

THE WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY

EARLY AUTUMN



NEWSFLYER

ATTENTION!

TO ALL MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT

Please read this NEWSFLYER carefully as it contains some vital and important information concerning the present and future disposition of the W.A.S. Organization. Fortunately, we are pleased to report that we are ALIVE and STRONG and are getting stronger every day!

THE 2002 APRIL REUNION IN LAS VEGAS

The 2002 April Reunion for the W.A.S. Organization in Las Vegas was the best ever with lots of exciting things going on. Over 70 members attended to welcome the 2002 "Gallery of Honor" recipients receive their awards. As could be expected, BIL COPP (who is now our PRESIDENT). Made a most impressive Video presentation that provided valuable information about those recipients. Excellent motivational speeches were provided by Dan Millman, Pat McCormick, Charkie Pond and Abie Grossfeld. Those honored this year were:

JACK BECKNER, PHIL BOGGS (P), BOB BOLLINGER, TED BLAKE (P), TERRY CABERETTA, NARD CAZELL (P), VICKI DRAVES, MARGIE GESTRING (P), MURIEL GROSSFELD, JAY GROVES, MICKY KING, BRUNO KLAUS, BUD MARQUETTE (P), BILL MEADE, CHARLIE POND, CATHY RIGBY, BILL ROTZHEIM, JOE SCHABACKER, TONI STEELE, KURT THOMAS, CHRISTINE VAN LOO, JAUN & MIGUEL VASQUEZ, PETER VIDMAR, HERB VOGEL (P)

W.A.S. MEMBERS HONORED AT OTHER EVENTS!

We are pleased to announce that several WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY members received additional honors this year. Inducted into the GYMNASTICS HALL of FAME were: Alexandra Nicholson, Bil Copp, Dick Browning and Nard Cazell. Inducted into the SWIMMING HALL of FAME in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida were: Dick Kimball and Tom Gompf! CONGRATULATIONS! Gang.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES?

As most of you know, the WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on its annual membership dues in order to function. PLEASE.....if your membership dues are overdue, try to catch up by mailing a check or money order to:

DUNCAN ERLEY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



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DID YOU KNOW?

That we now have our own WEBSITE on the
INTERNATIONAL INTERNET!

Most W.A.S Information from now on will be conducted on
our Web Site. This is the most efficient method of
communicating our mission world wide. We are just now
in the process of building our COMMUNICATIONS FORUM.
To see where we are.....get on the INTERNET and find our
WEB PAGE by punching in the following....



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SOME INSPIRATIONAL WORDS FOR GENERAL CONSUMPTION

When I gave my acceptance speech at last April's "Gallery of Honor"
ceremonies, I recited a poem I had written years ago. Inspired by
DAN MILLMAN's excellent presentation I decided to provide this
poem in my acceptance remarks. Since that time, I received many
request from W.A.S. members to provide this poem in written form.
Here it is:

THE EXTREMISTS!

Doomed to dismal failure are those whose bag of dreams
Can only be realized by following extremes!
Liberal or conservative, does it matter what they are?
Without the power of compromise they soon drift afar-

To some obscure serile wasteland of discontent and woe...
Where the bitter seeds of failure soon take root and grow;
Groping for the 'ultimate' they wither and they die
On a barren lomb of tragedy because 'truth' has passed them by!

By
Robert F. Bollinger
December, 1968

CAN YOU HELP US WITH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

As you can probably imagine, one of the most difficult jobs in properly running an
organization such as the "WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY" is the task of
providing a timely and informative NEWSLETTER. In the six + years that we have
been in operation, the initiative to produce an informative Newsletter has fallen
upon the shoulders of several dedicated members. These members include: JOE
SCHABACKER, PAULA BOELSEMS, ROGER COUNCIL, BOB BOLLINGER
and GLENN SUNDBY. Glenn has agreed to produce our future Newsletters, but he
must rely on YOU to provide articles or, at least, interesting information that can
comprise such a Newsletter.

WOULD YOU (as a member), HELP US IN THIS REGARD? Glenn plans to
produce an EARLY WINTER NEWSLETTER in either late NOVEMBER or early
DECEMBER. In this Newsletter (which will also be posted on our WEB-SITE) will
contain the list of those "GALLERY of HONOR" nominees who have been selected



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IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19-20

Our PRESIDENT, BIL COPP has called for an important BOARD MEETING to be held at the home of BOB BOLLINGER in Rockford, Illinois on SAURDAY, OCT 19 and SUNDAY MORNING, OCT 20. Bob Bollinger is, by no means, a wealthy man but, according to former Illinois Governor Thompson, he does possess the LARGEST private PATIO in the entire State offering over 3,500 square feet of flowers, fountains, umbrella tables and waterfalls. Rockford, Illinois during the month of October is ablaze with gorgeous colors and the 30 odd trees on Bob's corner lot should provide a panorama of aesthetic beauty! This holds true only if it doesn't rain!

