

556 SMS ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2005 NEWSNOTE



Greetings to one and all. A brief "Newsnote" to help you start planning for the 556 SMS Association 2006 reunion. As decided at the last reunion business meeting we will once again be joining with the AAFM group. This makes for more and better activities while at the meeting. AAFM does a great job and with more people the costs are kept down. I strongly encourage you to attend if possible.

The reunion will be 27 Sep thru 1 Oct 2006 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. It will be at the Little America Hotel and Resort. If you are on the internet check out the hotel. It sure looks like a great place. www.littleamerica.com/cheyenne/

All details will be sent sometime next year. This Newsnote is **just to inform you** of the dates so you can start making plans to attend. For more info, check the internet for AAFM at <http://www.afmissileers.org/>.

Also, 2005 dues are due. In case you have forgotten they remain \$6.00 per year. Make check out to 556 SMS Association and send to me at:

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Also, here is something else I would like from each member. If there is the slightest chance you will be attending let me know when you remit your dues. Likewise if there is no chance you will attend let me know. That way when I send out the registration information I will only send it to those that may attend. This will save the organization some money. Let me know of any email or snail mail address change. If you are pals with another member ask them if they got this letter in the

mail. Some times I have found a name has dropped off the list. Don't know why but they have. So keep me up to date.

For those interested, here is a little information on my physical condition over the last several months. This what I sent to my fellow employees:

The procedure (Locating the vein that was the problem in my back causing me trouble walking.) Monday was something else. It took over 6 hours and I was in recovery almost the same amount of time. It was almost 9AM when I went in and almost 9PM when I got sent up from recovery to the ICU. It was an angiogram procedure.

What they found was I have what they call Arteriovenous Malformation of the central nervous system. (That is the best way I know how to spell it) A malformation of an artery vein joined to some other vein in the spine. I think that is what it is. The doctor had to go in from the artery in the groin and search until he found the problem vein. He had to check each one individually. He found it on the 35th try. That's why it took so long. Apparently this is a rare condition which usually goes undiagnosed. Thankfully I was at UM hospital where they have many neuro type doctors that can do this and diagnosed it..

The doctor that found the problem could not correct it since he is not a neurosurgeon and it will require surgery to do the fix. He marked it so the neurosurgeon could find it quickly. The surgeon that does this type surgery is out of town so I will have to wait until he gets back to set up that operation. Probably next week. I will be so thankful when it is over.

During the procedure they gave me max radiation and max dye to find the problem. According to Edie the only effects might be a little soreness and loss of hair around the stomach some where.

Since the above I called UM Friday and they said I should be called Tuesday 5 July to set up the surgery. By the time you read this it should be over and I will be on the road to a complete recovery.

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