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SALUTATIONS MY FELLOW BLACK CATS,

The second I'm done writing this column, I start packing for Australia to attend Hoo-Hoo's 124th Annual Convention in Cairns. There is no doubt that long and lasting memories will be made as Dave and I share the company of good friends in the care of Rameses 97 Ray Lamari. Proof for those of you unable to attend will be in the next issue of LOG & TALLY, and boy will you be sorry you missed it!

I love these opportunities to spend more time with the quality people of this organization—many of whom are now more family than just friends. They are relationships I cherish. Although we often only see each other once a year, we pick up right where we left off—laughing.

When you join a group you never know what will come of it. Like most things it is a matter of what you put in as to what you'll get out. My investment of time and involvement has rewarded me a lifetime over. When Dave and I met in 1995, Hoo-Hoo was just a funny name he mentioned early on. As our relationship grew, so did my relationship with Hoo-Hoo. The first Snark of the Universe I met was Jan-Evert Hermans from Vancouver, and the first convention I attended was hosted by Boston's Harry L. Folsom Club 13 in 1997.

Since then we have missed three conventions and it is envy I feel when I hear stories from those who were there, but I am thrilled they have them to tell. Each Hoo-Hoo experience is a collective part of the Hoo-Hoo story and more great people need to share in what it means to belong to this grand old Order.

With that in mind, at the request of the board, I recently designed some new marketing materials for Hoo-Hoo that will help you tell the story to a prospective member. Available through the Hoo-Hoo office for a small fee to cover the bare cost of printing (just \$10 for each pack of 25 pieces), a new brochure, postcard, and Hoo-Hoo auto sticker are ready to use. An order form is available on our website at hoo-hoo.org or contact Beth Thomas at info@hoo-hoo.org for info.

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The Greatest Baseball Series Ever Played

—by Jamie Lewis



Who doesn't love baseball in the fall?

Okay, maybe Black Cats down under (where it's spring in October) or West Coast Canadians (who don't have a major league team), but in the Lower 48 and a few lucky Canadian cities, October means the World Series!

But, did you know Hoo-Hoo had its own sort of championship challenge? Read on!

The debate can now be settled. We know what the greatest championship series in baseball history is. And it's not the 2004 Red Sox sweep of St. Louis breaking the "Curse of the Bambino" or the 2014 San Francisco Giants vs. Kansas City Royals match-up — although both were entertaining.

What championship am I talking about? The year was 1908. Theodore "Big Stick" Roosevelt was finishing his second term as president. "Big Bill" Taft was running on the Republican ticket to succeed his friend and was taking on William Jennings Bryan, aka "The Great Commoner." (This may have been the Progressive Era, but it was also the era of the best sports nicknames. Who could ever forget players like "Wee Willie" McGill, "Handsome" Griffin, or "Postscript" Fletcher? Even the head umpire of the series was nicknamed "Dusty"!)

The teams hailed from Chicago and Indianapolis and met on a sun-baked field in Michigan City, Indiana, for the first game. It had all the trappings of the modern game: two teams loaded with stars, two umpires, and clean uniforms. Hoo-Hoo baseball Chicago vs. Indianapolis.

Oh, did I mention that this was the Hoo-Hoo's World Series? After all, lumber mills were big sponsors of teams back then. Nevertheless, there were bragging rights on the line.

We'll let our intrepid reporter take it from here:

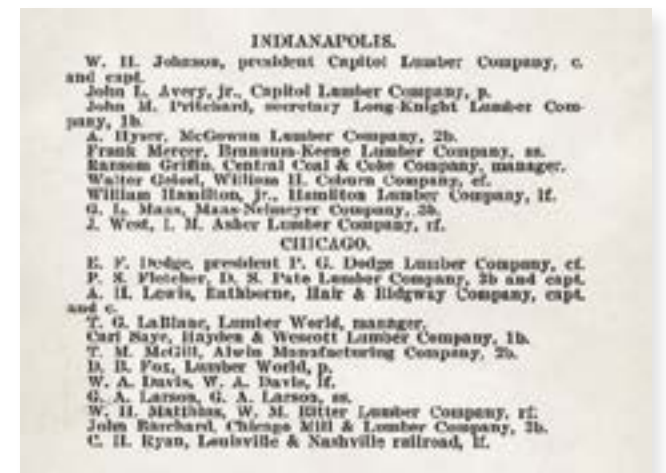
"At 1 o'clock the invading army of black cats took Michigan City without a struggle, the natives firing only one shot, that being from the artillery of a photographer. Immediately upon the landing of the steamer a brass band headed the line and the cavalcade proceeded to the park, where it was successfully photographed, and then steered to a great refreshment hall, where it was very successfully fed. The local accommodations for caring for the big crowd were found to be excellent and the hunger of all was satisfied without serious difficulty.

The chief event of the afternoon was the baseball game. Immediately after the luncheon the Hoo-Hoo and their ladies proceeded in a body to the b.p., meaning not baseball park but boiling point. The Northern Indiana penitentiary formed an appropriate background to this travesty on a baseball field. The sun turned all its calcium effects upon two inches of red hot sand, in which the athletes were compelled to disport themselves. The game itself was a contest between two teams selected from the lumbermen of Indianapolis and Chicago. They were made up of the players listed below and two more formidable teams have never taken the field to battle for a title."

Just before the teams took the field E. F. Dodge, of Chicago, called [umpires] C. D. Rourke, of Urbana, Ill., and George Palmer, of Indianapolis, Ind., to the plate and presented one with a horse pistol and the other with a shotgun. Some of the decisions later proved that this was a wise precaution, undoubtedly saving both umpires from the fury of the populace.

Indianapolis won the game in the first inning, the Chicago team going up in the aeroplane a la Wright Bros. The procession of Indianapolis runs took ten minutes to pass a given point.

Pitcher Fox appeared to be a stranger in the neighborhood and was unable to locate the plate. He gave Mercer and Geisel, the first two men up, passes to first, and then Johnson started a grounder to first, which got through Saye's legs and caromed into right field, Mercer and Geisel scoring. Avery struck out, but a passed ball assisted Johnson to third, from which he scored when Pritchard singled. Pritchard stole third, but expired there on infield outs of West and Maas.





THE WINNING TEAM

Indianapolis Hoo-Hoo
baseball 1908

In the third inning Giesel drew a base on balls, but was forced at second, McGill to Larson, on Johnson's grounder. Avery's single advanced Johnson a base and he scored when Lewis threw over Fletcher's head. Pritchard grounded, McGill to Saye. West struck out.

Chicago got its lone tally in this inning and might have had more but for some bad base running. Larson opened with a beautiful two-base hit and went to third on a wild pitch. Matthias struck out, but Dodge singled through the box, scoring Larson. When Fletcher flied to Mercer, Dodge led away off and was easily doubled, Mercer to Pritchard.

During the four succeeding innings the two teams played airtight baseball, but thirteen Indianapolis men and twelve Chicago men going to bat. Fox opened the fifth inning with a single, but was nailed at second when he attempted to steal with the ball in the pitcher's hands. Hamilton singled in the seventh with two out and was left at first.

The fielding features of the game were supplied by Fox, McGill, and Pritchard. W. H. Johnson, who besides being a good ball player is president of the Indiana Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, gave a fine exhibition of backstopping. Wee Willie McGill accepted three chances at second without error. Postscript Fletcher did not have a chance at third, or undoubtedly would be included in the special mention column. The manning of Handsome Griffin was also a conspicuous feature.

Immediately after the ball game the Hoo-Hoo and their ladies, many of whom had entertained themselves about Michigan City rather than swelter at the ball park or approach so dangerously close to the penitentiary, again boarded the [steamer] Theodore Roosevelt and enjoyed a beautiful twilight and moonlight trip homeward to Chicago. On the way they were entertained with music by talented vocalists and with explanations from members of the Chicago team.

That's right. The Chicago players spent part of the trip home making excuses for the loss. I wonder what they said after Game 2, played ten days later in Indianapolis.

Because once again, the Windy City Boys turned in a poor performance, this time getting shellacked 23-3, committing 12 errors, and not scoring their first run until the 7th inning. Let's go back to our reporter, who appears to be making excuses for the Chicagoans:

"Because of the wide difference in the score there was not much excitement, but what the game lacked in excitement was made up in fun. The local team is composed largely of big men who do not often indulge in such exertion as playing ball, most of them being office men. Until noon Monday part of the local team had not reported at their offices for work."

The third and final game was played in Chicago. By then, the Hoosiers had already won the 3-game series, so their incentive to play all-out was not very great. Still, Chicago had to rally from 3 runs down to win 8-4.

A week later the Chicago Cubs won their last World Series title. Perhaps instead of a billy goat, their fans should bring a black cat to Wrigley Field to break the curse...

Although this year they are looking pretty good on their own. Go Hoo-Hoos!



THE LOSERS

Team Chicago

This story first appeared in the blog for the Forest History Society called "Peeling Back the Bark" which explores the collections, acquisitions, and treasures of the Forest History Society. The author, Jamie Lewis, was our keynote speaker during the 2014 HHI Convention in Santa Rosa, California, where he was also concatted into Hoo-Hoo.



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LOCAL CLUBS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF HOO-HOO

I want to give a shout out to all the local club officers and directors who work so hard to keep this thing called Hoo-Hoo alive and moving forward. Truly, the heart of Hoo-Hoo is the local clubs. It takes a team of dedicated local members, club officer and board members to maintain and grow the club's value. Their offered opportunities keep members interested in trading a slice of their valuable personal time for a slice of the value of Hoo-Hoo. The return on the investment of

time in Hoo-Hoo yields an invaluable return, and the local clubs are responsible. Well done!

IT TAKES A TEAM

For a local club to prosper it needs a full board and a diverse age group. When the weight of the responsibilities of running a local Hoo-Hoo Club is dispersed and balanced by many shoulders, it gets lighter and more manageable, and progress is easy. I know this sounds redundant—and it is because it's important—build your local Hoo-Hoo board to its maximum and make sure your future stars are retained and trained. You'll ride the wave of Hoo-Hoo with your toes on the nose if you do!

SNARK TRAVEL

This Snark has been a busy guy! I will complete my official travels with a stop at the Sacramento 109 revival concatenation in Sacramento, California, on July 28; a visit to Winema Club 216 in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on August 11; and finally a chance to celebrate our collective accomplishments at the Hoo-Hoo International Convention in Cairns, Northern Queensland, Australia, in early September. Matter of fact, I may be in Australia by the time this hits your mailbox. I look forward to seeing many Hoo-Hoos there! After having chaired a convention committee, I know how much work it takes which is why I thank this year's chairman Ray Lamari... I love you, man!

An embrace, be it a handshake or a hug, is given in friendship and from the heart. And ultimately, at the heart of Hoo-Hoo, these are the things that matter. I was honored to be serving as Snark when a great club, Sacramento 109, decided to climb back on the board and ride the wave of Hoo-Hoo. The man in the blue is John Taylor, one of the heartbeats that got this dormant club ticking again. On my left (your right), is our good friend Rameses 96 Dave Jones, who was also on hand to concat their rather large litter of kittens. It was a sight to behold! Welcome back Club 109!

TRANSITION

As you know, the LOG & TALLY magazine's Stacey Jones 99678 is stepping away from her responsibilities as editor-in-chief and lone designer and into the position of editor emeritus. With Stacey at the helm, the LOG & TALLY has evolved into a flagship communication piece for Hoo-Hoo is a classy, coffee-table-worthy periodical that everyone looks forward to reading. The quality of Stacey's work is truly amazing and jaw-dropping. On Stacey's watch, the LOG & TALLY always represents Hoo-Hoo with class and style, which is a direct reflection of the classy lady that produces it. The amount of time, effort, passion, heart, sweat, and tears, Stacey contributed over her 20 years as editor is the definition of going the extra mile, and her dedicated work is very much appreciated. Please give her a shout and let her know how much she is appreciated. She's earned a beach chair under a palm tree with warm sand under her toes and cool water nearby. Not to mention, an ice cold rum drink delivered by a cabana boy! Thank You, Stacey!

Your Hoo-Hoo board is working hard to find a new production team for the LOG & TALLY, one that will uphold the high-quality standards of publishing we have enjoyed for so long. It looks like we have found them and they will take over for the 2017 Hoo-Hoo year. We will have more news on that soon.

ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN

Robyn Roose Beckett 99870, HHI's 1st Vice President and a member of Detroit 28, is working on updating our strategic plan to help guide our activities for the upcoming Hoo-Hoo year. Your input is welcome and critical to moving Hoo-Hoo forward. Please let her know what you think. It's your association. What would you like to see from Hoo-Hoo International? Please send your thoughts and ideas to Robyn at BeASpark@gmail.com. We can't catch the Hoo-Hoo wave and get the ride of our lives if we don't paddle out! For a copy of the updated plan please let Beth Thomas know at info@hoo-hoo.org.

HOO-HOO FELLOWSHIP—THE FOUNDATION – THE VALUE

Even though the following was in the last issue, I can not state it enough because the value of Hoo-Hoo often goes unspoken and is understated. With knowledge comes confidence. With confidence, we can promote it! So here you go again! Here comes another wave! Paddle, paddle, paddle... Stand up... Catch the wave... Woo-Hoo, Hoo-Hoo... the ride of your life!

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FROM THE SNARK'S DESK

- Preserves the heritage, history and culture of Hoo-Hoo and the industry
- Preserves the time-tested best practice of doing business face to face on a handshake where your word is your bond.
- Educates the next generation by providing an industry peer group that averages 30+ years of professional industry experience provides and a great opportunity to learn from industry experts.
- Hoo-Hoo is fun. A lot of fun.

CLUB EVENT CALENDARS—CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Soon there will be a new Spark—I mean Snark—taking the helm at Hoo-Hoo International. Two things will help make the transition easier and more effective.

First, please provide the new Snark a calendar of your upcoming club events, even if it's incomplete or informal so that she can plan her travels and travel funds most efficiently.

Second, please send an up-to-date club officer and board of director roster (with a primary contact name) to help her arrange visits and share information.

Email incoming Snark Robyn Beckett at BeASpark999@gmail.com. In the same email, please carbon info@hoo-hoo.org. Thank You! By the way, the new Spark—I mean Snark—likes sparkly things!

FOREST FESTIVAL—YOU'RE INVITED

Gurdon, Arkansas, is not only the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo and the home of our international office and museum, it is also home to Beth Thomas 96757, our world renowned Hoo-Hoo International Executive Secretary. Yes, Gurdon is real and will again host the annual Forest Festival on Saturday, October 30.

