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*We wanted a turkey on the front cover...  
but someone got hungry and ate it!*

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## *Inside the Pocket Protector*

*Mike Moakley, Editor*

**N**ovember...This month, it is time to take a well-deserved deep breath. The biennial mudslinging sessions have finally come to an end. I just hope that the results do not induce too much “buyer’s remorse”.

Moreover, for many of us, our RG, by all indications will have been quite successful with great fun for all. My only question is, who won the DeLorean? Could it be one of the members of the ExComm, who are not meeting this month...George says they are decompressing...but maybe they are actually joyriding through time. If that’s the case, would one of you please get me a ticket with 6 correct numbers? Yes, I’d appreciate that.

Once everyone has been duly decompressed, I am looking forward to receiving contributions from anyone who wishes to write about his or her adventures while traveling Back to the Future. If, by chance, I get any photographs, I plan to feature at least one on our front cover.

And...finally...Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

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On reflections of "Why I Believe in God" October SCAM issue.

I enjoyed Mr. Zielinski's article concerning the remarkable beauty and unexpected results of mathematics. Also, I share his belief in a Designer. That being said, I do take exception to the belief that mathematics provides a reason for God. If you are somewhat a Platonist, I suppose that holds relevance to someone.

He mentioned Leonhard Euler's equation of  $e^{\pi i} = -1$  (as did NPR) as a beautiful relationship, which it is. It connects the five most important constants of mathematics (and three important mathematical operations). The five constants symbolize four major branches of mathematics: Arithmetic (0,1); algebra ( $i$ ); geometry ( $\pi$ ) and analysis ( $e$ ). As Benjamin Peirce, mathematics professor at Harvard in the 19<sup>th</sup> century said, "Gentlemen, that is surely true, it is absolutely paradoxical; we cannot understand it, and we don't know what it means."

But it is merely the manipulation of the formulations of  $\cos x$ ,  $\sin x$ , in terms of exponential functions. By substitutions of  $x=\pi$  and knowing  $\cos \pi=-1$  and  $\sin \pi=0$  (additional manipulations of man-made created constructs for trigonometric functions), Euler was able to obtain this formula. Somehow, mathematical playing (which Euler admits to in his notes and writing) to obtain a basis for belief in a God just does not seem satisfying to me.

As for God being essentially good, that is another one based on faith and hope (*which is certainly fine*). However, to use the man made religions of mankind's interpretation of a deity as in Christianity and Islam as a basis for belief in Divineness is also troublesome. One can only look at history and see the bloodshed and atrocities done by these religions to feel there is another side to the coin of goodness as preached by these beliefs. I certainly think that religion often helps to provide a moral foundation. However, to use man made religions as a proof of God is not something I like to contemplate as irrefutable evidence of His existence.

Buddhism is attractive, but does it actually believe in a God, per se? Unless you want to view Gautama Siddhartha as a deity incarnate. But he did not view himself as such, and I do not think it was originally considered part of his belief system.

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Another consideration is the mathematical facts we know may be applicable only to our arena of existence. Some mathematicians and physicists have even considered multi-verses with mathematical rules different from ours. Is that proof to support belief? Not necessarily, if there are an infinite number of universes with an infinite number of mathematical rules. Rules may exist where Euler's fascinating equation is not the same equality.

So, yes I believe in a divine being. Mostly because it is easier for me to believe than to believe everything I witness or know about has occurred by chance. But I cannot accept the existence of mathematical manipulation of human-created concepts as a basis for belief in a Divine Deity.

The story goes, maybe apocryphal, of when Catherine the Great of Russia had the French philosopher (and atheist) Denis Diderot argue God's existence with Leonhard Euler. Euler supposedly said, "Sir,  $(a + b^n)/n = x$ . Hence, God Exists!". Diderot, not being a mathematician, was dumbfounded and immediately left for Paris.

It is often said one should not argue politics and religion. Many hold the assumption that humans can be convinced by reasonable arguments. I have not found that to be true in my travels around this planet. Whether it is belief in a political system or religious system, so called educated people tend to use their intelligence to only convince themselves they are right and you are wrong.

