



# The Charge!

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## Firecracker 5000 Explodes With Success

Early on the Fourth of July, a fuse was lit and the firecracker detonated into another great turnout. In all there were over 550 entrants in the Peoria Jaycees 15th annual event, consisting of runners, walkers and rollerbladers. At 8:00am, the starting pistol was fired, with rollerbladers on their way for the 5K race. Soon after, the runners followed by the walkers completed the race. Race winners are posted on page 8 of *The Charge!* For complete race results, consult the **Illinois Valley Striders** web site on the Internet, at <http://www.ivs.org/fire97.html>. Proceeds from the Firecracker 5000 go to benefit the **American Heart Association** and **Children's Home**.

Project chairs **John 'Caesar' Cima** and **Cara Freehill** would like to thank the **City of Peoria**, the **Peoria Police Dept.**, and a special thanks to all the volunteers who woke up early to help make the event run smoothly. Thanks are also in order for the Firecracker 5000 corporate sponsors; **Big Oldies 93.3**, **Brewers Distributing**, **Caterpillar**, **Gold's Gym**, **Hinckley & Schmitt**, **QST**, and **the RiverStation**.

The Peoria Jaycees are throwing an appreciation party to all volunteers, Jaycee members, their guests and anyone else who had a part in the success of the event. The party is to be held on Saturday, July 19th at 3:00pm at the Big Hollow Apt. clubhouse, 6625 Big Hollow Rd. Be sure to bring your swim suits as the clubhouse is equipped with a swimming pool (of course as most know, swim suits are optional later in the night). Call **Cara Freehill** at 691-2301 for more details or directions.

## Brew Crew Losing Streak Continues

The Peoria Jaycees Brew Crew softball team has been stuck in a record-setting losing streak, not winning a game for almost 6 weeks. On Friday, June 13th, the Brew Crew played against Kouri's and were defeated with a humiliating score of 27-2. However, when the team previously played Kouri's, they lost 30-0, so marginal improvement had been made. Also on that night, a management dispute between **Coach Dubby** and the team players erupted to the point where the umpire called a time out to serve as a mediator and to calm the irate coach. Later, Coach Dubby announced his immediate resignation from the team, leaving Brew Crew owner and manager **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland** to become the interim team coach.

On Friday, June 20th, the team played a double header and two make-up games were played that following Sunday. All games were lost including the last game played on June 27th. However, team effort, spirit and enthusiasm is at an all high. Brew Crew interim coach 'Mad Dog' Bilisland stated that the team is playing better than ever.

All games are played every Friday night at the Peoria Stadium, ball diamond #3. Only three games remain for the season, so come on out to support the most fun team in the league... the Brew Crew... putting the brew back into crew and the fun in dysfunctional!!

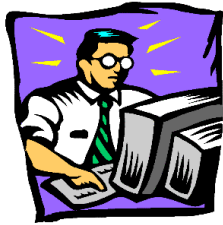
## Commander Leads Way to Giving Blood

On Friday, June 20th, '**Commander**' **Steve West** lead **Rick Owens**, **Mike Rhodes** and **Cindy Schwerer** to giving blood at the **American Red Cross**. Upon filling out his questionnaire, Rick questioned what the Red Cross considered to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. "Does this include last night?" Rick asked. "Did you drink excessively?" the Red Cross worker responded. As not to incriminate himself, Rick then inquired, "What's your definition of excessive?" The Red Cross worker then answered him, "Well how do you feel today?" Rick thought to himself "fine" and continued to fill out the questionnaire.

However, once he started giving blood, Rick began to get lightheaded and a Red Cross nurse was called to initiate the proper procedures to handle such a situation. Meanwhile, Cindy was having problems with a damaged artery and had to prematurely quit giving blood. Mike was having problems as well as the nurse experienced difficulty in locating an available artery. Mike also had to quit giving blood prematurely. Afterwards, all four Jaycee members sat at the canteen and lived the good life, greedily snacking on Twinkies and Little Debbie's. It was also purported that Commander West was sneaking out extra snacks, hiding them under his shirt.

## From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

*by Rick Owens*



I think I have found a new hobby this past month, and it is spelled UFO. With all the attention on the 50th anniversary of the Roswell incident, I have been watching documentaries on the subject and learning things I didn't know. Last Sunday night after watching a two hour special on Roswell, I was still thirsting

for more UFOs. And from what we can learn at Roswell, the government that governs least, governs best. Weather balloon, right! Why does the government need so much secrecy and security to deal with a downed weather balloon? What is the government trying to hide? I demand answers!! *The Charge!* will not rest until we know the truth.

