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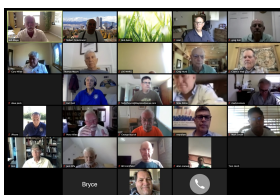
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Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

We had a slow start to this Friday's meeting. At 8:01 a.m. **President Bob Meyer** rang the bell with only 28 on the Zoom meeting. Prez Bob provided the morning invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. When **GUMS** editor **Pat Bush** showed he reported, *"My sincere apologies, this editor joined the meeting late. I had some pressing business issues that had to be resolved before I could join the meeting. I assume the normal invocation, pledge of allegiance and Prez Bob's listing of birthdays and events that took place on this day in history was read."*



This Day in History

On this July 10th: National Kitten Day, National Pinna Colada Day, and Collector Car Appreciation Day. Who knew?

July 10th Birthdays: 1509, Protestant theologian John Calvin; 1856, Nikola Tesla; 1920, David Brinkley; 1921, Eunice Shriver; 1922, Jake LaMotta; 1924, Bobo Brazil; 1926, Fred Gwynne; 1927, David Dinkins; 1943, Arthur Ashe; 1947, Arlo Guthrie; 1971, Adam Foote; and 1980, Jessica Simpson.



Major Events on this date: Lady Godiva rides naked through Coventry to force her husband to lower taxes, 1040; Most of London burns to the ground, 1212; Wyoming becomes the 44th State, 1890; Two-pound hailstones kill 23 humans and many cattle in Rostov, Russia, 1923; Jury selection begins in John T. Scopes' evolution trial, 1925; Carl Hubbell strikes out Ruth, Gehrig, and Foxx in succession in All-Star Game, 1934; Heat wave in Eastern US, 109-degrees in Frederick, MD, 110-degrees in Runyon, NJ, 111-degrees in Phoenixville, PA, & 112-degrees in Martinsburg, WV; Howard Hughes flies around the world in 91 hours, 1938; Telstar launched, 1962; Rolling Stones first US #1 single... "I can't get no satisfaction," 1965; The final four boys and their soccer coach are rescued from cave in Thailand after being trapped for 18 days, 2018; and on this day, 2020, in Alamosa, CO, they saw a high of 92-degrees, breaking its old daily record of 91-degrees, which was set in 2003. That record high came just a few hours after Alamosa tied its daily record low of 37-degrees.



From the Prez

When I was able to join the meeting, **President Bob Meyer** was discussing his survey of the membership on participation in the in-person meetings if they were held. He received a total of approximately 60 responses to the email survey. Twenty-six of the responses indicated that they would attend while 34 indicated that they would not attend an in-person meeting. He will continue to solicit additional responses.

Prez Bob also indicated that some members were concerned about the higher costs of the breakfast and the liability. Most of the members with legal experience seem to think that any liability waiver would not be effective at stemming liability lawsuits and that anybody could sue anybody else for any reason. Lawsuits may or may not be enforced by the courts, but all have costs associated with them. Prez Bob said the Board of Directors will discuss the in-person meetings at this Thursday's, July 16th, Zoom Board of Directors meeting. If any member wishes to join the board meeting, contact Bob and let him know. He will email the meeting link.

History of Dome Cars by Greg Hurd

With no announcements this morning, **Prez Bob** introduced **Greg Hurd**, our own training enthusiast and historian to once again share some insights on passenger train dome cars.

A dome car is a train car that has a popped-up glass dome on top of the car to allow passengers a 360-degree view of the landscape around the train. The popularity of domed cars was at their peak during the height of passenger train travel of the 1940's and 50's. There were earlier predecessors to the dome car that were not successful. They were built by taking a caboose cupola and putting it on a coach or lounge car.

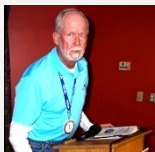


The first successful dome car was envisioned by **Cyrus Osborn**, an executive in General Motors Electro-Motive Division. Cyrus was inspired to design a dome car when he was traveling from Chicago to San Francisco in 1944 and missed a connection in Denver. He took a freight train out of Denver and was invited to ride in the General Motors EMD built locomotive through Glenwood Canyon. He was so awestruck with the majestic views he experienced that he sketched up a

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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 week-end membership meeting on Friday with over 45 members participating at the end in the Zoom meeting which started at 8:00 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>.

