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Statistics for November 17, 2006

Presiding	Scott Monroe
Invocation	Paul Bridges
Guest Slips	Nancy Raney
50/50 Tickets	Lou Fellwock
50/50 Winner	David Hudson

Announcements

The Board is happy to announce that Bill Moran has been approved to be “Active Honorary Member”.

Program

Skip Matthews, of the Fort Smith Fire Dept, visited and brought along some of his friends. Skip and company are fire fighters with special extra duties. They're members of the Bomb Squad. As the Fire Dept has evolved, over the years, its mission has grown to include the management and operation of the Bomb Squad. They became accredited in November, 2004. The squad consists of four technicians who have all graduated from Hazardous Device School. They continue to train for at least eight hours per month and 40 hours per year specifically in Demolition. Other training consists of quarterly statewide training where squads from around the state share techniques, equipment and lessons learned. Equipment is paid for by the Department of Homeland Security. As equipment goes, Skip introduced us to the newest member of their team...Gracie. Gracie is a robot whose function is to assist in squad operations where it may be too dangerous for human engagement. We were awed by the dexterity and multiple functions of this incredible public servant.

Thanksgiving

Bill Beall reminds us that we should all be thankful that we live in a country where we can have a change in political parties without having a war.

Future Programs

Dec 1 st :	Tom Manskey, President, Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce
Dec 8 th :	Clay Roper, Executive Director, Children's Emergency Shelter
Dec 15 th :	Bill Cromer and his Northside High school Choir

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