The festival is fun-filled and action-packed. We march in the parade, hand out Halloween candy to the kids, judge the Halloween costume contest, and support the town by buying the ham at auction. If you have not been to the Hoo-Hoo Museum, you are truly missing a wonderful time capsule filled with everything Hoo-Hoo and lumber. It is one of the coolest places I have ever been.

In conjunction with the Forest Festival, the Hoo-Hoo board will hold a meeting and all members are welcome—we would love to have you.

We have a room block at DeGray Lake Resort Lodge (501)865-5810 or www.degray.com. You can fly into Little Rock, Arkansas, or Dallas/Ft. Worth and drive. Hope to see you there!

In the meantime, thanks for paddling out and catching the wave with me. It's been a great ride.

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Gathering in Gurdon is always a treat not matter what time of year, but it is even better in late October when your visit can coincide with the town's annual forest festival. The trick is trying to keep up with these Black Cats!

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SNARK ANNOUNCES A DUES INCREASE FOR 2017

After thoughtful discussions and a search for alternative solutions, your HHI board of directors approved a necessary dues increase at the mid-year board meeting on March 5, 2016. It is my hope this article will provide a credible and easily digested explanation for all members and club officers.

Beginning with the 2016/2017 club year there will be a \$10 USD increase in Hoo-Hoo International dues as follows: \$64.99/Renewal, \$69.99/Reinstatement, \$74.99/New Member. For the Life Membership rate, contact the HHI office.

WHY THE INCREASE?

Taking a line from Aerosmith's song *Dream On*, "Where it comes and where it goes", revenue to cover the expenses of HHI is generated primarily by dues and to a smaller extent, donations and the sales of LOG & TALLY advertising. HHI expenses include back office items like administration and payroll, insurance, utilities, professional services, supplies, mailings, website maintenance, software maintenance, building repair and maintenance, to name a few. Other front office expenses include new initiatives, the LOG & TALLY magazine, and other promotional materials.

THERE'S A GOOD NEWS KEY SOLUTION

The best way to increase revenue and stabilize the dues amount is to increase membership. To attract new members, the concept of Hoo-Hoo and fellowship must be better understood, packaged properly, kept current, and expressed frequently, clearly, and thoroughly with passion. To gain traction and members, the Hoo-Hoo value message must be promoted throughout the organization, especially at the local club level.

In an effort to maintain and increase membership for the long run, HHI is focusing on adding value to create a better return for members and a stronger desire for new members to join. HHI is trying to fill your local club tool belts with value-added tools that are efficient, beneficial, and support future membership growth.

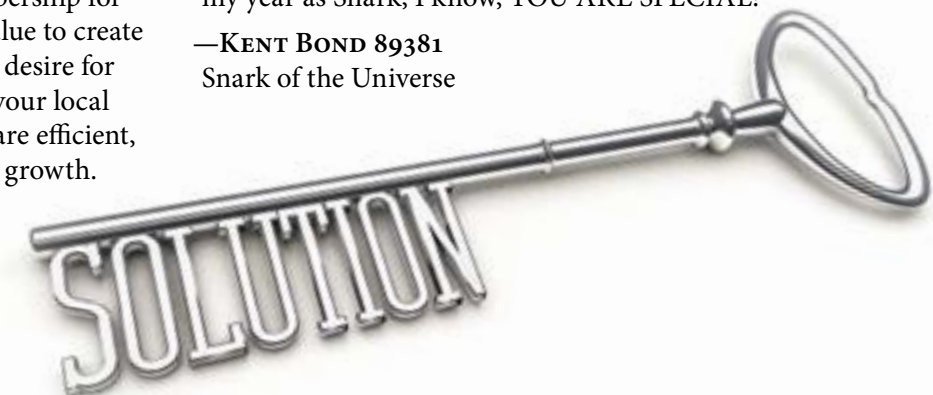
This relatively small increase in dues will help move us forward. That being said, here are a few of the objectives HHI is working on:

1. Updating the website to make it current and interactive, which will make accessing information and paying dues easier.
2. Creating a website template for local clubs to use as a plug-and-play instant website.
3. Updating the tri-fold marketing piece and adding an easily mailed promotional postcard for local clubs to use to recruit new members and sponsors that accurately describes the value that Hoo-Hoo membership and sponsorship provides.
4. Updating the software to provide more information to local clubs.
5. Updating the operations manual to provide accurate and current material for local clubs to use in managing their operations.

Recruiting new members is the key to creating dues revenue that will support the infrastructure of this great Hoo-Hoo organization. Your international board of directors does a stellar job of managing the finances and budget of the organization. While it is challenging at times to try to grow the organization when the budget is tight, we are moving full steam ahead to do it. Your dues and the dues of all members strengthens the organization. Growing our membership will all us opportunity to ride the Hoo-Hoo wave for many generations to come. Hoo-Hoo is the greatest organization on the planet.

Thank you for your support and continued involvement with Hoo-Hoo. It's the people make it special and after my year as Snark, I know, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

—KENT BOND 89381
Snark of the Universe



The Cat Tales



Sharing the News of Hoo-Hoo

HHI— FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

My year as first vice president has been very exciting. A spark has been lit in the hearts of Hoo-Hoo and I wish to celebrate and congratulate:

—Kent Bond for his never-ending leadership and encouragement. He has worked diligently for the organization he holds dear to his heart. Kent, you are my inspiration!

—Committee chairs and members for setting the goals and objectives that will carry us forward in a positive motion for years to come.

—Sacramento Club 109 for showing us how it is done! Reinstatements and forty-three new kittens? Now that's how to sparkle!!!

—Stacey Jones for your years of creative service, experience, and insight. We will miss you as our loyal editor of the LOG & TALLY, but know you will continue to be close by for those Hoo-Hoo emergencies! LOL!

I thank every Hoo-Hoo member who ignited the spark of Hoo-Hoo

in the heart of another this year. This organization has so much to offer and great potential to support those in the forest products industry. Step up and be counted!

Lastly, I wish to invite you to the Forest Festival in Gurdon, Arkansas, the home of Hoo-Hoo. This year the dates are October 28–30. Contact Beth Thomas at info@hoo-hoo.org for details.

There are two awesome events will take place over the weekend that you do not want to miss:

1. My first official HHI Board of Directors' meeting as Snark of the Universe. Exciting!

2. Welcoming R67 Dave Marteney L-65075 as the new Seer of the House of Ancients. This is a very rare event, and all Hoo-Hoo members are welcome to be a part of the ceremony. The current Seer, R62 Wade Cory L-72945, will step down from this important position due to health reasons, so please join me in hoping he has restored health leading to happiness and a long life!

Be a spark and light up others to support the forest products industry through Hoo-Hoo!

Respectfully submitted,
—ROBYN ROOSE BECKETT 99870
HHI Vice President

12 – DETROIT CLUB 28

It's true. Detroit is a "copy-cat club" and couldn't be more proud. When Guy Marzano 100754 from the Twin Cities 12 presented their project for the Club Activity Award at the 2015 HHI Convention in Minnesota, a spark ignited in Detroit!

