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Bellbrook Lions Club

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Tail Twister: Lion Harry Crowe
Membership: Lion Ed Hammer
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Meetings are 8:00PM the **first** and **third Wednesdays** of EVERY MONTH
@ Lions Grange Center (Wilmington-Dayton Rd & Conference Rd) See you there!!

JUNE 2009

The Lions Den

*It's May already!!! This year seems to be flying by and we have so much to do before the annual festival. My time as President is winding down, but looks like I am taking on more Lion projects that could last me a lifetime. My biggest effort left will be to give the Club a Mission Statement and Objectives over the next several months that will help guide the Club in the future. I do this for two reasons. Knowing where you are headed always helps by provide direction and allows communicating a clear message to the community and potential members, if not current members. In addition, it provides a clear definition of what **YOUR** Club intends to do in the future. I plan on being with this Club for a long time, so I would like to see it prosper and grow. To do that we must get serious about recruiting new members and to communicate a clear message that the Bellbrook Lions **intend to serve, like never before.** Taking from our motto "We Serve..." the Club must find a set of words that communicate a clear and action driven picture of how we intend to serve. If my initial message interests you then I hope you will hear my proposal for a Mission Statement and Objectives to help guide the club in the future - Coming in the next several months.*



*Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the June 3rd meeting. We are beginning the meeting with our high school senior scholarship recipients. If you haven't read last month's board meeting minutes, the Club has decided to ward four \$2000 scholarships this year; vice the normal two. So make 8 pm, Wed June 3rd a chance to be part of **YOUR** Club supporting our community's youth.*

Coming up on June 17th is another special night. Plan to attend the Installation Night festivities on June 17th at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Waynesville to support our newly elected officers.

Gregg Sparks, President

50th ANNIVERSARY

We recently had a 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Club. Lion "Doc" and Gerry Wright celebrated 50 years of Bliss. I also learned that Lion Bob and Freda Macy celebrated their 53rd.

Congratulations to the Wrights and Macys.

Lion Tad Barnes

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Deadline: Forth Tuesday of the Month (Board Meeting)

District 13-J News: <http://www.district13j.com/>

62ND CHARTER NIGHT

WERE STILL KICKING

April 14th was the 62nd anniversary of the Charter of the Bellbrook Lions. Our special guests that night were the staff from KAMP Dovetail; Linda Allen, Conda Campbell, and Cowboy.

Linda Allen provided a very interesting talk. Below are some of the Highlights I took from it.



- **KAMP:** Kids And Motivated People
- **Dovetail:** Special Needs Kids "Doves" are "Tailed" to Motivated People
- 28th Year: 2009 KAMP Season
 - Theme: Super-Hero's
 - 325 Campers this Year
 - 3rd Full Week in June
- Bellbrook Lions:
 - Donated \$1,500 in Jan
 - Donated an additional \$2,000 to sponsor Wednesday lunch meal
 - Will travel to KAMP Dovetail on Wednesday to serve lunch. - Lion Ernie is spearheading. See him if you want to participate
 - Lions Gregg Sparks and Rick Robinson both work full KAMP as part of the staff
 - 11 Leo's "Motivated People"

working with campers this year
Lion Ernie read a list of accomplishments from 1966. We are still supporting the community in many of the same ways. In

1966 the Bellbrook Lions provided Equipment for Schools, Hats for the Band, Scoreboard for the H.S. Field, and a Fire Truck for the City to Refurbish.

Lion Harry Crowe,
THANKS for putting

together a great night for us all.

Lion Tad Barnes

SUGARMAPLE FESTIVAL

SAUSAGE TRAILER

The 2009 Sugar Maple Festival was held April 17-19. The Club opted to enter the Festival car and Lion Mark Keller's new (used) sausage trailer. The weather was good except for Sunday which kept sales down because of rain. We were given the option to open on Friday night and we made \$325 in about 2 hours. The sausage trailer, under the direction of Lion Keller, was turning out the famous Italian steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, fries and cheesy fries and other culinary delicacies. The work crew consisted of Lions Keller, Laurash, Fronning, Ulmer, Yankel, Zehringer, Rymoff & Josche. The SMF committee, thanks largely to the efforts of Mary Robertson (no relation to Lion Rick), has reduced the numbers of food vendors thereby helping to increase sales volume for those vendors that were in attendance. The final tally for the weekend was about \$750 net. Thanks to all who helped and thanks to Lion Mark Keller who spearheaded this operation.

