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STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2008:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Barry McCormick
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	Christy Vines; 2 guests in attendance(Janie Glover joined today!; Mark Lloyd joined last meeting!!)
50/50 Tickets	Al Whitson & Christy Vines
50/50 Winner(\$60)	Don McMillian(\$30)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: All three guests from August 22nd meeting joined;
Welcome to Mark Lloyd, Harry G. Robinson, and Bennie Westphal

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

*Davis Harris announced a candidate forum hosted by The League of Women Voters, Monday, 9/8 at noon, at the Golden Corral restaurant; candidates for Sebastian County Treasurer/Collector to speak

*Tommy Fowler welcomed back past member, Bob Gregg

PROGRAM:

Billy Dooly made the introduction of this week's guest speaker, Russ Bragg, President of O.K. Foods Transportation, Inc. Mr. Bragg made a comprehensive presentation on how our global economy impacts his industry, and how that then translates into a variety of broader aspects that affect our daily life. Supply and demand, the strength of the U.S. dollar, energy activity, growth in emerging countries, and speculation are the five major influences on commodities, which he broke down and showed the effects of. An overview of starch versus oil versus sugar alternatives to petroleum products, was especially interesting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

September 12th Colonel from Ft. Chaffee(Active Duty side of redevelopment)
September 19th Judge Jim Spears(U.S. Marshall, Bass Reeves)

HUMOR:

In answer to the eternal question, "Why did the chicken cross the road?", the following responded:

M.C.Escher : That depends on which plane of reality the chicken was on at the time.

Salvador Dali : The Fish.

Werner Heisenberg : We are not sure which side of the road the chicken was on, but it was moving very fast.

L.A. Police Department : Give me ten minutes with the chicken and I'll find out.

Grandpa : In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken had crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.

Bill the Cat : Oops... Ack.

PARTING THOUGHT:

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

~Will Rogers