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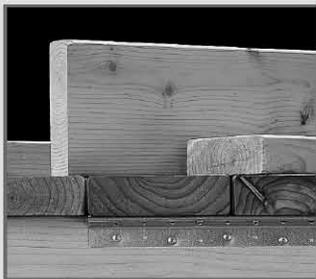
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FROM THE EDITOR

In our quest to associate with associations, Hoo-Hoo has been enjoying making exciting new in-roads into an unexplored territory of opportunity. The potential pool of members is amazing and the possibility of overlapping membership is intriguing.

When Dave Jones was Snark, he saw the potential of sharing the Order with industry associations. As a past president of the Lumber Association of California and Nevada and a long time member of the Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181, Dave shared his dual memberships with a handful of others and is proud of both. Knowing some Harry L. Folsom members were in good with the Northeastern Retail Lumber Association, two of the kittens who joined during the convention in New Hampshire two years ago were Bethany Sawyer and Rita Ferris, both employees of NRLA. Now one of those kittens has risen to the top of her profession.

New England Member Chosen for Top Job

"I'm pleased to announce that after a lengthy search process, we have chosen Rita Ferris to be the next president of our association," announced Lang Durfee, NRLA Chairman. "After 6 weeks of advertising, 3 weeks of reviewing the nearly 60 resumes, hundreds of phone calls, e-mails and conversations, 2 days of interviews and several hours of discussion, the search committee voted unanimously to forward Rita's name onto the Executive Committee. On Monday afternoon the Executive Committee discussed the recommendation and voted unanimously to offer her the job of President." She accepted. Congratulations Rita Ferris 100346.

Executive Director of the Lumber Association of California & Nevada Joins Hoo-Hoo in Sacramento

Ken Dunham, Executive Director of LACN, is one of the newest members of Hoo-Hoo after a special concat during the Mid-Year HHI Board meeting in Sacramento. Ken was quite honored to be invited to join the Order and will make an outstanding member. His enjoyment of Hoo-Hoo dates back to his growing up years in Montana. "I've known about Hoo-Hoo almost all my life, but this has been my first opportunity to join" said Ken.

Welcome to Hoo-Hoo, Ken Dunham 100530. May you take pleasure in sharing the benefits and joys of membership in this great old Order with others in the industry.

There are probably many Hoo-Hoo members that belong to other associations, but how many of those other association members belong to Hoo-Hoo? These are two, just think of the other possibilities!



At Ken Dunham's concat in the back row: (L-R): David Siwek, Dave Dahlen, John Yeakel, David Kahle, Joe Breeden, and Kent Bond. Front Row: Teeny Johnston, Jack Miller, the Snark Ray Lamari, new member Ken Dunham holding the Great Black Cat, and Jim Spiers.

Wishing you Health, Happiness & Long Life
Stacey Douglas Jones, Editor



TAKE FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA

FOR THE HHI CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 2007

OUTRIGGER RESORT • HERVEY BAY, QUEENSLAND

If you've been to Australia and enjoyed good old Aussie hospitality, then you no doubt want to go back. If you haven't had the pleasure yet, there is only one thing to do, take a flight to Hervey Bay for the 2007 HHI Annual Convention. Spring on the east coast of Australia is just fabulous so come and have loads of fun and celebrate Hoo-Hoo friendship and fraternalism.

It'll Be a Blast!

Hervey Bay is on the fabulous Fraser Coast of Queensland and a short drive to Maryborough. The convention is being hosted by the Maryborough/Wide Bay Club 277, one of J-IV's most vibrant and younger clubs.

The Convention will be held at the Outrigger (Mantra) Resort located right on the marina with views across to Fraser Island. Each suite has a view over the marina which is awash with coffee shops, restaurants and boutique shopping. Facilities include swimming pool, gym, in-room spas and a wonderful restaurant.

Location! Location! Location!

Hervey Bay is conveniently located just 3.5 hours drive north of Brisbane or a 1½ hour direct flight from Sydney. Beautiful, sunny and unspoilt Hervey Bay is truly the place to get away from it all. Take a superb location and throw in the perfect blend of life's pleasures and you have a getaway that's become one of Queensland's favourites.

Variety abounds with great food, fishing, sporting activities, clubs and attractions for the entire family. The calm, safe waters of the Bay are ideal for all aquatic sports and the sub-tropical climate ensures excellent swimming weather most of the year.

The Boat Harbour and Marina hosts charter fishing, whale watching and pleasure boating to suit everyone. Take a stroll out along the historical Urangan Pier, visit the renowned Hervey Bay Art Galley or if you're feeling energetic, hire a push bike and ride along the picturesque foreshore from Urangan to Point Vernon.

Whale of a Good Time

Hervey Bay is renowned the world over as the Whale Watching Capital of Australia. The majestic humpback whales call Platypus Bay home from July until November, where they breed and play before their migration back down along the eastern seaboard to the colder southern waters.

The Bay is conveniently located across from world heritage listed Fraser Island. There are many ways to visit the largest sand island in the world, with a variety of tours and 4WD hire options available.

Historic Splendor

Venture a short drive inland to experience the wonders of Maryborough which is home to many historic buildings. Whilst there, go walking with Mary in Maryborough and regale rollicking tales to flick the dust off the city's history.

Exploring Maryborough everyday is a great adventure, but Thursday has long been a special day for everyone when the streets are transformed into big bustling outdoor Heritage Markets with street entertainment, and a huge variety of arts, crafts, fresh produce and plants.

Get all steamed up with a ride on the Mary Ann as it chugs through Queens Park and the Mary River Parklands, tracing the Mary River.

The Convention Committee has planned a fun time and no doubt the Mini Olympics will bring out the best of fraternalism in all of us.

Get the Hoo-Hoo Spirit

An industry tour of the Hyne Timber Tuan Pine Mill and lunch at the Markets will be followed by the daily firing of the Cannon in Pioneer Park. See the project undertaken by Maryborough/WideBay Club at Pioneer Park and view a cane fire (weather permitting) during the early evening.

The Mini Olympics is set to be a load of fun. Not your everyday Olympics just some good old-fashioned fun to test your childhood days. Be prepared as in all true Hoo-Hoo fun the trophy is glued to Aussieland and superglue is hard to unglue.

Following retention of the trophy we will host a BBQ followed by a free night for all.

Fishing, shopping and whale watching will be available for those not attending the AGM.

Following the embalming of the Snark a Seafood Buffet/Auction/Disco Night will be held with a trip to Australia Zoo Wildlife Park (Steve Irwin's Zoo) to wind up the Convention.

Post Convention Tours are also available with a trip to Central Australia in all its glory being the main feature. For those wishing to visit Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sydney or Melbourne we can make anything possible, just let us know.

So you want to have a great holiday, fabulous convention with loads of Aussie Hoo-Hoo hospitality then make sure you book your ticket early.

Reaching Hervey Bay is easy

An easy 1½ hour direct flight from Sydney, Hervey Bay is on the beautiful Fraser Coast. If you want to see some of the lovely Australian countryside, consider making the easy 3.5 hour drive up the coast through rolling hills enjoying the scenic beauty.



Making your convention plans

Full details and a complete registration form are available on the HHI website at www.hoo-hoo.org/con2007

Post Convention

As you are making plans for the convention, don't forget to explore the post-convention tour opportunities being planned and offered by John Dougal at Casino Travel.

On the HHI website, download the document that explains these three great trips—

Seven Day Wonders of Central Australia

which includes all the beauty, history and mystery of Alice Springs and Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Four Day Short Break to Sydney

which includes siteseeing, a Harbor Cruise, tour of the Blue Mountains, a visit to the Featherdale Wildlife Park, and more.

Four Day Short Break to Melbourne

which includes the city sites, the Penguin Parade, the Great Ocean Road, and more.

Download the detailed registration form at www.hoo-hoo.org

In the meantime, here's an overview of what your registration includes: Industry Tour – Hyne & Sons (Tuan Mill); Heritage Markets Tour; Pioneer Park Visit; Ice Breaker; Cane Fire Visit; Hoo-Hoo Challenge (Mini Olympics); BBQ Dinner on Friday, 7 September, Drinks at BBQ Dinner; Conference Dinner on Saturday, 8 September; Delegates & Partners Luncheon on Sunday, 9 September; and Seafood Smorgasbord on Sunday, 9 September.