I am continuing to ask for suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings. I do not want to impose my own ideas at every meeting. Remember, this is your Club.

Results from the informal survey on holding in-person MSOC meetings at the restaurant that **Tom Glazier** checked out are in. There were 26 "Yes" votes; 34 "No" votes; and one "Neutral." The votes came from the majority of members who were regular attendees at pre-COVID-19 MSOC meetings. At least six of the "Yes" votes expressed concern about the cost of the meal. The Board of Directors will discuss in-person meetings at next Thursday night's Board Zoom meeting. If you want to express your thoughts and concerns about the issue, please contact a Board member or me before Thursday night.

Our own **Greg Hurd** made another informative train presentation on domed railroad cars. Great job, Greg! We look forward to a presentation on "bullet" trains sometime later this summer.

Scott Henke, a former Monaco South member, and owner of On-Site Consulting will make a presentation on computer security and safety on Friday, July 17. Please be sure to mark that date on your calendar for what will be a discussion on this particularly important topic. I, for one, having been recently hacked, will be listening intently.

After last week's Bear Dance career best 77, I shot a 76 on Thursday at the Golf Club of Bear Dance...shooting even par 36 on the back nine. Then, yesterday at a Bear Dance Men's Club tournament, I shot 80 with four penalty strokes. I have got to tell you that playing golf right now is really a lot of fun!

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 most new members before September 30. Come on guys, we need new members!

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 to the GUMS distribution 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 will attach their completed "About Me" questionnaire in an upcoming GUMS, but I would much prefer to see them talk about themselves during a meeting.

By the way, if you would like to make a presentation, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

FYI, Zoom offers a free membership package that permits 40-minute "meetings." That is a great deal if you want to get your families together for some "family face time" or friends together for a "virtual happy hour." Check out that "free offer" at <https://zoom.us/pricing>.

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 Meyer**

Dome Cars Continue

design of a car with a "Vista Dome" on top that would allow a passenger a full 360-degree view. He took his idea to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad (CB&Q). They took a stainless-steel Budd built coach and put a Vista Dome as sketched by Cyrus Osborn on top. It featured seats oriented lengthwise in the cabin facing the double pane windows.

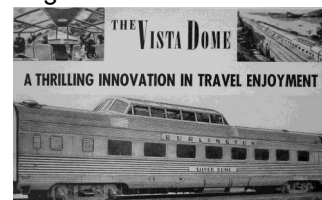


This first version was dubbed the silver-dome and made its debut on the Twin Cities Zephyr. A major problem with the dome cars was the heat build-up. They required additional air conditioning which added to the cost of dome cars. The cost of a dome car could easily double the cost of a regular coach car depending on the buildout of the car. But, despite the costs, the dome car was prominently displayed in the "Train of Tomorrow" sponsored by General Motors in 1947. In 1950, a monument celebrating the dome



car was built in Glenwood Canyon where the dome car was inspired. It was later moved to the Colorado Train Museum in Golden to make way for the expansion of I-70. The number of dome cars declined as passenger trains gave way to the automobile and air travel but still exist today. They are primarily in use by private excursion railways such as the Royal Gorge Railway. The dome cars never had the popularity in Europe as they had here and in Canada. This was primarily due to the lower height tunnels in Europe.

Railroad dome cars are the most complex rolling stock any railroad has built. Their beginnings were in Glenwood Canyon of Colorado in 1946. Electro Motive Division of General Motors Corporation partnered with the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and modified a Budd Company type coach to be a modern dome car. Actual first dome cars (1920's) were modified cabooses but only a few people paid the extra fare for the view which was just prior to WWII in Canada.



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Dome Cars Continue

Two hundred thirty-six dome cars were built for all North American railroads costing \$250,000 or more in 1946 dollars. Most were equipped with kitchens, bars, a lounge, dining tables and luxury seats. They had bathrooms, a stairway, huge air conditioners, and a few had beds.

There were two all dome car trains. The 1947 "Train of Tomorrow" was used for sales promotion by Electro-Motive Division (EMD) and operated only by EMD employees. After its two year life the dome cars were sold to the Union Pacific and the locomotives to the CB&Q railroad.

The second all dome train was the California Zephyr of the CB&Q and Western Pacific (WP) railroads. They joined together to have the most luxurious passenger service from Chicago to San Francisco. Only the baggage car and diner did not have a dome. You never had to leave the train getting on in Chicago all the way to San Francisco. It changed locomotives from the CB&Q to the WP in Denver (1 of only 4 stops).