The GAP (Graduate and Prosper) program for teens was designed to take students from a local high school and expose them to the forest products industry during a day-long field trip. Jim Maicki 86469 and I (Batman & Robyn) began to brainstorm on how we could mimic this in Michigan. With Guy's help, we did just that on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

The Detroit Club invited 43 students and two teachers from the Livonia Career and Technology Center to a day centered on our industry opportunities. Detroit 28 was joined by three area Hoo-Hoo supporting companies that hosted



Detroit 28 wanted to fill a GAP, too, after learning about the program at last year's convention. At one of our mentor stops, students listened as Mike Barbas from Premier Panel taught about how wall panels are designed and built.



"Batman and Robyn" (aka Jim Maicki and Robyn Roose Beckett) kneeling on far right, with the students from the Livonia Career and Technical Center.

these students for tours of their facilities. They were M.C. Guthrie Lumber Company and Premier Panel both in Livonia, and Jim Mackie Distribution Center in Romulus.

The students started at M.C. Guthrie Lumber, where they were exposed to different areas of operations such as dispatch, yard operations, sales, millwork, accounting, and credit management. The owners, Mel Guthrie 91591, Bill Guthrie 101097, and Sharon Galliker (a kitten hopefully soon) informed the students on the history of their company and made everyone feel welcomed. We then divided the students up into three groups and gave them a fearless leader (Dan Herbeck, Elizabeth Witkowski, and Matthew McLaughlin) who kept everyone on track. At each station, the students learned about that particular area and the job opportunities available.

Next, they took a tour of a specialty manufacturing company—Premier Panel. There the students were exposed to what it takes to run a specialized business. They were

able to watch from start to finish the process of making wall panels and see how they get used in construction.

Lunch was at an area park where boxed lunches from Deluxe Sweet Treats, a company recommended by our own John George 100927. The break gave everyone time to relax and ask a few questions.

To finish the day, the students went to Jim Mackie Distribution Center. Jim, aka Batman himself, led this tour. This stop introduced students to the decisions a wholesaler makes on what products to stock and sell to a retail customer and how items are sold, packaged, and delivered. They had time to examine the product line and learn the difference between hardwood, composite, and softwoods. They enjoyed the playing with the flexible moldings that bend and fit in almost any area. Very cool!

The goals of this day were:

- to increase area high school graduation rates by encouraging students to finish school, work hard, and succeed

- to help encourage students to pursue a career in the forest products industry after graduation

- to give participating companies a pool of young people to offer open positions

- to give the students the experience of completing an employment application and applying for summer internships (if interested and available)

We are happy to report that five of the 43 students were interviewed for open positions and given jobs at Premier Panel. Their Operations Manager, Tim Oliver, was thrilled to have these students join his team, and he is working closely with Tim Martin, a teacher at the Livonia Career and Technology Center, to make this an annual event. Both Tims are excited to work together!

The day couldn't have gone better, and the results were more than we had hoped or imagined. We not only made a lasting impression on these students but had fun interacting with them. Each student completed a survey at the end of

the tour, and every student but one had positive remarks. His reason? “That lady sure was loud!” he reported. I wonder to whom the student was referring? The local newspaper picked up the story and helped spread the word of what the Detroit Hoo-Hoo Club 28 was doing to help their community.

We thank Guy and Twin Cities Club 12 for introducing us to this program. Detroit Club 28 challenges all clubs in Hoo-Hoo to do the same. Open the eyes of these young people to the world of lumber. We need to train the next generation to keep the forest products industry growing strong.

Detroit Club 28 will be hosting our annual Lumbermen’s Christmas Party on Monday, December 5, at the Dearborn Inn from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will be honoring and presenting the Star of Hoo-Hoo to a very deserving member, but shhh, I must keep it a secret at this time. You don’t want to miss it—Jack Miller 95025, Harry Folsom 13; Dave Siwek 93438, Twin Cities 12; Paul Todd 99500, Atlanta 1; Kent Bond 89381 and Cindy Bond 100841, Black Bart 181; Ron Gattone 99428 and Heather Gattone 100067, Sydney 215; and Mary O’Meara Moynihan 96802, Twin Cities 12! Any other curious Hoo-Hoos are invited to join us, too!!! It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Health, Happiness and Long Life.

BE A SPARK!

Respectfully submitted,

—**ROBYN ROOSE BECKETT 99870**
HHI Vice President

—**JIM MAICKI 86469, S9 J-II**
Club 28 Treasurer

HHI— JURISDICTION III

New Growth Rings: Please help me welcome newly appointed Deputy Supreme 9 Terry Haddix to the leadership of J-III. We have had the good fortune to have her in support roles as secretary, and currently, president of the Portland Club. We are excited and thankful for her continued passion and interest in our amazing organization.

Together, Terry and I plan to expand the support network within J-III. By adding more Deputy Supreme Nines to the jurisdiction, we will develop a support structure that can best serve the needs of our clubs. So, if you are a member of J-III and would like to join us in the role of Deputy S9, we’d like to talk with you.

Membership in J-III has grown this year, and we continue to search for additional quality individuals to join our ranks. Exciting things are coming up, and we would like to share them with others. The Pacific Northwest will be well represented at the convention Cairns in September. We have more things to celebrate like hosting the 2017 International Convention in Seattle. We know Club 34 will do a great job.

Until then, we look forward to seeing you down under or down the road around our jurisdiction. We are making plans to get out and visit the clubs in J-III soon.

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—**MICHAEL CLOTHIER**
Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction III

J3 – WILLAMETTE VALLEY CLUB 33

Willamette Valley Club 33 held their annual golf tournament June 3 at Shadow Hills Country Club. Over 60 golfers paid to enter the tournament and 58 of those played. The golf gods were kind, and the sky was blue all day making it very pleasant for the 9:00 AM shotgun start. Everyone had a great time on the course. However, we shall keep the scores a secret! All golfers had their choice of a nice duffle bag or a backpack as their tee prize. The bags went like hotcakes!

After golf, Shadow Hills Country Club (SHCC) put on a terrific hamburger barbecue with all the trimmings (that included a HUGE cookie for dessert). Board member Pat Meyers presented the local area Special Olympics with a check from Club 33 for \$3000. Accepting the check was golf coach Pat Church and athletic director, Austin Simmons. Austin’s brother and mother were also guests of Club 33.

The first place team received \$400 in cash while second place earned \$200 for their fine (or lucky) efforts. Fifty dollar SHCC Pro Shop gift certificates got awarded to the golfers with the longest drive and closest-to-the-pin shots on both sides of the course. Certificates also were given to each woman golfer.

A host of nice prizes got raffled off. This year, instead of the traditional 43” HD TV, the club gave \$250 cash as the grand prize (since the secretary forgot to buy the TV!). Many thanks to the sponsors for their contributions. Their support provides the financial backbone for the club’s business each year.

Congratulations are to board member Mark Grube who retired from Zip-O-Log Mills on July 22. Since Mark graduated from Oregon State University, he has held a host of positions in the forest products industry; most recently as sales manager for Zip-O. We pass on our best to you and Teresa.

Respectfully submitted by—
Ye Olde Scribe (*until they find a replacement*)

— **ARCHIE B. BROWN**

J3 – TACOMA-OLYMPIA CLUB 89

Summer’s been filled with days of sunshine. Clear skies have become our ‘normal’ weather!

