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The President's Message

Here we go into the new year of Footprinter elected officials –but they are all the same again, sorry club! Next year you will luckily get some new faces. I have

two animal encounters to report to you this month. Both happened to me and both were within the last month. First, I was on a motorcycle trip with a friend down to Death Valley for a couple of days. Although I have been there several times before, one still must, by tourist law, visit Dante's Point and the sort of historic Scotty's Castle (Scotty's Castle if for no other reason than to help pay for the staff). So - I parked my motorcycle at the top of the lot at Scotty's with my friend parked next to me. By the way, as an aside, Scotty had nothing to do with building or paying for the castle, he was just an occasional entertaining house guest who amused and amazed the real owners. Lord knows how it got his name. Anyway, after the tour, we headed out to

the bikes and I immediately saw (trained police observer) my T-shirt hanging off my tank bag and upon closer observation, everything from my previously closed tank bag strewn on the ground around the bike (a tank bag is a nylon zippered bag which sits on top of the gas tank of the bike). I immediately believed someone had rifled the bag for possible treasures and pulled everything out in their haste. However, my binoculars, cell phone, knife, check book, et all, were still there but on the ground with all the zippered pockets opened. The staff just laughed when they told me it was the Castle Ravens who had violated me. Several of them have learned to open zippers! And ves, there was missing items two rolls of Life Savers.

My second stupid animal encounter was last weekend camping at Twin Lakes. The sign did say there was a bear in the camp area, so I took precautions, putting all the dinner food away, making the dogs sleep in the camper and the two girls in the tent,

reasonable right? So, the girls stayed up late and left a nearly full bag of chips on the table along with the oldest girl's and my books on the table. Next morning I immediately saw (trained police observer) that our bear had eaten all the chips and of course not satisfied with them, had eaten my book. Well it immediately became obvious that this was no ordinary bear, he was educated. He left my girl's book, To Kill A Mocking Bird, by Harper Lee and ate my south of the border novel by Mr. Tom Clancy, Against All Enemies. He obviously had no use for the Clancy drivel and made sure I knew by really, really chewing up that trash writing. Not a mark on hers. I went bear hunting all morning, but he was probably up in the timber laughing.

See ya on the 18th at the Plaza, remember the Pot of Gold, until then.





From the Secretary-Treasurer

For those of you who braved the windy day and came out to enjoy our annual picnic on July 17th, we had a lovely time. We tried a new caterer, The Best BBQ Catering Company of Gardnerville, and we are very

much interested in your feedback on the food. Please contact a Board member with your comments. The caterer, Larry Rice, even donated some free BBQ dinners to us as bingo prizes for our usual bingo games at the picnic.

We are beginning to get a few comments from some of our newer members that some of us old timers are not making them feel as welcome as we could at our monthly dinners. It's hard to determine if this is really becoming a problem, but it would still behoove us to make an extra effort to speak to people at our dinners that we don't know very well. Please extend a welcome when you see

an unfamiliar face; you just might cultivate a new friend.

As I write this column, there are still in excess of 25 members from whom I have not heard on their intentions of renewing their chapter memberships. Everyone should have received a dues notice in either late May or early June. If somehow, one was not received, please contact me. I can be reached either by phone at 267-4355 or by email at rhoyt@charter.net. If you have decided to let your membership lapse, I'd like to know that as well.

I hope to see you at the August dinner.

Ray

Please call YES OF NO NO by 8/11 for the 8/18 meeting! Ray/Larna 267-4355 Claudia/Chuck 267-5630 Charlene 267-4901

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Vice Presidents' Stuff



Hello from the 1st Vice President

Dear Footprinters

Thanks to all who attended the annual BBQ - always great fun. Also, thanks to those that brought the yummy (calorie

free - LOL) desserts.

Our next meeting will be August 18 at the Plaza Convention Center in Carson City. Come at 6 PM to socialize and catch up on everyone's summer activities. Dinner will be served at 7 PM – price \$17.

If possible, bring a guest AND a Pot O' Gold raffle gift!!

RSVP by Aug 11 and have your name put in the drawing for a free dinner!!

Charlene



This year's (2011) Members Appreciation Picnic was held at Aspen Mobile Home Park in Gardnerville, NV

From the 2nd Vice President

Hello everyone! I hope you enjoyed our picnic last month. As always, it is a great way for us to enjoy the outdoors and have some great food and drink, and to visit with our friends. If you want, please give me



feedback on your feelings of having the self-serve bar set-up. I thought you all could handle opening an ice chest or pouring a glass of wine or water.

Unfortunately, our guest speakers for August (WWII gunners) just had a family tragedy and they are not going to be able to give their presentation. I will try to have them come at a later date. So, I have asked Tod Carlini (Chief, East Fork Fire and Paramedic Districts) to have a member of his Paramedic staff give a presentation on Medical Response. Most 911 calls are for medical reasons, not fire. This is a topic everyone should be interested in since it could be a matter of life and death. And, the need for a medical response could happen to any one of us! However, if his planning calendar does not meet with our needs, then I will bring in a surprise guest speaker!! In any case, remember all of our speakers are certainly worth coming to hear.









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