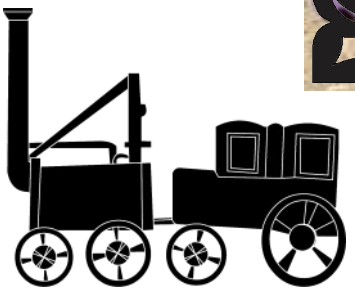
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"Ken and Anna Wright at the Virginia City Steampunk Crawl, 2010. H. George Wells, presiding."

— Mark



"Our cover shot this month was taken by local Mensan and good friend Mark Pipes."

— Anna

"Therefore, since brevity is the soul of wit,
And tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes,
I will be brief… "

Polonius (in Hamlet by William Shakespeare)

A Note from the Editor

by Anna Wright



September is upon us and it hardly seems like the summer time should be over so soon. Our own Regional Gathering (RG) is a scant month away. Have you registered yet? We in Northern Nevada have the reputation for hosting an awesome party — lots to learn, lots to enjoy, and lots of friendly new people to meet. If you haven't made the commitment to come in the past, give yourself a thoroughly enjoyable weekend and join us this year. You won't regret it.

In this month's edition of the *Neva-Mind*, we present to you a few thoughts and anecdotes relating to travel. My own article begins on page 16 and Maurice Pollack's humorous nod to Murphy's law, as he experienced it, can be found on page 15.

We also want to welcome Travis McCord as one of our new puzzle authors in his first of a series of puzzles meant to entertain and tickle your brain cells (page 14.) ■

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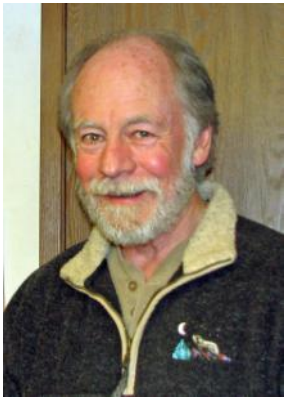
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From the LocSec

by Bob McAllister

Being Collegial is a Two Way Street



Recently, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg urged American society, in general, to try to be more "collegial."

Why, do you think?

We seem to see in society more invective than do we see "decency." An entertainment handler publicly castigates the president of our country as a "liar." A member of our Congress publicly calls another president a "liar." If there is cause for this, it should be done in a more "collegial" manner.

Being "decent," extending common courtesy, not going out of one's way to step on toes seem to have become a part of our lost past. Instances of abusive behavior toward undeserving people seem to be rife. Check-out cashiers unreasonably being yelled at. Airline attendants being on the wrong end of spoiled, uncivil passengers. Political candidates encountering bussed-in opposition, who resort to shouting down speeches, preventing the candidates' opportunity to be heard. Spitting on people, “egging" people for having a different opinion.

As a youth, I was raised in a "respect-for-religion" milieu. I saw religion as being a source of "decency." Now, should people try to invoke the approach of "being decent," they become ridiculed and ostracized.

In my previous life (pre-retirement), I always comported myself to give people the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps being, nonetheless, on guard, I felt that if people came to me with an ostensible grievance, they deserved to be heard. If they proved to be duplicitous — their loss. Everyone deserved a fair shake.

Now, we have name calling, slander, and duplicity of an untenable *calibre*. And it sometimes is vaunted.

People laugh at religion (at least that which we have had as a part of our country's history) because it can be shown that there has been "so much"' questionable about it, disregarding the sacrificing good that has been done in its name.

I don't regard myself at this point in my life as particularly "religious," and I still feel that the decency that it invokes merits respect, not derision.

Some of its human members have committed travesties. Most haven't.

If they are doing good, they should be allowed that sanction of live and let live.

One of my grievances is not that people disagree with what I say. It's that some refuse to

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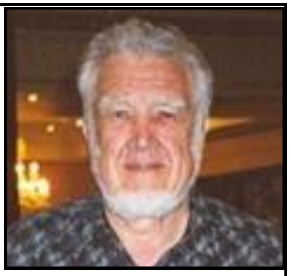
listen and, consequently, don't understand what I try to communicate. If they understand and still disagree, so be it. They, at least, understand my point of view. To be dismissed out of hand without the courtesy of a hearing is a hard pill to swallow.

In the words of a person of perhaps some questionable character — and perhaps paraphrased by Justice Bader-Ginsburg, "Can't we all just get along? "

I say this because we seem to be becoming a polarized society. That I can't see the other side on occasion, doesn't make me a hypocrite. I at least give it an ear. It wouldn't hurt to give it a try. We have nothing to lose doing so; a lot by turning away. ■

Long Time Local Mensa Member Remembered.

