



General Teamster Retirees Club
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June 2011 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

Teamster Building (main floor)
14675 Interurban Avenue South, Tukwila
(on METRO bus Line #150)

When

Wednesday, June 8th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: Professor Eric Thompson, Director and Instructor of Religious Studies; Santa Rosa Junior College- **His topic: A survey of Islam**

Lunch Menu: Beef tips, noodles, veggies, salads, rolls, dessert, and coffee

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, June 6th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$12.00. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, because spaces are limited!***

Directions:

From Southbound I-5 take exit #156-Tukwila Interurban Avenue. Turn LEFT on Interurban Avenue South. Proceed south approximately 1 and ¼ miles. The Teamster Building will be on your right.

From Northbound I-5 take exit #156-Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Take the Tukwila exit, turn right onto Interurban Avenue South and proceed south. Move into the right lane. The Teamster Building will be located approximately a mile and 1/2, on your right.

Check This Out

Please be advised that this is **Puget Sound Labor Agency** pick up month. Please bring your donateables, collectables, edibles, and usables, and they will be much appreciated.

I would guess by now that all of you informed, retired citizens are aware of what the Washington State legislature has done to education in the new budget. It is not a pretty picture. Support for, and participation in our Retirees August 4th, scholarship golf tourney takes on even greater importance.

It is my sad duty to report that long time retiree, and bona fide character, **Wayne Moore**, died Saturday, May 21st. He was 90 years old, and had been in frail health for some time. Recently he had taken a fall and broke his hip, and that along with his other problems did him in. I talked to his son **Dana Moore**, a recent 174 retiree from the Boeing Company, and expressed the GTRC'S condolences to him and the family. Wayne was fondly known as the "Catsup guy".

Vice-President, **Jim Johnstone** announced at the last meeting that we would be trying to find out more about you, in the interest of making us more than just a warm body in a chair. There is no intent to embarrass any one, so rest easy.

On the Road Again

Danny Curtin, retiree from Darigold told me about a little road trip/adventure he went on from April 5th through the 31st. He and three of his friends, all "old car guys," up and left their long-suffering spouses and headed out to check out museums across the country, with special emphasis on car museums.

They headed for Tombstone Arizona, and then went to Bisbee where they checked out the copper mines. The aging lads then hit Carlsbad Caverns, and meandered down to San Antonio where they took in the Alamo and enjoyed the river walk. Danny said that they stayed only in motels that offered a complimentary breakfast, and then had a nice dinner in the evening. He chuckled as he did admit that their 2003 Kia Sedona was filled with snacks at all times.

The intrepid band then visited the Houston Space Center, and did some serious drink testing in New Orleans...downing a few "Hurricanes". In Mississippi, they just missed a major Tornado, and saw uprooted trees, overturned cars and considerable damage. They went to a museum in Tupelo (Elvis' birthplace), went through Georgia and up through the Carolinas, touring the outer banks, and caught highway 50, the first trans- continental highway.

Through the mid section of the country they visited museums with Packards, Cords, Duesenburgs, and in Nebraska experienced the highlight of their journey. They inspected a museum that took a couple of days to see, and as Danny said to me, "Hank, it had everything!"

After Wyoming and Utah, they headed home, having logged 9300 miles. They had managed to avoid fast food joints, and experienced many “ooh and aah” moments.

Who says we lose our sense of adventure as we age?

The Lawnmower

A preacher was making his rounds on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. “How much do you want for that mower?” asked the preacher.”

“I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle,” said the boy.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, “Will you take my bike in trade for it?”

The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and, after riding the bike around a little while, said, “Mister, you’ve got yourself a deal.”

The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He pulled the rope a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the boy over and said, “I can’t get this mower to start.”

The little boy said, “That’s because you have to cuss at it to get it started.”

The preacher said, “I can’t cuss. It’s been so long since I became a Christian that I don’t even remember how to cuss”.

The little lad smiled at him and said, “You just keep pulling on that rope...it’ll come back to ya!!”

Though You Would Like to Know . . .

CEOs at the nation’s largest companies were paid better last year than they were in 2007, when the economy was booming and the stock market set a record high. The typical pay package for the head of a company in the Standard & Poor’s 500 was **9 million** in 2010, up 24%...aren’t you happy for them?!

Our guest speaker’s father is a Teamster, and you **do not want to miss this luncheon. Along with finding out a lot more about the first or second most populous religion in the world, reacquaint yourself with fine dining at Gloria’s sumptuous buffet table, admire the svelte figure of the M.O.S. (master of ceremonies), and shake your head in disbelief at yard-sale quality prizes! Before you join us on the 8th, try to figure out if the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?**