Convention Registration Fees—Delegate \$399 AUD · Accompanying Person \$359 AUD

Optional Convention Activities

Partners Fishing Expedition—\$60 AUD

Includes – Pick up and drop off from accommodation, Rods – Bait – Advice, continuous morning tea & coffee, on-board licensed bar

Partners Whale Watching Cruise—\$104 AUD

Includes – Quality substantial light breakfast, on-board licensed bar.

Partners Noosa Shopping Excursion—\$40 AUD

Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo—\$75 AUD

Includes return transfer to Brisbane

Pre-Convention Option for Tuesday, 4 September:

Fishing Expedition—\$60 AUD and **Whale Watching Cruise**—\$104 AUD

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Brisbane and the Gold Coast – Activities and Attractions

Look at all the things that await you when you plan to spend some extra time in Australia. In Brisbane you can go shopping in Queen Street Mall, explore South Bank Parklands, stroll the Botanic Gardens, cross the Goodwill Bridge, wander the River Walk, smell the flowers in the Roma Street Parklands, get physical on the Storey Bridge Adventure Climb, admire the native animals at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Or, how about a river cruise which includes lunch or perhaps a city lights and dinner cruise?

Get educated at the Queensland Museum and Science Centre, get culture at the Queensland Art Gallery, go play at the River Life Adventure Centre which offers kayaking, in-line skating and abseiling – explore Brisbane by river on a River Cat Day Pass.

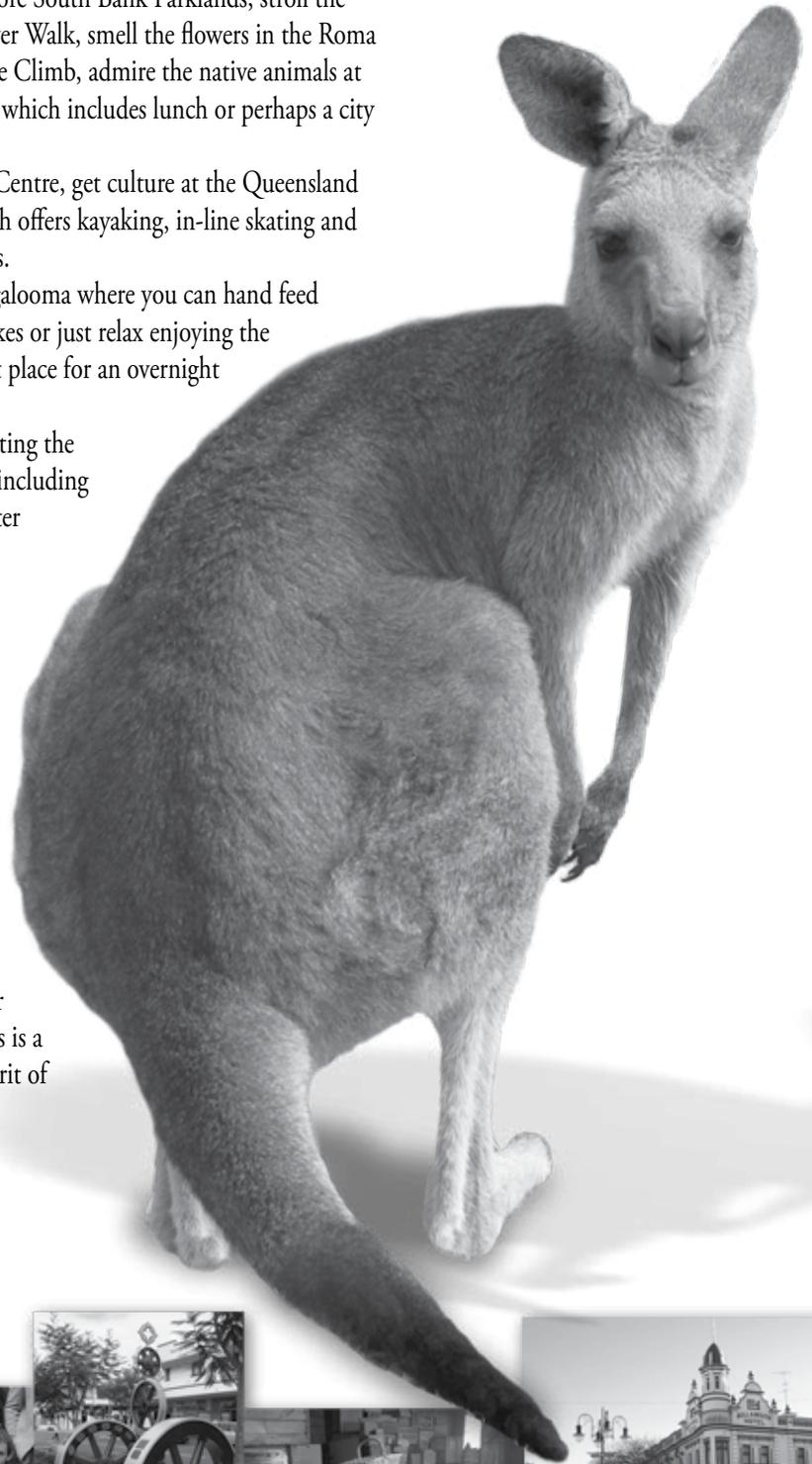
Take a one or two day visit to Moreton Island and Tangalooma where you can hand feed wild dolphins, ride sand toboggans, fish, swim, ride quad bikes or just relax enjoying the serenity of being on an island in Moreton Bay. This is a great place for an overnight stay.

Perhaps you would like to spend a day or two on or visiting the Queensland Gold Coast with its shopping and theme parks including Sea World, Warner Brothers Movie World, Wet & Wild Water World, Dreamworld, Gold Coast and Hinterland Tours including Gold Coast Canal and Broadwater Cruise, Winery Visit, guided rainforest walk to Curtis Falls and lunch.

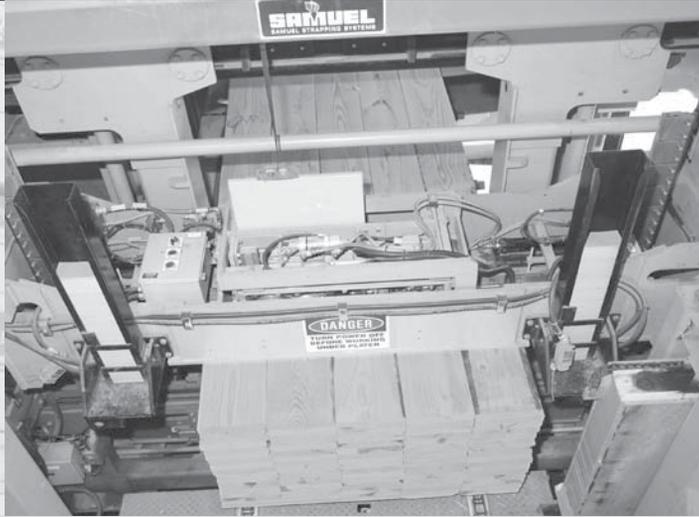
Most of the attractions can be accessed on day trips from Brisbane or you can take the train to Robina. If you would like a longer stay contact the team at the Casino Travel Shoppe, casino.travel@bigpond.com.

So Many Things to Do—Hop to It!

Something that shouldn't be missed on your tour of this part of Australia is the Australia Zoo (Steve Irwin's Crocodile Park) easily accessible from Brisbane by local comfortable electric train to Beerwah where there is a regular shuttle to the zoo. The incredible collection of native animals is a memorable experience made exciting by the memory and spirit of Steve Irwin.



