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**June**  
**Birthday Greetings!!**



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**Welcome!!**



**To SCAM:**

*Joanne Ricker Abowitz*

**To SCAM  
and Mensa:**

*Michael McTigue*

**Welcome  
Back:**

*John Doerr  
Daryl Smith*

**Editor's Note:**

The SCAM belongs to the members of Space Coast Area Mensa. Accordingly, we welcome all material submitted for publication in The SCAM. The material may be on just about any subject. Controversial opinions or subjects are encouraged, as are rebuttals to any opinions published herein. The Editor retains the right to edit or reject any material, but will not exercise such prerogative to limit opinions or discussion of any topic.

All submissions must be received by the Editor before the 10th of the month preceding publication. Please allow extra time for mailed submissions, which may be **typed** or **legibly handwritten**. Whenever possible, we prefer submissions via e-mail. They may be in **e-mail text** or any of most **word processing** formats. **All** submissions should be sent to the **Editor**, whose contact information appear above.

**From the  
Horse's Mouth:**



by  
**Mike Moakley,**  
**SCAM Editor**  
(moakleymj@  
bellsouth.net)

This month, there are a few items I would like to cover. First, we will be seating a new ExComm. As of this writing, it appears we will need volunteers to fill two ExComm positions that remain open. If you are interested, please contact one of the ExComm members listed on Page Two. If you are not interested, but are otherwise able to do so, I encourage you to reconsider and make the commitment. Space Coast Area Mensa is your group; it is what you make of it.

Just about all other positions, including mine, are appointed by the ExComm. If it is the pleasure of the new ExComm, I will be continuing as the SCAM Editor. I appreciate everyone's support as I learn the ropes on how best to bring a quality newsletter to all of you.

As Editor, I am always looking for writers on just about any topic to include in The SCAM. I invite you to send me a column or other creative material. The topics can be serious discussions, or it can be a lighter work. Good poetry is always nice. Ditto for puzzles and brainteasers. I could go on but you get the idea. BTW, Editor Emeritus J. T. Moran is featured this month with his column, *View From The Right*.

Some good news, we now have a new Calendar Coordinator. Katherine Cochrane, who has recently moved here from California, has graciously offered her services. I am counting on you to give her your support in any way you can. If you would like to host a SCAM event, please contact Kat. See her introductory article on Page 32.

Last April, a new SCAM activity was introduced: "*Our World, Our View*". Helen Lee Moore hosted the pilot event, she and I were the two speakers. This month, George Patterson will host this event on the 5th. Details of "*Our World, Our View*" appear on Page 14.

While we are on the subject of SCAM activities, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone these activities are open to member's spouses as well as other adult family members and well-behaved children. Please see the first page of every calendar for the specifics.

I will be introducing some new items and ideas to each issue of The SCAM. Starting this month, we will have a new feature, *Looking for Answers*, where readers can ask a question they cannot find the answer to using reference books or the Internet. Readers will then be encouraged to send answers (and supporting data), which I will then publish as space permits. Longtime member Art Belefant, who suggested this new feature, poses the first question. This new feature can be found on Page 15. I will also remind you that I am conducting a survey on whether to replace the birthday greetings with a Table of Contents in future issues. Let's hear from you by June 10; details on Page 12.



## ***Mewsing About***



***Clara  
Woodall-Moran,  
LocSec***

**A**s LocSec I cannot disband the RG committee but that is exactly what the next ExComm will have to decide. The Registrar has had a change of work schedule and will not be able to attend the RG (and therefore cannot work the registration desk).

The RG chair has gone back to college (and I'm very aware of what it takes to do that) and his classes are to be held on the weekends so he will not be able to attend and, as he is a slam-dunk for a position on the ExComm, he will also want to lighten the load a bit.

I've had to take a very low-key position on the committee and am cutting back with this sort of activity by stepping down from the ExComm. We don't have anyone getting programs for the RG. So far, we've had less than 30 registrations, including the committee. We are in desperate straits and really need to have some volunteers step in and help out the group.

The vote counting will be taking place after this issue is published. The outcome will be pretty predictable. Getting enough people to run for the various offices has been a challenge. Some are concerned about having too many meetings to attend...try looking at the bylaws...it really isn't that onerous...unless you are working 10hour days, 6days per week...like me.

## ***Testing...***

***By***

***Helen Lee Moore,  
Proctor Coordinator***

### ***Congratulations!***

**H**enry (Hank) Rhodes is the newest Proctor for SCAM. He recently completed the proctor training and is now giving the Mensa Entrance Exams on a regular basis.

Hank, who lives in Cocoa Beach, decided to become a proctor because it is one way of making a return to Mensa for the benefits he receives from his membership. He doesn't mind giving a few hours a year to testing candidates to help Mensa and SCAM grow, and identifying qualified prospects does that.

Many thanks, Hank!

Helen Lee Moore, Proctor Coordinator

***The Casebook of  
Anthony Chianti,  
Private Eye***



***Ken Thornton-Smith***

***The Wabasso Triangle:  
Episode 11: LORD OF THE WINGS***

It should not have happened, but one thing is certain: it did happen. Defying jellyfish warnings, adverse weather conditions and all known rules of grammar, The Wabasso Triangle has struck again.

Anthony Chianti, Licensed Private Eye and Indian River Community Pasta Detective, reporting:

A long time ago, in a pharmacy far, far away, it was Monday:

I was stuck ten deep in the checkout line, bored out of my skull as usual. I grabbed the newspaper, scanned the comics and ended up reading my Pastoscope. Not that I believe in Pastrology, I don't even believe in Astronomy, but least it killed a couple more minutes:

***Rigatonius, The Tube*** (Oct 22 – Nov 23)

Expect communication problems for the next few days now that Spaghetti O's have gone retrograde, and excommunication problems as Linguini moves into your fifth house and the Pope moves into the Out-house. For the weight-conscious, Spirella remains trine Fettuccini, so don't get turned on to any junk foods!

At last, clutching a dozen packets of Goatmeal Cream Pie emergency rations, I reached the checkout and hurried away for my appointment with destiny.

We bowed deeply before Sixpack Chopra, son of Colgate, King of all Listerine and Keeper of the Holy TV Remote.

