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STATISTICS FOR MAY 4, 2007:

Presiding Scott Monroe
Invocation Harv Coon
Guests Nadine Miller (wife of Bob Miller), Cindy Long (United Way Campaign Director, guest of Jackie Krutsch), Bear, Mz B, Teach (Bikers Against Child Abuse)
50/50 Tickets Homer Ellis and Ira Jones
50/50 Winner David Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- Board meeting Monday, May 7, 6 pm, Fort Smith Public Library (overflow room left of main staircase)
--- The annual Fish Fry will be held Friday, May 11, 6 pm at Columbus Acres; **NO NOON MEETING NEXT WEEK!**
--- Arkklahoma District Convention will be held from June 1 to 3 on Grand Lake. **REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED.** Open to any member interested in our club's future, whether board member, past president or never on the board. Y'all come for fun, fellowship and growth!
--- The Girls Inc Summer Camp Drive is at \$8,712.00. Our goal is \$11,000.00 -- the full cost of the camp. Please dig deep and help us make it.
--- PGM (Pat Gillespie Memorial) Golf Tournament is Friday, June 8.

PROGRAM:

Barry McCormick introduced Mongo, president of the River Valley chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA). The use of "road names" is very important to the members, given the difficult and dangerous work that they do. The organization was founded in 1995 by a child psychologist and motorcycle enthusiast who noticed long-term problems in his patients, and was aware of the close family relationships among motorcyclists. The non-profit group has over 100 chapters in 28 states and Australia, including four in Arkansas, offering support to their wounded and fearful friends, lending physical and emotional support. The diverse local group meets the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 at the Darby Community Center. They must pass Arkansas and National Crime Information Center background checks. After receiving calls from DHS or children's guardians, the liaison committee researches the situation to ensure its legitimacy; they do not intervene in custody battles or other such disputes. They ride in groups to meet the abuse victim in a place where he or she feels safe, and welcome the child to the biker family. There are three other levels of intervention that escalate from there as necessary. BACA works to support foster parenting, and has excellent working relationships with the Children's Emergency Shelter and Judge Mark Hewett. Over 900,000 cases of child abuse are reported each year, and four children die each day at the hands of their abusers. April was National Child Abuse Awareness Month, and prevention of child abuse is the top priority of the National Exchange Club.

HUMOR:

A redneck family from the hills was visiting the city, and was in a mall for the first time. While the wife shopped, the father and son strolled, and were amazed by almost everything they saw, especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. While they were watching, an overweight, elderly woman ambled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady stepped between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small circular number above the walls light up

sequentially, all the way up, then all the way down, after which the walls opened up again, and a voluptuous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. Not taking his eyes off of her, the father said quietly to his son, "Boy ... go get cha momma."

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- May 11 - No Noon Meeting - Fish Fry at Columbus Acres
- May 18 - Tom Wing - UAFS Professor of History
- May 25 - No Noon Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend

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