

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT
April 1997 Newsletter

President's Message;

Time is marching on, big time. We are in the throws of Spring, everything getting green and growing with the usual problems of lower temperature's on occasions raising havoc with the sensitive plants, but it is a great time of the year anyway.

Since we are in the month of April, more and more thought is going into preparing our selves and equipment for the summer travels. We just heard from our Daughter that our youngest grand daughter is signed up for the youth space camp at Huntsville so we will have an additional traveler with us again this year. If all works out as well as last year it will be fun.

Hope by this time our ailing members are healing from their medical problems and are enjoying this great time of year. Lee Brown has had a setback stemming from his skin surgery, Steve and Frank Burnham had a bout with what appeared to be food poisoning. Virginia Paul is doing great with her problems. We get to see the Paul's frequently. Leonard has a consulting job with the Highway Department in California and that is the reason why they have not been to our recent meetings. Dale is doing some restoration work on their Bambi trailer, it sure is a cute one.

We lifted an interesting article from one of the units newsletter that we thought was fitting considering what is going on with this speech thing in California.

Our March meeting was held in our house and was great as usual with the following in attendance: Elenere Amidon, Browns, Burnhams, Groschs, Betty Kopfhammer, Pete Rinne, Alma George and Mary Ann Johnson as guest.

Had a discussion of the issue of allowing non Airstream products into our club per the International request. Frank Burnham was selected alternate delegate for Huntsville.

Our next meeting-luncheon will be on April 22, 1997, at 11:30 AM at the Atlantis, Virginia and Peckham (former Clarian) in the Toucan Charlie Buffet. Please call Burnhams for reservations 825-6566. Hope to see also our snowbirds there.

Happy Birthday to Mildred Peters 4/9 and David Pierce on 4/24
Happy Anniversary to JB and Mildred Peters'

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the author of the message, is located at the bottom right of the page.

HEADLINES

European Economic Commerce Chooses English as the Preferred Language

Having chosen English as the preferred language in the EEC, the European Parliament has commissioned a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between Government departments. European officials have often pointed out that English spelling is unnecessarily difficult—for example, cough plough, rough, through and thorough. What is clearly needed is a phased program of changes to iron out these anomalies. The program would, of course, be administered by a committee staff at top level by participating nations.

In the first year, for example, the committee would suggest using 's' instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, sivil servants in all sities would resieve this news with joy. Then the hard 'c' could be replaced by 'k' sinse both letters are pronounsed alike. Not only would this klear up konfusion in the minds of klerikal workers, but typewriters kould be made with one less letter.

There would be growing enthusiasm when in the sekond year, it kould be announsed that the troublesome 'ph' would henseforth be written 'f'. This would make words like fotograf twenty per sent shorter in print.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reash the stage where more komplikated shanges are possible. Governments would enkourage the removal of double letters which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling.

We would al agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful. Therefore we kould drop thes and kontinu to read and writ as though nothing had hapend. By this tim it would be four years sins the skem began and peopl would be re-septive to steps sutsh as replasing 'th' by 'z'. Perhaps zen ze funktion of 'w' kould be taken on by 'v', vitsh is , after all, half a 'w'. Shortly after zis, z unesesary 'o' koud be dropd from words kontaining 'ou'. Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

Kontinuing zis proces yer after yer, ve vud eventuli

hav a reli sensibl riten styl. After tventi yers zer vud be no mor trubls, difikultis and evrivun vud fin it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze dremms of ze Guvermnt vud finali hav kum tru.

(Sent in by Gard Forester)

INFALLIBLE I.Q. TEST

Select the correct word from the 16 at the bottom to fill in the blanks.

- 1 That which Noah built.
- 2 An article for serving ice cream.
- 3 What a bloodhound does when chasing a woman.
- 4 Expression representing the loss of a parrot.
- 5 An appropriate title for a knight named Knoll.
- 6 A sunburned man.
- 7 A tall coffee pot perking.
- 8 What one does when it rains.
- 9 A small dog sitting in a refrigerator
- 10 What a boy does on the lake when his motor won't run.
- 11 What you call a person who writes for an inn.
- 12 What the Captain said when the boat was bombed.
- 13 What a little acorn says when he grows up.
- 14 What one does to trees that are in the way
- 15 What you do if you have yarn and needles.
- 16 Can George Washington turn into a country?

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| A. Perpendicular | I. Polygon |
| B. Inscribe | J. Tangent |
| C. Decagon | K. Geometry |
| D. Center | L. Circle |
| E. Hypotenuse | M. Arc |
| F. Cosecant | N. Unit |
| G. Coincide | O. Hero |
| H. Axiom | P. Cone |

NOTES

To make a success of old age, you've got to start young. God gives every bird its food, but He doesn't throw it into the nest.
Put a little more love into living, and you will love life more than ever before.
One thing you learn the hard way is that there is no easy way.
No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

(Contributed by Rozetta Inman)