

## Natural Gas Activity & Trends – John Harpole



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John Harpole, noted natural gas expert will share with us the latest trends and predictions for natural gas activity both nationally and in our region.

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### While You Dozed

*(Astute observations from last weeks meeting)*

*By newly promoted Senior Reporter: Reed Mitchell*

**My Promotion:** Congratulations to me: I've finally captured the coveted position of "Senior Club Reporter"; my days studying at the feet of the "Drivelmeister" are at long last behind me, no more "Cub reporter Reed, now I'm the club's "senior staff reporter", how cool is that? I look forward to enjoying the wonderful salary and benefits, big expense account and a lovely company car. Who makes Yugos anyway?

**Singing:** The King (David) did a tribute to our friend Harry Mavrakis, H-A Double RY. In spite of our efforts Harry was obviously touched, we do need to work on our delivery as some as the neighborhood cats were loudly complaining. Then Jan P. (complicated spelling kinda name) led a birthday tribute to our numerous August Rotarians. This reporter was touched in the extreme.

**On the Beat:** While enjoying a well deserved libation Tuesday afternoon with the Drivelmeister himself, this reporter was joined by Rotarian Tyler Riehl and a banker friend named Alan. Tyler regaled us with a tale of his hero Quarterback Brett Farve having been spurned by some obscure Minnesota football team or another in his bid for continued employment into his twilight years, his diatribe continued while the press conference is on the nearby tube announced the aforementioned aged athlete's 2 year contract. Ty's hero-worship needs some tweaking.

### Happy Bucks:

- **Steve ErkenBrack** had 30 happy bucks for the nice ring our resident jeweler Tom Hunn crafted for him,
- **Terri Smatla** had a couple happies for the success of our School supply efforts last week. Good for us.
- **Jane Krose** suffered a fine for a blatant commercial for a jazz concert at Double Tree Friday evening.
- **Dennis Baker** mumbled something about masquerade posters and Mike Blackburn's business.  
"Masquerade tickets are \$90. this year with a hotel package also available for only \$99! ---very cool"
- **Lynn Lickers** was \$2 bucks sad that she bought tickets to see Obama and couldn't get past security. There's a very meaningful message here Lynn but I'll not digress.
- **Dee Brinegar** was conversely happy he didn't have tickets for the blessed appearance, me too Dee!
- **Dennis Pretti** was happy the GJ Senile gave the club some well deserved recognition for child trafficking and providing school supplies to Dist 51. Once in awhile a blind squirrel etc. etc.

**Announcements:** Carmen Moyer gave a presentation for Masquerade tickets and Rotaract Scooter raffle tickets. She obviously looked better than Dennis and her presentation was of course much better. Maybe Masquerade will benefit from Carmine's charm as opposed to Dennis' drivel. Perhaps you should wear a nice brown dress with a ruffled bodice for your announcements Dennis. In any event tickets are now on sale and the club is looking for participation from everyone. Masquerade's fun and tickets are cheap.

**Foundation Meeting:** President Joe then called the Robert's Rules of Order into action and his coolness held a one minute Rotary Foundation Board meeting to confirm Dr. Jesse James and Glen Mills to the foundation board. Glen's a member at large and Jesse represents the PHFs. Gavels flying and robust "ayes" being shouted through out the room, quite awe inspiring actually, parliament would be proud.

## Warner's Corner



Our August board meeting featured many lively discussions and actions taken on a variety of matters. After just two meetings, I think we can all be confident we have a super bunch of dedicated directors who are taking their duties seriously and are more than up to the challenge.

This was our first gathering at the Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Western Colorado. The spacious conference room is very accommodating for board sessions and we thank Kathy O'Shea and the folks at Hospice for making us feel so comfortable in their impressive facility.

The board approved three new members: David Hutton, Steven Schultz and Dan Wilson. As we continue to place emphasis on membership, we warmly welcome our newest members!

In another topic of discussion, consideration is still being given to the possible creation of a Finance Committee to help support the position of secretary/treasurer. As our club continues to grow, and with the anticipated departure of Dennis Pretti from his post at the end of the current Rotary year, this continues to be a timely topic for review.

Finally, a reminder ... if you have any questions or desire to submit an item for board consideration, please don't hesitate to contact me or any director as we are here to serve you.

**Gifts:** Kirk Rider interrupted the proceedings to advance the "gifts for the president" portion of the meeting. After finally prevailing, our club's "media savvy" attorney-at-law presented our tea totaling President Joe Cool with some booze from Sweden. Hey Joe, if you'd like, Dennis and I would gladly test your ill-gotten gains. **The Czar** also participated in the gift giving with more fish stuff from Alaska and Rotary Flags from Homer and Anchorage clubs. The Czar's gifts have a bit of a peculiar odor, eh?

**The Program:** Information on the Imagination Library and was presented by the local co-founder Kristi Widdows Calfe and Bob Delevan of Rotary district fame. The program serves America's Children from birth to age 5 providing books to stimulate reading. **Walid Bou-Matar** then announced our club has a committee to promote this worthy program and **Tommy Hunn** detailed its benefits quite thoroughly.

**New Member Nominations:** At it's August 19 meeting, the board of directors approved active memberships for the following individuals: Dan Wilson, Commanding Officer of the Grand Junction Salvation Army; Steve Schultz, School District 51 Superintendent and David Hutton, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Respectively, their sponsor are Jim Rybak and Lynn James, Terri Smatla, and Mike Blackburn. For more information, contact President Joe Warner.

**Australian Group Study Exchange Team:** As part of the September visit by the Australian Group Study Exchange team, club members are invited to tour Westar Aviation following our September 16 meeting. Rotarian and King n'Trio member Russ Williams will be our tour guide.

We have room for 15 individuals. Please email Dennis Pretti at [pdpretti@bresnan.net](mailto:pdpretti@bresnan.net) for reservations.

### Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Since it is still August, I can talk more about August birthdays. Thanks to Glen Mills and KKCO we made a Musical Birthday Card. That was fun while we all celebrated the birthdays of eight Leo's and three Virgos. The Leo's are: **Carter Bair, Lynn Lickers, Harry Mavrakis, Kathy O'Shea, Mary Sievers, Barbara Smith, Walt Smith, and Jeannie Thomas.** The Leo's Horoscope last Wednesday was: *You'll connect with others in the moments of silence. That's why pauses in conversation are truly golden. You will be luckiest when you speak as little as possible throughout this peaceful day.* The Virgo's are: **Judy Hegge, Chris Reddin and Carmen Moyer.** Their Horoscope for last Wednesday was: *It's possible you've been expecting yourself to perform without taking the preliminary measures that would allow you to be at your best. Stretch your body and mind to gear up for this active day.* So, if you were not there to celebrate, this is to you: **Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you. Once in every lifetime someone comes along to make your life better, even better than a song. Then one day you miss them, that's how we feel today ... so with this simple Birthday Greeting, May good things come your way.**

***Upcoming Dates***

Meeting Programs  
Claudia Crowell  
Program Committee Chairperson

- September 2 King 'N Trio
- September 9 Kid's Aid
- September 16 GJ Rotary Cub's 90<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary
- September 23 "School Day" – Dictionary &  
School Supply Programs
- September 30 Wine Industry Tourism  
*Steve Smith*

**Upcoming Meetings**

- September 4 **Past President's Meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club
- September 9 **Rotary Exchange Committee**  
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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