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FIND WHO IS NEW TO HOO-HOO

THEN REACH OUT **AND WELCOME A KITTEN!**

Clubs have been busy growing their membership and concatting new kittens. This is an exciting time for every new member and it also can be a little intimidating. Help make their entry into Hoo-Hoo easy and enjoyable by making sure they have what they need to get the most out of their membership. Having a meeting? Ask if they want a ride. Playing in the club golf tournament? See if they are already part of a foursome. It is the responsibility of EVERY member to make new kittens feel welcome and introduce them to the great traditions that are the binding ties of this ancient Order, Reach out and both of your experiences will be enriched by the fellowship that will follow. Hidden History
Unearthing Hoo-Hoo's Past

You never know what you are a going to find when you set out on a hunt. During this fall time of year it might be antlered or feathered and require a dog to retrieve, but for Justin Blackburn of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, he hunts for history and treasure.

The "treasure" he unearthed earlier this summer was the metal medallion from a commemorative ribbon badge from the Hoo-Hoo Mid-Winter Concatenation held January 19, 1909, in New Orleans.

"There was a big logging mill here in Hattiesburg around the turn of the last century called J. J. Newman," Justin told us when he contacted Hoo-Hoo with his find. "The medallion was found less then a quarter mile from the old mill by the road that leads to the train station. I found a J. J. Newman log tag about 5 feet from the medallion the same day," he reports. "I like to imagine maybe they were lost by the same man."

Justin, a union electrician by trade, says "I try to go detecting once or twice a week depending on my work schedule". His passion for the hobby started a little over a year ago fueled by his lifelong interest in history. In that time he has found all sorts of things—lost general store tokens, an odd missing button, and a woman's very old brass wedding band made brittle by time.

Curious about his unusual find at the old mill site, Justin did an internet search and traced the object back to Hoo-Hoo. "I enjoy this hobby," he said, "and the best part is when I can track it back to the beginning, like this time."

The life of the person who lost that medallion was changed by his association to the Order and the event he attended in New Orleans. That ribboned memento was a memory from a moment in time. Imagine how many places that medallion owner looked for his missing emblem only to have it unearthed a century later. Justin has donated the unearthed hidden history to the Hoo-Hoo Museum in Gurdon.

Hoo-Hoo Pride It's Not a Ghost Story

This 1892 Morgan Silver Dollar is a good reference the size of the found concatenation ribbon medallion.

BY KENT BOND 89381
HHI Vice President

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ABOVE: Justin Blackburn with his metal detector. He is a hero twice over—once for donating the medallion he found to our museum in Gurdon and more importantly for his service to our country as a vetran of the war in Iraq. All we can say is thank you, Justin.

Brothers & Sisters of Hoo-Hoo:

Justin Blackburn's medallion discovery and subsequent donation make me think about—and appreciate even more—how widespread and old our roots are and how meaningful Hoo-Hoo still is today. His generous act of kindness is so the essence of Hoo-Hoo and elicits from me an upwelling of pride, happiness, and gratitude for being attached to a great organization that was built on great character—like that exhibited by Justin. The medallion itself is an absolutely cool piece of our history, but even more exciting is its connection to how Hoo-Hoo was meaningful, beneficial, and valuable to our industry and its members a century ago and still is today. One of ours, a Hoo-Hoo from the past, wore that medallion with pride over 100 years ago.

Justin's fortunate find and generous act support the fact that there is no opportunity like the present to preserve and pass forward the heritage and benefits of Hoo-Hoo. Hoo-Hoo provides a great opportunity for lumber people from any geographic location and all facets of the industry to meet and enjoy the benefits of fellowship, to preserve history by passing our heritage and collective knowledge to new generations of lumber people; to be a benefit to the communities we operate in; and to promote and preserve the heritage and tradition of a great industry we all belong to. All this can be achieved by belonging to and actively participating in Hoo-Hoo.

So, did you notice all the 9s in the medallion's history? January 19, 1909? Would it be pure coincidence that Justin's medallion features the number "9" so prominently? Was this medallion meant to be found? Would it be possible the medallion a reminder to us from Bolling Arthur Johnson and the other founders of Hoo-Hoo about how important this organization is? Are the founders stirring the embers of a slow burning fire hoping to reignite the passion for Hoo-Hoo? I believe they are. Let's toss in some more "would" and see what happens. —KB

The J. J. Newman Lumber Co. operated in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from 1894–1943 and its importance to the local economy cannot be overstated. In its heyday, it employed 1200 people and had the capacity to produce 200,000 board feet of lumber per day. Their principal products were yellow pine lumber, timbers, and lath (narrow strips of wood used as a base for plaster). Substantial quantities of poplar, gum, oak, and cypress lumber were produced as well. The massive sprawling complex, with its planing mills, sorting sheds, dry kilns, finish sheds, and sundry other structures, covered ten acres, and within a decade of its inception it had become the largest lumber company in Mississippi, and one of the largest in the entire South.



Salvaging History

One man sees the forest for the trees

Something sinister happened in Mount Gambier in South Australia. Someone poisoned the historically significant stand of Canary Island pine trees that stood sentinel at the Pioneer Memorial—and Club 214's Brian Page is on a mission to find out what happened.

Hoo-Hoo in Mount Gambier has a deep history in this heavy timber producing area of Australia, including the construction of the Hoo-Hoo Lookout that rises from the ridge to provide a scenic view of the Blue Lake and Leg of Mutton Woods and Forests Reserve.