When I received my last LOG & TALLY, I started reading the issue with Stacey’s column. I learned she would be stepping down as editor and designer of the magazine at the end of the year. Stacey does such an amazing job of rounding up all the information, coming up with interesting articles and ads and then putting it all into a worthwhile publication. You will be impossible to replace Miss Stacey, but I wish you all the best, and I will work hard to build a new relationship with whoever tries to fill those very large shoes.

We held our elections meeting on Tuesday, June 7. Welcome to all of our officers and board members including Vicegerent: Bergy Bergstrom, President: Mike Hinthorne, Vice President: Jim Miller, Secretary/Treasurer: Terry Hammerschmith and board members: Nancy Brown, Donita Clothier, Mike Clothier, Joe Hammerschmith, Chad Dagais, and Bob Dagais. The

officers and board members get installed at our October general meeting.

Club 89’s 5th Annual Mel Smeder Memorial Golf Tournament took place on Friday, June 24, at the Eagles Pride Golf Course. Co-hosts of the tournament were Mike Hinthorne and Tim McEntee. We had a good sized group of golfers who played, as well as the following hole sponsorships: Alta Forest Products, Al Meier, Arrow Lumber, Columbia Bank, IWP, Manke Lumber, Matheus Lumber, Pape Material Handling, RFP, Screw Products, Starboard Door, Two Five Trees, and Weyerhaeuser. A big thank you to all of our hole sponsors.

Our Building Materials Sale was a three-day event that took place over Friday, July 8 (set-up), Saturday, July 9 (sale), and Sunday, July 10 (pick-up until noon and clean-up). This event is the largest fundraiser for the club each year. We ask for donations from companies of material that we can sell to the public. Club members man the sales floor and strike up deals with customers. We returned to our previous location at Evergreen Lutheran High School this year. The club gives the school a donation for allowing the use of their large parking lot for the sale.

To keep our busy summer going we had our annual picnic at Mike Hinthorne’s house on Saturday, August 6. We followed that up with “A Day at the Races” at Emerald Downs on Saturday, August 20.

Wishing all of you
Health, Happiness, and Long Life!

Respectfully submitted,

—**TERRY HAMMERSCHMITH**
Secretary/Treasurer

J3 – WINEMA CLUB 216

June is the month we hold our election for board directors and officers. This year we had no officers nominated. Our new board, to be installed at our August meeting, is filled with all past presidents. These dedicated members include; Richard McCullough, Jon Hawthorne, Denny Holl, Leland Koepke, and Ron Loveness. Ken Dunn will remain as our Vicegerent Snark and Paul Wunder as our secretary/treasurer. We can’t seem to get any younger folks to run for office.

July was a great meeting with 57 members and guests on hand to enjoy our annual steak barbecue. The meeting was in downtown Klamath Falls on the bank of the Link River. It was a beautiful evening and a wonderful setting for our barbecue.

The meeting had its usual raffles and speeches, but the highlight was the presentation of Stars of Hoo-Hoo to two of our long-time members. Ron Loveness, who is our only living charter member, was given the first star. Ron has worked on the annual Klamath County-OSU sixth grade forestry tour for 50 years; has organized and manned the Hoo-Hoo Station pretty much from the start; is a



Ken Dunn (center) the Vicegerent Snark for Winema Club 216 awarded deserved Stars of Hoo-Hoo to Ron Loveness (left) and longtime Secretary/Treasurer Paul Wunder (right).

two-time club president, and has been on the board several times. The second star was presented to Paul Wunder, who has been on the Winema board of directors for 30 (or more) years; served as president for one term; and has been the club's secretary/treasurer for over 20 years. What an honor it is to receive this award.

Respectfully submitted,
—PAUL WUNDER
Secretary/Treasurer

J4 – MT. GAMBIER CLUB 214

The Purrer, Mt. Gambier's internal Hoo-Hoo newsletter, reports that the club did not have a July meeting with so many members away. Instead, they met on August 8, at the Southgate Motel where Kelvin Moreland provided the club with a presentation on the restoration of the historic log truck at the Umpherston Cave Hoo-Hoo Pavilion. Our club works quietly on the Pavillion and is excited that progress moves the Touchscreen Project forward. It will be an excellent addition to the educational qualities the Pavillion provides the community.

There will be no September meeting because of the HHI Convention in Cairns September 9–13, 2016. The annual J-IV convention will be in conjunction with the international meeting. It announced that our Mt. Gambier will receive the J-IV Club Activity Award for contribution to the Railway Lands Adventure Playground last year.

In other club news, we congratulate Val and Slim Fennell for their winning of the Australian Forest Contractor Award. A nice honor.

It's been reported that five J-IV clubs have purchased Stars of Hoo-Hoo adding to J-IV revenue. These limited edition, attractive, and meaningful awards were design and funded by Rameses 101 Ron Gattone as a means of sharing the Hoo-Hoo spirit while raising operational funds for J-IV and HHI.

Speaking of Ron Gattone, the Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship is back up and running after applications dried up over the last few years. Including Ron, two other trustees, Pieter Verlinden and Brian Page, worked hard to refresh the fellowship program and increased the value of an award up to \$5,000. Their confidence that it would attract quality candidates came to fruition when they received a request for consideration from Judy Barnett for monies to attend the Wood Solutions 2016 European Study Tour. The trustees were very pleased to award the full \$5000 to Judy who is a member and past secretary/treasurer of Adelaide Club 212 and runs her own business—Cadet Timber Design.

The fellowship money helped underwrite the costs of the tour and included a promise to provide further assistance upon her return for additional travel expenses in Australia. Judy's studies include investigating the use of advanced timber engineering (eg cross laminated timber) and related large-scale timber components. Judy is very enthusiastic and concerned that architects and designers are not considering the use of advanced timber construction for high-rise building, particularly in Adelaide. We know she will be an excellent speaker at our club after her fellowship.

The NLMF trustees hope the new model of receiving applications, and the success of Judy and her outcomes, will get NLMF up and going well again. After some time without applicants, renewed interest is there for J-IV Hoo-Hoo clubs and the timber and forest industries to fund worthy people seeking to further their forest products knowledge.

Finally, we are most saddened by the passing of a most valued club member and past president, Colin Moreland 92558. Colin and Raylee have attended many international conventions in years past and both are highly respected here and abroad. His lovely funeral service and celebration of a great life was attended by many of our members and partners. We are proud to have called him a brother and friend.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life
Respectfully submitted,

— BRIAN PAGE 82335
Mt. Gambier Purrer Editor

HHI – JURISDICTION VI

Did you hear it? A clear message is resonating around the lumber industry in Jurisdiction VI—Hoo-Hoo is alive and well! In fact, the message should say it is growing by leaps and bounds!

I can remember a few years back when the recession took members like wildfire (a bad word in California right now). My club, Southern California 117, lost half its strength while Humboldt 63 and Black Bart 181 didn't fair much better. As it stands today, Club 117 will surpass 100 members with the upcoming concat in October; Black Bart Club 181 is over 80 members and

growing; and Humboldt Club 63 is holding their own at 60-plus. With the addition of Sacramento 109 in July, Jurisdiction VI will exceed 260 faithful, dues paying members.

