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The President's Message

We had another great turn out at our August meeting !! Even though we had some rain showers, 81 people showed up to enjoy the evening. Ray Hoyt swore in six new members, We have a long way to go to catch the Bakersfield Chapter, but we are gaining on them, since they have a closed membership of 505 members. Keep up the good work.

Our speaker Terry Taylor was so interesting with his stories about past fires, and the way he brought in "Footprints" and tire tracks into his speech. I loved Sharon Snead's question about when Best Buy in the new shopping center was opening?

I would like to thank Ruth Upton and Margie Runyon for being our greeters, and helping with the POT OF GOLD, also Paul Conrad for the two pages of pictures in last months newsletter --Great job.

See you at the Carson Nugget on September 18th

Dorman

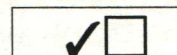
**Terry
Taylor
Speaks!**



**August's New
Members
Being
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MEETING**



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Herseys are Away!**



From the Vice-President

We had a great August meeting. The minor problems we had in the past have been successfully addressed resulting in a much improved sound system and better access to the buffet table.

I heard positive comments from everyone about our speaker, Terry Taylor. We learned a great deal about the psychology of, what we used to call, pyromaniacs. We'll have to have him back again. We also added to our ranks with a group of new members.

Next month, September 18th, we will meet at the Carson Nugget. Our guest speaker will be one of our newer members, Phil Kasper, whose 32 year law career covered the nation from Santa Clara County, CA. to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Phil's credentials are far too numerous to mention here.

The menu will be four assorted salads, a fresh fruit platter, three hot entrees of the chef's choice, potatoes and gravy and fresh dinner rolls. The price will be \$17.00. Bring your appetite and a Pot of Gold gift.

Dennis





The Sec'y/Treas. Message

Regarding membership, I still have not heard from 12 members on their intentions of renewing their membership. Our grace period, according to our Bylaws, runs through September. On October 1st, we will be required to drop anyone from whom we have not received dues. I plan to mail out membership cards to those I have not seen that are paid up. With any luck at all, you should have your cards before you read this newsletter!

As you read this newsletter and note the guest speaker scheduled for September, new member Phil Kasper, I have to tell you that he and I have discovered that we worked for Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department at the same time. I also must say that this happened quite a few years ago!

The annual mid-winter meeting of the IFA Grand Board of Directors is slated to occur on February 6-7, 2004 in Fresno, CA. This is a Friday and Saturday; the actual meetings will happen on both mornings. Other activities are usually planned for the remainder of those days. If anyone is interested in checking out this IFA event, let me know.

See ya at the Carson Nugget.

Ray

Ray's History Corner IFA HISTORY, circa 1938

The Grand Historian, Chuck Collins, has acquired a 1938 booklet containing some interesting facts with the regard to the eleven chapters that were in existence at that time. A synopsis of the information appears below:

Chapter #1 - San Francisco, CA	Total membership = 427
Chapter #2 - Los Angeles, CA	Total membership = 986
Chapter #3 - Salt Lake City, UT	Total membership = 158
Chapter #4 - Sacramento, CA	Total membership = 247
Chapter #5 - Phoenix, AZ	Total membership = 41
Chapter #6 - Dunsmuir, CA	Total membership = 44
Chapter #7 - Oakland, CA	Total membership = 345
Chapter #8 - Bakersfield, CA	Total membership = 66
Chapter #9 - Las Vegas, NV	Total membership = 95
Chapter #10 - San Jose, CA	Total membership = 133
Chapter #11 - Fresno, CA	Total membership = 117

Four of the first eleven chapters are now defunct; Phoenix, Dunsmuir, Las Vegas and San Jose. Membership numbers have changed dramatically among the remaining seven early chapters. The total membership in 1938, with only eleven chapters, was 2659. The total membership as of June 30, 2002, with 39 active chapters is 3389. An interesting side note: Bakersfield is the only chapter with a fixed membership (505); they have a waiting list to join! Everyone should be so lucky!



From the Newsletter Editor

Working at the DCSO each week certainly puts a person more in touch with the things that go wrong for people. You wouldn't believe the number of lost cell phones and lost wallets. It would seem a couple of tips might avoid you becoming a Citizen's Patrol statistic.

Sooner or later you're apt to lose track of your wallet. At that point you will be forever grateful that you made a listing of what you carried around in it, the numbers to call in case of loss, the card numbers, and anything else important. Identify theft is a very real thing and your quick action might save not just money but your credit rating and good name.

If you carry your cell phone a lot don't stuff it into a pocket or loose in the purse. Place it in a holster you can wear. Then, I'd suggest a nylon cord attached to the phone, placed through a hole in the holster, and a big knot tied so that cord can't be pulled through the holster.

One other unrelated but important thing. **DO NOT** drive with your cruise control on with wet or icy roads. It can facilitate hydroplaning and you don't want that!

As always, if you see an article that you would like to share with the *Footprinters* send it to me via e-mail at p_conrad@prodigy.net or send snail mail. Again, if there's anyone who can help with folding and preparing the newsletters for mailing I could use the assistance.

Thanks,

Paul

September Birthdays

Ron Weeks	3	Cindy Davis	11
Paul Conrad	12	Barbara Stapleton	17
John Wise	21	Sharon Maloney	23
Liz Neumann	24	Earl Hanes	25
Larry Parrish	28	Juanita Coyle	28
Billie Watson	28		

Happy Birthday!

From Sheriff Pierini

On September 12, 2003, at the Rancho Grande Restaurant in Gardnerville, from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, the Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring a "Tip-a-Cop" night to raise money for the Special Olympics program. The Special Olympics program needs everyone's help and if you have the time, come and join us with this very worthwhile event.

Sheriff Ron Pierini

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we never know what miracle is wrought
in our life or in the life of another
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