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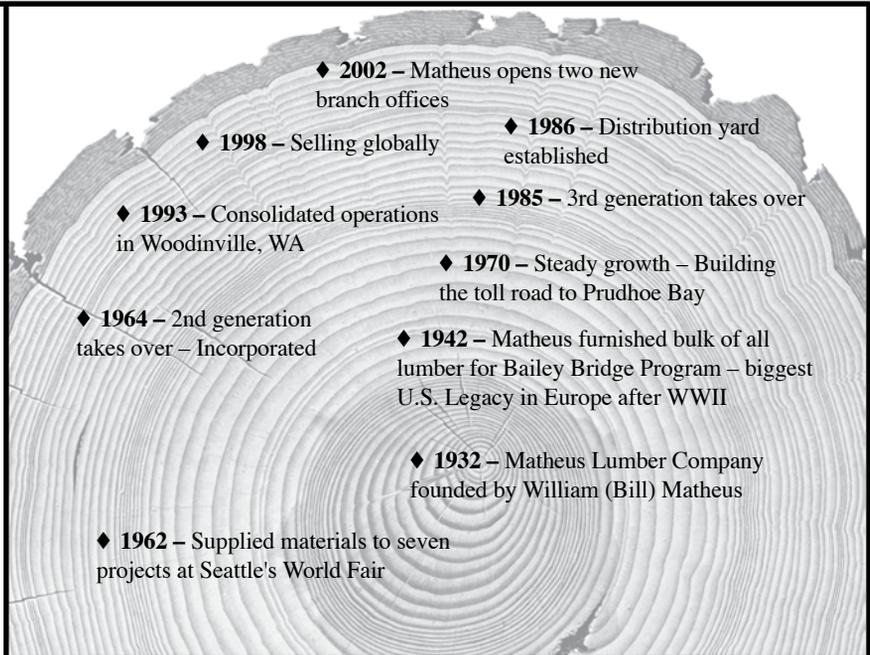


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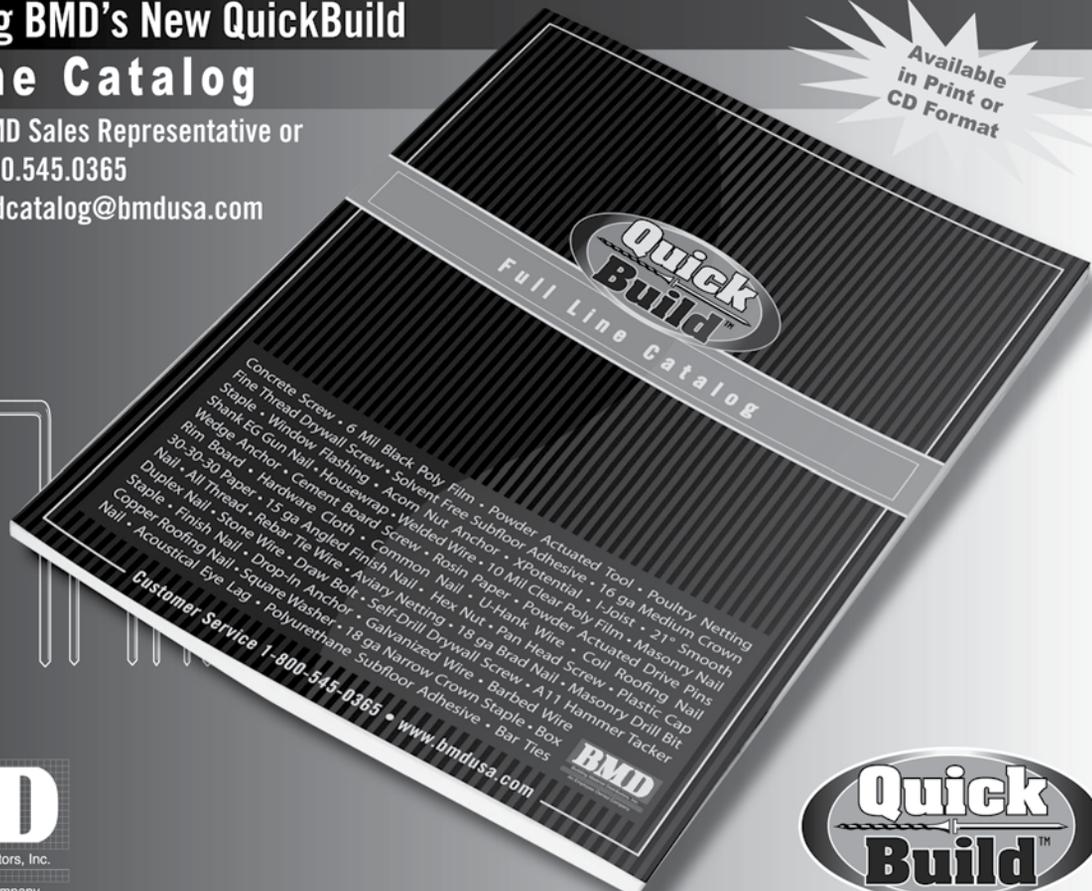
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Sharing My Long Term Goals for Hoo-Hoo

Ray Lamari 97512
Ssnark of the Universe



You may be aware I have been on an extensive tour of North American Hoo-Hoo clubs, commencing via New Zealand with a January 6th meeting with the Auckland Hoo-Hoo club president and Vice Gerent for that area. Arriving in America on the 9th of January, I visited a total of 13 clubs including, Rogue Valley #94, Winema Club #216, Seattle Club #34, North Cascade Club #230, Blackbart Club #181, Humboldt Club #63, Shasta Cascade Club #133, Twin Cities Club #12, Central Minnesota Club #91, Willamette Club #, Tacoma Olympia Club #89, Cowichan Valley Club #229, and Vancouver Club #48.

In my travels, I addressed well over 1200 people spreading the good word for Hoo-Hoo and also performed a concat in Leavenworth, Washington, in the Yeakel's cabin and one in Sacramento, California, the Friday before our Mid-Year board meeting. The sad thing about the 1200 people is that approximately only half of them are members of Hoo-Hoo, and I'm not talking about spouses here, either. These are lumber people who attend the various crab feeds, etc. as guests of Hoo-Hoo members but never join, the positive thing though, is that we have a captive market right at our fingertips. As we all know membership is always high on the list of threats to Hoo-Hoo, however with such a large base of qualified Hoo-Hoo guests available to us, we need to act and come up with a unified approach in recruitment urgently. For most potential kittens it's again the questions of 'what's in it for me' and 'what do I get out of it'? Personally I think it's time that we individually address these very pertinent questions. As faithful Hoo-Hoo's we know and understand the answers to these queries, but we're not necessarily communicating it to the outside world enough.

Having presided at many crab feeds or other such functions in my travels recently, it's obvious the Hoo-Hoo spirit is alive and well, however in some cases, the connection with HHI is not. Whilst these clubs are strong, financially sound and have resounding success and attendance at some great Hoo-Hoo events throughout the year, they know little of HHI.

One of my goals is to create a five year plan which will give the board continuity on some common needs, with a strong focus on retaining, re-instating and recruiting membership. More importantly we need to educate our new and existing members on the foundation beliefs and ideals that have kept Hoo-Hoo International united for 115 years. I hear some clubs telling me they lose members due to the downturn in our industry and that their employer will not pay their dues any longer. We need to remember that we join Hoo-Hoo as an individual and not a corporation. I believe this gives the individual a greater sense of personal belonging and hopefully keep them involved even during a downturn.

All is not lost however, as there are an extraordinary amount of members I have come across in my travels that live and breathe Hoo-Hoo even if it's just at club level. The warm and bountiful hospitality I have received whilst traveling around as Snark is amazing and very much appreciated. The amount of people who either opened their homes to me or took time out to show me around is testament to what true Hoo-Hoo is all about. I can't thank you all personally as I would take up the whole magazine but you know who you are and I am very thankful to all of you. The 5 year plan will need to focus on new initiatives to promote Hoo-Hoo, unfortunately limited funding stifles the amount we can do as an International board to help YOU our members as much as we'd like! These initiatives could include putting a task force together to visit an inactive club that has potential to be re-activated. This could be in the way of a traveling booth, taking the previous board out to dinner, maybe a limited start up fund if required etc. I can think of some members from JIV who were very staunch and influential Hoo-Hoo's when I joined, that have not been to a club meeting, let alone a convention for at least 6 years, where are these people, what happened to them, we need to bring them back again?

An increase in dues is inevitable as we haven't had one for some time now, and can be partly used to achieve some of our initiatives and allow a reasonable budget for Snark and Supreme 9 travels. I keep hearing from members that the single biggest deterrent to taking on a board position let alone Snark is that they can't afford it financially. The time and devotion that goes into holding a position on our board is one thing that we cannot put a price on, however the tangible costs need to be met if we are to encourage quality board members from all areas of our Industry. I want to take this a step further though, as we are not just going to hand out money to anyone because they are on the board. Again education and training have to be the key factors here, there should be some achievable targets that have to be met so the board is also accountable and have a common focus and goals.

