



# The Charge!

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## Jaycees Use New Technology to Save Dying Chapter

Much to the chagrin of many members of the Peoria Jaycees, the volunteer based organization started to fall apart and fold shortly after 4:30am on Sunday, March 16th. Only minutes before, past member and rooster **Jeff Pulfer** left town to accept a job transfer in Miami, Florida. Pulfer admitted he feared that the Peoria Jaycees would not survive without him. "God, I hate it when he's right!" pouted community development vice president **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland**

An emergency meeting was held among the board members last week in hopes to develop a strategy to save the faltering group. After 6 hours of heated discussion and several pitchers of beer, the board came up with a plan that called for the use of cloning technology. The plan entailed cloning a second Jeff Pulfer to be readily available for the Peoria Jaycees, to pass out a lot of paper as he normally does, thus saving the chapter.

The plan had mixed reactions. **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** was enthralled, saying, "We can use resources off the Internet to learn what procedures are needed to be done." "And the rest we can probably get donated!" Schmidt added. Jeff Bilsland stated "Great! The last thing this world needs is another Jeff Pulfer!" Chapter treasurer **Cindy Schwerer** commented "Yea, whatever." The cloning plan was voted on and passed with a very small margin. The next step now requires someone to enter the Marquette Hts. home of Jeff Pulfer to find a DNA sample. Unfortunately, no volunteers have come forth to undertake this assignment.

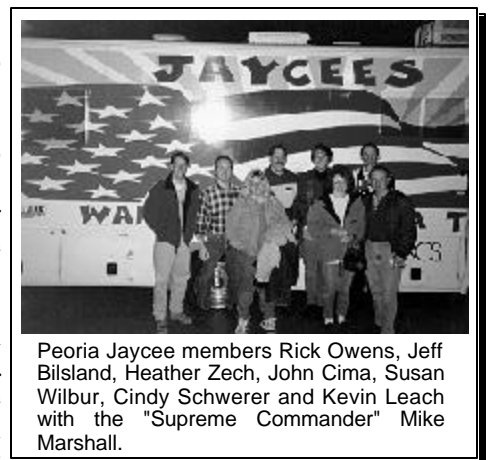
## Washington Jaycees Host Drag Race

On Thursday, March 13, 1997, members from the Peoria Jaycees traveled across the river for a visitation to the Washington, IL chapter of the Jaycees. However, this was to be no ordinary chapter visitation as the Jaycees National president and "**Supreme Commander**" **Mike Marshall** was scheduled to attend the Washington meeting. Mike was on the Jaycees "Wake Up America" tour, driving across the country in an RV and was to make a scheduled stop. And knowing that the Supreme Commander was going to be in attendance, the group from Peoria decided to show up the popular RV with their own vehicle; the 1950 Flexible Haunted House party bus! The rust colored, six cylinder wonder parked right next to the new 1995 fully loaded RV. Mike pointed his finger at the unsightly party bus, started laughing and said "What is that?" "Hey, I wouldn't laugh if I were you." said **Rick Owens** as he walked out of the bus with a flow of empty beer cans falling onto the ground behind him, "You haven't seen what this thing can do." The rivalry had begun.

After the Washington meeting was finished, it had to be done. There was no avoiding it. Everyone at the meeting needed to know; which was the better vehicle. The Washington Jaycees cleared a section of Illinois Highway 24 so that the two distinctive machines can be put to the test... a drag race. Both vehicles lined up evenly, with Rick in the rusted out party bus and Mike in the flashy Wake Up America RV. Tension mounted and sweat began to roll off their foreheads. The roar of engines was heard for miles, especially from the party bus. Soon, Peoria Jaycee member **Heather Zech** waved a makeshift flag and the race commenced!

