

April 2008

TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON



**Membership Meeting
Sunday, April 20, 2008
Clearwater Countryside Library
1:30 PM**

Come join us for our next meeting. We will have a demonstration by our president, Vern Schwieterman, who will show us how to make a realistic looking waterfalls.

The charity committee and the board have decided to send several girl scouts to camp this summer. They will join us at this meeting to accept their checks.

If you would like to bring a snack, please contact Kathy Dorsey at 727-869-7107. Remember the club no long provides soft drinks.

Be sure to wear your club shirt or your SSRG shirt for an extra prize drawing.





President's Message

By *Vern Schwieterman*

What a great picnic we had at Phillipe Park; just the right weather and setting. A lot of fun and games for all even if I had to be a clown. The club is looking for members that will step up and volunteer to run for the positions that will be opening this year. Remember this is your club and you know I need all the help I can get. Football season is coming up and manning the sign-in computers brings in the money that makes our club able to do fun things. Judy and I took a train display to the H&R train show; we had a good time. We went to a demo on making water and water falls in train layouts. I will try to do the demo at the April meeting.



We had a great time at the picnic. However, the official photographer, Dennis, forgot his camera. SO... Judy took pictures with her digital camera. BUT... before Judy could download the pictures to her computer, their house was burglarized and the camera was stolen. Hopefully we will have better luck next year with photos.



Happy Birthday!

- 4/26 Cynthia Friend
- 5/7 Dennis Hoffman
(it's his 50th!)
- 5/12 Sharon Smith
- 5/19 Barbara McGeary





Long before the first official Snow Village Halloween lit building was drawn Original Snow Village artist, Scott Enter was experimenting in his studio with the idea of creating a Halloween Village.

Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays. I've always enjoyed the seasonal decorating and elaborate costumes. It's a holiday that allows the creative side of my personality to come through.

The Snow Village Halloween pieces are some of my favorite creations because there were no limitations to what I could do with the designs. I collect this Village myself and when I design a building I try to imagine how it will fit into the Village and add to the overall story.

For years, avid collectors have asked for a train and we thought that the 10th Anniversary would be the perfect opportunity to introduce a series of pieces that revolve around a spooky train station. We hope you enjoy and anticipate displaying these pieces in your Halloween collection as much as I enjoyed designing them.

As I look back, I cannot believe it has been 10 years since we introduced the "Haunted Mansion". Over the years we have pushed the designs and manufacturing boundaries to continue to deliver increasingly complex and unique items for this Village. I feel like we have just begun to explore all the great ideas we have for this very special and sprawling spooky Village.

Scott Enter, Snow Village Halloween Artist

Tampa Bay 56ers Treasurers Report

April 15, 2008

Submitted by Dennis Gillen



Balance Feb. 15, 2008

\$7,593.30

INCOME

Membership dues	\$160.00
Meeting attendance Feb. 17	\$82.00
Raffle Feb. 17	\$64.00
50/50 Feb. 17	\$98.00
Levy	\$600.00
Aluminum tab sales	\$9.60
Shirt sales	\$32.00
Picnic	\$220.00
Sale of buildings	\$66.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$1,331.60	\$1,331.60
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Total		\$8,924.90
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EXPENSES

check #

421	Christmas Room (prizes)	\$438.70
	50/50 Feb. 17	\$49.00
422	Ellen Wilcox (stamps)	\$8.20
423	Ellen Wilcox (printing)	\$8.98
424	M-N-M BBQ deposit	\$300.00
425	Office Depot (supplies)	\$10.15
426	Ellen Wilcox (printing)	\$5.14
427	M-N-M BBQ	\$597.50
428	Kathy Dorsey (Picnic Supplies)	\$57.60

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,475.27	\$1,475.27
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Balance Apr. 15, 2008		\$7,449.63
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Tampa Bay 56ers Treasurers Report - continued

INVENTORY



	shirts	
small	5	\$80.00
medium	11	\$176.00
large	19	\$304.00
x-large	4	\$64.00
prizes		

While Denis and Joyce are spending the summer in Maine, Conrad Krause will take over as club treasurer. \$8,073.63



Vern is being modest in his President's message - Vern and Judy won First Place in the Amateur Novelty Display at the 54th H & R Train Show. Wish I had a picture to share, but again our photographers failed us. GREAT JOB Judy and Vern!!!!

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H&R TRAINS



Here's the schedule for the next football season. After the summer, we will be looking for volunteers to work each game. Plan ahead.

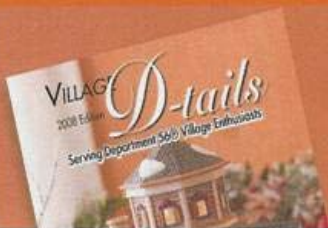
- Sun, Sep 14 Atlanta 4:05 PM
- Sun, Sep 28 Green Bay 1:00 PM
- Sun, Oct 12 Carolina 1:00 PM
- Sun, Oct 19 Seattle 8:15 PM
- Sun, Nov 16 Minnesota 1:00 PM
- Sun, Nov 30 New Orleans 1:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 21 San Diego 8:15 PM
- Sun, Dec 28 Oakland 1:00 PM



NCC NEWS from Bill Foelker



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Minutes of Tampa Bay 56ers Meeting February 17, 2008

Vern opened the meeting. The Treasurer's report was read by Denis Gillen. It was approved by Conrad Krause and 2nd by Jack King; all voted in favor. The Secretary's minutes were mentioned, but not officially approved since they were from the meeting on November 18, 2007.

