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Important April Meeting Information

The meeting on *April 20* will be a combination Pizza Party and a trip to the new Arbor Daze Site. Because of daylight limitations the meeting will be at **6:30** *PM*. We will be meeting in the *Parking Lot of the Library*. Here we will car pool to the Arbor Daze site. After the trip we will have a pizza party. So please make plans to attend and get to know your fellow members.



Current Membership

We still have people who have not paid their 1999 Annual Dues. Currently we only have 54 Paid Members as of April 7, 1999.

Arbor Daze

Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of the ECPAAA and work for Arbor Daze!!! As you already know, Arbor Daze in Euless, April 23-25, is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the ECPAAA. We are scheduled to make \$3500 in just three days, barring inclement weather.

This means that we need everyone to contribute to the fun. This year Arbor Daze is located between Fuller-Wiser Road and Bear Creek Parkway and Midway and the Airport Freeway Service Road. Our primary responsibility will be to man the parking areas. Because the city is charging \$3.00 per car for parking, we will be cash attendants at the gates, but we will also man barricades and direct traffic. We will have a few kids from Teen Court to actually direct parking in the lots, but because of the cash involved, we will have to use our own people at the gates taking money. Also, we will need to supervise the teens who work with us.

The hours that we are covering parking are 8 a.m. – midnight on Friday, 8 a.m. to midnight on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The times that will be peak traffic times will be 4 p.m. –midnight on Friday and noon to midnight on Saturday. We are also answering phones at the police station as a backup for dispatch to answer Arbor Daze questions and we will have our Brick Sales Booth in *(Continued on page 2)*



Judy Rick won the prize in the March Brick Sale Prize Give Away for free dinner at Euless Wok! Congrats!



We Currently have sold 25 Bricks for a total of \$950!

Lou's Perspective

For those who brave the rain, wind, and chilly weather to work NASCAR weekend, the association is deeply greatful. Those who worked had a fun day among the 160,000 crazy race fans. The group secured enough money to pay for the completion of the Christmas Providers, and a bit on the free directories for all members. (personal note): Marcell, give our best to your wife who graciously gave up her new Ford Explorer for all of the group to be together on the trip to and from the race track.



From the board's perspective and with tremendous enthusiasm we have for you this year, we hope that each of you share our excitement for a fun filled successful year. We wanted to prepare each of you for some type of commitment during the year, with our Man Power Planning Sheet. Some of us have not completed this sheet. Please take a few minutes, with your family and personal schedule, give us an event(s) that you can say, "this is my commitment to the alumni association". This year we want to work a little and play a lot. Arbor Daze and our Brick Promotion will generate a tremendous amount of revenue, if we will commit and JUST DO IT. I have not seen the sign up sheet for Arbor Daze that Linda Martin has, but I would like to see it filled with 35-45 members working sometime during the three day event. On Tuesday, April 20, we are meeting at 6:30 PM, just behind the Police Department, for a quick tour of the Arbor Daze site where we will be working. Just as soon as we complete the tour, we are going back to our meeting for a PIZZA PARTY. So please plan on joining us for some fun.

I hope we are talking to our friends and family about our Brick Promotion. It is a real easy sell. No one has turned me down when they find out what the money is going for. Overhead at our last meeting, one alumni member said, "if we all got behind selling bricks this year, we would not have to have all of these other fund raising events."

We have a great group of Alumni, and I am proud of each one of you. Each of you are very special people that stand in front of many, and are good leaders for this community. You are the "and then some" type of individuals that I love to be around. See you on the 20th.

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the Business section at Arbor Daze. As you can see, there is an opportunity for everyone to participate in this fund raiser, close to home.

In the hall of the police station, located outside Mike Brown's office, is a poster where you are invited to sign up to work. We recommend that you work no more than one 4 hour shift without taking a break. We will provide Arbor Daze T- shirts, cold water, money pouches, parking vests, flashlights, and radios to the members who are working. If you can't get by the station, you can call Kathy Haecker at 540-3525 or Linda Martin at 283-7038 to schedule your times.

On April 20 at 6:30 p.m., during our regular ECPAAA meeting time, we are going to meet at the station and actually go out to the site of Arbor Daze to see where we will be working. The city plans to have much of the major equipment set up out there by then and you can get familiar with the layout before the cars start to arrive. We will return to the station after our tour and have a pizza party and go over last minute details. If you have adult friends or neighbors who would like to assist us, they are welcome also. In the past, we have had several non-ECPAAA people work and they have enjoyed helping to support the police department

although they have not had a chance to attend class or join the ECPAAA.



The picture above is the site that Arbor Daze is going to be held a this year



Partners on Patrol

March 1999 Treasurer's Report ECPAAA 1999 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND **EXPENSES** For Period Ending March 31, 1999 Actual BUDGET YTD REVENUES YTD February March (Over) Budget 1999 Membership Dues (\$340 '99 dues in '98) \$100.00 \$20.00 \$980.00 \$1,500.00 \$615.47 Bake sales \$615.47 \$2.000.00 50/50 Drawing \$0.00 \$250.00 Event Security \$1,000.00 **TX Speedway** \$0.00 \$0.00 Six Flags \$3,000.00 Arbor Daze \$0.00 \$3,500.00 Christmas Providers \$0.00 \$550.00 Miscellaneous Income(shirts & hats, care cards, etc.) \$102.96 \$31.21 \$71.75 \$1,000.00 Donations \$0.00 \$1,000.00 \$250.00 Brick Revenue \$400.00 \$650.00 \$37,500.00 TOTAL REVENUE \$381.21 \$1,107.22 \$2,348.43 \$51.300.00 BUDGET YTD EXPENSES YTD February March (Over) Budget Social \$1,250.00 Dinners/Parties \$0.00 General & Other Awards & Gifts \$79.97 \$141.48 \$400.00 \$61.51 Camera \$120.00 \$120.00 \$125.00 Christmas Providers \$0.00 \$550.00 CPAAANT Dues \$30.00 \$30.00 \$30.00 \$0.00 \$200.00 Flowers Misc Expense \$48.00 \$78.74 \$142.83 \$300.00 P.O.Box \$64.00 \$60.00 (\$4.00) Postage & Supplies - Board \$12.98 \$89.79 \$100.00 \$76.81 Postage & Supplies - Publications \$64.34 \$33.00 \$130.34 \$300.00 Search & Rescue Sponsor \$90.00 \$180.00 Symposium/Mtgs \$75.00 \$600.00 Major Projects Brick Expense for P/D \$119.61 \$181.16 \$15,000.00 Sculpture \$0.00 \$23,500.00 Approved Appropriated Items for EPD \$0.00 Lectern \$300.00 Motivational Kits (Qtr) \$0.00 \$500.00 Finger Print Kits (CID) \$68.16 \$68.16 \$150.00 Head Phones for Officers (12) \$0.00 \$100.00 Summer Camp Speaker \$0.00 \$250.00 I.D. Cards (10) \$0.00 \$1,500.00 TOTAL EXPENSES \$418.73 \$374.39 \$1,132.76 \$45,270.00 (\$4.00) NET INCOME (LOSS) (\$37.52) \$732.83 \$1,215.67 **BANK BALANCE Beginning of Period** \$774.80 \$487.28 End of Period \$487.28 \$1,023.77

Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, March 16, 1999 Monthly Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: Captain Harland Westmoreland with the Euless Police Department spoke about the Arbor Daze Festival and gave the Association a preview of what the parking and festival layout will be.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lou Baum; Vice President, Linda Martin; Treasurer, Ed Benyon; Secretary, Leah Benoit Byron Benoit, Bob Bouse, Sarah Chandler, Sharon Finnegan, Barbara Lucas, Don Martin, Dick Rick, Judy Rick, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Mamie Singleton, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Margaret Stowe, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner, Shari Wheeler and our guest Lori Greco from Class 9.

