



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921**

**President-Sam Gruden, Past President-John Boyd,  
Vice-President-John Mann, Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-Gary Campbell,  
Directors-Cliff French, Ari Hoeksema, David Dyck, Len Stevens  
Database Administrator-John Ross, Gyrolog Editor-Fred Schulte**

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## **THIS IS A SPECIAL EDITION TO CELEBRATE THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF *THE GYROLOG***

The formation of a *GYRO* Club in Edmonton was first talked about by **Reg Henry** and **Harry Fuller** in the early months of **1921**. An organizational meeting was held on April 6th at the Hudson's Bay Company building. Twenty three young business men were in attendance. The plan and the idea of a Gyro Club was fully discussed and the formation of a club was agreed upon. The first club bulletin was in reality a letter/notice dated July 26th penned by **Roy Boyles** (Boyles Reliable Shoes) advising these 23 men that a new Gyro Club of Edmonton would be chartered on July 29th, 1921.

Thirty-two men under the age of 35 were inducted into the new club as charter members and within 11 days the "Objective" was presented for approval. It was decided to provide "**Playgrounds for Children**". Between 1922 and 1949, nine playgrounds were built in Edmonton.

Written communication was important to inform the club members of upcoming weekly meetings and events.

In September 1923, the first edition of the Club bulletin, **The Gyro Log**, a name suggested by **Alex Mitchell** was prepared by **Jack Oliver**. A re-typing of the original text follows:

GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
EDMONTON  
ALBERTA

Sept. 21st, 1923

## The Gyro Log

Fellow Gyro:

Lamp the heading of this epistle. It is Alex. Mitchell's suggestion and will be used henceforth until someone comes along with a better one or until the writer forgets to put it in.

All roads lead to the Hudsonia at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday next. As there has not being a hundred per cent attendance at any Club meeting since we entertained the Cleveland Favorite-Knits and our own Commercial Grads, the executive thought that another complete meeting would be in order, so at the next gathering we will have as our honored guests, the Toronto Maple Leafs, challengers for the "World's Ladies Basketball Title", and the Commercial Grads, of whom we are all justly proud. That I am sure, will bring a full turnout. Incidentally, so that you may not be financially embarrassed at the door, the price of the lunch will be 75 cents.

It has been suggested that the Club give a dance for all those who assisted us in our recent, successful Carnival. This will be brought up at the next meeting, so come prepared for any course of action you want taken.

In last week's letter, a report was asked for from all those who had charge of booths at the Carnival. Up to Tuesday noon, Charlie Macdonald has received five. What's the use of me putting these things in the letter if you do not take any action? We might as well conserve the paper and ink supply.

There's a young fellow named Bill,  
Of scrapping he's ne'er has his fill;  
He simply loves talking,  
Haranguing and balking,  
O, Boy, but that lad can't sit still.

First notice for:

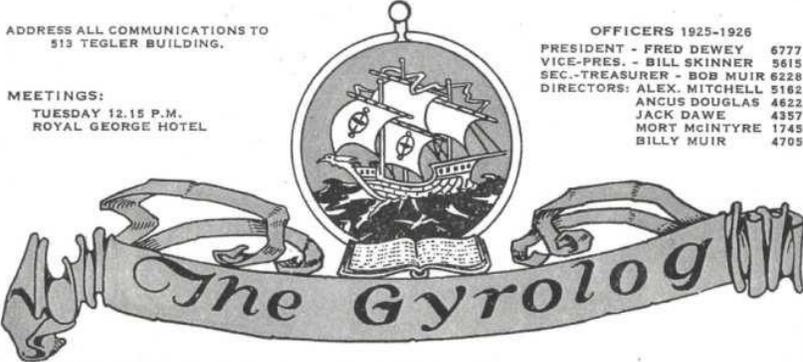
Lloyd W. Domm, Manager, Good year Tire Co'y.  
Griff Morris, Prop. Morris School of Physical Culture.  
James Lewis, Ass't M'g'r, Wilson Stationary Co. Ltd.  
Charles Flavin, Assistant King's Printer.

Au Revoir,

Jack Oliver

**Jack Oliver** continued as Editor until March 13th, 1925 when **Bob Muir** assumed the role. The issue of meeting attendance and delinquent dues were priority matters as outlined in the **May 1st, 1925 Gyrolog**

<p>COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP REG. WHYTE 2288</p> <p>PROGRAMME EDDIE WILLIAMS 2185</p> <p>OBJECTIVE ANCUS DOUGLAS 4622</p> <p>HOUSE COMMITTEE CHARLIE MEGGS 4284</p> <p>SPORTS JACK McALLISTER 5180</p> <p>ATTENDANCE EMORY WOOD 1661</p>	<p>ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO 513 TEGLER BUILDING.</p> <p>MEETINGS: TUESDAY 12.15 P.M. ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL</p>	<p>OFFICERS 1925-1926</p> <p>PRESIDENT - FRED DEWEY 6777 VICE-PRES. - BILL SKINNER 5615 SEC.-TREASURER - BOB MUIR 6228 DIRECTORS: ALEX. MITCHELL 5182 ANCUS DOUGLAS 4622 JACK DAWE 4357 MORT MCINTYRE 1745 BILLY MUIR 4705</p>	<p>COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p> <p>EXTENSION ROLLIE MUNRO 6614</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL NELLES BUCHANAN 5275</p> <p>SICK COMMITTEE BILL SKINNER 5615</p> <p>CLUB GREETER SAM GRYDE 4333</p> <p>GYROSCOPE CORRESPONDENTS ALEX. MITCHELL 5182 BOB MUIR 6228</p> <p>SONG LEADER TOMMY GOODRIDGE 4063</p>
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Official weekly Bulletin of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Editor: Bob Muir