BIL has called this meeting for THREE major reasons. The first major topic is the screening and selection of "GALLERY of HONOR" nominees for next April's annual meeting in Las Vegas. We have received over 60 nominees for this year, but we DO NOT have bios on everybody. CHARLIE POND reminded us that all nominees need to submit a bio in order for their name to be placed into consideration. We TOTALLY AGREE with Charlie on this point and that's why a screening session is necessary before the names can be sent out for a BOARD VOTE. Reason No. 2# is that the future disposition of the NEWSLETTER needs to be fully discussed so that GLENN SUNBY'S job can have some backing and cooperation from the WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY'S membership. REASON No. 3# is to discuss the future of our WEB-SITE and Bil will be happy to demonstrate on Bob's computers how they can add input to the site.

WHY WE CHOOSE LAS VEGAS FOR OUR ANNUAL REUNIONS

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA has been the meeting place for our Annual Reunion since our organization was born in 1996. WHY? The reason is fairly simple. It is easy to get to LAS VEGAS by air (or even by car if coming from California, Oregon or Arizona), and what used to be called "SIN CITY" has been greatly changed by eliminating the "gangster element" from the casinos and attempts by the city fathers to make Las Vegas a FAMILY town. We believe they have succeeded. There is no place in America where restaurant or buffet dining is more reasonable and Las Vegas certainly deserves the title...."THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL of the WORLD! The fabulous CIRQUE du SOLEIL "MYSTERE SHOW" at TREASURE ISLAND and the fabulous "O" SHOW at BELLAGIO are expensive but well worth the price. In addition, there are several FREE or very inexpensive shows on the STRIP that many of you may not know about. Those who plan on attending next April's Reunion will receive a brochure giving hints on the best deals and prices.

CHECK THE LAST PAGE!.....YOU MIGHT JUST ENJOY IT!



DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE DAYS WHEN THINGS WERE "GOOD?"



Were you a kid in the fifties or earlier? Everybody makes fun of our childhood, right? Comedians joke. Grandkids snicker. Twenty-something's shudder and say "Eeeew!" But was our childhood really all that bad?

Judge for yourself:

In 1953, the US population was less than 150 million. Yet you knew more people then, and knew them better. And that was good.

The average annual salary was under \$3,000. Yet our parents could put some of it away for a rainy day and still live a decent life. And that was good.

A loaf of bread cost about 15 cents. But it was safe for a five-year-old to skate to the store and buy one. And that was good.

Prime-Time meant I Love Lucy, Ozzie and Harriet, Gunsmoke and Lassie. So nobody ever heard of ratings or filters. And that was good.

We didn't have air-conditioning. So the windows stayed up and half a dozen mothers ran outside when you fell off your bike. And that was good.

Your teacher was either Miss Matthews or Mrs. Logan or Mr. Adkins, but not Ms Becky or Mr. Dan. And that was good.

You loved to climb into a fresh bed because sheets were dried on the clothesline. And that was good.

People generally lived in the same home town with their relatives. So "child care" meant grandparents or aunts and uncles. And that was good.

Parents were respected and their rules were law. Children did not talk back... and that was good.

TV was in black-and-white. But all outdoors was in glorious color. And that was certainly good.

Your dad knew how to adjust everybody's carburetor. And the dad next door knew how to adjust all the TV knobs. And that was very good.

Your grandma grew snap beans in the back yard. And chickens behind the garage. And that was definitely good.

And just when you were about to do something really bad...
Chances were you'd run into your dad's high school coach...
or the nosy old lady from up the street...
or your little sister's piano teacher...
or somebody from Church.

ALL of whom knew your parents' phone number...

And YOUR first name...

And even THAT was good!

REMEMBER...

Send this on to someone who can still remember Nancy Drew, The Hardy Boys, Laurel & Hardy, Abbott & Costello, Sky King, Little Lulu comics, Brenda Starr, Howdy Doody and The Peanut Gallery, The Lone Ranger, The Shadow Knows, Nellie Belle, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk as well as the sound of a real mower on Saturday morning, and summers filled with bike rides, playing in cowboy land, playing hide and seek and kick-the-can and Simon Says, baseball games, amateur shows at the local theater before the Saturday matinee, bowling and visits to the pool and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar, wax lips and bubble-gum cigars.