



Steve Larson talks about Space

Our speaker this month is Steve Larson, a project engineer with Lockheed Space Systems who grew up in Chicago; a veteran of Lane Tech and the U.S. Navy. He is traveling from the eastern Pennsylvania area for the day and will present a slide discussion about his experiences in satellite systems and space. He is the son of our late board member, treasurer and secretary Orville Larson and is the brother-in-law of the wife of our current secretary Ken Larson. Ken will serve as Torske-master for the day.



Artist view of a GPS satellite
Image Courtesy of NASA

The Boss and assistant Boss will be playing hooky this day while attending the black tie formal 30th anniversary dinner of the Madison Torske Klubben. In their absence, Dr. Ray Newgard will step in as “boss” for the day. Ken Nordan will serve as secretary for the day, and Gene Kazmarek will be the only one actually doing the job he was assigned to this day. Thanks guys!

Kaare Nevdal: Witness to war

We were delighted to learn of the article about our good member Kaare Nevdal in the recent Spring 2007 publication of the magazine Northwest Quarterly. We called the magazine and received permission to reprint the pages of interest. We have a lot more interesting stories to publish in the future, thanks to those who provided them. You can find the article included on a separate page included in this mailing.

March Meeting: Father, Son, Daughter Day

Our special guests last month, our fathers, sons and daughters, were treated to a special presentation of a short documentary on the life of Princess Märtha of Sweden, Crown Princess of Norway and wife of the late King Olav V.

For those that are interested, the DVD is available for \$19.95 plus \$3.50 shipping & handling from the Norwegian American Foundation.

See their website at norway.com or call the Torske Klub secretary for an order form.



Our first monthly luncheon of spring will be held on April 12, 2008 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL. Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS pro tem, Dr. Ray Newgard, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Reservations due by:
Tuesday, April 8
NOON

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. The Elks Club needs time to order the fresh fish. Timely reservations insure that an adequate portion and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon means noon. ANY reservation made after noon on Tuesday will have a \$5.00 late fee imposed, making your dinner charge \$25.

Call 630-445-1263 (the New Number) at any time day or night to leave a reservation; only call 630-443-6829 if you can't get through. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. It will ring a few times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 13C, 22, 47, 55, 85, 98(2), 114, 115, 126, 141.

We also the email reservations if you choose. Please send an email to secretary@torskeklub.org with your number of reservations, including guests. We will respond with a confirmation email.

****TIP – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number or number/letter by your name.**

NEW! Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 445 1263

Quiz: Famous Norwegians

We are surrounded in the USA by many famous people of Norwegian ancestry. Can you pick which celebrities have Norwegian ancestors? Some are easy, some are not. The correct answers are listed below.

James Arness - Actor, Gunsmoke

Jennifer Connelly - Movie Actress

Linda Evans - TV Actress

David Soul - Actor - Starsky & Hutch

Lorenzo Lamas - Movie Actor

Marilyn Monroe - Actress, Sex Symbol

Harry Morgan - Actor, "M.A.S.H."

Paris Hilton - Hotel Heiress Celebrity

Kevin Sorbo - Actor- Hercules, Andromeda

Sally Struthers - Actress - "All in the Family"

Renée Zellweger - Academy award Actress

Bob Fosse - Choreographer

Matt Groening - "The Simpsons" cartoonist

Andrews Sisters - Singers

Peggy Lee - Singer

Peter Tork - Actor/Musician, "The Monkees"

Eric Sevareid - Newspaper reporter/TV news

Sally Ride - Astronaut

Hubert H. Humphrey - US Vice President

Henry "Scoop" Jackson - US senator

Walter Mondale - US Vice President

Robert Alsaker - Community Leader

Eliot Ness - Law Enforcer- "Untouchables"

Earl Warren - Supreme Court Justice

Ole Evinrude - Inventor of the outboard motor

Ernest O. Lawrence - Nobel Prize Laureate

Don Hogansen - Businessman, Golfer

Babe Zaharias - Olympic athlete, LPGA golfer

Eric & Beth Heiden - Olympic speed skaters

Knut Rockne - Notre Dame football coach

Answers to Quiz: All of these are of full or partial Norwegian Heritage. No fooling!

Score

30 correct: Worthy of Saint Olav's Cross

20-29: Smarter than the average Norwegian

15-19: You need to eat more torsk

10-14: Uff da! Statistically you should get 15 if you randomly guessed.

Less than 10: Check your lineage, you must be Swedish

The Passing of Rev. Robert Furreboe

The members of the Chicago Torske Klub and also the Madison Torske Klubben were shocked to hear of the short but fatal illness and passing of our good member and friend Bob Furreboe, who died on Easter Sunday of pancreatic cancer.

Internment will be at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, where he was raised. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Committee, Pastor Bob & Edna Furreboe Fund for Mission Support. Bob was a good member and a good friend to us all. When our boss Rob Alsaker talked about our good memories of Bob, Rob remembered how he was always available and willing to lead us in prayer and fellowship. He was our featured speaker a couple years ago and showed us his trip to Machu Pichu in Peru and the Galapagos Islands. We did not see him at many of our meetings for good reason; his attendance in Madison Torske Klubben required his 100% presence as a condition of membership, so conflicts always sided with Madison. He was with us whenever he could be.

Some of us remember Bob as the 2nd half of the team we referred to as "Bob and Edna". They are the epitome of world travelers. Many of us got to know them both as traveling companions to Norway with the frequent NACC tours and events, beside the Torske Klub. Coincident to the announcement of his death, we received a photo from Ken and Julie Nordan which summarizes our collective memory of this great team; great friends. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



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