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Planetary Fun at WCCS

Attendance didn't reach the heights of the previous week but was still pretty good at 13. The weather was cooler than the previous Tuesday, but not too bad.

Jim Burns from Dansville visited us again. He had landed a new job as a federal court juror, which is probably why he had to make up. He could not divulge details, of course, but he offered a happy dollar. Thanks Jim!

The Miller House continued down the right track with their excellent meatloaf. Mashed potato with gravy and peas were served with it, and for dessert we had a rich brownie like thing, but no chocolate. Hard to describe but very good.

President Don solicited confessions. Tom Didas had traveled to Florida, San Augustine to be precise. Helen and he had really enjoyed this our oldest city. He gave us a nice synopsis of their stay. Don had some inside information. Meghan had also been down in Florida, competing in some scholastic sports event on the other side of the state. Yes, they had traveled across but missed the event. I'm not sure if it was due to inept navigation on Tom's part, but Don fined him three bucks.

Bob Radell had traveled to New Jersey, and many grunts of sympathy were heard. Linda and he visited kids there. They had a nice apartment, but were interested in buying a house. Bob was taken aback by the prices, at least double to three times our levels. Don let him tell a story in lieu of a fine. It was a good one from his Springwater collection.

Marty Kimmel went to the annual train meet in York, PA. He had purchased some new equipment and was fined two bucks.

Some important precedence was set last Tuesday. We are going to start fining members for ringing cell phones, especially big fanfare ones like Tom D.

We exempted president Don for his frequently ringing phone during the meeting. We could see he was under duress. The planetarium had developed a problem during the last "performance" of the day. Don had isolated it to a detached magnet in the machine. He was in contact with people about authorization to perform modifications, which he finally got. Ready for superglue!

Doc Robinson offered a happy buck for his Florida stay!!

Business

Bud StGeorge had a solicitation from the Arts department at WCCS. Daughter Jill was one of the signatories on the petition, and apparently Bud was going to be hit up personally for a matching amount. Tom Didas moved that we donate \$125 with Bob Radell seconding. Considering how much Jill helps us with sign painting, cow chip bingo, etc., there was no discussion and it passed.

Marty Kimmel won the 50/50 and we thank him for donating back the loot.

President Don then invited us all to go to the middle school auditorium for an experience of the extra terrestrial kind.

Portable Planetarium

On the stage of the auditorium stood an igloo like structure but larger. It was gray and not made of ice, but canvas. A fan kept the inside under pressure, thus inflating the dome. At the opposite side of the fan inlet was a low tunnel, providing access to the interior. You had to crawl on your hands and knees to get in.

President Don put on an interesting program for us. He really knows his stuff! I can see why the kids love this type of show. You can point out everything with a laser pointer, which wouldn't be possible

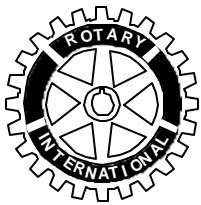
outdoors, plus you don't have to wait for nightfall. Some pictures follow:



President Don performing his magic!



Doc Robinson helps "deliver" Tom Didas from the tunnel, assisted by Bob Oswald



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