Rick tromped on the gas and dumped the clutch of the 1950 vintage bus. Flames and black smoke bellowed out of the exhaust pipes while pieces of rust fell from the bus. The front end of the party machine began to edge upward resulting from the incredible amount of horsepower the engine had been producing. Rick cut back on the gas and shifted into second, taking the lead. Meanwhile, Mike was having trouble getting up to speed in his 8 cylinder, 4 speed automatic recreational vehicle.

While the looks and appearance was there, the engineering fortitude was not. Before he knew it, Rick had already crossed the finish line just a quarter of a mile down the road. After the race, Mike bowed his head in shame for he knew he had been defeated. "How could this happen?" he asked. Rick and the other Jaycees comforted the Supreme Commander, saying not to worry that they are all part of the same team called the Jaycees. They also gave a piece of advice as well; never underestimate what the Peoria Jaycees are capable of doing.



Peoria Jaycee members Rick Owens, Jeff Bilsland, Heather Zech, John Cima, Susan Wilbur, Cindy Schwerer and Kevin Leach with the "Supreme Commander" Mike Marshall.

## From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America *by Rick Owens*

Well, this month, *The Charge!* is a bit late... almost a week late. I had a vacation planned for April 5th to the 13th and I was trying to get this month's issue out by April 4th. And then wouldn't you know it, OUCH! A pinched nerve in my neck, signaling that you guys must be a pain in that region of my body. And with this pinched nerve so close to vacation, I needed to do something... so I wouldn't jeopardized my trip. So I decided to relax. And besides, between drugs and the pain, I couldn't even concentrate on anything for the newsletter. Therefore, it would have to wait until I returned.

So here it is, April's issue. Impressed!? This was kind of a rush job, with the beer fest and the soft ball game coming up. And returning from vacation, I really don't have enough time to put together a real quality newsletter. So enough of my excuses, I hope that you're happy with this result.

This month marks my 2nd April Fool's issue of *The Charge!* As I reflect upon what makes this issue any different than other issues, I can only find one thing; this month happens to be April. Other than that, I can't see any difference. These stories are pretty much up to par with stories written in other issues of this publication. I guess you have to be there to know the difference between fact and fiction (or a mix of both, you never know).

I would also like to remind you that elections will be held at this Thursday's meeting. And let it be known, I have decided to volunteer once again to by your newsletter editor and webmaster for the Jaycees Internet site for the next year. So, if you like what you read here, vote Rick for newsletter editor.

Until next month, I thank you for your support!

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## Mark Your Calendars

### April

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, ELECTION NIGHT! - call John 'Caesar' Cima

**Jaycees' Brew Crew 1st Game;** Friday, April 18, 6:00pm, Peoria Stadium on War Memorial, ball diamond #3 - call 'Mad Dog' Bilsland

**Beer Fest Set Up;** All Day, Friday, April 18, volunteers needed - call Becky Lemont or John Cima

**5th Annual International Beer Festival;** Saturday, April 19, 3:00pm - 10:00pm, volunteers needed to pour beer, ticket sales, concessions - call Becky Lemont or Joann Ziegler

### May

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, May 1, 6:30pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John Cima

**Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting;** Early May, possibly May 3 or May 10, To Be Announced - call John Cima

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, May 8, 5:00 - 7:00pm, hosted by Banc One - call Joann Ziegler

**Installation Banquet;** Thursday, May 8, 7:00pm, Lariat Club, Glen Ave., Peoria - call John Cima

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, May 15, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call the president elect

**Louie, Louie Parade;** Friday, May 16, tentative meeting time and place is 2:00pm at the Civic Center parking lot

**IBF Appreciation Party;** Saturday, May 17, 3:00pm - ?, location is tentatively set at the home of Becky Lemont - call Becky Lemont

**River Jam;** Friday, May 30, 5:00pm - 11:00pm, undoubtedly need beer servers - call John 'Caesar' Cima

### June

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, June 5, 6:30pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call the new president or John Cima

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, June 12, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Fast Signs - call the newly elected chapter mgmt V.P.