Other than the current infatuation with UFO's, I have also been busy setting up two forthcoming Jaycee projects, notably the Jaycees Open House and the 1997 Haunted House. I am also planning to make the road trip to Crystal Lake in August for the GA. So I've been somewhat busy

The Open House is an idea I've had for some time. The main point is to provide an open forum in a public location where we can recruit members. How many people are going to go to a total stranger's house to meet strange people and join a strange organization (and the word "strange" can take on several meanings here)? And it will be promoted with flyers at apartment complexes, laundry mats and even a pub crawl.

And then of course the Haunted House... most of you know what that entails. With all the Jaycee activities and my recent fascination with UFOs, I should be good and insane by December.

Also, before I go, one last thing I need to mention. The story *Bilsland Arrested For Phone Scam* was written as a joke for **Jeff Bilsland** to play on his 2nd cousin. Apparently, his cousin Stan searched the name Bilsland on the Internet and the Peoria Jaycee site came up. He asked Jeff, "What's this Mad Dog?" Just goes to show you, no one is safe from *The Charge!*

## Mark Your Calendars

### July

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, July 10, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Holiday Inn City Centre - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Jaycees Night at the Chiefs Game;** Saturday, July 12, game starts at 7:05pm, Vonachen Stadium - call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, July 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

**Firecracker 5000 Appreciation Party;** Saturday, July 19, 3:00pm, Big Hollow Apts. clubhouse - call Cara Freehill @ 691-2301

**Haunted House Committee Meeting;** Monday, July 21, 7:00pm (tentative), location TBA at membership meeting - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

### August

**Mini Grand Prix;** Saturday, August 2, drivers wanted - call Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

**Prairieland Jaycees Regional;** Saturday, August 2, hosted by the East Peoria Jaycees, E. Peoria Jaycees clubhouse - call John Cima @ 693-0631 for details

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, August 7, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ - call the 'Governor' @ 693-8771

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Thursday, August 7 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Illinois Jaycees GA;** Friday, August 8 - Sunday, August 10, held in Crystal Lake, IL, hosted by the Itasca Jaycees, call John 'Caesar' Cima @ 691-0631 if interested in going

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, August 14, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Advance Medical Transport - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**3rd Annual Past President's Party/Membership Meeting;** Thursday, August 21, 7:00pm, Amvet's, downtown Peoria - call 'Governor' Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

### September

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, September 4, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ - call the 'Governor' @ 693-8771

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Thursday, September 4 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Open House Pub Crawl;** Friday, September 5, times & places TBA - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

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



**Board Meetings:** Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at RLO, Inc.

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

## Brew Crew Schedule

Listed below is the Brew Crew game schedule. All games are played at the Peoria Stadium on field #3.

July 11, 1997	8:00pm	Silver Bullet
July 18, 1997	7:00pm	ERA Real Estate
July 25, 1997	8:00pm	Bleachers

## Mail Call



6/11/97 -  
Hi ya Rick,

The Jaycee Home Page looks great. I'm involved in our home page/homework helper for students section and know what a task it is to

write the information, html it, then keep it up to date. So, this is just to say you are doing a STELLAR JOB!!!!

Best wishes,  
**Karen Muskopf**  
(Peoria JC Pres. a couple of years ago)

July 2, 1997 @ 12:24 CST  
From: Peotone\_Jaycee@msn.com

I'm a Peotone Jaycee kind of just browsing the web and came upon your web page. Very cool indeed! Nicely done! Unfortunately you won't be able to reply as I have no Internet address. Looks like other chapters have pages as well. I guess I will check them out too!

See ya later!!

Dear Monica (Rhodes) & Friends,

On behalf of the **American Cancer Society**, I would like to thank you very much for your generous gift. Your Haunted House project certainly must be successful. I do receive your newsletter and do find it fun to read. Best wishes to all of you in your endeavors and again thank you.

Sincerely,  
**Sandy Haase**

Dear Friends of Youth Farm:

On behalf of the boys at **Youth Farm** let me say thank you for your contribution in the amount of \$1,600.00. No goods or services were given you in exchange for this gift. As the cost of caring for our boys continues to escalate, contributions like yours are more important than ever.

These contributions enable us to continue to provide a second chance for these troubled boys.

Once again, thank you. Your support is most appreciated.

Sincerely,  
**Randall D. Hunt**  
Youth Farm President

Dear Monica,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$206 to **Common Place**. Your gift will help us continue to provide educational programs that encourage self-sufficiency and strong family bonds for children and adults in our area.

One of our recent program additions is a series of Family Reading Nights that fascinate children and parents with creative activities, a reading time, and the gift of a new book for each child.

We appreciate your financial support, prayers and concern that helps us carry out our ministries and your being part of the lives of children and youth through your support of our programs. You help us to put "love into action" for all who need us.

Sincerely,  
**Judy Willard**  
Common Place Family Learning Center

7/4/97 -

Happy July 4th Greetings from Chicago Just enjoyed the fireworks in Evanston . Yesterday took in the huge Taste of Chicago. I called and heard it's cold there and rain. While I am typing this message you're probably partying. I heard the race went well. Tell **Beth** Hi! I hope to see everyone soon at the next meeting. The Web page looks great. Tell the **Governor** and **First Lady** Hi!

Enjoy the weekend. Have a cold one for me.  
**Pulfer**

## Membership Report by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this month:

Beth Barr	Joe Lemont
Meg Buchanan	Mark Mount
Steve Dozard	Valerie Mount
Steve Gore	Mike Safford
Kris Joseph	Cindy Schwerer
Rick Kern	Jeffery V. Webber
Becky Lemont	

The following members are due in August:

Jeff Bilsland	David McMullin
Alison Dye	Kathy Pulfer
Sarah Guzman	

Remember, renewal dues are \$35 and for your convenience, you can send a check made payable to the Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61650. If you have any questions, please call me, **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** at 674-5290.

### New Members

We had an outstanding month in the way of recruitment in June. While we lost 5 members, we did have 11 members renew and a whopping 8 new members joined. Please welcome the following: **Lori Cave, Bryce Huette, Angela** and **Bob Marasco**. Four other recruits were listed last month as they signed in the last part of May/early June. In the end however, the Peoria Jaycees gained in membership by 3 people... so let me hear a SOCIAL!!!!

### Jaycees Night at the Chiefs Game

The Peoria Jaycees are having a Jaycees Night at Vonachen Stadium to see the Peoria Chiefs play Quad Cities River Bandits. All Jaycee members, guests and neighboring Jaycee chapters are invited. Jaycees Night is being held this Saturday, July 12th; game time is at 7:05pm. Cost is \$4.00 a ticket. Featured that night will be the Peoria Jaycees name on the scoreboard and tickets. Also in the works is the *Star Spangled Banner* performed by the Peoria Jaycees very own **Rustin A. Greene**. To order your ticket or for more info, call **Dubby** at 691-6608. But hurry, time is running out!

## Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix:

Saturday, August 2, 1997  
Drivers Wanted!!

Looking for committee members,  
promotions & marketing sub-chairs for  
the Jaycees Mini Indy Race Car



For More Info:  
call **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** @ 674-5290  
e-mail: dan@ssi.net  
Internet: <http://www.ssi.net/minigrandprix>

## Individual Development... ...served Hot and Fresh from your Hostess, Becky Lemont

### Mock Stock Market

Thank you to all who participated in Mock Stock! We have 22 people involved in this project. That is a great start. You can still jump in anytime with your stock picks but the sooner you do the more money you can make (or lose). Our Three Month prizes will be cases of beer from IBF. Our Six Month prizes will be actual STOCKS!

So how is everyone doing now? You will have to come to the next meeting to see how your picks are doing. We will be posting everyone's portfolio at the meeting and starting with next month's newsletter who are the top three leaders. Any ideas? Well, if you picked Caterpillar stocks, you are up about \$2.00 and if you picked Harley Davidson, well there is still time.

### Alcohol Awareness

August's project will be Alcohol Awareness. We will have a guest speaker and two guinea pigs to teach us how much to drink in order to be drunk. Intrigued? More info in next month's newsletter.

### IDVP Requests Your Help

ID needs your help...Lots of members are requesting good projects like Leadership Development, Ethnic Food Night and Cook outs...ID can work for you if you can help work an ID project. Let me know what project YOU would be interested in running. We will provide the motivation, help with the CPG and \$ (only if needed). Remember, e-mail at [BLemontea@aol.com](mailto:BLemontea@aol.com) or call at 676-2780.

Thanks, Becky

## Peoria Jaycees Open House

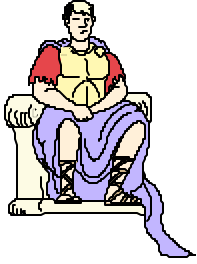
Pending CPG approval from the chapter membership, the Peoria Jaycees are going to hold an Open House for an M-night/recruitment drive on Friday, September 12th at 7:00pm. It will be held at the Big Hollow Apt. clubhouse at 6625 Big Hollow Rd. **Rick Owens** is chairing this membership project and has all the fine details lined out.

The Open House has three distinct purposes; 1) to recruit new members, 2) to allow newer members to get acquainted with the chapter and it's projects and 3) possibly hold a new member orientation. The project is taking place at a clubhouse, where it will serve as a public and neutral setting for prospective members. This way, these prospective members would not be as hesitant to attend a Jaycee party at a total stranger's house. A week before the Open House, a pub crawl will be held to distribute flyers and to promote the event to prospective members.