Donating money to charities was brought up, and some discussion was presented, but it was decided that the board needed to have a meeting and decide how much money and to whom the money would be allocated.. Vern put a committee together to come up with charities that money could be donated to. The committee will be made up of Ellen Wilcox, Barb Wallis, Cherie Lyons and Sharon Smith. One of the groups will be Pinellas Park Police Explorers, which Ellen Wilcox is involved with and it is to help pay for them to go to a competition in the summer.

There was no other old business.

The annual picnic is scheduled for March 9th at Phillippe Park; we will be inviting the other clubs. There was some discussion about having the food catered. Denis G mentioned that the caterer would have to be approved by the Park, unless the members picked the food up and brought it to the park. A vote was taken and passed to have the food catered & picked up by members to cut the cost. A sheet was passed around for those who wanted to bring dessert. The club will supply all drinks for that day. There will be a board meeting on Friday, February 22nd to decide on the food caterer. Lorraine & Don Crowley offered to be in charge of the games. Eileen & Bob Mullen and Wayne Ingalls all volunteered to help. Games will also be decided at the board meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Mark Bourdon from Palm Harbor and he showed us how to make and paint your own cobblestone on styrofoam. Mark Bourdon also explained how to paint trees on styrofoam. Mark & Patty's house was added to the house tour.

Minutes - continued

Door prize winners:

Conrad—DV Guard the Castle 58594

Denis G—SV Grillmaster & friend 55423

Marlyn K-DV Polo Players

Ray Mularoni—NE Making the Xmas candle

Lorraine C.—Split dlb lite socket adaptor

Roger F—American flag lited maybe Roger G



Fish Bowl - Pat Kraft, but she was not present

Raffle - Wayne Ingalls NE Salt Bay house

50/50 - Ellen Wilcox \$48.00



All women should live so long as to be this kind of old lady!

Toward the end of Sunday service, the Minister asked, 'How many of you have forgiven your enemies?' 80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one small elderly lady. 'Mrs. Neely?'; 'Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?' 'I don't have any.' She replied, smiling sweetly. 'Mrs. Neely, that is very unusual. How old are you?' 'Ninety-eight' she replied. 'Oh, Mrs. Neely, would you please come down in front & tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years & not have an enemy in the world?' The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said 'I outlived the bitches.'

Skip wants to remind the club of his sale room. He has it stocked with a lot of great deals. Be sure to stop in soon!



News From Cindy Swinehart

Yesterday I received an auction catalog from Mrs. Bellm - I also spoke to her last week. Mr. Bellm is progressing very slowly - they tried to get into a local assisted living facility, but he requires too much care at this time - so still not sure where they will be - she is at home now - stayed with her daughter for about a week as they wanted to make sure she was eating properly where she has lost so much weight. He is 88 & she is 84. The auctioneer is a personal friend.

The auction is being conducted by Kruse International, www.kruse.com
SALE DATES: Friday, April 18, 1PM; Saturday, April 19, 10AM. Each day's sale will conclude at 8PM. It appears that the D-56 items will be auctioned on FRIDAY.

PREVIEW: Thursday, April 17, 10AM-6PM & morning of auction

LOCATION: Sarasota Classic Car Museum (this is NEW location)
5500 N. Tamiami Trail (corner University & US 41 - across from the Ringling Museum - this is the car/music museum that they use to own)

REAL ESTATE ADDRESS: 312 Hernando Ave. (their home) north of Airport on US 41, west of 41.

BIDDER REGISTRATION: \$20 which includes the catalog; you can register on line or by calling 800-968-4444 & ask for Lori Ambrose.

NO RESERVE AUCTION - every item sells to the highest bidder regardless of bid price. 10% buyers premium will be charged.

On Friday, the auction items are D-56 & Walter Brockmann Christmas houses; dishes; cut glass; early phonograph players, large life-size Hummel; china. On Saturday, it looks like a lot of the wood carvings; furniture; all types of storage cabinets for just about anything you can collect; figurines including regular Hummels; clocks/watches; paintings; music boxes; collector plates. AND THE PROPERTY.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- April 20 - Membership Meeting
Sunday Clearwater Countryside Library
1:30 PM
- May 18 - Membership Meeting
Sunday Clearwater Countryside Library
1:30 PM



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UNBELIEVABLE MATH PROBLEM

1. GRAB A CALCULATOR—NOT AN ADDING MACHINE. (YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THIS ONE IN YOUR HEAD)
2. KEY IN THE FIRST THREE DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER (NOT THE AREA CODE)
3. MULTIPLY BY 80
4. ADD 1
5. MULTIPLY BY 250
6. ADD THE LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER
7. ADD THE LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER AGAIN.
8. SUBTRACT 250
9. DIVIDE NUMBER BY 2

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE ANSWER?