There were three major types of dome cars in North America. There were the traditional center dome versions, full dome versions (super domes) and the millennial domes (2 story dome cars). There were three builders of dome cars: American Car & Foundry, Budd Company, and Pullman Standard. The millennial domes were built by the fourth builder, Colorado Railcar Company of Ft. Lupton, CO. The Southern Pacific RR also built 7 dome cars for their own railroad use only.

There are very few European dome cars, and most were run along the Rein River and in the Alps of Switzerland. Very few locals would use them, so the railroads relied on tourists for their revenue from these cars that explains why so few were made. The majority of European dome cars were coaches modified with windows in the roofs.



The toy train world of the 1950's and 1960's made thousands of dome cars as they greatly enhanced sales of toy trains. Unfortunately, most of them are very much not to scale proportions. Most looked like whoever had designed them must have done so during happy hour.

As you can see Colorado has a solid connection with dome cars from their modern conception to their final days of manufacturing.

Editor: Cyrus Osborn (August 27, 1897 – November 15, 1968) was a manager at General Motors in the 1930s and 1940s. Best known for inventing the railroad dome car in 1947. Born in Dayton, Ohio, Osborn served in World War I and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an M.E. degree in 1921. Osborn started as an apprentice with Dayton Engineering Laboratories (a division of General Motors). He rose through the ranks to manage GM's overseas division, and then became the second in command at GM's Opel division in Germany in 1936. His leadership of Opel from 1937 to 1940 was marked by increasing controversy as tensions between the United States and Germany increased prior to the outbreak of World War II. Osborn was elected a vice president of the corporation in 1943. He retired from GM in 1962 after 45 years of service.

Reference, Perry K. & Olson, J. @ <https://museum.phideltatheta.org/famous/cyrus-osborn/>.

OCMS Charter Birthday

On Monday, July 20th we should all celebrate the charter birthday day of our Optimist Club of Denver-Monaco South, aka, Monaco South and Optimist Club of Monaco South. Additionally, we should remember our Club's founder **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**. For new members read **Craig Eley's** remarks made Sept. 26, 2018 at Dr. Ed's memorial, [Click here](#).



**Did you know ...
that you can make a
Tax Deductible Contribution to the
Optimist Club of Monaco South
for your favorite Project?**

It can be designated toward any project, including:

Super Citizen, Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinners, Brain Bowl, Junior Golf, Oratorical Contest, Christmas & Thanksgiving Baskets, Tri Star Basketball

Just make your check out to "Optimist International Foundation" and give it to Monaco South Treasurer **Greg Young**. Your tax deductible donation will be used for the projects you designate.

Also, consider a bequest in your Will/Estate Planning to our Club. It can be a general bequest or you can direct that it be used to support a particular activity or project of Monaco South.

<p>Region: 6 - Southwest District: 25 - Colorado - Wyoming (COWY)</p> <p>Club Number: 25164</p> <p>Club Name: Denver-Monaco South, Co Date Chartered: July 20, 1976</p> <p>Club President: Bob Meyer</p> <p>City/State/Province/Country (Language): Denver, Colorado, United States (English)</p> <p>Meeting Location: American Legion Hall Low Post #1 Every Friday of each Month at 7:00 am Note: Be there Fri 6:45 am for breakfast</p> <p>Sponsored by: Club #: 25120 - Denver-Happy Canyon, Co</p> <p>Club's Web Page: http://www.monacosouth.org</p>	<p>Dr. Ed & Jeannie Fankhauser Photo Mark Metevia</p>	<p>Dr. Edward Fankhauser June 18, 1924 - September 18, 2018</p>
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On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

We had one member try to give it a go for the question: What was the 14th State? I applaud his effort. Even though his logic was good, he missed it, but at least he tried. The 14th state is Vermont.

This week let us bring it back to home. **Over ten years ago, the Colorado Department of Transportation started a project to rebuild Route 25 as it went through Denver. It was given a name. What was the project called?** (Hint: think of Dinosaurs.)

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com



Weekly Greeters

7/17/2020

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

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd 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 July. Please check back for updates.

July 16	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
July 17	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 24	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 31	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 7	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 14	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 20	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
Aug 21	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 28	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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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.