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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 8/10 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 8/11 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 8/26 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 8/26

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Letter From Our Chief

Well, carnival is officially over and what a carnival it was or wasn't depending on how you look at it. I never thought in a million years we would have a tornado touch down in Hilton the night of our carnival. Thank you to everyone who stayed on the field to help minimize the damage down on our grounds. Also to everyone who manned the fire station to answer calls for assistance. We had a total of 9 jobs that were weather related, all minor in nature with the most serious being the carnival worker who fell from the "drop zone". That weekend was very busy having a total of 30 jobs from Friday to Sunday, and I am happy to say were all manned by our volunteers.

Most of us realize that this carnival was disastrous in terms of producing our revenue and I have to tell you this year, every one of our fire department budgets are going to be severely impacted. And while we might not get free "stuff" next year or have so many refreshments after our events, business goes on. And although those "incidentals" are nice, we have to never lose sight that our sole purpose is to be there for our community in their times of need. Although many people can find negatives about the effects the weather has had on our carnival, I personally think that the one good thing that came out of this is that these type of things will hopefully keep us honest. What I mean

by that is sometimes I think we get in a mindset that we have an endless supply of money and that it grows on "trees" when in reality this carnival is our most important revenue stream and everyone in our organization has to be there to make it work.

On a lighter note, congratulations to Brian Attridge on his completion of the Fire Fighter 1 class. We are lucky to have him in our organization.

Last but not least, "thank you" to everyone who marched including the past chiefs. I heard numerous comments from the public about how proud they are to have our organization in there community and it showed by how most of the people stood up as we walked by. Again thank you and enjoy the rest of the summer.

-Eric

Carnival News

Submitted by Ray Ward

I can only re-iterate what others are saying, this should be an interesting year for our budget. In the 25 years that I have been helping out with carnival, I don't ever remember having to close early, especially on a Saturday! I want to thank all that helped out at carnival this year, as I have previously stated, many hands make lighter work.

That being said, I was a little disappointed at the showing for our work details this year, both in setting up for carnival as well as putting everything away after. There is a lot of work to get everything set up and cleaned as well as getting everything back in our trailer to alleviate any issues with flooding. I know that our by-laws state that we need to make all four days of carnival, but say nothing about the other work details. I hope that next year we can get everyone excited enough about carnival to **want** to come down and help.

Enough with the negativity, I really do appreciate all the work that was done to make this carnival, I can't necessarily say a success, but a hard working endeavor to say the least. I would like to think that we might actually get a year that does not require us to manage any excess water!

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Donna Lemcke

Hi Everyone.

We made it!

Another year of carnival behind us. This one is sure to go down in the books as a memorable one. I would like to thank everyone for their time, patience, and smiles during the past week. You all make working through this stressful week fun and exciting. I always have fun, but am glad we are done for another year. I hope you all had time for a little rest and relaxation now that it is over.

I would like to wish our President Beth Mueller a speedy recovery from her surgery this week. Hopefully she will be home soon.

With our carnival mishap, the Auxiliary has some leftover sliced beef. Anyone wishing to purchase some see Marie Ward or Janet Heinrich. The cost is \$10 for 2 lbs of sliced beef.

Reminders:

Our carnival Thank-you dinner is Tuesday, August 11th at Golden Ponds.

Please don't forget our Chicken Barbeque September 26th, noon until gone, at the Exempt Club. Help support the Ladies Auxiliary. See any member of the Auxiliary for tickets, \$7.00 advance, \$8.00 the day of the sale.

Thanks again,

Donna Lemcke, VP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Yellow
2 Sun	3 Firematic Drill— Hose Testing	4	5 Explorers – Meeting	6	7 Mon	8 Wed
9 Tue	10 Monthly Meeting	11 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting—Golden Ponds	12 Explorers – TBD	13	14 Wed	15 Tue
16 Thur	17 Firematic Drill— Hose Testing	18	19 Explorers - TBD	20	21 Yellow	22 Thur
23 Mon	24 Firematic Drill— Hose Testing	25	26 BOD Meeting Explorer— TBD	27	28 Sun	29 Mon
30 Wed	31 Firematic Drill— Hose Testing					

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This Month's Birthdays - Happy Birthday To All



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| Aug 1: Mark Kalen | Aug 12: Donna Zarpentine | Aug 18: Doug Trembeth |
| Aug 2: Charlie Chick | Aug 14: Roger Clark | Aug 20: Jim Sage |
| Aug 3: Lynn Lefler | Aug 15: Dan Leeming | Aug 21: Pete Drescher |
| Aug 7: Tim Wirth | Aug 15: Charlie Kimball | Aug 21: Mike Mullen |
| Aug 8: John Lemcke | Aug 16: Sue Nealon | Aug 23: Jim Gates |
| Aug 9: Mert Davenport | Aug 16: Adam Maier | Aug 23: Cathy Carmestro |
| Aug 12: Bill Porter | Aug 17: Kelly Nichols | |

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Hilton Fire Department

Family Picnic

FOOD!



FUN!

**SIGN UP
YOUR
FAMILY
TODAY!**

Sunday, September 13, 2008
HFD Carnival Grounds
From 12pm-4pm
Inflatable's in the afternoon
Picnic Lunch will be served at 3pm

Sign up in the Fire Hall Mailroom– Look for the yellow box to submit your name and the number of family members attending!