

# The Mecklenburg Missile

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*Kiwanis Club of Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Inc.*

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

Organized August 5, 1952

Missile Launcher: Bob Swanson

**Meeting Monday, March 18, 2013**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2013**

## **Today's Program**

First, it was wonderful to have so many guests - 10! Let's do it again!!

Maria Parker put on an excellent program. Most interesting. Here's a young lady with a husband and four children, and she's a marathon bicycle rider! She holds numerous world records for speed and endurance. Next up is a "Ride Across America," planned to begin in Oceanside, California on June 11, and end 3,000 miles and ten days later in Annapolis, Maryland. Yes, I DID say 3,000 miles in 10 days - - 300 miles per day, in other words - - on a bicycle (with no more than pedal power).



Her plan is to ride 20 hours - 300 miles - each day. WOW!!

Her inspiration for this particular endeavor is an older sister (by 10 months) who has recently been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Her goal is to raise \$1,000,000 for brain cancer research.

Most interesting is the kind of bike she rides. It's called a recumbent bike. The rider essentially lies on his/her back, with feet out front doing the pedaling on front wheels.

For a wealth of information about competitive bike riding, and some enjoyable reading, look up web site:

**[3000milestoacure.com](http://3000milestoacure.com)**

THANK YOU, Maria, for coming; and GOOD LUCK on

## **About US!**

All right. It's now 1921, and we are an officially chartered organization, with a name. What's next?

At the 1921 convention, in Cleveland, Ohio, policies were adopted which emphasized service toward urban-rural cooperation, public affairs, and underprivileged children. (Note that children were an object-of-our-affections that early - and remain even more so today.)

At the 1922 convention, in Toronto, additional policies were adopted toward guiding Clubs in their activities. It was recognized that if we were going to be a sweeping organization with a common name, there ought to be some sort of commonality of purpose among all the Clubs. This concept eventually evolved into what later became annual Themes and Objectives (Major Emphasis Programs).

Also in Toronto Kiwanis observed US-Canada Day for the first time. This later became Canada-US Goodwill Week, and remains the oldest continuing Kiwanis observance.

Kiwanis donated \$44,500 in 1923 to establish a memorial to US President Warren Harding, who was a charter member of our Marion, Ohio Kiwanis Club.

1924 saw one of the most significant conventions of all. It was there, in Denver, that a constitution was adopted, as well as the six Permanent Objects of Kiwanis. Of special interest about the latter is that in all the years since, not one word has been changed, notwithstanding numerous attempts to do so. The constitution provided for an International Council, to be composed of International Board Members, plus District Governors. That body still exists and meets annually.

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