I just think one should be careful using an implied authority ( a great mathematician says or any mathematics says..) as a basis to support a belief system. Everything from politics, law, history, science, etc. have been used in the past and present to convince others of the truth of their beliefs. God may be a mathematician (what a neat idea to me). But I somewhat doubt that mathematics can be used to prove faith in His existence.

**Reference:** Eli Maor, "e: The Story of a Number", 1994. Princeton University Press.

*Stacy Strickland*  
*Melbourne, Florida*

**T**he English language is rich in its vocabulary. More so than most other languages, some say more than any other language. We have more words to express an idea than French, German, or Spanish. That makes English a harder language to learn, but a more expressive language because these equivalent terms are usually not equal but have different connotations. In other languages, these differences must be made by adding modifiers or explanations.

In describing many of our public officials, community leaders, and corporate officials and their illegal or quasi-legal actions, we often say that they have *audacity*, *effrontery*, *impudence*, *hubris*, *gall*, *chutzpah*, or *nerve*. Yet these terms are not identical in meaning. They have different connotations. The dictionary definitions given do not always agree completely with current usage or with other dictionaries on just how these words should be used.

*Hubris*, from the Greek, “is an excessive ambition, the excessive pride and ambition that usually leads to the downfall of a hero in classical tragedy.” (*Encarta*® *World English Dictionary 1998-2004*) In modern usage, it is the feeling that the individual is not constrained by the rules expected of others. There is no remorse, shame, or guilt felt by the individual. They are right and it is their due.

*Gall*, “impudent boldness” (*ibid.*) from the bitter secretion in mammals. If a person does some of the same things, but is aware that what he does is wrong, but does it anyway, he is said to have gall. Gall has a negative connotation. If in doing that, there is a certain charm, or devil-may-care attitude about it, that is *chutzpah* “self-confidence: boldness coupled with supreme self-confidence” (*ibid.*) (*from the Yiddish*).

*Effrontery*, “shameless nerve: behavior or an attitude that is so bold or arrogant as to be insulting” (*ibid.*). The operating word here is “shameless”. The actor here knows that what he is doing should invoke shame. But it does not.

*Audacity* has even less of a negative connotation. It may even be positive. “Daring or willingness to challenge assumptions or conventions or tackle something difficult or danger-

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ous” (*ibid.*).

The dictionary definitions do not cover the full range of the connotations applied. These connotations differ in each sub-society and for each individual.

Take these noted cases and apply what you feel is the appropriate term for the action or the actor:

- *Governors being sent to jail for or convicted of corruption.*
- *Bank officials taking enormous bonuses after being bailed out by the federal government.*
- *Public officials not paying taxes by hiding income or assets.*
- *Senators leaving the site of an accident without notifying police.*
- *President’s wives and children taking vacations in Spain while equally pleasant beaches suffer economic losses because of a nearby oil disaster.*
- *Major professional athletes engaging in extra-marital sex.*
- *Candidates spending millions of dollars on elections, but refusing to answer questions about the candidate’s responsibility of fraudulent activity of a corporation he once headed.*
- *The courts saying corporations have the same first amendment rights as natural persons.*
- *Local officials giving enormous raises to their staff while calling for cuts for everyone else.*
- *A small town in California paying its town manager a salary of \$800,000.*
- *CEO’s receiving enormous bonuses after their companies have failed.*

Depending on your political viewpoint and your personal interest, your responses will probably vary considerably from that of your neighbor.

**T**his was one of the enduring mantras of my boomer generation and it seems a very apropos time to dust it off and bring it out again. We are involved in far too much war on far too many fronts.

### *Iraq*

One of the biggest mistakes this country has ever made. There were no weapons of mass destruction. No ties were ever established to the 9/11 terrorists. More than 4,000 Americans killed and over 32,000 wounded to date. Over 100,000 Iraqi civilians dead, uncounted more wounded. The infrastructure remains decimated more than seven years after we invaded (sorry, but that's exactly what we did) this sovereign nation. And for what? Do we really believe that Iraq will some day be a shining beacon of democracy in the East? Not gonna happen, folks. Did we benefit from all the cheap oil we were promised? Well, not yet, anyway.

