



The Arapahoe Sertoman

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW Mar 1, 2012

This week's Reporter – Don Smith

Song: Peter Pauwels **Pledge:** Orian Hunter **Prayer:** Rev. Robinson

Guests: Ruth Pollak, Tim's wife; Jackson White, Doug Harder's g-son.

Fines: Tim fined for bringing a guest, I thought I heard it was their anniversary?? Bill Benton for passing out a tooth pick to Rev. Robinson, just before he gave his SOD speech (I'm just glad he didn't swallow it). Orian managed another fine onto Randy because of a little pen....Randy says he has enough of this, paying more in fines than in dues.

Announcements: Rick Jacobus said we had a good turnout at this year's Freedom Week event. Although our sponsored schools didn't win the big prize, one of the girls had a great essay. Rick wants to thank all those that volunteered to help, either with the reading and selecting of the essays or at the event itself.

President Kelley said 6 members showed up for the Presidents reception.

Ken also acknowledged a couple Thank You letters the club received for your donations. Bessie's Hope, Freedom Service Dogs and Carl Worth & Mary Hewett from Dry Creek.

After the lunch today, several members went to the "Clock Dudes" house to see his collection of antique clocks, slot machines and other items. Ed Zimmerman's house is really a private museum with a wide variety of things like the wooden bar, the juke box that plays 78rpm records, numerous slot machines that were built with the idea of skirting the law on "gambling devices" by dispensing Mint Candy when money is inserted.

Jim Rees has King Soopers coupons. The club receives 5% but only 4 people regularly use the service. There is a new program now, you start by purchasing a card from Jim for a minimum \$25, then you can add to that card, up to \$500, at a store, using your credit/debit cards. That way, you can gain the rewards for using your charge card and the club still gets the 5%. SEE JIM NOW.

Sertoman of the Day: Pastor Jim Robinson was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 26, 1946. He was raised Lutheran and got into the ministry because his uncle was a pastor. His Mom and dad were both in the Navy, he was Army (blended family)

Jim graduated from seminary in 1972 and started his new profession in MO. He joined the Army 21 June 1977 and served as a chaplain. He served all over the world but it sounded like he spent a lot of time in Germany, including East Germany and he retired in 2005 after 29 years and then he came to Colorado. Jim was the chaplain that blessed the first five bodies off the USS Cole.

Jim was Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church until his near fatal injury, now he is an Associate Pastor and tends after one of the greatest sinners of all time, Doug Harder. Jim was a disaster response guru for his area and helped a lot with the mess in New Orleans, along with Doug. He still has no memory between Oct and Nov 2007.

Jim has one sister, along with two children and two grandchildren with his wife, Vicki whom he

married 6 Aug. 1972. Parchen claimed credit for arresting Harder the first time, putting him on the road to Deaconship. Doug Harder brought Jim into the club.

Program: Mike Magee introduced Stephanie Adams and Marty Quigley. Stephanie and her husband saw a program like this in Grand Junction but non on the Front Range so they started Hopes Float. Marty is a volunteer and Boat Captain.

Imagine living in Colorado and not being able to take advantage of the many recreational activities that our state offers. This happens on a daily basis for many disabled, disadvantaged youth, adults and elderly along the Front Range of Colorado.

Hopes Float Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) established in 2006. Our goal is to provide an engaging, fun and accessible fishing experience for the elderly and disabled community along the Front Range of Colorado. Individuals and groups have contacted the Colorado Division of Wildlife looking for such an opportunity. There is no project of this kind along the Front Range of Colorado.

Our project consists of a 25 foot pontoon boat with a 115 HP motor. The boat has been modified for use by the disabled community. These modifications included removing the standard seats, and installing wheelchair locks and drop in seats. The boat can now accommodate 4 wheelchair clients and their families. With the drop in seats in place, we can provide 6 fishing stations. In addition, a ramp has been installed to facilitate the loading and unloading of wheelchair clients.

The boat is in use from May to September of each year, depending on the weather. We supply 3 to 4 person crews who are available either weekdays or weekends, depending on the demand. The boat is stored in Longmont, CO, and can be transported to any lake along the Front Range of Colorado.

If you are interested in volunteering with Hopes Float, we suggest coming along on a trip, to get an idea of the fun and time commitment. To get started, please contact us at hopesfloat@msn.com PO Box 1161, Longmont, CO 80502 or call us at 303-651-0849.

<http://hopesfloat.org/>

Upcoming programs:

<http://tiny.cc/xnpcd>

Upcoming SOD list:

Feb 16 - Regular Meeting – SOD Jim Rees
Feb 23 – NO MEETING due to Freedom Week
Mar 1 - Regular Meeting – SOD James Robinson
Mar 8 - Regular Meeting – SOD & BOD Norm Schillo
Mar 15 - Regular Meeting – SOD Bob Schlageter
Mar 22 - Regular Meeting – SOD Don Smith
Mar 29 - Regular Meeting – SOD Randy Smith

Pot of Gold: Bob Stein **Flying Five:** Phil Grimm

Soapbox Derby Spaghetti Dinner Mar 10th
Soapbox Derby for Jun 2nd & 3rd
Annual Arapahoe Sertoma Fall Golf Classic Aug. 28th