This growth factor is one I have not seen in my 30-plus years as a member. All members of J-VI—and Hoo-Hoo, in general—should be proud. This growth did not come automatically; it came with a change within the clubs themselves. J-VI clubs are still very social gatherings, but with the added emphasis on designated speaker meetings, charities of all descriptions, and word of mouth—new prospective members now come to us asking to join. All jurisdictions, and clubs within them, should take note of this progress, and, if not doing so now, should add industry speakers to your meetings and increase your charitable work.

I'm trying to accomplish a couple of things for next year's LOG & TALLY magazine. Please fellow S9s, club presidents, club secretaries, and members-at-large, send me all information about members, past or present, that are veterans of the United States military. Your information should include: name, the branch of service, years of service, and decorations received. Please be sure to note special decorations of Bronze Star and above. We know our members have served more than just the industry. We look to honor them for their greater service to their country as well.

On a final note, we would like to continue the acknowledgment of your club's charity work. Please email me at nicholson.men@gmail.com so I can update the list of com-

munity support. Please make note of all new projects.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life
—MICHAEL NICHOLSON
Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction VI

J6 – HUMBOLDT CLUB 63

Humboldt 63 has had a great year so far! We already reported that our crab feed in January was a huge success, despite a long delay in the season opening. The industry attendance was up and everyone had a crab-filling good time. Louis Goselin was honored as the Lumberman of the Year and enjoyed a fun night with family, friends, and fellow Hoo-Hoo members.

The club has experienced some internal changes that coincided with Rich Giaccone's retirement from Humboldt Redwood Company on May 13. At the board meeting in June, Rich Graham was voted in as the new Club 63 president. Rich Giaccone moves to vice president and Rhiannon Wood will serve as the new secretary/treasurer. Although Rich Giaccone supposedly retired (from Humboldt Redwood at least) he can't seem to stay out of the



Snark Kent was able to join Humboldt Club 63's board of directors when they held their election of officers. Seated on the right is Rich Giaccone who stepped back as longtime club president handing the gavel to Rich Graham. Peeking from behind the Snark is the club's new secretary, Rhiannon Wood.

industry and begin working part time at Western Woods on June 7 as an outside customer service representative. The shortest retirement in history!

The Humboldt Hoo-Hoo "Behind the Redwood Curtain" Golf Tournament was held at Baywood Golf and Country Club on August 5. We welcomed locals, out-of-town golfers, and industry friends at a pre-tournament cocktail party on August 4. We could tell that the wood business is finally recovered because although enthusiasm was high, attendance was lower this year with many regulars hard at work and not taking the day off to goof, I mean golf. Our thanks to those who did come play and we look forward to seeing more of you back at Baywood next year!

Respectfully submitted,
—RHIANNON WOOD
Secretary/Treasurer

J6 – SACRAMENTO CLUB 109

In the last LOG & TALLY magazine, there was an article entitled "Sac is Back", highlighting the efforts to revive the old Sacramento Club 109. Not only are we back, but we also have serious momentum!

The first concatenation of the newly revived club was held Thursday, July 28, at Club Pheasant in West Sacramento. Thirty-six new kittens were inducted. Vicegerent Snark, John Taylor believes the last concatenation was over 18 years ago. "It was a proud moment when President Jerry Dennis and Jeff Squires (Sergeant-at-Arms) helped me to hang the club banner above the Degree Team table," John said.



New Sacramento Club 109 president Jerry Dennis received his president's pin from John Taylor during the club's first official meeting and concat in well more than a decade.

The evening started in traditional Hoo-Hoo fashion with libation, friendship, and excitement as the kittens and members arrived. Soon the kittens were escorted out of the room and Rameses 96 Dave Jones opened the Secret Suitcase. Snark Kent Bond and Vice President Pat Zan prepared the table standards and scripts.

Members of the Degree Team included: Snark Kent Bond, Dave Dahlen, Jeff Squires, Sandy Zan, Rich Giaccone, Dave Jones, Jim Lewman, Brandon Bruce, John Taylor and Pat Zan. The Cat Tamers were Mike Stone and George Hammann.

After the induction of the kittens, John Taylor led the ceremony to install the club's new officers and directors which included: President – Jerry Dennis; Vice President – Pat Zan; Treasurer – Karsten Vardas; Sergeant-at-Arms – Jeff Squires; and Directors – Jay Bishop, Rich Giaccone, and Stephanie Navarra.

Dinner was served and was followed by a general session club meeting.

As a further testament to the club's momentum, the Sacto 109 Silver Dollar Golf Open is August 19 at Alta Sierra Country Club.

In October, we've scheduled an educational meeting featuring a guest speaker from Cal Fire to discuss current building codes.

Social committees continue to build and planning is already underway for the first annual Valentines Day Dinner Dance this February.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life
Respectfully submitted by

—JOHN TAYLOR

J6 –BLACK BART CLUB 181

Well, which do you want? The good news or the bad news first? Okay, the bad. Compounding years of drought have dried the California landscape into tinderbox conditions, and we are facing another season of potentially devastating wildfires. Yep, that's the bad news, but we hold out hope that predictions are wrong.

We have sadly seen first hand what wildfires can do to communities, but even with the heartbreak that comes to those who have lost everything, there are good news stories that rise from the ashes.

That leads us to the next part of our story. We want to share what's going on (and going up) in neighboring Lake County's Middletown since the devastating Valley Fire a year ago.

Much has been happening by way of rebuilding this decimated small town. Many homes and businesses are currently under reconstruction. The most fortunate were able to move back into their homes untouched by fire, but for hundreds of others (who lost their homes and are living with relatives and

friends), it's been a long, hard, emotional roller coaster to get their lives back in order.

Home permits have been pulled, and deliveries from lumber yards like ours go out on the daily basis to the hard-hit areas. The community (and its neighbors) has stepped up in an all out effort to make this place home again for many.

Middletown happens to be one of the poorest towns in the US, and many people have no hope of getting back on their feet without help. There are a lot of great organizations and community members that have come to the aid of such people.

In my job, I work with customers in Northern California's wine country. I hear stories about the efforts to rebuild fire ravaged areas from our contractors that come though our lumber yard here in St. Helena. One of those contractors is Ron Priest, a giving man who has donated time and talents to help build schools and churches around the world. He told me that he and a handful of other contractors here in the wealthy Napa Valley spend their Saturdays working on homes for people who lost everything in the fires. These folks don't have the



The sooty remains of a home destroyed by last year's Middletown fire show the sad consequence of roaring wildfires. Middletown is rebuilding and will be better than ever with help.

resources to get back to where they were before this horrible tragedy. I was touched by the work being done in the name of humanity.

On a recent Saturday, inspired by their efforts, I joined them. We worked on three different homes in three different phases. We poured concrete on one home. Down the street, we set anchor bolts and other hold downs in preparation for an inspection and later another concrete pour. Across the way, we snapped lines where the walls are going to be in the house. I had a blast! I learned so much and got to work with contractors I have known for years. I gained valuable knowledge and have built a deeper relationship with my customers. I met a few of the people the homes are for, and Man, are they thankful. It won't be long until many of the still displaced families can return to the place they once called home.

In this industry, we are given opportunities to have a hand in building not just houses, but homes, for our nearest and dearest. Being a part of Black Bart Hoo-Hoo, we are given opportunities through our many events throughout the year to build reputable and lasting relationships. Those relationships have the potential to turn into a powerful dynamic that help breed the success you are looking for. For those that make it to the events, they have seen the advantages of coming together. But for those who don't, you should see what you are missing. Aside from the professional benefits attained, it's always a great time and fun to connect (or reconnect) with friends that share the same love for the industry.

