



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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Good Morning Optimists

As the Optimists of Monaco South filed in, we were greeted with much enthusiasm by **Don Roth** and **Joe Marci**, on this the 10th day of June, 2016.

On this day in 1752, Benjamin Franklin flies a kite during a thunderstorm and collects a charge in a Leyden jar when the kite is struck by lightning, enabling him to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning. Franklin became interested in electricity in the mid-1740s, a time when much was still unknown on the topic, and spent almost a decade conducting electrical experiments. He coined a number of terms used today, including battery, conductor, and electrician. He also invented the lightning rod, used to protect buildings and ships.



June 10th is also National Iced Tea Day! You might ask, what is the origin of Iced Tea? Well, luckily you are reading *GUMS*, where we provide answers to important questions like this:



In 1904, English tea plantation owner Richard Blechynden set up a booth to sell hot tea at the St. Louis World Fair. It was a sizzler of a day, and fair visitors didn't want anything hot. Rather, they needed something to quench their thirst ... something cold. He dumped some of his hot tea into ice and served it cold. It was an immediate hit. This was the first known use of iced tea.

Invocation & Pledge

Greg Hurd began our meeting with an invocation reminding us to appreciate the gift of each day that is given to us, which will help us remember "to wear a cheerful countenance and give every living creature a smile." He then lead us in the Pledge.

From the Prez

President **Michael Chavez** announced that the MS150 is right around the corner, so that means it is time to sign up for the hydration station that Monaco South operates. At least 15 volunteers are needed on Sunday, June 26th, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we will meet at Trail Ridge Middle School. Sign up!

Prez Michael received and read a thank you letter from Richard Johnson, a Thomas Jefferson High School teacher. The club made a donation to the TJHS Instrumental Music Program, and Richard wanted to say thank us. He says the funds will be used for drum heads and repairs.

Highline Academy sent **Pat Bush** a number of thank you notes for his work preparing kids for the No-Brainer competitions. Thanks Pat for working hard with those kids!

Prez Michael said that he and **Phil Perington** saw **Doug Morton** on Tuesday. As you know Doug is in the Highline Place Memory Care facility in Littleton, at 6767 S Broadway. Doug is having a hard time staying in conversations and his mobility is limited. He recognized Michael and Phil, however, he may not know others. Since he is on morphine he may just be sleeping. He appreciates visitors, but he may not make much sense.

Announcements

Free Florescent Lights: **Bryce Slaby** has a truck-load of florescent lights for anyone who needs them for their business or home. Contact Bryce if you are interested, 303-877-2995.

A Thank You: **Oscar Sorensen** addressed the group and expressed his thanks for the well wishes and condolences he received after the passing of his wife, Pat Sorensen. He also said thank you for the Club's support and sponsorship of Kaitlyn Morgan's run. He then proceeded to tell an awful joke, so perhaps he is closer to getting back to his old self. *It is great to see you (and hear from you) Oscar!*

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Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
******INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN******

Announcements Continued

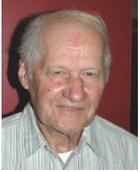
MSOC Shirts: Greg Young remarked again about the a new "official" MSOC shirt.



They are a beautiful royal blue with white embroidery of the club name and OI logo over the left pocket, and your name embroidered optionally on the right side. They come in long and short sleeve, and any size. If you wish to order, please contact Greg Young right away at gndyoung@comcast.net or 303-759-3921. the cost is \$30 with name, or \$25 with no name. You can order as many as you want, but don't wait too long!

Update on Dr. Ed Fankhauser: Greg Young

share with the editor that he received a telephone call from Jeannie, Dr. Ed's wife, saying that he is doing okay, but has his good and bad days. She reported that each week she reads *GUMS* to Ed and when they heard about the new shirt, she had to called to order one for him. We all want to see you in your MSOC shirt Dr. Ed in the very near future. Jeannie also shared that if you would like to stop by and say hello, you would be welcome. Please just call first. The number is 303-751-4626. By the way, Dr. Ed's birthday is Saturday, June 18th.



Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Founder of Monaco South
Photo Craig Eley

Drawing

We had a drawing! With \$20 in the brand new pot. The goal was to find the Four (4) of Hearts. Easy money cups went to:

- ♦ OC Larson
- ♦ Ron Cisco
- ♦ Dick Nickoloff
- ♦ Barry Barker
- ♦ John Oss
- ♦ Russ Paul



George Buzick and **Barry Barker** (two wins) tried for the \$20, but came up short. **Don Thomson** was proudly sporting his nametag at the right moment, but no luck to him either. And, the pot starts to grow once again!