Glen A. Kindler



Glen A. Kindler, 77, passed away at a Sparks care facility August 10 after an extended illness. He was born January 20, 1933 in Oakland, CA.

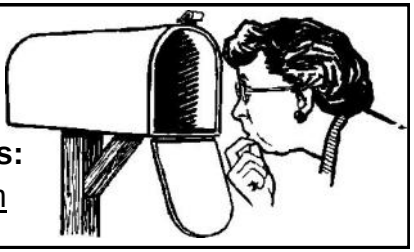
Glen was a long-time resident of the Berkeley / Oakland area and after retirement moved to Reno where he spent his final years enjoying life.

Surviving relatives include his daughter Tracy Kindler of Milford, CT; son Christopher Kindler of Reno; sister Judy Kindler of Sylmar, CA; granddaughter Jamie Lyn Kindler of Milford, CT; and aunt Jeanne Aaroe of San Carlos, CA.

At Glen's request, no services will be scheduled. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity. Walton Sparks Funeral Home, 1745 Sullivan Lane was entrusted with arrangements.

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Happy Birthday!



September





Birthstone: Sapphire

Flower: Aster

Astrological Signs:

Virgo: August 23 - September 22

Libra: September 23 - October 22

2	**Melvin Silvester**	Reno
4	**Walter Ratchford**	Carson City
6	**Robert Klein**	Verdi
11	**Sam Kumar**	Reno
13	**John Kush**	Carson City
22	**William Neeld**	Sparks
29	**Jay Poulter**	Carson City

Notes From the ExComm:

August 11, 2010, Tamaracks Beach, Pyramid Lake

1. Present were Gerald Lockhart, 1st Vice-Secretary; Ed Hanley, Past Loc-Sec; and Anna Wright, *Neva-Mind* editor.
2. Also present were Richard Arbib, Programs, Ken Wright RG Chair, and several members at large.
3. Ken Wright updated the those in attendance on the planning for the 2012 AG.
4. The ExComm adjourned.



Northern Nevada's 2010 Regional Gathering
October 1-3, at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno.
Have you registered?

http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/

and click 2010 RG



Time is running out!

From the RG Chair

by Ken Wright

Greetings Fellow Gathering Goers,

Coming to Reno, Nevada in October of this year, *THE RG of the USA* to attend. If you can only get to one, this is THE one. Let Vegas do what they want, "What happens in Reno, will be talked about everywhere!"

The Biggest Little RG crew wants to invite all Mensans, their guests and those wishing to test for Mensa admission, to our 2010 Regional Gathering. Those of you have been to our 2008 and/or 2009 RGs can attest to our ability to entertain you.

This year's theme of "Science vs. Science Fiction" is meant to stir the brain cells and provide a venue for questioning. Our expert speakers are up to the challenge, so bring your questions. We want to know: is it science or science fiction?

Among the many speakers at this year's event will be Murray Silver, author of *Great Balls of Fire* (the story of Jerry Lee Lewis,) former rock concert promoter, television host of *Ghosts of Savannah*, personal friend of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, as well as many music and screen greats. Murray spoke at the AG in Dearborn and his one hour spot went 2.5 hours before he could stop. Murray will stir your gray cells and make you think.

Representing science fiction, author Susan Palwick, author of *Shelter*, will provide an amusing journey through science fiction writing. Reno will be hosting the mega-sci-fi event, RenovationSF in 2011 and a member of their crew is coming to talk to us about this convention, which is expected to draw 50,000 people.

Science will be well-supported too. A UNR seismologist who will give us the real story of our vibrating earth. We'll also hear from two different speakers who have personal involvement in the MARS space programs, and get a clean look at the dirty air of Cairo Egypt presented by the Desert Research Institute.

New for this year, the games room will be located next door to hospitality so you gamers can refuel between rounds. Persistent rumors are going around that live music will be happening in hospitality... might be something to those whispers, but you have to register to find out.

Speaking of whispers, the ones you have heard about our Saturday night banquet and show are true. The show IS that good. Our performers are totally amazing, but don't take my word for it, come check them out for yourself! Unless of course you don't like belly dancers, or burlesque girls, or musicians, singers, aerialists, stilt-walkers, spinners, jugglers, magicians and the most impressive drummers I have ever seen. Have you ever felt the power of the Odaiko (Taiko) drum? How about six of them at once? Sci-Fi Costumes are encouraged, but not required. The parade is hysterically fun.