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Gyro Means Friendship

May 1st, 1925

## FELLOW GYRO,

You remember old Gradgrind in "Hard Times" saying "In this life we want nothing but Facts; nothing but Facts." Let us present this hyper important fact. A large percentage of members are delinquent in dues. Gyro means Friendship, so cement that friendship between you and me with seven and one-half bucks. Thank you kind people.

A friend of yours had engaged a maid after wading through a bunch of written applications. Shortly after being installed in office the maid was questioned. "Why didn't you mention in your letter of application that you were Scotch, Mary?" "Ach", she said, "I didna like to boast" (All right gang heave them quick.)

Introducing the following new blood for the first time:

Harry Weisser, Pantages Theatre, Associate member  
Norman M. Watson, Manager, Service Drug Store  
Arthur May, Manager, Dyson Battery

"Summer suns are glowing: fellows. What about taking in Vancouver in July? "Follow the birds to the coast" as George de la Mothe would say. "Be one of the birds".

Next Tuesday is Business Meeting, and the business is important. Among other things the Carnival question will be considered. Grouches and compliments will also be in order. The importance of this meeting demands 100% attendance. Cinch it, gang. Royal George Hotel, Tuesday, 12:15.

Emory Wood now attends to attendance. Please phone him when you can't attend a meeting.

Did you turn in your new member applications? The following classifications are vacant:

Retail Books and Stationary, Boots and Shoes, Cigars and Tobaccos, Coal, Electrical Goods, Meats, Furs, Furniture, Music and Lumber.

Will the budding Harry Vardons see Billy Muir? Incidentally friend William gravely doubts the veracity of certain members who have handed in their handicaps. The truthful golfer appears to be a "rara avis" Billy.

Signing off.

Cheerio,

Yours till the 19th hole is reached,  
Bob Muir.

**Bob Muir** wore a number of hats in the early years of the club. He was Secretary-Treasurer in 1925-26, President in 1926-27 and District Governor in 1928. **Alex Mitchell** who was President in 1924, took over the role of GYROLOG Editor in 1926 and 1927. Alex was famous for the sketches he drew in the margins of the bulletin. Bob Muir returned as Editor in August 1928 and continued until April 1929. Alex Mitchell, also known as "**Exmitch**" resumed the role of Editor in April 1929. He also was Secretary of the club in 1930 and 1931.

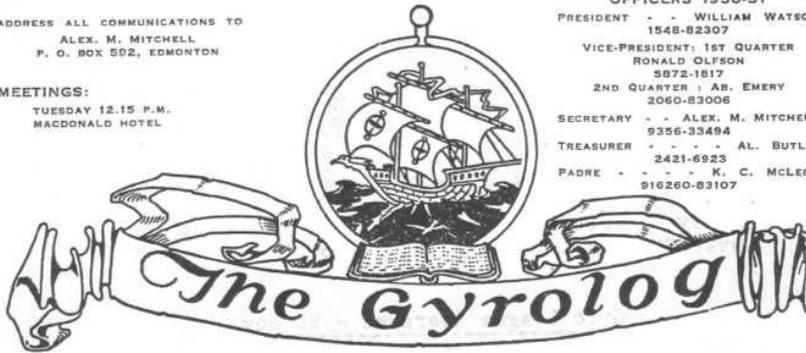
**The November 7, 1930 Gyrolog** lists the Executive as follows:

President-William Watson, Vice President:1st Quarter-Ronald Olfson, 2nd Quarter-AB Emery, Secretary-Alex M. Mitchell, Treasurer-Al Butlin, Padre-K.C. McLeod and Editor-Exmitch.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN  
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 JOE PEACOCK  
 6451-81341  
 PROGRAM: 2ND QUARTER  
 JIM SLESSOR  
 5551-81029  
 SPORTS  
 RONALD OLDFSON  
 5872-1817  
 SOCIAL  
 ARCHIE WIGLE  
 2288-81506  
 MEMBERSHIP AND ROSTER  
 AS. EMERY  
 2060-83006  
 ATTENDANCE AND SICK  
 LORNE JAMES  
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 "EXMITCH"

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 P. O. BOX 892, EDMONTON

MEETINGS:  
 TUESDAY 12.15 P.M.  
 MACDONALD HOTEL



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 Editor: "Exmitch"

OFFICERS 1930-31  
 PRESIDENT - - WILLIAM WATSON  
 1548-82307  
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 2060-83006  
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 9356-33494  
 TREASURER - - - - AL. BUTLIN  
 2421-6923  
 PADRE - - - - K. C. MCLEOD  
 916260-83107

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 6755-23174  
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 CHAS. W. MACDONALD  
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Gyro Means Friendship

November 7th, 1930.

**GYROS:**

The attendance last week was not good, in fact it was rotten and at a business meeting too.

