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MM Board Pres: Bob Martin

Tues – Garbage

150 Lantern Lane

Social Club Pres: Bonnie Gilliland

Wed – Recycles & Greens

N Ft Myers, FL 33917

Hayden and Assoc: 489-4890 (Emergencies, too) Aluminum cans at office shed

(239) 543-1414 Office hrs Tu We Th 10-12 Comm Ctr hrs Su 8-5 Mo 9-9 Tu 9-5 We 9-9 Th 9-9 Fr 9-5 Sa 8-5

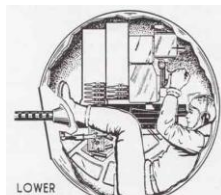
PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!

WW II Veterans

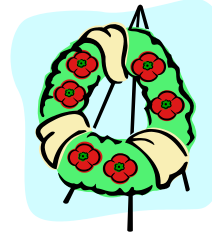


B-17 Flying Fortress

Here are two more World War II era veterans that we'd like to honor. **Ted Randolph** was only 17 when the war ended, but he served in an Army MP attachment in 1946 and received the WWII victory medal. **Ralph Bruhn** was in the U. S. Army Air Forces' 8th Air Force. From late summer 1944 to V-E Day, May 7, 1945, **Ralph** flew 30 bombing missions from bases in England to various locations in Western Europe including Germany. On 7 of those missions **Ralph** was in the lead plane which was always a high-risk situation. He was part of a 9 man crew flying B-17 Flying Fortresses. He was a Lower Ball Turret Gunner. On New Year's Day, 1945, his plane suffered heavy damage and was forced to turn back. It steadily lost altitude.



When it came out of the clouds at 2000' they found themselves eyewitnesses to the largest and bloodiest battle in WWII-The Battle of the Bulge. They also became the target for most of the German forces left in France. Fortunately, no more damage was done and they landed at a small British airfield in Lille, France from where they made it safely back to England. Thank you for your service.



Condolences

To the families and friends of:

Richard Griedanus

Charles Hillman Agnes Robertson



Business

Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting
March 5, 2013 @ 10 am Everyone is welcome.

At the February Community Meeting the result of the recent park-wide vote was announced. There were 6 votes for Option #1 and 167 for Option #2 with 139 ballots not returned. Because of the inconclusive nature of the vote, the fees paying members of the community voted to approve an annual budget of \$66,789.55 and to pay \$28.13 per month (\$337.56/yr) in maintenance fees. The next meeting will be held @ 2:30 pm on March 7th. Everyone welcome.



Snowbirds before you leave the park this Spring be sure that everything is put away and/or battened down. That loose lawn chair, potted plant, or top of your birdbath can become a deadly missile during Hurricane Season. So, please think of your neighbors who live here year-round. Thank you.



March Events

S=Signup, **P**=Pay at door, **T**=Tickets, **F**=Free

- Mar. 2nd - N. E. & Canada Pancake Breakfast 8 am \$5 **S,P**
- Mar. 5th - MMSC Meeting 10 am
- Mar. 7th - Community Meeting 2:30 pm
- Mar. 8th - Rummage Sale Setup 9 am
- Mar. 9th - Rummage Sale 8 am-2 pm
(incl. Coffee & Donuts, Bake Sale, and Sloppy Joe Lunch)
- Mar. 15th - Bingo 1 pm
- Mar. 16th - St. Pat's DJ & Karaoke Party 8-11 pm \$5.00 **S,P**
- Mar. 23rd - Chili Dog Shuffle - 12 N \$3 **S,P**
- Mar. 24th - Roasted ½ Chicken Dinner 5 pm \$7.50 **T**
- Mar. 31st - Easter Dinner (Stay tuned)

Bonnie Gilliland (239) 543-8625, **Karla Gentry** (765) 606-5983, **Kathy Sims** (239) 543-5708, or **Debbie Burchfield** (239) 543-5708.



"Non mandatory"

That's the phrase someone chose to use to deface this sign in front of the office. My first reaction was anger. Why would someone actually commit a crime (criminal damaging) to make a point about not paying maintenance fees? Then I thought about retaliation: I'll write "Non payer" on someone's "No trespassing" sign. But, no, that's crazy, too. My next reaction was pity. What poor soul skulks around, probably after dark, and scribbles "non mandatory" on someone else's sign. That really is pitiful. Finally, curiosity kicked in. Who thinks that this is the way to solve Mobile Manor's prob-



lems? Certainly not everyone who refuses to support the park financially. So, here is what I'd really like to know: Why do so many refuse to pay the relatively small amount of \$28.13 per month? What are your expectations for the park? How can we keep the office open, the grounds mowed, the street lights on, the streets repaired, and property values up? What will happen to those among us who truly have a hard time making ends meet should they have to face a huge assessment for a new water system? (Are you aware that some of us have paid double maintenance fees to help those in need and supplement the "non mandatory" payment system?) So please, let me know how you feel we can repair our community. Let's get a dialog started before it's too late. I'm not on the board, but we can use this forum to make your wishes known and/or to publicize them. Maybe this silly act can be the catalyst for something good. Call 740-972-9445 or email timburch22@gmail.com.