The trees in question are believed to be quite old and planted from seeds harvested from the Mount Gambier Forest Reserve in 1872. "They were a backdrop to the Pioneer Memorial and had significance, acknowledging the involvement of our pioneers in the timber industry," Brian told their local paper *The Border Watch*. The original stand had already been reduced in 2008 due to complaints from neighboring properties about them being messy. Then a few years ago the remaining trees mysteriously started dying prompting the SA Water Department, who oversees the Blue Lake Pumping Station, to begin the process readying the remaining five trees for removal.

Brian had been an activist to save the original stand when this started seven years ago and was very proactive about protecting their significance to the forest industry. However, "There were complaints from a nearby resident who was one of those people obsessed with tidiness and not a thing out of place," Brian tells us. "He was obsessed with pine needles blowing across the road and into his driveway and having to clear these away and have everything absolutely spotless. He had written many letters to the City of Mount Gambier and SA Water about cutting them down. Hence the removal of most trees but at least because of my intervention, some were saved."

The complaints continued then the trees were suspected of being poisoned prompting their death. Also evident were what are believed to be rough ax cuts and drill holes on the trees exposing the sap wood to a poison, like Round-Up. One can suggest the complainer did the job, but police who interviewed all living close by had no evidence. The trees will have to come down.

"Because of the situation, I wrote a very short letter to the editor of *The Border Watch* newspaper with regrets and suggested local wood turners and wood artisans be given the timber," Brian reports. "The wood turners, although interested, commented about risk of working on wood that had been poisoned wondering if there could be problems inhaling the sawdust particles." Brian sent word to fellow Hoo-Hoo Doug Howick asking for an opinion. Doug in turn reached to Dr. Harry Greaves, an expert in chemical and wood technology, to see if there would be a problem. According to Dr. Greaves, since the turners would be using the heartwood, not the sap wood, they would be safe.

So for now, our Hoo-Hoo brother Brian Page will fight for the good of the wood and use the local media to help tell the story of the importance of the forest product industries that make this, and other communities, a valuable part of the local industry. The turners are excited by the challenge of using the softwood of pine in their projects. "There are a number of complications with this because it is a softwood and could burn while turning," said woodworker Des Laslett. "It would be an even better into to turn the timber into something to showcase inside the Lady Nelson Centre so tourists can relish the history behind the trees that once stood up at the Blue Lake."

Brian promises to keep us posted on the solutions that evolve through this process. Hopefully there can be positives that come from a difficult situation.



Striking a Blow: Some of the six remaining Canary Island pines have obvious wounds like this one believed to have been caused by an ax. No one has claimed responsibility for the vandalism.

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Here, There, and Everywhere!

Keeping Up with a Jet Setting Snark

by Mary O'Meara Moynihan
96820, Snark of the Universe

I'm not sure how
closely any one is
paying attention to
my travel diary, but
keeping it surely will
help me remember
the incredible places
I've been and people
I've met serving the
Good of the Order as
Snark of the Universe
this past year. It has
been an absolute
honor! –M.O.M.

APRIL 25 HOUSTON CLUB 23

six days after returning from my monthlong Australian and New Zealand adventure, I headed out to Texas! Between S9 Carrolyn Breeden and Christopher Goff, HHI treasurer, I was taken care of in grand Texan style! Staying with Carrolyn was a joy, with reminders of that wonderful man, Joe "Bear" Breeden, all around her house. Do you know that each of them had a their own wall of hunting and fishing trophies? Incredible! Upon arrival in Texas, I had a great Mexican lunch with Carrolyn and Chris, followed by a trip to the cowboy hat store! Met with an array of selections, I chose the summer model of the 10-gallon hats... Somehow, it has found its way onto my daughter's head a few times.

Carrolyn and I, along with a couple of her good friends, spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon at the Bernhardt Winery in Plantersville, Texas. They had live music and delicious wine, and even a gentlemen working the wine bar who was a former Hoo-Hoo member! We Hoo-Hoos are everywhere, folks!

On Monday, the club held their annual golf event which was very well attended by both members and guests. Not being a golfer in any way, I spent the afternoon, along with Carrolyn, catching up our good friends Robyn Aranza and Marilyn Simpson Massey. At the post-golf dinner that evening, I was formally presented with the my cowboy hat, the club's traditional Snark gift. It was a great few days where I met even more exceptional people!

MAY 5 – 7 TWIN CITIES CLUB 12

With a good turnout, my home club had a good time at the spring event held at Gabe's, a Curling Club. We had another fine litter of kittens join our club as we shoot for 99 members by the September HHI Convention we are hosting!

On May 7, the first GAP Program was presented. Developed by club member Guy Marzano to encourage high school students to stay in school and "Graduate And Prosper", this event hosted about 18 students plus teachers, chaperons, and Hoo-Hoo club members. It is an introduction to our industry as a viable career path. The students toured three facilities—the retail lumber yard of Shaw Stewart, the distribution center of Weekes Forest Products, and the pre-hung door company of SealRite Door Minnesota. There will be a presentation of this program at the International Convention.

