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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. When was the last time you had a repairman to your house, and why?
2. Have you hit a deer with your car? It's that time of the year!
3. Do you tailgate at sporting events?
4. Any of the readers belong to the Lions, Moose, Optimists, Rotary, Kiwanis, or other "service" organization?

and responses:

Chad Lewis - chad.a.lewis@comcast.net

Cars and Deer: Four and counting. One in WI and 3 in GA (GA has almost as many whitetails as WI). I could say that I only hit two, since two hit me in the side. Good news is that at least two of them walked away, and only one caused any noticeable damage.

Jim Nickel - jnickel206@aol.com

Thanks for your continued efforts on this newsletter. I do enjoy reading some of the comments as it reminds me we have all taken different paths and had some great experiences that should be shared.

We just completed a room addition to the house and remodeling the original 1930's lake house with energy efficient windows and insulation. The original place had R-2 insulation and was quite cold in the winter. Now it is wonderful. So we had every kind of contractor over adding and fixing things.

As long as we had the walls open, we replaced all the old black 1930's wiring. This also reduced the home insurance costs too.

We joined the local Lions Club when we moved to Hayward. They do some great community projects like a free health fair and scholarships for high school seniors. To raise money we park cars at the county fair (a real treat) and host a lake festival in August. Wee have met some great people there and it allowed us to "plug into" the community more quickly.

Thanks again for your great newsletter.

Bill Hartley - TOYGUY5538@aol.com

I had a little time this weekend to write a couple things for the Rapids newsletter. Thanks for all you do with it, and thanks for keeping us motivated to write.

In response to last week's topics:

Drag Racing: I spent quite a bit of time and money drag racing in the early 60s, as did a number of my friends. It was always a group sport as far as I was concerned. Initially, we went to Union Grove, WI as spectators. One trip and I was hooked. Subsequent trips to "the Grove" always involved stops and purchases at the Hot Rod Shop of Milwaukee.

One weekend we went to Wisconsin Dells where the Sheriff's office had blocked off a road and let us make solo runs and timed us with their radar units. Great fun. I remember the "pits" were set up in a grassy field. I raced my 57 Chevy BelAir there.

Then we started going to Minnesota Dragway at Anoka, MN. We always went through Minneapolis in those days, as the bypass did not exist. They always seemed to have gas wars going on, so it was great to fill up with some cheap gas compared to Rapids prices.

Often we would leave from Riverside when they closed on Saturday night, and travel in convoys to Anoka. We would arrive in the wee hours of Sunday morning and park in the horseshoe-shaped parking lot in front of the Anoka Police Station. We always felt safe there, and the police would let us sleep. Then we'd make our way to breakfast and to the strip, race all day, then drive home. I remember the girl friends made several of those trips with us. I raced my 65 Chevelle and my 66 Buick Skylark GS in Minneapolis.

Then they opened the drag strip at Kaukauna, WI. It was brand new, and we could drive over and back on a Sunday. They drew quite a few big name racers there right from the start, so it was always a good show. I raced my 66 Skylark and my 67 Riviera GS there. I even won a couple of trophies with the Riviera.

I belonged to the Untouchables car club in those days. Often several of the club members would travel to the drags together. In our later years, we bought a 51 Henry J fastback coupe that we made into a drag racer. We put a Chevy V8 engine with 3-2 barrel carbs in it. Much of the construction was completed in John Sawaska's dad's cement plant on the west side. Ron Dykstra would pull it to Minneapolis or Kaukauna behind his 58 Olds. I don't recall any wins with it, but I recall a lot of fun and team work as we worked on it together.

Overall, I remember my drag racing days very fondly. These were the days of "run what you bring" and then drive it home afterwards (if you didn't break it). In addition to a number of photos I still have, there are the memories of the fun I had and the friends I made at the various drag strips. While never being a top contender, we always gave a good effort and had a great time.

What's In A Name?

I heard this again the other day while I was on the road, and it started me to thinking about what it meant to me. When I was little, I was called Billy or Bill. When I got into trouble and got caught, my mother called me William!. As I got older and joined the workforce, my Cadillac colleagues referred to me as WSH or Mr. Hartley. Porsche colleagues called me Herr Hartley. Saturn of Taiwan students called me Hartley-San. Over the years, friends have called me several names that I can't print or even say in mixed company. My children called me Daddy, then later Dad or Pop. My wife calls me Honey (among other things). People I do business with call me Sir (as in "Thank You, Sir"). I've been called a winner, a loser, and everything in between. But nothing can compare with a little child hugging your neck and calling you Grandpa! I can truthfully say that's the best name there is!

Lenore Haferman - lhaferman@sbcglobal.net

Hi I have belonged to Kiwanis for about 10 years, I know Kiwanis is not as well known as some others but they help children in many ways. Organizations that work with kids come to us all the time, I guess our problem is that we don't toot our own horns enough. I belong to Plover Kiwanis & we meet for lunch on Wed. We always welcome new people to try us out.

The class of 1964 50th reunion planning is underway. I would like to ask all classmates who read this newsletter to email me their home addresses and email addresses so we are up to date. I am working on this and want to contact as many as I can by email with save the date etc. This will help to save money. My email is gotterkd@yahoo.com. I have another but this is the one I use when I travel. Thanks for your help.

Kathy (Willems) Gotter

Your Favorite Movie?

You will be AMAZED at how scary true and accurate this test is

1. Pick a number from 1-9.
2. Multiply that number by 3.
3. Add 3.
4. Multiply by 3 again.
5. Your total will be a two digit number. Add the first and second digits together to find your favorite movie (of all time) in the list of 17 movies below:

Movie List:

1. Gone With the Wind
2. E.T.
3. Blazing Saddles
4. Star Wars
5. Forrest Gump
6. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
7. Jaws
8. Grease
9. The Obamacare Horror Show
10. Casablanca
11. Jurassic Park
12. Shrek
13. Pirates of the Caribbean
14. Titanic
15. Raiders of the Lost Ark
16. Home Alone
17. Mrs. Doubtfire

Now, isn't that something? We're all looking to see the same movie!

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.
~Clarence Darrow~

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.
~unknown~

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

~John Quinton~

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Ameringer~

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.

~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952~

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~ Tex Guinan~

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle~

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.

~Doug Larson~