We can't expect to be entertained all the time and the Club will not function properly with a half hearted audience.

Program for Tuesday November 11th at 12:15 P.M.

The speaker is Sadhu Singh Dhama, a Hindu student at the University, who will speak on "Gandhi".

This should be interesting enough to command 100% attendance.

One thing should be remembered: This young man is a countryman of Gandhi's and may not tell the things we would like to hear but there are two sides to every story, and his will be the truth as he sees it.

Proposed New Member - Second Call

Frank H. Jones,  
 Manager, General Insurance Company

Resignation - W record with regret the resignation of Allan Stone. The reason being inability to attend meetings owing to pressure of business.

## Carnival Tickets

Bert Millar informs me the committee have waited on the Premier and succeeded in getting funds diverted to the building of a jail for delinquent ticket sellers. Last call before action.

Dues - Al Butlin suggested to the Acting Secretary that he should pay his dues, but surely I am not the only one.

## Bowling

If the bowlers do not turn out in greater number the league will be reduced to four teams.

Next game Wednesday November 12th, 5:15 P.M.

The big "Hit" last week was Al Butlin's score of 221-232-224, a total of 677. That would be good in Minneapolis.

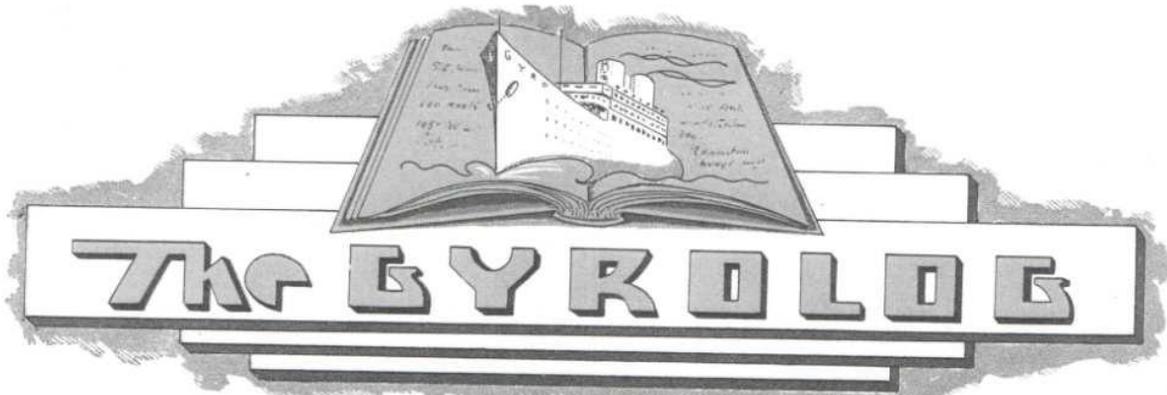
Teams' standing and averages on the back of this sheet.

In April 1932, **Bob Muir** resumed his role as Editor, **Alex Mitchell** became District Governor in 1936. The *Gyrolog* masthead disappeared between 1934 and 1939 and was replaced with minutes of monthly Business meetings and Club Director meetings.

In 1940, **Alex Mitchell** announced the "**The Weekly Geyser Spouts Again**".



**Alex Mitchell "Exmitch"**



Edmonton, Alberta. December 18, 1940.

The text of the December 18, 1940 GYROLOG follows:

COCKTAIL: Here's a health to the future, a sigh for the past;  
We can love and remember and hope to the last;  
And, for all the base lies that the almanacs hold,  
While there's love in the heart we can never grow old.  
-Anonymous

GYROS:

That the old club is finishing Nineteen Forty in a blaze of glory, none can doubt. Saturday's party was a decided success, even if we found it necessary to suggest to the leader of the orchestra that throwing around tin trays and blaring horrible off-key chords on carnival horns was not music according to our ears. We flatter ourselves, incidentally, that the music of the last forty minutes proved we were right! There were no guests at the tables when the band played then.

We were glad to shake the hands with our genial host of the Gyro International Convention at Jasper on his way to winter quarters in Ottawa. Robert Sommerville tells he had an unfortunate fall when battening down the hatches at the Lodge, but he has completely recovered.

He flew through the air with the greatest of ease  
But the nasty part was he forgot his trapeze!

Did you observe Wullie Lowden's picture in the paper Monday evening? Been makin' a blinkin' 'ero of 'imself 'e' 'as. Guid luck tae ye, Wullie. Hope you get a medal!

"Exmitch"

President: William (Bill) Muir

First Vice-President: Barney Stanley

Second Vice-President: Russ Carter

Secretary Treasurer: Alex Mitchell

Directors: Austin Grant, Jack House, Ron Maunder, Tom Brown (Past President)

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In May 1941, **Cody McPherson (Codymac)** was listed as Editor. A portion of the May 2, 1941 Gyrolog follows:

"Wanted: One Trophy"

**Calgary Gyros** claimed they took **Edmonton** to the cleaners at the Annual Red Deer Golf Tournament, Sunday, June 15, 1940, but they couldn't prove it. The Vair Anderson Trophy reposing for the last year at Edmonton, failed to show up because it is rumored the Edmonton gang was so sure it would stay with them that they didn't bother to bring it along with them.

In **March 1942**, The Edmonton Club listed 38 resident members and nine on active (military) service. During the year, there were 20 regular luncheon meetings, 12 business meetings and seven special meetings.