LIAISON: Sgt. Mike Brown

ABSENT: Linda Brehm, Todd Burnell, Dan Clark, Mary Clayton, Jackie Dohring, Karen Duncan, Della Ferris, Gary Haecker, Kathy Haecker, Monty Huffman, Allan Johnson, Madeline Losito, Chris Marz, Judie Nolden, Eric Owens, Jud Park, Mary Payblas, Nick Payblas, Glenn Pinkston, Winnie Pinkston, Duane Rogers, Dave Shanahan, Melissa Shane, Randy Shane, Julie Stephenson, Deborah Taylor and Helen Voss.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Chris Shanahan to accept the February minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Barbara Lucas. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ed Benyon reported that there are 48 paid members for 1999. \$120 was spent on a camera that will be used for taking pictures of Class 9 and future classes and also any ECPAAA event. A motion was made by Bob Bouse to accept February's Treasurer Report. Second by Geri Sorg. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

1. Baked Goods Fund Raiser – Sharon Finnegan reported that we made \$520.00 in Sales and \$95.47 in Donations for a total of \$615.47. A big thank you to the workers who stood out in the cold weather and to the bakers of the goodies. A big thank you to Helen Voss who donated \$50.00 to the Fund Raiser. Part of the money raised from this Fund Raiser will be used towards the new Members Directory and for Christmas Providers.

2. Brick Fund Raiser – As of March 17, 1999, we have made a total of \$650.00 with 18 bricks sold. Judy Rick won the March prize from Euless Wok. Congratulations Judy! A flyer will be put in the City Employee paychecks soon and an announcement will also run on the Euless Community Channel on TV.

3. Texas Motor Speedway – Working on Saturday, March 27th. We now have 8 people working. Will meet at the Police Station at 5:45 a.m. to leave for the Speedway.

4. Arbor Daze Festival – Linda Martin passed out a preliminary sign up sheet to work at the festival. There will be three areas to work in: Parking, Answering Phones, and working the ECPAAA Booth. Please keep in mind that if you are physically able to work Parking, please work and keep the Phones and Booth slots open for people who are physically not able to work Parking. If friends and neighbors would like to work at the Festival, please have them call Linda Martin or Kathy Haecker. A laminated sign-up board will be put outside of Mike Brown's office to sign up for Arbor Daze.

At the April meeting, we will have a Pizza Party along with an Arbor Daze Festival Site Visit. Please make a note that the April meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Membership Report:

Ed Benyon reported as of March 16, 1999, we have 48 paid members for 1999.

<u>Newsletter Report:</u>

Chris Shanahan reported that April 9th is the deadline for the next Newsletter articles/information.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

Lou acknowledged Geri Sorg for the award she received from the Police Department for her years as President of the ECPAAA. Lou spoke about the Man Power Planning for Future Fund Raising Events orange flyer that was part of the Newsletter packet. Please take a few minutes and fill out the form and drop in the mail or bring to the next meeting.

At the May meeting, anyone needing new ID Badges will be able to have their new badge made. Please call Mike Brown to let him know if you need a new badge. He will have all the names ready at the May meeting and you will be able to leave with your new badge that night.

Mike Brown told a story with the message of "Appreciate Everyone's Contribution". If anyone has missed the last two COPS training sessions, and if you are still interested in taking this training, please call Mike to let him know and he will set up a future class.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Byron Benoit commended Lou Baum for his praise of people in the Association who work hard and commended Lou on doing a fine job as (Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4) the new President.

Motion made by Al Simmenroth to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Second by Byron Benoit.

Chief's Note!!