## Mail Call

*Fax received 3/28/97 from Jeff Pulfer:*

Greetings from South Florida,

I've been here a couple of weeks now and I'm already starting to adapt, of course it didn't take much, everyone wears sandals and shorts down here. **Jeff Bilsland** will be happy to know that there are at least 8 Hooter's in the Miami area plus numerous strip clubs. Now I know why they call it a Sportsman's Paradise.

You can send any correspondence to my work address at 15550 NW 59th Ave, Miami Lakes, FL, 33014. My work number is (305)816-3324 and the fax here is (305)816-3307. In the evenings I can be reached at (954)846-2179. The phone and fax numbers are temporary until my new office is ready. Currently, I'm staying for a couple of months with **Terry Baer**.

I've already found a new home down here. It's about 2 years old and 15 minutes from work. It's a single story home of about 3,100 square feet, with a two stall garage, and is on a lake front. The house has four bedrooms so there will be plenty of room for all of you who decide to come and visit. There is plenty of room to party not only outside the house, but also inside. The kitchen and family room are essentially one big room of about 21x30. If I need more room, the family room has about a 10 foot opening into the 23x31 living room. The living room is so huge, I could put five sofas in it and it would still look empty. Do they make riding vacuum sweepers? I should move sometime in May. I'm also 15 minutes away from the world's largest outlet mall. Ladies you can shop till you drop. If you get tired of this mall, there are several dozen more!

If anyone decides to make a road trip to Miami, it is about a 22 hour drive. I know, I did it in one day. I left on Sunday, March 16 at about 4:30 in the morning with the outside temperature being 15 above. I made it through Atlanta by about 4:00pm and arrived in Miami at 2:00am Central Time. The weather was in the mid to upper 60's when I arrived.

And speaking of parties, I hope everyone had a good time at my "Aloha Party." It was good to see that many come and see me off. Thanks again for helping me clear out my refrigerators. For those of you who brought cards or gifts, thanks! It wasn't until the next day, that I noticed what was on the popcorn canister that **Rick** and **Beth** brought me. For those of you who didn't see it, it was a picture of downtown Peoria with some of my more famous quotes in talk balloons near popular Jaycee hangouts. Since I should be at the next membership meeting, maybe I'll bring it along. It was really quite original. And for those of you who contributed to bringing **Mistress Dawn** back, what can I say, except for thanks and I hope you enjoyed the show as much as I did.

**Attention! All meetings are open to all Jaycee members and the public!**



**Board Meetings:** Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30pm at the Amvets in downtown Peoria

**Membership Meetings:** Held the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Amvets in downtown Peoria

*Our first international e-mail was received on 3/30/97:*

Fellows,  
Greetings from our LOM, Junior Chamber of St. Maarten, Member of the Dutch Caribbean Junior Chamber to yours. Not many of our Members are on line as yet because we only recently acquired an Internet provider, but I'm sure that now things will pick up!

Great web-site, by the way, maybe you could add a "Sign Our Guestbook" feature? Also, your invitation for prospective Members looks good but anyone reading it would be on-line?! maybe a hotlink to the responsible Board Officer would add that little push to get that reader over the hump, like "Do it now, contact us and we will invite you" (by e-mail, you bet). I think that we are on the right track, Jaycees should be ready to remain on the bleeding edge, after all, we are Leaders. Making use of new technology definitely projects the correct image, I think. Well enough blah blah, keep up the Spirit, maybe we meet in person at one of our Conventions soon!

Yours in Jaycee,  
Pablo Ramon Gerding  
Sen. 46710 (ramon@megatropic.com)

*E-Mail received on 4/9/97:*

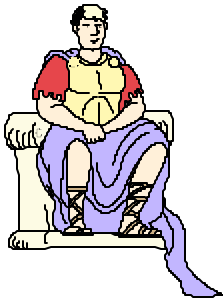
Greetings from Madison-Danville West Virginia. How is Peoria? We are fine here, and looking forward toward a new year. I am our chapter's new president, and we are currently in the rebuilding stage of our chapter. We loved your website, ours is due to be on line very soon. Keep an eye out for it.

Sincerely  
Patrick Shawn Walker

There is something about a slightly, sleazy naked woman that can hurt you, that tends to appeal to my darkside. **Norm, Dan** and **Jeff** will understand if no one else does.

I'll be back in Peoria April 11 to the 26. I hope to see you all at the beer festival.

Jeff



## Caesar's Scroll *by John 'Caesar' Cima*

Ah Spring! My favorite time of year is upon us! The air is warming, the birds are chirping, the fish begin biting, the golf courses are being prepped for action, and a special little something is in the air! You no doubt know what I am referring to - the aroma of fine import and micro-brewed beers! That's right - the 5th Annual

International Beer Festival is right on our doorstep (Saturday, April 19th). This is the event that first sparked my interest in the Jaycees, and it remains to this day one of my favorite projects. It's not only fun, but it (along with the Haunted House) raises enough revenue that we don't have to worry about funding for the DSA Banquet, Santa Visits the Kids, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Mayoral Debate, chapter socials, year-end awards, etc., etc. Preparations for the event have gone along swimmingly, with co-chairs **Becky Lemont** and **Joann Ziegler** and the sub-chairs doing all of the front work that will keep the project from being a cluster (well, you know) the day of the event. The big issue the day of the event will be filling the manpower needs. Becky will be handling the internal manpower, and yours truly will be collecting names from outside the Jaycees for work detail (otherwise known as external manpower). Call Becky at 676-2780 if you want to work (we particularly need workers from 1-3pm and 7-10pm, and persons willing to do the less glamorous duties of handling cash, security, and ID checks) and call me at 693-0631 if you have friends that want to work. We also need a few strapping young men (I have been informed that, under no circumstances, should the words 'strapping' and 'woman' be used in the same sentence!) to help load the beer truck on Friday morning, and several persons to help with set up at Expo Friday evening and Saturday morning. Call Becky or myself if you want to show up and pitch in.

There's more to the Peoria Jaycees than beer, however (despite some assertions to the contrary!). March was a month which we served the community in fine fashion. The Mayoral Debate we co-sponsored went off without a hitch, and most of the attendees commented that it was a first-class affair. Kudos to event chair **Rustin A. Greene**, all of the sub-chairs, and Community Now! for all of their hard work. The Easter Egg Hunt was also a smash, with more than enough eggs to go around (kids were actually observed leaving eggs behind!). Thanks go to **Shari Quin** and all of those who helped out.

This month is elections for all Jaycee offices. I discussed the positions available for election in my March letter, so I will not repeat myself. If you have any questions on the available offices, contact any of the current officeholders. Becky Lemont has already boldly declared her intentions for the office of Individual Development VP, and nominations for the other positions will be flying fast and furious at the April 17th membership meeting. If we are lucky, some of the nominations will actually be accepted by the nominees, thereby averting a

constitutional crisis of biblical proportions! Hopefully, the Presidency will be one of the positions filled, as I will become a merciless, bloodthirsty tyrant whose primary purpose in life will be to annihilate all sworn or perceived enemies in a fiery path of destruction if relegated to a second term as your leader (my campaign slogan: Re-Elect Me - You'll Regret It For All Eternity!). After all, the Presidency of the Peoria Jaycees is a great honor and privilege, but only in a one-year dose. Keep in mind that absolute power (such as consecutive terms) corrupts absolutely; I feel that I will be an invaluable asset as your Chairman of the Board. So remember, come to the meeting and vote in a new group of shining new faces as your 1997-98 board.

Signing off,  
John 'Caesar' Cima

## Chapter Management Report *by Joann Ziegler*

Hey ya'll! This is the last newsletter article for this Jaycee year! And trust me, it does not bring a tear to my eye!!! I hope everyone enjoyed this year, I know I certainly did! Thank you Peoria Jaycees for giving me the opportunity to take on this position. I wish whomever takes this job next year, all the luck in the world!

I would also like to wish the luck of those who have planned to run for something next year. It is a lot of fun, rewarding, and learning experience to serve on the Board of Directors for the Peoria Jaycees! I hope everyone has an opportunity to challenge themselves and run for a board position! We've had a successful year, but I hope Peoria continues with many more to come!

Thank you all for your help and support when I have needed it. I have never seen such a group of people work so well together! Even after being in this organization for years, I still believe it's the best one to belong to! Thank you all for all the work on the IBF, it is greatly appreciated!!! I hope to see everyone there!

Regards,  
Joann Ziegler

## Membership Report *by Dr. Quin, 'Membership Woman'*

For March, we had two new recruits. Please welcome **Mike Buckley** and **Niklaus Gerspach**. The only other thing I have to say is: **WE'RE GOING ON VACATION IN 2 DAYS!!!!!!!**

### April - Who's Due

Chris Alcocer  
Tambria Bill  
Joe Binder  
Michael Godar

Jennifer Routzon  
Steve Venzon  
Heather Zech

## Trouble in Ensenada

The Carnival cruise ship, MS Holiday had docked at the Mexican port of Ensenada on the Pacific coast early in the morning. A group of Peoria Jaycees, consisting of **Beth Barr**, **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland**, **Dennis Owens**, **Rick Owens**, **Sandy Pearce**, **Shari Quin 'Membership Woman'**, **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** and **Heather Zech** were on board taking a cruise vacation. The vacationing Jaycees disembarked from the boat and boarded a shuttle for transportation from the pier to the city. While en route to the city, they were informed about a bus excursion to a flea market and seaside blowhole. Sounding like a good idea, the group decided to take the proclaimed 30-minute bus ride. As it turned out, the bus ride took approximately 45 minutes and offered a scenic drive through some of Mexico's finest slum areas. Not one wall was found that was not defaced by spray paint. Throughout the ride to the flea market, a Mexican woman talked to the passengers on a p.a. system about Mexico, about how great it was, while at the same time, slammed the U.S.

When arriving at the flea market, two members of the group desperately needed to use the facilities. After walking the whole stretch of the flea market and dodging small Mexican children selling bracelets and gum, they finally found the rest rooms. And it only cost 30 cents to get a small allotment of toilet paper; what a deal! The travelers spent some time shopping at the flea market until it was time to get on the bus and get out of there. They could not wait to leave. However, the bus could not depart on time as Dan was 10 minutes late. All the bargaining and wheeling and dealing must have been too irresistible for 'the Friar.'

On the way back to Ensenada, the bus ride was closer to 30 minutes. Only on the way back, the bus went through the city and stopped so that people could get out and shop or eat. "I'm not eating or drinking anything. It's bad enough I got to breath the air in this place." stated Rick. The woman on the bus said that the bus would leave for the boat at 3:00 pm and would give the passengers 30 minutes to look around. Most of the group stopped to get a drink while two others continued to shop. As it was time to get back to the bus, the group that stopped for a drink asked the bartender if it was okay to take their drinks with them. They were told that drinking on the street was legal as long as it was in a plastic cup. So they got their drinks in plastic cups and off they went. However, when they attempted to cross the street to walk in the sunlight, they were split up. Finally, Rick, Beth, Dennis, Shari and Dan were the only ones at the bus at 3:00. Soon after, the bus started to leave without the others. Dennis and Shari volunteered to get off the bus and look for the others and then take a cab back to the boat.

Meanwhile, Jeff and Sandy were picked up by the Mexican police for drinking in public. Trying to explain to the police that they were told it was legal, the only response from the police was that they had to go to the police station to pay a fine. Heather backed away from Jeff and Sandy so it appeared that she was not with them. At that moment, **Glendon**, the

group's waiter from the boat saw what was happening. Glendon tried to talk to the police as he could speak some Spanish. Unsuccessful at communicating with police of their situation, Jeff and Sandy were hauled away in the police car. Glendon tried to follow where they were going, but after loosing track of where the police went, Glendon then stayed with Heather. Sandy was on the verge of crying in the police car while Jeff was envisioning on how to get back to the U.S. border. The police continued to drive around the block until one of the officers lowered his hand behind his seat. This was the clue to Jeff; he placed twenty dollars in his hand and the two officers dropped Jeff and Sandy off where they picked them up. Dennis and Shari found the others and Glendon made sure they had a ride back to the boat. At that moment, Glendon had just secured a hefty tip from the Jaycees, not to mention several "Socials" at dinner time. Once the group boarded the ship, they looked back on the Mexican coast line and pondered the day's events. As the boat began to leave harbor, they shook their heads in disgust and said to themselves, "Never again!"

## Newsletter Offers April Fool's Joke

Every year on April 1st, foolish antics get played on millions of people. No one is safe. Anyone for any reason should not believe what is said or believe what is happening. In this case, one should not believe everything that is in print, for this is a special April Fool's issue of *The Charge!* Stories and events posted within may sound a bit far fetched and is meant to be taken in good natured and clean fun (believe it or not, on occasion some people have absolutely no sense of humor at all). In other words, if it's in print, it's not necessarily true.

However, as you read on, you may notice that this issue is similar to any other issue of *The Charge!* Well, at the publication headquarters of *The Charge!*, every month is the month of April.

## Upcoming Events

☐ **Installation Banquet** - Join the Peoria Jaycees for the installation of the new officers. The banquet is to be held on Thursday, May 8th at 7:00pm, just after the Business After Hours. This year's banquet will be held at the Lariat Club, on Glen Ave. in Peoria. This event usually turns out to be a great time; who can forget the famous inauguration speech made by **Commander West** two years ago!

☐ **Louie, Louie Parade** - Once again, the Jaycees have plans to enter the Louie, Louie Parade. And rumor has it the plans also call for the wearing of togas once more. The parade is set for Friday afternoon, May 16th. Usually, the parade starts around 2:00pm at the parking lot of the civic center. More details will be provided later on where the Jaycees are meeting, but if worse comes to worse, look for the group wearing togas and shouting "Social!"



## Community Development by Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland



### Firecracker 5000

For those of you who do not know what the Firecracker 5000 stands for, I will tell you now. This is an annual tradition for the Peoria Jaycees and is our 15th year.

On the Fourth of July we signify the recognition of last year's President's (**John Cima**) achievements over the last year by building a giant rocket ship and attaching John to the nose cone. At 8:00 am we ignite the fuse to the rocket ship sending it blasting over the Illinois River with John holding on for dear life. At the peak, the cone of the ship comes unattached and John parachutes down safely to Earth. We have only lost 2 ex-presidents over the last 15 years, so we have a pretty good safety record.

Just kidding. The Firecracker 5000 is a 5 kilometer / 3.1 mile foot race through downtown Peoria on the Fourth of July. This year's event will be chaired by John Cima and **Cara Freehill** and it's bound to be a great time. The event starts and ends at the River Station downtown and we coordinate with the city, the Peoria Police department, Illinois Valley Striders, and various other people. John and Cara will be needing help with the event in ways of registration, race coordinator, food and beverage, manpower, and more. For more information you can contact John "Caesar" Cima at 693-0631, Cara Freehill at 691-2301 or **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** at 682-2897. We need all the help we can get.

### Easter Egg Hunt

All I can say is that there were 3,600 eggs stuffed with candy along with 12 dinosaur eggs stuffed with prizes and candy. On March 22, all the eggs were set out for the children to find and at 10:00 am the project began. The children ran for all the eggs found all but 4 regular eggs and 1 dinosaur egg. It took them 10 minutes to collect up 3,600 eggs which calculates out to 360 eggs per minute.

**Shari Quin** and **Heather Zech** did a wonderful job of organizing the event and with a few minor glitches, everything went off smoothly. Thank you Shari and Heather for your efforts and I know the kids of Peoria will never forget this one for this is the first Easter Egg Hunt where there was proof that dinosaurs existed.

## This Thursday - Election Night!

This Thursday night, April 17th is election night at the Peoria Jaycees Membership Meeting. Holding a board position in the Peoria Jaycees can be a great learning experience with rewards money cannot purchase. Among them would be valuable friendships, camaraderie and the gaining of knowledge of how to run successful projects, whether for professional or personal reasons.

So far, only two Jaycees have announced their intentions to run for an office; **Becky Lemont** for Individual Development

## IBF Update: It's Crunch Time! by Becky Lemont



The International Beer Festival committee has commenced the calling of the roster in hopes of soliciting volunteers. If you have not been called as of yet, please call **Becky Lemont** at 676-2780 or **John Cima** at 693-0631 as soon as possible if you would like to be the few and the proud to pour beer!

Also, if you know of anyone else, please call Becky or John and let them know. Workers for the 2nd shift between 3:00 and 10:00pm are in need.

Becky and **Joann Ziegle** would like to thank and applaud the following...

- Heather Zech & Shari Quin** for getting Rock 106 on board with us and getting all the PR stuff together.
- Susan Wilbur** for doing a great job in handling the ticket operations.
- Mark Klokkenga** for all his hard work in setting up the facilities and security; the biggest challenge for Mark has yet to come.
- Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** for being the crew chief "chief" and getting everyone organized.
- John 'Caesar' Cima** for making the chapter visitations and his role as advisor.
- Rick Owens** for his well known expertise in printing and of course financial matters.
- Cindy Schwerer** for making reimbursements, check writing and her day of the event duties and more.
- And for the rest of you that has offered your advice, time and help.

IBF T-shirts will be available at the April 17th membership meeting. They are \$7.00 a shirt and have a burgundy color. IBF beer glasses will be available at the day of the event. The glasses are also colored in burgundy.

The IBF Appreciation Party is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at 3:00pm. The tentative location is at the residence of Becky Lemont. Since there is a possible problem with neighbors and children *because Peoria Jaycees can get LOUD*, we are also looking into an alternative location for the party. So the party location is currently to be announced later. Once again, thanks!

VP and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** for Membership VP. Of course there are those few silent campaigns that don't emerge until the actual election. Either or, it is encouraged that members run for an office, even if someone else is running for that same office.

If wanting to run for an office Thursday night, just have someone nominate you and then you accept your nomination. After that, good luck in the election!

## Top Ten Rejected Slogans For The International Beer Festival

10. So many beers, so little time.
9. You don't have to pay a lot to get drunk.
8. Just Drink It!
7. Where there's Jaycees', there's beer!
6. The International Beer Festival; home of people like you.
5. Prohibition, NOT!
4. Bring us your tired, your weary, your thirsty...
3. There sure are a lot of drunk people here.
2. Hey Beavis... heh heh... Beer's cool... heh heh...
1. Kegs 'R Us.

## Jeff Bilsland Found Streaking in Downtown Peoria

In a speech to a national delegation of Jaycees, former president Ronald Reagan said "America needs more people like you." What the president was referring to was America needs more volunteers, such as the Jaycees. In 1950, the Peoria Jaycees had over 500 members, and keep in mind, in 1950 the Jaycees was an organization of men only. Today, the Peoria Jaycees have roughly 80 members consisting of both men and women. What has happened to volunteerism? Could it be time constraints put on people in society today? In 1950, the Jaycees still ran several projects and kept records and books. However, in their day, there were no computers, no calculators, no fax machines, etc. People in that age had to use a typewriter to write a letter; use a slide ruler to add large numbers but still got their work done. In 1950, people still had families and other personal lives. The baby boom was in full swing. Where did these people find the time to volunteer?

