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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Dinner Meeting
**** EDIBLES ****
7pm Thurs Oct 2nd
- ◆ White Cane Days
Friday Oct. 17th,
Saturday Oct. 18th
- ◆ Dinner and Board
Meeting,
Williamsons, 7pm
Thurs. Oct. 16th

Did You Know?

- ◆ The average milking cow produces 6,000 quarts of milk each year?
- ◆ Lone Ranger Fans: Kemo Sabe means "soggy shrub" in Navajo?
- ◆ There are more than 635 billion different hands in bridge?

Proud Lion, Proud Veteran, Recalls War

Our September 4th meeting featured Lion Larry Glemser as speaker for the night. Larry, a charter Horsham Lions member, recounted stories and anecdotes revolving around his recent tour of duty in Kuwait and Iraq.

Larry has participated in the military for most of his adult life, starting at the ripe age of 17 with a tour of duty to Viet Nam, and spending most of his life since then as a Guard member when not in active duty. Today he takes pride in educating the newer members of our armed forces, with his years of hands-on experience.

His recent trip to Kuwait and Iraq was his fifth consecutive tour of duty since the September 11th attacks. He spent time in Afghanistan as well as Iraq, Kuwait, and earlier in Kosovo.

One of his most fulfilling achievements during this last trip was his role in taking a mothballed Iraqi airbase, and securing it for use by Allied forces as an emergency landing strip for damaged aircraft.

Also retold were stories of flagrant anti-American sentiment exhibited overseas, accounts of abandoned Iraqi military compounds which included devices of torture, and first-hand recollections of aircraft that were barely able to return to safety after coming under enemy fire.



Larry's unique inside-view of the situations in Iraq showed us a very different side of conditions, one that the TV, radio, and print media have failed to be up-front about.

Larry also had the honor of being able to visit the ruins of the biblical city of Ur, mentioned in Genesis. There he was able to investigate 4000+ year old tombs, burial chambers, and numerous artifacts.

Larry's sometimes frightening account reminded us all of how fragile our freedom is, how cherished it should be, and how bravely the proud members of our armed forces defend it for our sake. We owe Larry and all our men and women in uniform a tremendous cheer of thanks.

Recognition Given



Lion John Bill received a special pin of recognition at our September 4th meeting, for bringing several new members to the Horsham Lions Club over the past year. Help us both in congratulating John as well as in striving to bring in new members yourselves! Pictured above is John with Lions President Joe Nemath, handing John the pin.

White Cane Days Coming!!

White Cane Days are an annual sight fundraiser and public awareness project of the Lions Club of Horsham Township. This event involves Lions informing the public of their activities in sight conservation, restoration, and research.



Donations raised during this event are used to help fund a variety of important programs, such as special patient care grant programs that provide medical care, equipment, and other forms of assistance to sight-impaired individuals with financial need in the county.

We will be outside the Village Mall on Blair Mill Road on Friday October 17th and Saturday 18th.

Secretary John Bill will be calling all Lions, asking if you can help out during this important fundraiser. Please try to free up a few hours to help out!

Lion Receives Plaque at Last



The Lion statue that was erected earlier this spring at the corner of Horsham and Meetinghouse Roads has finally received the plaque which completes the project. The plaque and the statue have been in the plans of the Horsham Lions for several years now. At last the proud lion stands testament to how Lions

help the community, and honors those Lions who are no longer with us.



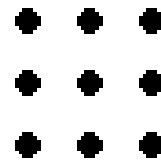
** Meeting Change Notice!! **

Our first meeting in October will be held at Edibles instead of Williamsons! Thursday October 2nd!
See you at EDIBLES!

Monthly Brain Teaser!



Can you connect all nine of the dots, by drawing only four straight lines without lifting your pencil?



Last Month's Answer:

A coffin.

2003 Air Show Parking – When It Rains, It Pours

Mother Nature felt it necessary to remind us that she is still in command. She did so by raining on both days of this year's Willow Grove Air Show. Despite this, the weekend was not a total loss.



Joe Nemath and Steve Girone

Saturday morning was as gloomy and rainy as could be. Early on, it was clear that there was to be no flying demonstrations during the morning. By 11am, not a single car had yet shown up to park, and the Lions present decided that it was fruitless to stay, and went home.

Sunday's weather started out looking iffy, and brief spurts of rain showers did interrupt the flying. However many of the aerial acts were able to perform, and we drew many more cars than any of us had expected.



John Bill and Matthew Mockaitis

Lions on hand Sunday included President Joe Nemath, Secretary John Bill, Treasurer Steve Girone, Sam Scattono, Andy Weiss, and Jules Olita.

Also joining the effort on Sunday was Matthew Mockaitis, younger brother of one of this year's scholarship recipients, Sara Mockaitis. Matthew came out for a few hours to help direct cars to parking spots. He went the extra mile by helping a wheelchair-bound spectator all the way up to the flight line in the airbase.

A brief and unexpected flyover by the B2 Stealth Bomber proved to be a genuine treat and thrill.



Cars, Cars, and More Cars

All told, we parked **202 cars**, totalling **\$1,010** in donations. This does not measure up to collections of years' past, however, the lack of the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels are as much responsible for that as the poor weather. And considering that we spent nothing from our own coffers, that money was all profit.

Another big thanks goes out to Mrs. Janet Hankin, on whose property we parked the cars. Without her permission to use the property, we would not have been able to collect a penny.

Thanks also are due to all the Lions who could help out.



The billion-dollar B2 Stealth Bomber!