### *Afghanistan*

I didn't have a problem with our invasion of Afghanistan originally. After all, the Taliban were known to have played a principal role in the September 11 attacks and going in and spanking them in their own homes, as it were, seemed like a good idea at the time. But that was then. Now, we add another thousand or so dead Americans to the tally, as well as more than 8,000 wounded. This is an unwinnable war because we have absolutely no concept of the way of life over there. We're very much strangers in a strange land. The Soviets took almost ten years to figure this out and finally just left. We should take a lesson from their experience and do pretty much the same thing.

### *Terrorism*

I don't remember when America got elected Protector of the World. Now terrorism is a bad thing and terrorists should be brought to justice. But going after them on their turf all over the world is just plain foolishness; home field advantage y'know. I know it's galling to consider that we have to be victimized before we act, but to do otherwise is not in our legacy. With the exception of Iraq, Americans are not the invaders. We don't issue the first strike. We react. And this supposed war on terrorism hasn't exactly been a huge success either. Consider the numero uno terrorist we've been chasing for over seven years. Yup, that guy: the six foot tall Saudi schlepping around a dialysis machine that we just can't quite seem to locate. Neat trick.

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Betcha you couldn't disappear like that. Anyway, time to bring the boys back home on this one, too.

### **Drugs**

Talk about your protracted failure, this one takes the prize. The so-called war on drugs has been an abject catastrophe from the get-go around the turn of the century (that would be the previous century folks, 1900, not 2000). Drugs flow over our borders like illegal immigrants and we are seemingly helpless to stop them (both the drugs and the aliens). Meanwhile, our prisons are overflowing with criminals whose only crime was to sell a commodity to a substantial business base of clients who demand the product regardless of its legal status. Worse, the incarceration of these essentially victimless criminals is forcing us to release an alarming number of seriously dangerous criminals early to make room. Lose-lose proposition. Time to administer a modicum of common sense and de-criminalize all drugs. At least we'd be making a profit on the deal instead of taking a huge loss.

### **Poverty**

This "war" was officially declared by Lyndon Johnson back in '64. But, I think Franklin D. Roosevelt had the right idea when he established the WPA (Works Progress Administration, changed in 1939 to the Work Projects Administration) in 1935. We were suffering badly from the effects of the Depression and huge numbers of folks were out of work and desperate. But rather than subsidizing them, he put them to work. Today, huge numbers of folks are out of work and desperate again. But our modern solution is the handout. We just give them money, encouraging them to remain destitute, lest they lose their free lunch. In fact, I believe there are statistics to substantiate that welfare recipients are far better off staying on welfare than trying to get by on some minimum wage job. I don't remember where in the Constitution it stated that we had to endow the poor and down-trodden. I thought that was the role of charity. Not that I don't feel an obligation to help them, just that it seems only fair that they give something in return. There are tens of thousands of miles of roadways that sure could use some policing...

If we are truly the greatest and most powerful nation on Earth, then we should be able to admit our mistakes as well as revel in our successes. It's time to leave Iraq to the Iraqis, Afghanistan to the Afghans, and terrorists to whatever country they happen to be pollut-

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## SCAM Calendar of Events for November 2010

**5th- Friday 5:30 PM**

### “HOOT LIKE AN OWL”

Come join us for drinks, open discussion and food (latter two optional) at the Melbourne Hooter's, 877 S. Babcock Street.

Hosted by: *Dennis Logan, 501-7547.*

**27th - Saturday 5:45 PM**

### SNORT

Join us for some sushi and tempura at The SCAM's best attended event at Miyako's, 1511 S. Harbor City Blvd. (US#1) in Melbourne.

Contact: *George, 777-3721 for details.*

**December 1 (Wed) 5:30 PM**

### EXCOMM MEETING

This is our monthly business meeting. All members are always welcome to attend. This month, it will be held at the home of George Patterson in Indialantic.