There were seven of us back then, at the start of our little adventure. A fellowship of seven special-needs companions about to undertake the quest of a lifetime: To journey across buttercup-infested territory to the top of Mount Oregano and cast the sacred takeaway box of Buffalo Wings into the cauldron of fire known only by its secret code name of "Hoggy's Pit Barbecue".

"The problem is, whenever I think of the past, it always brings back so many memories..." King Sixpack moaned to himself. It was sad to see the King, famed for his wisdom, now reduced to this pitiable state. No wonder his people had stopped paying attention. And taxes.

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The King sat high on his huge throne. His beady eyes sat high on his huge forehead, and they were altogether too close. He looked like a double-barrelled Cyclops.

“Your Royal Highness, “ I began, “Our tiny retinue of delinquents is all that stands between you... “ I pointed out the window to the gathering clouds on the eastern horizon, “...and that threatening torrent of darkness!”

“You mean – more spam in my inbox?”

“Worse than that, King Sixpack, for the dark storm of Zoloft, Lord of The Benadryl, approaches with his evil hordes... ”

“Okay then, Scotchbrite, I will grant you safe passage through the realm of Listerine and the protection of the Queen's own personal bodyguard regiment, The Twinkies. They will help you on your quest, but mark they go no farther than our border. By the way, stupid – who are these other idiots?”

I was not about to let his Royal Arrogance provoke me: "These are my fearless companions, we call ourselves the Fellowship of the Wings. And now, flying in the face of literary convention, I introduce them to your Imperial Lordship.”

“First, we have Russell Sprout and Dick Turnip, stunted creatures from beyond the County Line, although they have been seen in other country bars.

"Next, Sir Estrogen the pastry chef and Tenderspleen, a black belt in Origami, both fearsome Ornithologists from the land of Pringles.

“Then, allow me to introduce Hailey Scomet, the tallest dwarf Princess and Tyrone ShoeLaces, a Ranger of Wallgreens.

"And last, but not least, myself, Wizard of all Wabasso, Scotchbrite the Oxymoron, at your service, your Highly Royalness."

“Okay, but I don't want you K-Mart Kids causing unrest among the population, you can leave tomorrow. I have to go now as us divinely-appointed rulers are very busy. Plus, Jeopardy starts soon.”

And so it was that Sixpack Chopra, King of all He Surveys, son of Colgate, Keeper of That Which Is Kept including all the Royal Pizza Coupons, and more besides, granted us safe passage through the mountainous land of Listerine.

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We were a motley bunch, six men in lime green tights and the Princess of Drano in a trenchcoat. Five different races united with a common cause: Wrest power from the dark side before the Marlins win the World Series again.

It took three days, toiling under the hot tropical sun, but eventually we had mounted the camels. Things were looking grim, and time was running out – we would never get our Oscars at this rate. King Sixpack was as good as his word, or at least one of them, and soon we were at the border.

Thanks to Russell Sprout's ingenuity we successfully outwitted the Bena-dryl hordes as they swept across the Plains of McDonnel-Douglas, looting and plundering all before them. We took the subway. I took up two seats.

At last we arrived at the mountain stronghold of the Supreme Emperor, Zoloft of Tabasco, Lord of the Benadryl. Fortunately, he was out, another appointment for cosmetic dentistry his secretary said, so we took the opportunity to look for some serious carbohydrates.

It was brave Sir Estrogen of Pillsbury that lead us to the furnace of doom – we found him as he surfaced from Dr Atkin's Bakery with a box of Jelly Danish, and there it was, right next door: Hoggy's Pit Barbecue, by Royal Appointment. There was no time to waste, as the evil Zoloft would soon be back from the dentist's.

The others lined up outside for photos as Tenderspleen unpacked the wings. I finished off the last packet of cream pies, more determined than ever not to let junk foods turn me on or whatever that Pastascope nonsense was. Then someone found Hoggy in the kitchen.

"Hoggy – can we throw these in your barbecue pit?" I enquired.

"Sure!"

"Kew!!" We all replied.

"First, though, protocol demands that I must ask you a question... "

"Go for it, your Royal Cheffyness." As the most articulate member of the seven I naturally volunteered.

"...and that involves attaching this lie detector to your testicles... There –

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are those jumper leads comfortable?" Hoggy inquired.

"Er, ready, make it fast." I hissed through my teeth.

"OK, here is the question: Are you in favor of introducing a National "Don't Eat Anything with a Picture of Little Debbie on It" Day?"

"Little Debbie?"

"I'm sorry, I can't help you with this question. Ten seconds left. Nine, eight, seven, six..."

"No, er – Yes!" I said, rather less tentatively than was intended.

The needle slowly swung backwards and forwards from Truth to Lies until smoke started to pour out of the lie detector.

"Little Debbie?" I said again, at which point the needle suddenly banged hard over to "Truth".

My fearless companion Tyrone stepped forward and hurled the entire box of Wings into the pit of fire. In a flash it was gone, and from now on the evil Lord Zoloft would be powerless, or at least low on Shredded Wheat.

Tyrone spun around, "I don't get it, Scotchbrite – how did you ever pass the lie detector test?" And then, pointing at the obvious bulge in my tights, "Not... not Little Debbie?"

"Yes..." I replied, embarrassed, "I think it's the hat."

Well, amazing but true, and it can only have happened here. Or there. That's about it for this month's update from the Wabasso Triangle.

Anthony Chianti, Indian River Community Pasta Detective, signing off.  
Bed 10-33, Psycho Ward, Indian River Memorial Hospital.  
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## **A Quest for Excellence**

**By  
Sue Caruso**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Sue Caruso is the winner of the 2003 Jim Johnson—Doug Pearson Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Space Coast Area Mensa. This is her winning essay.*

**W**hen I initially made the decision to return to college in pursuit of an undergraduate degree, I realized that I would encounter many challenges while striving to accomplish the goals I set for myself I understood that continuing my education would not be an easy task and would require significant amounts of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

Although it had been several years since I was a student, I approached this new endeavor with an enormous amount of enthusiasm and a vigorously positive attitude. I truly felt that I was prepared to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve the level of excellence that I expected from myself I also knew that my determined spirit would enable me to complete my degree and prepare for an exciting new career.