In relation to the marketing DVD, it is still my intention to have it released and ready for sale at the convention in Hervey Bay, Speaking of the convention it is coming along nicely and I know that everyone in JIV is very excited about having the opportunity to host the International convention. The convention committee have had some major setbacks which they have just tirelessly worked through, and unfortunately the latest one is having to change the venue to the Outrigger hotel due to the possibility that Peppers may have not been finished in time. Rest assured however that the Outrigger is a class venue and the committee will be working extra hard to ensure a great time for all.

All in all I am pretty much on target in achieving the goals I set out for my Snark term, with what I've mentioned above, a major tour of the J-IV clubs planned and possibly the J-III mini convention I am certainly fulfilling my goal of spreading fellowship. In closing I am very excited about the future of Hoo-Hoo and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in my travels, or at the convention in September.

Health Happiness and Long Life

Ray Lamari 97512
Snark of the Universe

The Snark Travel Photos

1. Snark Lamari can't resist finding a set of drums in any town he travels to. His luck was good on his first night in Klamath Falls when he picked up the sticks at the Klamath Blues Society.

2. Celebrating Australia Day at Dave & Stacey Joneses in California, handmade Aussie meat pies were created by Stacey & Ray and enjoyed by all.

3. A remote concat at John & Connie Yeakel's mountain home welcomed Cody Burgess and Travis Orient to the Order. Proud dad and Hoo-Hoo member, Bill Burgess, joined the degree team.

4. In British Columbia, float planes are not an uncommon way to fly. Not sure whether the Snark is cleared to fly it himself, but with as many hours he has put in on planes lately, he just might be...

5. Snow is an unusual occurrence for a boy from the tropics, but the Snark was able to keep up with his host, John Yeakel.

6. Just a few members at the mid-year board meeting were: VP David Kahle, the Snark, Exec. Secretary Beth Thomas, S9 J-VIII Dave Siwek, former S9 Rich Giacone, S9 J-III John Yeakel, and S9 J-VI Kent Bond



Sharing the Good that is Hoo-Hoo

David Kahle, 96023
HHI Vice President

Jenny and I had the pleasure of hosting the Snark from Down Under for a few days during his recent 50 cities in 37 days trip to North America. Ray and his easy smile are always welcome!

I would like to thank Snark Lamari and Beth Thomas for all the planning and work they did in putting together the Mid-Year Board Meeting in Sacramento. We had a great time with all that Old Sacramento has to offer, which was right outside our hotel.

As the HHI VP, I am appointed the chairman of the membership committee with the specific charge to see that the Board's policy on recruitment, retention, and reinstatement is carried out.

As we all know, membership happens at the local club level. At the international level, I feel that we can support the local clubs best by continuing to improve our tangible assets, namely, our board of directors, the Log & Tally magazine, the web site, our HHI convention, and our office support.

Here are some of the support tools that I feel HHI has to offer our local clubs in attracting and retaining members—

The Supreme Nines should communicate with the club officers in their jurisdiction on a regular basis with the intent of getting a goal and plan from each club on increasing membership. While this alone will not increase membership, the S-9's should also state the importance of club projects, getting new members involved, and having regular creative meetings. This will help each club retain members, which will greatly reduce our loss in members.

We need to get more pictures of each club's major meetings and club projects along with club reports in the Log & Tally magazine. Members all like to see their picture and it would be a way of advertising to the club's members who do not attend that they are missing a great time of fellowship with their industry peers.

I would suggest that each club purchase additional Log & Tally magazines equaling 10% of their total club membership. These magazines would then be sent to companies and potential members to show them about our organization. With the current quality of our magazine, we will have an excellent sales tool sent to a target market.

I believe that each club should pay to send a representative to the HHI convention. I feel that the incoming president is the best choice as they then can see the value our convention adds and be our ambassadors to increase attendance at future conventions. Most clubs can afford to pay \$1,500 for their registration and travel to the convention. This ought to generate more interest in becoming the club president knowing that you will be given a trip to the convention. HHI must continue to improve the quality of our conventions with informative industry breakout sessions.

Our HHI office supplies the professional brochures, web site, procedure manuals and has a very supportive staff in Beth.

My other duties this year include co-chairing the committee on updating the five year plan for HHI. This document needs changes to reflect our current goals and methods to achieve them.

I will stand in for the Snark at Hoo-Hoo functions I attend that he is unable to make. I will promote fellowship, friendship and the other great virtues that the Snark and Hoo-Hoo represents.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kahle, 96023
Vice President
Hoo-Hoo International

Greetings to all great Hoo-Hoo's from Jurisdiction III. The year is almost half over and it seems that the convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was just the other day.

The Mid-Year Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento, California, was held February the 16th and 17th. I feel that the board accomplished much and made a lot of good decisions for the future of Hoo-Hoo. Not all were easy decisions, but all were necessary.

Membership in J-III, as well as most others, continues to decline. Dues are coming in alarmingly slow this year, so I ask that all club treasurers and secretaries put an extra effort in collecting and submitting the dues for your club members. The need for new members has never been as critical as it is today. Without new members, Hoo-Hoo will continue its slide into obscurity.

Not all the news is bad. As many of you know the Snark of the Universe, Ray Lamari, recently visited the United States for a seven week tour. We all tried to get him to as many of the clubs as we could and regretfully his time here did not allow him to get to all the clubs he had hoped to visit. My wife, Connie, and I hosted Ray for a few days of rest and relaxation in the Cascade Mountains at our "Snowmobiling Cabin" Headquarters. Ray did a fine job of staying on the machines. He even managed to avoid collisions with several dog sled teams that we encountered on the trails. We had our friends Bill Burgess, Rhea Croll, and Bill's daughter, Cody, and her special friend, Travis Orient, over for dinner one evening. Cody is a forester for Longview Fiber in Leavenworth, and Travis works for Bill, running logging equipment. As we sat there talking after dinner we realized that we had three Hoo-Hoo members in the house (Bill belongs to the North Cascade Club), two eligible kitten candidates, and a packet of Hoo-Hoo membership applications. We had everything we needed to have a concat! (Snark Lamari always carries the necessary Hoo-Hoo ritual ingredients).

Cody and Travis are our newest Hoo-Hoo Members-at-Large. I personally want to welcome them to Hoo-Hoo. The good news is that they believe that there is enough interest in the Lake Wenatchee/Leavenworth area to form a new Hoo-Hoo Club. So, Cody & Travis, here is your challenge in writing and all of Hoo-Hoo will be rooting for you. I will be there supporting you in any way that I can. It would be great to be able to announce the formation of the first new club we have had for many years, at the convention in Australia this fall (actually their spring).

If you are reading this, I must have made the Log & Tally deadline. I just hate getting a call from Rameses 78 (Al Meier) telling me that Stacey forgot to put my report in. By the way Al, did you notice that the Snark of the Universe Ray Lamari, Vice President David Kahle, and your Supreme Nine, yours truly, all honored your club with a visit to your annual Crab Feed Dinner? Maybe not... We were all treated royally by your club, but we did notice *your* absence.

That's it for this report. Call, write or e-mail me anything you want me to pursue for your clubs, or suggestions that will help us all make Hoo-Hoo better. And don't forget, the J-III Mini Convention is May 18th-20th in Honolulu. You still have time but don't wait to register. We would like to have as many of you attend as possible.

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Concat Where You're At!

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Jurisdiction III

Updating You on J-IV Club Activities

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Jurisdiction IV

Jurisdiction IV has many things happening at moment. Planning is well underway for the International Convention to be held at Hervey Bay in September. Following the J-IV Mid-Year board meeting on 3rd February, the board inspected the resort and took a tour of the Hervey Bay Area. I am pleased to report that we found great restaurants, sight seeing and a great marina. Please watch the International website for regular updates through our convention newsletter which will be posted regularly. We are already in training for the Mini Olympics to be held at Convention. We will be running equal numbers of men's and ladies teams. This will be a great fun day.

Our schools project in South Africa has been a resounding success with several pallets of materials collected and ready to be sent. Planning is well underway for the establishment of an education and museum centre in Mt. Gambier in South Australia. We have received great support from the local council and community. This project will take several years to complete and will provide a great overview and Hoo-Hoo and the industry.

I have enjoyed visitations to several clubs in the past twelve months and will be visiting Malaysia in April. Following is a report on Clubs –

Adelaide Club is going from strength to strength following its near demise. J-IV Mini Convention in 2008 will be held in Adelaide.

