

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By Clark Jones

Well, our “illustrious leader” has failed to get his monthly message to me for inclusion in the newsletter, though he did send a message a few days ago to the general membership.

The important info is that May is our annual picnic. It's a “family affair”, and everyone is encouraged to bring kids, spouses (I know someone who claims that the plural of “spouse” is “spice”), significant others, or even just friends. The organization will supply burgers, bratwursts, and soft drinks. Each family is requested to bring a “side dish”, and if you want, your own beverage. Also bring folding chairs or something to sit on.

The location is Lane Garrett's backyard. The address is 8502 E. Cactus Wren Road, Scottsdale, 85250. From Indian Bend Rd and Pima Rd, go west a long block, taking the first left onto 86th St south to Cactus Wren Road, and Lane's place is on the northwest corner of 85th St

and Cactus Wren Road. By the way, 85th St doesn't go through to Indian Bend Rd. (Loop 101 has been closed a lot on weekends recently, but if it's open it's the easiest way to get there.)

Folks will start gathering about 3:00 to 4:00 PM, and the grill should be going by about 5:00 PM.

RSVP with number of people by May 5 (so we can get the right amount of stuff) to Paul at peverett@everettinfrared.com (though I'm also going to Cc to Vaughn at vaugn@nakota-software.com since Paul apparently thinks messages from me are “spam”).

If you haven't been to Lane's home, be sure to get a tour of it. He has some very interesting solar power equipment.

In June, our meeting will return to the regular “second Thursday”, and we will be trying the meeting room of Chandler Fashion Center.

To tie up a loose end, several of you may know that I was thinking about going to Europe this spring. Unfortunately, I was unable to get a reasonably priced ticket (partly because I was unable to resolve exact dates early enough). It may have been a “blessing in disguise”, though, as Steph had to have some surgery, and I really think that I would have been more in the road than being a help to her recovery.

See you folks Saturday!

Clark

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