Closing Bell

Bryce Slaby started off our Creed, and after reciting it in unison, the men of Monaco South were on our way to face the day!

Joke's of the Day

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says, "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen. Ugh!" The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her, "The driver just insulted me!" The man says, "You go right up there and tell him off – go ahead, I'll hold your monkey for you."

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4

poorer."

The pastor was greeting his church members following a Sunday service. He stopped to ask a young boy with his parents ... "Did you enjoy the service?" The young boy said, "I really enjoyed the organ music and the wonderful choir, but the commercial was way too long."

Some More Curious Things You Might Not Know About Colorado

Toughest Climate. No crops are grown around the town of Silverton, north of Durango. At 9,318 feet elevation, Silverton's growing season between frosts is only two weeks. San Juan County there is reportedly the only county in the U.S. without a single acre of agricultural land.

Worst Drought. About every 40 years, Colorado experiences a drought, according to tree-ring researchers. The worst was in the 1200s. It lasted 25 years and may have driven the Indians from Mesa Verde. During the Dust Bowl on the eastern plains, one cloud of dust on April 4, 1935, gathered itself to 1,000 feet high and 200 miles wide. It traveled at 60 miles an hour, suffocated hundreds of animals and damaged many people's health.

Driest Town. Delta, south of Grand Junction, gets less rain per year than Tucson, Arizona.

Musical Dunes. Winds blowing around the Great Sand Dunes near Alamosa create sounds resembling music. That's how Music Pass above the dunes got its name.

Women's Rights. Colorado was the second state in the U.S. to give women the right to vote. Wyoming was the first. You would think the eastern states would have been more progressive, but it took the frontier adventure to make men realize how strong and intelligent women were.



Greg Hurd's Layout and Collection

Below is a picture of Greg Hurd's layout and collection of American Flyer Trains and accessories.

Photo Greg Hurd



Greg Hurd Cheyenne Union Pacific Roundhouse

Our speaker today is our own “railroad engineer,” **Greg Hurd**. Greg shared a slide show of pictures taken at the Cheyenne Union Pacific Roundhouse. Greg has taken these pictures over the last 6 years. He said he used to be able to visit and explore the entire station, but now there is \$10 ticket fee to get in, and access to the engines is much more restricted.



Greg Hurd
Photo Don StJohn

The Roundhouse was built in 1886, and was the largest station on the Union Pacific then and still is today. In 1992 Union Pacific gave it to the city of Cheyenne.

The Union Pacific roundhouse, turntable and machine shop are located in the westcentral portion of the Union Pacific rail yards in Cheyenne. The impressive stone Union Pacific Depot, constructed in 1886, with its 118-foot high clocktower is located only a short distance to the northeast of the roundhouse and dominates the skyline in that direction. The machine shop, a large rectangular-shaped brick building was constructed in 1919 and represents another early component of the rail facilities. The roundhouse was constructed in 1931 and is a massive wedge-shaped brick building with a three-tiered roof. The 126-foot diameter continuous span type turntable and control house were constructed in 1941 and replaced a smaller turntable dating from 1911. The turntable has a rail-embedded circular concrete apron and is considered an integral component of the roundhouse facility. The Union Pacific roundhouse, turntable, and machine shop are historically significant due to their unique engineering attributes designed for a single function, the maintenance and storage of steam locomotives. The structures are also significant due to their relationship to the continued development of the first transconti-

mental railroad and its effect on the formation and growth of Cheyenne and the Territory and State of Wyoming.



Cheyenne Turntable and Steam Maintenance Shop in background
Text above & photos retrieved from <http://www.rqusrail.com/ouse.html>

Greg passionately described his photos, shared the features, and history of the trains. At the end he took questions on the workings and maintenance of the various engines.

More photos and information can be found at: <http://www.rqusrail.com/ouse.html> and <http://www.cheyenne.org/listing/union-pacific-roundhouse-turntable-and-machine-shop/937/>

See Greg’s train room on page 2.



Union Pacific 115 Business Car
Photos from Greg Hurd’s presentation



Union Pacific Rotary Snow Plow



3985 Steam Engine in shop for maintenance

Weekly Greeters	
6/17/16	Peter Dimond & Mike McMahon
6/24/16	Perry Allen & John Swick

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

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| Jun 16 | Thur | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, Randy Marcove’s, 4103 S. Rosemary Way |
| Jun 17 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day |
| Jun 24 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Heidi Ganahl, Candidate for CU Regent at Large |
| Jun 26 | Sun | 7:00 am | Rest Stop for the Colorado 2016 MS 150 |
| July 1 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA |
| July 8 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Major Berry Bratt, CSP, Rebuilding the Highway Patrol Memorial |



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Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
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THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.