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# Gyrodeo



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## May 2010 BULLETIN



Time to dust them off for another season ..... maybe ???

May 2010	
Wednesday, May 5, 2010	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn. The guest speaker is Don Craig. The topic will be "Barbershop Quartet Singing".
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Noon Luncheon Meeting – Carriage House Inn. The guest speaker is Harry Sanders. The topic will be "The History of the Palliser Hotel.

*“ I’m so old that whenever I eat out, they ask for the money up front !!”*

### **APRIL LOGIC PUZZLE (in case you forgot the question)**

Julius is a courier who rides his bike through downtown Calgary delivering packages. Every week he puts 300 kilometers on his bike. He regularly rotates his tires so that he accumulates an equal amount of wear on three tires. How many kilometers of wear does each tire get ?

#### **Solution to the April Logic Puzzle**

The total is 200 kilometers on each tire. For every kilometer traveled, the two tires each rode one kilometer. So in 300 kilometers there would be 600 kilometers of wear. Divided amongst the three tires there would be a total of 200 kilometers per tire.

## **CONVENTIONS IN 2010**

International & District VII Convention  
July 11 – 18, 2010  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota

District VIII Convention  
August 19 – 22, 2010  
The Coast Edmonton East Hotel, Sherwood Park, Alberta

International Interim  
January 14 – 21, 2011  
Hilton DeSoto Savannah, Savannah, Georgia

### **STAMPEDE CITY CLUB – ANNUAL AUCTION – MONDAY May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Stampede City Club has invited our club to attend their annual auction to be held at the Red Carpet Steakhouse located at Elbow Drive and Glenmore Trail S.W. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes two drink tickets. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the auction.

This is truly one of the clubs most entertaining evenings. The auctioneer, Bill Brown, is hilarious, as anyone who has attended prior auctions, can attest to. Funds go towards charity and towards subsidizing events throughout the year. This is a great evening to bring guests. Brad Hinds and Dale Green are organizing this event and soliciting donations. In the past, the items that have garnered the best bids have been social events (golf & dinner, BBQ dinner, mountain accommodations with members). However, items such as theatre tickets, dog sled rides and balloon rides have been available. Be innovative and supportive.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> John Fildes  
8<sup>th</sup> Larry Fenton and Bill Schultz  
19<sup>th</sup> Fred Gossett and Bob Steele  
28<sup>th</sup> Dick Skinner

**HAVE A GREAT DAY GENTLEMEN !!!!!**

## HEALTH OF THE CLUB

Fred Gossett fell last Thursday at his home on Elbow Drive and broke his hip. Fred was taken to the hospital where he was operated on to fix the hip, but he has now fallen out of a chair in the hospital. The Gossett men were to get together with Hazel and the doctors yesterday to determine what can be done to make Fred more comfortable.

Fred is in the Rockyview Hospital and will, hopefully, celebrate his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in about three weeks.

**Gord Anderson**

## CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Change of address for Bernie Somerville :

Effective immediately ..... 30211 River Ridge Drive, Calgary, AB T3Z 3L1

Scot Duguid has resigned from our club due to his age and several other circumstances. Scot was a long time member and we wish him the very best.

Al Bell has a new address:

Effective immediately ..... 244 Evergreen Plaza S.W. Calgary, AB T2Y 5B2.

He also has a new e-mail address: [Awbell@shaw.ca](mailto:Awbell@shaw.ca)

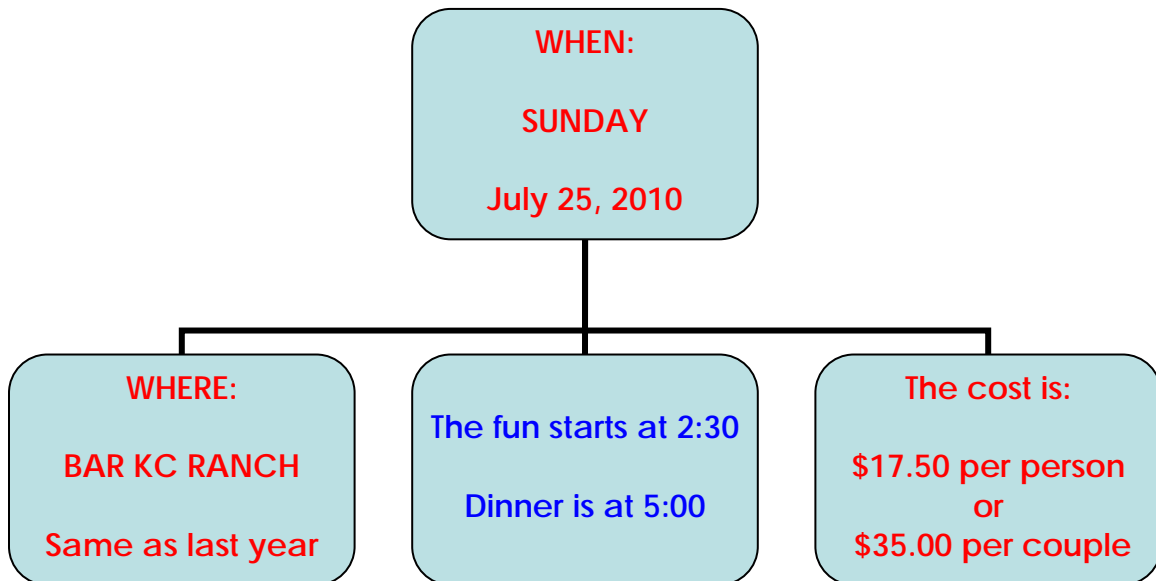
If you are moving, or you have a change in your e-mail address, please let me know so that I can keep our records up to date and notify Gyro International.

**AN EARLY REMINDER – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !!!!**



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## ANNUAL B.B.Q.



The menu for the BBQ is:  
Beef on a Bun, Coleslaw, Beans, Pie and Ice Cream

Your hosts will be Diane and Ron Carter

There will be time for visiting, some games, and Bocce. So come on out and have some fun !

**“ BRING A FRIEND “**



## **WE STILL NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS !!!!**

We are still looking for one, two, or even three members who would like to help Larry Fenton organize speakers for our luncheons. With a committee of two, three, or even four people it would not be a time consuming commitment as we only require about ten speakers per season.

This is a very important position and the club would sincerely appreciate your help.

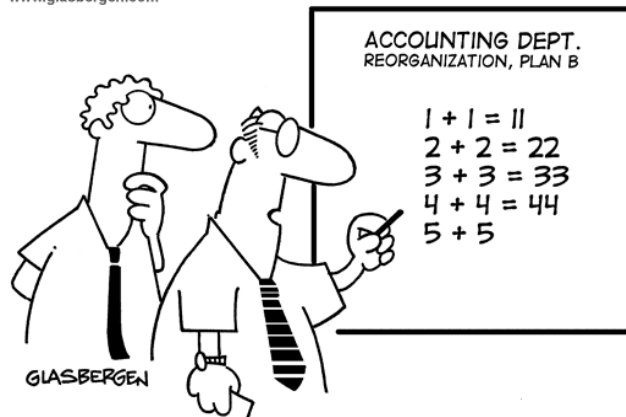
Please reply to Larry or Steve. Thank you

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Steve Denny Email [sdenny@telus.net](mailto:sdenny@telus.net) - Tel: 403-238-5511

**Dave Jenner explaining how he is going go revamp the finances of our club !!!!**

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**“For years, we’ve been playing by old rules and the results have been dismal. It’s time for a bold new direction!”**

### **MAY LOGIC PUZZLE**

Try to solve this puzzle. Apparently only people with an IQ over 120 are able to figure it out. Keep your brain active and think about it.

If .....

$$2 + 3 = 10$$

$$7 + 2 = 63$$

$$6 + 5 = 66$$

$$8 + 4 = 96$$

Then:

$$9 + 7 = \text{????}$$

**The answer will be in the June issue of the Gyrodeo.**

## CLUB NEWS

### LUNCHEON – April 7, 2010

There were 31 Gyros at our luncheon held at the Carriage House Inn on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Grace was given by Bob Walker.

Following lunch, Garry Davies reminded us of the upcoming crib tournament which is being held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. This is a joint event with the Stampede City Club. There will be lots of prizes to be won !!

Julian Yaniw then spoke briefly about the Spring Brunch which is being held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Golf Club. Julian assured us that it will be a great event and that he was looking forward to seeing everyone there !!

Larry Fenton introduced our guest speaker, Constable Stu Simpson, of the Calgary Police Service. Stu joined the Calgary Police Service in 1990 and has worked as a patrol officer in Districts 2 and 6. He has also worked in the Public Affairs/Media Relations Unit, worked in Community Liaison, and has spent more than 2 years working in Special Duties Teams. Prior to joining his current position in the Crime Prevention Unit in March of 2010, Constable Simpson was a Stolen Property Investigator. The subject of Stu's talk was about the 'Crime Triangle'.

Cst. Simpson began with an explanation of what is meant by the 'Crime Triangle Model'. He explained that, if you took a triangle and called the bottom 'motivation', one side 'target', and the remaining side 'opportunity', you have the 'Crime Triangle'. The 'motivation' refers to what motivates the 'bad guy', (eg. such as drug addiction or whatever). There is nothing an individual can do with regards to the 'motivation'. The 'target' is yourself, your car, your house, or your personal property. Every person has some control over the 'target'. You can put an alarm system in your car, you can put better locks on your house, etc. The idea is to harden the 'target' to discourage the 'bad guy'. The same goes for 'opportunity'. If you are out late at night, you can park your car in a well lit area where there is a lot of traffic. This may discourage the 'bad guy' as he/she does not want to be seen or attract attention. Cst. Simpson stressed that you should always be aware of your surroundings and trust your 'gut feelings' as they are usually right. He said that you always have the option of 'fight' or 'flight'. He then looked around the room at all the 'old' geezers in his audience and decided that maybe 'flight' wouldn't work !!!!

