



EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

STATISTICS FOR APRIL 4, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Bill Engles
Guest Slips	Leo Faulkner
50/50 Tickets	Al Whitson and Claude Legris
50/50 Winner	Julie Moncrief

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The annual Fish Fry will be held on Friday, May 2 at Columbus Acres. Join us for all the fun.
- The Fort Smith Classic is looking for homes to house PGA Professionals during the tournament. If you are interested, contact Monica McKinney.
- Thank you and Congratulations to Lori Smith. Lori stepped up to the plate as the incoming Club Secretary and was unanimously elected at our last board meeting. She will take over on July 1, 2008.

PROGRAM:

Mike Richards joined us and gave a great update on what's going on at the Fort Smith Fire Department. First, he announced that the Citizen's Fire Academy has started its second year and it's great. Community interest continues to grow. Then he went on to some operational stats for the department...like 7600 calls in 2007. Of those, about 700 were actual fires and 275 were structures. The remainder were first responder calls which boast a three minute, 11 second response. Some of the more notable instances have been the Fort Chaffee fire which involved 150 buildings and the recent U S Forgecraft fire. The Hazmat team recently assisted in the Cargill fire in Booneville and the Bomb Squad just had its members formally deputized as U S Deputies. Our thanks go out to Chief Tomlin and Assistant Chief Richards for a great department and for coming to the club's rescue for a speaker on such short notice.

HUMOR:

So you want a day off huh? Well, let's just take a look at what you're asking for ok? There are 365 days per year, making that 52 weeks. You already have 2 days off per week, leaving just 261 days available for work. Since you already spend 16 hours each day away from work you've used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days left to work. You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee breaks which accounts for 23 days each year, now leaving only 68 days available. With a 1 hour lunch break each day, you used up another 46 days, leaving only 22 days available for work. You normally spend 2 days per year on sick leave, leaving you only 20 days per year available for work. We are off 5 holidays per year, so your available working time is down to 15 days.

Look, we generously give 14 days vacation per year which leaves only 1 day available for work and I'll be damned if you're gonna take that day off!

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 11 --- Jay Schneider, Parks Interpreter, Lake Fort Smith

Why join Exchange?

To help build a better America, and in doing so, bring out the best in yourself. Exchange helps members develop leadership, networking, and organizational skills that contribute to success in business, family and personal endeavors. More importantly, Exchange provides members with the opportunity to share their time and talents to help others, whether by reaching out to an abused child who needs love and affection or organizing a community crime prevention program or wielding rakes in a clean-up project. Through these and many other positive, public-spirited projects, Exchangites are making a real difference in cities and towns across America.

When you are in any contest you should work as if there were - to the very last minute - a chance to lose it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower