# Henry's Horn

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HENRY'S A's

**10:30 am**
**May 9**
**2026**

Lake Lot #12

## Del Valle

Park entry fee is $10.00 per car

Club is providing protein, bring a side dish and beverage. Beer and wine allowed, no hard alcohol.

RSVP: LAURIEFARRELL97@YAHOO.COM OR ALOUIS@LIVE.COM

**You have had a year to get ready. Ya'll come!**

## BOARD MEMBERS

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| **Activities:** | **Tom Farrell** |
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| **Tech Advisor:** | |
| **Raffeleer:** | |
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| **NCRG:** | **David McArthur** |

## GENERAL MEETING

General meetings of Henry's A's are held at 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of each odd month. (1,3,5,7,9,11)

**Guests and visitors are welcome.**

*HENRY'S HORN* is the monthly newsletter of Henry's A's Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America. We solicit articles and other items for publication in these pages; please submit, before the 25th of the month, to the Editor's e-mail address or the clubs mailing address:

weshuffman@ymail.com

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A signup sheet will be at the next meeting for refreshments for future club meetings.

Can you volunteer to bring refreshments for the next meeting?

# Henry's A's Activities Report

## May - 9th Annual Picnic at Del Valle

May 22-24 Mini Round up in Sonora
June –
July – Duarte Garage
August –
September – Duarte Garage
October –
November – Duarte Garage
December – Christmas Holiday party at Cattleman's

## Ideas for 2026 events

Car shows
Museums
Potluck
Work on a Model A at a member's house

## Our 4th annual Henry's A's picnic is scheduled for May 9th, starting at 10:30am at Del Valle Lake lot #12.

**Please RSVP with Tom lauriefarrell97@yahoo.com or me alouis@live.com and also let us know what side dish you will bring.** The club is providing the protein**, so please plan to bring a side dish and your choice of beverage**. Beer and wine are allowed, but no hard alcohol please.

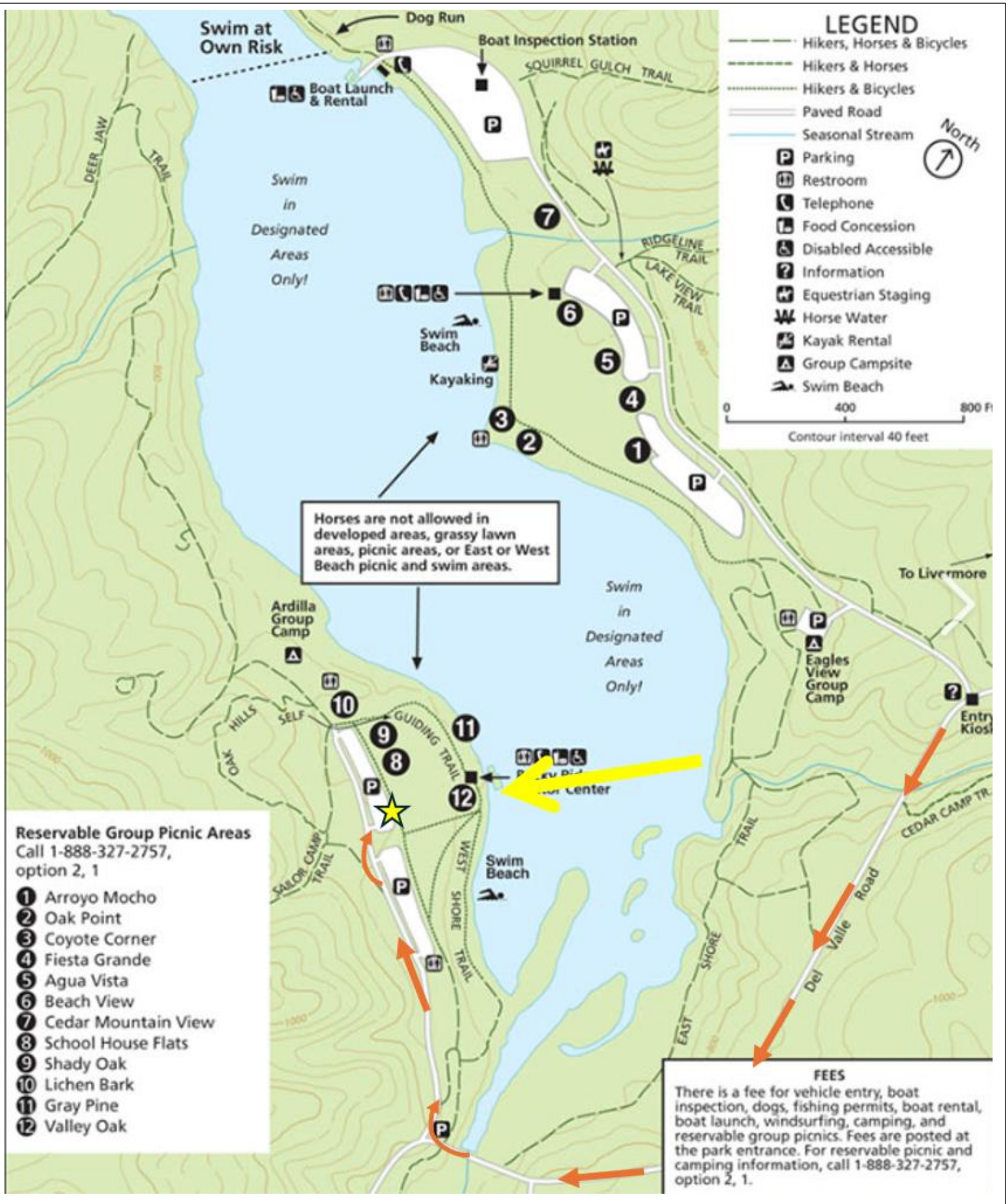
Park entry fee for the park is $10.00.

If you have any questions, contact Aaron Louis.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had another change of venue (AKA skipping the regular meeting a Duarte's Garage) this month. Instead, we went to assist one of our new member's (Steve Meyer) with his vehicle. Below is some visual proof that we did stuff Saturday! Aaron

Steve has a beautifully restored 1929 Model A Fordor, who he recently purchased from an old friend. The car was drivable but had fuel issues. After a little troubleshooting, we found that the former owner added in an inline fuel filter, which was obstructing fuel to the carb. Also, the carburetor itself needed to be rebuilt. We ended up cleaning the filter, making sure the fuel was clean, and loaning a carburetor to Steve. Additionally, we unseized and cleaned the spark plugs and made sure there was good spark. The car runs fantastic now!

# Please consider sharing your adventure with us?



MAY 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2<br>Catherine the Great 1729 |
| 3<br>Tom Crosby | 4 | 5<br>Karl Marx 1818 | 6 | 7<br>David Hume 1711 | 8 | 9<br>**4th annual Henry's A's picnic 10:30am at Del Valle Lake** |
| 10<br>Bob Codeglia | 11 | 12<br>Florence Nightingale 1820 | 13 | 14 | 15<br>Henry James 1843 | 16 |
| 17 | 18<br>Pope John II 1920 | 19 | 20<br>John Stuart Mill 1806 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24<br>June Rosploch Queen Victoria 1819 | 25<br>Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29<br>John F Kennedy 1917 | 30 |
| 31<br>Paula Nelson | | | | | | |

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# How I got interested in Model A's part 2

**By Roger Griffith**

The neighbor boy, the one that live near the school house I lived in for a year later took his 32 Roadster apart to restore it. I would ride my bicycle over to help or perhaps watch him. It seems we worked on it a couple of years before he gave up. What a shame, he never finished the job and later started selling parts from it. The last time I remember seeing him was several years later; he was driving a 1956 Chevrolet Nomad.

I was about 14 years old when I met Merlin, a young man with a 29 roadster with all the modern running gear. I rode in it and got to know him fairly well. I helped this man build a couple of cars for other friends of his. Well, it turned out this guy had a 1929 two door for sale, for $125. I wanted it so bad but could never come up with that much money. That car finally sold to an old man in the area and he drove it for several years, just the way he got it. These cars were not nearly as old, in early 1960's, as they are today.

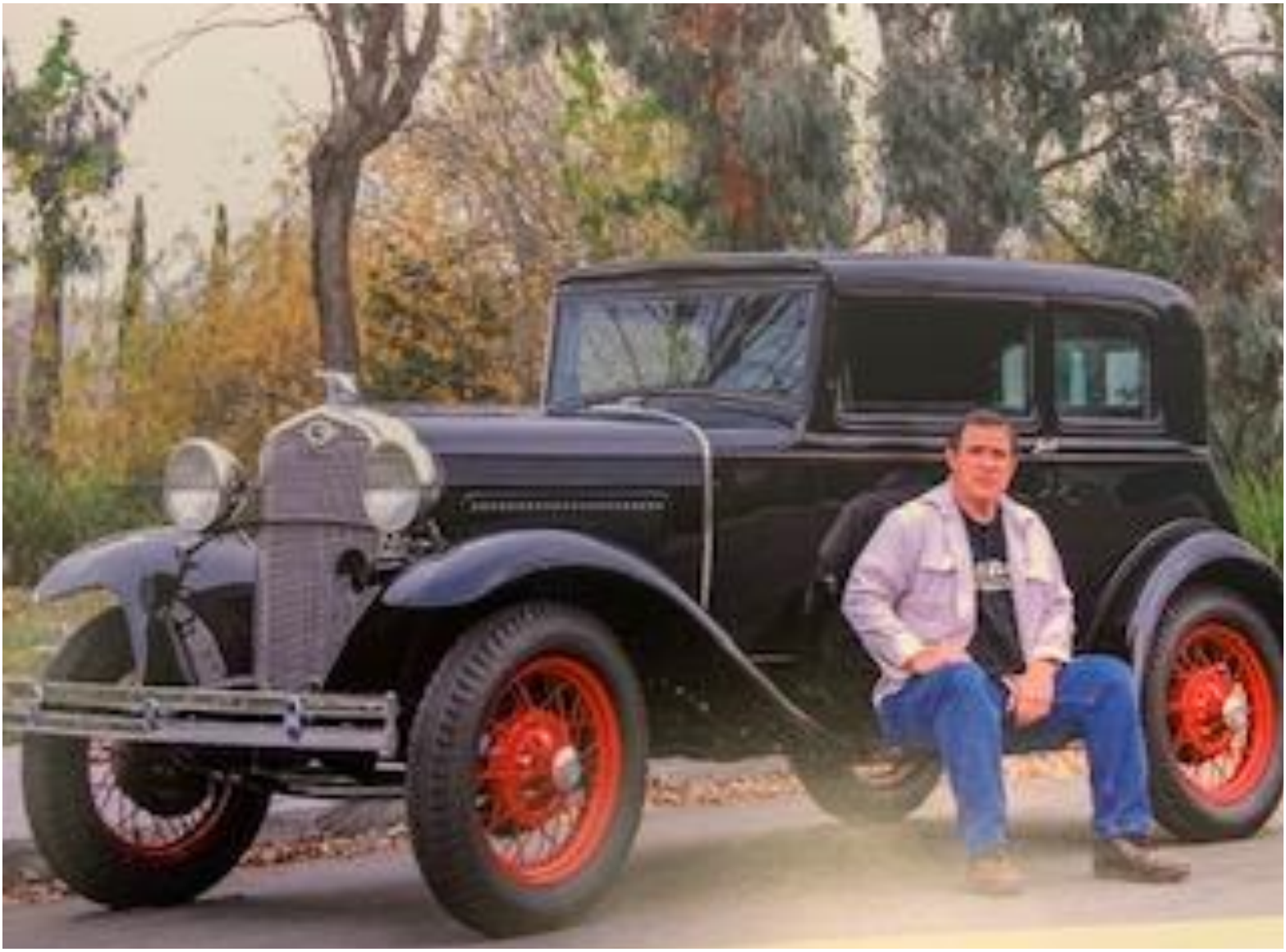
At about 16 years old, I started hanging out in a body shop. I learned a few things there, like doing bodywork with lead (a good thing for a boy to be doing). During that time a friend of mine was driving his original 1931 coupe. I sure admired that little car; mainly because it ran and drove.

