

# BECON

►►► "The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service to Others."

-Mahatma Gandhi

## What's on the Horizon...

- ✦ May 5 & 6—District Convention; Anaconda
- ✦ May 7—Aaron Lewis Concert
- ✦ May 6—Downtown Exchange Club Poker Tourn.
- ✦ May 13—Outlaws FB (5pm show up)
- ✦ May 20—Kane Brown Concert
- ✦ May 23—Lil Wayne
- ✦ May 25—Outlaws FB
- ✦ July 12-15—National Convention; Phoenix
- ✦ July 28—Whiskey Myers Concert
- ✦ August 2—REO Speedwagon Concert
- ✦ August 13—Ludacris
- ✦ August 26—Food Truck Battle
- ✦ September 15—Goo Goo Dolls Concert
- ✦ November 4—Jon Pardi

## Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

Craig was a one man show today and covered the meeting, prayer, and elect announcements. He just had a birthday so I bet he needed a nap after this meeting!

One guest in the house today. Stephanie Romsa's guest Stephanie Brazill made another visit and submitted a new member application.

Our speaker pooped out on us, so Al filled in with a presentation on cattle.

An invitation was sent around from Freedoms Foundation for a Spirit of America scholarship celebration on May 15 at CHS in Laurel at 6:00 pm.

Another invitation was sent around from Girl Scouts for their STEM Van Open House on May 16 at 4:00 pm. This will be at their headquarters office. (Grand Ave. I think.)

## Social Committee Announcements:

Let Tanner know if you will be attending movie night on May 17 and Bearcreek Pig Races on June 10.

Craig announced upcoming events. All in the side bar.

District Convention is this weekend. If you didn't register to come, you will be missing out on a good time!!

How is beer served on Cinco de Mayo

In Mexi-cans!

## Speaker: Al Jones on Cattle

Al had a truck load of information, I'll try to fit in as much as possible. Early cattle were treated like bison and were left to forge for their own food rather than being fed. They later discovered cows became larger and lived longer when fed. Cows used to eat hallucinogenic mushrooms. The cow pies were later eaten and now accredited for language and other creative thinking/processes. So, don't mock cow turds!

Herding cattle required being near a rail to make it work. Later down the line, Budweiser came up with refrigerated rail cars which made shipping beef better.

1530's, longhorns came from Cuba. Getting killed by longhorns was quite common. Their horns were long enough to go through the rider, the saddle and the horse.

The Spanish started large ranches in the Southwest. This is where the large ranch style homes come from.

Ranchers soon discovered how expensive it is to raise cattle with all of the costs for fencing, hay buildings, etc. Only 30% of homesteaders survived beyond the second year.

1830's shorthorns came from England—found to be tastier.

Today, China eats 1/3 of world's beef.

Florida produces the most cattle.



Speaker: Al Jones (if you don't know Al, you probably need to get to a breakfast!)



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