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STATISTICS FOR MARCH 27, 2009:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Don Hutchings
News	No news today
Guest Slips	(George Beattie) Jim Spears
50/50 Tickets	Don Tickler
50/50 Winner(\$48)	David Harris(\$24)
Birthdays/	(Herb Couvillion-slips) Harry Lewis, Harry Shipley, John Tripp, J P Chancy, Jim Spears
Cake Winner(March)	J P Chancy-donated to Girl's, Inc.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 119 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

PROGRAMS:

Buddy Acoach introduced the final guest speaker in his quarterly series, Larry Rath, Putnam Lincoln-Mercury. Larry presented data and overview of our current economy and the auto industry. As a part of the Ford family, he has seen them do everything possible to avoid taking any bail-out money. As a whole they are working very hard to strengthen the industry, as it is believed that a relevant and thriving economy goes hand-in-hand with a vibrant auto industry.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 3rd Judge Jim Spears
April 10th NO MEETING – Good Friday

HUMOR:

Ten things Bill Gates would like to change about the automotive industry

10. New seats would require everyone to have the same body size.
9. We'd all have to switch to Microsoft Gas.
8. The U.S. government would get subsidies from an automaker--a first.
7. The oil, alternator, gas, and engine warning lights would be replaced by a single "General Car Fault" warning light.
6. Sun Motorsystems would make a car that was solar-powered, twice as reliable, five times as fast, but ran on only 5% of the roads.
5. You would be constantly pressured to upgrade your car.
4. You could have only one person in the car at a time, unless you bought Car 95 or CarNT - but then you would have to buy more seats.
3. Occasionally your car would die for no apparent reason and you would have to restart it. Strangely, you would just accept this as normal.
2. Every time the lines on the road were repainted, you'd have to buy a new car.
1. People would get excited about the new features of Microsoft cars, forgetting that the same features had been available from other carmakers for years.

PARTING THOUGHT:

This man had so many great quotes, I just had to include several~

“A business absolutely devoted to service will have only one worry about profits. They will be embarrassingly large.”

~Henry Ford

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

~Henry Ford

“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”

~Henry Ford