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THIS WEEK

A SUCCESS STORY

Our beloved **Morgan Clayton** is going to share his personal journey and adventure that he calls "life".

AUGUST 12, 2010 MEETING

CHUCK MICHEL, EDITOR

Cousin Short Hair AKA the **Pres Starkey** banged the gong at 12:19 to begin the meeting. On a sad note, he announced that **Chet Love's** wife, **MaryLou**, passed away. Services will be at the First United Methodist Church, Monday, August 16th at noon.

Pastor Jeff Chandler of the First Presbyterian Church said the invocation. **Brian Burrow** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jim Baldwin** subbed for absent **Bruce Biggar** and led us in "America the Beautiful".

Jay Rosenleib, program chair introduced the members of head table, **Major General David Eichhorn**, **George Granger**, **Major General Jim Whitehead** and **Chuck Michel**.

Visiting Rotarians - from East Club **Jack Saba**, from Taft **Larry Tiller**. **Jay Rosenleib** introduced the newest partner of Klein DeNatale, **Scott Beldon**. Jay also introduced his two sons, **Travis** who is attending BC and **Luke** who will start at Arizona State next week. Luke just passed his review as Eagle Scout and is #11 Eagle Scout in the Rosenleib extended family. **Jim Weddle** also introduced guest **Pat Foutch**. **Ron Eaves'** guest was **Scott Ross**.

Richard Beene and **Paul Sheldon** have accepted the challenge of the membership committee which is appropriate since this is membership month. The President made a plea for new members since we lose 10-20 members each year.

GOOD NEWS...

Dale Mills announced a transportation conference to be held on November 17th. Past conferences have been very interesting and this one should be also. Dale also introduced **Gen Eichhorn's** wife, **Anita**.

The annual Margarita party will be at the Barbich's beautiful home on August 25th from 6-9 pm. Food service will be tacos. This is always a great party. Mark your calendar.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 26 **Chris Prentiss**
Founder & President of Passages Malibu

September 2 **Coach Gil Bishop**
John Pryor & Dr. Jack Schuetz

September 9 **Goodwill Industries**
Tammie Reynold

September 16 **Kern County Courts**
Judge David Lampe

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There will be a fund raiser after the first of the year rather than the Octoberfest. A Brown Bag lunch will be substituted. We are looking for a sponsor who wants to showcase their business at lunch.

PROGRAM...

Jay Rosenlieb introduced **Major General David Eichhorn**, Commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force base. David has 5,700 hours in 40 different types of aircrafts. He has been C.O. for 3 years and supervised testing of 6 new aircrafts. He flew U-2 spy planes along with Gen. Jim Whitehead. He considers his job as the premium position in the Air Force. He will transfer to Albuquerque in October. He showed a very interesting video about Edwards Air Force base, named after a test pilot that crashed and was killed there. Until that time, the base was known as Muroc Army Air Base.



All Air Force jets are tested at Edwards to see if they will really do what the manufacturers claim. The latest one tested reached speeds of Mach 6 (Mach is 760 mph x 6 = 4,750 mph).

He lamented that the space shuttle program is ending and said if another one lands at Edwards, he is going to keep it – especially if it is the Enterprise! He would mount it by the front gate.

Edwards has a 16,000 ft runway that is now under repair with an auxiliary runway built next to it that is 14,000 ft long. The base occupies 470 square miles and is the second largest Air Force Base in the US. It is ideally situated for testing because it is out in the desert where little damage can be done.

The general described the newest weapon we are testing that he referred to as “Battle Star Galactica”. The new aircraft has a laser beam that can shoot down missiles at many mile distances. They have tested it on two missiles successfully and are planning on testing it with two more missiles.

He mentioned all that is done in testing and development is an effort to protect the American way of life, including the environment. The members of the base are working on reducing energy use, working to reduce costs of overhead and protecting the wildlife. They are working with the surrounding communities in these efforts. The Air Force is also working on promoting sciences and mathematics in schools.

The air show will be in October again this year. They are expecting 150,000 people. There will be a civilian fly in to the base. There will be a focus on safety and women in aviation.

His entire talk contained a liberal dose of humor and was most entertaining. The General answered a few questions until “Short Hair” gave him the hook and rang the bell.

AREA MEETINGS

MONDAY

Bakersfield South - Noon
Petroleum Club

Wasco - Noon
Veterans Hall on Poplar Ave.

TUESDAY

Bakersfield North - Noon
Petroleum Club

Inyokern - 6:00 p.m.
Torres Steakhouse

WEDNESDAY

Bakersfield West - Noon
Stockdale Country Club

China Lake - Noon
Victoria's at Heritage Inn

Shafter - 6:30 a.m.
Shafter Vet's Hall

Bakersfield Breakfast - 6:45 a.m.
Petroleum Club

Taft - Noon
Jo's Restaurant

Bakersfield Twilight - 6:00 p.m.
Bell Tower Club

THURSDAY

Frazier Park Rotary - 5:30 p.m.
Los Pinos Restaurant

Bakersfield Downtown - Noon
Bakersfield Art Museum

Tehachapi - Noon
Kelcy's Restaurant

Delano - Noon
Historical Society

Kern River Valley - 6:00 p.m.
Kern Valley Golf Course

FRIDAY

Bakersfield East - Noon
Veteran's Hall

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