JUNE 4 SEATTLE CLUB 34

I flew to Seattle to attend the Seattle Club 34 annual golf tournament and was retrieved from the airport by David Kahle R98. As I am not a golfer, I let the others have that fun and instead ventured onto the Seattle bus system to get downtown to meet Jenny Kahle for lunch. Well, not to spend too much time on details, I missed two buses! I couldn't locate the first stop (but, then, neither could the cab driver...) and the second bus whizzed past me as I was sending emails inside the bus shelter! Arriving way too late for lunch, Jenny got me to the monorail (vestige of the Seattle Worlds' Fair), to see Space Needle Park and the Dale Chihuly Glass Museum

and Garden. That evening we rejoined the golfers for the well-attended golf awards dinner. The food was wonderful, as always, but the company of Hoo-Hoos was exceptional.

JUNE 5 – 7 TACOMA OLYMPIA CLUB 89

Turned over by the Seattle club to the capable hands of Nancy Brown, Tac/Oly's Vicegerent, we headed to Tacoma! After a drive tour around the city and a wonderful clam chowder lunch outside, we headed to Cheney Stadium for a Rainier's baseball game as guests of club member Jim Miller, owner of Screw Products. Seated right behind the dugout, we had a birds eye view of the cat bird seats to watch the action. They even had fireworks! I must mention that all through my visit to the Seattle/Tacoma area, Mount Rainier's majesty was in clear view! It is a beautiful sight!

On Saturday, it was the Hoo-Hoo horse in the 9th at Emerald Downs! The club hosted about 35 members and guests for a fabulous lunch and day at the races. The sun was shining as a group of us were in the paddock area as the horses were led onto the track for the 9th race. Our horse even won the race and we were photographed in the Winners Circle with the owners and the jockey! Quite a day! Which led into quite a night! Club members Larry and Linda Viguerie, along with their daughter Mishelle, invited us back to their charming home on the Tacoma harbor. The house is over 100 years old and was originally a crabbing shack. On a beautiful balmy evening, our hosts treated S9 Michael Clothier and I to spirits and spirited conversation!

On Sunday, the Vigueries, Michael and I were guests of Al and Georgia Meier at Chambers Bay Golf Course which was in the process of being readied for the US Open Tournament. What a view the restaurant offered! Following brunch, we went to Georgia and Al's beautiful home overlooking The Sound in Gig Harbor. Linda and



Joining me to visit R-78 Al & Georgia Meier at their home in stunning Gig Harbor, Washington, were Mike and Donita Clothier, Vicegerant Snark Nancy Brown, and the screwiest guy I know, Jim Miller owner of the very successful local fastening company, Screw Products.



Members of the Winema Club in Klamath Falls welcomed me to Oregon by hosting a small dinner with Leland Koepke, Ken Dunn, Ron Loveness, Dick Miles, Bill Nelson and Bill McCleane. What a terrific group of gentlemen! Thank you for your hospitality.

I "found our way" to a few shops while downtown in Gig Harbor... We were also very fortunate to observe the annual "Blessing of the Fleet" held in the harbor—it was quite a sight watching the local archbishop and parish priests go amongst all of the boats!

I was able to be home for awhile before my last two club visits—in mid August to Oregon's Winema Club 216 in Klamath Falls and early September to see the members of Portland Club 47.

AUGUST 12 - 14 WINEMA CLUB 216

It happens... the Hunting of the Snark hits another airport! Having arrived earlier than scheduled, I wandered around the Medford Airport looking for my drivers! I finally called the Wunder household and I was told to look for two men resembling "Mutt and Jeff". Quick look and there they were—the tall and short of it—Paul Wunder and Ken Dunn!

After a delicious lunch, we headed to Klamath Falls, the home club to many past Snarks! The small dinner that evening was great fun! I had the chance to visit with Ron Loveness, charter member of Winema 216, along with Ken Dunn, Bill Nelson, Bill McCleane, Tom Strunk, and Leland Koepke. Paul Wunder was missing in action from the dinner. Actually, he was watching his grandson play in the Senior Babe Ruth World Series where sadly, the home team lost the game. All of K-Falls was abuzz hosting this week-long event with teams from all over the US.

The following day we met the Rameses 74 Dan Brown's girls for lunch! It had been way too long since seeing Eloise and Debby—a truly beautiful pair of women! The evening event was the club's installation of officers and steak fry at a local park. Lots of Hoo-Hoos turned up for a great time, a great dinner, and the beautiful weather!

The first time I ever went to Klamath Falls was as an S9 when Winema Club hosted the I-III mini convention in '96 or '97. I rode down to Klamath with Ron Garka, Teeny Johnston, and Dave Kahle. Thinking back to that day as I was preparing for this trip, I realized that car was full of future Snarks! Mighty good company! Among the many people I met on that trip years ago were Dick and Joyce Miles. She is an artist and does beautiful paintings. Lo and behold, one of gifts that the club presented me was an original oil painting she had done for member Tom Strunk's wife entitled "Dogwood and Chickadees". Mrs. Strunk has since passed away, but Tom made the beautiful gesture to donate it to the club and I am thrilled that I now have an original Joyce Miles in my home. Additionally, they presented me with a wine cork trivet made by club member Richard Steyskal. It is almost too cool to put under one of our famous Minnesota Hot Dish casseroles!

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1

PORTLAND CLUB 47

What a fabulous Hoo-Hoo city Portland is! The downtown area is all lined with trees!! Portland Club President Terry Haddix met me after arrival and we toured Patrick Lumber Company where she is employed. Another family company, Patrick Lumber dates back to 1915 and they are great supporters of Hoo-Hoo! Having just celebrated their 100-year anniversary in grand style, I received a book written about their history of lumber trading titled "Business is Good: Stories of Patrick Lumber Company's First Century". I had the pleasure to meet two of the 5th generation family members, Dave Halsey and Pat Burns. It is so admirable of this company to allow their employees time to participate in Hoo-Hoo. We also toured a business partner of Patrick's—a re-man facility called Diebold Lumber—and saw lots of timbers stacked for Patrick's!

After a delicious lunch of clam chowder "al fresco" with Terry, we parted ways and I headed to the Portland Art Museum. Later that evening, about 17 club members met for dinner at a local eatery. That was really fun! The club is in a growth mode which is wonderful! And they are attracting younger members from the industry! Along with hosting a Christmas party that entertains and presents gifts to about 140 youngsters—AND their parents—at the Forest History Center they are looking at becoming involved in the Royal Family Kids Camp. Terry spent a week as a counselor there this summer and believes it could be a great project for the club!

AND NOW THE END IS NEAR...

I will say that as I left the Portland dinner, I thought about this chapter of my Hoo-Hoo life closing. This was my last official club visit as Snark and it was a little bittersweet for me.

Yes, now the end is near... I can practically hear Sinatra crooning. It may be near, but there is still one major event to enjoy before my embalming in the next few weeks. I intend to soak up all the fun the 123rd HHI Convention sponsored by Twin Cities Club 12 (my home club) has to offer!! It is my sincere hope that during your Hoo-Hoo life you are able to experience one of these yearly galactic gatherings! You won't regret it! Really, you won't.

In closing, my thanks to everyone who got me here, there, and everywhere! What a ride this has been!! With that I wish you—Health, Happiness, & Long Life!

— Mary O'Meara Moynihan 96820 Snark of the Universe



When all is said and done, this is why we do it. For the next generations so they know the value industry and resources. I loved my travels and visits to all the wonderful clubs and members throughout Hoo-Hoo and it was nice coming home to they fabulous grand babies of ours and their smiling faces. Thank you all again Hoo-Hoo. It has been a supreme honor to serve as your Snark.

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HHI – SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

It has been one busy, exciting, changing and challenging year. Yes, I chair and sit on several committees, but this report will be a combination of those committee reports and more. My full energy has been spent helping develop a strategic plan for HHI.

It all began at the 2014 Convention in sunny California. Kent Bond (and his lovely wife, Cindy), Rich Seim and I began to discuss the idea of putting a strategic plan together for HHI. We brainstormed the idea for the remainder of our time in California and felt it would greatly help give the direction and goals needed to move this great organization forward.

We put a basic plan together. We then contacted Snark Mary O'Meara Moynihan and shared the idea. She was thrilled and offered to help in anyway possible to make this become a reality. With the blessing of Snark Mary we began to investigate strategic plan models. Our goal was to have something in writing to present at the 2015 Minneapolis Convention... many months away... plenty of time! LOL!

The emails flew, texting became second nature, and the phone calls (of course, late at night because Kent lives in sunny California and I'm in Michigan) became a normal occurrence. We discussed and changed and typed and discussed again.

While at the Forest Festival in Gurdon last October, between parades and costume judging, we were able to sit down and discuss with several board members the strategic plan we were beginning to develop. We received questions, comments and support to continue on this journey.

Kent, Rich and I have continued to fine tune the strategic plan up until the writing of this short report. We have received so much help from Snark Mary, Beth Thomas, our board of directors and members of HHI. Thank you.

I am happy to report we will reach our goal of being ready by the Minneapolis Convention to present this Hoo-Hoo strategic plan to the board and membership for their approval. We value their comments and ask that everyone seriously review the plan.

We have enjoyed this time of brainstorming and look forward to developing viable committee descriptions to place the perfect people in committee positions. HHI will not be a thing of the past, but a thriving organization of the future.

Health, Happiness, & Long Life!

— Robyn Roose Beckett 96820

HHI Second Vice President

SUPREME NINE - JURISDICTION IV

Members in J-IV were treated to a visit from the Snark of the Universe, Mary O'Meara Moynihan in March and April. Snark Mary traveled to as many clubs as she could in the three weeks she was with us "Down Under"—as I'm sure you read in her Diary of a Jet Setting Snark—and, honestly I do not know how she does it. It must have been the Vegemite I gave her for breakfast.

Most clubs in J-IV are doing well at retaining members, but growth is not happening and I am sure it is a trend in other jurisdictions.

I am looking forward to visiting all our clubs after my return from Minneapolis to report on all matters relating to Hoo-Hoo.

I urge you all to plan your vacation for September 2016 and join us at the combined HHI/J-IV Convention to be held in Cairns, which is in Far North Queensland. You will then be able to see where the "Rain Forest Meets the Reef"—it is absolutely beautiful and not to be missed. Just ask Gary Gamble, our honorary member of J-IV, how easy it is to travel to Australia. He has done it many times.

I, and all the members of J-IV, look forward to seeing and welcoming you to Australia.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

— HEATHER GATTONE 100067 Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction VIII

SUPREME NINE - JURISDICTION VIII

Greetings from Jurisdiction VIII home of Twin Cities Club 12 in beautiful Minnesota! Everyone from Club 12 has been very busy getting ready to host the 123rd Annual International Convention. Paul Boehmer and company has put something really special together for this convention and will have no problem living up to its motto of "Making Memories in Minnesota".

For those attending, be ready for some Pedal Pub fun, a historic Summit Avenue Mansion tour, the Mall of America, a golf tournament with a chance to win \$10,000, a great industry tour, interesting speakers, and the list of fun goes on and on! Oh, and don't forget the Embalming of the Century as our very own "Her Royal Snarkness Mary Beth" is laid to rest.

So if your still on the fence about coming we still have room for you. If your not coming we are really going to miss you!

Health, Happiness and Long Life,

— DAVE SIWEK 93438
Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction VIII

J1 - HARRY L. FOLSOM CLUB 13

The Boston chapter of the international fraternal lumberman's organization—better known as Hoo-Hoo—held its first ever motorcycle benefit ride on Saturday, July 11. The ride was a benefit for Phoebe Cole, daughter of Craig and Melanie Cole of Hampton, New Hampshire. Phoebe was diagnosed late last year Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Club President and co-organizer Steve Jankins said, "It was a great day for everyone who helped out and for those who participated in the ride. We doubled our financial expectations for the Cole family".

Over sixty riders and six hot rods came together at Keiver Willard—the major sponsor of the event—in Newburyport, Massachusetts where they had breakfast, music, and over 100 door prizes on display for the group.

It was a beautiful day for the ride which started at Keiver Willard and traveled on a very scenic route along the water and then through some beautiful small towns in southern New Hampshire before ending up back on the seacoast of New Hampshire. We arrived at our final destination to live music, good food, and the fund raising auction.

According to Steve Jankins, "It was awesome that so many people from our industry—manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and many contractors—all came together for a special little girl and attended this event".

The idea was Jack Miller's, Timberline Enterprises, who suggested that the Boston Chapter of Hoo-Hoo start a motorcycle club as many of its members enjoy riding together. This was a great event to judge enthusiasm for a motorcycle club attached to our industry.

Sponsorship was outstanding with Mel Westerman of Cape Cod Lumber heading up the sponsorship committee. Keiver Willard was the major donor and other companies such as Boise, BlueLinx, Azek, and Quikrete also participated in sponsoring the event.

This year's prizes were outstanding and included an autographed snowboard that Scotty Lago (a local friend) won the bronze metal on in the 2010 Olympics! Also up was a hockey stick autographed by the entire Boston Bruins team, a 60" big screen TV, and dozens of other prizes. Bob Keiver, of Keiver Willard, won the 50/50 raffle and graciously donated back the entire amount!

Some great things are happening in the club and the only time the rest of this year someone can join Hoo-Hoo in Boston is on Friday, December 4, 2015. Rumor has it that Kent Bond, the new Surfin' Snark from Northern California, will be joining the festivities. Hopefully other out of town guests can be there as well. Boston's well known tour guide "Joey B" will be running red lights with a Suburban full. Contact Steve Jankins at stevejankins@comcast.net for more details.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—STEVE JANKINS
President, Harry L. Folsom Club 13

J2 – DETROIT CLUB 28

Detroit Hoo-Hoo Club 28 has grown this Hoo-Hoo fiscal year adding FIVE new members (and they PAID)—bringing the Detroit Club up to 55 members of good standing. Congratulations to you all.

For the first time in many, many years, the Detroit Club completely sold out a meeting! Some of the highlights from this Hoo-Hoo calendar year included planting over 300 trees 300 in the City of Detroit and learning from a guest speaker how to dole out credit to members' builder/commercial accounts.

Detroit Club 28 President Robyn Beckett is always passing out Hoo-Hoo applications to people visiting her office. She works for one of the major "builder yards" in the Detroit area and has access to vendors and customers alike. Jim Mackie Distribution is also helping to promote Detroit Club 28 to various lumber yard customers.

In our upcoming Detroit Club 28 events, we have "The Big One"—our Lumbermens' Christmas Party December 8, 2015, at the Dearborn Inn. Those of you who attended the Detroit Convention in September, 2013, will remember the Dearborn Inn fondly.

In closing, we are cementing plans for three member meetings in 2016. I imagine by the time you read this there will probably less than 90 days until 2016!!

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—JIM MAICKI L-86469 Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction II and Treasurer Detroit Club 28

J3 – WILLAMETTE VALLEY CLUB 33

Willamette Valley Club 33 held their annual golf tournament Friday, June 5, at Shadow Hills Country Club. Eighty-five golfers came out for a morning of wonderful weather and had lots of fun golfing. The club has designated the tournament as a memorial to honor a departed industry member. This year, the late Chris Re, who died of cancer last fall, was honored.

Director Pat Meyer was this year's MC and introduced Chris Re's widow and two of his brothers. Pat presented a memorial plaque honoring Chris to each and one for his parents. First and Second Place golf winners donated back their cash prizes—totaling \$600—and Club 33 added these winnings to the \$3000 already pledged, making a total of \$3,600. The money was donated to the Re family's charity of choice—the Oregon Health & Science University Knight Cancer Center challenge. On a side note, Phil & Penny Knight (co-founder of Nike) had put up \$500 million dollars to construct the center and challenged the public match it in two years. Done! Met and exceeded in less than the *two* years!

The golf tournament was an obvious success and many prizes were raffled out, including a 32" HDTV donated by Club 33. The next Club 33 event will be the annual crab feed in January, a date to be announced later.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—YE OLD SCRIBE

J3 - SEATTLE CLUB 34

Summer got off with a bang as the Seattle Club hosted another successful Hoo-Hoo golf tournament. Special thanks to my board of directors for organizing the event and to Bill Reneaud and Bob Brodie for braving the "Bet a Birdie" hole for us! Thank you to Matheus Lumber for sponsoring the lunch. And thanks to all our hole sponsors and players, we raised \$1000 for Hopelink.

