From the Desk of the President

Well another successful Onion Sale season has come and gone! Our Club sold 6000 lbs of onions over two weekends due to the hard work of many of our Brethren! Thank you so much for your hard work and donating your valuable time. Last meeting we took a vote and all those who worked will get a cocktail for themselves and their significant other compliments of the Club at our upcoming Official Visit on August 12.

One of my special moments selling onions at the Willowbrook Bowl this year was accepting a generous donation from a famous Chicagoland celebrity, who is a media icon in the automotive industry—Paul Bryan!

The parade season is in full swing now! We’re looking forward to a hectic but enjoyable July 4th schedule. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time so far, as well as Mindy Seelentag for booking us. Those whose schedules have not permitted them to participate so far, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces charm the crowds. Come out and join us soon!

We enjoyed an evening of food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, June 20 as we came together for W.S.S.C.’s Dinner with Ladies at Bohemian Crystal. The food was fabulous and plentiful as always.

Thanks again for all your support and participation; see you at our meetings, events, and parades!

Fraternally Yours, President Ray Bernard

News from Pit Road

This week David Huffman and I went through all the cars and they are now in tip top running order for the upcoming parades.

We do a LOT of parades and sometimes it is easy to forget all the little details and everything it takes to put on a professional and crowd-pleasing performance. As a reminder for our veteran members as well as for our new members, we are reprinting the Rules of Parading and also the Operating Procedures. (Thanks for the great suggestion, President Ray!)

We plan to go back to having practices for our new members as well as our well-seasoned veterans. They will most probably be held at Medinah but we need to first find out what day is good for us to bring the cars out. I might even recruit our resident ‘club chef’ to grill for us.

We are into the busiest time of the parade year. We need you to step up and make this season one of our best. Together let’s keep our tiny tires rolling, rolling, rolling! You get the idea.

Your Roaring ’57s Pit Crew Chief, Dave Wray

**Upcoming Events**

July 11 – W.S.S.C. Meeting, Shrine Center (Stag)
July 13 – W.S.S.C. Outing to Kane County Cougars
August 1 – W.S.S.C. Meeting, Shrine Center (Stag)
August 12 – Official Visit (with DuPage Shrine Club)
September 5 – W.S.S.C. Meeting, Shrine Center (Stag)
October 3 – W.S.S.C. Meeting, Shrine Center (Stag)
November 7 – W.S.S.C. Meeting, Shrine Center (Stag)
November 25 – Christmas Party, The Grotto, Oakbrook
December 5 – W.S.S.C. Meeting, Shrine Center (Stag)

For detailed parade unit information, contact Petey or go to our website www.westsuburbanshrineclub.org for a complete list of activities and appearances.
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1981 – Robert G. Munyer
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1990 – George Iwanowski
1991 – Robert T. Beebe
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1995 – George Cepek
1998 – Walter Miles, Jr.
2000 – Thomas Hastings
2001 – Weston “Bud” Parker
2002 – Nicholas Sasuta
2003 – Robert Bartik
2004 – Richard J. Hurbanis
2005 – Pete Papadogianis
2006 – William Macak, Jr.
2007 – Michael E. Velko
2008 – Dan Smith
2009 – James Lyman
2010 – Keith Olson
2011 – David Wray

Editor’s Column

So the June Scimitar didn’t exactly get out and into your hands in June. What can we say? It’s summer and the dog days and heat have us a bit behind schedule. We’ll definitely get back on track in August.

I don’t know about anyone else but we had a blast (and ate too much) at Bohemian Crystal. It was great to see everyone there. Good food, good friends, and good fellowship; that’s what W.S.S.C. is all about. As always, thanks for coming out to support our club.

We are always asking for old parade photos for our top-secret but highly cool project. We still need those but we are also asking for new parade photos too. Since we can’t make as many parades as we used to, it seems like every issue we are looking for exciting parade pictures to share with you in The Scimitar. But, alas, the cupboards are bare.

Can you help us? If you attend a parade and have a camera phone, snap a picture or two to send us. We aren’t asking for ‘action’ photos while you are supposed to be driving. (Don’t get crazy!)

Get a quick pic of the guys lining up the ‘57s or performing their pre-parade calisthenics (hah). Of course, if your wife or family attends, maybe they can get a few of those great in-parade action shots we are used to. Thanks in advance. As always, we appreciate your help.

Fraternally,
Pete Papadogianis

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A Message from the 1st Vice President

First of all, a big thanks to everyone that helped with onion sales. Selling all 6,000 lbs of onions was almost the equivalent of doing five parades!

Thanks to my partner, Dave Wray; and also to the people that were out there almost every day, including: Dave’s Lady Arlene, my Lady Brandi, Ray Bernard, Cal Tazelaar, Chuck Graening, George Iwanowski, Shawn Fizer, and the Seelentag crew, consisting of Mindy, David and Harley. Thanks also to the many other people that came out and helped: Tom Hastings, Fred Kohrt, Rolla Sullens, Bob Bartik, Bob Munyer, Wally Milles, Emil Denemark, and Arv Hallstrom. If I missed your name, I’m sorry. I think I got all of you.

