



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"Miracles can be made, but only by sweating". Giovanni Agnelli, Corriere della Sera, 1994

President **PETER UHRY** opened the meeting at 10:02 AM and called on **GRAN BURGESS** to lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance. **ERF PORTER**, accompanied by **GEORGE UBOGY**, then stepped up to conduct us in the songs, "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", and "Amazing Grace" the last song dedicated to recently deceased **BILL DYNAN**. **BOB LUCE** followed by relating the tale of a bright lady carrying a 25 caliber automatic while with her ex-husband; she took care of an attack by a 12' alligator with one well-placed shot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOHN CRAINE reminded us of the **great annual RMA Raft up** that can be enjoyed starting at noon, Thursday, August 18th by boarding rag haulers and stink potters initially located at the picturesque anchorage off Great Captain's Island. Members, spouses and guests should plan to bring fine edibles, frosty beverages and good will. Details may be obtained on the bulletin board sign-up sheet.

MIKE AMBROZINO advised us that **Winter Tennis sign up** is open; his email is BrooklynOil@yahoo.com, and phone 203 629 1897. More players are welcome; the approximate cost is \$550.00.

MEMORIAL: BOB WYLIE strode forward to deliver a **touching memorial of BILL DYNAN**, a member for 23 years and a dedicated RMA volunteer who served on several committees as well as actively working with Call-A-Ride

RETURNEES: JIM BUTLER – Martha's Vineyard, **ALLAN DEERING** – Cape Cod, **JOHN AWDZIEWICZ** – Block Island and **GRANVILLE BURGESS** - Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

JOHN FEBLES asked that a member consider **donating a used lap-top computer** for RMA committee work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: While **CHUCK STANDARD** was sky diving, **WAYNE WRIGHT** stepped up to tell us that there were no new announcements.

MEMBERSHIP: **HORST TEBBE** advised us that 118 members plus one candidate and one guest in attendance; Steve Elliot was a guest of **AV RIVEL**. **GERRY GIBIAN** followed by asking us all to remember to introduce our friends to the benefits of RMA membership and try to bring one guest each to our meetings

VOLUNTEERS: **HARRY TWITCHELL** told us that a total of 467 hours were reported by 44 men for outside agencies and 135 hours by 23 men for RMA activities. The most hours were reported by **MIKE AMOROSO** with 165 hours. **Birthdays** that had recently occurred were: **JOHN H. HOFFMAN** at 87 and **PETER CRUMBINE** at 78.

GAMES

BRIDGE: **PETER STERN** reported that a total of 14 players had played. **JAMES CHUNG** had a fine score of 5,880, followed by **JOHN FEBLES** with 4660 and **GRANT PERKINS** along with **RALPH VIGLIANO**, both scoring 4,470.

GOLF: **JIM SANTORA** told us 7 players enjoyed the good weather; golfer of the day was **RUSS HARDEN** at 87 and was closest to the pin at hole 7. **BOB MORGAN**; was closest on hole 15 and **ROS CURTIS** achieved the longest drive on hole 17.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

GERALD POLLACK introduced **Jonathan Chanis**, Ph.D, an economist specializing in political science on the faculty at Columbia whose topic was "Economics and Fossil Fuels". Fossil fuels were formed over millions of years ago and consist of coal, natural gas and petroleum. Professor Chanis asked us to focus on those three over a future time period of 30 years. The future of coal is bleak due to high greenhouse gas and air polluting emissions even though it is still very cheap. The 13% decline in carbon over the past several years in the U.S. has been promising. Increased use of natural gas is being predicted due to its low cost and abundance. Use of alternative energy sources such as solar and wind is still in its infancy but will increase in importance as the technology improves and they become cost competitive with fossil fuels. Unfortunately, nuclear power is in disfavor but should be a major component of our energy mix. One of the most important developments needed for control of climate change/global warming is the development of advanced technology batteries for electricity storage, even for airplanes.

SPECIAL EVENTS

*Special events are open to all members, guests, candidates and significant others, checks payable to RMA. For more information to sign up, call MIKE FERRARESE at 293-554-0678. Or,
myagentmike@yahoo.com*

MIKE reminded us of the following events:

“Bye Bye Birdie”, a musical at the Goodspeed Opera House on Thursday, August 11th. The cost is \$115.00 p/p including lunch at the Gordon House. The bus leaves at 10:00 AM from St. Catherine’s parking lot. No more seats are available, but in case of last minute dropouts, you can call **MIKE** or **GERRY LESSUK** at 203-698-9491.

The **visit to President Theodore Roosevelt’s home and museum in Oyster Bay, Long Island (Sagamore Hill)** will take place on September 22nd, leaving St. Catherine’s lot at 8:30 AM; the cost is \$75.00 per person. This trip has a wait list.

“Chasing Rainbows” at the Goodspeed Opera House on Thursday, Oct. 27th includes lunch at the Gelston House. The cost is \$115.00; departure is at 10:00 AM from St Catherine’s parking lot. Tickets may be obtained by calling **MIKE** at 203 554-0676.

NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER

Barbara Ormerod-Glynn -Director of the Greenwich Library

Your Scribe of the day is **Jim Butler**

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