Mt. Gambier Club is a very active club with much industry participation. Through the Norton Ladkin Trust Mt. Gambier will be supporting a forestry course at the Southern Cross University over the next three years.

Sydney Club have had several extremely interesting guest speakers over the past twelve months combined with two very successful golf days.

Newcastle Club was rejuvenated when the President Vice President and Vicegerent Area 2 visited a new board was elected and the club is now functioning well.

Ballarat Club maintains a small membership even though there is no longer any timber industry in their area. They have good attendance at their meetings and join with other clubs for meetings during the year.

North East Victoria Club had a ball at their Christmas party which followed a very full year with interesting meetings and good attendances at all functions.

Melbourne Club still maintaining monthly meetings with good attendances and top guest speakers. This club functions extremely well for a city club.

Hobart Club held a very successful World Forestry Day Dinner and hold monthly dinner meetings with good attendances. The club supports an awards night for high school children and this is held with high regard from the community at large.

Launceston Club held a very successful J-IV mini convention last year and held their golf day and is also involved with supporting schools by being involved in awards.

North West Tasmania Club has been busy with making safe the playgrounds at schools and becoming involved with the surf life saving club.

Perth Club is a small club with most of its members being retired. They build children's toys for distribution to charities at Christmas. This is a ongoing project which they carry out every year.

Leschenaultia Club celebrated its 10th Anniversary last year. This is a growing club and has very successful meetings and involvement from its members.

Unfortunately three of our **South African Clubs** are inactive at the moment and have retained very small memberships. The Rainbow and Disa clubs are still active and working hard to plan the 2009 mini convention.

Auckland Club is very active and has had a good fund raising year with many activities happening. Auckland supports the Kids First Hospital and raises funds through golf days. Auckland sadly has seen the passing of two members Mr. Colin Perris and Mr. Keith Managh.

Geyersland Club is still active and keeping the Hoo-Hoo flag flying.

Southern Club is very much alive and kicking. Much happens in this part of the world but busy lifestyle makes it hard for getting people to meetings.

Malaysia Club continues to hold its Forest Fun Run which is a great success with about 120 members and guests participating. The Upgrading of the School Library in Bukit Beruntung has been completed and donations to handicapped children's home was initiated in January this year.

In J-IV we are finding a difference between the city clubs and country clubs. It appears that this could be related to the differences in lifestyles between city and country.

Health, Happiness, & Long Life
Don Martin, 98962
Supreme Nine, Jurisdiction IV

Both the Club #48 and Club #229 had a busy winter with many functions over the last few months. More in the works for spring and summer. Judi and I tried to attend as many as possible.

We were able to have Snark Ray Lamari visit both clubs while he was on his tour in the U.S.A. and Canada. I would like to thank Gary Shelton (President) and his executive from Club #229 for putting together a social for Ray, Judi, and myself. A special thanks to Doug Carter for picking Ray up in Victoria after a fog delay and still finding time to give him a short tour of Victoria before heading off to the Silver Bridge Inn in Duncan. The following day, Judi and I took Ray to look at a couple of dry sorts and a view of Coastland's mill before putting him on a plane from Naniamo to Vancouver.

The following day, February 10th, was Club #48 Ladies Night at the Terminal City Club, which was a great success and well attended as usual. Congratulations to Kevin LaCouvee, Lloyd Brown and Brad Techy for a job well done.

As well as Snark Ray, we had the HHI Vice President David Kahle and his wife, Jenny, as guests. As usual the auction and the reverse draw were entertaining with many friendly wagers changing hands. After having the last five ladies left in the draw come up to the front they made a decision to split the \$5000 equally. As usual the names were drawn one at a time to see who would be last and Sheelagh Morgan was last out. Read more on this evening in the club reports.

In mid-February, Judy and I attended the HHI Mid-Year meeting in Sacramento, California. It is always nice to see all the other Supreme Nines as well as Beth and Chris and the others that come along. (We have to start having a little more fun at these meetings.)

I think we had some interesting topics to deal with and I will be attending an executive meeting with each club over the next month to give a report and try to answer any questions related to Hoo-Hoo International.

Jim Spiers, 97670
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction V

Life is Good in British Columbia

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Jurisdiction V

Keeping Members Up to Speed

Kent Bond, 89381
Supreme Nine
Jurisdiction VI

I am going to try to keep in touch on a regular basis to keep you up to speed on HHI news and me up to speed on your local club news. As this is my first attempt at the S9 job, input from you – good or bad – will help me help you and Hoo-Hoo. Here is what I know to date:

I attended the Mid-Year Board Meeting of Hoo-Hoo International in Sacramento on February 17th. The positions that make up the board are Chairman (most recent Snark or Rameses), Snark, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and the Supreme Nines (Representatives for each Hoo-Hoo jurisdiction.) I met them all, including other Rameses and guests in attendance, and found them to be great people. All are dedicated to moving Hoo-Hoo to a new level. The board meeting was an all day meeting and covered many topics from website to membership and museum to a five year plan. The most notable topic covered was declining membership and revenue presented by the Secretary/Treasurer. The ensuing discussion resulted in an increase in Hoo-Hoo International dues of \$5 per year for the next two years. Dues have not been increased for several years while operating costs have continued to rise. Five dollars seems to be a minimal increase, but will help tremendously. Cash flow was also an issue as Hoo-Hoo International relies heavily on dues cash flow to fund its obligations. Dues inflow has been abysmal. Our jurisdiction can help by working as hard as we can to collect dues on time. Our jurisdiction can also help by attracting new members and retaining existing members.

As I have become more involved with Hoo-Hoo, I have a renewed interest in promoting the benefits of Hoo-Hoo. Hoo-Hoo International feels that involvement generates excitement in Hoo-Hoo. I agree and can attest to it. I have an idea. It is not a new one, but it is a valid one. Can you get your directors to agree to budget and fund all or part of the cost of participation in the International Convention and Mid-Year Board Meetings for at least the president of your club? When club Presidents get involved they will bring a renewed interest and excitement back to the local level. Hopefully it becomes contagious. If you could run this idea up the flag pole and let me know what you think I would appreciate it.

I am planning to visit you guys at least once this year. I am attending a general meeting of the Inland Empire #116 on April 11th in Southern California. I will be attending many Black Bart #181 events as I am still active on the board. I have contacted the few active members of the defunct Phoenix #72 and am planning to get together with them to see if we can revive it. I am in close contact with Humboldt #63 and plan to attend an event this year. I would really appreciate a calendar of events so I can plan to attend one of yours.

I will be attending the International Hoo-Hoo Convention in Australia this year. There are several of us from J-VI attending. If you ever wanted to see Australia and meet some great people now is the time. The Snark, Ray Lamari is a great guy and an Australian. He is very hospitable and has opened his arms to us. You can find the details at www.hoo-hoo.org or call me and I'll steer you in the right direction. Next years convention is in Tacoma, Washington, so if you can't make Australia, please plan on attending Tacoma.

Please let me know what I can do to help you with your local club. I will do whatever I can to help you. I appreciate any feedback and am your messenger and translator for Hoo-Hoo International. I know these jobs are volunteer jobs and I commend you for giving the effort you do. Together we can make J-VI Hoo-Hoo a viable productive organization.

Health, Happiness and Long Life

Kent Bond, 89381
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction VI

As I enter my first year on the Hoo-Hoo International board, I see some great opportunities and some challenges for our great organization.

In Jurisdiction VIII, I have had contact with the following clubs: Twin Cities Club #12, with just over 100 members; Sioux Valley Club #118, with just about 120 members; and Central Minnesota Club #91, with about 50 members.

I have visited each of these clubs in the last 60 days and have seen a renewed interest in Hoo-Hoo. The Twin Cities Club has a strong board with lots of energy, looking at membership and education. Central Minnesota has a great group that does lots of fun things. Sioux Valley Club has the largest club in J-VIII, which is amazing because of the rural area of its membership. At their concat on February 13th, they initiated 17 new members, which is by far the largest concat I have attended.

The market down turn in our industry, I believe, has created a renewed interest in our clubs. People in the lumber business are looking for new ways to network now that they have a little more time. With our commitment to education and projects like Temperate Forest Tours, Project Learning Tree, and even Evans Lake in Vancouver, gives us additional credibility that is needed to not only attract new and younger members, but to have members that have dropped out reinstate.

The biggest challenge I see as these new members are recruited and old members reinstated is that these members become quality members promoting Hoo-Hoo history and its commitment to education and its service projects.