On August 12, at the Ukiah Rifle & Pistol Club, we held our annual Clay Shoot and other games of precision accuracy. I will report on the details in my next report. However, in the meantime, and if guns aren't your thing, then maybe you'd like to participate in the Club 181 Golf Tournament on October 7 at the Ukiah Municipal Golf Course? You know we love the usual suspects and thank you for all your support. We'd also love to see newcomers, so bring a potential member who likes having fun and taking advantage of great opportunities. We hope to see you there. Yes, I mean YOU... and your FRIEND!

In the meantime, pray for rain.

—JESSICA BRUZZONE 101333
Publicity Chair

HHI—JURISDICTION VIII

As I write this my last Supreme Nine article for J-VIII, I am returning from a trip to the Boston area that included some fun in the sun with some great Hoo-Hoo friends. Jack & Rita Miller, along with Joe & Trish Burgoyne, allowed this midwest boy a chance to enjoy Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard with them. Next up was the Hoo-Hoo fishing trip off Plumb Island hosted by Harry L. Folsom Club 13 followed by a wonderful meal prepared by Kevin Barlow, his mother, Joyce, and Rita Miller. I am just so thankful to Hoo-Hoo, and the friendships Lisa and I have made, that make a trip like this possible!

As I step off the International board, I am being replaced by a very capable person in Paul Boehmer. Not only does he have a lot of contacts



Deep friendships are forged in Hoo-Hoo. Dave Siwek knows what value those friendships have brought to his life and says thanks as he steps down from the international board (for now). One person he thanks, in particular, is his mentor, pal, and fellow Twin Cities member, Ron Paul.

throughout the industry, but he is also a hell of a nice guy with a lot to offer HHI. As I told Smurf last year, I plan on being back on the International Board. Heck, I might even aim to be Snark in 2028, when I turn 65!

During my time on the board, I met many people who have a tremendous commitment to Hoo-Hoo. These members have inspired me over the years. I am grateful for their desire to support HHI and our industry. HHI has come a long way since I joined 30 years ago. We have become more professional, more supportive in our communities, and our industry. We have gotten serious about our commitment to our youth through the teachers' tours, Project Learning Tree seminars, and the newly introduced GAP program which shows different industry opportunities to high school aged students figuring out their future. There's the Evans Lake Camp that the Vancouver Club has committed thousands of dollars and man hours to, along with the countless other projects that our clubs do all around the world.

With all great things that we have done to upgrade our image, why do we continue to lose membership? Have we not done enough to improve our image? Is it our name? Should we do more to recruit younger members? How do we compete with all the other options out there for our current and potential membership?

If you have some answers to these questions or ideas to improve HHI, then PLEASE get involved. Go to meetings, join the board, pass out our new brochures to someone in the industry, invite a friend to a meeting, do something! We can no longer just sit back and watch our numbers dwindle—we have a great message to share for years to come. Let's support and promote it!

Over the years I have heard some great ideas to increase membership. We have tried most of them, but none are as simple or effective as bringing at least one person to every meeting and getting at least one of *those* guests each year to join! We can double our membership that easy.

New members are great, but almost as important is retaining and reinstating current members. I think history shows that we lose nearly half of our new members after the first year. Perhaps each club could start a program where a current member becomes a kitten's sponsor/mentor and make sure that new member is getting their invitations to upcoming events, introduces them to other members, and helps make them feel comfortable in the club. As far as reinstatements, we need to get those former members

to a meeting. Give them a brochure and remind them of the great things that we are doing in Hoo-Hoo. You'll be surprised that many former members have no idea of what the current clubs are doing.

As I reflect back on my years on the International Board, I think the most valuable thing I've gained through Hoo-Hoo is the network of friendships. I have been able to make contacts in our industry throughout the world! Because of Hoo-Hoo, I better understand how business works outside the four walls of my families business. I have learned from others and share my experience with fellow members. That alone is valuable, but the best part comes from the personal relationships that grow from these contacts. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article these contacts, these distant members from other clubs, have turned into some of my greatest friends!

There are a few more great people I want to acknowledge before I sign off. First, I thank my father, Joe Siwek, for inviting me to join Hoo-Hoo. I thank Rameses 102 Mary Beth Moynihan for getting me on our local board. And finally, I thank Ron Paul, my Hoo-Hoo friend, and mentor, for inviting me to join the International Board and was there to help me every step of the way,

Health, Happiness and Long Life
—DAVE SIWEK 93438
Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction VIII

J2 – TWIN CITIES CLUB 12

Greetings and salutations from the Twin Cities. Late-summer is upon



Winners of the highly coveted majestic trophy at the Twin Cities annual Memorial Golf Tournament were (L-R)Curt Wright, Mike Kielsa, Doug Wright, Brad Overby].

us and excitement is brewing for the upcoming convention (and this year it does not include us hurriedly preparing as host club!)

Since the last LOG & TALLY, we've been busy. We held a spring event with guest speaker Bobby Jensen from our local TV station. Then, in early June, we held the annual Memorial Golf Tournament & Picnic. It was a beautiful day and the course was in good condition. New this year was a Charity Hole (closest to the pin) and Charles McMahon took home honors of awarding \$500 to the charity of his choosing paid out by the club. It is always fun to cross paths and connect at these events—thanks to the participants and sponsors that make it possible.

This spring we also arranged the second Graduate & Prosper (GAP) tour for local high school students to visit local businesses related to lumber and building product distribution/manufacturing. A new stop this year was a local post-secondary school (Dunwoody College of Technology) highlighting program options and scholarship funds ready for those willing to study and work hard, stay in school and graduate.

Summer in the upper Midwest means things are busy in our “building season” (as the snow's finally melted). The bad part is we are already more than halfway to Christmas! In the meantime... there is nothing but sun on the horizon as club members finish packing for the upcoming 124th HHI Convention in Cairns, Australia, this September. For us Minnesotians, “breaking the ice” with fellow Hoo-Hoos down under in tropical Cairns sounds most appealing.

In getting ready for the convention, I have some inside information about some of our favorite Aussie Black Cats and I want to test your knowledge. Match each set of questions with its author and pick which of the three “answers” listed under each contestant is false. Winners see me (when our paths cross next) to claim their prize.

The four possible sources listed below are:

1. Harvey Strack L-84754
2. Pieter Verlinden 92501
3. Heather Gattone 100067
4. R97 Ray Lamari 97512

CONTESTANT A

- a. I am a retired timber yard and truss plant owner
- b. I make bikinis for modeling
- c. I am an Australian citizen

CONTESTANT B

- a. I have been married to Margaret for 60 years
- b. It is a long distance from Perth, W.A. to Minneapolis
- c. The AMTRACK train from L.A. to Chicago was “on time”

CONTESTANT C

- a. My Scottish family history goes back as far as Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland
- b. I met, in the late sixties just as they were starting out, The Bee Gees
- c. I drive a Rolls Royce convertible

CONTESTANT D

- a. I played drums for Billy Joel
- b. My real name is Lucio Orazio
- c. I used to perm and streak my shoulder length blonde hair in the 80's

In closing, I want to take a moment to recognize two things. First, given my tenure in Hoo-Hoo is not 20 years (yet), I have only had the pleasure of only working with LOG & TALLY designer and editor Stacey Douglas Jones for the last few years. She has set the bar very high on this world-class, international publication and I consider it everyone's responsibility to see that the bar remain high. Job well done, Stacey!