This fall we anticipate another strong showing of volunteers as we turn our efforts toward building the Hopelink "Christmas Gift Shop". This will be our 8th consecutive year sponsoring this Hopelink event and our goal is to donate another \$1000 to this organization as it that does so much for our community.

Finally, we have three new kittens in the Land of Hoo-Hoo. Jessica Womack with Low Grade Lumber; and Bryan Ashbaugh and Tyler Matthews with Matheus Lumber. Welcome to the club!

Respectfully Submitted,
—Dave Neiger, President
Seattle Hoo-Hoo Club 34

J3 – WINEMA CLUB 216

Older club news dispatch department—In March eighteen members and a guest were present for our meeting. The guest was a friend of Ron Loveness—Pete Johns—who is a retired teacher from Northern California. The board voted to support the Wounded Warrior program. It doesn't cost a lot but it does a lot for wounded soldiers coming home from deployment in the war. During the meeting, president Ken Dunn discussed ideas for future meetings which included a possible train ride to Eugene or we could rent a van or two and take a road trip to a restaurant somewhere in our area. Bob Coffman was drawn for the paid-up member drawing.

In April, we met at the Sizzler Restaurant where Ryan Bartholomew gave a presentation on the history Klamath Fall's Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, home base of the Oregon Air National Guard's 173d Fighter Wing. A lot of us remember when it opened, so it should be interesting to hear more about its history.

In May we had a record crowd of 29 including members and guests. Todd Kepple, manager of the Klamath County Museum gave a very informative and interesting talk on the yellow line railroads which ran in the forests around the Klamath River Canyon. Oh, by the way, Scott Lee's name was drawn in the paid up drawing.

Traditionally our June meeting is at the sporting clay club, but due to a logistical issue we changed venues met at the Red Rooster Grill & Pub on June 11. It was a good meeting with a fair sized crowd of 18 members and guests in attendance.

The first order of business was our annual election. President Dunn opened nominations and Bob Anderson was nominated for the board. The following members were elected to our board of directors: Dick Barlow, Dick Miles, Fred Forsythe, and Bob Anderson were elected to two year terms on the board; Ken Dunn was elected Vicegerent Snark, and Paul Wunder was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. There will be another election next year in June. We are asking that our membership start thinking about how each one can serve the club next year.

After the election, past president Ron Loveness gave an interesting presentation on the history of the tavern that used to stand on the point at Eagle Ridge. Wow, it was quite a place back in its day. Our thanks to Ron for doing the research. Tom Shaw's name was drawn out for the paid-up drawing and since he wasn't present a little more was added to the pot. The pot is getting pretty big. Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—Paul Wunder L-85881 Secretary/Treasurer Winema Club 216

J5 – VANCOUVER CLUB 48

Summer time in the dry north feels like California and we're having the same fire storms that they experience every year. The smoke and ash have been horrendous with hundreds of homes and countless amounts of timber being lost to local fires. The same thing is happening on this side of the border with major wildfires threaten anything in their way including the home of one of our past members, Stan Jones. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all effected!

Back to club news—Vancouver Club 48 had a good turn out for the Members' Night event with her Snarkness Mary Beth "in da house". It's always nice when royalty comes to visit. The spring golf tournament was a success as it was attended by Cowichan 229 and Vancouver 48 members. Summer time has been slow and so has the industry so we are crossing our fingers for good attendance at the fall golf event at the Pagoda Ridge coarse. In the meantime, Angela and I will see many international members at the convention in Minnesota!

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—Dave Trytко 95897 Supreme Nine Jurisdiction V

J5 - COWICHIAN VALLEY CLUB 229

All is well in the Cowichan Valley Club 229. We had a great visit from Snark Mary at our Reverse Draw and Steak Night. The Snark and Rameses 100, Jim Spiers, made it all the way to the final five and split the \$1500 pot. Snark Mary graciously donated all her winnings back to the club. Still not sure what the Smurf did with his winnings... A great night all around!

Our annual Doug Carter Memorial Golf Tournament was a blast! Great weather and a full prize table (thanks to all our sponsors) made this a very successful event. Early this summer, we also had our second annual Hoo-Hoo Wine Tour. Again the weather was perfect and managed to see four *different* wineries from those we visited last year! I think it is safe to say that everyone had a fun time and it was a wonderful fund raiser for our club. I would personally like to thank the club executives for all the work they put into organize all of the events that our club hosts throughout the year.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—CLINT COWAN 98487 President, Cowichan Valley Club 229

J6 – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLUB 117

There are many good pieces of news for Southern California Club 117, but the two most important are the exciting growth of the club. At its height, Southern California Club 117 (then known as Inland Empire Club 117) had just over 130 members. Only seven years ago that number had dropped to below 40, but now, due to structured speaker meetings and a charitable golf event, Southern California Club 117 has had a rebirth to 93 member with a concat in October that assures another half dozen or so. It's really a great feeling to see the club grow, and more importantly, have very well respected members of the lumber community asking our board become members.