On February 17th, I attended the HHI Mid-Year Board Meeting in Sacramento. Snark Ray Lamari, with the guidance of Dave Jones and the rest of the board, addressed membership and budget challenges along with some great ideas and long term plans for Hoo-Hoo.

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Dave Siwek 93438
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction VIII

For Your Consideration Notification of Proposed HHI Changes

The following changes to HHI By-Laws are published here for membership consideration. They will be voted on at the next HHI Convention in Hervey Bay, Australia, this September.

Dues: The adopted international dues increase for North American clubs is as follows: five dollars (\$5.00) USD beginning with the 2007-2008 club year and another five dollars (\$5.00) USD beginning with the 2008-2009 club year.

J-VII & J-IX: The HHI Board of Directors is proposing a geographic coverage change of Jurisdiction VII and Jurisdiction IX by combining the two (2) jurisdictions into one (1) jurisdiction. In order to make this change, the proposal must receive a majority vote of approval at the Annual Convention from each of the Jurisdictions directly affected by the change.

Renewed Interest in Hoo-Hoo

Dave Siwek, 93438
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Detroit Club #28

Raymond Sanders, the self-proclaimed Aussie Gentleman from Melbourne Club 217, on a walk-a-bout after the convention party in Hot Springs, arrived by Greyhound in Detroit just before Thanksgiving. He joined our family for the holiday and hung out in Howell, Michigan. We did get to the Detroit area one day and visited EZEE Set Wood Products and C&A Wood Products.



Jeff Lorenz and his wife Karen own EZEE Set. Here Jeff shows R-90 George Reneaud and Ray Saunders around the shop.

Ray moved on to points East from here and was in Boston for the big week end as he went around the world, really. Health, Happiness, and Long Life George Reneaud, R-90

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Spokane Club #16

Club members enjoyed a luncheon on March 1, 2007, at the Americana

Restaurant. Special guest was Gene Zanck, Rameses 41.

Our activities for 2006 were reviewed including sponsorship of the 40th Annual Hoo-Hoo Wood Projects Contest for high school students. Forty projects from eight high schools were judged and prizes awarded.

In September, Bill Lentos hosted a picnic for members and guests at his home. Over 1650 wooden toy trucks were made by members this year for distribution to organizations serving the needy. Two hundred trucks even went to Haiti. Members and guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Big Daddy's Restaurant to cap off the year. Planning for this year's wood projects contest was the primary focus of our luncheon.

H.H. & L.L.

Dennis Miller for President Gene Olsen

Willamette Valley Club #33

Club 33 held their annual Crab Feed on February 2nd at Shadow Hills Country Club. Nearly 140 members, spouses, and guests turned out. The Pacific Ocean Dungeness crab was fresh and wonderful. Everyone enjoyed eating all the crab they could handle!

On hand to enjoy another crab feast was Snark of the Universe, Ray Lamari, from Australia. Ray gave an interesting and brief presentation. He presented a Hoo-Hooette flier from years back to member Linda Reed. This must have been found in the Dave Jones archives! Linda gave Ray a tour of the area and included the famous and historic (and still) operating steam mill, Hull-Oakes Lumber Company at Bellfountain, OR. In addition, she stopped off with Ray for a beer at the also infamous Tavern! Also attending was J-III Supreme Nine John Yeakel and wife Connie. From Portland Club 47 was Glenn Lowe and wife Donna, as well as members

Nick Staten and Ed Schulmerich. Ed is almost a fixture at this Crab Feed.

A lot of nice prizes were donated for the Bingo and Raffles. Many folks went home with arm loads of nice prizes. Guest Pat Adelman's wife won the blackout prize, golf for 4 at SHCC. Thanks to all the companies and individuals that contributed.

Next event is the annual golf tournament June 1 at Shadow Hills Country Club.

Ye olde scribe

Portland Club #47

Portland Club #47 was thrilled to see yet another successful evening as it sponsored the 2006 Christmas for Kids party for Open House Ministries Homeless Shelter in December. Although Mother Nature threw us a curve ball in the form of a snow storm and power outage, with a little juggling, we were able to quickly reorganize the event. In the true spirit of the season, all the sponsors were phenomenal at coming together to overcome the icy weather and giving the kids a night to remember!



Portland Club members, Jim Tally & Matt Dierdorf help set up for the 2006 Christmas for Kids Party.

Club #47 will also be attending Franz Lanting's "Jungles" exhibit on February 23rd. The exhibit is an extraordinary photographic vision of the world's jungles. There will be a wine & cheese reception during the event which is being held to

support the World Forestry Center Discovery Museum at Washington Park.

Heading into Spring, Portland Club #47 is busy with preparations for the 45th Annual Portland Hoo-Hoo Golf Tournament to be held in June, as well as preparing for the 4th Annual SHOW & SHINE Car Show to benefit the Open House Ministries Homeless Shelter in July.

Tacoma-Olympia Club #89

It seems like just yesterday that we were planning for our annual Christmas party-time just keeps moving along! Our annual Christmas party was held at The Tacoma Club this past year on December 5th. We had a nice group of people who enjoyed the delicious food and the panoramic view of downtown Tacoma at night. After dinner we were entertained by a local musical choir, The Music Company from Spanaway Lake High School. Our cash donation to the musical group allows the members with assistance in being able to take part in state conventions and contests, which is something many of the students would not be able to do without financial help. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Our January meeting was held at the LaQuinta Inn due to a scheduling conflict with the Tacoma Elks Club. David Graybill, who is the President and CEO of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber. He presented a great program on all of the developments in the City and their impact as regards to business. Tacoma is experiencing a considerable amount of 'revitalization' in many areas and it's all for the good.

Our annual Crab Feed was held on February 6th at the North Shore Golf and Country Club. This is our second year at this location and the restaurant staff really outdid themselves with the beautiful array of food. We were very honored to have

Snark Ray Lamari as our guest. Ray gave us a short talk about the upcoming International convention and in my opinion, listening to him talk about any subject will never lose its' fascination. Thank you, Ray, for joining us for our Crab Feed!

Our March 6th meeting will be a joint meeting with the Seattle Club. The arrangements have been made for us to hold this meeting at the Washington State History Museum. The meeting will be catered and after dinner, all of the guests will have the opportunity to tour the museum at their leisure. Since the Washington State History Museum is also downtown, the Board Room where we will be eating dinner has a beautiful view of the Glass Museum and the Port.

In April we will once again be donating the building material and volunteers to help children attending the Earth Day celebration build birdhouses. There is a great deal of satisfaction in helping these kids build something on their own and even as small as some of the kids are, they all can swing a hammer and pound a nail with amazing agility.

Nancy Brown is making the arrangements with the Temperate Forest Foundation for the Club to sponsor two teachers this year. The husband and wife team that we sent last year were enthusiastic participants who shared their story with us for our September meeting. Nancy is currently in the process of screening teachers that we can sponsor this year.

A group of our members have already made plans to attend the Jurisdiction III Mini Convention in Hawaii towards the end of May. If our weather keeps up the way it has been (flooding, strong winds, snow, ice, etc.), that should be a nice retreat!

Upcoming events include the annual auction towards the end of June. President Ed Balmert has been great in the past at

collecting donated building materials for our major fund-raising project of the year. The auction will be held at Mt. Rainier Lutheran High School that sits on a beautiful piece of land. The golf tournament in July is being arranged by the great duo of Mike Hinthorne and Mel Smeder once again. They always do a terrific job! We are also looking forward to our annual picnic in August. The picnic has been hosted by Mike and Julie Hinthorne the past two years at their lovely home in Gig Harbor and this year we might be able to drive over to Gig Harbor on our lovely new Narrows Bridge #2. I'm still amazed that we've been able to witness the building of such a major structure right here in our own backyard!

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Terry Hammerschmith
Secretary/Treasurer

Winema Hoo-Hoo #216

There is always something good going on at Winema #216. Although regular attendance is down, we are still holding monthly meetings

Our annual fund raiser elimination drawing was in December. The final ticket out, worth \$1,000, was unclaimed before the drawing and purchased jointly by five Past Presidents; Ken Dunn, Dick Miles, Kurt Schmidt, Don Ferguson and Ron Loveness. Dick Miles also took home the \$100 for the next to last ticket, Dave Bleha the \$50 for #50, and nineteen others, sloshing consolation prizes. In addition, about half the crowd received free dinners just for showing up (our way of honoring past presidents). The more PPs who attend, the less this is a "fund" raiser and the more a "FUN" raiser.

