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Hitchhiking by Doug Pfau

As one gets older—and that includes all of us—it is sometimes fun to look back and recall things that are no longer around.

Although typewriters, 8-tracks, black and white TVs, flat-head V-8s come to mind, something I rarely see these days are hitchhikers. I would suspect that people’s reluctance to “pick them up” has something to do with that fact.

During my youth, hitchhiking was a favored method of getting from point A to point B and I encountered many unique situations during this time.

One instance that stands out is the time I wanted to get to Stanley, ND, originating from Tower City (between Jamestown and Fargo) to visit my girlfriend, who is now my wife.

I started by walking down the freeway exit with my thumb in the air in which shortly thereafter resulted in an old Mack truck applying its rusty brakes and stopping. After I ran to the truck and pulled open the door I was greeted by an elderly gentleman with a 30-year beard and greasy overalls with a spit chewing smile.

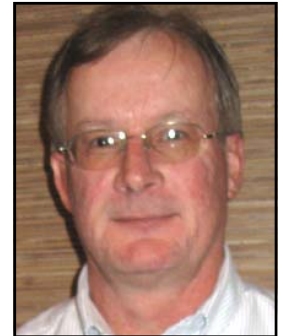
I then observed what would be my seat for the next six hours—a wooden kitchen chair bolted to the floor.

After a quick “hi,” the truck proceeded up to rocket speed of 55 mph while making it impossible to hear or speak anything. I was holding on to the chair so as not to get thrown out the window or through the windshield.

After what seemed a two-day trip we arrived at the weigh station in Minot. At that time we were informed that the truck would not be moving until 3,700 pounds of corn were transferred from the front axles to the back.

The old truck driver looked at me while

holding a scoop shovel and asked “Wanna keep going?” I proceeded to shovel corn for the next three hours in minus 10 degree temperatures.



He then informed me he would not be traveling through Stanley but rather to Kenmare to Canada. After a phone call to my girlfriend, she came down to pick me up. I arrived in Stanley 11 hours later hungry, cold, dusty and tired.

Another time two guys picked me up on a short trip from Jamestown to Tower City and half way to my destination offered me a “joint” of which I politely refused.

This led to the statement from one of the guys that if I felt I was too good to smoke with them that I would have to find another ride and was promptly asked to vacate once the car stopped.

Another instance that comes to mind is the time I invited a college football friend of mine to hitch a ride home with me. Although he was black I naively believed this fact would be of no consequence in our ability to “thumb a ride.”

After three hours of standing on the side of Interstate 94 with not so much as a brake light I decided that an alternative plan had to be deployed. I then instructed my friend to start walking and not to stop until he was out of sight.

He then proceeded to follow my directions only after giving me a very strange expression. In a matter of a couple minutes two elderly ladies stopped and after a very convincing plea that the person a half mile ahead was my friend, they also stopped

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Secretary's Corner

Om Madhok

3/8/10

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 105

ATTENDANCE: 54.2%

VISITORS: Dmitreas Paphthomopoulos, guest of Mac Magaster and John Pinkerton, guest of Louis.

MAKEUPS: Kathy Holte, Online at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Sarah Rimatski, Colleen Finley, Ian Kenney, Sydnie Schell and Matt Magnuson, Bishop Ryan HS students.

We Missed You!

Daniel Albertson	Jaime Haaland	Cara Olson
Terri Aldrich	Ken Hegle	David Olson
Richard Anderson	Daryl Hodnefield	Doug Pfau
Kit Baker	Terry Hoff	Stephan Podrygula
Jeff Balentine	Kathy Holte	Chester Reiten
Mike Berg	James Jensen	Alison Repnow
Wallace Berning	Jolene Khalifa	Alan Reynolds
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Richard Campbell	Alan Kurth	Dean Somerville
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Robert Dick	Gerald Lumley	Matt Watne
Sara Dufner	Jay Lundeen	Tom Wentz Jr
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Betty Fedorchak	Michal McMahan	Roger Winkle
Mike Gaddie	Milton Miller	
Jen Guidinger	OH Mittleberg	



SUNRISE ROTARY
THURSDAY, 7:00 AM
Grand International

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John Kenney of Grangemouth Central, Scotland— President, Rotary Int'l
Ajoy Chatterjee of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—Governor District 5580

The Rotary Club of Minot meets 12:00 to 1:10 p.m. every Monday at the Grand International of Minot.

Board of Directors: Reed Argent, President; Teal Myre, President-Elect; Ron Merritt, Vice-President; Om Madhok, Secretary; Dave Lehner, Treasurer; William McLees, Past President.