More from the "Great News" department for 117 is the wonderful success of the Don Gregson Memorial Tournament held on May 15. This year, even with the threat of rain we had over 130 players who brought themselves and their pocket books. The outpouring of donations to our chosen charities was awesome and records were broken in every category. The following are the charities and donation amounts we made on the club's behalf totaling a whopping \$17,400:

- City of Hope—\$7000
- Wounded Warrior Project—\$7,700
- Homes for Our Troops—\$1500
- Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Pendleton—\$1200

Next year's tournament is scheduled for May 20, 2016, Once again at San Dimas Golf Club. All Hoo-Hoo members reading this are cordially invited to attend.

In closing, it wouldn't be a note from Nicholson if I didn't ask all my fellow Supreme Nines and club presidents reading this (and not already do so) to restructure their meetings to formal ones with industry speakers; to advertise their community service projects; and update their websites to keep members current on club news. Doing these three things with surely have an impact on club growth.

Health, Happiness & Long Life!

-MICHAEL NICHOLSON 89383 Supreme Nine Jurisdiction VI President Southern California Club 117

J6 – BLACK BART CLUB 181

Shots fired! Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181 put another clay shoot in the books. On Friday, August 21, 2015, Wing and Barrel Ranch out of Sonoma, California hosted our club as we settled scores and established victors. Shooter Don Springer won the acclaimed award of Top Gun, impressing the crowd with a score of 49 out of 50 targets hit. What?!! Annie Oakley must have been guiding this guy!

The best scoring team was Brian Pierce (captain), Ronald Pierce, Don Springer, Tom Miller, Seth Porter, and Rob Rowe. Dead-Ass-Last finisher was Pete Fleming (in picture with donkey trophy). Even though these winners were given trophies, the real winner was Hoo-Hoo and the industry as we all pulled together, bonded, and created relationships that will last a lifetime. We are subsequently manifesting positive behaviors and setting a method of conduct in the industry that is respectful, admirable, and beneficial for all current, new and future members. Congratulations to everyone.

Our next opportunity to get together is the golf tournament on October 9th, so mark your calendars and expect nothing less than good company, camaraderie and fellowship.

We wish to congratulate our own Kent Bond as he assumes the highest position in Hoo-Hoo by becoming Snark of the Universe at the convention in Minneapolis this month. We have been fortunate to have had more than a few of our members achieve that time-honored pinnacle of purr-fection and we know you will all enjoy meeting Snark Kent and his lovely wife, Cindy, as they travel for the good of the Order. Make him welcome.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—Jessica Bruzzone 101333 Black Bart 181 Publicity Chair

J8 – TWIN CITIES CLUB 12

Summer greetings from the Twin Cities. Needless to say things are busy in our neck of the woods. Convention preparation has been constant under the auspices of Paul Boehmer and his team to make sure the 123rd annual convention is everything folks expect it to be. We have a mix of activities to entertain and impress those making the journey—tours of magnificent homes, trying some marvelous beers, testing your hand at golf (or taking the credit card to the Mall of America), touring local industry, teaming up to make sure our 123 year-old

traditions are carried on, and toasting one another at closing gala with our sights on a trip to Cairns 2016.

Beyond the tangled web that is convention preparation, our on-going educational initiatives have also in full swing. We now have sponsored four Project Learning Tree sessions (that is 400% increase from last year!) and ran a pilot GAP (Graduate And Prosper) Program this spring taking a bus load of students via coach to three different businesses and showing them a retail yard, a wholesale operation, and a manufacturing facility all with HELP WANTED signs on the door and careers awaiting inside. The program is focused on young high school-age students that may (or may not) have sights on secondary education. It delivers a message that, (1) stay in school and graduate, and (2), regardless of skill set or desired role, the building products industry has a place for them. Members attending the convention will hear more about the program, developed by club member Guy Marzano, when we see them in Minneapolis.

In other Club 12 news, we welcomed in a batch of new kittens (six to be exact) at a spring dinner event. We hope to concat more to bring the club roster to a very Hoo-Hoo number of 99 by convention time. Next, the annual memorial golf outing and picnic, normally held in June, has been moved this year to take place during the convention. So pack your camera and/or clubs for head for Minnesota starting September 11. In the words of Tom Bodett, another midwest native, "We will leave the light on for you"!

May all be well in your respective corner of the globe and allow me to extend a wish for your—

Health, Happiness & Long Life!

—John P. Gerlach 100500 President, Twin Cities Club 12

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!



Twin Cities 12: Even with everything else going on getting ready to host the convention, Twin Cities 12 still managed to hold a Project Learn Tree seminar earlier in the year. These are the participants at the Minnesota NWR building.



So Cal 117: These board of directors for Club 117 are always proud to support the members of our armed services. Here they pose with some marines who played in the Don Gregson Memorial tournament in May.



Ali Ron Baba: Chairman of the Board Ron Gattone R101 visited Dubai earlier this year and rocked the robe.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!



In Memory:

Willamette Valley Club 33 director Pat Meyer (far right) presented golf memorial plaques to Chris Re's family including (L-R) his widow Sandra and his brothers Tony Re and Rick Re. Rick is part of the management team of Seneca Sawmill in Eugene, OR.



Cowichan Valley

229: Good weather brought plenty of golfers out on Vancouver Island for the Cowichan club's annual golf tournament. This group was waiting for the raffle prizes to be drawn for with hopes of all being big winners.



Harry L. Folsom

23: They might be hard to see in this photo, but the Black Cats have plenty of hogs in their garages around the Massetchusetts area. This was one of their stops as part of their fundraising bike cruise to benefit Phoebe Cole who is fighting Cystic Fibrosis.