A traditional best is the January crab feed and this year was no exception. A crowd of 225+ and the Snark himself made short work of 750 lbs of fresh crab

(picked up and delivered same day by our own Wes Sine), mounds of coleslaw and buckets of beans (courtesy of Dick Miles, shopping spree) and kegs of suds (procured and served by the indomitable Tom Strunk). Top it all off with Paul Wunder's home made cocktail sauce, a raffle, and the introduction of Snark of the Universe Ray Lamari and you have Hoo-Hoo Fellowship at its finest.

A favorite with the ladies is the Valentine Dinner Dance. We treat them special with food, wine, music and prizes. This year, President Richard McCullough made candlelit centerpieces out of barrel staves which were taken home by five lucky winners. Every year Ron Thomas makes "cradles" for booze door prizes and Richard Steyskal donates a hand crafted logging rig. This year's masterpiece—won by PP Bob Anderson—was a Caterpillar tractor on a low boy with a wine laden trailer bringing up the rear. To round off the evening, the Buzz Wagner Award, our club's highest honor, was presented to Tom Strunk.

It was an honor and a privilege for Winema #216 to play host to the Snark, Ray Lamari, newly arrived stateside from down under. The visit started with Dick Barlow, Ken Dunn and Paul Wunder meeting Ray's plane at the Medford airport. After a lunch meeting with Bob Crews, Rob Brown and Keith Gordon from Rogue Valley Club #94, it was over-the-hill to Klamath Falls. Thursday night was a get acquainted dinner with the Club's officers, board and wives. We learned later that after dinner, the Snark strolled down to a local night spot and whiled away a few hours sitting in for the drummer of a local band. - His idea of how to deal with jet lag?

Friday there was ample time for a visit with Ramases #65 Leonard Putnam at his office full of Hoo-Hoo memorabilia. At

the crab feed that night, Ray was presented with a plaque commemorating his visit and a book on the history of logging in this area. Saturday morning the send-off committee ^ Ramases #74 Dan Brown, Pres. Richard McCollough, 1st VP Jon Hawthorne and Sec/Treas Paul Wunder made sure that Snark Ray Lamari had a hearty breakfast and made his plane for the next leg of his journey in Hoo-Hoo Land. We hope he enjoyed his visit to Klamath Falls as much as we did.

Several members of the Club recently completed two chain-sawed log benches for the Collier State Park Logging Museum. The huge logs were cut and shaped by local timber faller Tom Jenks. Several more benches are planned for this community service project.

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Mt. Gambier Club #214

Mt. Gambier Club #214 held its Robe Weekend and Cray Slaughter on March 3 & 4, 2007. Sincere thanks to Slim and Val Fennell, Colin and Raylee Moreland. our hosts and fishing expedition leaders. We thank them for accommodation, the boats and hospitality.

From Adelaide, we were graced with Des and Anne Gill. Lots of relaxation, good company, nice wine and food and THE CRAYS!! And the schnapper!

Some hardy individuals started Friday night, but most started 5 p.m. Saturday. Sunday morning was a great breakfast and a leisurely lunch before people drifted home sated.



These are just a few of the little lovelies that we lovingly slaughtered and grilled. Talk about throwing another shrimp on the barbie!

The Purrer Editor is at odds what to report bearing an old saying "what happens on the weekend stays on the weekend"? BUT! Can the Editor be trusted? Probably not! Here, then, are some highlights—

The honeymooners in the caravan complained about noisy golfers interfering with their rocking and rolling. The ladies played with Des's balls. Impartial bocce judge Anne Gill advised the women's team, just beaten by the men's team 11-13, "Sorry girls, the buggers have won!" Rank was pulled in one apartment over who got the en-suite.

Some heavily garlic'd dishes played their toll next morning. The world's troubles were solved during discussions. The team in attendance Val and Slim, Colin and Raylee, Greg and Janet, Murray and Lyn, Brian and Sue, Des and Anne, Barry and Jo, Lew and Robyn, Dave and Jan which is double the cat's number.

Warning—cats are at risk... in the past, the cat had been locked in the cupboard for ages and then someone fired up the wood stove with the cat sleeping in the warm oven. It recovered from its burnt paws. Black cats in robes are apparently dangerous...

In the end, relaxed smiles were heavily evident. A memorable and fun weekend. Be there next year.

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Vancouver Club #48

Ladies Night Reverse Draw was held February 10th at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver with 208 people in attendance. We were honored with the presence of our Snark of the Universe, Ray Lamari and David Kahle, VP HHI, and his wife Jenny. Both were presented with First Nations carvings. Daryl Techy did an excellent job of piping Ray in. Also honored were Mike Hodder, Past President Club #48, and Ken and Dorothy Mackenzie for their years of service to the club and to the BC forest and towboat industry.

A prize pot of \$5000 was available again this year. The last five contestants decided to split the pot equally, which didn't provide for a suspenseful finish, but it was still enjoyable to hear the screams of excitement nonetheless. Sheelagh Morgan took top honors. The other finalists were Carol Bustard, Charlene Maga, Trish Cassar, and Teal Jones represented by April Choquette.

There were terrific silent auction and raffle prizes and being that it was close to Valentine's Day, the men did their best to keep their lovely ladies happy. There were gift bags for everyone else just in case some wallets didn't get opened.

Approximately \$10,000 was raised from this event, of which Evans Lake Camp will be the biggest recipient. Thank you to those who helped especially Brad Techy, Lloyd Brown, Jim and Judi Spiers, Marc LaCouvee, Mike Hodder and Dave Stephens.

HHLL,
Kevin LaCouvee 97262

Cowichan Valley Club #229

Our fall social was held November 3 in the Wellburn Facility back at the Forest Discovery Centre.

The Christmas party held at the Silver Bridge Inn was once again a successful event. With special guests our Supreme Nine, Jim & Judy Spiers, who helped to bring on the Christmas spirit. Hope all those in attendance had a great time.

Our 3rd annual lady's night was held at the Silver Bridge Inn, another successful event. Congratulations to our reverse draw winners Patty Carter, Fay Hollett & Bonnie Reed. I think all those that joined us can agree that there was fun had by all with lots of great food, plenty of door prizes and a great silent auction. All this could not have been done without the hard work and support of our members and at this time would like to say a big thank you to Ray Therrien, Terry Stark, Doug Carter, Jan Bradford & Floyd you all made it a fun filled event. If you weren't there you missed a great event.

Bob Barlow, our long-term treasurer, has decided to retire. Thank you Bob for all your years of service; we hope you enjoy your retirement. At this time we would like to welcome Herman Godefroy to the Cowichan Valley Club #229 and thank him for taking over Bobs position.

Our next planned event will be our spring social March 30 which will be held at the Forest Discovery centre in the Willburn Building. We hope to see you all there.

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Humboldt Club #63

On Saturday, December 2, 2006 Hoo-Hoo Club #63 held their annual Christmas party at the historic Benbow Inn. Our President Rich Giaccone and his lovely wife Gerry also celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary.



Humboldt Hoo-Hoo Christmas Party—Back Row: Kent Bond, Max Corning, Joel Hamel, Kevin Paldino, Valerie Scoggin, Mike Scoggin, Rich Giaccone Middle Row: Linda Carlson, Eugenia Wininger, Glenda Paldino, Norm Justice, Flo Morrisette, Don Morrisette Front Row: Loren Justice, Cindy Bond, Mary Bulwinkle, Gerri Giaccone.

The Inn was decorated with festive lights all around the grounds. The lobby was filled with old fashioned charm and a beautiful Christmas tree. After an exceptional meal of salmon and prime rib, those in attendance donned their complimentary Benbow robes for a group picture in front of the Christmas tree.

The evening was spent sipping Scotch by the fire with Supreme IX Kent Bond, smoking cigars by the lake and missing the company of former Snark and Chairman of the Board, Gary Gamble.

