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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PP NEV SUBBING FOR PRESIDENT GEOFF

The meeting on August 13 had good attendance. President Geoff was a late apology due to some wayward trees falling on his electricity lines. Unfortunately, he was forced to stay home to assist authorities in re-instating his power source. Nonetheless, it turned out to be a most enjoyable evening of camaraderie. PP Nev had a shout with his winnings of \$206 from the previous week's Card Draw!

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Following Rotary Grace, the International Toast was to The Rotary Club of Berlin Sud, Germany. This was because Germany's government plans to give its intelligence services broader powers for actions such as disabling sabotage and hacking attempts in response to a rising threat from powers such as Russia and including extremists based in & outside Germany.

"Nowadays, Germany is constantly a target of hybrid attacks by foreign powers and that is a real, very acute danger," said Nina Warken, Chancellor Friedrich Merz's chief of staff. "We can no longer be dependent

on the intelligence services of other countries that may support us."

"We are a daily target of espionage, sabotage, cyberattacks and hidden actions by both foreign powers, & enemies within, with the aim of destabilizing & damaging our country," Warken said.

Under the planned reform, which is expected to obtain parliamentary approval, the intelligence services will get more powers to access laptops, cell phones and other devices and store the data.

Warken, whose job involves overseeing the intelligence services, said they also will be able to take "active measures."

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by Chris Foster. The Card Draw was won by PP Bob Thomas who drew the King of Spades.

SERGEANTS SESSION

PP Lester gave a terrific Sergeants Session based around "on this day" themes. A few snippets were **1521:** Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés captured Tenochtitlán (modern-day Mexico City) after a long siege, ending the Aztec Empire. **1942:** Walt Disney's animated film *Bambi* premiered in

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theatres. **1952:** Blues singer Willie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton originally recorded the song "Hound Dog". **1961:** East Germany sealed the border between the eastern and western sectors of Berlin, setting the stage for the construction of the Berlin Wall. As usual PP Lester ended with a couple of stories that had the Members in stitches.

A Cross Fine was provided by Don Wiseman!

GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker for this week, Chris Lord, provided a wonderful presentation on a subject that has probably enthused every boy on the planet at one time or another, Model Trains.

Chris brought along some samples of the different grades of model trains & had a few landscapes to match that were remarkable. There is no doubt that everyone present could totally relate to Chris's enthusiasm & love of his hobby! Chris spoke of his personal journey into model trains after spending a lot of money & time on car racing as a sport. A great contrast between driving high performance muscle machines & building train carriages, some as small as 2 inches or 50mm long! Everyone was totally entertained by this fantastic presentation!

A Vote of Thanks was provided by PP David Boardman.



UPCOMING EVENTS

20 AUGUST 2026

Nev Barrett - St. Petersburg to Moscow

27 AUGUST 2026

Edgar Adams - Progress Central Coast

3 SEPTEMBER 2026

Julie Harris - Wesley Mission Foster care

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7 September 2026

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Help us to serve thee all our days.