The worthiness of diligent efforts has always been emphasized to me from the time I was a child, and this belief system has unquestionably been incorporated into the scholastic aspect of my life. I quickly learned to practice efficient time management skills and prioritize my responsibilities. As a result, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA and become a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

I am determined to accept nothing less than outstanding academic performance from myself if it is this sense of commitment that will be the driving force behind the goals I strive to obtain. Remaining focused on achieving these goals will enable me to feel a tremendous amount of pride and accomplishment on Graduation Day in July 2004.

As a single, working mother and a full time college student, I often feel the burden of the financial responsibilities that have become a part of my life. Although my demanding schedule can seem overwhelming at times, I realize that all of my efforts will produce noteworthy results. Upon the completion of this challenging journey, one of my main objectives is to provide a more stable and financially secure environment for myself and my two-year-old son. I would like to have the ability to offer him many opportunities as he grows older.

In addition to improving my financial status, I believe a scholarship would also serve as a reward for my commitment to outstanding academic achievement. I hope to seriously be considered for the Space Coast Area Mensa Scholarship because I believe that I possess all the qualities of a worthy recipient. I would truly be grateful to receive this award to assist in funding the cost of my college tuition.

Please accept my gratitude for the time and consideration given to me. I am currently a student at Keiser College in Melbourne.

***Right to Life,  
Part 2:***

***Class Warfare?***

by  
***Mike Moakley***

*"...The right to work is the right to live."*

- Section 447.01(1),  
FLORIDA STATUTES

**W**ell, Campaign 2004 is, by this time, well under way. Of course, in center stage is the Presidential contest. In that contest, the most frequently surfacing issues seem to be the War on Iraq, tax cuts, and the "jobless recovery". Increasing attention is now being paid to the exporting of American jobs, now that it is affecting skilled and educated technical workers.

In the two years I have been writing for the SCAM, I have attempted to point out the many ways the poor and working classes are being victimized by the wealthiest portion of the population and how our elected officials are complicit in these actions. In so doing, I have advocated what I believe to be possible solutions to some of the problems facing the ordinary American.

I believe I am one of a growing number of working class Americans who, quite frankly, have simply had enough. In my view, the corporate world has taken over our democracy, ensuring that our elected officials represent them, not the American people. I believe it is time for us to take back our country and reassert that our institutions, whether they be governmental, business, or otherwise exist to serve the people, and not the other way around.

People such as myself who believe this way, should we speak up, are increasingly being classified by the powers that be (specifically the Republican leadership) as advocates of "Class Warfare". These Republicans state that we do not want a "class war" because it would be divisive to our country. What's worse, in my opinion, is the party that claims to represent the ordinary American, the Democratic Party, in their spineless manner, agrees: Heavens, no; we don't want to start a "class war".

My response is: Why not? Why should there not be a "class war"? Throughout history, wars are begun by some act or acts of aggression. We among the poor and the working classes have certainly been on the receiving end of aggression from the corporate world and their lackeys holding government office.

A few examples here might suffice to make my point: Last year, during its legislative session, the Florida House and Senate passed a bill *making it illegal* for a county or a city to adopt a "living wage" ordinance. Not only will the possible guarantee of a living wage never materialize, but also the new law precludes voters from deciding whether such laws should be passed. We as citizens lost a lot of power, but most of us were not even aware that this even happened.

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**Let's Hear  
from YOU!**

As the Editor of *The SCAM*, I am continually looking for ways to improve our newsletter. As you have no doubt noticed, I have made several cosmetic changes over the last six months. At this point, I am proposing yet another change.

Traditionally, on Page 3 of each issue, we include a list of all SCAM members celebrating birthdays during the month of the issue. I am considering discontinuing the birthday list and instead replacing it with a Table of Contents.

My reason is that I have been publishing an increasing number and variety of works, both "regular" and "guest" columns. At the same time, I continue to seek new contributions. I believe a Table of Contents will serve as a convenience to the reader. *What do you think?* Let's hear from you no later than June 10. You will find my info on Page 3.

— Michael Moakley, SCAM Editor

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Another example is the predatory lender practices that continue to go unchecked. I wrote about this problem in the May 2003 SCAM. Yet another example is the "1099 Employee", covered in March 2003. Still no legislative relief in sight.

Still another is the raiding of employee's pensions; most recently, our "representatives" voted to ease the funding requirements of employer pension plans. Then, of course, there is the continuing saga of the Bush Labor Department revising their overtime rules so as to cheat millions of American workers out of their earned overtime. The list is endless.

Most egregious, in my estimation, is how political campaigns are conducted. It appears that the candidate with the best fundraisers is the most likely winner of the election. Of course, "He who pays the piper calls the tune." Is it any wonder that only the extremely wealthy are truly represented? Moreover, the current campaign and election laws are designed to place unnecessary hurdles to block "third party" candidates from effectively competing for the vote. I advocate switching to a campaign system that is totally publicly financed, with equal funding to ALL qualified candidates for a given office, and free and equal air time (and press time) to all candidates in order to reach out to the voting public.

Do I advocate "Class Warfare"? Well, I certainly do not believe in engaging in violent acts for any reason except self-defense, so I do not envision rallying up the poor and working classes to engage in a riot against our adversaries (although that could eventually happen). Yet, if what the Republicans suggest (and the Democrats apparently agree), bringing our issues to the forefront, and no longer allowing them to be brushed aside by emotional "wedge issues" is, indeed, "Class Warfare", then my answer is an emphatic "YES!"



***The Alchemist:  
Where are We  
Going?***



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**T**alk about confusing. The stock market was going up nicely during 2003 and it looked like investors were going to get back some of their losses. Now it has started down again and investors need to know – is this a correction or are we going back to those old low prices?

First I have to tell you that your broker and financial planner don't know. How can I be so sure? Well, look at what they did to your account from 2000 to 2003. Unfortunately, brokers and financial planners are all taught by the Wall Street mavens who work for the big brokerage houses. The one thing they never want you to do is sell and go to cash. If you do that they don't make any money.