Join us in Reno and check out the host city for the 2012 AG and learn the fun spots so you can navigate like a local when you return for the National Gathering. ■

PUZZLE PAGE

by Joe Kisenwether

Back and Forth Puzzle:

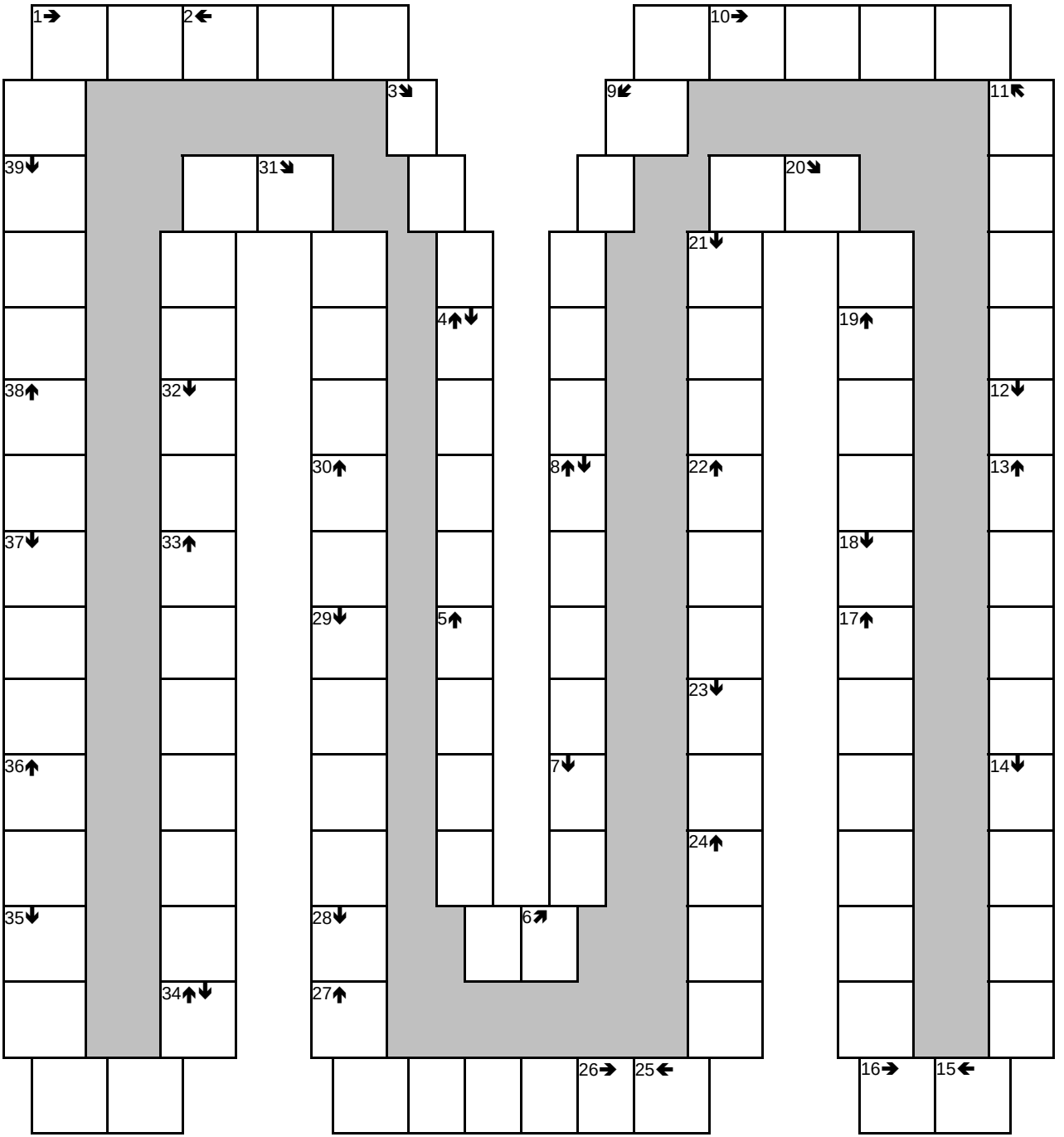
Every letter in this puzzle is used twice, once in a series of words which winds clockwise around the big M, and once in a series of words which goes around counterclockwise. In every case, a word will start at the numbered arrow and continue until the space before the next arrow that points in the same direction. So, for example, the answer to 1-clockwise is a five letter word that will start at the 1→ and continue to the right until the space just before the 3→.