Secondly, I would like to pass along hearty and heartfelt Hoo-Hoo congratulations to Mr. Harvey Strack, and his lovely bride of 60 years, Margaret! They reached this magnificent milestone on June 4. As you would say in Western Australia, “Good on ya, mate!” (So yes—to those of you participating in my quiz, you just figured out one of the four people on the above quiz!) All the best to Harvey and Margaret for many years to come!

And to all members and friends of Hoo-Hoo, may I wish you as well, continued Health, Happiness, and Long Life

—JOHN P. GERLACH 100500
President, Twin Cities Club 12

J2 – WISCONSIN HOO-HOO CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

On June 21, 2016, Jeff Cain and Jennifer (Cain) Ours, now members-at-large (formerly Ben F. Springer Club 35) celebrated 20 years of environmental education at Bong Recreation State Park. This year, eighteen teachers were part of a week-long learning intensive and participated in Project Learning Tree to become presenters for their classrooms and local schools.

Deeply committed to the PLT program, Hoo-Hoo member and former Supreme Nine, Jeff Cain, became a state facilitator back in 1996. His daughter, Jennifer, became a state facilitator later that same year at the age of 15. To date, they have provided their services, in accordance with the Wisconsin Department Natural Resources Education Division, to help over 500 teachers become presenters and have met with well over 5000 students to bring the outdoors into the classrooms.

Signature activities taught throughout the day-long workshop include: Web of Life, Water Wonders, Get in Touch with Trees, and more. Jeff and Jennifer will be teaching at least one more educator workshop this summer to provide instructional resources to before and after school coordinators and counselors. Join us in congratulating these two for their commitment to the forest products industry.

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Detroit Club 28 · Topinabee, MI

Gordon Graham, 93, of Topinabee, Michigan, passed away July 13, 2016, at the Hospice House in Cheboygan.

Born in 1922, one of 10 children, he grew up in Pennsylvania. He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1943 and fought in both the European and North African theaters. He remained active in the VFW serving as Post Commander in 2001-02. He wrote many articles for the local paper and raised funds for their post home.

In January 1946 he began what would be a 36 year career with Johns-Manville. After several positions in the Cleveland District office he was transferred to Detroit, where he had a successful career in the Building Products Division till he retired in 1982.

Gordon's interest in history also extended to Hoo-Hoo where he immersed himself in the study of a sub-Hoo-Hoo order called the Osirian Cloister.

He was preceded in death by June, his wife of 66 years.

RONALD L. MERMAN 100371

Winema Club 216 · Klamath Falls, OR

Ron Merman, passed away in Medford, Oregon, on May 8, 2016, at the age of 78. Born in Los Angeles on June 22, 1937, Ron grew up to become a builder. He installed underground utilities in California before moving to the Klamath Basin in 1973, to begin his contracting career. Besides Hoo-Hoo, Ron was a charter member of the Bonanza Lions Club, and the Order of the Antelope. He enjoyed hunting and golf with his friends and most of all he enjoyed time with his family.

COLIN MORELAND 92558

Mt. Gambier Club 214

Colin Moreland passed away on June 25, 2016. Born in New Zealand on 7 May, 1942, Colin came to Mount Gambier shortly after the Ash Wednesday Fire. Colin and family grew their business over time into a leading and respected logging firm. He joined Hoo-Hoo in 1987 and was a past Club 214 board member and past president. He and his family restored the logging truck in the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion at Umpherston Cave which remains an outstanding memorial to our local logging industry and to Colin. Our sincere commiserations go to Raylee Moreland 97581 and family.

JUDY SMITH 97863

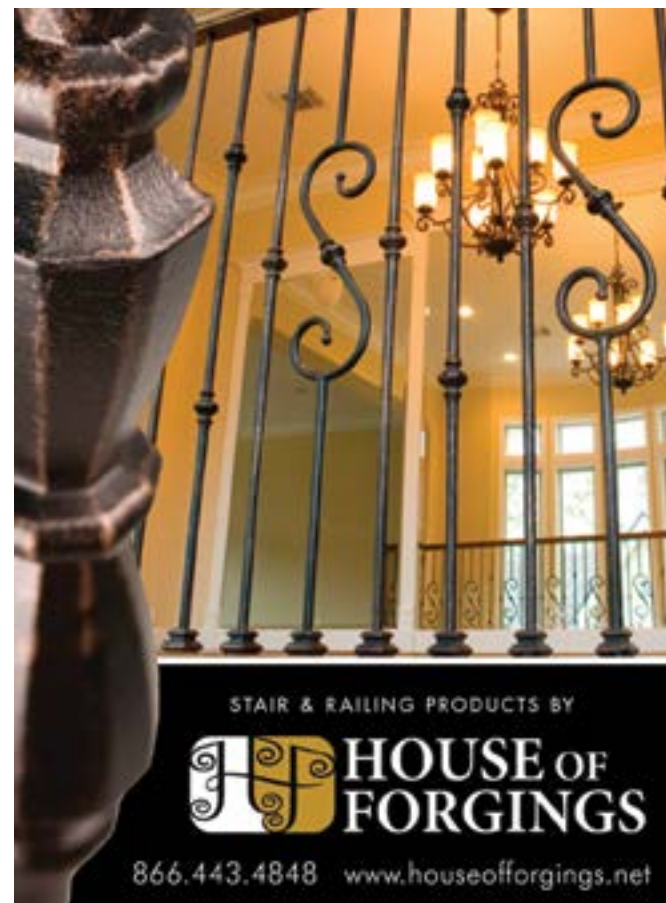
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Judy joined Club 214 in 1996 and was involved with her husband Brian Smith 97864 at Brian Smith Transport Pty. Ltd. a company heavily involved in transporting wood based product including chip, much to the export market through the Port of Portland. Judy was very involved in the office in accounting and running the company. She is survived by loving husband Brian.

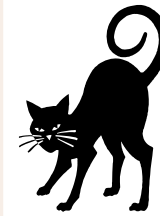
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Tacoma Olympia Club 89

At age 85, Ross Tolles died at home on June 16, 2016. A graduate of University of Puget Sound, Ross played on the school's first tennis team and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Ross worked as a sales representative for Weyerhaeuser, retiring after 42 years. The military was an important part of Ross' life, as he spent two years in the Army during the Korean War. Military Honors were part of his memorial service. He is survived by his wife Dolores, and their family.



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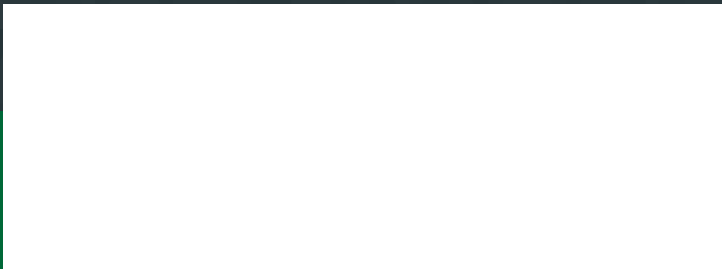
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