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Ramrod

Gladiator

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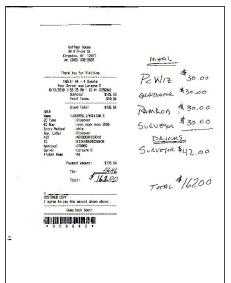
PC Wiz

Surveyor

Official Minutes – June 19, 2018 – 5th Meeting of the year.

- On a sunny morning **Surveyor** drove to designated driver **Gladiator's** house. From there **Gladiator** picked up **PC Wiz** and the hardy Northern group proceeded to the Thruway. To eliminate the bother of getting a Thruway ticket, **PC Wiz** placed his Thruway transponder on the Fusion Hybrid's dash. It worked perfectly and we were on our way, a bit later than usual. Arriving in Kingston, **PC Wiz's** cell phone rang. It was **Ramrod** proving he had his phone and it was charged wishing to know, since we were 5 minutes late, exactly where we were. The answer was 'one block away waiting for the traffic light'. Upon arrival we found **Ramrod** parked under the trees in the shade with a delivery truck (lots of eggs) parked in one of the 'handicap' spots. **Gladiator** took the other.
- After greetings, we entered the premises. Passing the new lady bartender, we were greeted by the staff and HVBS Official Waitress Lorayne. She placed the fourth table setting and awaited orders for our adult beverages. Ramrod ordered a Tanqueray Gin and tonic, Gladiator seconded the choice, adding 'with a lime wedge'. Lorayne promised it would be lime. Surveyor asked for orange vodka with club soda with PC Wiz settling for a Heineken. After Ramrod read one of the jokes he had brought the discussion turned to the building in Poughkeepsie that high winds had collapsed. PC Wiz mentioned the agenda item about Greek opposition to the naming of Macedonia. As expected, Ramrod was familiar with the history and explained the problem to us. He said there have been Greek riots over the 'Republic of Macedonia (Slavic)' calling itself Macedonia a Greek province. A compromise has been reached where the 'Republic' agreed to call itself 'North Macedonia' (70% of Greeks reject the name change).
- 3- PC Wiz mentioned watching the Yankee game and being impressed with reliever Dellin Betances 'who threw strikes'. Manager Boone replaced him after only one inning with Aroldis Chapman. Members said they are relievers who purposely pitch only one inning. Gladiator, in response to a question as to why Boone almost exclusively uses catcher Gary Sanchez, opined that he is a 'rookie coach'. Ramrod said he would like backup catcher Austin Romine to be used more often; members agreed. Ramrod added that Red Sox fans are the 'worst in baseball' and that, in his opinion, baseball is the best, most difficult sport trying to hit a ball traveling at 100 MPH with a round bat. Gladiator said he can't stand the NBA players who behave 'like 2-year-old kids'. This led to a discussion of golf. Surveyor said he likes to watch the golf majors. Gladiator has returned to watching Tiger play although it is unlikely he will win a major considering his age and operations. PC Wiz commented that Tiger still has the long drives but sadly his accuracy suffers. Gladiator brought up Phil Mickelson's 2-stroke penalty when he missed a putt and hit the ball while it was still moving. Members decided he was 'making a statement'.

- 4- HVBS Official Waitress Lorayne appeared to take our lunch orders. Ramrod started relating his selection which Lorayne finished with 'French onion steak sandwich' sharp waitress! Gladiator selected the Omelet de la Maison from the 'special' menu while Surveyor opted for a roast beef sandwich with fries. PC Wiz decided to try the dish Surveyor had ordered at our last meeting: the chicken 'chimichanga' Quesadilla a deep fried burrito with re-fried beans and rice. Surveyor and Ramrod ordered drink refills. Ramrod announced that Dan is back from England and noted that Sunday June 17, Father's Day, was also his and Kay's anniversary. Thinking about the date, Ramrod thought that the day they were married had also been a Father's Day. Given the year, Surveyor whipped out his trusty 'smart phone' and informed us that it, indeed, had been Father's Day!
- 5- Hostess Ginny was busy next to us and Gladiator asked her if 'the (for sale) sign was back up' because our room was quite empty. She told us it was because of the 'do not enter' sign they had over our door! HVBS members were convinced that we had cleared the room with our renowned debating enthusiasm (although diners really had been routed to the opposite dining room). Gladiator told us of his recent electric shaver experience. His Norelco shaver was eight years old and he felt it needed a new cutting head. Since the replacement heads cost ½ the price of a new shaver it made sense to purchase a new unit. Going to Amazon, Gladiator checked the user 'blogs' and was shocked to read the reports of disappointed buyers, especially that the inferior heads were made in China (not the Netherlands, as indicated). He bought a new Norelco shaver and found it does not shave much better than the old one (but is new including the battery and motor).
- 6- It was time for coffee and possible desserts. Lorayne was asked what was available and the first item she mentioned was frozen lemonade pie. Ramrod, Gladiator and Surveyor immediately selected the pie. PC Wiz decided not to have dessert. PC Wiz had printed out a copy of the HVBS meeting agenda of December 2, 1998 and began to read from it. The first item concerned the attendance promptness of the 'Poughkeepsie Prognosticator'. 'Discussion of the hopeless Giant prospects' got comments of how things had not changed. Appointment of a Sergeant at Arms failed when 'Ron' nominated himself, resulting in lack of a quorum. Déjà vu item 5 concerned computer problems with Windows 98! Lorayne arrived with the pies and asked Ramrod if he had brought any good jokes. She pulled up a chair, read the joke and burst out in a hearty laugh (later showing it to the other waitress).
- 7- The tab arrived and **Surveyor** was doing his usual magic with the cell phone calculator when **Ramrod** reminded us that we changed our meeting day to accommodate **Surveyor's** golf schedule. 'According to the



HVBS bylaws' the person responsible for the change was committed to 'buying the booze' at our next meeting. PC Wiz pulled out a copy of our last meeting's Official Minutes and read 'item 5' which covered the meeting's decision. Surveyor agreed while Gladiator and PC Wiz were willing to make our regular split. Surveyor insisted – and sent members a copy of the receipt as proof of the payment. Many thanks, it was generous and appreciated. **Addition by Ramrod: "although the tip amount for the meeting expenses was not approved by ALL of the members, it has been recused".

8- It was approaching 3 o'clock as members discussed entertainment. PC Wiz was informed that his favorite – Blue Bloods series had ended. Gladiator had just seen 'My Cousin Vinnie' which all thought a great movie. Ramrod related that Clint Eastwood has completed a great war movie which was rated R – he managed to get it changed to an audience pleasing PG. The meeting was adjourned.

HVBS Official Scribe Laureate **PC Wiz**

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