Butch Sims, offers this perspective on defacing the sign:

It saddens the heart of this reader to think that someone in this park committed the act of criminal damaging upon the sign in front of the park office. The sign was placed there in order to let the residents of Mobile Manor know that park maintenance fees are now being accepted. The sign is privately owned and not the property of Mobile Manor Inc. Although, the owner of the property is of little consequence, what is of consequence is that the sign has now been defaced. As a former law enforcement official, it was my duty to deter this type of activity, and when that failed, to introduce these types of perpetrators to the American Criminal Justice System. When I was young, I approached my job with great zeal. As I aged however, I found myself feeling sorry for someone who felt it necessary to commit these types of acts. I do pray that the person or persons who are responsible for the defacing of this private property comes forward to rectify his/her/their acts, and to join our community by participating in the park activities. Remember the sign in front of the community center, "Everyone Welcome".

Thanks, Butch



"The Way We Were"

As we said last month, the Sixties were transitional years for many of us. What follows is a continuation of a slice of that experience. **1965** - Medicare bill passes, "In Cold Blood" killers Richard Hickock and Perry Smith are executed, Jefferson Airplane debuts, the Beatles perform the first stadium rock concert, "Days of our Lives" debuts on NBC, Malcolm X assassinated, 190,000 troops are in Vietnam. **1966** - U.S. troop strength in Vietnam = 400,000 (U.S. dead 6,358), John Lennon comments, "We're more popular than Jesus now.", "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" narrated by Boris Karloff is shown for the first time on CBS, Taster's Choice freeze dried coffee is introduced, Star Trek debuts with its first episode titled "The Man Trap". **1967** - Rolling Stone Magazine is founded, Dr. Barnard performs the first heart transplant, the "Boston Strangler" is sentenced to life in prison, Muhammad Ali refuses military service, Elvis and Priscilla are married, The Doors and Pink Floyd release their 1st albums, LSD declared illegal. **1968** - Martin Luther King, Jr. & Robert Kennedy assassinated, Nixon elected President, "Hair" opens on Broadway, Johnny Cash records "Live at Folsom Prison", the Beatles release The White Album, Zodiac Killer strikes, the 1st class postage stamp raises to 6 cents. **1969** - Neil Armstrong moon walks, panty hose are introduced, Woodstock, the last issue of The Saturday Evening Post is published, "Easy Rider" premieres, the Manson family, Walmart incorporated, Sesame Street premieres in the U.S., the pilot episode of The Brady Bunch, starring Robert Reed and Florence Henderson airs.



8 am Thanks to **Carol & Bob Fontaine** for hosting Coffee and Donuts in February. **Rusty & Margaret Saturdays Campigotto** host in March. Should we continue in April?



You can still buy raffle tickets for the TV. The drawing is March 7th. 1/\$5 or 3/\$10 See Bonnie Gilliland.

WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the following to the Mobile Manor community:

James Burney, Carmen Chelariu, Michael Dooley, Anthony Sacco, Maddette Smith, George Tricarico



Spring Ahead !!

Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead when Daylight Saving Time returns on March 10th.

Nancy & Bob Ferland celebrated their 50th anniversary on Feb.



16th. Unfortunately, they couldn't be with us, but we were able to celebrate with them in a small way. The following is the thank you note we recently received: Thank you to all the wonderful people in Mobile Manner for all the anniversary cards. We miss being there. The friendship and love was felt in all the cards. Thank you for the thoughtfulness of remembering us.

Love, Nancy and Bob Ferland.



Here's an update on the riding buddies, **Darrell Grogan** and **John Young**. They recently decided that they wanted to see how fast they can peddle. They got two more riders: **Chet & Max**. **Leona's** grandson and great-grandson, respectively. Their lineup, front to back was **Darrell**, age 82; **Chet**, 31; **John**, 61; and **Max**, 12. Long story short, they got going down the long leg of Fireball and hit about 16½ MPH. When **Darrell** asked if I could use this story, I said, "Sure, because I'm overdue for reminding everyone to honor the 15 MPH speed limit." Also, for those of you concerned about **John's** safety on these rides, you've probably noticed that he's been wearing a helmet. Good choice.



"Heads Up"

Line Dancing will be at 1 pm on March 5th because of the MMSC meeting in the morning.

The drawing for the TV will be on March 7th as part of the Community Meeting which starts at 2:30 pm

There's no Exercise on March 8th.