To find out more, call Rick Owens at 243-7319 or attend the membership meeting to get updates.

## State Director's Report

by John 'Caesar' Cima



### National Convention

The US Jaycees National Convention was held during the last week in June. The main item on the schedule was the pending vote on a proposed age group change to become/remain a Jaycee member.

There were three different plans, with the 19 - 45 age limit being the most heatedly debated. Two others were 21 - 45 and the current 21 - 40 age limits. The voting has now been completed and it has now been decided that the Jaycees are to remain the current 21 - 40 age group.

### Prairieland Regional

The next regional is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd. The East Peoria Jaycees are the hosts this time around and the event will take place at the East Peoria Jaycees clubhouse. Unfortunately for the regional, this is the same day as the Mini Grand Prix, but if anyone would like to attend, please call **John Cima** at 693-0631 for details.

### Summer GA

The Illinois Summer GA is to be held in Crystal Lake, IL on the weekend of Friday, August 8th to Sunday, August 10th. This event is being sponsored by the Itasca Jaycees. Thus far, **Beth Barr, Rick Owens, Heather Zech** and myself are slated to attend. I have arranged for lodging, but if anyone else desires to go, please call **John 'Caesar' Cima** at 693-0631 ASAP as room availability will be scarce.

### Visitations

I don't have a definite visitation schedule for the rest of July, but if anyone is interested in going on a visitation, please call **John Cima** at 693-0631. Remember, it takes three or more Peoria Jaycees to attend a neighboring chapter meeting to qualify for a visitation.

And let me add the visitation can be fun. Please refer to the story on page 7.

## Membership Renewals

Each month, a list of Jaycee members who are up for renewal is posted under the Membership V.P.'s report. Renew dues are \$35.00 a member. This money is then sent to the Illinois Jaycees. So if a member doesn't pay their dues, but is renewed, the Peoria Jaycees are out \$35.00.

Closeout is held once a month between the Peoria Jaycees and the Illinois Jaycees. And in Jaycee fashion, it is usually done at the last minute. However, starting immediately, closeout will take place at the monthly membership meetings. If you have any questions about renewing your membership, please call **Dan Schmidt** at 674-5290.

## Community Development

by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer



Hi! This year the emphasis on community development is going to be a little different from the years past. With the decision not to do Adopt-A-School, we are open to ideas where we can spend that extra time and money. The reason for this decision is because our Adopt-A-School last year

showed very little interest in the activities that we arranged. We have also discovered that they already have another corporate sponsor for Adopt-A-School. So a decision was made that it would be a better choice to choose an organization who really needs our help and wants our help. We are sure that there are many people out there, kids and adults, who could benefit from our efforts.

Some other interests in community development are the **Center for Prevention of Abuse**. This is a shelter which can house anyone who has been abused, either sexually or physically. This center relies on its volunteers and donations to keep it operating. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer on either the hotline, becoming an advocate, or helping with the children's programs, please give them a call and ask for **Debbie** at 691-0551.

The last thing that we hope people will become interested in are helping us come up with ideas for some fund raisers so we can do more for some of the charities that we have focused on this year. Any idea is welcomed, that is as long as it's legal and fairly moralistic. One idea has been suggested by John Cima which is that we hand out flyers for the **Arthritis Foundation** to about 400 local businesses. In return, we would earn about \$400.00 to help fulfill the Center for Prevention of Abuse Wish List. If we could get about ten people to volunteer that would only be forty businesses each. So if anyone is interested, let **Emily Duncan** or **Cindy Schwerer** know at the next membership meeting.

Well, I guess that about wraps things up on the subject of community development. Please make sure and give us your ideas on any project that you think might help out someone in need.

Love, Cindy & Emily

## Membership Roster Updates

Remember, if you have a change of address, please notify a Jaycees Board member or **Rick Owens**. *The Charge!* is sent by bulk mail, and bulk mail does not get sent to forwarding addresses.

E-mail addresses are now posted on the membership roster. If you have a new e-mail address, please notify **Rick Owens** to have it included in the database.

Membership rosters are available at the membership meetings.

## A Stay of Execution

from 'Governor' Dennis Owens



It is now July and the future is not only bright but also HOT. As you may already know I HATE THE HEAT. If it wasn't for the almighty air conditioner, my life would end as you know it. I bet all you people that hate the snow wish you had some right now. Sure you may be saying no, but you

are not taking snow cones into account, or ice to cool down your beer and soda, Budweiser for me, and of course Ice Cream. These things can't be made with heat, now can they. Well enough with the heat. Let's look at the Chapter and how we are coming along with my four goals. Just think, 10 months from now when I am still talking about the goals, you will think I have totally lost it and have become paranoid about the goals. Well maybe so, but we have to stay focused, even if this causes me to go insane.