Yes, financial planners and brokers do get advice from their company "experts" who are supposed to be able to find things that go up or at least don't go down and give you a decent return. We have seen the scandals about how the "analysts" who work for these companies tout things they think stink. Let's hope that is a finished chapter for Wall Street.

The long term and prudent investor has to know when to be IN the market AND when to be OUT. Is there a way to do this with any accuracy? Yes, there is despite what your financial expert(?) may tell you and it is very easy to do. What I will explain is what saved many folks huge amounts of money between 2000 and 2003. Don't accept anyone's word until you have checked this personally.

Use your computer to go to the web site [www.bigcharts.com](http://www.bigcharts.com) and if you don't have one you can do this at the library. In the Interactive Symbol box type in any one of the major indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average (symbol DJIA) or the Standard and Poor's 500 Index (SP500) and then ask it to compute a 40-week Moving Average on the web site. (It is easy so I won't explain it here). Choose a time frame of one decade. You will immediately notice that as long as that red line is going up you can own equities. When it turns down you should be in cash or a money market.

That 40-week line turned up in 1995 and did not turn down until the beginning of 2000. At that time you should have sold everything and waited until about April of 2003 when it turned up again. It still hasn't turned down. When it does you want to be in cash again.

Where are we going? I don't predict and you should not rely on someone else to tell you especially the so-called "experts". Let the market tell you. It is the only one that knows.

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**Our World,**

**Our View**

**By**

***George Patterson***

**B**ack in April we had a new event on our calendar entitled "Our World, Our View." The idea was to have a pleasant social evening featuring a presentation by two people of their views on various topics, social, political,

and, perhaps, philosophical. I felt it went very nicely. Since I don't want to get into a full blown critique of the ideas presented, suffice it to say, there was a somewhat liberal presentation and a somewhat conservative one. But to give a sense of what was said, the "liberal" tossed out a mini-rant against unreasonable use of tort laws (a favorite conservative hobbyhorse, if I remember Dan Quayle correctly) and the "conservative" held, with regard to a particular item, that citizens should not be required to fund government activities that they did not approve of -- a view which, if enacted, would bring down the republic in no time at all. The participants were allowed to speak without interruption, a Mensa rarity, although there were occasional murmurs of assent. Unfortunately, I had to leave before the post-refreshment discussion, where, for all I know, people were physically assaulted. But I have heard no report of such goings on. I will be hosting the next evening of this sort (see calendar), and unless I hear from some volunteers, I myself will present two theses; why I am a liberal, and why I shouldn't be. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.



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**Looking for  
Answers...**

***...from our  
Readers!***

**Question #1:** *Our first question is posed by Art Belefant:*

**T**his question has puzzled me for years and for which I have found no general rule or reason. The suffixes “-er” and “-or” are used in the English language to signify “one who ....”. For example there is a singer and an actor. Also lawyers and solicitors perform much the same function as do teachers, tutors, and professors. As a writer and an author I am often confused as to which suffix to use. Can someone help?

-Arthur

**To the Reader:** *If you have an answer to this question, please submit your response to the SCAM Editor, whose contact information appears on Page Three, no later than July 10th. Responses will be published in the August SCAM. The Editor reserves the right to decline to publish responses for lack of supporting data or due to space limitations. If you have a question, please send it to the SCAM Editor.*

***Arachnae's Threads***

*by*

***Clara Woodall-  
Moran, Webmaster***

**W**e have a new calendar coordinator with a new, online calendar – check it out at:

**<http://ical.mac.com/kwc1/SpaceCoastAreaMensa>**

Links from the current web will be established soon.

*COME ONE - COME ALL TO THE 2004 SCAM OCTOBER MASQUERADE RG ON THE BEACH IN BEAUTIFUL INDIALANTIC FLORIDA*

*It's that time again to dust off that old mask and polish up your favorite costume props and get ready for another fun-filled, never know what to expect, not your ordinary, RG.*

*Once again, our favorite hotel on the beach, The Holiday Inn, Oceanfront, has rolled out the red carpet for us . They have renovated our favorite Penthouse and are getting everything ready to ensure that the weekend will be one long remembered.*



**Standard Room Rates are \$70.00 a night for up to four RG'ers. Oceanfront Rooms are \$93.00 a night for the same number as well as some Suites available for \$155.00 a night. Rates are guaranteed thru 10/08. Call 1-800-465-4329. Group Code MNS**

**The Hotel will be serving a Saturday Night Deluxe Buffet for \$28.00 and a Sunday Morning Brunch for \$15.00. A combo meal plan for \$40.00 is available. All meal prices include gratuities and tax.**

**Registration starts at \$40.00 thru 08/31/04, \$45.00 from 09/01/04 thru 10/21/04 and \$55.00 at the door. Day rates will be available and, as always, registration fees will be cheerfully refunded.**

***October 22, 23, 24 SCAM October Masquerade RG  
AT the Holiday Inn, Oceanfront Resort***

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## June 2004 Calendar of SCAM Events

Membership in American Mensa, Ltd. makes you eligible to attend SCAM social functions. Escorted and invited guests of a member or host are welcome. Adult family members of Mensans are encouraged to participate in SCAM activities, as are well behaved children. However, attendance at any social function in a **private home** is subject to the hospitality of the host. Compliance with published house rules is required, and "Kitty" payment is **not optional**. As a courtesy, notify the host if you plan to attend. Announced hosts should attend their events or arrange for a stand-in if unable. When reservations are required, you may not be able to participate if you fail to call.

*S*-Smoking; *NS*- No Smoking; *SS*-Separate Smoking Area; *P*-Pets in the home; *NP*-No Pets present; *BYO* -Bring Your Own: *\_*Snacks, *\_*Drinks, *\_*Everything.

### Regular Events

**C.A.B.A.G.E. (North) at Barnes and Noble: Monday, the 7th & 21st.**

6:00PM, Merritt Island, across from Merritt Square Mall

**C.A.B.A.G.E. (North) at Books-A-Million: Wednesday, the 2nd, 16th & 30th.**

Merritt Square Mall

**C.A.B.A.G.E. (South) at House of Joe: Wednesday, the 2nd.**

1220 W. New Haven Ave., Melbourne

Spend the evening with friends playing games, drinking gourmet coffee, and devouring sweet treats, and perhaps even reading a bit. It's free (except for any purchases), no pets, and outside smoking.

**C.A.B.A.G.E. North Host: Karen Freiberg**

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**C.A.B.A.G.E. South Host: Trish Thornton**

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<b>1st</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ExComm Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Meal Cost</b>	<b>NS/NP</b>

The Executive Committee of the group meets to conduct its monthly business. All members are welcome to attend, to volunteer, and to see how things are done. This month's meeting will be held at the *Texas Barbecue Restaurant, on US 1 in Cocoa.*

<b>2nd</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee, Etc. at the House of Joe</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Coffee/M meal Cost</b>	<b>NS/NP</b>

Let's get together for some coffee, sandwiches, bagels, and a lot of books to borrow or trade. Bring your favorite game! Featured is a free Wi-Fi hotspot for those with laptops and a wireless Internet card. They also have a guitar handy for those so inclined. **The House of Joe** is located at **1220 W. New Haven Ave.** (across from Toys-R-Us) in **Melbourne**. See you there. NOTE: This activity is now our *C.A.B.A.G.E. South.*

<b>5th</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Our World, Our View</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	

Come and hear what two of your fellow Mensans think. You will also be given an opportunity to question and comment. Refreshments will be served after the initial presentation. This is an event which will attempt to fulfill one of the purposes of Mensa, intellectual stimulation. Call for address and directions.

**George Patterson** *george3141@aol.com*

<b>10th</b>	<b>NL and Calendar deadlines</b>
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All newsletter submissions must be to Mike no later than today. Ditto for calendar



events being to Katherine, our calendar coordinator.

[moakleymj@bellsouth.net](mailto:moakleymj@bellsouth.net)

**11th** **6:00 p.m.** **Pub Night**

**Friday** **Food and Drink cost** **S/NP**

Helen Lee Moore takes us to the *Shamrock and Thistle Pub* in Titusville for a night of tasty ales and lively conversation. The pub is at *2035 Cheney Highway, Titusville*.

**Helen Lee Moore** [moorehelenlee@cs.com](mailto:moorehelenlee@cs.com)

**12th** **12:30 p.m.** **Mensa Testing**

**Saturday** **\$30.00** **NS**

Someone you know is a potential member of Mensa! Tell that person about the Mensa Test; today, Cape Canaveral Hospital, 12:30pm. Help SCAM grow! Call our Proctor Coordinator..

**Helen Lee Moore** [moorehelenlee@cs.com](mailto:moorehelenlee@cs.com)

**12th** **1:00 p.m.** **What are you Reading?**

**Saturday** **\$3.00** **NS**

This is a *new event*. Come join our book discussion group. Bring one or two books you are currently reading to share your opinions of them, good OR bad. RSVP, call for address and directions.

**Katherine Cochrane** [Katherine@cd-info.com](mailto:Katherine@cd-info.com)

**18th** **6:00PM** **Talk-about**

**Friday** **\$3.00** **SS/P**

We all like to sit around talking with each other about all manner of things. Join us to just talk. No TV or videos — just great conversation and some good food for thought.

**Clara and JT Moran** [morwood@cfl.rr.com](mailto:morwood@cfl.rr.com)

**19th** **Various Show Times** **Roxy Cheep Flix**

**Saturday** **\$1.00 plus popcorn** **NS**

Please call Rita before 12 Noon for movie selections and times. You can have movies and afford the popcorn, too. Good event for families. Several shows from which to choose.

**Rita Johnson-Aronna** [patrita@workdnet.att.net](mailto:patrita@workdnet.att.net)

**20th** **11:00 a.m.** **Brunch with Jim**

**Sunday** **Meal cost** **NS/NP**

We'll join Jim for his monthly Sunday brunch at the *Colossus Restaurant* at *380 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne*. You must be seated no later than 11:00 a.m. or you may not be seated with us: we can't save any seats for latecomers.

**Jim Trammell** **242-8985**

**24th** **6:00 p.m.** **Sam Kirschten's Birthday Party!**

**Saturday** **Meal Cost** **NS/NP**

Join us as we help Sam celebrate his passage from old middle-age to young old-age at *Texas BBQ, 1341 N US1, Cocoa*.

**26th** **6:00 p.m.** **S.N.O.R.T.**

**Saturday** **Meal Cost** **SS/NP**

Wasabi! Join us at our best-attended monthly event and sample some great Japanese fare; take a break from the mundane for some sushi, teriyaki, and tempura. *Miyako's* is located at *1511 S. Harbor City Blvd. (US1) in Melbourne*.

# Pow-Owl CaMp

August 20-22 at Buffalo Gap Camp  
(off Rt. 50, west of Winchester, VA)

Only \$165 until May 28<sup>th</sup>,  
then \$185 to 7/19, \$205 to 8/13  
\$50 deposit (non-ref); balance by 7/19  
Kids 13-17 @75%, 6-12 @50%, <6 free

Includes pleasant cabin space (private room extra),  
tasty meals/snacks from Fri. dinner to Sun. lunch,  
and all the fun you can handle!

This delightful new annual event is kinda like a mini summer camp for Mensans and friends/family of all ages. (Yes, including children by popular demand—there will be a cluster of family cabins.) The place is wonderful and the food is excellent. Planned activities include a variety of RG-like programs, a dance sampler series making use of the fine floor, and traditional camp stuff like swimming and singing/s'mores around the campfire. Cabins will be set aside for games, a book swap, and the children's clubhouse. All we need is YOU! For more info, contact event sponsor Jenny Foster: [pinc@xecu.net](mailto:pinc@xecu.net) or 301-371-4312 (email preferred).

**The Gourmet's  
Guide:**

**Barbeque**

by

**Art Belefant**

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**W**hen I was working in New York, my brother and I lived together in a one-room apartment. He arrived home earlier than I and did the shopping for our evening meal. By the time I got home, the groceries were in the pantry and the refrigerator and he was asleep on the couch. It was my job to cook the meal.

I would go to the refrigerator, open the packages and prepare the meal from the ingredients that I found there. I did not want to wake my brother, so what I

made from the ingredients was solely up to me.

Usually it was fairly obvious what my brother expected me to make. Often several different dishes could be made from the primary ingredient, and therefore it was my choice. Occasionally, when I opened the package of meat I would stare at it for a while, puzzling over what my brother had had in mind, and then after ascertaining what it was in the package, I would determine what to do with it.

When the meal was prepared and the table set I would then wake my brother for dinner. He never complained or objected to what I had prepared.

You may properly ask what all this has to do with the subject of this month's column - barbeque. This is the relationship.

For the past several years, J. T. Moran, our designated official hunter, supplied me with a large amount of frozen venison for me to prepare for his annual venison feast. This year was no different than previous years. This year, two large blocks of frozen meat resided in my freezer for several months prior to the date of the venison party. Anticipating that the meat would be similar to that which J. T. had previously provided, I went about researching recipes and gathering ingredients for this year's *oeuvre*, East European Sweet and Sour.

Three days before J. T.'s party, I unfroze the two packages of meat. Instead of solid blocks of boneless venison that I had expected, I found two racks of ribs and a bone-in thigh. I stood there looking at the meat and memories of my brother and me in our small apartment and me preparing dinner welled up in me.

There was the unexpected meat, now it was my job to determine what to do with it. It didn't take me long to decide - it would be barbeque. A quick review of half a dozen cookbooks determined that I had enough of the proper ingredients to do it properly.

First, let's clarify the word. According to several dictionaries, "barbeque" or "barbecue" is derived from Caribbean Indian through

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Spanish meaning a raised framework for smoking, drying, or broiling meat. Thus the original barbecue was plain smoked or broiled met. Another derivation takes the word from the French barbe à queue, meaning “from beard to tail” referring to the whole kid or young goat that was often the subject of the barbecue.

We still use barbecue in the first sense when we cook meat over open coals (or gas fired ceramic briquettes), usually outdoors, on a special range called a barbecue. However, in the U. S., barbecue also has come to designate a type, or types, of sauce served over meat, fish, or fowl. Those sauces have significant regional differences.

In making the original Texas barbecue, a hole is dug in the ground, a layer of live coals is put in the pit, followed by the carcass of a whole animal, usually a steer or calf, but often a skinned buffalo head, rubbed with salt and wrapped in wet burlap. Another layer of live coals is added to that and moist earth is packed over the pit, much like a Hawaiian luau. This technique steams the meat and makes it very tender. The meat is uncovered after at least eight hours of cooking and served with a barbecue sauce.

Pit-cooked barbecue can still be found occasionally.

More commonly, barbecuing retained the original form and in the current version, meat (including fish and seafood) is cooked on an open metal grill over hot coals. Various sauces and seasonings are usually applied to the meat during the smoking or cooking process and afterwards. This results in a crisp crust, which many people believe is the tastiest part of the barbecue.

In the 17th century in Virginia barbecued sturgeon and hog were popular. In the 19th century barbecue became an integral part of political campaigns. In 1840 in Zanesville, Ohio, William Henry Harrison, while running for president, gave a barbecue that consumed 18 tons of meat.

Many of the original barbecue sauces were not sweet and there are places in the U. S. that serve barbecue that way. A typical non-sweet sauce, characteristic of Texas, contains oil, vinegar, lemon, onions, and Worcestershire sauce.

### **Venison dishes**

These are some of the dishes that I have prepared over the past several years for J. T's venison parties.

**Chili, 1998**

**Sauerbratten, 1999**

**Stroganoff, 2000**

**Bourgundian, 2001**

**Paprikash, 2002**

**Stifado, 2003**

**Barbeque, 2004**

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The onion, tomato, sugar, and vinegar type of sauce is what is usually served in barbeque restaurants in Florida and throughout the South. It is this type of sauce that I created for J. T.'s venison party. Several people at the party exclaimed how much they liked the result. I hope that you will like it, too.

## **Barbeque Sauce**

### **Ingredients**

- oil or fat 2 tbs
- onion, chopped 2 cup
- garlic, chopped 4 cloves
- tomato, chopped 2 cups
- chili powder 1/2 tsp
- mustard, prepared 3 tbs
- salt 1 tsp
- soy sauce 1 tbs

### **Method**

Sauté the onions and garlic until soft. Add all the other ingredients. Simmer for several hours, Put in a blender and blend only until the large pieces are chopped smaller. Do not purée. Return to simmer.

This barbeque sauce can be used on beef, chicken, pork, or any other meat or fish. For J. T's venison party I used the venison supplied. Here is how I prepared it.

Roast ribs or shank in an oven at 500° F until a brown crust is formed, then reduce heat to 300° F. Baste regularly with barbeque sauce. Serve extra sauce with the meat.



***A View  
from the Right:  
Information "Left"  
Out of the News***

*by*

***J.T. Moran***

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**B**ack in the February, 2002 issue of *The SCAM* I wrote an article titled "The Bend Sinister". In that article I demonstrated how our so-called "free and unbiased" press was anything but - at least when it came to politics and anything impacting the far-left liberal agenda. I showed how the reporting of "facts" by the media actually belonged more on the "Opinion"

page than on the front page.

Well, it is now over two years later and we are in the early stages of what will be a very nasty presidential campaign. But it has continued to be very evident that the same mindset regarding impartiality still reigns supreme among the elitists of the "Mainstream Media"

Consider the differences in the treatment of Candidates Bush and Kerry in regards to their military histories.

When President Bush's National Guard service was thrown into doubt after a statement by Bush-hater Michael Moore (who called him a deserter on January 17, 2004), the feeding frenzy of the media began. They smelled political blood, and, by gosh (they don't like to use the other "G" word), they were going to get to "the truth". They thought they could make hay out of his non-attendance of drills. So they demanded his attendance records. They got them. And guess what? The records showed that Mr. Bush either attended the scheduled drills or made up for them later in the service year by attending extra drills. So what did our liberal friends say to this proof? That the documents "create more questions than answers." They demanded more!

So they got it. The President's pay records, his honorable discharge, even the records of his dental treatment during a service day on January 6th, 1973.