Please take notice that the Rummage Sale on March 9th includes Coffee and Donuts, Sloppy Joe Lunch, and a Bake Sale; however, the Coffee & Donuts will be for sale as opposed to the normal donations. The Rummage Sale starts at 8 am

Darrell Grogan and his team ask you to participate in the St. Patrick's Parade on March 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th. Please be at **Darrell's** place just before dark.

The last organized Worship Service of the season will be held on Sunday, March 10th at 9 am and, Praise the Lord,

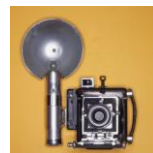
our old friend and pastor **Richard Gainer** will be delivering the message. Please plan to attend.

The St. Patrick's DJ & Karaoke Party from 8 to 11 pm on March 16th will be emceed by **Tom "Wearin' o' the Green" Hawkins**. Not to be too cryptic, but this may be his swansong, so be sure to attend.

The Chili Dog Shuffle at noon on March 23rd will be the last of the season and, big news, *Neighborhood Jam* will be entertaining again. We can't say enough about this group of musicians who have brightened several gatherings of late.

Bob Gilliland will be preparing a meal featuring half of a roasted chicken on Sunday, March 24th @ 5 pm Please bring your own "doggy bag" and expect to have leftovers to take home. There will only be 60 tickets sold.

There won't be a Spring Luncheon this year. Hopefully we can renew this tradition next year. It was suggested that they call **Bob Gilliland's** chicken dinner *The Spring Chicken Dinner*, but it received no support.



Neighborhood Jam performed on Feb. 10th and about 60 people attended.

Bob Nelson took pictures and his wife, **Angie**, has created a slide show on a DVD. Contact her at 434-466-3324 and you can get one for \$1.



Please don't let your dogs run wild. There have been a few frightening incidents. Also, there is the perpetual issue of cleaning up after your pets which needs attention and this applies to leashed pets as well. Thanks.

Event Update

Worship Service

Has been doing great, especially Sunday, February 24th, when 35 people attended and Neighborhood Jam performed.

Taco Salad Bar – Feb. 2nd

34 people attended and seemed to have a great time. This is a keeper which we'll do again next year.

Sloppy Joe Lunch – Feb. 8th

42 attended and as usual enjoyed Rick Gillispie's wonderful Sloppy Joes. He'll be serving up a comparable meal during the Rummage Sale on March 9th.

Chocolate Bake Sale – Feb. 9th *Thanks to all the people who contributed baked goods. We actually did really well with the sale even though we were never very busy. The next Bake Sale will be March 9th as part of the Rummage Sale.*

Bluegrass Jam – Feb. 10th

Special thanks to the musicians of Neighborhood Jam who performed for the 60 enthralled attendees. Nice!!

Fashion Show – Feb. 11th

This is really a popular event among the ladies. 35 women and 4 men attended. Special thanks to our beautiful models:

Melody Fightmaster, Denise Gregoire, Kathy Holder, and Judy Pencherek.

Peggy Schaeffer won the gift basket donated by Boutique and Hair Salon.

Men's Pancake Breakfast – Feb. 12th

29 people attended and had some good eats. We think there might have been more if it had been Saturday and if it started earlier. We'll see.

Cindy's Spaghetti Dinner – Feb. 14th

Bob & Bonnie Gilliland hosted 59 hungry people who weren't disappointed one bit.

Kathy Kwik won the bike. Thank you to

Andre' & Pauline Drouin for serenading us while we ate.

Afternoon Bingo – Feb. 15th

23 avid Bingo players showed up for our first afternoon Bingo session. There were some old faces and new. We'll try this again this month: March 15th at 1 pm

Valentine DJ Dance – Feb. 16th

Harold Kinder did a great job of playing the music while 30 people had a wonderful time dancing and socializing.

Chili Dog Shuffle –Feb. 23rd

Thanks to **Gary Schaeffer** for subbing as the grill master. The 60 who attended enjoyed the food and the tunes provided by *Neighborhood Jam* who agreed to return March 23rd.



“It's a Funny Life”

The 1st time I met my sister-in-law, Kathy Sims, was memorable. It was January, 1987. Debbie and I had been dating for about 6 weeks when she took me to meet her family at her parents' home on Columbus' Eastside. I followed Debbie into the house, but, just as I crossed the threshold a woman jumped in front of me. I remember a round face, surrounded by a lot of hair, and a slight whiff of wine. “What are your intentions toward my sister!”, she demanded. Caught off guard, I stammered out something about only having the best of intentions. “Well, that better be true because, if it's not, my husband is a Columbus Police Officer and he has a big gun!”. With that, she let me pass. In over 25 years of marriage, I've never even said a harsh word to Debbie.

(Note: The editor of *Mobile Manor Monthly* encourages feedback and input regarding the newsletter. Be it criticism or praise, corrections or new topics, please let me know. I can be reached at 543-5708, 740-972-9445, or timburch22@gmail.com.)