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STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 22, 2008:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Don Hutchings
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	Iris Breed; 3 guests in attendance(all potential members!!!)
50/50 Tickets	Bud Harper/Claude Legris
50/50 Winner(\$)	Dr. Art Martin(\$)
Birthday Slips	Leo Faulkner; August Birthday winner – Pam Carter

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Induction of new member, Justin Rogers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*President Tommy Fowler has asked that all cell phones be turned off during the meeting once called to order as a courtesy to speaker(s) and members; potential, future action may be implemented by the Board if interruptions persist

*Please don't forget to bring your donated items for the CAP basket, which will be an ongoing collection/donation made by the Ft. Smith Noon Exchange Club

PROGRAM:

Billy Dooly made the introduction of this week's guest speaker, Bennie Westphal. Mr. Westphal spoke on three topics: "Real Estate, the Riverfront, and Oil & Gas". Target and Best Buy are on time and will open in October. The "Cheddars" restaurant should open shortly afterward. He purchased the lot across Old Greenwood Road and is trying to buy the Adult Store next door, and plans to build a hotel and three restaurants. His deal with Furr's has gone well, and they have reported the biggest opening in the country for their restaurant. The Casino project is currently on the back burner, since there is not support at the state government level. His current plans include a Minor League Baseball Park at the far end, and possibly an indoor concert venue between the ball park and the Marshall's Museum. The oil and gas industries are in a silent boom, and drilling is taking place as fast as rigs can be put in place.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

August 29th No meeting; Labor Day weekend

September 5th Russ Bragg

HUMOR:

There was no limit to what I was able to find on the internet that poked fun at the oil & gas industry, so here are just a few tidbits to share~

"There was a sign at the station near by my house that said, 'We take Visa, Mastercard, Discover Card, and American Express.' After I filled up they took...my Visa, my Master Card, my Discover Card, and my American Express." --Jay Leno

"The average national price of a gallon of gas hit an all-time record high of \$3.15 this week. Meaning that wherever you're going this summer, it might be cheaper to mail your car." --Amy Poehler

PARTING THOUGHT:

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