In the March 4, 1942 Gyrolog there was an issue regarding the difficulty the club was having with paying for the operation of the Gyro playgrounds.

**Roy Miller** joined the club in 1941 and became the **Gyrolog Editor "GyRoy"** on **April 2, 1942** and carried on this role for five years. Roy was also the Club Secretary from 1942-52 and the District Secretary-Treasurer in 1943-44 and 1950-51. The Gyro International Bulletin Contest results were announced on August 30, 1945 and Roy Miller won **second place** for his **Gyrolog**. First place went to Vancouver and third place to Seattle. Roy also became the Club Historian and compiled/organized an amazing set of documents dating back to the formation of the club in 1921. In 1950, he received the Honour Key Award, Gyro's Highest Recognition. Roy assumed the position of 1st Vice-President in 1950 but was not able to take on the President's duties the next year due to illness.

In **March 1946**, the club listed 73 active members, two military and one associate. 51 weekly Gyrolog's were produced in 1945-46. In March 1950, **Horrie Wilson** was listed as Gyrolog Editor. **Bill McKinnon** was Editor in 1950-51.

**Roy Miller** resumed the position of Gyrolog Editor from 1952 to 1960 and took on the role of **Gyroscope Correspondent** until 1962.

The following is the Gyrolog of **April 5, 1952**:

NEXT MEETING-TUESDAY- April 8th, 1952

World's Series picture; John Ducey, commentator. This is the 1951 series, New York Yankees vs. New York Giants. During 1951, our two largest meetings were those with **John Ducey** as the speaker, come early to get a seat on Tuesday.

LAST MEETING- Wouldn't you know, April 1st., everyone was fooled when Jacques Batonovich Brownski, Jack Brown to you, got up to introduce the speaker, got so wrapped up in the subject that he talked for 25 minutes. The subject "Bats", yes that's right bats, not rats, fooled again. He described their sex habits etc. and as he knew no one would believe him he illustrated his talk with pictures.

Count Francis Leon, alias Frank Lowe, spoke for 3 minutes. To cap it all Stan Smith, the appointed thanker, stood speechless while Jack Agnew stole his thunder and extended club thanks. An excellent program, **a poor turnout of 48**.

THE RETIRING EDITOR **Jack Lucas** has been very complimentary in his remarks about the ongoing officers, He would give you the impression that he detested his chore as editor, actually he liked it. Not being on the Board of Directors and having to depend on others for news hampered his style to certain extent but Jack did an excellent job and is to be commended for his interesting bulletins week after week with a minimum of assistance. Thanks a million, Jack we hope you to see you take over again in the very near future.

NEW EDITOR. Five long years have passed since I had the honor and privilege of editing the Gyrolog but since it was the concensus of opinion that this was to be my main stint for the year I accepted with pleasure.

This log is written for the information and enjoyment of all, at times it is the editor's pleasure to pan, in a friendly manner, or offer constructive criticisms, coupling it at times with the name of a Gyro, please believe that no animosity is ever intended and accept same in the spirit given.

NEW ROSTER John Halford is preparing material for the 'Roster', please give him every assistance, check your roster and advise him of required changes.

OFFICERS - DIRECTORS - CHAIRMEN - VICE CHAIRMEN - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Take a look at the attached list, you will find very few repeaters. It is suggested that the chairmen call a meeting of their committee as soon as possible, set plans for the coming year and give each man a job to do.

No one has been intentionally passed up, with **95 members** everyone cannot be on a committee. If any member does not see his name he only has to speak to the new president who will fix it, that is if they want a job, and who doesn't? Let's pull together for another grand year in EDMONTON GYRO.

DISTRICT NEWS It was with extreme regret that we learned of the death of Tommy Evans on March 27th. Tommy was a District Governor in 1947-48, those members who were in the club at the time or have attended District Conventions all knew Tommy and will join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to his widow, Claire.

We have lost a real friend and International, District and Lethbridge Gyro will cherish his memory.

SICKNESS - A large number are down with the 'flu', our new Chairman, Doug Cobbledick would be a busy man if he could keep up with all the Gyros and Gyrettes so stricken. The latest to come to our knowledge are Sparky Duncan, Libby Sheldon, Gertie Miller, and Riva Mills, to them and any others we wish a very speedy recovery. It is with regret that we announce the death of Art McMillan's father, deepest sympathy is extended to Art and family.

We acknowledge 'thank you' cards from Kay Tell and Bill McKinnon.

SECOND POSTING - Peter Ingram Cameron, Mid-Western Industrial Gas

Sponsors: Andy Eagle and Ed Thomas

Chas. W. Watson, C.I. Frosst Co.

Sponsors: Jack Agnew and Russ Carter

BIRTHDAYS - Many Happy Returns of the Day to Earl Graham and Einer Tell on April 7th, Bill Muir, April 8th. and Jim Dodds on April 10th.

FLASH -GYRETTE MEETING CHANGED FROM APRIL 8TH TO APRIL 15TH. Tell your Gyrette.

