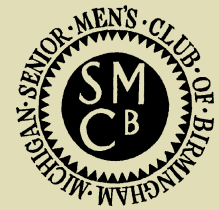


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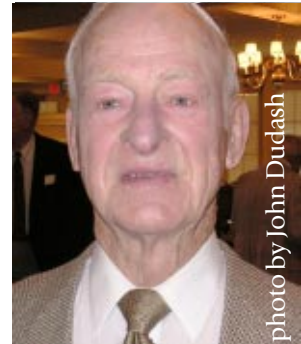
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The Mushroom Cloud

We all know what happened when the Enola Gay flew over Hiroshima and put an end to World War II. What we didn't know was that our Golden Oldie, Harold Melin, was part of the Manhattan Project, which developed and produced the atomic bomb.

Harold's early education was in a two room schoolhouse outside Duluth, Minnesota. For a number of years Harold's family had a dairy farm, and they delivered milk to residents in Duluth. After graduating from Proctor High School in Duluth, Harold attended the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree. He was hired by Union Carbide Company and assigned to the highly classified Manhattan Project. Harold's lifetime career as a technician required extensive travel throughout the United States, and for several years preceding retirement he served as corporate liaison between Union Carbide Corporation and General Motors.

While in New Jersey, Harold met his wife-to-be, Betty Bartle. They were married in 1946 and moved to Michigan. They have five children and eight



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Membership News

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To Leave of Absence:

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George Kendro
Robert H. Knevels

To Life Member:

Robert U. Obringer, (LOA) joined April 1987
John W. Jickling, joined September 1995
Milton A. Darling, (LOA) joined September 1991

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Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
Bill Peschel, Membership Vice Chairman
Photos by John Dudash and Bill Shaffmaster

Deaths:

Life Member Robert E. McKnight
Joined November 1992

"We know in our hearts that peace never really lasts for long, which leads to an interesting question: Why is it that humans are apparently designed to desire good and noble things we cannot possibly have?"

Considering this question, C. S. Lewis concluded, 'If our deepest desires cannot be satisfied in this world, then we must have been made for another world.'"

Charles Colson

Membership News

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Pete Kass and Bill Peschel



Senior Men's Club Christmas Party Announcement

The Christmas Party held annually in December will be using a new venue this year. The San Marino Club on Big Beaver Road will be the site of this seasonal event that has been organized to please the membership and their guests. This offering will include special entertainment, refreshments, food and fellowship. This event promises to be better than ever.

Watch *The Reminder* for further announcements of time, price, and details for this very special event of the Christmas social season.

Mark your calendar now for an interesting, fun time for you and yours on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

Clarke Thornton

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Mushroom Cloud

grandchildren.

Harold has been a devoted member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham since 1947. He has served as chairperson of many committees including trustees and finance. As an extension of his work in his home church, Harold has served as Chair of the Board for the United Methodist Retirement Communities and as a member for sixteen years. He served as President for the United Methodist Union which works with approximately 104 churches in the greater Detroit area. He still serves on the board and chairs several committees.

We proudly welcome Harold Melin to our Golden Oldies.

Roy Halmhuber

Games

Monday Golf

Lincoln Hills is now abuzz on Monday mornings with our golf league activities. Week 3, May 8, had 34 players. Eldon Crawfis was medalist at 41. Al Nealley had 43 and Pete Kass 45. Birdies were: Bob Smith on No. 2 and Eldon Crawfis and Pete Kass on No. 3. Bob Smith was closest to the pin (again) at 8 feet. May 15 was a “wet out,” cold and damp with no power carts allowed. A few stalwarts played anyway but the scores were unofficial. The season is now extended through August 21. May 22 was brutally cold and scoring suffered with four best scores of 47. Birdies were: Larry Halloran and Jim O’Callaghan on No. 2 and Roger Spry on long No. 8. Larry Halloran was closest to the pin.

June 5 was a glorious day weather-wise. There were 37 players but no birdies. Pete Kass and Nick Marinelli shot 43. Ken Bugis and Clarence Cheff had 45. Bob Gualdoni was closest to the pin at six feet. June 12 was cool with overcast skies until the finishing holes when the sun appeared in earnest. There were 34 players. NO BIRDIES.

Let’s get to work, gang. Dick Wehling was low scorer with a 44. Byron Converse and Nick Marinelli had 45. Jim Schaefer was closest to the pin at 12 feet. A Scramble Contest is scheduled for June 19 with prizes for the first three places in two flights.

Bill Spreitzer



Thursday Golf

Mark Tuesday, September 12, on your calendars for the annual Stonycroft Golf Day. We will advise the cost. Tickets are limited so get your reservations in early.

On June 15 the high humidity caused the Committee’s glasses to fog up resulting in another “senior moment” and we misread the closest to the pin sign. Unfortunately, we declared that Hal Twietmeyer had collected the bonus bucks on number 6. However, a second look at the sign showed that Byron Converse was inside of him for closest to the pin. This was the second straight week that a qualifying birdie putt was nullified by someone closer. The Committee apologizes for the misunderstanding.

The Committee has voted to continue the “Bonus Bucks” and on June 22 the bonus will start again at \$10.

As of June 15th, winners in the June contest of High-Low Split the Dough are: Don Foehr, Don Cox, Ed Callahan, Sherwin Vine, Hal Twietmeyer, Bob Hinytzke, Maury Allen, Dave Key, Ed Hoagland, Pete Good, and Ken Brooker.

Remember golfers, when you play 10 rounds the 11th round is free!

Chuck Travers

July Contests

Bill Mauldin’s Willie and Joe slogged it out unrewarded in the trenches during the Big War—the average Joes who got the job done without rewards. Like those everyday heroes, many hard-working and talented golfers at Springdale Thursday Golf toil in the “middle of the pack” and never have a chance to win. They are the average-score Joes whose consistent play goes unrewarded. Well, to honor those great golfers, the Committee has designed a contest for July:

HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE, IT’S THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

The pot for this contest will go to the golfer who is closest to the average of all scores that day without exceeding that average. Scores for this contest will be based on handicaps as calculated by the Committee. The Committee will again fill the pot by anteing up 50 cents per golfer who plays that day (e.g. If the average of all players’ handicapped score that day is 46.75, then the winner will be the player(s) who score 46. If no one shot 46, then the winning score will drop to 45, then 44, etc. Each golfer can win only once and ties will split the pot. On Scrambles Day the scrambles teams will compete for the pot).

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July Contest

July 13th is Scrambles Day, so pick your partners for a golfing Square Dance around Springdale. No high fives or fist pumping will be allowed. When a player makes a great shot, the only celebration allowed will be allemande left, allemande right, and do-si-dos among team members (if any golfer is unfamiliar with these moves, see the author for a demonstration). A special prize of \$20 will be awarded to the team judged by the Committee to have the best celebrations. In addition, a "chicken in the bread pan picking out the dough" award of \$20 will go to the team that hits the most sand traps.

Chuck Travers

August Contest

HIGH & LOW POKER HANDS SPLIT THE POT

During August play, the golfers with the highest and lowest poker hands will split the pot. No score higher than 9 will be used. As usual, the Committee will fill the pot by anteing up 50 cents per player who plays that day. The scores will be based on the best 5 scores of the 9 holes (e.g. the highest possible hand is five aces [1] followed by 5 nines [9]. The lowest possible score is 1,3,4,5,6).

Any golfer getting the lowest possible score will win an additional \$25 for getting the "Ace."

Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

Chuck Travers

Wanted!

Historic SMC Video Tapes

The SMC 50th Anniversary Committee is searching our archives for photos and other documents that are suitable for use in creating short film segments. If you have any that show SMC activity, please let us know what you have and that you know where to find it. Please contact John Reddy with a list of the tapes you have.

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John Reddy

Bridge

Duplicate players numbered 85 for this reporting period.

Rank order:

Bob Bazzell
Ken Holloway
Bob Hebert
Dan Dahl
Jim Crabb
Kirb Callam
Charlie Gates
Jim Johnson



There were 14 small slams.

One grand slam by Frank Gunkel and Phil Werner.

Don McNair

Mr. President, Fellow Members and Applicants:

Just a note of my sincere Thanks and Gratitude to all for their cards, visits and most of all their prayers that helped me get through a very critical time in my life.

I was most fortunate to be at the right place at the right time (Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak). Talented doctors, nurses and specialists that took care of blood lesions in my stomach, caught a stroke I was going through. They located a blood clot between my heart and brain.

All of the above kept me from becoming paralyzed for life down my entire left side, face, arm and leg, or worse.

A special thanks to Jack McLaughlin for keeping Jaap informed of my whereabouts for the first three weeks at Beaumont and at the Woodward Hills Nursing Center.

Thanks again,

Dick Suminski
Fellow SMC Member



Groups



Camera Group

The Camera Group is looking for presenters for monthly programs. If you have taken pictures on an interesting trip and are willing to share your experiences with members, please contact me at Rgarvelink@aol.com , or by phone, 269-227-3667 (summer), or 248-641-5924 after Labor Day. Don't hesitate - your audience is waiting!

Roger Garvelink



Investment Study Group

Bill Straith won the stock game with a 56% gain. Hal Twietmeyer was second with a 47% gain and Bob Fregolle was third with a 41% gain. The average gain for the 48 participants was 10.4% beating all major averages. SMC members know how to pick stocks and make money.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2006 at 2:45 PM. Jim Williams of Miller Canfield will update us on the latest tax and estate law revisions and show us how to keep our money.