Goal 1: Law and Order in Meetings. This seems to be working, the first meeting lasted 1 hour and 7 minutes. This complete lack of respect for the law almost made me go POSTAL. This must have put the fear of God into some of the "diarrhea of the mouth" Jaycees that like to talk forever in meetings. I will not mention any names, but it sure makes me MAD when people talk for 10 minutes straight and say only 30 seconds worth of information. The second meeting was 10 times better, it ran for 59 minutes, and there was no diarrhea of the mouth. People were actually quiet when other people had the floor, and maybe they actually listen to what was going on.

Goal 2: Train and Involve More Members. There has been a little success in this area. We now have two chairmen for the Haunted House that have never ran it before; **Rick Owens** and **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilisland**. I also want to expand the involvement and training this summer with lots of small projects and individual development. Maybe we can have an air conditioning dynamics class!!!

Goal 3: More Charitable Contributions. Well I have wrote a lot of checks to charity but this is from the **John "Caesar" Cima's** year of tyranny. We haven't had any big money making projects yet. Well I wrote this before the Firecracker 5000 which by the time you read this will be over and I might add the Firecracker was a great success. Till next month for Goal 3.

Goal 4: 150 Members. This is the Mount Everest of goals, but there is also good news in Goal 4 or G4 for short. The month of June brought 8 new members to the Peoria Jaycees, and we didn't even have a membership drive. The bad news is that 5 people dropped netting only a three member increase. But look at the bright side, we can see Mount Everest now. All we have to do now is climb it.

Well my fingers are all blistered and bloody now from typing so much, so I will see you at the membership meeting.

Its Better to Burn Out than Fade Away!!!!

**Governor - OUT**

## Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



First of all, I hope everyone has had a Happy Fourth of July. The Peoria Jaycees had a great holiday with the successful turnout for the Firecracker 5000.

Early in June I went to Local Officer Training (LOTS) in Jacksonville, IL. I learned a lot of good stuff and had a great time. Now I am supposed to know what I am doing, but I think I still have a lot to learn.

### Road Trip!!!

The Summer General Assembly (GA) is going to be held August 8 -10th in Crystal Lake, IL. The event is hosted by the Itasca Jaycees. Now I have not been to a GA, but I hear they are great!! I am planning on going to the GA and I know of several others who are interested. So if you want to take this road trip, meet a lot of new people and have a great time, this is the place to be in August. If you have any questions, you can call me at 274-4035 or **John 'Caesar' Cima** at 693-0631 (John will know much more about this event than I).

### 1997 Haunted House

I know it sounds crazy, and it seems like it was just yesterday, but it is already time to start thinking about the Haunted House. At the July board meeting, the **'Mild Mannered' Rick Owens** and **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland** stepped forward and presented the preliminary chairman's planning guide (CPG) for the 24th annual event. Rick and Jeff as the 1997 Haunted House co-chairs... Oh what a pair! So now is the time to start to do some soul searching and decide what your role will be in this years Haunted House.

The first committee meeting is being scheduled for Monday, July 21st at 7:00pm, at the residence of Rick Owens. Basically, this meeting is going to cover the sub-chair positions, layout responsibilities, discussion of potential sponsors and maybe a little brainstorming of ideas for the house. Sub-chair positions open at the time of this writing are construction sub-chair, donation sub-chair, sponsorship sub-chair, tear down sub-chair and security/maintenance sub-chair. If you are interested in helping and need to know more, give Rick a call at 243-7319 or Jeff at 682-2897.

This can be and for a lot of people is the most rewarding project of the year. Every little bit counts. I think this was the most rewarding project that I participated in last year and was definitely a learning experience.

If anybody out there has any questions about anything, give me a call at 274-3540. I will be more than happy to answer any questions, find the answers if I don't know them or if I can not do either of those, I'll make up one for ya (hEE hEE!). Well, I have definitely said enough this month. Hope to see you soon.

## Visitation to the Men's Room

On Wednesday, June 11, 1997, **John Cima, Rick Owens** and **Heather Zech** traveled to Bloomington, Illinois to not only pick up the Firecracker 5000 t-shirts, but to make a visitation and party with their Jaycee friends in that fine community. The trio departed around 5:30 that evening in Heather's black Toyota pick-up. It was a tight squeeze in the small truck, with Rick driving, John on the passenger side and Heather seated in the middle. However, Heather was not going to complain since she had the opportunity to be sandwiched between two men.

They finally found the factory where the t-shirts were manufactured. Upon entering the building, Rick felt the heat of the un-air conditioned environment. "Now I know why they call these 'sweat shops,'" Rick thought to himself. They loaded the boxes of shirts in the back of the pick up and after a short stop at a friend's apartment, were soon off to the Bloomington Jaycees meeting.

The trio found the meeting to be rather professional, unlike several Peoria Jaycee meetings they were accustomed. Towards the end of the meeting, a 50/50 raffle was held. Anyone who wanted to get in the raffle had to write their name or initials on a dollar bill. John ended up winning the raffle. In addition, other prizes were being offered with the raffle, and more names were being drawn. The Bloomington Jaycees had one of their guests of honor, Ms. Heather Zech, draw for one of the prizes; the name she drew was her own. Heather won a box of Girl Scout cookies.

After the meeting, Heather found the need to use the facilities. Unable to find the ladies room, Heather asked Rick to check the men's room for availability. "Oops! There's some men in here." Rick reported back to Heather. However, she finally located the ladies room and her problem was soon eradicated. The Bloomington Jaycees and the group of Peoria Jaycees adjourned to the drinking establishment located next door.

As the evening was getting late, the threesome finally left to forage for food and arrived at the local Chili's restaurant. Once inside, Heather and Rick found the acute need to use the facilities... again. On the way to the rest rooms, Heather and Rick were cut off from another restaurant patron who was going to the same place. Heather was leading the way and walked straight into the men's room. The unknown restaurant patron turned and gave a puzzling look to Rick.

"Did you just see a woman walk in there?" Rick asked. "Yea" said the man. "Don't worry," Rick assured as he walked in front of the man and headed into the men's room, "I've dealt with this before." Heather soon walked out, with a slight shade of red on her face. Apparently, she still wanted to use a men's room.

The group of traveling Peoria Jaycees were soon finished with dinner and found themselves heading back home. While Heather enjoyed her trip to Bloomington, Illinois, she felt a longing. What she really wanted was... a visitation to the men's room.

## Bilsland Arrested For Phone Scam

(St. Louis, Mo) - **Stan Bilsland**, 52, the notorious second cousin to the infamous Peoria Jaycee member **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland**, was arrested late yesterday afternoon under a sting operation at the Sheldon Motel in St. Louis, Mo. Stan Bilsland had been wanted by the law for over two years and was even featured on the television program, *America's Most Wanted*.

Bilsland was wanted on several charges of fraud as he allegedly ran a long-distance phone service scam. The scam involved Bilsland's position at the St. Louis Phone Co., where he would pose as a reseller for a long-distance phone service provider. Bilsland would normally prey on senior citizens or anyone susceptible to fraud.

The corrupt phone service worker would convince his victims to change their long-distance service, then intercept their long-distance billing, replace that billing with his own fraudulent billing. In the end, hundreds of long-distance users were paying their bills to a PO Box in St. Louis. It was purported that Bilsland took in over \$25,000 in fraudulent billing while the real phone bills of his victims went un-paid.

In addition, Bilsland was also allegedly starting an Internet provider service scam, preying on area Jaycee chapters as possible targets. Several records indicate he would search for Jaycee web sites by using Internet search engines, inputting the last name of Jaycee members as search criteria.

The sting operation at the Sheldon Motel comes to a close of 18 months of preparatory work. The FBI, with assistance from the Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas state police, worked diligently in setting up the Bilsland case. The Sheldon Motel site was used as it was a local hang out of Bilsland's and a location to where a great amount of his illicit activities would take place.

Bilsland is being held on \$350,000 bail and is to be arraigned next week.

## Tell Trudy Your Troubles



For those who do not know, *The Charge!* has an exclusive advice specialist to help its readers with whatever problems they may have; whether with the Jaycees or their professional or personal life.

Trudy wants to answer your questions and help you with your problems. But she can't do that if no one submits their problem. And we all know that you have them; you're not fooling anyone. And you're especially not fooling Trudy.

Submit your questions and/or problems to the newsletter editor **Rick Owens** at the address/phone number posted at the bottom of page 2. All submissions must be received by the 30th of the month to be included in the next month's printing... and you do not need to give your real name.