Throughout our time with you in the academy classes, we try to convey to you something of what it's like to do our job. Sometimes I think we fall short. I read an article and poem the other day in the Texas State Troopers newsletter that seemed to do a good job of providing insight into the more difficult part of our job. In February 1998 State Trooper Tom Peoples encountered a DWI suspect near Killeen. He followed the suspect trying to stop him, following DPS policy. Without warning, the suspect crossed a median and drove the wrong way on the highway. As so often happens, the drunk hit an oncoming car carrying a young family. Both cars exploded on impact. Trooper Peoples went to the family in the burning car and encountered 2 children in the back seat. A one year old in a child safety seat was alive. A five year old boy named Brady was staring at him in death. For the next several days, the trooper could not eat or sleep. Finally one sleepless night, haunted by the memory of the young boys face, he penned the following poem:

My guardian angel on a beautiful February day I watched an angel pass away My God, why so young

He didn't have a lot of time to run and play Or teach his young brother the right way In my lord's house he will stay My God, why so young



In many ways I feel that a part of me died also seeing someone so young lying lifeless and wondering if I played a part. I know God has a master plan and only he knows the rules. I can still see the young child's face as I close my eyes each day, and tears roll down my face each night I kneel down and pray. I know I did what I could, but I feel I could have done more. For what was lost was more to me than just another life. I know that God has gained a perfect angel.

I know my Lord will never give me more that I can bear. I have seen and done many things in my life and until now I felt I could easily deal with anything. Until I watched a young angel pass away. The accident was something like I have never seen or imagined, it was quick but still in slow motion and when I reached out to help, his life was already gone. His eyes of love looked up at me and all I saw was pain.

This badge upon my chest does not mean that I am not human, I still shed tears and my heart still feels pain. Only society has painted us as being cold and callous. If they only knew, if they could only walk on the other side for awhile. If they could see the pain and the hurt, the sleepless nights, loss of appetite, and the tears I shed when I watched a young angel pass away. My God, it is not easy.

My perfect angel, your chariot has arrived. It's all over now; you'll never get to see how this world can really be. You will have a new walk, talk, and song to sing. You will have eyes of gold that are not filled with pain. You will not have to deal with the heartaches and the pain you have left your family and me. When God shall wipe away the tears I shed. I'll hold the last one in the palm of my hand. May God be with your family, and may they be strengthened in the lord.

TROOPER TOM PEOPLES THP KILLEEN

Euless Police Department Personnel Profiles

David M. Chaney works as a Public Service Officer. He has been with the department for over 3 years. He was born in Washington D.C. and recently married this last year. His hobbies include softball, bowling, golf, and surfing the net. His favorite books are by Stephen King, and his favorite movies include "The Godfather", "Field of Dreams" and "Bull Durham". David states his favorite part of law enforcement is helping people. **Brian Brennan** is a patrol officer assigned to District 4. He has been with the department a little over two years. His hobbies include golfing, fishing, and hunting. Brian's favorite book is "A Night to Remember" by Collin Powell. His favorite movies include "Titanic", "Lost World", "True Lies", and "Tombstone". His most interesting life experience was traveling the world while in the Air Force. His favorite part of law enforcement is interacting with the children and the families in his district and providing any help he can.

Directory Update!!

We are still working on getting the directory complete and making a few changes to the format. In order to make sure that all of the information about the members is correct, please contact Chris Shanahan at 545-2817 with any information changes. The directory is only going to include only paid members at the time of publication. So if you know someone who has not paid the dues for 1999, tell them to do it as soon as possible to get there name in the directory and their free copy. Also available for purchase is a 3 ring binder for \$2.34. So PLEASE, if you have any changes to make to your listing, please call!!

Short One Liners

- > Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- ♦ A day without sunshine is like night.
- Diplomacy is saying "nice doggy" until you find a rock.
- ♦ Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine
- Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?
- Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it!
- He is not dead, he's electroencephalographically challenged.
- ♦ Honk if you love peace and quiet!