Contact: *George, 777-3721, for details.*

**Calendar Updates**

### ATTENTION SCAM MEMBERS!

Every effort is made to bring to you an accurate up-to-date Calendar of Events. However, last minute changes can and do occur past newsletter deadline. For up-to-date info, visit [spacecoast.us.mensa.org](http://spacecoast.us.mensa.org) and click on “Calendar”. Also, we are putting together a current e-mail notification list of all members who wish to be kept up-to-date on our activities. If you wish to be included, please contact George Patterson at 777-3721 or [George3141@cfl.rr.com](mailto:George3141@cfl.rr.com).

### Of CABAGEs and Coffee:

*(Our Regular Events)*

**C.A.B.A.G.E.:** *Every Monday at Books-A-Million, Merritt Square Mall  
6 p.m. Host: *Karen Freiberg, 633-1636**

**GO!:** *Every Sunday at Books-A-Million, Post Commons, Melbourne.  
Host: *George Lebovitz, 259-3070, [rokkitsci@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rokkitsci@cfl.rr.com)**

## Membership Notes for November 2010

### *WELCOME TO SCAM*

Beth Reel

### *WELCOME BACK!*

Debra Saltzberg

### *NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS*

<i>18th</i>	Joseph Mueck	<i>26th</i>	Harry Falconer
<i>19th</i>	Harold Long	<i>26th</i>	Thomas Magee
<i>20th</i>	Dean Zentner	<i>29th</i>	David Francis
<i>21st</i>	John England		

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**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.

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**FOR YOU!**

***SEND US YOUR ARTICLE TODAY!***  
***DETAILS ON PAGE THREE.***

**T**he great cry now is “JOBS”. And nothing being done in Washington is working to solve the problem. There is a simple 2-step solution that could go a long way toward balancing the budget and creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. It needs only one signature.

As of this writing there are 14.8 million unemployed. Each month the economy must create 150,000 new, NEW, jobs to absorb young people coming into the workforce. It isn't happening. More people are being added to welfare rolls. That means those of us who work must pay more taxes to those who are not working. Does it make any sense to continue to increase the welfare rolls and increase taxes when there is a simple solution?

One of the hidden costs of every business is the cost of energy. Electricity to operate and gasoline to receive and deliver products.. Every lettuce leaf at the supermarket has a gasoline cost. It was either flown in or trucked in. And think of all the fuel required to grow that plant.

Enough said. Everyone can understand this.

A big budget cost today is the importation of oil. It runs into the billions and a huge percentage of that cost is being sent overseas to countries who don't like us. No need to mention names. You know who they are. According to geological studies there is more oil within the lower 48 than all of the oil countries combined and that includes Saudi Arabia. 500,000 billion barrels in Montana, North and South Dakota. Some about 1,000 feet down and won't require any offshore drilling.

Before the president took office he said his policies would cause electricity rates to skyrocket. His words, not mine. Why he would want that I can't imagine. If he really wants to help the economy and put people back to work there is a way. With another of his Executive Orders he could allow drilling for oil anywhere in the U.S. with no EPA regulations. He could even throw in a 5-year tax break, but I doubt if that would be needed.

It would be my guess that some of those shallow wells could be producing within 90 to 120 days. Thousands of new jobs high-paying jobs would be created. Then add the jobs needed for the infrastructure. Cost figures show that the US oil could come out

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of the ground for about \$16 per barrel. That is a long way from the \$80 we are now paying foreigners. Would you like to buy gas for you car at \$1.25 or about half what we pay now?

How many new businesses would be started when they project their operating costs with these lower numbers? Your mall will see new stores, not empty glass holes. You might want to pass this idea on to your Congressman as one of his party platforms. If you want to save the economy here is a simple, powerful step in the right direction. Maybe your Congressman hasn't thought of this.

*One signature.*

**SCAM Treasurer's Report**

***As of 9/30/2010:***

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$612.71
Post Office Acct.	189.66
Reserve Fund	1617.75
RG Fund	2318.81

**Total Funds Available:**

**\$4738.93**

Deposits

Mensa Funding:	\$177.13
Interest Income	0.14
RG Income	990.28

Withdrawals

Postage	55.16
Printing	167.38
RG Expenses	209.00

Transfers

General to PO	\$200.00
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*—Bud Long, Treasurer*

***MAKE LOVE NOT WAR***

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ing. It's time to turn the war on drugs into a money-making proposition, possibly using that money to educate people about the dangers instead of trying to frighten them. And it's time to stop encouraging the needy to stay that way and instead give them a reasonable alternative and opportunity to change their lives.