# Firecracker 5000 Results

Name	Age	Time	Name	Age	Time	Name	Age	Time
<b><u>5K Run Results - Female</u></b>			<b><u>5K Walk Results - Female (cont.)</u></b>			<b><u>5K Walk Results - Male</u></b>		
<u>Overall Female Winner:</u> Annie Wetterhus 18 17:57			<u>Age Group 55 -64:</u> 1. Dixie Placner 58 47:43 2. Emily Zaia 58 50:46 3. Mary Ann Yerby 58 50:47			<u>Overall Male Winner:</u> Brad Howe 38 30:07		
<u>Age Group 1 - 15:</u> 1. Stephanie Richards 13 21:07 2. Margaret Carrol 11 21:53 3. Megan Buttrick 12 22:47			<u>Age Group 65 - 99:</u> 1. Lou Winter 65 37:34 2. Mildred Currie 67 41:18			<u>Age Group 1 - 22:</u> 1. Gregory Stewart 22 49:49		
<u>Age Group 16 - 22:</u> 1. Ann Williams 16 18:32 2. Lynn Herberger 17 19:49 3. Valerie Marquis 16 20:50			<b><u>5K Run Results - Male</u></b>			<u>Age Group 23 - 34:</u> 1. James Morrow 39 30:59 2. Gary Ergle 44 36:08 3. George Stenger 41 36:41		
<u>Age Group 23 - 29:</u> 1. Shannon Rule 23 21:25 2. Carol Wells 27 21:51 3. Shevaun Fennell 29 22:00						<u>Age Group 35 - 44:</u> 1. Gary Morrow 39 30:59 2. Gary Ergle 44 36:08 3. George Stenger 41 36:41		
<u>Age Group 30 - 35:</u> 1. Peggy Shadid 34 18:15 2. Sharree Tate 32 20:11 3. Deborah Wresinski 31 20:17			<u>Overall Male Winner:</u> Justin Young 17 15:06			<u>Age Group 45 - 54:</u> 1. Ron Love 53 34:02 2. Kerry Psinas 46 41:19 3. Richard Lecrone 53 50:10		
<u>Age Group 36 - 40:</u> 1. Maggie Berres 39 19:04 2. Sheila Seigfreid 36 21:02 3. Sandra Malone 40 23:08			<u>Age Group 1 - 15:</u> 1. Danny Burk 14 18:30 2. Stephen Wilson 15 18:37 3. Kyle Duryea 14 19:23			<u>Age Group 55 - 64:</u> 1. Harland Shields 59 34:07 2. Raymond Yerby 60 50:48		
<u>Age Group 41 - 45:</u> 1. Becky Hubbard 42 19:04 2. Linda Mosher 45 21:10 3. Jean Oldham 45 22:10			<u>Age Group 16 - 22:</u> 1. Aaron Matheson 16 16:23 2. Matthew Baum 16 16:27 3. Andrew Quigg 17 16:46			<u>Age Group 65 - 99:</u> 1. Vernon Wright 75 41:48		
<u>Age Group 46 - 54:</u> 1. Judy Norris 47 23:38 2. Peg Giebelhausen 46 24:27 3. Bonny Fuller 50 25:04			<u>Age Group 23 - 29:</u> 1. Christopher Friedman 24 16:50 2. Todd Rounds 29 17:55 3. Corey Crouch 28 18:53			<b><u>5K Rollerbladers</u></b>		
<u>Age Group 55 - 65:</u> 1. Lois Williamson 58 23:35 2. Barbara Gurtler 62 24:02 3. Pat Wennmacher 55 30:08			<u>Age Group 30 - 35:</u> 1. David Nordhielm 30 16:13 2. Bill Akright 30 17:55 3. Dan Ray 32 18:31			1. Mike Cruz 36 10:55 2. Jerry Carter 42 11:43 3. Rich Pestien 46 11:45 4. Mark Shima 15 11:46 5. Jason Berry 16 11:52 6. Michael Barton 17 12:48 7. Joell Estes 41 14:01 8. Anthony Gerdt 14 14:05 9. Steve Grube 44 14:32 10. Joseph Binder 30 14:33 11. Kara Selburg 24 14:47 12. Justin Natvig 12 15:11 13. Valerie Guse 12 15:19 14. John Selburg 14 15:50 15. Cynthia Phillips 18 15:52 16. Shirley Guse 33 16:31 17. Joyce Roth 48 16:55 18. Kayla Kiser 12 21:17 19. Timothy Ricca 12 21:18 20. Kelsey Kiser 19 23:53 21. Scott Vicary 14 23:54 22. Sam Taylor 30 26:55 23. Adam Linder 18 26:56		
<b><u>5K Walk Results - Female</u></b>			<u>Age Group 36 - 40:</u> 1. Ed Ricca 40 16:02 2. John kasky 37 16:30 3. David LaHood 37 17:13					
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# Top Ten Tips To Cheat At The Firecracker 5000

10. Bribe the project chairman with beer.
9. Just run faster than everyone else.
8. Volunteer to be banker (Oops! That's ways to cheat at Monopoly).
7. One word: steroids!
6. After the race is over, throw a big stink about how poorly the age groups were set up until you win something.
5. Use crib notes.
4. Downtown Peoria has a whole host of streets and alleys that could be potential short cuts.
3. Hire Jeff Gillooly to take out some of the competition.
2. Replace the water from Hinckley & Schmidt with water from Mexico.
1. When the starting pistol fires, run to your nearest competitor and bite his/her ear off.