Thanks

Mike

Mike's Corner

It is that busy time of year again. I know you are being called upon to volunteer some of your time for the fundraising projects, and I know how demanding it is trying to meet all of obligations to your family, job, and other interests. I ask that if you do have a few hours to spare in the coming months, that you will consider spending those hours with the association. The impact that this organization has on the Police Department is immeasurable. I am continually surprised at the level of dedication and responsibility that the members of this organization have. Each of you are tremendous examples of everything that is right with this country. It has been said that America is the most apathetic country

in the world, that her people are cold and uncaring. The people who write those descriptions of Americans don't know the members of the ECPAAA.

I know the hours get long, the work gets hard, and the reward is not something hours can hang on a wall or put in a bank. The reward that each of you get for the things that you do comes in the knowledge that you have, through your hard work, made this community a better place to live, touched the loves of children, and brightened the day of an entire police department. I know that we have challenges, and we struggle sometimes with the ability to include all of the ideas of you members. But through it all, I have never see a harder working group of people, people who are willing to give of themselves and their time than the members of this organization. I have always been told it is easier to slow something down than it is to speed it up. This organization hit the ground running and has never slowed down. The energy that you bring is very contagious, and it serves as a constant source of renewal for me. I thank each of you for all you have done, and I encourage those of you who are absent from our ranks to come back and see the great organization that has been built by a tremendous group of people!



America's Most Wanted!!!

I think we all know who these people are? This picture was taken at the Annual Police Banquet that was held on February 26th. Chief McKamie presented Geri with a beautiful award for her hard work as the Association's first President. Congratulations Geri and Thank You for all you have done for the Association! (Picture on the Left)

Newsletter Submissions

Please, if anyone would like to submit an article to be published in the newsletter, feel free to do so. There are a couple of ways you can do so: 1. Handwritten or typed left in ECPAAA box in Mike's office.

- 2. Type on a computer and leave a copy on a disk in the ECPAAA box.
- (File format in Word 950r97, HTML, or in a text doc only please).

3. Send it email to ecpaaa@hotmail.com





Police Humor 2





AS A fellow policeman and I were eating lunch in a cafe, we heard a woman nearby say loudly, "Jimmy, if you don't eat all your peas, I'll have those policemen come over and talk to you." My friend promptly walked over to the five year-old who was being scolded. "Jimmy," he said, just as loudly, "I'm six-foot two and weigh 200 pounds. And I never ate a pea in all my life." As we left, the other patrons were laughing, Jimmy's mother was absolutely silent, and a smiling Jimmy was no longer afraid of policemen.

IT WAS the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"





A POLICEMAN responded to a report of a barroom disturbance. The "disturbance" turned out to be well over six feet tall and weighed almost 300 pounds. What's more, he boasted that he could whip the deputy and Muhammad Ali too. Said the policeman, "I'll bet that you're also an escape artist-probably better than Houdini." The giant nodded. "If I had some chains," the deputy continued, "you could show us how strong you really are. But all I've got is a set of handcuffs. Why don't you see just how quickly you can break out of them?" Once in the cuffs, the man puffed, pulled and jerked for four minutes. "I can't get out of

these," he said at last. "Are you sure?" the lawman asked. The fellow tried again. "Nope," he replied. "Can't do it." "In that case," said the deputy, "you're under arrest."

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In This Issue	Arbor Daze Info!!
Reminders	
 ⇒ ECPAAA Meeting April 20 at 6:30 PM in Library Parking Lot. ⇒ Arbor Daze April 23 – 25! We still need people to work! ⇒ Brick Sale is still going strong. Keep Selling! ⇒ Euless to Host Regional Meeting June 5, 1999 10 AM. ⇒ Web page address http://home.earthlink.net/~diver93/ecpaaa/ecpaaa.htm 	
Important May Meeting Information!!!	

If there is any member who needs an ID Badge or needs one to be remade because it is lost or so old it is falling apart, we will have the equipment out at the May 18th Meeting!! If you do, PLEASE Call Mike and let him know so he can have the ID card made for you with your name on it at 685-1563.

Goodies!!!

If any one is interested in bring some goodies to any of the meetings, please contact Sharon Finnegan at 283-8377 and let her know. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