We held our 35th Annual Crab Feed on January 18, 2007 at the Eureka Elks Lodge. If you didn't make it, you missed the best time in years! The Elks Lodge bar offered lots of room and allowed everyone to socialize whether or not they stayed for dinner. The crab was excellent and there was plenty for everyone. We are proud to host not only the current Snark of the Universe Ray Lamari from Australia, but



Valerie Scoggin, Secretary – Rich Giacone, President – Gayle Dominguez, Treasurer
 Photo by Alan Oaks, Merchant Magazine
 former Snark Dave Jones (and his lovely wife Stacey) and Rameses Gary Gamble were also in attendance. Moving this event to the Elks Lodge allowed our president, Rich Giacone, to once again show he hasn't lost his touch in getting beautiful young ladies to sell raffle tickets to raise money for our scholarship fund. Club #63 would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and especially everyone who participated.

Our 2007 Behind the Redwood Curtain golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 3, 2007. Flyers should be going out in late June.

Black Bart #181

We proudly report the addition of four new kittens to Black Bart #181. Adam Burgess, Greg Vincent, Glenn Loflin, & Micah Smith were found worthy for admission into the order of Hoo-Hoo at our annual Concat November 15th at



Welcome Black Bart's newest kittens.

the Ukiah Garden Café Ukiah, CA. Event Chairman Tom Knippen once again arranged an outstanding event.

Industry Night (January 17th) kicked off the annual Behind the Redwood Curtain Hoo-Hoos Hit the Highway Tour.

Event Chairman Alan Boyd and Co-chair Dave Dahlen once again outdid themselves arranging a fantastic event. Over 80 members and guests met at the Broiler Steakhouse Redwood Valley, CA. In attendance were Rameses 95 Gary Gamble and Rameses 96 David Jones as well as Snark of the Universe Ray Lamari.

It was great opportunity to meet our new Snark and enjoy the hospitality provided by our wonderful local Budweiser representatives. They put a smile on everyone's face.



Warming up for the Black Bart concat are Alan Boyd, in-coming kitten and

The crowd was put in good order and entertained by a lively tailtwist conducted by Dave Dahlen.

The silent auction as well as raffle were once again a huge hit with Stacey Douglas Jones the grand prize winner!

See our club advertisement in this edition for upcoming events and be sure to visit our website at www.blackbart-hoo-hoo181.org.

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Club #118 held our annual concat on Tuesday, February 13th. We were fortunate to initiate seventeen new kittens into our Hoo-Hoo world. The degree team did a great job, with a helping hand from David Siwek from the Twin City Club, assisting in our education of the new kittens.

A presentation of an old traveling trophy (that was originally donated by Dale Weir) was presented by Terry Penning. This trophy will go back into circulation and will be presented to the person with the best shot at our annual R & R Days this summer.



Look at the litter of kittens delivered in Sioux Valley! These 17 were found worthy and took the oath of the Order. We are proud Cats!

The next event we are planning on hosting is our Ladies Appreciation Night at the Worthing Dinner Theatre on Friday, March 16th.

Wishing everyone health, happiness, & long life.

Jim Aalbers
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We were fortunate to have the Snark of the Universe visit us up here in the

North in January. I must laugh at his impression of Minnesota climate. So as we traveled the state, he would comment to people that he would meet that he could not believe how cold it was here. Everyone would comment back that we were having a beautiful winter. Today as I write this we are experiencing our second major storm in a weeks time, expecting snow to total approximately 10 to 15 inches on top of what we were hit with last weekend. I would love to see Ray in this environment today.

In January we attended the Northwest Lumber Association Expo that was held in Bloomington, MN. A heartfelt "Thank you" goes out to all parties that were responsible to putting on a fantastic show. We had a great booth at the entrance to the show giving us a wonderful

opportunity to spread our Hoo-Hoo cheer and demonstrate our strengths and accomplishments. It also gave us the chance to meet those who are unfamiliar with our club and to recruit new members.

After the show, we were invited to attend a dinner with the Central Minnesota Club #91 in Saint Cloud, Minnesota. They made us feel very welcome and it was extremely interesting to visit with them to learn about their club events, challenges and successes. Although we are all busy trying to make the events that our own clubs have, I encourage those that have the opportunity to visit other clubs to do so. It is the strength in numbers and education that will allow our clubs to prosper and grow. We should share ideas, concerns and fellowship with our fellow members, not just our own local clubs.

With that being said here is the invitation: The Twin Cities Club number #12 will be holding our Spring Event at the Fort Snelling Club on April 19, 2007. Also a new change this year is we have moved our annual golf outing from the fall to the spring in hopes of gaining additional golfers with it being held earlier in the year. Please mark your calendars for June 12th, 2007, at Stone Ridge Golf Course. Feel free to contact me for additional information regarding either of these events.

Again, Thank You Snark Ray Lamari for your enthusiasm and commitment to the Hoo-Hoo. You made a fantastic impression on Minnesota! And your right today, the weather is terrible!
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You know what they say about golf ...

Hank Aaron: "It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."

Lee Trevino: "Columbus went around the world in 1492. That isn't a lot of strokes when you consider the course."

Paul Harvey: "Golf is a game in which you yell "fore," shoot six, and write down five."

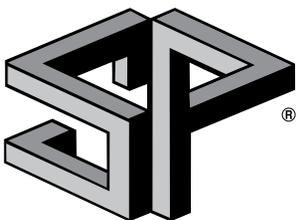
Lee Trevino: "If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron."

"Silk Stockings" TV Show: "The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music."

Gerald Ford: "I would like to deny all allegations by Bob Hope that during my last game of golf, I hit an eagle, a birdie, an elk and a moose."



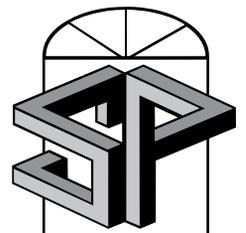
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**David William Blasen, L-53110
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Born in Portland on January 26, 1920, Dave Blasen attended Washington and Franklin High Schools, graduating from Franklin in 1938. He

entered Oregon State College (now OSU) in 1939 where he discovered what would become a life-long interest and vocation: forestry/wood products. Dave's schooling was interrupted by World War II when he left to attend Officers Candidate School. In March of 1943, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

He married Dorothy Forman on October 12th of that same year and shipped to Europe in November. He served as an artillery forward observer in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns until August 1946. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. After the war, he completed his forestry degree and continued to pursue his military career as a member of the U. S. Army Reserves. In 1965, he retired as a lieutenant colonel.

In 1953, he started a lumber brokerage in downtown Portland with a fellow classmate from OSC. Blasen & Granat operated until 1974, when the partners went separate ways. Dave Blasen expanded to a mill operation in North Portland where it

continues to thrive as a second generation business today.

Dave believed in giving back to the community. He served in leadership roles in many organizations, including the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, NAWLA, Portland Wholesaler's Association, The Fraternal Order of Hoo-Hoo, and Military Order of World Wars. After his retirement at age of 74, he remained active in volunteering.

Dave will be remembered as a strong leader and a man of high integrity. He was good natured and generous. He earned the respect of those with whom he did business and more important, the love of his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, their four children and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 20th at Sunset Presbyterian Church in Portland. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to OSU School of Forestry or NW Medical Teams.



**Michael Charpentier, 88896
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Mike passed away peacefully on January 25, 2007 at his beloved hunting club, Wild Wings of Oneka, with his hunting companion, Rebel, at his side. Survived by loving wife of 43 years, Mary Ann; three children, and seven grandchildren.

Mike had a very successful 46 year career in the lumber industry. He built Midwest Lumber Inc. from a small office wholesale company into a large regional distribution business, and taught his employees the value of honesty, respect, and integrity. Mike showed us all how to live life to the fullest every day. He made everyone feel like they were the most

special person in the world. Besides his devotion to his family and his business, he enjoyed hunting and fishing in the great outdoors. He spent a few hours every day walking the fields of Wild Wings with his old pal Rebel.



**Rodney Schumacher, L-51263
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"Rod" Schumacher, age 86 of Arden Hills died on January 8, 2007, after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by wife, Elizabeth; four children; four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Rod was a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Forestry and was employed 38 years with Masonite Corp. ending his career as Executive Market Manager.



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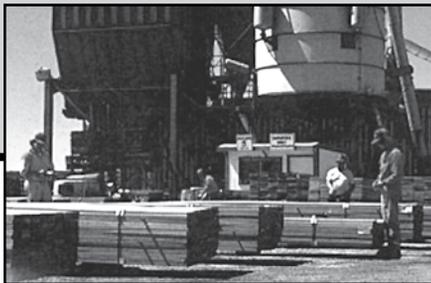


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