

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

October 19, 1991

**OUR LAST MEETING:** was Founders Night held at the Regency Hotel on Tuesday October 15, 1991. As usual, it was a tri-club event, and as usual, it was well attended. The Edmonton Club was responsible for the program this year with the primary duties being admirably discharged by **Third Vice-President, John Ross.**

To get the evening started **President Merrill Morstad** introduced the Presidents of the other clubs, **Glen Butters** from Sherwood Park, and **Bob Pringle** from Crossroads. **Harry Mills** then lead in the singing of Cheerio followed by **Reverend Bill Graham** who asked the blessing.

The unusual element to the attendance this year was the number of guests. We were pleased to welcome a sizeable group from St. Albert who are working on development of a club there. In addition, however, there were several guests in each of the three other clubs. Your unprepared scribe was unable to capture all the names of the guests and the Gyro's who introduced them but hopefully that does not detract from their feeling welcome.

Following the opening of the meeting we all enjoyed a meal of roast beef and Yorkshire padding that gave rise to several kudos. Over dinner there was an opportunity to visit with old and new friends and for the guests and Gyros to get to know each other better. It also gave **Ed Edlund** the opportunity to learn once again that a clean tie attracts the soup of the day.

After dinner, **John Ross** introduced the guest speaker, **Past District Governor Ian Greig** from the Stampede City Club. **Ian** began on a light note with some jokes aimed at golf and Gyros. His theme was "What is Gyro?" and he shared some of his rich experiences with us. Gyro is people meeting in groups like ours on Founders Night in Florida, California, Vancouver Island, the Maritimes etc. **Ian** stated that Gyro's differ little, that they are always smiling whether it is at a club function, at District or International meetings or at conventions (with the possibility of those greeted by the wake-up committee at Curlorama). Gyro's always greet you with open arms and for **Ian** many close friendships have resulted. As a result of involvement in Gyro, he has had house guests from all over the country. **Ian** said "You can have friends without being a Gyro - but you can't be a Gyro without having friends. **Ian** added that in Gyro we meet someone we like right away and we should take an active role in our club, do some travelling as a group and visit other clubs. He pointed out that it is not necessary to go far that we can visit other clubs nearby. He also reminded us that when we travel if we take our roster with us there is a friend only a phone call away.

**CURLORAMA:** Will be held in Banff on November 29, 30 and December 1, 1991. All Gyro's are welcome for this annual event which is always great fun. A special invitation goes out to those planning the St. Albert club. If you are interested, contact **Mike Matei** as soon as possible.

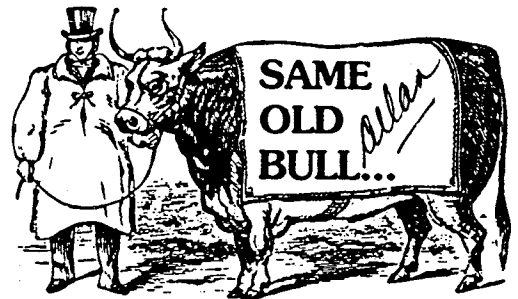
**OILERS:** On November 20, there will be an opportunity to meet with some of the Edmonton Oilers at the Regency Hotel for an evening meeting. Everyone is welcome so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**LETHBRIDGE:** The Lethbridge club is having a supper dance on November 9, 1991 at the El Rancho restaurant. Any Gyro's from the Edmonton area who can attend are welcome.

**GYRETTES:** The November Gyrette meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12, 1991 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper to follow at 6:30 p.m. No social committee members were available for tantalizing titbits to tease you to attend so the program will be a surprise.

**CROSSROADS GYRETTES:** invite Edmonton Gyrettes to a "Wine and Cheese" evening on Wednesday November 13, 1991 at the house of Arlene Birmingham 9126 100 Ave 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00. They are featuring a "Show and Tell" "Touch and Feel" collectible evening. Please bring treasures you want to share and have others enjoy. Contact Gwen Moir 465-1923 or Arlene at 424-9575.

**EPILOGUE:** On Founders Night there was a break after **Ian Greig's** address and **John Ross** resumed his place at the podium and proceeded to correct some misconceptions about the founding of Gyro. The saga according to **John** is that Gyro was founded in Edmonton in 1921 by Little Jim, Silent Keith Pooh Bah and Rennie Retread. The scene was dramatically acted out for us with good humour, great talent and more than a little irreverence by **Neil Sheidow, Red Laychuck** and **Bill Carter**. A video tape (VHS) of both **Ian's** speech and the following performance is available for review (but not critiquing).



**NEXT MEETING:** Will be a farewell for the Sheidow's to be held at the Ross residence. It will be on Sunday November 3, 1991, beginning at 2:00 p.m. This will be a mixed function so lets have a good turnout. A map is provided on the back of this sheet - by a slim margin the Executive voted to provide a map rather than a Sheidow car rally sheet of directions.

**NOTE:** The Lethbridge Dinner meeting referred to in the Gyrolog will be their installation. A good turnout from the Edmonton Club would be welcome!