## Politically Correct Group Protests Newsletter

A new grass roots effort to foster political correctness has recently announced it's discontent of a newsletter for a central Illinois volunteer organization. The Friends of Credit Card Users, a group devoted to those who use credit cards, claims the popular publication, *The Charge!*, uses it's name in disrespect of people who desire to use various forms of credit. The FCCU has asked the public to boycott the Peoria Jaycees award winning periodical.

Meanwhile, *The Charge!* is also facing another battle with another political correctness group. The Rough Rider Descendants, an organization of ancestors of Cavalry members, claim that *The Charge!* uses it's name to make fun of the famous military command used to initiate combat.

These political correctness protests come amid a torrential flood of similar actions. Recently, the Atlanta Braves faced protest from the Native American community, claiming that the use of the name 'Braves' is disrespectful for their people. And even more recently, the Walt Disney Company has received waves of dissatisfaction from a blind rights group for their decision to produce a new Mr. Magoo movie. Mr. Magoo was a cartoon that chronicled the life of a man who did not realize he was blind.

"It's obvious that these people have way too much time on their hands," stated **Rick Owens**, editor of *The Charge!* Owens claimed that the only people who get made fun of are various Peoria Jaycee members and organizations that make ridiculous claims. Owens also stated that he was not very concerned about the protests from these political correctness groups. "If things really get out of hand," Owens said, "I'll have a another frivolous lawsuit for prominent Peoria attorney **Steven J. West.**"

## It's A Little Known Fact... The Roswell Incident

Fifty years ago, during the first week of July, 1947, an incident occurred in the southwest United States. It was announced by the US military and then subsequently denied, and has remained veiled in government secrecy ever since. The incident involved the recovery of wreckage by the military from a remote ranch northwest of Roswell, NM. The wreckage was believed by many to be debris from a "flying disc" or an unidentified flying object. Today, there is considerable testimony from former members of the military known to have been involved, including two brigadier generals, that the material that was recovered was not of Earth origin.

Sometime during the first week of July 1947, a local New Mexico rancher, Mac Brazel, while riding out in the morning to check his sheep after a night of intense thunderstorms, discovered a considerable amount of unusual debris. It had created a shallow gouge several hundred feet long and was scattered over a large area. Some of the debris was reported to have had strange physical properties. After taking a few pieces to show his neighbors, Floyd and Loretta Proctor, Brazel drove into Roswell and contacted the sheriff, George Wilcox. Sheriff Wilcox notified authorities at Roswell Army Air Field and with the assistance of his deputies, proceeded to investigate the matter. Shortly after becoming involved, the military closed off the area for a number of days and retrieved the wreckage.

On January 12, 1994, United States Congressman Steven Schiff of Albuquerque, New Mexico, stated to the press that he had been stonewalled by the Defense Department when requesting information regarding the 1947 Roswell event on behalf of constituents and witnesses. Indicating he was seeking further investigation into the matter, Congressman Schiff called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding" and concluded it was apparently "another government coverup."

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**We Believe:**

***That Faith In God  
Gives Meaning And Purpose To Human Life;  
That The Brotherhood Of Man  
Transcends The Sovereignty Of Nations;  
That Economic Justice  
Can Best Be Won By Free Men  
Through Free Enterprise;  
That Governments Should Be Of Laws  
Rather Than Of Men;  
That Earth's Great Treasure  
Lies In Human Personality;  
And That Service To Humanity  
Is The Best Work Of Life.***

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## **Jaycees Discover Alien Crop Circles**

Two Peoria Jaycee members discovered mysterious circles embedded in the tall grass of the Governor's mansion late last month. **'Governor' Dennis Owens** and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** were meeting at the residence to discuss the upcoming Jaycee entry in the Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix when the strange circles of indeterminate lengths were uncovered. Upon the discovery, the two men immediately called the appropriate authorities. Specialists were dispatched at once and within the hour, Air Force officials were on the scene. Also called to investigate the bizarre phenomenon were two FBI agents trained specifically for the paranormal.

"This is very strange," stated Air Force **Major Youef Oh**. "This is definitely not man made," the Air Force official added, "therefore we suspect extra-terrestrial forces were at work." The Air Force major also stated that this case is the "biggest and most intriguing since the Roswell incident 50 years ago."

Later that evening, **'First Lady' Shari Quin** arrived at the Governor's Mansion. "What's going on here?" she asked. When told that alien crop circles were discovered on the Governor's lawn, the former Membership Woman said, "Gee, I hope I didn't cut over them with the lawn mower." Ms. Quin testified that she had earlier cut the lawn. "And you should get your blade on that tractor sharpened or something," she continued, "because it wouldn't cut the grass evenly. I had to drive the tractor in circles to get the lawn to look half way decent."

The Air Force officials deemed the crop circles as a hoax, packed up their equipment and left the scene.