Houston 23: While the other members of Houston 23 played in the annual golf tournament, 59 Carrolyn Breeden and her friend kidnapped the Snark and headed to Plantersville for some of

that good Texas wine.



Portland 47: Snark Mary's last official club visit was with the members of Portland Club 47. Dinner at Henry's restaurant was indeed a pleasure with everyone who was able to

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JURISDICTION I

HARRY L. FOLSOM CLUB 13

- Jimmy Fund (Childrens Cancer Research)
- NRLA Lift Fund (helps members of the lumber industry that suffer from hardships)
- Phoebe's Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Strides For Survival (Childerns Brain Cancer Research)
- Ahearn Foundation, Military Charities

JURISDICTION II

DETROIT CLUB 28

- Motor City Blight Busters
- Michigan Forest Association Teacher Tour

JURISDICTION III

SPOKANE CLUB 16

 Hoo-Hoo Express Wooden Truck Toys (handmade raffle item for local charities)

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CLUB 33

- Food For Lane County
- Cascade Raptor Society
- Day Care Nursery

SEATTLE CLUB 34

• Hope Link (toy drive)

PORTLAND CLUB 47

- Open House Ministries Family Shelter
- Oregon State Scholarship (Forestry Dept.)
- Royal Family Kids Camp

NORTH CASCADE CLUB 230

- Town of Oso
- (mudslide disaster relief)

TACOMA OLYMPIA CLUB 89

- Tacoma Nature Center at Snake Lake
- The Rescue Mission
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- of Puget Sound

HONOLULU CLUB 142

• Oreogon State Forestry Scholarship Fund (Honolulu forestry students)

NW MONTANA CLUB 187

- The Needy Childrens Fund
- Alert Rescue Helicopter Program
- Firewood Delivery (for veterans and those in need)
- Family Forestry Expo

WINEMA CLUB 216

 Oregon State University Elementary School Forestry Tour

COWICHAN VALLEY CLUB 229

- BC Forest Discovery Center in Duncan
- Vancouver Island University Forestry Program Student Bursaries
- Eve's Provincial Park

N. E. WASHINGTON CLUB 238

- Various State High Schools Forestry Programs
- Colville Fish Hatchery Educational Program
- Temperate Forest Foundation
- Retirement And Convalescent Homes Solar Power

JURISDICTION IV

• Reported in J-IV

JURISDICTION VI

S. CALIFORNIA CLUB 117

- The City of Hope
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Homes for Our Troops

BLACK BART CLUB 181

- Sturgeon's Mill Restoration Project
- Hoo-Hoo International Museum
- Redwood Empire Food Bank
- Santa Tim Charity
- Toys for Tots Foundation
- S.H. Volunteer Fire Dept. Toy & Food Drive

HUMBOLDT CLUB 63

 Humboldt State Forestry Scholarship Fund

JURISDICTION VIII

TWIN CITIES CLUB 12

- Project Learning Tree
- St. Paul Public Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Temperate Forest Foundation
- University of Minnesota Forestry School
- Habitat For Humanity
- Minnesota Children's Museum
- Second Harvest Food Bank

SIOUX VALLEY CLUB 118

- Muscular Dystrophy Bike for Cure
- River of Hope
- Half Way Houses

JURISDICTION IX

HOUSTON CLUB 23

- Boys' & Girls' Country
- Dan Lederman Scholarship Foundation

VANCOUVER CLUB 48

- Evans Lake Forest Education Society
- Vancouver Childrens Hospital

This list grows and changes. If your club has other giving opportunitites that have been fulfilled, please let the editor know.

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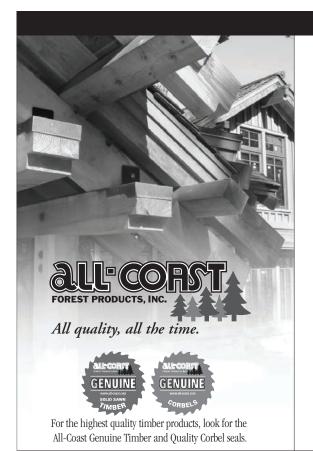
In reaching out to clubs to update the list on the left of good deeds being done in their local communities, Rameses 97 Ray Lamari sent a note about what their club, Far North Queensland 261, accomplished recently.

According to Ray, "FNQ Club 261's major annual fundraiser is our golf tournament where we aim to raise money for a designated local charity or person. This year our chosen recipient was Anglicare which is the national umbrella community services agency associated with the Anglican Church of Australia." This year's Hoo-Hoo golf tournament coincided with the National Homeless Awareness Week campaign which Anglicare was involved in. "We managed to raise the funds to supply 20 purposebuilt homeless swag bag backpacks (outdoor personal sleeping shelters) at \$85 each and also give Anglicare a cash donation of \$2000!" Ray reports.

Congratulations to all the members and supporters of FNQ 261! Ray and his fellow club members will be our hosts for the 2016 HHI Convention in Cairns, Australia.



Caring Angels: After a successful Far north Queensland Club 261 golf tournament produced enough funds to procure 20 backpack sleeping shelters for the homeless they still had enough to give a cash gift of \$2000 to Anglicare, an Australian service group associated with the Anglican Church. Presenting and accepting the donations were (L-R): John Rankine — Club Secretary; Jason Locke — Fellowship Director; Paul Bannah — Vice President; Jeff McDonald — Member; John Day — Club Treasurer; and Ray Lamari — Club President.



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