

The Mecklenburg Missile

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Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.

Organized August 5, 1952

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

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

Meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012

Next Meeting: Monday, July 9

Today's Program

Jack Turpin, owner of Mr. Jack's Farm.



Mr. Jack's slogan is "Plant a Tree! Save our Earth!"

We can't imagine any individual more knowledgeable about trees. And I mean ALL kinds of trees.

His talk to us was mostly about "Amy" - his name for

the bacterium *Erwinia amylovora* - which causes a disease known commonly as "Fire Blight." It affects plants only in the Rosaceae family Maloidae, and is one of the most destructive diseases known for apple and pear trees.

Remember?: Some years ago Charlotte was planting Bradford Pears literally all over the city. But Fire Blight took out a very large percentage of their number - to the extent that for about the last 10 years, Charlotte has banned this variety altogether.

Jack dwelt largely on how to control the damage.

Ever wonder why a bushel of pears today costs about \$120 at any grocery store? If you had been here to listen to Jack Turpin, you'd know!

For oodles of info about trees - all kinds - visit his web site:

<http://www.mrjacksfarm.com/>

All in all, a most interesting program. Thanks to Secretary Frank for arranging it.

Coming Meetings

The first Monday in July is the beginning of a holiday week. So we will meet next on Monday, **July 9**.

Since July has five Mondays, next meeting will be **July 23**. For August we will be back on our regular "1st and 3rd" schedule, beginning August 6.

This will at least maintain our two-week interval in July between meetings.

Conventions

By the time you read this, the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans will be history.

Next up is our Carolinas District Convention, August 24-26 in Cary, NC. You can read all about it, and download a registration form from this web site:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e604ldne88dfa4aa&llr=t95lwidab>

Each Kiwanis Club is allowed three (3) delegates to this event. Delegates will be voting for District officers for 2012/2013, and for whatever resolutions and bylaws amendments are offered.

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Individual Kiwanians are NOT members of Kiwanis International. We are members of our respective Kiwanis Clubs, which, in turn, are members of Kiwanis International. So, technically, none of us can claim to be members of Kiwanis International!

More things I've learned:

20. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

21. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

22. Sign on a the lawn at a drug rehabilitation center: "Keep off the grass."

Meets 12:00 Noon, 1st & 3rd Mondays: Villa Antonio Ristorante, 4707 South Boulevard
Web Site: <http://www.mecklenburgkiwanis.org>