Lion Ernie Josche

SUGARMAPLE FESTIVAL

CAR BOOTH

This year the SugarMaple Festival committee under the direction of Mary Robinson would not take any money for our Car Booth - they provided the space free of charge as it is for a great cause for the community. Thanks Mary!

According to Lion Harry Crowe and Lion Andy Asaro, we are off to a good start. Approximately \$1,200 worth of car tickets were sold. *Lion Tad Barnes*

INSTALLATION NIGHT ELECTION OF OFFICERS

JUNE 17TH @ 6:30 PM

The 2009 Installation Night will be on June 17th at the Der Dutchman in Waynesville, Ohio. This is a family-style dining experience that always promises to have Outstanding eats.

Cost: \$14.50 per person

Show: 6:30 PM

Meal: 7:00 PM

Installation of Officers: Following Meal

Night Complete: 9:00 - 9:30 PM

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Lion Tad Barnes

2009 LIONS FESTIVAL

WITH 1ST VICE

PRESIDENT

LION RICK

ROBERTSON



The festival is fast approaching; August 20-22, Mark your calendar! Lion George Simmons will be contacting booth chairmen to verify staffing. If you have not picked up your car tickets, please do so soon and sell those tickets. The price of the car



goes up every year and this year is no exception. It is up to all of us to sell tickets to cover the cost and help make a

profit on the car.

There are a few changes scheduled for this year. We have a new rides company with more diverse rides to cater to both young children and teenagers. We will be adding "Car Bashing" on Saturday night to let the teenagers pound away and show off their muscles. This year there will not be fireworks, as the community organizers that put it on have been unable to obtain funding due to the economy.

The festival committee meets the second Wednesday at 8:00 in June and July - I encourage you to attend these meetings to get up to date on what is happening.

I'm looking forward to another very successful festival to provide the funding we need to fund our projects. Thank you in advance for all the work that I know we all put into this annual project.

*Rick Robertson,
2009 Festival Chairman*

SCHOLARSHIPS!

4 THIS YEAR!!!!

We're giving out four scholarships this year: Jessie Morgan, Andrew Newsome, David Wells & Alexis Zwiesler. As part of the committee, here is what I saw. We started with almost 90 applicants, and got it down to about a dozen pretty easily. Then weeding it down further was a process, but following the guidelines, we were able to get it down to four. These four were so close that we went to the board and requested a one-time exception to provide two additional scholarships this year. The board approved and membership approved it on May 6th. The four recipients will be at the June 3rd meeting, and we are asking each to say a few words. Let's show them lots of support with as many Lions present as we can get.

Lion Tad Barnes

APRIL FISH FRY

Under Lions Harry Crow's guidance, the Lions/Grange board raised just over \$800 for upkeep of the Lions Grange Center. Lions Harry's fundraisers have enabled us to put in air conditioning, new windows, a PA system, and other up-dates. Thanks Lion Harry

Lion Tad Barnes

NEW INSURANCE

Lion Bob Havard has spent a tremendous amount of time and effort to update our insurance. This has been a long-term project getting competitive bids that made sure all our needs were met. Bottom Line: He saved us \$350 a year while updating our insurance to meet the current and future needs of the club. Thanks Lion Bob.

Lion Tad Barnes

HELPING NEIGHBORS

This project has flourished under Lion Gregg Sparks, and getting us some great publicity. Watch the Thursday Local Insert in the DDN and upcoming Lingo's for more information. *Lion Tad Barnes*



DONATIONS



\$300 of the \$475 entrance fee for Sherri Smith to attend B-WISER Institute. This is a summer program for middle-school girls who excel in Science to attend the Buckeye Women In Science, Engineering, and Research (B-WISER) Institute

\$150 of the \$300 cost for Srirama Josyula, to Buckeye Boys State 9 day summer camp. Students taking part learn about city, county and state government by creating a mock government.