Directors: 2009-Jen Guidinger and Dusty Zimmerman; 2010 –Robert Dick and Brent Mattson; 2011—Mike Berg and Tom Will

Standing Members: Peter Hankla, Exchange Students, Ken Kitzman, Scholarship Fund; John MacMartin, and Rotary Foundation.

Birthdays

March 16
Joel Feist
Rita Sommers

March 17
Jay Lundeen
Teal Myre

March 18
Reed Argent



Anniversaries

March 17, 1979
Terri & Rodney Aldrich

Fines

\$8.00
Reed Argent

\$2.00 each
John Coughlin, Joel Feist, Bruce Walker, who did not know that March is Literacy Month, this week is World Rotaract Week and Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14th

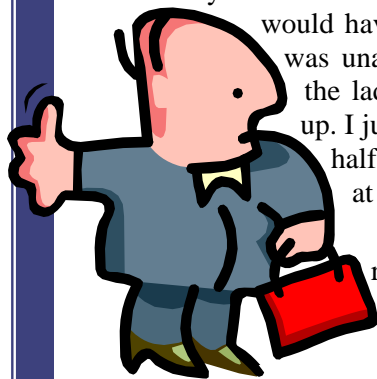
\$1.00 each
Bishop Ryan HS and Minot HS graduates, Alan Reynolds, John MacMartin, and Roscoe Streyle's tables.

TOTAL FINES:
\$164.00

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Hitchhiking, *cont'd from page 1*

mile ahead was my friend, they stopped and picked him up.

My friend later asked me what would have happened if I was unable to convince the ladies to pick him up. I just replied with a half smile and left it at that.

Although I rarely see any hitchhiker's

nowadays, I would assist them if given the opportunity.

I did have some guidelines that made me a "successful hitchhiker." This included never carry luggage, travel alone, and dress neatly.

It was always fun to meet different and interesting people during my hitchhiking days. I'm sure the people that picked me up probably felt the same way!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE FACTS:

1. Group will register all together
2. Notify Dusty if you are interested in attending and are not on the current attendee list
3. Meet after the March 15 meeting to complete the registration forms
4. Each member will pay \$150; spouses will pay full amount (registration and meals)
5. Registration is non-refundable
6. Bus transportation will be organized
7. You are not able to cross the border if you have had a DUI or a similar level of criminal offense
8. Passports are required

ATTENDEES:

Sharon Johnson
John MacMartin
Mike & Janet Berg
Gen Guidinger
Om Madhok
Teal Myre
Ken Kitzman
Bill McLees
Pete & JaMie Hankla
Dick & Pam White
Roscoe & Kristi Streyle
Dusty Zimmerman

Guest Speaker 3-4-2010

Our guest speaker this week was Wayne Biberdorf of Hess Corporation. Wayne is the seventh ND Petroleum Council Hall of Fame inductee. He was inducted as the seventh member of the North Dakota Petroleum Council Hall of Fame at the Petroleum Council's 28th annual meeting in September 2009 in Medora, ND. Biberdorf received Bachelor of Science degrees in math and physics from Minot State University and an engineering degree from UND.

After teaching in the Minot Public School System, he began employment with Hess Corporation in 1980. He has held various positions with Hess, including Operations Manager, District Engineer, Business Unit Manager and Manager of Strategic Projects. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and has been on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the North Dakota Petroleum Council since 1997, serving as Chairman from 1999-2002. He is also on the Northwest Workforce Advisory Board and the North Dakota Training Advisory Board and was appointed by Governor Hoeven as one of the first members of the Oil and Gas Research Council, serving as its first chairman.

Wayne and his wife Jean reside in Williston.

Hess Corporation is active in three areas in the United States: deepwater Gulf of Mexico, the Williston Basin in North Dakota and the Permian Basin in West Texas. In North Dakota, they are the leading oil and natural gas producer. Following many years of maintaining production levels at several large company-operated units, including Beaver Lodge and Tioga Madison, their North Dakota asset is growing again with the development of their Bakken drilling program. Adjacent to the Williston Basin in western North Dakota, the Bakken Shale represents a new growth opportunity for Hess.

- Currently 99 rigs drilling according to the Department of Mineral Resources website
- Initial Production – state requires that a company report on initial production of every new well but there is no clear methodology on how to report that – i.e. is it the first day report, 5th day, 30 day average?
- From 2006 – 2010 Initial Production has increased each year
- There was a recent study to look at water needs for drilling future wells sponsored by the Dept of Mineral Resources
- Water is needed for fracturing the well to prepare it for initial production allowing the oil to be released from the shale rock that it is suspended in
- Wayne showed a video of how a Bakken oil well is drilled
- Spoke about the "kick off point" which is the point at which the drill bit starts to make the bend for the horizontal portion of the well
- A typical Bakken well is 2 miles down and 2 miles out laterally