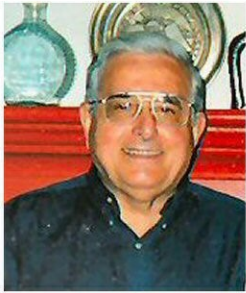


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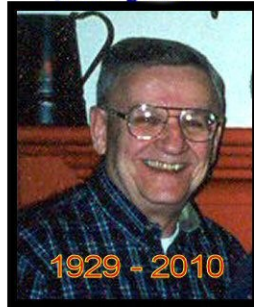
Jack Gahan



Ramrod



Gladiator



Deliberator



PC Wiz



Surveyor

HVBS Official Minutes – October 17, Eighth Meeting of 2018

- 1- On a bright, sunny morning **Surveyor** drove to **Gladiator** – designated driver (in his freshly ‘detailed’ by Morris Ford Fusion Hybrid) for the Northern group. With his street barricaded by National Grid’s upgrading to modern polyethylene piping, **PC Wiz** waited at the intersection of Deforest and Greenpoint Avenues to be picked up. We proceeded uneventfully to our destination where we arrived early and were greeted by **Host Pat Bradley**. At 11:24 **Ramrod** arrived and we entered the premises greeted by the staff. **HVBS Official Waitress Lorayne** promptly took our beverage orders: **Ramrod** decided on a cup of coffee, **Gladiator** and **Surveyor** ordered glasses of merlot while **PC Wiz** opted for a Keegan’s Mothers Milk. Members toasted to good health and enjoying having everyone present for this get together.
- 2- **Ramrod** and **Surveyor** had both brought selected jokes; **Ramrod** brightened the session with some great funny stories. **Gladiator** related that he had just had his furnace serviced for the Winter. His HVAC expert told him the 20 year old furnace had a problem – high carbon monoxide content in the exhaust, indicative of a furnace nearing the end of its life. While not presently serious enough to replace, our pro-active **Gladiator** got details of an up-to-date modern version. Which reminded **Surveyor** of an incident at his house recently: he heard a ‘chirping’ sound that he couldn’t place. It turned out to be one of his (wired in) CO detectors – which had an expired 10 year life and required complete replacement.
- 3- **Lorayne** appeared to take our lunch orders. **Ramrod** selected the Omelet de la Maison, **Surveyor** the Chicken Marsala sandwich. **Gladiator** ordered his favored French dip with hot au jus – **Lorayne** acknowledged his wishes for the sandwich. **PC Wiz** decided on the scallop Boboli. After some uproariously funny jokes **Gladiator** noted that **HVBS** members had not made season Giant (presently 1-4) predictions. **Ramrod** went low with a pessimistic 2-14. **Gladiator** followed with a predicted 3-13, **Surveyor** with an optimistic 5-11. **PC Wiz** settled with 4-12; altogether very discouraging. Members debated the Giant future – possible replacement of Eli Manning (not young, inexperienced 23 yr. old Kyle Lauletta) – won’t happen according to **Gladiator** with Eli’s 20 million salary contract. He commented on Eli’s ‘no arm strength’ and low accuracy – he has to get the ball to Beckham. **Ramrod** brought up his lack of mobility and need to stay in the pocket.
- 4- Concerning Yankee baseball, members commented that ‘CC’ would be retiring and agreed that the team ‘needs pitchers’. **Surveyor** concluded that lack of hitting cost the Yankees the playoffs. **Ramrod** concluded that Aaron Judge was their ‘best all-around player’ and that the Yanks should have gotten a big pitcher instead of outfielder Giancarlo Stanton. **PC Wiz**, updating his GE benefits site with his new Medicare card number,

inquired if **Ramrod** and **Gladiator** had received their new Medicare cards. They both had. **Surveyor**, who will be celebrating his 65th birthday in December asked members about their Medicare plans and Part D prescription coverage. **PC Wiz**, on original Medicare, said he would check on his plans with United Healthcare and CVS; **Gladiator**, who has CDPHP, promised **Surveyor** a copy of the 2019 Medicare yearbook which details all the plans. In reply to **PC Wiz's** question **Surveyor** informed us that he is presently with MVP – a good provider but wants to check his options.

5- Concerning Hurricane Michael: **Gladiator** mentioned that Russell in Virginia called and told of serious damage done by the remaining ‘Tropical Storm’. Although the development’s power is buried, the main supply is above ground. A tree brought down the lines on nearby Dare Road disrupting their power. **Russ's** generator refused to start due to an oil sensor failure. He was fortunate to get his service man shortly to repair the unit – which ran for three days. **Ramrod** described the start-up procedure for his manual start unit (which uses gasoline) – still handy to have for power failures, especially in the Winter.



6- **PC Wiz** asked **Ramrod** if his cell phone number was listed correctly. In checking **Ramrod** found his phone had not been turned on; the address list was correct. Referring to the street gas line replacement project, **PC Wiz** had articles from the Daily Gazette and Albany Times Union (and photos of the work in front of his house). NY State is involved in urging the replacement of old infrastructure – which is projected to take many years. **Official Waitress Lorayne** appeared with our coffees (a refill for **Ramrod**) and took orders for dessert. She had one slice of pumpkin cheese cake remaining which **Ramrod** selected. **Gladiator** wanted a cobbler with vanilla ice cream, **Surveyor** a crème brulee while **PC Wiz** opted for a rainbow sherbet.

7- With the Mega Millions lottery up to hundreds of millions, the discussion turned to sports gambling – already legal, and thriving, in New Jersey. While **Gladiator** expressed misgivings on its effect on sports – leading to inevitable corruption – he proposed members buying tickets in the coming lottery. It was agreed that **Surveyor** would purchase two tickets – one with numbers selected by us and the second a ‘quick pick’. (**Surveyor** sent us an email with a photo of the tickets). Asked if his trip to Hilton Head NC had been affected by Hurricane Florence, **Surveyor** said everything was fine and he had enjoyed the golf. **Surveyor** then told us what had happened to him at a recent funeral he attended. To find the site he turned his cell phones GPS on. As he knelt at the coffin his telephone loudly reported “you’ve arrived at your destination”. We all had a good laugh at the appropriateness of the message.

8- This Summer **Gladiator** had a problem with a wasp nest on the house and a nest of bees under the garage siding. He told us his carpenter – painter took care of the problem. **Surveyor** responded that he had the very same problem on his house and found someone who did pest removal, getting a bid of \$350. After he agreed to the offer, **Surveyor** found an ad offering removal for \$125 resulting in a reduced offer of \$150 which he gladly accepted – the pests have been removed. **Surveyor** reminded us to select a date for our next session. It was decided to tentatively schedule it for **Wednesday November 28, 2018**. The meeting was adjourned.

HVBS Official Scribe Laureate **PC Wiz**

October 22, 2018

Thanks to **Ramrod** and **Surveyor** for their preliminary minutes review.

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