

# The Mecklenburg Missile

Comin' Atcha!

Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

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P. O. Box 33573, Charlotte, NC 28233-3573

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Meeting: Monday, February 15, 2010

Attendance: 16 members, 1 guests

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bjorn Hansen, Transportation Planner for Centralina Council of Governments.



Bjorn Hansen

Mr. Hansen shared with us a rather comprehensive view of various transportation projects both in process of being implemented and some in the "dream" stage of various local committees. The NC Department of Transportation contains seven funding regions. "Ours" has nine "MPOs" or "RPOs" and stretches from Caldwell and Alexander Counties in the north to Union, Chester, and Lancaster Counties (in SC) on the south. This kind of organization makes it much easier and more logical for the state to apportion available funds in accordance with local needs and wishes.

Mr. Hansen brought us a series of slides which depict quite vividly the situation and where we might be going from here as far as our local transportation needs are concerned.

To learn more about CCOG, visit their web site:

<http://www.centralina.org/>

Thanks to President Keri for arranging this interesting and informative program.

## NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 1, usual time and place - + Board meeting at 11:30 AM.

## MORE POINTS TO PONDER FOR 2010:

17. Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - - until you try to sit in their pews.
18. Many folks want to serve God - - - but only as advisors.
19. It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
20. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitos come close.
21. People are funny: they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of church.
22. Some minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
23. Why do some people change churches? Does it make a difference which one you stay home from???
24. Forbidden fruits create may jams.
25. God loves everyone, but likely prefers "fruits of the Spirit" over "religious nuts."
26. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
27. If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!

---To be Continued

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE???

By now you know that "International" has not chosen our Pediatric Cancer program to be the next World Wide Service Project. In other words, to put it bluntly, we have been rejected.

In sales training "students" are taught to welcome initial rejection and objection. 'Cause then you know that the prospect is at least *interested* in what you are offering, and opens the door to further discussion. A good sales person researches in advance his prospect's needs and has anticipated some possible objections. Then he is ready with some immediate rebuttal.

Even though we know that KI is interested in our program, we also believe that it would be futile to ask for reconsideration. But we are still designated as a Carolinas District project. And we have a new Kiwanis Club in Belize which is active, interested, and cooperative. Perhaps for now our focus could be narrowed from the World to the country of Belize. In addition to the friendly Kiwanis Club, Dr. Mark has a very cordial relationship with the Belize government's Minister of Health. In this respect we already have some mighty strong ties to Belize.

Considering Belize as a "foreign" country leads one to think of it as a L-O-N-G way off. But if you'll look at a map, you'll find that Belize is actually much closer to Charlotte than is Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, the site of our 2010 Kiwanis International Convention.

So maybe we could continue pretty much as we started, but with a somewhat narrowed scope. Other Ideas anybody???

Oh, and please don't forget all the hard work numerous members expended in preparing our presentation. THANKS are owed to a lot of people, especially Matt Hagler and Frank Shepherdson, for a magnificent job. We have MUCH to be proud of!

Meets 12:00 Noon, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays: Crowne Plaza Charlotte Hotel - 201 S. McDowell St.

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