I'm in my 40s by this time, one night I called the fellow that had been driving his 31 coupe all the time I worked on my first 34. Making a long story short he still had the little Model A and I bought it. I finally had a Model A Ford. He showed up about 3 AM one morning driving a semi-truck with my little coupe on the back. I asked him to shut the truck off while we unloaded the car. He said you never shut a diesel off. I'm sure the neighbors liked that. I restored this coupe back to original and then drove it back to Idaho to show it to the guy I bought it from.

Check out the picture of the little coupe that I raced at the Antique Nationals.

After driving the little coupe for a few years, I started building a 1931 Victoria. Now, with a shortage of space, the little coupe was sold so I could finish the Victoria.

# 1931 Ford Victoria



## Talk about full circle.

Myself, Jim; the man I bought the original little model A coupe from and Nedra his wife all went to High School together.

Long ago in a place for away, I had a friend named Mark who owned a 1929 Model A pickup. One day I asked if I could take it for a drive. He said, “Sure, go ahead—but be careful. The brakes aren’t very good.”

Well, it turned out it didn’t have brakes at all.

We put it up on stands, and no matter how hard we pushed the pedal, we could still spin all four wheels. Not good. So that’s when I got involved with his pickup. With the help of our old friend Jack Noxon, we put proper brakes on it. Then we had the engine rebuilt. The work just kept going from there.

Before long, we were cutting out rust and welding in fresh metal. And then one day, we broke out a couple gallons of lacquer and made that old truck shine again. That was at least 35 years ago—and that paint still looks good today.

Backing up a bit, Mark once told me that when the truck was finished, he was going to give it to me. At the time, I didn't think much of it. I guess I didn't really believe we'd ever grow old.

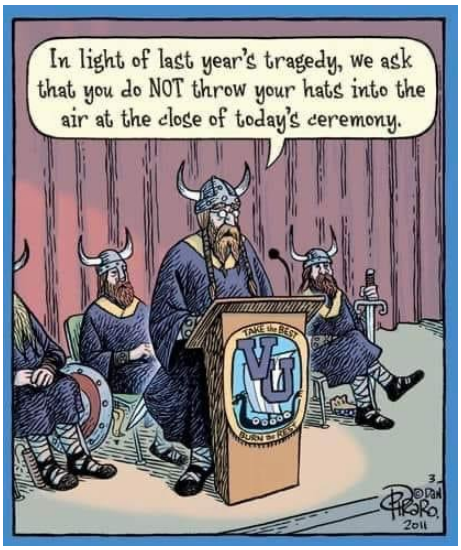
Years later, the phone rang. It was Mark. He said, "Come and get it."

Now I was thinking, what am I going to do with one more car? Mark had gone with me on a trip to Idaho when I drove my '31 coupe up there, and he met my friends Nedra and her husband Jim. As it turned out, Nedra had been wanting an old pickup. So, I told Mark I'd take the truck—but only if I could make her its caretaker.

Mark said he couldn't think of a better place for it.

I still have a soft spot for the Model A, I still work on them and have a pile of parts to help keep them on the road. I go back to Idaho on rare occasion and drive the 29 pick-up that I had given the Nedra.

Now at 78 years. I look back and think what a fun journey this has been. Building cars and making a life full of wonderful friends.



I finally realized it!

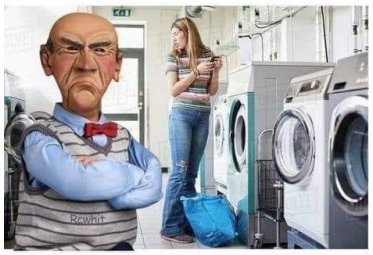
People are prisoners of their phones. That's Why they are called cell phones!

The people who make fitted sheets need to sit down with the people who make mattresses and get on the same page.

Making the bed shouldn't be like putting a swimming cap over a fridge.

Checking your balance on a Sunday morning

Special shout out to people at the laundromat using their new IPhone 15.



You could've bought a washer & dryer for the same price.

