



## **THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB**

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### **STATISTICS FOR MARCH 6, 2009:**

Presiding	Tommy Fowler/Paul Rivaldo
Invocation	Bill Pitts
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Christy Vines) Mike Miller and Tommy Young
50/50 Tickets	Claude Legris and Bud Harper
50/50 Winner(\$57)	Gary Marcotte(\$28)
Birthdays/ Cake Winner(March)	

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 121 active members

### **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

\*Please remember to get your dues into Treasurer, Barbara Ulmschneider, in a timely manner

\*President Tommy Fowler is back!!!

\*Member Harv Coon is also back after serious surgery

\*Exchange District Conference will be June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, and District President Gary Marcotte is looking for volunteers to host out-of-town Exchangeites; National Conference will be July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

## **PROGRAMS:**

Buddy Acoach introduced this week's guest speaker, Michael Lindsey, author of The Big Hat Law, a 75-year history of the Arkansas State Police. With a Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas, and a background in finance, Mr. Lindsey was looking for a subject that offered a historic perspective, which he found with the Arkansas State Police, as their "story" had never been told before. The highway commission was formed in 1913, and the Arkansas force began in 1935 with only 13 rangers, now troopers, as automobile fatalities were up, along with the end of prohibition, and other economic factors. By 1937, the force was up to 55 officers, as a 4-week training academy and first radio communication system was established. In 1957, the department size doubled, and every county was assigned at least one officer. They worked six days a week, ten hours per day, plus were on-call when off duty. Mr. Lindsey shared more current activity and affairs, and some fun "trooper" stories, and ended with a Q & A session.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

March 13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Goodson, Ft. Smith Public Library Director

March 20<sup>th</sup> Rick Foti, Executive Director Clearing House

March 27<sup>th</sup> Exchangeite, Larry Raft, "State of the Automobile Industry in Today's Economy"

## **HUMOR:**

A policeman spots a woman driving and knitting at the same time. Driving up beside her, he shouts out the window..."Pull over!". "No," she shouts back, "a pair of socks!".

A State Trooper pulls over a car for speeding and the female driver says, "I guess you want to sell me some tickets to the Trooper's Ball?". The Trooper responds, "Troopers don't have balls, ma'am.". After realizing what he had said, he simply walked back to his car and drove away.

## **PARTING THOUGHT:**

"Do something for somebody everyday for which you do not get paid."

~Albert Schweitzer