



The Danish Soldiers Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings,

Despite the smoky air, twenty adventuresome souls gathered at the club Saturday, September 12, for a picnic. We had an enjoyable afternoon catching up. There was plenty of room to spread out so we were able to appropriately observe social distancing in light of the Covid 19 virus. An informal meeting was held and our treasurer Margrethe Baekgaard reviewed the club's expenses since March. Significant items were:

- \$1,225.00 to repair the barbeque trailer
- \$1,000.02 for Directors and Officers insurance
- \$3,622.74 for property and liability insurance

The club's cash assets at February 29, were \$36,290.05 and \$31,265.60 at August 30.

Attendees were enthusiastic about doing another meeting in the same picnic format in October so we will meet again on Saturday, October 3. As last time, you will be responsible for your own lunch, beverages and utensils. Some tables will be blocked off to ensure social distancing is maintained. The buildings will be closed, but the restrooms will be open. No reservations are needed.

I hope to see you October 3. Stay well.

Keith Brians
President



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2020 Danish Soldiers Club Schedule

October 3rd	Bring your own Picnic	
November 7th	TBD	
December 20th	Julefest—TBD	Sonoma Vets Hall

If you already have paid your dues for 2020 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$40 to:

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Also remember that you can pay online thru PayPal at www.danishsoldiersclub.com

Saturday September 12th for the first time since March we had a club meeting at Kastania Faelled. About 20 people showed up for our "Bring your own food and beverages" Picnic lunch. The meeting was outside and brief. Those that were there displayed interest in doing it again in October. Therefore our Saturday October 3rd meeting will again be a "bring your own" Picnic lunch, details are below.

The board met by Zoom on Saturday, September 19. Attending were Dennis Wimple, Michael Stecher, Vagn Nielsen, Adam Byer, Jill Brians and Keith Brians. They discussed the status of upcoming meetings and the Christmas party. It is unlikely that we will be able to hold our traditional party in December given Covid 19 restrictions on indoor gatherings. In the event the situation changes, we would like to hear from you on your interest of attending an indoor party if government guidance permits. Please let President Keith Brians know at kastaniakeith@gmail.com.

With Fall soon arriving it is time even during this strange year to think about Board nominations and elections. Due to the Covid 19 situation the Board has decided to delay the election of a new board until the next traditional meeting, hopefully in March of next year. We have three board members with expiring terms; Keith Brians, Margrethe Baekgaard and Ken Fultz. As always, this is a volunteer run organization and your participation in the board and other activities is appreciated and necessary for the club's success. So this is the time for Members to consider (especially new members) joining the board to help continue to keep this club strong and vibrant.

For those that pay Membership dues automatically on PayPal please read below.

Fellow Members,

As you know the dues for 2020 have been raised to \$40. The website is updated so that new accounts are \$40, but we cannot control people's **OLD recurring charges** from our end. The account holder has to do that by logging in to PayPal.com.

You need to log into your PayPal account and cancel the \$30 recurring payment, and then go to our website and use the new link to approve a new \$40 recurring payment, which works just fine.

But I'm afraid we're going to have to ask every "recurring payment" member to do the same, for security reasons; it's PayPal, not us.

If your recurring dues has already been processed for \$30 this month, we ask that you please get to us at your convenience a check for \$10.00 to Margrethe to cover the balance. Then next year do the above to reset your account. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes you.

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Important Notice Regarding the October Luncheon and Meeting and the Coronavirus, COVID-19

Saturday, October 3rd will again be a "Bring your own food and beverages" picnic, no reservations necessary.

To comply with the County guidance's the following requirements would be in place.

- *All buildings except restrooms would be closed.*
- *Members would provide their own lunch and beverages. and the bar would be closed.*
- *Groups of ten or fewer could sit together.*
- *Picnic tables would be spaced such that greater than six feet of space separate them.*
- *Face coverings would be required except when sitting at the table with your group.*

RV trip home from Missouri

As I have mentioned in past newsletters my wife Lisa, along with my mother Inger and I had plans to visit Denmark this summer. Like many people who had travel plans in 2020 those plans were cancelled due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions. Therefore, my plan to share that trip in this newsletter had to be altered.

Last month I shared our experience along with some pictures from a RV trip we just took to Kansas City, Missouri for my brothers wedding. On the way we caravanned with my sister and brother-in-law but for the way home it was just the three of us in our 25ft RV from Cruise America.

The plan for our return trip was to take five days/four nights to get back to Santa Rosa. This plan had us driving between 340 to 400 miles a day (around 6 hours driving), utilizing cheap gas prices and getting us to our planned RV parks in plenty of time to enjoy ourselves.