George Miller



Computer Group

The next generation of Windows is named Vista. It will be available in about six months.

Does this mean that my Windows XP computer will then be obsolete?

Will I be able to replace the Windows system on my present computer with the new Vista system?

Will that make my computer run faster or more reliably?

Larry Kulp, who has been helping Microsoft test the Vista system, will be our speaker at the next meeting of the Computer Group on Wednesday, July 19, at 3:00 P.M. Come to the meeting, bring a friend, and find out what Vista can do for you.

George Nordenholt

Port Huron Cruise

On Wednesday, July 19 the SMC will cruise the St. Clair River on the Huron Lady II, a 73 foot excursion boat with two decks. The covered top deck features a panoramic view while the climate controlled cabin on the main deck has large windows with seating for 60. Because this boat cruises in international waters it complies with rigid U.S. Coast Guard safety standards. We will view the Port Huron shoreline that has been upgraded from railroad yards to a park-like waterfront, pass under the Blue Water Bridge and get a brief look at Lake Huron. Lunch on board is included in the \$40 price, and tickets will go on sale Friday, June 23.

Riggs Miller





Things You Should Know

You will have the opportunity to get first-hand knowledge on a variety of subjects from some members of the Senior Men's Club (and the son of a member) during our Discussion Group meetings in July. The discussion presenters, topics, and dates are listed on the front cover of *The Reminder*.

The first meeting will highlight a recent visit to the Holy Land with a candid discussion of impressions. Next, the history of the aircraft turbocharger that helped the Allies to victory during World War II will be reviewed, with special emphasis on some of the personalities involved in its development. Then we will celebrate Rembrandt's 400th birthday. And finally, we will hear about the relatively new technology of dental implants.

Plan to stay after lunch for an extra hour on Friday. These meetings are held from 12:45 until 1:30 P.M. and are open to all SMC members, applicants, and guests. The topics are interesting and you will learn more about them and your fellow members.

Irv Poston

Holy Toledo

A walk off home run in the bottom of the 10th inning with two outs concluded a great ballgame at Fifth Third field, the home of the Toledo Mud Hens, for the Senior Men who participated in the "You're Going to Have a Ball" baseball trip on May 24th.

The picturesque Toledo Fifth Third Field was a joy to behold with an immaculate seating area, beautiful playing field with the greenest grass you will ever find, and an energetic sea of school children from all over the Toledo vicinity celebrating the end of the school year.

This great day began with trip leader Jack Howell giving each arrival his trip package which contained game tickets, instructions for the trip and a historical overview of northwest Ohio. As we were nearing the ballpark John Horiszny and Don Upward, committee members, led the group in singing, "Take me out to the ballgame."

Due to time constraints necessitated by the visit to the Libby Owens Outlet and the scheduled lunch, it was essential to leave the ballpark before the conclusion of this excellent pitcher's duel. The game ending extra inning home run was heard on the bus via the radio.

George, the Senior Men's Club bus driver, did his usual outstanding job. He, with the help of Jack Howell's handicap sticker, not only left the group right at the entrance gate, picked the group up at the same spot in the midst of the exiting crowd, other busses and cars, but also concluded the trip by returning home through construction and rush hour traffic only fifteen minutes past the estimated arrival time.

Special Events Chairman John Zabriskie once again gave his time and effort to ensure that this would be another successful event.

Bill Reilly



Man of the World

Our July Golden Oldie, Chase Cooper, has lived in ten countries on four continents, making him a true man of the world. Employed for 27 years by the Ford Motor Company in the International Division, Chase lived in Venezuela, Iran, Lebanon, Thailand, Guatemala, Panama, Puerto Rico, and the United States. After retiring, Chase worked for International Executive Service Corps, adding Costa Rica and Botswana, Africa to the list.

Chase is a graduate of Central High School in Detroit and Michigan State University. He served in the United States Army for three years and held the rank of First Lieutenant. Following a year in an Army Hospital for injuries he received in the Battle of Okinawa, he returned to civilian life and was hired by the Ford Motor Company. His early career sent him to Chicago for a short time and then to Omaha, Nebraska. In his next move to South Dakota he bought into a Ford dealership, married and lived near the northern tip of the Black Hills. He relocated to Napoleon, Ohio where he managed another Ford dealership. Following that experience, he achieved his goal of joining the Ford International Division.

One of his assignments, of current interest, was to help a wealthy Pakistani set up another Ford assembly plant, but this time in Iran. It did not work since Pakistan/Iran persons do not mix. His move to Beirut, Lebanon convinced him that it was one of the best places in the world to live in those years. He also spent time in Iraq and Chase says he could write a paper on why we should not be there. Another transfer took him to Bangkok with a crew of nine. They covered Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Hong Kong and Saigon during the war years. His final transfer brought him to Panama where his assignments covered all of Central America and the Netherlands West Indies.

In 2000 Chase and his wife, Mary Lou, retired to Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

We welcome Chase to the Golden Oldies, and are glad he added the Senior Men's Club to the impressive itinerary of his journey through life.

Roy Halmhuber

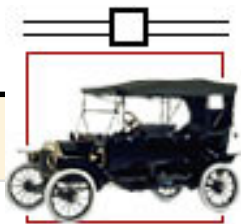
Birthplace of the Model T Ford Tour

This historical tour is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2006. The Piquette Avenue Plant, located a few blocks east of the General Motors Building in Detroit, was built in 1904 and is where Ford became America's number one auto producer. Here, the earliest discussions of a moving assembly line took place and the Model T, recently voted the most important car of the 20th century, was created, launching a world wide revolution in personal transportation, a revolution that changed life in America and that continues around the world today.

The entire company was housed in the Piquette Plant from late 1904 until 1907 by which time the company had become the largest automobile producer in the world. We will have a guided tour of two floors of this plant, which contains many Ford and other vehicles built in Detroit during this time period. Many photo boards are on display showing what actually took place in various sections of the building, including the exact space Henry Ford and a small staff designed the Model T.

We will enjoy lunch at the famous Traffic Jam restaurant with five meal selections available, including a special dessert.

Future generations will also appreciate this jewel of automotive history. Save the date, don't miss this tour.



Art Pope

Regarding Meetings

SMC ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Planning for our 50th anniversary celebration continues to develop. As previously reported, the month of May 2007 will be the focus of much of our celebration activities. Each Friday program that month will feature a "high profile" speaker and special guests with an anniversary theme.

In addition, a special banquet will be held that month, most likely "off-campus" to accommodate the number of attendees anticipated. Member and applicant response to our recent questionnaire clearly indicated that an evening event with wives is preferred.

Further, the committee is planning a special anniversary kick-off event - a benefit performance of the musical "Gypsy" at the Village Players on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. Coincidentally, this musical was first performed in 1957 - the year of our "birth." The program for this event will include a number of exciting anniversary themed items.

Mark your calendar now!

Dick Harper

SMC VOLUNTEERING

The response to the Volunteering Survey form included with last month's *Reminder* has been impressive. The lengthy list of member and applicant volunteer activities clearly indicates that our club strongly believes in the importance of "rendering service," of giving back to the community.

This information will be most helpful to the anniversary planning committee in attracting the "high profile" speakers we are seeking for our celebration events, as well as in publicizing this significant club accomplishment.

Have you returned your survey form yet? Additional forms are available.

Dick Harper



Old Fashioned Picnic

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here and it's time for our annual picnic. Our members will display their vintage automobiles, and our entertainment will be a clever and humorous disc jockey, DJ Handyman. The traditional games will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 4th at the modernized pavilion in Beverly Hills Park. As always there will be valuable door prizes, good food and fellowship. You might want to bring a folding porch chair for more comfortable outdoor seating.

The on site parking is on Beverly Road 1/2 mile west of Southfield, and overflow parking is a short walk from Beverly Hills Elementary School.

Tickets are limited so only members and applicants are eligible to attend. Ticket sales will begin at the July 14th meeting. Tickets will NOT be available at the park. Price of tickets for this nostalgic, old fashioned event is only \$10.00. You don't want to miss it!

For questions or maps, contact Bob White, Frank Cleary or Roy Halmhuber.



Save The Date

Save the date of October 10 for Stratford's outstanding musical presentation of *Oliver!*

MYSTERY LYRICS

Seven *Reminder* readers correctly identified the June mystery lyrics:

"I only live for your love and your kiss

It's paradise to be near you like this"

as being from Tony Bennett's first big hit- "Because Of You."

They were John O'Brien, Mike Harper, Darrell Mould, Dick Porter, Bob Bazzell, Clay Gordon and Dale Parker. Tony followed this song with "Rags To Riches" and then his mega-hit about a city where "little cable cars go half-way to the stars."

This month's mystery lyrics were suggested by Irv Poston:

"People stop and stare - they don't bother me

For there's no where else on earth that I would rather be."

Can you name that tune?



Dick Harper

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

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Reminder Deadline: Friday, August 18, 2006 *please make note*

Games

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM and Fridays after lunch.

Golf: Monday, Lincoln Hills Golf Course

Thursday, Springdale Golf Course

Special Events

St. Clair River Cruise: Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Oliver! presented in Stratford: Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Group Meetings

Computer: Wednesday, July 19, 2006, 3:00 PM

Investment Study: Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 2:45 PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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