CLOCKWISE

1 Us
3 Molecule of life
4 Not quite a lawyer
6 Stable type
8 Another word for 35 counterclockwise
10 Going the other way
12 Best kind of approval
14 End of a prayer
15 Earth has two, so far
17 Village People's greatest hit
19 Comedian Tomlin
21 From south of the border
23 Casaba for one
25 Mistakes
27 They're between the mountains
30 Kanuk's national anthem
32 What V is for according to the 2005 film
34 Vanilla or chocolate
36 Proclamation
38 Largest city in N. Dakota

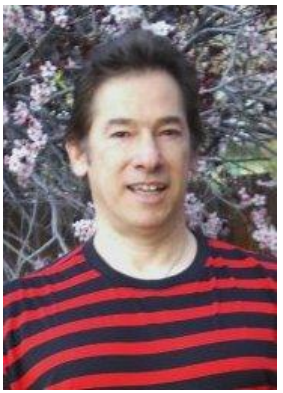
COUNTERCLOCKWISE

2 Captain of the Nautilus
4 Mei Xiang and Tai Shan at the National Zoo in D.C.
5 *Tomb Raider* character Croft
7 Hillary says it takes one to raise a child
8 Literary Jane
9 ____ the beans
11 Historical rider Paul
13 He shrugged according to Ayn
16 Like the movies
18 Facebook rival
20 New Hampshire state flower
22 Europe's boot
24 Defective auto
26 Home of the 2012 AG
28 Summer blockbuster of 2009
29 Holler
31 Triangular snacks
33 Where we are
34 Like the calf slain for the prodigal son
35 Another word for 8 clockwise
37 Pressed apple juice
39 Hush money


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Program Listing

by Richard Arbib



Take the short trip to Fallon and find yourself in London.

September Monthly Meeting

Saturday, September 11
Time: Arrive at 6 p.m.
Slideshow of London at 7 p.m. by Richard Arbib
Potluck BBQ dinner: Bring a side dish to share.

Hosts: Ken and Anna Wright
Location: 510 Michael Drive, Fallon
Telephone: (775) 423-4694







Slide Show of London by Richard Arbib

In February of 1988, I spent a week in London and visited many places: Picadilly Circus, Shaftsbury Avenue, Leicester Square, Highgate Cemetery, the city of Greenwich, Westminster Abbey, 10 Downing Street, Big Ben, Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, London Bridge, and more.

It took me almost one week of constant tours to visit and photograph all of these places, but you can see it all in just one hour during my slide show with real slides on a real slide projector. All these slides were shot in 1988 when everyone used film for images. And now, in 2010, some of us still do. (I'm still using the same camera.) ■

Get your carpooling friends together!

- **Directions:** From Reno, take I-80 East to Fernley.
- Take the second Fernley Exit and follow the signs to U.S. 50 (Alt.) East. (You'll get the chance to turn left in the *famous* Fernley roundabout! And after that, Hwy. 50 (Alt.) is now an easy four-lane drive into Fallon.)
- Once in Fallon, look for the intersection with Taylor St. and at that light, turn left.
- At the Keddie St. stop sign, turn left.
- At Michael Drive, turn left again. 510 will be... (You guessed it) on your left!

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Games Night at Joe's Place: No Games Night until November 6. See you then!			**1** Birthday Edgar Rice Burroughs	**2** Hindu Krishna Janmashtami	**3**	**4** No Games Night
5 	**6** Labor Day	**7** Birthday Elizabeth I of England	**8**	**9** Jewish Rosh Hashanah	**10** Islamic Eid al-Fitr	**11** Testing Day. Mensa Meeting
12	**13** Birthday Gen. John Pershing	**14**	**15**	**16** Mexico Independ-ence Day	**17**	**18** Jewish Yom Kippur
19	**20** Birthday Upton Sinclair	**21** Birthday H. G. Wells	**22**	**23** Autumn Equinox	**24** Birthday F. Scott Fitzgerald	**25** Birthday William Faulkner
26	**27**	**28** Lunch Bunch	**29** Birthday Cervantes	**30**	**Oct 1** **Oct 2** Northern Nevada Mensa Regional Gathering	

Fourth Tuesday Lunch Bunch: Lunch bunch will return to a favorite spot: Naan and Kabob Restaurant, 2740 S. Virginia St., Reno, on Tuesday, September 28. Meet at 11:45 a.m. at the restaurant, which offers Mediterranean cuisine . For more information call Anna (775) 423-4694.



Help! The Lunch Bunch is in need of a new leader as Loren will soon be traveling in Mexico. The time required is about 10 minutes per month. Your job would be to pick an interesting restaurant, make the reservation, and then post it to the *Neva-Mind*. *Bon Appétit*!



The *Who*?

by Travis McCord

Basically, I'm having some problems with this new writer I hired. It's not that he's slacking off or anything, but... see, his last job was at a university. From what I've seen of his old work he must have been paid by the word, and the weirder the better, because I can't get through any of it. That's a problem, because we're a music magazine. (Yeah, yeah, I know Zappa's quote.)

But hey, a writer's a writer, right? So I decided to try him out and asked him to write a retrospective of a band, preferably one I'd heard of. He came back with a history of the Lithoforms Experiencing Torque (Due To Rapid Changes in Gravitational Potential Energy). I saw that, and asked him "The *who*?" He told me "No, their contemporaries."

Well, according to him, these are some of the big hits of the *litho-whoevers*:

1. I Am Experiencing Persistent Ennui Due to a Disparity Between My Expectations and My Actual Situation
2. I Request that You Remove Yourself From the Visible Water Vapor Formation I Possess
3. Almost Twenty Separate Acute Reactive Disorders
4. Apply Pigment To That Object To Enable It To Absorb The Entire Visible Spectrum
5. I Suggest We Remain In Proximity For The Extent of the Nocturnal Hours
6. That Lady is a Naturally Occurring Prismatic Striation of the Visible Spectrum
7. Empathetic Feeling Toward the Personification of Heretical or Primal Thought
8. Paved Road Pugilistic Personage
9. Provide Me With Protection or Refuge
10. It Is Impossible For the Probability of Acquiring the Particular Objects of One's Desire to be One.
11. Crystallized Sucrose Distinctively Colored Due to the Presence of Molasses
12. Non or Formerly Domesticated Equus Ferrus Caballus
13. The Subject in Question Solely Consists of the Musical Form Characterized by a Heavily Accented Beat and a Simple, Repetitive Phrase Structure
14. Animal Bred and Used to Carry or Haul Heavy Loads
15. Engage My Power Initiation Sequence



Now, can someone please tell me who and what the ... heck he's talking about?

New Mexico

by Maurice Pollack

“Land of Enchantment”



Am driving alone; early evening, at Lordsburg, New Mexico.
Check in at cheap motel.
Go to bathroom; motel door stays open.

Notice that one handle on wash basin is missing.
Go to car and get wrench, and attach to faucet stem.
Then, go to car and put luggage in the room.
Finally close motel door.

Later, want to go to car to get something, and cannot open door.
(Easy to push door open when entering,
but not so easy to pull the door open, using the handle from the inside.)
Look for telephone to call office — no phone in the room,
Go to window, open drape, and look out, and see solitary phone booth in the parking lot.
(Did I mention that the motel was inexpensive?)

Realize that window has no screen,
and window opening is large enough for me to maybe exit the opening in the morning.
(Room is on the ground floor.)
Alternative plan is to wait until maid comes to clean the room.

….
There is a slight smell of fresh paint,
and I surmise that door and/or jam has been very recently painted,
and that clearance is minimal.
…
The next morning, I am rested, and am able to open door from the inside.
Put luggage in the car and simply drive off.
Not my problem any more. ■





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It's About *Time.*

by Anna Wright



When you travel in steampunk style, you travel both forwards and backwards in time. Steampunk is a genre (even a sub-culture, if you will) celebrated in literature, film, and, from what I understand, more and more art forms. Its roots are in the 1980s but just coming of age today. If you imagine a Victorian setting with elements of science fiction, then you have the basis of steampunk. Think of the writings of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells or the movies *The League of Extraordinary Men* and *Wild, Wild West*. Now you've got it!

We had a plan, a pub crawl in Virginia City during the last weekend of May to be accomplished dressed in steampunk style. For me, that began with a trip to Carson City, with a group of a few friends and headed by Mary Crawley, to the Nevada Historical Garment Museum. After a brief introduction by the curator, we got the chance to view real Victorian garments, with the appropriate corsets and bustles that no lady of the time would dress without. It was fascinating to see the subtle changes in women's fashions as the era progressed. Just like today, men's fashions seemed to show few changes even over long periods of time. (Of course, we all know that every man looks good in a tuxedo. Gentlemen, are you listening? You'll get more results when you dress up than when you don't.)