Day 1 – We left Grain Valley, Missouri on Monday July 20th the day after the wedding. Our route on I-70 took us thru

Kansas City where we encountered a massive lighting, thunder, and rain-storm. Here we connected to I-29 North which allowed us to get to US Highway 2 and small corner of Iowa. From there we connected with I-80

West in Lincoln, Nebraska. In Nebraska we witness the endless acreage of corn fields which seemed to go on forever. We travelled on I-80 until we reached Kearney, Nebraska where we

stayed at a genuinely nice RV park. There we setup our site, fixed some adult beverages and prepared dinner. That night another Midwest thunderstorm was our entertainment.

Day 2 – Leaving our Nebraska RV park after breakfast, our plan was to go 365 miles to Laramie, Wyoming. This day's trip would continue us on I-80, thru the western plains of Nebraska, the continuous fields of corn into the high plains of Wyoming. The highway crosses the high plains passing the **Abraham Lincoln Monument** in Wyoming.

The **Lincoln Monument** is a bust of Abraham Lincoln by Robert Russin, 12 1/2 feet (3.8 m) high and resting on a 30-foot-tall (9.1 m) granite pedestal, at the Summit Rest Area



on I-80 east of Laramie, Wyoming. Russin originally erected the sculpture in 1959 near-



by on Sherman Hill, overlooking the old U.S. Highway 30 (Lincoln Highway).

In 1969, after I-80 was built, state officials moved the monument to become a centerpiece at the Summit Rest Area and Visitor Center between the cities of Cheyenne and Laramie. The Wyoming Parks Commission dedicated the *Lincoln Monument* in 1959 to commemorate Lincoln's 150th birthday. Originally the bust was located at the highest point on the Lincoln highway from New York to San Francisco. "The grandeur of the landscape recalls the nobility of his soul," Russin wrote referencing President Abraham Lincoln.

As we passed the monument we arrived in Laramie where we spent the night at the Laramie KOA RV Park. Here we had a nice relaxing evening until again we experienced a thunderstorm.



Day 3 – Actually scenery wise this was one of the best and worst days of the trip. The plan had us going to Draper Utah about 401 miles away about 15 miles south of Salt Lake City.

This route continued on I-80 thru the high vast flat plains of Wyoming with not much to look at except endless land devoid of any trees or shrubs with the occasional small town off to the side of the freeway. Once in awhile you would cross something worth viewing with a river or some neat rock formations like in the Green River area but ultimately not much until Utah. In



Utah, the scenery improved with rock formation, canyons leading to vast green agricultural land to the beautiful countryside of Park City. Here it is a quick descent down I-80 until you reach the metropolitan area of Salt Lake City to intersect with I-15 south leading to Mountain Shadows



RV Park in Draper.

After setting up for the evening our niece Monique who lives nearby dropped by for a visit with her 11-month-old



RV Park in Winnemucca, Nevada. With the temperature being a crisp 100 degrees, we set up for the evening. Here again we had time for the adult beverages, a fine BBQ dinner and another thunderstorm.

son Axel. After our visit we had dinner and went to bed to the sound of another thunderstorm.

Day 4 – We were doing about 367 miles. The first half of the day we drove thru Salt Lake City, viewed The Great Salt Lake, saw many salt refineries on the drive west on I-80. About one and half hours into our drive we stopped at the Bonneville Salt Flats.



The **Bonneville Salt Flats** are a densely packed salt pan and the most unique natural features in Utah, stretching over 30,000 acres. It is located along I-80 near the Utah-Nevada border. The area is a remnant of the Pleistocene Lake Bonneville and is the largest of many salt flats located west of the Great Salt Lake. The property is public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and is known for land speed records at the "Bonneville



Speedway". Access to the flats is open to the public.



After leaving the Salt Flats

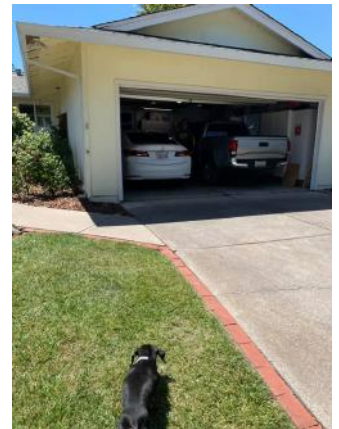
we again entered the vast emptiness of Nevada. This route on I-80 like our earlier trip on US Highway 50 crosses several large, desert like plateaus separated by numerous mountain ranges towering over the valley floors. The only difference being the road is less lonely and the towns a little larger. From the Nevada border we drove 230 miles until we reached our next designation; Silver State



making our last fuel stop in Boomtown.



Crossing the state line into the Sierras allows you to enjoy the beauty that is California with only 200 miles to get home. Finally, we reached home about 3:00 PM with our dog Leah I think being the happiest to be home.



It was a fun two weeks enjoying the RV lifestyle. We all had a great time with family, new family, and new friends.