It's time to make love, not war.

*The George*

### *Life at the Tea Party*

**I** have always believed that the best way to determine the political goals of any candidate or movement is to “follow the money”. Last month, I have followed the money behind the pseudo-grassroots Tea Party movement. It is definitely backed by Big Business interests, but the specific financial backing come from Charles and David Koch, both active Libertarians. My question this month is, What if, when you read this, the Tea Party movement did successfully engineer a takeover of our government? What can we expect under a “Tea Party” regime?

Some of what we can expect has already been taking place. One excellent example is the fire in rural Obion County, Tennessee. Last month, the South Fulton Fire Department, which services Obion county, made the news when the firefighters watched while Gene Cranick’s house burned down without lifting a finger to put out the fire. Why? Well, there was that matter of the \$75 fire protection fee. It seemed that the fee, while not a tax, had to be paid for fire protection. Thus, not having received the \$75 from Cranick, the fire department had no legal obligation to put his fire out. One question that needs to be asked: Suppose a person had been trapped inside-would the fire department then have been justified in not rescuing him?

As I mentioned last month, I was active in the local Libertarian Party many years ago. As such, I subscribed to their magazine, *Reason*, for several years. Thus, I am no stranger to libertarian philosophy. Like today’s Tea Party, libertarians would, ideally, abolish all taxes since they regard taxes as theft of a person’s earnings. Today’s taxes used to support basic government services would be replaced by a voluntary “user fee”. It would be up to the individual to decide what services, if any, he desired, then pay the appropriate user fees.

Unpaid user fees, unlike unpaid taxes, would not result in prosecution or other legal sanctions against the person not paying. The other side of the coin, however, is that the service provider would not be obligated to provide the service if the bill is unpaid. Thus, one result is the Cranick matter described above.

The next step would be to contract out the user fee generated services. This would normally be done in one of two ways. The first we

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know as privatization, where there is a contractual relationship between the city or county and a private firm agreeing to provide the services. In that arrangement, the city or county (not the firm) is still accountable to the public it serves. The other way is for the city or the county to cease to provide the service altogether and have the customer contract directly with one or more private firms to provide the desired services.

One example of the latter might be to have a homeowners association to provide security services to those who own property in its planned development. Since failure to pay dues to a HOA might wind up in a foreclosure, charging enough dues to pay for a couple of security guards to take the place of a traditional police department might well be seen as a viable option. Is this farfetched? I think not. There are many “deed restricted” communities with homeowners associations now, quite a few of which do have security guards as part of the package offered to prospective buyers.

If this ever comes to pass, I have one question to ask: Do you live in an area where it is profitable to provide basic services? If not, you may well be out of luck. If you wish to learn more about what life might be like under Tea Party rule, I recommend you visit the Libertarian Party’s website: [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org).

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<i>The Tenth Story</i>
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Then last year I was diagnosed with cancer, and one of the things I learned from that experience is that life is uncertain and fragile no matter what you do. Yes, I can be killed in Yemen, but I can also be killed on I-4 driving to work or from an illness I’m statistically too young to have. And one simply cannot allow one’s life to be governed by fear; if you want to do something, do it.

By the time most of you read this my trip to Yemen will be history; I’m leaving October 14 and returning October 23. Because it’s a dangerous place I’m only spending 36 hours there, frenetically trying to see stuff that it takes a month to see well, before continuing to Jordan to visit Petra, Wadi Rum, and Mount Nebo. (A former client taught me how to say “your mother screws camels” in Arabic, but hopefully I won’t find a need to use that while I’m there.) Then, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Space Coast RG.

***T**his note is to introduce my poem below. I had a rather serious heart attack, in November of '05, leaving me with some heart damage and a permanently blocked coronary artery. As my recovery therapy, my wife and I focused on lifestyle and diet changes. My work is physical, but we added a minimum of a 5-mile walk each day. This poem reflects one of my walks a year after the heart attack.*

**S**o, I'm about four miles  
Into my evening walk,  
At the point  
Of wondering about things.  
  
Wondering why,  
After a summer,  
A whole season of turning  
To the light, dancing and  
twisting  
To the whims of the wind –  
Why do the white oak leaves  
All lie face down  
In the road ?

I notice this,  
Since my face is down,  
Hat brim low to the wind.  
Clearing a path  
For me to breathe,  
For me to breathe a little  
Warmer air, so as to not  
harm  
Anything still undamaged.

Asking Him  
What it means to be –  
How can we be  
More human,  
More of anything.

With the twilight November  
sun  
Warming the back of my  
neck,  
I look up and there  
The risen full moon,  
Without fanfare.  
Silent and large as though  
Weightlessness, falling up,  
Were the natural state.

I am surprised, by its pres-  
ence  
Its appearance without  
Proclama-  
tion.  
No permission  
needed  
To be whole.

Blessed are the broken  
For unto us are given  
Grace and the full moon.

**I was going to** indulge myself by writing a column, not about anything that's happening in Mensa politics, but about my upcoming trip to Yemen. (Yes, that Yemen, the one on the Arabian Peninsula that is rapidly becoming Al Qaeda's newest base of operations.) Before I do, I want to say a brief word about where the AMC meets.

Every three or four months the AMC has a face-to-face all-day meeting at which we hear reports, make policy, engage in future planning, appropriate funds, and do various and sundry other things a multi-million dollar corporation's board needs to do to keep the organization up and running. And we move the meeting from place to place so that members in different parts of the country have the opportunity to attend our meetings and see their board in action if they wish to do so. We're meeting in Forth Worth in November and in Atlanta in February.

We have a site selection committee that finds places for us to meet, and they welcome bids by local groups. And I think it would be really cool to have an AMC meeting in Florida, so that those of you who have never had the chance to meet national leadership and see us in action can do so. So, any local group that would like to put in a bid to host an AMC meeting, let me know.

Now, back to Yemen. Twenty-five years ago I was on the board of directors of a non-profit that did charitable work all over the Middle East, and it was a wonderful experience. I got to see Baghdad before it got blown to bits; I got to see Pakistan and Afghanistan while it was still safe to do so, and I got to see Saudi Arabia, which is normally closed to Westerners. But I never did make it to Yemen, which in those days had a communist government that didn't allow Americans into the country.

If you're interested in culture and history, as I am, Yemen is deeply and profoundly significant. Its capital, Sana'a, is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world; it has a type of "gingerbread" architecture found nowhere else, and because of geographic isolation, the people who live there are pretty much the same stock of people who were living there 4,000 years ago. And I always wanted to see it but never made it back. Then when Al Qaeda began moving in, I figured I never would.

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**Minutes of the ExComm Meeting.**

**T**he ExComm met at the home of George Patterson on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Called to order at 5:35 pm by LocSec George Patterson.

Attendees: ExComm members George Patterson, Karen Freiberg, Terry Valek, and Joe Smith. Bud Long was unable to attend..

Welcome Guests: Wynn and Zanne Rostek.

Minutes for the September 1, 2010 meeting were approved as published in the October, 2010 SCAM.

LocSec Report: George reported that this meeting would be followed by a meeting of the RG committee. With Bud Long out of town, the September Treasurer's Report would be submitted on his return and would be included in the minutes.

Treasurer: Bud submitted the Treasurer's Reports for September on his return. It showed a final balance of \$4,738.93.

RG Committee: Joe Smith reported that preparations were preceeding normally, and that a meeting of all those available would be held at the Comfort Inn venue on Wednesday, October 20, at 5:30 pm.

Testing: Hank Rhodes (*proctor coordinator*) reported via email that no individuals were tested in September. Seven candidates were contacted for the first time, and 7 candidates for the 2nd or 3rd time. A test was scheduled for October 30 at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa.

There was no new or old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

The November meeting will be dispensed with as we will all be decompressing after the RG and there are no pressing matters to deal with. The next meeting will be at George Patterson's house at 301 Sand Pine Rd., Indialantic on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 5:30 pm.