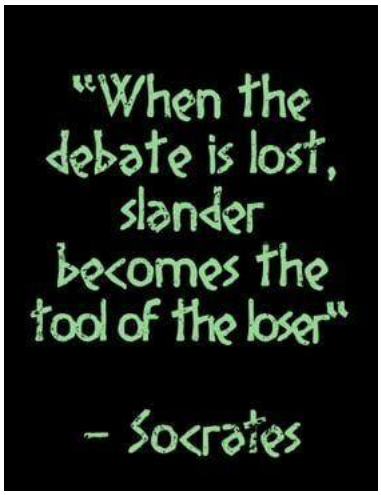
The official sports drink when I was a kid

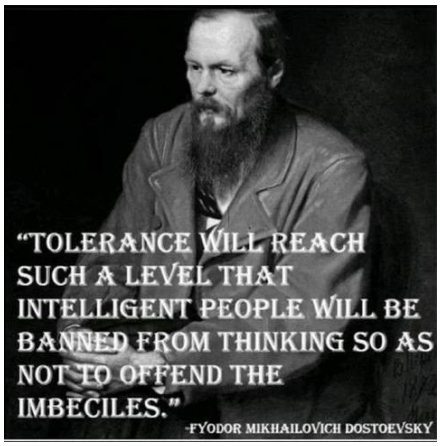
He doesn't like to sit in the back,
So sometimes I let him sit up front with the dog.

WHADDA' YOU SAY WE JUST TOSS A SLEEVE OF NEW BALLS IN THE WATER AND HEAD FOR THE DROP ZONE?
FINKSTROM

CAN YOU GET THERE WITH A FIVE IRON?
...EVENTUALLY.
CADDY
FINKSTROM

AS LONG AS EVERYTHING IS EXACTLY THE WAY I WANT IT. I'M TOTALLY FLEXIBLE.

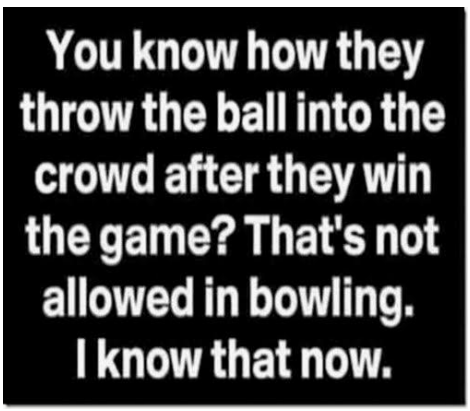

"When the debate is lost, slander becomes the tool of the loser"
- Socrates


"TOLERANCE WILL REACH SUCH A LEVEL THAT INTELLIGENT PEOPLE WILL BE BANNED FROM THINKING SO AS NOT TO OFFEND THE IMBECILES."
-FYODOR MIKHAILOVICH DOSTOEVSKY

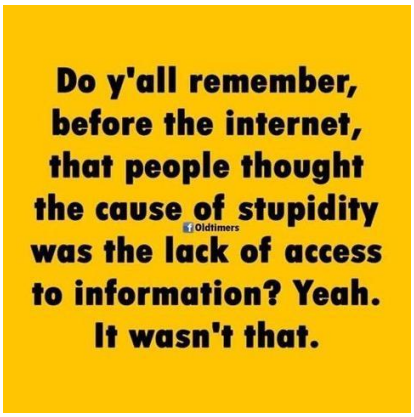
THE DEFENSE REQUESTS A REDUCED BAIL AS MY CLIENT IS NOT A FLIGHT RISK.

Not Only Did I FALL OFF The Diet Wagon I Dragged It Into The Woods SET it on FIRE and used the INSURANCE MONEY To Buy CUPCAKES

What kind of tatt do you want?
I want to look like I have money


You know how they throw the ball into the crowd after they win the game? That's not allowed in bowling. I know that now.

WE DO NOT THROW AWAY PERFECTLY GOOD FOOD IN THIS HOUSE.
WE PUT IT IN TUPPERWARE UNTIL IT GOES BAD,
THEN THROW IT AWAY.


Do y'all remember, before the internet, that people thought the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information? Yeah. It wasn't that.
Oldtimers