GyRoy

A new masthead appeared in 1959 for the *GYROLOG*



THE NEW CITY HALL  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

# The **GYROLOG**

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FISHING IN NORTHERN ALBERTA  
FAMOUS ROD AND REEL AREA



VIEW OF UNIVERSITY CAMPUS  
AND HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE FROM  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS





**Roy Miller**



**Lorne Graben**

**Lorne Graben** joined Gyro in January, 1937 and served as club treasurer for eight years. He was club president in 1954-55 and club secretary starting in 1965. He also served Gyro as District VIII Secretary in 1965-66 and moved through the District ranks becoming Governor in 1969. Combined with all of these duties, he was Gyroscope Correspondent for many years and **Gyrolog Editor** from 1960-72 under the nom de plume of '**Gylorne**'. Before retirement, Lorne was a bank manager with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. A 35 year member, he died suddenly of a heart attack on May 17, 1972.

The May 1972, Gyrolog paid tribute to Lorne Graben's long and valued service to Gyro.



In **June 1972**, **John Davidson** took on the role of Editor with the nom de plume '**GyJohn**'. The **December 14, 1972 Gyrolog** contained the following:

" A recent poll to determine the main reasons why men get up at night brought the following statistics": 10% to raid the icebox, 15% to go to the bathroom and 75% to go home!

The **October 17, 1974 Gyrolog** described the special meeting held with our Gyrettes to celebrate Founders Day.

"The meeting was held with the Crossroads Club and featured a talk on the history of Gyro and our two clubs by Charlie Close of the Crossroads Club. Other speakers on the program were Bill Bellman, Bruce Sansom and Howard Wilson and we understand that all who took part gave an excellent account of themselves."

In **1975**, **James Humphries 'Gyjim'** became editor.

The **August 20th 1975 edition of the Gyrolog** listed the following Club Officers: President- Daniel W. Lawton, 1st Vice-President-James Wright, 2nd Vice-President-Andrew Carabott, Secretary - James Humphries, Treasurer- H. Murray Pawling, Directors- Bert Boren, Boyd Slavik, Don Millar and Ernie Siegel. Meetings were held at 12:15 pm at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club.

Under COMING EVENTS: Steak Barbeque on Friday, September 5, 1975, 6:30 pm at **Bryce Van Dusen's Flying V Ranch**. Directions: West on Highway 16 to the Devon Corner. South 11 miles on the Devon Road. East 1 1/2 miles to the Ranch.

The **September 3rd , 1975 Gyrolog** contained a discussion about the time of meetings. There was a suggestion that the Edmonton Club look at the possibility of holding meetings in the evenings. **Russ Carter** advised that evening meetings would result in additional costs to the members and this coupled with the Initiation Fee would discourage new members.

The **October 30th, 1975 Gyrolog** made reference to **\$20 NHL Hockey Pool tickets** under the management of Harry Mills, Boyd Slavik and Bob Sheldon.

The **January 16, 1976 Gyrolog** contained the following under:

**THIS WEEK**

There were a total of 20 members at our last meeting. **Harry Mills** gave a report of his committee's meeting with the Edmonton Parks and Recreation Department concerning the proposal for **Gyro Park No. 10** at Fort Edmonton Park. We have an opportunity to get together with the Crossroads and Sherwood Park Gyros to become associated in the development of this park, which would cover approximately one acre including the playground and picnic areas. This would be equipped in the same manner (swings, slides, wading pool, etc.) as the original Gyro parks. The total cost is estimated to be \$25,000.00 At present this is just a proposal, but what a great challenge this will make and what a fine opportunity for us to become actively engaged in a really worthwhile project. Who knows, perhaps the annual Gyro carnivals could be resurrected with all the hoopla for which they were famous for years ago.



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

December 10, 1984

THIS WEEK

**President Allan (Warrack)** extended congratulations to the following: Bert Boren his being the recipient of an Achievement Award for his devoted community work; John Pedden on his election as President of the Edmonton Shrine Club for 1985; **Mort Morter** on his election as Treasurer of the Edmonton Shrine Club for 1985.

Marty Larson introduced Don and Bill Agnew, sons of Birt and Jack Agnew. Elmer MacGillivray, Chairman of the Christmas Bureau Fund, spoke on the great necessity for contributions to provide some Christmas cheer for the needy during these harsh economic times. He expressed particular thanks to the news media and to the Edmonton Firefighters under Fire Chief Bob Walker for their splendid support. He stated that contributions could be left at any Edmonton Fire Hall or the Westin Hotel which had provided office space for the bureau.

It was moved by Mort Morter and seconded by Gordon Rennie, that a contribution of \$200.00 from the Benevolent Fund be made to Edmonton Christmas Bureau. Carried.

**2nd Lieutenant Governor Marty Larson** presented long-time member **Bernie Brown** with his 40 year certificate. Russ Carter also spoke briefly of his association with Bernie over the years.

Boyd Slavik won the draw.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very successful Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 7, 1984 at Banquet House Ltd. with some 60 members and guest in attendance.. Following dinner, dancing was enjoyed to music played for the worshippers of Terpsichore. Incidentally it was a financial success. A special thanks to **John Ross** and his committee for their organization of this delightful social function.

#### CURLING

At the recent District VIII **Curl-a-Rama** held at Banff, 75 Gyros attended with 16 full rinks curling. The winners follow:

A Event-Calgary No.1-Fred Gossett (Skip). B Event- Stampede City-Ralph Dowson (Skip). C Event- Trail- Norm Hinton (Skip). D Event- Nelson-Alan Palmer (Skip)  
**Edmonton \* Also -ran**

**Jim Humphries** continued as Gyrolog Editor until **May 11, 1987**. On this date he was presented with a gyroscope to commemorate 14 years as club secretary and 12 years as Gyrolog Editor.

