



The Beaver Tale

August 2009

From the President and Newsletter Editor:

Many of us have had a good June and July and are thinking ahead to the cooler days of September and October. The summer solstice has passed and we're just about on the downward side of the heat. (I know the heat's not over yet!)

With the near to come website revisions, the newsletter will be taking on a different flavor. It will be a communiqué from the President with a view of new information added to the website. Some organizations have eliminated newsletters. Some post a newsletter on a website, and charge a fee for mailing a printed copy. I have chosen to take the club in neither of these two directions at this time. We need to acknowledge that to remain vital, the club needs to communicate differently. But keeping up with digital innovation as well as maintaining the former methods and styles of communication is impossible. I am setting the club on a "blended" approach to the "dock." (Anyone catch the pun?)

- Advertisements of commercial nature for our members or possible sponsors will be on the web site only.
- A full calendar of events will be on the web site; the near up-coming event will be in the newsletter.
- Membership forms and officer listings will appear in the newsletter a couple of times a year, and can always be found on the web site.
- If there is a feature article contributed to the website, it *may* be included in the newsletter. Contributed puzzles will be included in the newsletter, but probably will not be on the website.
- Book reports and recommendations will be on the website and will be included in the newsletter.
- Photographs will only appear on the website. We will make a very strong effort to cycle through some of the photos at some of the meetings.

Those individuals without access to the internet will receive a printed copy of the newsletter via mail without charge. For those without in-home access to the internet, I have a couple of thoughts: access is available free of charge at public libraries, and over at your "friends and neighbor's" home perhaps. I would not be opposed to having a "website review meeting" at my home once in a while. This would present us with another opportunity for social interaction, too. Some time, we might even be able to meet at Starbucks or McDonalds! Your comments and active participation in this matter and other club issues and activities is appreciated. Thanks for your patience while the new site has been developing.

Topics at our meeting on Thursday, August 6:

- Hiking and driving August 9 to Bristlecone Pine Trail
- August 15 and 16 Intercity Show and Sale at LA Arboretum
- Selling and Showing September 18, 19, 20 inside Cashman at the Las Vegas Home and Outdoor Super Show
- Preview of October's speaker and our plans for that month
- Thoroughly enjoying our guest speaker and his topic, **Woody Minnich: Brazil**. He is a club favorite speaker and we always look forward to his visits. He's bringing plants, so bring your wallets to help replenish your collection! If time allows, I would like him to spend some time talking to us about the trials and tribulations of his move from CA to NM! It's good to see our friends from afar, so please do attend!

The Board meeting starts at 6PM; the general meeting starts at 7PM. Bringing healthy, light refreshments is optional. Please do bring active enthusiasm, out of the box thinking, and a spirit of volunteerism. Since we'll be spending our money on plants from Woody, I have not planned a raffle or auction this month. Member donated cuttings and "overstocks" can be used for giveaways and the door prize. (Optionally, save them until October!)

Happy growing,
Susan K.

PS: "Doc" Robert Lynch has had a few more moves. Today he's at 5538 Duncan Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2812 (702) 645-2606 El Jen Convalescent Health Care Center (near Rancho and West Alexander) Please visit.