Bill McCartney thanked Cst. Simpson for his informative talk and presented him with a small gift as a token of our appreciation.

Two draws were held for International lottery tickets and the winners were Tom Bourne and Bob Wharton.

**SPRING BRUNCH – April 18, 2010**

A perfect spring day ushered back the snow birds for a delightful Spring Brunch at the Elks Club on April 18. The timing of this event provides an opportunity for all to mix and mingle and catch up on their various activities throughout the winter months.



**Carole Denny, Tara Pentney (Stampede Club) and Ann Baker**



**Dave and Diane Jenner.....Dave is always happy when he is around money !!!!**

Once again, Julian Yaniw did a superb job in organizing the brunch and acting as Master of Ceremonies. After a scrumptious breakfast buffet, which included a dessert table, all in attendance were entertained by the mixed quartet, "Collage". They invited all Gyros and Gyrettes to join in on some of the songs which added to the entertainment.



**The Collage entertainers.**



**A great turnout for our Spring Brunch.**

The lucky winner of the door prize, a golf pass for four at the Elks Club, was Al Bell.

**Al Bell**

**Photos by Ken Baker**

## **CRIB TOURNAMENT – April 20, 2010**

Our Annual Gyro Crib night was held on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Holiday Inn on 42nd Ave. and Macleod Trail. The event was hosted by Garry Davies and Dave Jenner. Attendance was great as 36 Gyros and guests turned out from our club and the Stampede City Club.

The Holiday Inn put on a great buffet meal and donated a very nice door prize. Ken Baker was kind enough to say grace before our meal.

### **AND THE WINNERS WERE:**

- 1st Ken Baker- Calgary Club - after a play off for 1st place against Dave Jenner.
- 2nd Dave Jenner - Calgary Club.
- 3rd Ron Thibault - Calgary Club.
- 4th Ian Greig - Stampede Club
- 5th Dave Krockner - Guest Calgary Club.



**Ken Baker accepts the trophy from hosts, Dave Jenner & Garry Davies  
Bragging rights, I guess, go to the Calgary Club!!**

Door Prize Winners - Zig Doborzynski (Dinner for 2 at the Holiday Inn), Gord Anderson (Travel Bag from Winners )

Special Thanks to the following who donated prizes:

Steve Denny - Calgary Club and Winners

Dale Green - Stampede Gyro Club

Dave Jenner - Provident Energy, Petrogas, Meg Energy and PetroBakken Oil Companies

Garry Davies - Calgary Club

The Stampede Club

Special thanks to Bob Steele for handling the registration desk, collecting the money and getting the guys organized. Your help was very much appreciated, Bob !

We hope everyone had a fun time.

## DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION – 2012

An organizational meeting was held, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, with regards to the 2012 convention which our club will be hosting.

Steve Denny chaired the meeting. In attendance were Steve and Carole Denny, Gord and Hazel Coates, Bob and Gail Steele, Garry and Barb Davies, John Fildes, Larry Fenton, Lyall and Marilyn Carter, Ken and Ann Baker, Richard and Carol Simons, Marilyn Lane, Donna Lee Strachan, Ron and Diane Carter, Gord and Sylvia Anderson, Dave and Dian Jenner, Zig Doborzynski, and Bryan Sherwood.

The first item of discussion was regarding the duration of the convention ..... two, three or four days. Ken Baker suggested that we should start this process by forming committees for the various segments of the convention.

The second item of discussion was regarding where we should hold the convention. Suggestions from the floor included, Banff, Canmore, Drumheller and Calgary. There were many opinions related to each site.

The third item of discussion was regarding the date for the convention. After much discussion, it was decided that the best time would be the latter half of September 2012.

A committee was then formed to research the various sites to determine lodgings for the guests, cost of the banquet, meeting rooms etc, ability of the chosen facility to accommodate such a convention, activities available in or around the facility, and availability of the chosen facility at the chosen time for the convention.

The committee consists of Jim Barr, Bob Steele, Dave Jenner, Ron Carter and Gord Anderson. The committee will be chaired by Gord Anderson.

After much discussion, it was decided that the length and the theme of the convention will be discussed further once a location has been decided. The location will, no doubt, have an impact on the length and the theme of the convention.

The last item of discussion was the need for a volunteer to step forward to act as Convention Chairman.

The next organizational meeting will be held on June 9, 2010. At this time, the committee will report back and make recommendations as to where we could hold the convention.

The time and place of this meeting will be confirmed in the June issue of the Gyrodeo. Please mark your calendars for June 9<sup>th</sup> and try to attend. The more people we have involved, the less work there is to do for everyone !!!!

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR .....

A man owned a small ranch near San Antonio TX.

The Texas Dept. of Labor claimed the man was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board."

"The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board."

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"The half-wit is the guy I want to talk to," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the rancher.

**Bryan Sherwood – Bulletin Editor**



**KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO**