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Good Morning Optimists

Another “Zoom” meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on this hazy, smoke-filled Friday morning by **President Bob Meyer**. Do you realize we have been meeting on Zoom since March 20th and have not had a pot drawing since then. That means for the last 21 meetings.



Greg Hurd with the 10 of Clubs!

By the way, **Bob Finkelmeier** reminds us that there is still \$80 in the pot and the last big winner was our speaker for today, **Greg Hurd**, who perfected the “wear your badge to draw a card” and won \$170 on January 17, 2020.

President-Elect **Dan Rodriguez** reminded us to “be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.” Not an easy promise to keep, given the conditions we live in at the current time. Dan also led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

This Day in History

Prez Bob recognized that our current CO-WY District Governor, **Tony Carpenter** was with us this morning and that today is Tony's birthday. After an appropriate (somewhat) rendition of the traditional MSOC birthday song, Tony was welcomed to the meeting.

Tony mentioned that the Special CO-WY District Convention scheduled at Little America in Cheyenne, October 16-18, has been canceled and that a Virtual Convention will be held instead on Saturday, October 17. More to follow on this.

Other Birthdays on this Date: Doc Holliday, 1851; Baltimore Orioles Manager Earl Weaver, 1930; David Crosby of Crosby, Stills, and Nash, 1941; Steve Martin, 1945; “Farside” cartoonist Gary Larson, 1950; Earvin “Magic” Johnson, 1959; Halle Berry, 1966; and Tim Tebow, 1987.

Major Events on this Date: 1846, Henry David Thoreau is jailed for refusing to pay taxes; 1873, “*Field & Stream*” begins publishing; 1925, Mount Rushmore Memorial is first proposed; 1935, Social Security Act becomes law; 1937, Appalachian Trail is formally completed; 1939, First night game at Comiskey Park; 1942, General Eisenhower is named commander for invasion of North Africa; 1945, V-J Day, Japan surrenders unconditionally; 1947, Babe Didrikson Zaharias gives up amateur status for \$300,000; 1958, Canadian Football League plays first game, Winnipeg 29, Edmonton 21;

1959, American Football League is organized with New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis, and Houston; 1965, The Beatles tape an appearance for Ed Sullivan Show; 1965, Sonny and Cher's “*I got you, Babe*” hits #1; 1973, Johnny Unitas files \$725,000 lawsuit against Baltimore Colts; 1980, Jimmy Carter is nominated at Democratic Convention; 1982, Pete Rose's 12,365th at bat passes Hank Aaron's record; 1990, Denver votes for 1% sales tax to pay for MLB franchise; 1997, Timothy McVeigh formally sentenced to death; 2016, Usain Bolt wins 3rd 100-meter Olympic gold medal; and 2016, Justin Rose wins inaugural men's individual golf gold medal at the Olympics.

Announcements

2nd Mini Face-to-Face Member Meeting: Tom Glazier



reported that another group of 9 members met this past Wednesday at the Café de France and enjoyed both the food and the camaraderie. Those in attendance included, **Tom Kramis, Mark Metevia, Bob Avery, George Buzick, Pat Bush,**

Allen Malask, Ed Leuty, and Bob Finkelmeier.

Tom is planning another meeting on Wednesday, August 26th, and hoping for a few more participants. Tom and his group will be calling those who have indicated they might be interested in attending this meeting. There was a brief discussion about future meeting places, but there was no decision reached at this time.

Don St. John Memorial: **Bryce Slaby** said that he had attended a small, mostly family, service for **Don St. John** and that there would probably be another service in the not too distant future.

Don, a Great-Great-Grandfather: Speaking of Don, **Mark Metevia** shared this earlier this month. It appears as though JR Gieck, Don's grandson brought home Baby Beau Decker Gieck who was born at 3:19 p.m. on June 24, 2020. Mama and baby are happy and healthy!



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Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
*****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN*****

Presidential Rants & Raves



We had another successful MSOC weekly membership meeting on Friday with about 45 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour.

The link for the recurring meetings is the same for all of our Friday morning meetings and is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KV2k3RjJwZW55QT09>. You will find the passcode in the GUMS email distribution.

I am still asking for suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings.

CO-WY Optimist District Governor **Tony Carpenter** made an appearance on his birthday at Friday's meeting. He was serenaded with a boisterous "Happy Birthday!" song. Tony reported that the First Quarter District Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on October 17. More details to follow.

The next Monaco South Optimist Club Board of Directors' meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, August 20th at 7 p.m. **Don and Joyce Thomson** will be talking about building a Boys and Girls' Club in SE Denver. If you are interested in attending the Zoom meeting, please let me know, and I will send you an invitation with the link for the meeting.

Tom Glazier reported another successful breakfast last Wednesday at 9 a.m. He is planning on another one for Wednesday, August 26, at 9 a.m. Please contact Tom if you are planning on attending.

Registration for the Optimist Junior Tour event at Green Valley Ranch in October continues and, as of Friday morning, we had 71 junior golfers already registered. Typically, we will have 85 - 100 competitors for the event, so it looks we are well on our way to reach those numbers again with about two months until the tournament date.

Greg Hurd had another of his fun and informative presentations...this time on "bullet" trains. Greg was asked about doing another presentation on train wrecks.

Greg Young will be our guest speaker on August 21st and will conduct additional training on how to best use the MSOC website. This will be a follow-up to his presentation of two weeks ago and should result in more accurate member information and updated information about Club activities and projects.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the

MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and check to Greg Young for the Board to vote on. It looks like I may be getting a "replacement" time share week later this year, so that week will become the prize for the member who brings in the newest members before September 30th. Come on guys, we need new members!

Another reminder, although we have been successful in reaching more than 50 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they are doing. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or **Michael Chavez** know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

To get to know new members better, I would like them to complete the "About Me" questionnaire that is attached GUMS email. I would like the new members, if they are comfortable doing so, to speak up at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. If we cannot get them "live" on Zoom, we'll attach their completed "About Me" questionnaire in an upcoming GUMS, but I would much prefer to see them talk about themselves during a weekly meeting.

Another form is the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire also attached to the GUMS email. As with the "About Me" questionnaire, I would like members to complete the questionnaire and be ready to present it at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. It will be fun to hear what members are doing to keep busy and active during the "Safer-in-Place" period.

If you would like to make a presentation from either questionnaire, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures; and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at meyerrob@comcast.net.

**Yours in Optimism,
Prez Bob**

Announcements Continued

Ole and Lena: This week **Tom Hoch** moved from a Sven & Ollie Story to one about Ole and Lena. He prefaced his story by saying that he was disappointed that last week's joke was not as well appreciated as he hoped, but that he will continue to provide us with the quality entertainment we so richly deserve. However, unfortunately the story was not every memorable because the editor could not recall to repeat it here.

Note from Jeannie Fankhauser: Mark Metevia forwarded the July 10, 2020 issue of GUMS to Jeannie, thinking she would appreciate Dr. Ed's recognition. Jeannie had moved to Oregon to be near family last year after closing the house and all here in Denver. But I now learn she is back. Jeannie replies,

"It was so thoughtful of you to send me the wonderful copy of

your publication showing a Memorial of Ed's founding of his pride and joy, the Optimist Club of Monaco South.

I appreciated your remembering me, that is so dear of you. I'm so sorry to have been out of touch with everyone, but I have been busy with my new life here at St. Andrew's Retirement Village in Aurora, I call it my "Happy Place" and I love being here where I am so well cared for and haven't minded the quarantine for the last few months as we have been well entertained by special events and very lovely people who have become dear friends. It actually has been a very busy time for me and so delightful!

I would like to invite you at a time if ever the quarantine is lifted and we can start inviting our friends in to enjoy a lovely dinner in the beautiful Dining Room here.

I hope you and Ilene are both well and staying safe from the dreaded Corona Virus!

I send my love and best wishes,
Your friend, Jeannie"



Dr. Ed &
Jeannie

Bullet Trains Greg Hurd

Greg Hurd, our very own resident expert, once again "trained" us as he shared his vast knowledge of anything and everything to do with trains. His topic for today was **Bullet Trains** and, as usual, he demonstrated amazing knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject and presented a fascinating program. Thanks to Greg for spending the time and effort to expand our horizons.

The following is Greg's summary of today's presentation on Bullet Trains.

There are three phases or Eras of "bullet trains" that are based from around the entire globe. These are 1) the Marketing Base Style, 2) the Regional Style and 3) the Speed Style. Each is very different and based on public influence and technology.

The Marketing Style began in 1934 and became apparent with locomotives put in service in 1935 that were "streamlined" and appeared to have the shape of a speeding bullet. Several examples were shown with either converted steam locomotives or newly manufactured locomotives.

The Dreyfuss New York Central Hudson was deemed to be one of the most attractive steam locomotives ever built. It was streamlined by Henry Dreyfuss who also streamlined the Hoover upright vacuum cleaner of the 1950s, the 1950 Studebaker, and the traditional Honeywell round cup thermostat. When diesel locomotives hit the rails, streamlining matured. Types of diesel developed for passenger service were "bullet nosed" to be streamlined and became known as the modern bullet nose passenger trains. These came in many different variations worldwide. Many obtained world train speed records. Speed regarding passenger trains is based



NYC 20th Century Limited

6-20th Century Limited Bathtub Hudson



27-Union Pacific M10004 CNW Sta 1936

on three recognized world standards all with varying definitions but common to 125 mph & 155 mph speeds. If you hear someone say that this train had the world speed record, you should ask what standard that was determined.

The next era of bullet noses became very localized and predominantly in Western Europe and Japan. US passenger train travel was in a steep downturn due to the Interstate highway system and jet airplane travel. In Europe, it was much faster to travel by train than airplanes across most Western European countries. France developed many technical solutions to high-speed train travel that were later used worldwide.

The current era of bullet nose trains is all about speed. Locomotives have become as streamlined as aircraft, have many specialized methods of keeping the train on the track, and most have economic issues as to their future.



38-DB ICE 3 Oberhaider-Wald Tunnel



61-Alfa X 249 mph Japan



Chinese Maglev in Daily Service

64-Chinese Maglev trains controls

The latest technology for ultra-fast train travel is magnetic suspension and propulsion known as "maglev" to the railroad world. Speeds of almost 400 mph have been achieved on test tracks. Cost of development, installation of a specialized track, operational costs, and safety are major concerns for commercial and future their future use. Optimal train maximum speeds in western Europe are currently 200 mph, Japan 225 mph and China is claiming over 290 mph which is uncertain to its validity.

On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

TRIVIA
CHALLENGE

Last week's question was: Who was the Governor of Colorado before John Hickenlooper? **Bob Avery** and **Dick Nickoloff** supplied the correct answer: **Bill Ritter**.

This week's question is: **What was the name of the Ford Motor Company car that was manufactured between 1958 and 1960, that was named after the son of Henry Ford? It was a flop.**

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

8/21/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

Baseball Quotes

- ♦ "The game of baseball isn't over until it's over." - Yogi Berra
- ♦ "This is like Deja vu all over again." - Yogi Berra
- ♦ "Baseball was, is, and always will be the best game in the world to me." - Babe Ruth
- ♦ "Every strike brings me closer to the next home run." - Babe Ruth
- ♦ "Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is." - Bullet Bob Feller
- ♦ "If my uniform doesn't get dirty, I haven't done anything in the baseball game." - Rickey Henderson
- ♦ "People ask me what I do in the winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring." - Rogers Hornsby
- ♦ "Playing baseball for a living is like having a license to steal." - Pete Rose
- ♦ "I'd be willing to bet you, if I was a betting man, that I have never bet on baseball." - Pete Rose

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 44th Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least the end of August or maybe September. Please check back for updates.

Aug 20	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 21	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 28	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 4	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 11	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 17	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
Sept 18	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: 100 Percent Day via Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 25	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting — <i>Last Issue of GUMS in this format!</i>
Oct 2	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Jack Rife	2002-03	John Oss	2014-15
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bill Walters	1991-92	Karl Geil	2003-04	Michael Chavez	2015-16
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Kent Gloor	1992-93	Bryce Slaby	2004-05	Craig Eley	2016-17
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Donlie Smith	2005-06	Jim Easton	2017-18
John Young	1982-83	Mark Metevia	1994-95	Paul Bernard	2006-07	Everett Gardner	2018-19
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bob Safe	1995-96	Greg Young	2007-08		
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Tom Overton	1996-97	Phil Perington	2008-09		
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Peter Dimond	1997-98	Ron Cisco	2009-10		
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Ralph Symalla	1998-99	Ed Collins	2010-11		
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THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
 To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.