



INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION
ERNIE HARRIS RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60



Desert Footprints

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM at:

The Knights of Columbus Hall
725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, California

Dinner Cost
Members: \$8.00
Non-members: \$9.00

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Organized by Law Enforcement in Fresno, California in 1929



Our newest member **Ronnie Lewis**, Head BLM Ranger for our district, gave a talk about the duties and responsibilities of being a BLM Ranger.

Special Announcement

Our annual barbeque is coming up next month. This means we will be dark on the normal meeting night, 12 September 2007 to have the barbeque on the following Saturday, 15 September 2007. This is always a fun event to bring the whole family to. This year we are encouraging all members to bring a guest as well. A good opportunity to introduce someone to Footprinters.

More to come.

What's the difference between a good lawyer and a great lawyer?

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\$15.00 Reward Somewhere hidden within this newsletter is a membership number. If its your number, bring your copy of the newsletter to the next dinner meeting and the \$15.00 is yours. If no one claims the reward \$5.00 will be added every month until claimed. Last month's winner would have been Past President **Bill Sumners**.

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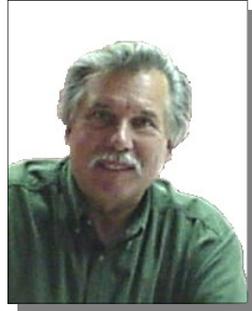
Purpose

To foster good fellowship, mutual respect, and helpfulness between Peace Officers, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Business and Professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Agencies and to promote the true spirit of Americanism.

Be sure to visit our web site to keep current with Chapter 60's upcoming events: www.IFA60.com

President's Corner

I'm sad to say that I won't be with you at next month's dinner meeting. I'll be on the other side of the world somewhere around Bequa, Fiji scuba diving or basking in the warm tropical sun. Notice I said warm - not over 100° hot! Naw! I'm not that sad!



Those of you that missed last month's meeting missed out on a very informative talk by our newest member (at that time) about the life of a BLM Ranger.

An important date to put in your calendar is September 15th - the date of our annual Barbeque. The BBQ will again be hosted by Past President, Diane

Guignet. This is a time to bring the whole family to enjoy a wonderful time around Diane's pool. Also I would like to see you bring a friend to introduce to Footprinters. It would be

nice to get our membership numbers back where it used to be.

Speaking of members, the Board just approved three new members: Kim Winchester, former dispatcher with the Ridgecrest Police, and Larry and Theresa Thatcher. Larry works for the Kern County Sheriff and Theresa works for the China Lake Police Department. Welcome to all of you. Remember, if each one of us brings one new member - the membership doubles. Great concept!

I would like to thank Diane Grattaroti & Diane Guignet for Co-chairing the Recruitment Committee, Diane Grattaroti for Chairing the Public Relations Committee, and Vincent Avalos for taking over the Scholarship Program. Now we only need a Program Chairperson and a Fundraising Chair. Any volunteers?

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Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

Jim

Dues are due!

It's that time of the year again, dues are due for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Please be diligent in paying your \$25 annual renewal. Remember, we have already sent the per capita tax to National so we need to have everyone promptly pay their dues. Upon payment you will receive your new membership card.

Answer from Page 1

A good lawyer knows the law. A great lawyer knows the judge.

Didja Know

- Thirty-one percent of local police departments in 2003, and 34% of sheriffs' offices, used computers for interagency information sharing. This includes more than half of all local departments serving 25,000 or more residents, and more than half of all sheriffs' offices serving 250,000 or more residents
- In 2003, sixty percent of all local police departments and 66% of all sheriffs' offices used video cameras on a regular basis. The most common use of video cameras was in patrol cars, with 55% of local police departments and 58% of sheriffs' offices using video cameras in this application.
- A total of 48,800 in-car cameras were used by 62249 local police departments, and 17,700 by sheriffs' offices.
- Speeding was the most common reason for being pulled over, accounting for 53.3% of all traffic stops in 2005.
- The majority of drivers stopped by police felt they had been stopped for legitimate reason (86.2%).
- About 1% of the 17.8 million drivers pulled over by police in 2005 felt police had used or threatened excessive force against them.



President Jim presents new member, Byron Vink, with his membership certificate and card.



Kim Winchester, one of our newest members enjoys a great Chapter 60 meal and the program.



Sergeant at Arms, Ed McIntyre (L) presents the \$32 proceeds from the 50/50 drawing to lucky winner, Chef Skip Bennett.



"We're like the canine unit, only tougher. Instead of dogs we use big, bad wolves."

You Won't Go to Jail

A man who had been caught embezzling millions from his employer went to a lawyer seeking defense. He didn't want to go to jail. But his lawyer told him, "Don't worry. You'll never have to go to jail with all that money. And the lawyer was right. When the man was sent to prison, he didn't have a dime.

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August 8 - Dinner meeting

August 29 - Board of Directors meeting K of C Hall

September 2007

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September 3 - Labor Day

September 9 - Grandparent's Day

September 11 - Patriot Day

September 8 - Dinner meeting

September 23 - Patriot Day

September 29 - Board of Directors meeting K of C Hall

Announcement: For a monthly automatic meeting reminder send your e-mail address to **IFA.60@verizon.net**. Newsletter articles & questions welcome.

We're on the web
www.IFA60.org



Dinner Meeting - August 8, 2007

Chef Skip will prepare a delicious meal of **who knows what** served with all the trimmings along with a delectable tossed green salad.