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Presidential Ponderings



Now that November has passed, and you are all bloated with Turkey leftovers (turkey pie is my favorite), we are already being bombarded with Christmas advertising. Hey, look at your calendar. If it is at all like mine, it is rapidly filling up with Christmas parties. IFA's included.

My personal kudos to all of you who have been early-birds with your meeting RSVPs. For any of you who did not make the November meeting, Dave Trueblood won the Earlybird dinner drawing. Congratulations, Dave.

Our program, presented by Lt Mike Biaggini, was quite informative. We learned many things about the proper use and installation of child restraint seats in vehicles. My 13 grandchildren will benefit from this vital information.



Lt. Mike Biaggini and friend

The Hoyt-IFA Xmas party is rapidly becoming tradition. Mark your calendar for this one, Dec 17, Sunday, 2:00. Don't know the address? Turn east off of Vickie Ln, on Sanden Ln, and look for the house that is surrounded by cars. It may even be labeled, "Goat Lady". Many thanks to Ray and Larna for hosting such marvelous parties.

See you there,

Fred



From The Vice-President



The holiday season has arrived. This being the case we will not have the usual dinner\program meeting in December. We will, however, be treated to a pot-luck affair at the home of Ray and Larna Holt.

Come and enjoy a super afternoon of food, drink and good fellowship to kick-off the Holiday Season.

Please bring your favorite hot dish or fingerfood. Ray and Larna will provide the liquid libations and share their beautiful home with us.

The festivities will begin at 2:00 pm. Ray and Larna's address is 1355 Sanden Lane.

For those who are not familiar with the location: From Highway 395, take Johnson east to Vicky. Turn left on Vicky to Sanden Lane. Turn right on Sanden Lane to 1355.

We hope to see all of you on the 17th.

A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" TO RAY AND LARNA FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AGAIN THIS YEAR.



Faces in the Crowd

If you don't know these fine folks uou'll find their names elsewhere in this issue!

By The Numbers!





HERE ARE THE NUMBERS TO CALL EACH MONTH AND GIVE A "YES" OR "NO" FOR THE MEETING! Clay/Glennis 265-1030 Fred/Ann 266-3435 Rodney/Shaaron 267-5066 Ruth 265-6238

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From the Secy/Treas.

As it turned out, I missed the last dinner meeting at the Carson Valley Inn. From the looks of the paperwork, it appeared to be a pretty good turnout. I was flying home from Quebec City on that Thursday evening.....got home after midnight! I was in Canada for their national conference for outlaw motorcycle gang investigators. At the conference, I presented an award to an Assistant Crown Attorney for the Province of Quebec on behalf of the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association — I am a long-time member of its International Board of Directors.

Thanks to Alice Duvall (I understand that my wife also helped out!) for taking care of things in my absence.

The next IFA event will be the annual Christmas soiree at our house. If the past get togethers are any measure, it should be a great party. Look for details elsewhere in this bulletin.

I understand that Rodney Snead has a couple of new member prospects. If any one needs applications for membership, just give me a call. I have plenty!

Remember, if any of you have ideas for guest speakers for our dinners, pass them along to VP Clay Hill. He is the one who arranges for the presentations.

Hope to see you at the Christmas party.

Ray

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. " Anne Frank Scofflaw of the month ... Harried Helen—With all the big family meals to prepare, the extensive shopping list, sending out cards, wrapping gifts, and baking goodies, her mind is on just about everything but her driving. Watch for her zipping diagonally across the Wal-Mart lot leaving tire screeches in her wake!



The Editor's Space

I'd like to offer my greetings and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season for you all. While none of us know what awaits in the New Year we all can use this as a time of recollection and of exchanging our warmest greetings. However, I must caution that there's many *Harried Helens* (as described above) out there. Be alert and on constant watch. It's easy to lose your focus when so many things are going on. See you at the Party, then it's back to our regular monthly meetings.

Paul

Faces in the Crowd-Shown are, of course, Chuck and Alice Duvall, the ever-helpful long-time Footprinter stalwarts. Say ""Hello!" next time you see them.





IFA History, Chapter 5

By 1950, four chapters had already fallen by the wayside. In order, they were Phoenix Chapter #5, which disintegrated because of a great political upheaval in Phoenix which involved many police officers and sheriffs in that state who were members of the IFA, and that chapter has never been revived.

The next one to go out of existence was Santa Rosa Chapter #15, which included a great many members from Petaluma, Healdsburg and various towns in Sonoma County. The cause of the chapter not functioning was because of the death of the Secretary, Jack Kroyer. This chapter has been reorganized and is now functioning as North Bay Chapter #15.

The third one to discontinue operations was San Bernardino Chapter #18. It was never satisfactorily

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explained why that chapter was discontinued, but bits of information coming into the Grand Chapter Secretary's office indicated that it was through political changes. When they quit, the Grand Chapter was informed that at some later date they would probably reorganize, but have never done so. However, as with others, considerable effort has been made over the years to revive that chapter, but without success.

The fourth chapter which actually surrendered its charter was New Orleans Chapter #25. After its installation, it never functioned. The Grand Chapter has no information that a meeting was ever held after 127 men made application for the charter. When the charter was returned, the Secretary of the New Orleans Chapter stated in a few words that they just couldn't make a go of it.

Also by 1950, the three newest chapters were Ogden Chapter #27, Redding Chapter #28, and Gray's Harbor (state of Washington) Chapter #29.

In 1951, Philip Geauque, who was the Grand Secretary of IFA since the very beginning, passed away. Walter J. Vervais of the Automobile Theft Bureau of the California State Automobile Association and Treasurer of the Grand Chapter was appointed Grand Secretary. Michael E. Mitchell, retired Chief of Police of San Francisco PD was appointed Grand Treasurer.



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Looking back, various chapters have seen fit, and rightfully so, to take up some form of civic duty as an objective and a reason for their existence over and above the idea of cooperation among the members. This has been, and probably will be in the future, a more personified objective. For example, the Fresno chapter purchased and operated a Boys Camp during the summer months in the mountains of Fresno County near Bass Lake where groups of under-privileged boys were taken for two weeks vacation. Each group consisted of 15 boys with no cost to the boys whatsoever. Cheyenne Chapter held a picnic each Halloween, thereby taking a number of children off the streets. Denver Chapter purchased uniforms for the school patrols. Many other chapters did similar things, all of which placed the IFA in an enviable position throughout the country.

To be continued ...

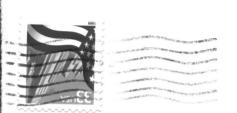


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