy is to be a great boon for a long time, I have to say that for the present it is a menace. Perhaps it is well that it should be. It may intimidate the human race into bringing order into international affairs, which, without the pressure of fear, it would not do."
— Albert Einstein —

SICK AND VISITING

Immediate Past Governor Jim Little has been admitted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital suffering from a back problem. We trust that his orthopedist will have him back on his feet shortly.

FIRST POSTING

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Proposed by Roger Russell
Seconded by Marty Larson

GOLF

The Texas Mixed Golf Scramble held on Thursday, August 9, 1984 at the Devon Golf and Country Club was a great success with some 56 golfers taking part and a further 14 attending the dinner. It was a fun thing with everyone receiving a prize, even those who came for dinner only, as they shared the door prizes. The winning team was that of Ernie Siegel, Nan Greenlees, Fran Sadd, and Jim Humphries with a score of 63. Our thanks to Ernie Siegel and his Committee.

DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT

Mort Morter gave a brief report on the District VIII Convention held at Wallace Idaho July 19 through 22, 1984. There were some 300 registrations with 10 couples in attendance from the Edmonton District Clubs. A lively and interesting program featured by the Great Balloon Derby kept everybody entertained during the course of the Convention.

Al and Jean Warrack won first prize in the costume competition. Our own Marty Larson was elected to the position of 2nd Lieutenant Governor. Congratulations to Marty.

A Russ Carter Membership Expansion Competition was offered by the Edmonton Club and accepted by the Convention, the award to be presented at the 1985 District VIII Convention at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A Committee of Mort Morter, Gordon Rennie, and Marty Larson was appointed to draw up the terms of reference for this competition.

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THIS WEEK (65)

This meeting was a tribute ^{to} Russ Carter for his many contributions to Gyro over a period of some 60 odd years. The large crowd of over 60 at this dinner meeting was an expression of the esteem in which Russ is held throughout Gyrodom. Representing the Calgary Gyro Club were: Jack Jones, Bill Warrack, Stu Campbell, Doug Flamme, and Larry Himmelman. From Crossroads came Ted Brown Dr. Graham Moir, Harf Watson, and George Evans, and bringing greetings from Sherwood Park was John Williams.

In addition one of Russ's one time partners, Dr. Ken Armstrong, was introduced, as well as Bill and Don Agnew, sons of Jack and Birt, who knew the guest of honor as Uncle Russ.

Congratulations were received from the following who through various circumstances could not attend: International by Gordon Rennie, Nelles Buchanan, Jim Duncan of Victoria, B.C., AL Webster, International 1st Vice-President of Saskatoon, who had his car stolen recently and although it was recovered, it was
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in a badly damaged condition, Dave and Lauraine Duchak who promised to drink a toast to Russ in far off Barbados, Wes Van Dusen of Vancouver, B.C. who was instrumental in getting Mr. Gyro (Russ) on the International Executive, and Jean Warrack who sent greetings and congratulations from the Edmonton Gyrettes. Jack Jones brought congratulations from President Russ Gault of Calgary, and from Don Ricketts, President of Stampede City.

George Evans brought greetings from Jim Little, Immediate Past Governor of District Vlll, recalling that it was Russ Carter, Jim Duncan, and the late Cyril Cormick who were responsible for the founding of the Crossroads Club. A birthday card from Helen and Don Francis of Calgary put it this way: "Do you remember the good old days? You made them so good."

Dr. Ken Armstrong, Russ's one time partner, spoke a few words. His most vivid memory, he recalled, was that after Russ became associated with Gyro at the International level, he (Ken) did all the work. He stated that Russ was the only student who graduated from the University of Alberta without attending classes. Not having a Department of Optometry at the time, the University provided the text books, the laboratory equipment, and the materials and told the poor benighted freshman to study on his own and when prepared to come back and write the examinations. Russ took up the challenge, wrote, and passed the examinations, and from that point on he never looked back.

Frank Newson, legal counsel of the Alberta Optometrists' Association and a former Gyro, spoke in laudatory terms of his friendship and fellowship with Russ over the years.

Stan Smith, one of the senior members of the Edmonton Gyro Club, told of his many pleasant memories of Gyro activities with Russ. He described these in the form of a dream, but a dream that had a great measure of reality.

In his reply of thanks Russ traced his career in Gyro from 1923 to the present, mentioning a few of the highlights. Shortly after joining Gyro he organized an orchestra whose membership included the likes of Art Fleming, Jack Jacknicke, and Bernie Stephens.

In 1939 the International Convention was held in Jasper, Alberta. In 1941 Russ became President of the Edmonton Club and a few years later he was elected Governor of District Vlll. In the late forties he was elected to the International Executive and in 1952 became International President. He served for many years on the Board of Trustees.

One of the memorable moments of his Gyro career was the presentation in 1954 of a Buick car to Ed Kagy, one of the founders of Gyro. This came as a complete surprise to Ed who never before had owned a new car.

He was there when the St. Catherines Club was chartered with a membership of 160. He is a recipient of the highly coveted Honor Key.

Russ has maintained his interest and unswerving support of Gyro right up to the present. He is truly Mr. Gyro of Edmonton. We salute you, RUSS!

The meeting concluded with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

N.B. The Executive and Directors held a meeting on August 13, 1984. The Financial Statement for the Year ending March 31, 1984 and an Interim Operating Budget for 1984-85 were discussed. The following motion was passed: Moved by Dick Ogilvie and seconded by Dave Burnett, that the quarterly dues be increased by \$10.00 effective the quarter commencing October 1, 1984; and that the Application (Initiation) Fee be increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective October 1, 1984. Carried.

Dick Ogilvie made the following Notice of Motion: At the meeting on October 2, 1984 I shall move or cause to be moved that the quarterly dues be increased by \$10.00 effective the quarter commencing October 1, 1984; and that the Application (Initiation) Fee be increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective October 1, 1984.

At the meeting on September 4, 1984 the Interim Operating Budget for 1984-85 will be discussed. A copy is enclosed. Please bring this to the meeting for this important discussion. A full turnout is requested, please.

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