

# MASON-DIXON



Discoverys

## THE MASON-DIXON HERALD

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First thing I want to say is I am sorry about last month's emailed newsletter "attachment". It seems that my yahoo email address was hacked and sent strange emails to many of you. I have had my computer sanitized and taken corrective steps to eliminate that problem from happening again. I no longer trust my yahoo account and will be using [John.L.Ricciardi@gmail.com](mailto:John.L.Ricciardi@gmail.com) for future emails of the newsletter, etc. Again, I'm sorry if this caused you any problems. Now for the newsletter.

I recently came across an article in the *Highways* magazine about detectors and thought it important enough to pass on a brief synopsis of it.

We all have smoke, CO, and propane detectors in our "D" and I wonder how many of us have checked and changed their batteries, tested their detectors, or checked to see if there is an expiration date on them.

I personally changed our smoke and CO detectors because they were not working properly. After reading this article, I checked for a replacement date on the new ones and realized the old ones were at least 8 years old (as long as we have owned our "D") and were probably at the end of their useful life. There is either a replacement date or a manufactured date with a replacement time in years on the back of the unit.

The article also recommended testing the detectors weekly when in the "D". Testing the smoke and CO detectors was by pushing the TEST button. Testing the propane detector was different. The article suggests using inexpensive butane lighter by pushing down the valve without lighting the flame and placing

the lighter near the propane leak detector. This will set off the alarm and also activate the solenoid to shut down the delivery of propane. When the alarm sounds, press the MUTE button and this will reset the detector and solenoid.

Note: check your owner's manual for the testing procedures for your specific detectors testing procedure.

Safe travels to all.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The balance in the Mason-Dixon Account as of July 31, 2011 is \$5,357.01

## **MASON-DIXON CLOTHING**

Dick Tracey has been getting in touch with our members telling them about the new Mason-Dixon Discoverys shirts. If you are interested, contact him directly, at 610-207-2016 or [dtracy@pdt.net](mailto:dtracy@pdt.net).

## **PRAYER LIST**

Butch Mauck  
Charles Smith recovering from heart surgery  
Mabel Pritchard, Elizabeth Deal's mother  
Reuther Haden (Grandson of Eileen and Hank Haden)  
Marie Money  
Larry Weinberg  
Peggy Shuping

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **AUGUST**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

1 Glen Camp  
8 Barry McMillion  
17 Susan Fleming  
22 Julie Barefoot  
30 Salvatore Tese

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

30 Thomas & Martha Hundley

## SEPTEMBER

### **BIRTHDAYS**

8 Barbara Lippert  
9 Marion Davis  
11 Jana Davis  
11 Elizabeth Deal  
13 Jill McMillion  
14 Lalia Nuzzolo  
14 George Beier  
15 Jack Torbert  
16 Shirley Pedro  
18 Louise Mauck  
23 Ronald Keibler  
28 Pat Beier

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

7 Marshall & Louise Mauck  
10 Leon & Susan Fleming  
12 Glenn & Gail Camp  
19 Liz & Butch Stanton  
Pat & Sue Stanton

### **HUMOR FOR THE MONTH**

A Priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner. However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited:

I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife; he had taken illegal drugs and gave VD to his girlfriend. I was appalled. But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the local politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk: I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived, said the politician. In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession."

Moral: Never, Never, Never Be Late

## **And another**

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.'

'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?'

The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.'

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

**'Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:30?'**

## **GALAX RALLY REPORT**

Here is a little information about our rally: We had 10 coaches, 20 people. Dick and Sue Smith were visiting family in the area and drove over Friday night for our picnic, it was good seeing them. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. For our welcome dinner on Thursday, rather than burgers, we set up a taco bar. We had breakfast out at a local restaurant on Friday. We planned on having a picnic at a park on the Blue Ridge Parkway Friday night, but it looked like rain, so we took it inside the campgrounds meeting room. Elizabeth and Martha prepared a (3) casserole breakfast Saturday morning, and ham biscuits this morning, we also had fresh fruit and orange juice for breakfast. We went to dinner as a group last night, and after dinner, most of us attended a Blue Grass show in Galax. We had a golf outing Friday morning.

The rally was hosted by Bob and Elizabeth Deal and Martha and Tom Hundley.

Those attending the rally were:

Marie and Richard Money, Helen and Sonny Blackwell, Glenda and Bob Angus, Alice and Ron Kiebler, Julie and Lee Barefoot, Jim and Marilyn Brown, Hank and Eileen Haden, Gail and Glen Camp, Martha and Tom Hundley, and Elizabeth and Bob deal. Dick and Sue Smith were visiting family in the area and stopped by for a visit.

Gail and Glenn Camp left Friday morning, their daughter is sick





## **UPCOMING RALLIES**

DOAI National Rally  
Shawnee, OK

October 17 – 22

DOAI Southeast Region Rally  
Lazydays Campground  
Seffner, FL

January 29 – February 3

GET THE RALLY INFO FROM EITHER THE DOAI WEB SITE OR THE DOAI NEWSLETTER.