Today, in 1997, there is a larger array of tools to save time and effort, such as computers, cellular phones, fax machines, washers, dryers, power tools, microwave ovens, etc. And in 1997, people still continue to have families, even though there may be two breadwinners or only one single parent in the family. Granted in today's world, time is scarce and everyone seems busy. But it's probably a foregone conclusion that the same could be said about society in 1950. The difference; in 1950, people seemed to volunteer more. What happened over the course of time? Could it be people's attitude in general? It always seems people look around for someone else to take the lead and handle the situation. Could it be television? Think of how easy it is to sit in front of the TV and let yourself wonder in some imaginary world. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that volunteerism has slowed dramatically in the past 50 years. And not only in the Jaycees; other volunteer organizations have suffered as well.

But the good news is something can be done about it and anyone can do it. Instead of sitting at home, complaining about some politician raising your taxes or how your kids get a terrible education at the local grade school, get out and do something about it. Make a difference and get involved in your community to make it a better place to live. The Jaycees is an excellent way to do this! By volunteering your time and help, you gain friendships, memories, experience in running projects, you can better your community and all the while, have a good time. It's not too late, get involved today! And by now you are probably wondering why this article was titled '*Jeff Bilsland Found Streaking in Downtown Peoria?*' It was a better way to catch your attention so you would read this.

## It's A Little Known Fact... Jackie Robinson

Jackie Robinson was an American athlete and business executive. He was born Jack Roosevelt Robinson in Cairo, Georgia. As a college undergraduate, Robinson excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He left college in 1941 in his junior year and shortly thereafter joined the U.S. Army. After being discharged from the Army, Robinson signed a contract to play professional baseball with the Monarchs, a Kansas City, Missouri, team of the Negro American League.

In 1945 Robinson signed with Branch Rickey, general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, to play with the minor league Royals in Montréal. After one season with the Royals, Robinson joined the Brooklyn team and became the first black to play modern major league baseball. In 1962 Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, the first black player so honored.

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## **Jaycee Member Buys Party Central; Discovers It's Haunted**

Peoria Jaycee member and chapter president **John 'Caesar' Cima** recently achieved the American dream... home ownership. With the transfer of **Jeff Pulfer**, John purchased the famous Peoria Jaycee landmark, Party Central. Upon moving into his new abode, strange occurrences have happened to John; occurrences to which no one can explain.

During the first night John was in the party palace, odd voices were heard throughout the house. "It sounded as though it was Pulfer saying 'A point of information...'," John claimed. He also testified that these voices were heard no more than he was on the verge of sleep. "It was almost like when a Jaycee meeting is about over with, and Pulfer would drag it out longer." John explained. This was a common trait for which Jeff Pulfer was well known.

Another occurrence was the accumulation of paper in the house. "I would wake up in the morning, and there, laying all over the house was paper." John also said. Jaycee bylaws, CPG's, meeting agendas and photo-copies of newspaper articles were examples of what was found. John has no explanation of how all that paper got into the house.

The one occurrence that really scared "Caesar" was the disappearance of all his micro-brewed beer. John claims that he had over \$200 of beer in the house that has turned up missing with no explanation. "I can appreciate drinking all that beer and getting so smashed I have trouble remembering, but I have had any to drink yet." John claims.

John now thinks that Party Central is haunted by the ghost of Pulfer. "How else can you explain all the points of information and the paper." John stated, "This place is haunted!" John now refuses to sleep in the Jaycee party capital and is considering letting the Peoria Jaycees use it for their Haunted House project. "Hey, using this place for the Jaycees Haunted House would save the chapter a lot of work." John rationalized, "It's already haunted!"