We are looking forward to two great club events this summer. On July 13, we have the Kane County Cougars outing. Shawn Fizer has arranged for tickets and a bus so no one even needs to drive. What could be easier? And of course, our Official Visit is coming up on August 12 at Bloomingdale Golf Club. President Ray promises a good time. I hope to see everyone there.

On the parade scene, Dave Wray and I have been doing a little tweaking of the parade cars to keep them running smoothly. I cleaned out the carburetors on every car and installed a fuel filter. This should stop the no starts and stalling of the motors before or during the parades. Dave also replaced all front wheel bearings on all cars. Yes; we maintain the cars to the highest level!

So the cars are ready for you; are you ready for the cars?? I hope so. We need you at the parades!

David Huffman
1st Vice President

A Message from the 2nd Vice President

Well, here we are in the heart of the parade season. Parades are coming and going as fast as the Roaring ’57s can go. We have been lucky with the weather too. We have done a lot of split parades and it looks like that is going to be the way it will be this year. It would be a lot easier if we knew who was going to be at the parade before the day of, so if you can make a parade please let Dave Wray know. That way he knows how many people are still needed.

I joined this club to parade and love doing it. In every parade I have people tell me that I am having too much fun. Well, I AM having fun. So if you have not been out to parade and had fun then you should sign up for a parade or two.

We made the Daily Herald for the Elk Grove Village parade. I will have the picture at the next meeting for everyone to see.

I will see you at the parades.

Chuck Graening
2nd Vice President

A Message from the 3rd Vice President

So far the dinner meeting menus seem to be acceptable (no scraps). Since no one called before the last meeting that they would be attending, I have continued to use the SWAG system (Scientific Wild Ass Guess) to order the number of meals. So far it has worked pretty well.

If you NORMALLY ATTEND the monthly W.S.S.C. meeting and know you WILL NOT BE ATTENDING please call me. Next monthly dinner is July 11, 2012. (Yes; Wednesday, July 11, 2012.) Dinner will be meat balls and mostaccioli with cannoli for dessert. Cal has had their meat balls and gives Catering with Elegance a thumb’s up for them.

What’s with the high Past Potentates’ interest in the Roaring ‘57s? Burt Polk (1986) and Bill Bock (1994) drive for us on occasion. Steven Schenk (2012) says he would like to join us next year and Don Marquardt, who will serve in 2013, is already a member of the Roaring ‘57s. So by 2014, when we do a split parade we could field it with four Past Potes (The Past Potentates’ Roaring ‘57s Parade Unit?). How cool would that be?

Rolla Sullens
3rd Vice President
The Rules of Parading

These are the Rules of Parading as a member of the West Suburban Shrine Club Roaring ‘57s. These directives for parading are not negotiable or all-inclusive. Common sense and a level-headed understanding of the situation at hand must always prevail.

1. There will be absolutely no physical contact with the crowd while a parade is in progress. More specifically, this means no giving of high-fives, no doing knuckles, no giving of rides, etc.

2. It is necessary to maintain speed and distance while a parade is in progress. We perform tight maneuvers with the cars in close proximity. It is necessary to stay in formation and maintain a constant speed. In the event of a disruption of our performance by a pedestrian or other obstacle, if an evasive or erratic maneuver is necessary, it is better to hit one of our parade vehicles than to go off-course and into the crowd. Safety is of the utmost concern and importance. Too big a gap or too little a gap is a hazard.

3. There will be no maneuvering with less than 10 feet of clearance between the Roarin’ ‘57s and the crowd. Vehicles should proceed single file or double file only, as directed by the designated parade leader.

4. There will be no passing of the leader. The leader will direct the speed of the performance at all times.

5. There will be no passing in front or behind our escort vehicle. Stay behind the lead car and in front of the trailing (full-sized or mini) escort vehicle. When the banner or marchers are part of the unit, the banner is the ‘leader’ of the unit.

6. Once the unit is at the line-up position, all vehicles whether full-sized or mini, become part of the Roaring ‘57s parade offering, and as such, are governed by Imperial rules and regulations. Transporting W.S.S.C. ladies to and from the parade route should be done in full-sized vehicles only. Absolutely no ladies are permitted to ride in a parade (at this time).

7. Every member of our unit has the duty to stop a parade performance by raising his arm with a closed fist if he sees something he believes is unsafe or a potential hazard.

8. Road rage, arguing, inappropriate language, or inappropriate gesturing of any sort, will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We receive an honorarium to perform as professional entertainment and each member of the unit is a representative of the Shriners and Shriners’ Hospital for Children and must maintain brotherly decorum at all times.

9. We are a professional parade unit, and as such, are expected to act appropriately. No camel’s milk or libations will be tolerated pre-performance. Post-parade, camel’s milk should only be consumed when the beverage is in a can cooler.