**Don Coyne (Gydon)** assumed the position of Gyrolog Editor from **May 26, 1987 to June 1988**.

The **May 27, 1988** Gyrolog contained the following information on the new executive team.

#### THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17 May, it was out with the old and in with the new, as our President elect **Dave "Skipper" Burnett** conducted his first meeting as "boss man". He had things pretty well under control too, including the joke department, with a minimum amount of heckling from the floor. Watch out for next time Dave!

Our President welcomed Barry Pratt of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club and congratulated him on his role as Master of Ceremonies at last Saturday's Installation Party.

Immediate Past President Neil Sheidow, now back in the nickel seats, was laughing, smiling and relaxed all through the meeting - wonder why? The thanks of our Club are extended to Neil and his executive members for their work on the Club's behalf during 1987-88.

With our song-bird Harry Mills in hospital, baritone **Roger Russell** led the singing of cheerio, with Andy Carabott saying grace - both quite ably.

The *Gyrolog* dated **15 June 1988** listed a new Editor, **Gordon Rennie**. The following are excerpts from this edition:

#### This week

On Tuesday 7 June 1988, the luncheon meeting commenced at the new summer time of 12:00 p.m. with 32 members, 3 guests and a guest speaker in attendance.

**Roger Russell** introduced his guest, Victor Jagoldas; **Allan Warrack** re-introduced his guest, Ivan Ivankovich and **Marty Larson** re-introduced his guest **Mike Matei**.

#### Red Deer Golf

Ernie Siegel reported that Gyros from Edmonton, Crossroads and Sherwood Park clubs attended the Annual Golf Tournament in Red Deer on 26 May 1988. Attending from the south were members from Calgary, Stampede City, and for the first time, 8 members from the Lethbridge Gyro Club. The usual good time prevailed, with Boyd Tucker (Lethbridge) winning the low gross.

#### Dues

Marty Larson reported that the **International dues** increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00 as of June 1, 1988. However Gyros who wish to purchase a lifetime membership can do so for \$375.00, up to the International Convention (June 23-26). After the convention the cost will be \$450.00.

#### Member Profile

A new additional feature for the *Gyrolog* will be a member profile, which is going to be obtained by our **roving reporter Allan Douglas**, who has agreed to accept this assignment. We hope that you will support the idea and if you see Allan bearing down on you with pad and pen, please co-operate and tell him something about yourself, that will of course bear publication. Good copy, Allan!

#### Secretary's Note

My sincere thanks to Allan Douglas for taking over the duties as Secretary at the meeting of 7 June. He also gathered and compiled material for the *Gyrolog*, doing a fine job, you will agree. Naturally the corny jokes are mine.

Many thanks Allan, you work on my behalf and the Club's is most appreciated.

Cheerio

**"Retread"**

(P.S. I could also be "replaced")

**Gord Rennie "Retread"** made his first creation of the Gyrolog by computer on **February 22, 1994**.

The following excerpts from the **14 December, 1994** edition portrays the new style and format.

**THE GYROLOG**

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EDMONTON - ALBERTA

14 December 1994

<b>President</b> Barry Walker	We had a "full house" At our last meeting on 6 December 1994 with 33 members in attendance, plus 8 guests including:- Gordon Thompson: David McNaughton: Thor Andreassen: Jeff Brown: Murray Pasko: Gale Hulbert: Mike Allen and Jamie Fleming. Our thanks to those Gyros who brought guests to share Gyro with us. We hope they come back again. We also had the pleasure of the company of one of our regular "visitors", our good friend Keith Bradley of the Sherwood Park Club.
<b>1st V/President</b> Mike Matei	
<b>2nd V/President</b> Allan Douglas	Our guest speaker on this occasion was Helen Paul, who was introduced by Allan Douglas. We learned that Helen was born, raised and educated in the Edmonton and was a former Alderman on the City Council. In her opening remarks she said she felt very much at home visiting with Gyros; because as a young girl she spent many happy days enjoying one of our Gyro Parks that was located on 115th street in Edmonton.
<b>Secretary</b> Dick Ogilvie	
<b>Treasurer</b> Jack Ellis	She now chairs the Capital Care Foundation which is launching a 2.5 million "Opening Doors" Campaign for the Alzheimer Care Centre, which is being built in Dickensfield in Edmonton northeast. The Foundation is confident that with the support of private individuals, corporations, etc., that the first residential centre of it's kind in Canada for people with Alzheimer disease, will open in the fall of 1995. They do not receive any financial assistance from the Government.
<b>Directors</b> Owen Cornish Gordon Robertson Russ Shepherd Tony Sheppard	

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 1994 AT 12.00 NOON AT THE MAYFAIR GOLF COURSE.

OUR PADRE, REVEREND BILL GRAHAM REPORTS THAT OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE REVEREND MARY ELIZABETH MARSH.

A QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER AND ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SHE WILL PRESENT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

③ COME AND BRING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THIS LADY AND ALL YOUR GYRO FRIENDS We look forward to wishing you the best.



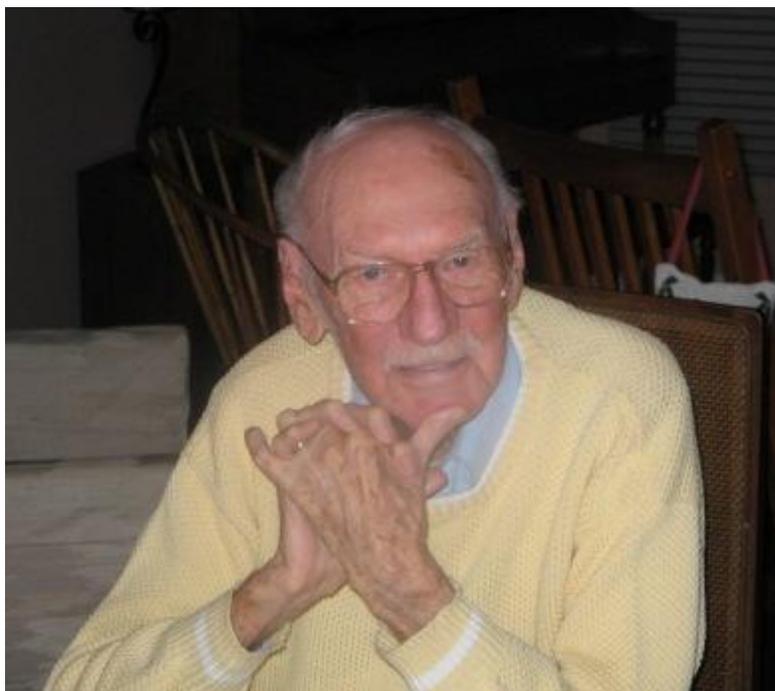
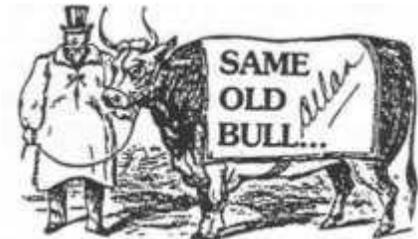
By 1995, Gordon was ready to step down as Editor. Allan Douglas had continued his duties as roving reporter and from time to time had assisted in the production of the Gyrolog.

The May 2, 1995 Gyrolog prepared by new Editor, Allan Douglas paid tribute to Gord Rennie.

Gord Rennie expressed his thanks on behalf of Ivy for the many cards and phone calls they have received. He also said that he must relinquish the duties of Gyrolog editor as the demands are now too high. Howard Wilson moved a vote of thanks for Retread for his efforts over the years and for his contribution to the Club.

Having filled in for Gord on occasion, I realize the time and effort he has devoted to his responsibilities over the years. I have stated to a number of people that I believe we underestimate the amount of time involved. In my experience it takes a minimum of 4 days a month to put out two editions. You have provided yeoman's service Gord, and we all appreciate the contribution you have made to the Edmonton Gyro Club. Your efforts have also resulted in personal recognition for you and honor to our club as you repeatedly received the award for best bulletin. From us all

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!



Gordon Rennie Age 98 April 2010

In **June 1997**, a new masthead appeared for the Gyrolog.

## *THE GYROLOG*

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

June 3, 1997

### **President**

Gerry Glassford  
Res/Fax 430-7108

**President Gerry** welcomed to the first meeting in June and asked **Rev. John Dowds** to lead the assembled throng in Cheerio. Following which the blessing was given by **Gord Rennie**.

### **1<sup>st</sup> V/President**

Jack Ellis  
Res. 435-2349

Guests for this meeting included Sherwood Park Gyro, Richard Dickensen, a guest of **Peter Carter**, David Wilson, and the guest speaker Ron Sczinski.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> V/President**

Gordon Robertson  
Res. 486-1240

Birthdays to celebrate were **Dick Ogilvie** on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and **Rev. Bill Graham** on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The **January 4, 2000 Gyrolog** contained information on the use of email for the distribution of the club bulletin.

A suggestion that has come forward is that some of our members might like to get the **Gyrolog by email** rather than snail mail. The advantages would be that it would arrive sooner and it would cut down the cost of postage for the club. I don't know how many of you have email or would like to use but if you do let me know at [adouglas@oanet.com](mailto:adouglas@oanet.com)

The **July 17, 2001 Gyrolog** made reference to the Hockey Pool results for 2000-01.

**Al McClure** talked about the hockey pool that raises money for the club. Last year we sold 216 tickets for a gross of \$4,320, with \$2,180 being paid to winners and after expenses a donation of \$2,000 to benevolent fund. There is a dedicated group of Gyros behind the success of the hockey pool, including **Dave Duchak** who

identifies the winners, **Bob Lippe** who looks after the finances, **Joe Ramsey** who arranges for the tickets and **Marty Larson** and **Mort Morter** who take care of sales. **President Larry** and the group expressed our appreciation with a warm round of applause.

The use of humour in the *Gyrolog* has been a long standing tradition going back to *Gyro Log #1*. The **December 3, 2002** *Gyrolog* contained a typical joke supplied by **Marty Larson**.

An 86 year old man walked into a crowded doctor's waiting room and approached the desk. The receptionist said "Yes sir, what are you seeing the doctor for today? "

"There is something wrong with my penis he replied.

The receptionist became irritated and said, "You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that."

"Why not? You asked me what was wrong and I told you." He said.

The receptionist replied, "You've obviously caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and then discussed the problem further with the doctor in private."

The man walked out. waited several minutes and then re-entered.

The receptionist smiles smugly and asked "Yes"?

"There is something wrong with my ear" he stated.

The receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice. "And what is wrong with your ear sir."

"I can't pee out of it" the man replied. The doctor's waiting room erupted in laughter.

The Edmonton Gyro Club has a long tradition of taking on worthy causes. A good example was the club's three year commitment to take on the sponsorship of the Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament .

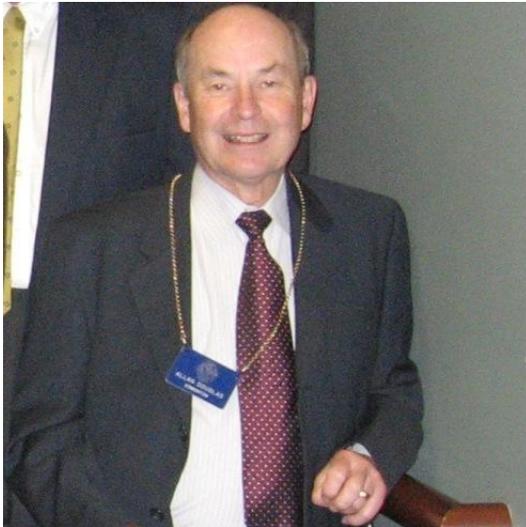
The following extract from the **January 20, 2004** *Gyrolog* describes the event:

**THE GYRO PROSTATE CANCER TOURNAMENT** sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Canadian Cancer Society is scheduled for June 9, 2004 at the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove.. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am with 144 golfers able to participate.

The Club completed three golf tournaments from 2004 to 2006 and raised a net profit of \$200,000 for prostate cancer research.

The **May 17, 2005 Gyrolog** contained information about Dr. Ron Moore's presentation on new cutting edge technologies of laser and photo dynamic therapy for the treatment of **Prostate Cancer**.

**Allan Douglas** advised the Club Executive in late **February, 2006** that he would be unable to continue as Editor due to other commitments starting in late April. Alan had provided yeoman service to the club; first as **roving reporter** for **seven years** under Editor, Gord Rennie from June 1988 to May 1995 and then **Editor for 11 years**. Allan had continued the tradition of long service first established by **Bob Muir** and **Alex Mitchell**.



**Allan Douglas**

**Peter Fairbridge** published his first edition of the Gyrolog on **May 16, 2006**.

A special recognition of four long-standing members of the Edmonton Club was reported in the **June 6, 2006 Gyrolog**. **Gerry Glassford** had prepared written tributes entitled "*Adding Life to Life and Greatness to Gyro*" for **Gord Rennie, age 94, Dave Duchak, age 93, Bryce Van Dusen, age 91** and **Ernie Siegel, age 91**. Gord, a 56 year member joined Gyro in 1950. Dave, a 63 year member, joined the Calgary Gyro

Club in 1943 and the Edmonton Club in 1962. Bryce, a 41 year member joined Gyro in 1965 and Ernie, a 33 year member joined in 1973.

**Marty Larson** gave a verbal tribute to each of these classy gentlemen!

The **2007 District VIII Convention Committee** consisting of Barry Walker, Roger Russell, Gerry Glassford, Bruce Foy, Mike Matei,, Marty Larson, Walter Yakimets, David Burnett and Alice Glassford began regular meetings some 18 months before the August 9-12, 2007 Convention. As part of the information disclosure process to club members, the Committee held the first Gyro Convention Committee **Corn Roast** on September 5, 2006. The Corn Roast was expected to be held for two years only, in 2006 and 2007 but was an overwhelming success and continues today.



- Tuesday September 05<sup>th</sup> .06

Our 2007 Gyro Convention Committee *Corn Roast*..

Venue:- MALMO Community League 11525-48 Ave, Edmonton.

BOCHI @ 4:40pm, Dinner @ 6pm

Price \$16.00 per person, with a TOONEY Bar.

Menu: Corn, Corn, Corn, Chicken, Salads, French Bagets, Cake.

Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks.

A sign up sheet will be available in August, mark your calendars for this fun evening.

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Same Old Bull



Peter

In **May 2008**, **Fred Schulte** took over the position of Editor. The **Gyrolog** moved to a monthly publication with a commitment to continue the tradition of providing summary information presented by guest speakers, notice of birthdays and anniversaries, special event features, upcoming events and bits of humour from time to time.

The masthead changed as follows in **August 2009**



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and then again in **May 2011**



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President-**Ari Hoeksema**, Past President-**Bill Taylor**,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President-**John Boyd**, Secretary-**Barry Walker**, Treasurer-**Mike Matei**,  
Directors-**Warren Garbutt**, **Marty Larson**, **Jack Little**, **Jim Lochhead**,  
Database Administrator-**John Ross**, Gyrolog Editor-**Fred Schulte**

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It has been a privilege and pleasure to document the 90 year history of the **GYROLOG**.

Cheerio and best wishes, **Fred Schulte 'Fast Fred'**