\$600 of \$1,200 to the BBHS Pit Dads to refurbish an oversized golf cart to be used during games and competitions.

\$250 to be used for a five-year commitment to support the Bellbrook / Xenia football trophy for sportsmanship.

\$200 for Security System for the Bellbrook Community Center

CAMP DOVETAIL LUNCH

The Bellbrook Lions are sponsoring Lunch at Camp Dovetail on Wednesday, June 24th. Our club will serve lunch to over 600 people

Lion Ernie Josche is spearheading this project. They are leaving about 8:15 AM from the Lions Grange to be there by 10:00 AM, coming home late. He needs 6 to 8 people to help with this project.

Contact Lion Ernie if Interested.

Lion Tad Barnes



CALLS & CARDS ARE APPRECIATED FOR:

Lion Doc & Gerry Wright
Lion Roy & Marilyn Hensley
Lion Willard Wilson
Lion Norm & Judy Clay
Lion Andy and Maria Asaro
Lion Walt Worthington
Lion John Dorn
Lion Bob Havard
Lion Rick Feinour
Lion Andy Asaro
Lioness Marcie Brawner
Ms. Freda Macy (Lion Bob's Wife)
Lioness Velma Roney

CONDOLENCES:

Lion Paul & Joanne Rymoff: Death of Lion Paul's Mother; Ruth Novichenko, on Easter Sunday.

Lion Ken Bohman: Death of Lion Ken's Wife, Jean on Saturday, May 2nd.

Lion Ron & Cheryl Applegate: Death of Lion Ron's Mother, Ann on Sunday May 17th.

Lion Ernie Josche

PARTING THOUGHTS:

(THIS IS AN URBAN LEGEND)

A Charlotte, North Carolina man, having purchased a case of rare, very expensive cigars, insured them against (get this) fire! After smoking his entire stockpile of fabulous cigars, the man filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the man stated that he had lost the cigars "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in a normal fashion. The man sued -- and won! In delivering his ruling, the judge stated that since the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that the cigars would be insured against fire, without defining what it considered to be unacceptable fire, it was obligated to compensate the insured for his loss. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company grudgingly accepted the judge's ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the rare cigars he lost in the fires.

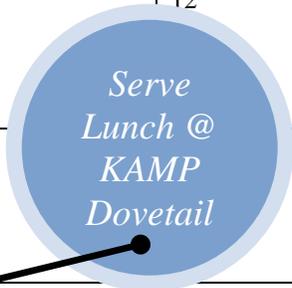
After the man cashed his check, however, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used as evidence against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning the rare cigars and sentenced to 24 consecutive one-year terms.

Lion Ernie Josche

LIONS CALENDARS

JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 BBHS Scholarship 8:00 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Festival Meeting 8:00 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Induction of Officers Der Duchman 6:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	<p>This Board Meeting is the 5th Tuesday due to KAMP Dovetail. Note, we have a Regular Meeting is the next day.</p>			



JULY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Guest Meeting Surprise Guest 8:00 PM	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 Festival Meeting 8:00 PM	9	10	
12	13	14	15 Regular Meeting 8:00 PM	16	17	
19	20	21	22	23	24	
26	27	28 Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	29	30	31	

DUES ARE DUE!

PLEASE PAY BY JULY 1ST!

Dues this year will be \$60 again. Of that, \$53 are used for State and International commitments, leaving \$7 to be used for club administrative expensive. That is why we have a pancake breakfast and other fund-raisers that target raising administrative funds, to keep our dues down.

The club must pay these commitments just after the festival, thus paying dues in a timely manner is much appreciated.

Last year, it took us over five months to collect, having to make individual contact with some people several times. Please do not put our leadership in that awkward position again this year.

Note: If you receive the Lingo via US Post Office, it costs approximately \$12 a year, per person in administrative funds for the Lingo to be delivered. The online cost is \$0.