10. We were all chosen to be masons, and as just and upright men, first and foremost, we need to respect ourselves and our fellow nobles.

Operating Procedures for the W.S.S.C. Roaring ‘57s

As an operator of a Roaring ‘57 vehicle, you are entrusted with the responsibility of the safe and professional maneuvering of your assigned vehicle to, in, and from all parades or practices. When the rig gets to a parade, everyone is expected to help unload and reload vehicles, distribute cushions, fuel, polish and wipe, inspect tires, and generally ensure all vehicles are ready to parade.

Keys will be handed out at that parade leader’s discretion. Not every member that comes to a parade is guaranteed a mini. Rides will be offered to all participants but we reserve the right to ask for marchers. Performing as a marcher, banner carrier, or sword bearer is strictly voluntary.

All Roaring ‘57s drivers will receive instruction on the safe operation of a mini prior to being allowed to operate a vehicle in a parade.

Post parade, everyone is expected to follow the escort vehicle back to the rig. In the event, the escort gets lost returning to the rig, we will get lost as a unit, not individually. There is safety in numbers. We are only protected by our escort vehicles; no one needs to risk being a renegade.

Our ladies are in attendance as V.I.P.’s and will be treated as such at all times. If they choose to help pre- or post-parade, it is because they like us, and even if it is greatly appreciated, it is not out of necessity.

Parading is serious. There is a potential for so much to happen, good or bad. Let’s do what we do best: have fun showing off and entertaining but let’s be safe out there. Our kids in the hospital are counting on you.

Since debuting in 2004, West Suburban Shrine Club’s Roaring ‘57s parade unit has dazzled thousands of parade goers in Chicagoland and around the mid west.

Deadline for the July/August Issue is Friday, August 17
** Nobles, Ladies and Guests **
Please join us for a very special event

DuPage Shrine Club and West Suburban Shrine Club’s 2012 Official Visit

Honoring Illustrious Potentate Steve Schenk

Sunday, August 12
At 6:00 pm
Bloomingdale Golf Club

** Menu **

- Live Las Vegas-style Entertainment
- Dress is Country Club Casual with Fez

Entrée (choice of):
- Chicken Breast ($41)
- Filet Mignon ($44)
- Filet Mignon and Chicken Combo ($50)

Soup, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Green Beans with Carrots, Sweet/Fruit Tray, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, and Table Wine

Cash Bar

Proceeds benefit DuPage and West Suburban Shrine Clubs and are not tax deductible.

Please send reservations/payment by August 5 to:
Cal Tazelaar
659 Mecosta Lane
Romeoville, IL 60446

Cost: $50 per person
Checks payable to W.S.S.C.
Sorry, No Refunds

Name: ___________________________________________ Amount enclosed: $_________
Number of each entrée: Chicken: _____ Filet Mignon: _____ Chicken/Filet Combo: _____
Christmas in July at the Ol’ Ballpark

Kane County Cougars vs. South Bend Silver Hawks
Friday, July 13
6:30 pm

Do you hear what I hear? Join West Suburban Shrine Club for a special Christmas in July celebration as the ballpark becomes a winter wonderland for one summer evening. Special events include a caroling contest, gift wrapping contest, ‘ugliest Christmas sweater’ contest, meet-and-greet with Santa, reindeer race, and a special after-the-game Christmas-themed fireworks show!

Bus to and from the game. Departs from Medinah Shrine Center at 5:00 pm. If you prefer to drive directly to the game at Fifth Third Bank Ballpark in Geneva, tickets will be mailed in advance. Everyone is welcome; bring the whole family. Contact Noble Shawn Fizer at 708-612-2450 for details.

Proceeds benefit West Suburban Shrine Club and are not tax deductible.

Please send reservations/payment by July 5 to:
Shawn Fizer
117 Commonwealth Drive
Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1640

Name: ___________________________ City/State: ___________________________ Zip: ________
Address: _____________________________________________________________
Number of tickets: ________
Riding Bus (please circle): Yes No
Amount enclosed: $__________

Cost: $13 per person (includes bus)
Checks payable to: W.S.S.C.
Sorry; No Refunds
Events & Meetings

President Ray showing off his legs and the crystal

Rich & Bonnie Koester at Bohemian Crystal

The Papadogs and the Luckey/Lymans

Dave & Arlene Wray

Bob Munyer

Wally Miles

Friends, food, and fellowship at the June meeting

Ary Hallstrom

Dave Wray

David Huffman

Rolla & Shirley Sullens

Dagmar & John Persons

Tom & Cathy Hastings
Interesting, Unknown Trivia

- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.
- The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.
- Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.
- The University of Alaska spans four time zones.
- The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

- Warner Communications paid $28 million for the copyright to the song “Happy Birthday.”
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- A comet's tail always points away from the sun.
- The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.
- Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers—that is why it is found in some medicines.
- The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.
- If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.
- When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.
- In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.
- Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.
- Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.
- The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

Submitted by Cal Tazelaar