The result of all this interrogation? No statement from the media that their investigations had shown that the President had successfully fulfilled his obligation to the Guard was issued. Instead, the matter was dropped - but not permanently. To this very day the President's service is being used in an attempt to deflect attention from other matters of military interest. Such as the service records of one Senator John F. Kerry.

From December of 1968 through March of 1969. Lt. (jg) Kerry served as commander of various "Swift" (river patrol) boats in Vietnam. He had volunteered for this duty in February of 1968 as an ensign. During his four months of service he saw action on a number of occasions and won, among other things, a Silver Star

and no less than three purple hearts. The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States, while the Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces killed or wounded in an armed conflict.

Sounds very heroic, doesn't it? Well, if you read the papers or watch TV, that is about all you will hear about Sen. Kerry's military career. You certainly don't see investigation into the allegations that the Purple hearts were awarded for "band-aid wounds", less severe than a "thorn scratch" as reported by the doctor who treated him, and who also reported that others in the crew had confided to him that they had not been under enemy fire but that the shrapnel had come from an explosive round fired by Kerry against a rock. In other words, the wound was self inflicted, and not eligible for the Heart. In total, for the three Hearts he won, he missed two days of duty and got away without any impairment.

His Star is also suspect. He violated numerous procedural rules with his actions. First, if the grenade was launched then the launcher was empty and of no immediate threat. If it had not been launched then it was a dire threat. Procedure called for the boat to go out at least 50 yards and to rake the area with the .50 cal machine guns. He instead, grounded the boat, chased down the enemy who had been wounded by the machine guns, and shot him. By grounding the boat he made it an immobile sitting duck; by leaving the boat he rendered the rest of the crew helpless - they couldn't run nor could they return any fire that came from his direction. And lastly, we had, and still have, very strict rules concerning the shooting of helpless wounded enemies.

For his actions he was almost court-martialed for the violations that placed his boat and crew in serious jeopardy. Instead, he received the Star.

Also during those 4 months he did many other bad things: "I committed the same kind of atrocities as thousands of other soldiers have committed in that I took part in shootings in free fire zones. I conducted harassment and interdiction fire. I used 50 caliber machine guns, which we were granted and ordered to use, which were our only weapon against people. I took part in search and destroy missions, in the burning of villages. All of this is contrary to the laws of warfare, all of this is contrary to the Geneva Conventions.."

So, we have reasonable cause to doubt the foundations of Senator Kerry's presidential bid - his Vietnam service record. Has there been any outcry from the "Mainstream Media", that same

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group who are still demanding even more “proof” concerning President Bush’s service? Nope.

Has there even been any effort to get the Senator to fully release his military service records, as was done by the President? Nope

So, what do we get from the left-leaning media concerning these doubts of heroism, as well as about his self-admitted commission of atrocities? Well, we are usually told that the Senator was a highly-decorated Vietnam veteran, as if that is sufficient response. What we do not get is the intensive delving into the records or the almost daily repeating of the allegations brought by those who say that Kerry was not then and is not now a man who can be trusted.

Just recently 189 veterans of the Swift Boats, many of whom served at the same time, and some who served with Senator Kerry have come forward as the “The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth”. They declared that he should release his complete and unaltered records, and that “Further, we call upon you to correct the misconceptions your campaign seeks to create as to your conduct while in Vietnam. Permit the American public the opportunity to assess your military performance upon the record, and not upon campaign rhetoric”. This has largely gone unreported by the “unbiased” media. Perhaps the media is.

But, if you look at THEIR records, you have to ask yourself if you are willing to risk believing them and having their anointed one as commander-in-chief in these dangerous times.

I’m not.





***A View... From  
Somewhere Else***

***"When Country  
Calls"***

***by  
Hank Rhodes  
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With all the controversy and countercharges bantered around lately, it is worth comparing the military records of the two gentlemen competing for the office of President of the United States, especially in consideration of the sacrifices our young people are making in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places. What follows can be viewed as a side-by-side comparison of two resumes.

**Component of Service:**

John F. Kerry-  
(US Navy)

- 1) Warship assigned to U.S. Seventh Fleet.
- 2) Coastal Surveillance Force, Republic of Vietnam.

George W. Bush-  
(Texas Air Guard)

111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron,  
(a.k.a. "The Champagne Squadron").

**Circumstances of entry:**

John F. Kerry-

Volunteered. Completes Officer Candidate School, and advanced Military Technical Training.

George W. Bush-

Although record and exam results indicate his marginal aptitude, he mysteriously jumps to the front of the waiting list, ahead of several hundred others, to gain a Guard slot and admission to pilot training program.

**Principal Assignment:**

John F. Kerry-

- 1) Served as junior officer aboard *USS Gridley* (DLG-21), a guided missile "Frigate" of the *Leahy*-Class. (Note: Ships of this class were later re-rated as "Cruisers.")
- 2) Commanded PCF-44, and later commanded PCF-94, "Swift Boats," small (50-foot) combatant vessels designed for coastal and riverine warfare.

George W. Bush-

Flew F-102 "Delta Dagger," a 1950s-era aircraft considered obsolete at the time.

### **Primary Mission:**

- John F. Kerry- Interdict enemy operations in the Mekong River and other waterways of South Vietnam, provide supporting gunfire and essential logistics for operations involving ground forces, search and rescue.
- George W. Bush- Patrol the skies of Texas, to seek and engage enemy aircraft.

### **Decorations:**

- John F. Kerry- Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart (3 awards)
- George W. Bush- Entitled to wear citations previously awarded to his unit.

### **Testimony of Comrades:**

- John F. Kerry- Even veterans opposed to Kerry's political philosophy acknowledge his courage, distinguished service, and effective leadership as a Naval officer.
- George W. Bush- Difficult to ascertain, since he appears to have employed stealth technology during much of his "service" in the Guard. One hazy recollection has him coming into the office to read aviation safety publications on government time. When questioned, his political associates note his spotty attendance at campaign events, and attribute it to conflicting military duty, possibly recovering from severe bottle fatigue.

### **Termination of Service:**

- John F. Kerry- Third wound due to enemy action constituted basis for transfer out of combat zone. Completed military service in a staff assignment.

George W. Bush- Quit the Guard as soon as U.S. forces were withdrawn from Vietnam.