With my foundation ready (Ok, there's no way I'm going to wear a corset!) I began to plan for the science-fiction additions. A steampunk persona is first and last an adventurer. And, to be successful at that one must be entirely self-reliant. I'll need all of the appropriate current and future inventions that may be required. One never knows if s/he will need to speed into adventure on a train or an airship at a moment's notice! *All* steampunkers need goggles to protect the eyes in just such a case. A sturdy pair of boots, self-defense weapons, and a good compass are a must-have too. I decorated myself with my goggles, a watch, Swiss army knife, whistle, and keys on my Chatelaine, an appropriate piece of jewelry for a Victorian lady. (Many thanks go to Mensan Anne Stewart for its creation.) Ken equipped himself with goggles, a good walking stick, and various weapons including a state-of-the-art, home-built ray gun. We were ready!

So, off we went, Ken and I, Mary, some eager friends, and a few photographers to chronicle our expedition. (One of whom, Mensa-pal Mark Pipes, took these photographs of us.) First stop: Boot Hill, Virginia City, where we explored, posed and generally made excellent use of the good natural light. Then off to the pubs! A good walk uphill in the warm temperature and in many layers of clothing worked up an appropriate thirst.

As Ken and I walked back to the main street, we were stopped several times by both the tourists and locals to be photographed as well. Many shouts of “Good job and well done!” were tossed our way too. Fame, it just must be a part of the steampunk adventure. One instance, that still makes me chuckle, was my introduction to a Mexican family sitting outside on the wooden sidewalk in front of our destination, the Bucket of Blood Saloon. Ahead of me, Ken was able to walk into the cool, air-conditioned, drinking establishment before I was intercepted for yet another photo op. They did not speak English but made it perfectly clear that they wanted me to pose, not alone, but with Grandma. So with my best smile and a little hunching down (I didn’t know that anyone could be shorter than me) we posed for the family album. And then we posed again, and again. Oh my goodness, the iced spirits were only a few feet away and here I was, acting like the official local good-will representative for the city. But my worries were un-founded. With repeated “Gracias! Gracias!” they finally dismissed me to continue inside.

Overall, I would say that I had a rollicking good time learning and “living” the steampunk style, even if just for an afternoon. Yahoo!

I mean Bravo!

(There’s much more to learn! Visit Mary Crawley’s Steampunk lecture at our upcoming regional gathering.) ■







Photos courtesy of
Mark Pipes

On The Road

with Bill Kositzky

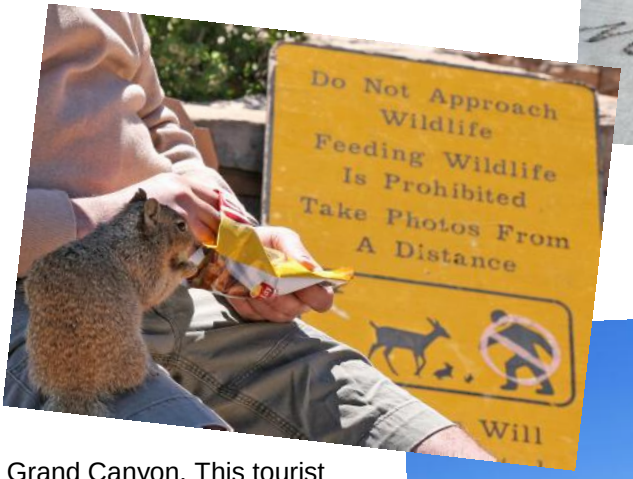


Above, Mensans and friends at "Catch a Falling Star" campout, Pyramid Lake.

Between Wendover, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah, there are miles and miles of salt flats decorated along the roadside with designs drawn on the ground or made from piled rocks.



Little A'Le'Inn. Just outside Rachel, Nevada, along the Extraterrestrial Highway.



Grand Canyon. This tourist spoke Russian and may not have understood the sign.



From the RVC

by Debra Reiger



Enjoy Mensa? Volunteer!

One of the best ways to get value from your Mensa membership is to get involved. You will meet more people, you will have more input as to how things are done, and you will get a sense of satisfaction for contributing your time and ideas to a group that means something to you. You may also be able to learn cool stuff and sharpen your skills. This leads to success for all involved!

Almost all of our local groups need volunteers for various things. Here are some examples of things that may be needed in your local group:

- hosting or planning an event or being a coordinator for recurring events
- helping with your local newsletter (some are looking for article contributors, proof-readers, fact checkers, puzzle makers, and more)
- reading scholarship essays
- running for office in your local group
- volunteering for and accepting an appointed position (let someone know you are interested!)
- being an area coordinator (this is much needed in many groups!)
- helping plan a regional gathering or assisting during the gathering
- qualifying as a proctor and administering Mensa tests

Look in your local newsletter or on your group's web site and you are likely to see a requests for volunteers. Please think about it. Mensa's success depends on volunteerism at all levels of the organization. Call one of your local officers and ask what you can do to help. You'll be glad you did.