**Post-war experiences:**

John F. Kerry- Horrified by the waste of lives and resources due to the moral cowardice and incompetence of the nation's leaders, he became a spokesperson for the effort to end the war.

George W. Bush- Enters his "nomadic years," apparently a euphemism for "drunk, idle, and sponging off parents." Conservative proponents attempt to fast forward past this period, until their man claims to have reformed sometime around his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. Apparently, "character matters" only in one's interpersonal relations with White House interns.

**Career highlights:**

John F. Kerry- Serves in a series of public offices, including U.S. Senator.

George W. Bush- Participates in several failed business ventures, and gains partial ownership of a perennial losing baseball team, which is propped up by a taxpayer-funded stadium deal. Will only admit that he traded his best player away.

**Documentation Controversy:**

John F. Kerry- While three separate wounds due to hostile fire are listed in his record, the citation for third award of the Purple Heart is missing. Conservative opponents seize upon this discrepancy to attack Kerry's integrity, patriotism, courage, intelligence, and manhood. Apparently, blaming "the bureaucracy" only applies to covering up questionable business deals in Texas.

George W. Bush- No valid record of meeting minimum attendance requirements during last two years' Guard

“service.” Conservative proponents note that standards of conduct were lax back in those days.

**Post-war associates:**

John F. Kerry-

Conservative opponents flout doctored photograph purportedly showing Kerry at the same protest rally as Jane “Barbarella” Fonda.

George W. Bush-

Surrounds himself with “chicken hawks,” people who avoided duty in the armed forces when they were of age, yet who seek a military solution to all international problems. This group includes the current Vice President, who received five deferments during the Vietnam war. They are a collection of brilliant armchair strategists whose command of military history, theory, and practice is evidenced by the Iraq debacle.

The current conservative campaign to attack Kerry’s military service while whitewashing Bush’s undistinguished record is an insult to all veterans (this author included), regardless of component of the service, rank, length of tour, combat experience, or political persuasion. Nonetheless, it pales in comparison to the way the modern conservatives insult the intelligence of the American people. One wonders how this administration can ask young Americans to sacrifice so much, when the members of the current administration have demonstrated such an unwillingness to sacrifice anything themselves.



***Introducing:  
Our new Calendar Co-  
ordinator!***



***By  
Katherine Cochrane  
(katherine@cd-info.com)***

**H**ello! My name is Katherine (or Kat if that's too long to handle), and I'm your new Calendar Coordinator. I've just moved here from California, where I belonged to the Redwood Empire Mensa chapter. As their webmaster, one of my responsibilities was to post an online version of the events calendar, so when I saw that this chapter was looking for someone to do that, I figured it was something I could manage that would provide a needed service, and

help me meet people locally. Since the whole point of belonging to Mensa is to be sociable, why not?

The SCAM calendar will be added to our website soon, but in the meantime you can find it at:

**<http://ical.mac.com/kwc1/SpaceCoastAreaMensa>**

To have a new event, or changes to existing events, added to the calendar, both print and electronic versions, please send them to me at [katherine@cd-info.com](mailto:katherine@cd-info.com) or call me about it at 321-432-9703.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at some of these events!



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**Why not write for  
The SCAM??**

**The SCAM welcomes written submissions on just about any subject matter. It must be your own work. Remember, deadline is the 10th of every month for the upcoming issue. Please see Page 3 of every issue for details.**

## ***The 10th Story***

by

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**J**une, moon, spoon, and all manner of rhyming words occur to me during this loveliest of months (it's my birth month, that's why!). I'm happy to be aboard Planet Earth and aware enough to celebrate her fabulous existence too. Hope your June is just as lovely as mine will be.

Big announcement, if you don't already ready know—Region 10 now has an assistant RVC, Maggie Truelove of **Central Florida Mensa**. Although her duties aren't exactly spelled out, I believe having a regional representative located further north in Florida will be a great help in a geographic sense. Several of the more northern chapters haven't seen any regional representative face to face in many years. It's been a goal of mine to visit all chapters at least once each term. With Maggie aboard, I hope I can accomplish that goal.

Here are some interesting demographic statistics on new members for our region. These figures and percentages are for the new fiscal year, 2004-2005. Seventy-three percent of the new members are male, 27% female. The largest segment of new members by age, 54%, fall into the GX, Generation X, category (ages 23-43). The smallest segment, 8%, are in the SG, Silent Generation, category (ages 62-79). Since we're just beginning the new fiscal year, we'll check these demographics again in six months and see if the percentages hold true. What does it mean? That younger Ms are finally appearing to take over from the grays? What do you think it means?

Our overall numbers are down because of late renewals (43,600), but our proxy numbers show that we still have more than 100% of our goal (26,112). See you at the AG in Las Vegas? There you can witness how this whole ProxyQuest will finally be resolved. A momentous occasion!

Have a great summer!



**Minutes of the**



**ExComm Meeting**

The ExComm met at the Texas Bar-B-Q Pit on May 4, 2004. Call to order 7:45 pm by LocSec Clara Woodall-Moran.

Members present: Clara Woodall-Moran, Rita Johnson-Aronna, Sam Kirschten, and Joe Smith; Helen Lee Moore was unable to attend.

Welcome guests: Anna Smith, James Breslin, Joe Kirschten, Pat Aronna, and Calendar Coordinator Katherine Cochrane.

No correspondence was received.

No reports were presented.

Minutes of April 4, 2004 were approved by acclamation as published.

Announcements:

The Audit Committee was named and all are appointed:

Fran Hinson  
George Patterson  
Colonel Robert Johnson.

RG Chairperson Joe Smith will hold an RG Committee meeting after the ExComm meeting adjourns.

The Texas Bar-B-Q Pit being satisfactory, the next meeting of the ExComm is scheduled for 7 pm Tuesday June 1, 2004 at the Texas Bar-B-Q Pit.

**NOTE: Next ExComm meeting will be held at the Texas Bar-B-Q Pit:**

*Texas BBQ Pit, 1341 North Cocoa Blvd (US 1), Cocoa, Florida  
BBQ sandwiches \$3.75. Good place. 7 pm Tuesday June 1. Hosted by Ex-Comm. SS/NP/meal cost.*