Other items: If you get this in September it is not too late to sign up for the Northern Nevada Mensa Regional Gathering (RG) in Reno. It will be the 1st weekend of October and promises to be fun and exciting. http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/

Funding is available for Leadership Development Workshops (LDWs) in our region. One-day LDWs are fairly easy to plan and lots of help is available in the form of handouts, course outlines, and suggestions. You don't have to start from scratch — it's all available for the asking. If you think your group will benefit from an LDW this year, send me an email and we can talk about it.

Have a great month!
Regards,
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Mensa Admissions Testing

by Mindy Hsu

Hello all! Thanks for your interest in American Mensa.

We've set up four testing dates through January 2011. If you can't make one of these testing sessions, please contact me and we will work on setting up individual appointments. The test is $40 and takes about 2 hours. You will need to bring picture ID and your favorite #2 pencil.

Sat, Sept 11 - 10 a.m. to noon University of Nevada, Reno - Ansari Business building room 107 (see map http://www.unr.edu/parking/documents/CAMPUSPARKINGMAP2010-2011ParkingFeeLocationsMap8.5x11_002.pdf)

Sat, Oct 2 - 10 a.m. to noon Silver Legacy Resort - 407 N Virginia room Silver Baron B As part of our Regional Gathering festivities (http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/index_Page1186.html), we will offer candidates at this session free admission to the rest of the RG and an opportunity to purchase banquet tickets if they are still available.

Sat, Nov 6 - 10 a.m. to noon University of Nevada, Reno - Ansari Business building room 107 (see map http://www.unr.edu/parking/documents/CAMPUSPARKINGMAP2010-2011ParkingFeeLocationsMap8.5x11_002.pdf)

Sat, Jan 8 - 10 a.m. to noon University of Nevada, Reno - Ansari Business building room 201 (see map http://www.unr.edu/parking/documents/CAMPUSPARKINGMAP2010-2011ParkingFeeLocationsMap8.5x11_002.pdf)

We are working hard on putting together the RG in October, and also the Annual Gathering in Reno in 2012. We have monthly meetings, lunches together, game nights:
find out more at http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/index.html

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Thanks, Mindy Hsu cell 626-230-0466

Do you know someone who is wondering if s/he's ready for the Mensa Admission Test? Try this.

In September, American Mensa is offering a great 50/50 deal for prospective members! The Mensa Home Test will be 50% off the regular price in honor of the 50th Anniversary of American Mensa. A printed and online version is available for those wanting to take the test. For more information on the Mensa Home Test, log on to www.us.mensa.org/mht.

Mensa for Kids!

by Maurice Pollack and Anna Wright

(and kids at heart)



When Geronimo Jones was a kid, he tried to learn about triangles. He had two sticks that were 3 and 4 inches long. He could not remember if the third side was 5, or 6, or 7, or 8 inches long.

Can you help him?



Geronimo Jones' daughter Andrea had a birthday party. She invited three of her best friends — Betsy, Carla, and Deedee. When they arrived, they gave each other a hug.

How many hugs were there in total?

Travel, Let's Go!

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

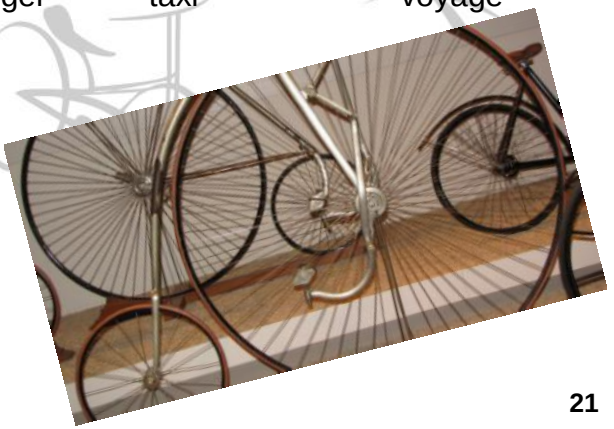
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Part of the antique bicycle display at the Henry Ford Auto Museum in Dearborn, MI. Photos taken by Anna Wright at the 2010 AG.

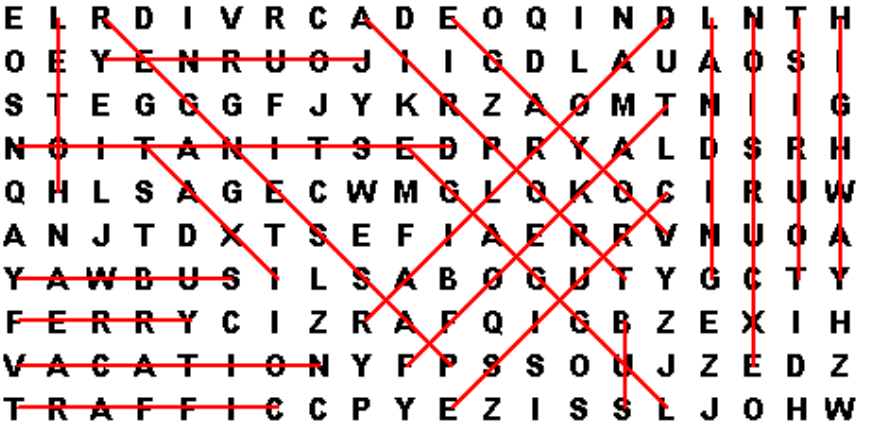
Find out more for yourself:
http://www.hfmgv.org/museum/index.aspx





Mensa for Kids!

Answer to:
Travel, Let's Go!



Answer to
Geronimo Jones Triangle:

Two of the longer lengths
could be the third side,
and two of them could not be.

If the two sticks, 3 and 4, were placed end-to-end, they would be 7 inches long.
Therefore, the length 7 can not be a third side;
and, *fur shure*, 8 cannot be the third side.

The length 5 actually results in a "right" triangle — where the largest angle is 90 degrees.
The length "6" thus results in a larger angle, greater than 90 degrees (called obtuse.)

Answer to Geronimo Jones Hugs:
Six:
A+B. A+C, A+D,
B+C. B+D,
and
C+D.



Answers to: The *Who*?

Well, huh. After digging up my thesaurus (and, uh, trying to remember how to use it,) I found out that I have heard of these guys. Turns out the "Litho...whatever" thing is *professor-ese* for the Rolling Stones. I did have to check with him to find out what the songs were, though:

1. *(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction*
2. *Get Off Of My Cloud*
3. *19th Nervous Breakdown*
4. *Paint It Black*
5. *Let's Spend The Night Together*
6. *She's A Rainbow*
7. *Sympathy for the Devil*
8. *Street Fightin' Man*
9. *Gimme Shelter*
10. *You Can't Always Get What You Want*
11. *Brown Sugar*
12. *Wild Horses*
13. *It's Only Rock 'n' Roll*
14. *Beast of Burden*
15. *Start Me Up*

(By the way, the "Zappa quote" reference is from Frank Zappa: "Rock journalism is people who can't write interviewing people who can't talk in order to provide articles for people who can't read.") ■



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Mensa-Speak

AG	Annual Gathering (Conference)
AMC	American Mensa Committee (National Elected or Appointed Officers)
AML	American Mensa Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ExComm	Executive Committee (Local Elected Officers)
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec	Local Secretary (Local President)
M/Ms	Mensans
MERF	Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL	Mensa International Ltd.
NNM	Northern Nevada Mensa
PRP	Publication Recognition Program
RG	Regional Gathering (Conference)
RVC	Regional Vice-Chair
SIG	Special Interest Group
SIGHT	Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers
WG	World Gathering (Conference)

August Puzzle Page Answers:

1. Colors of the rainbow, in order: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.
2. Order of operations in arithmetic: Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction.
3. Planets of the solar system, in order from the sun outwards: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune
4. First eight U.S. Presidents: Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Adams, Jackson, Van Buren
5. Roman numerals in increasing order: I V X L C D M
6. The signs of the zodiac: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces
7. The taxonomic hierarchy: Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species
8. The names of the royal families of England: Norman, Angevin, Plantagenet, Lancaster, York, Tudor, Stuart, Hanover, Windsor.
9. The noble gases: Helium, Neon, Argon, Krypton, Xenon, Radon
10. The seven dwarves: Grumpy, Bashful, Sleepy, Dopey, Sneezy, Happy, Doc
11. The great lakes (in order of decreasing size): Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie, Ontario
12. The parts of speech: Pronoun, Article, Interjection, Adverb, Verb, Noun, Preposition, Adjective, Conjunction
13. Metric units of length in decreasing order: Kilometer, Hectometer, Decameter, Meter, Decimeter, Centimeter, Millimeter
14. Treble clef notes on the lines: E, G, B, D, F
15. The Electromagnetic Spectrum, in order of frequency: Radiowaves, Microwaves, Infrared, Visible, Ultraviolet, X-Rays, Gamma rays
16. The seven deadly sins: Gluttony, Pride, Lust, Envy, Avarice, Anger, Sloth ■

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