There’s a bit of a crisp bite in the air, and the smell of damp metal and cars without doors or windows exposed to the elements. Such a distinctive aroma.

This week there was more words spoken than anticipated. In fact, our meeting got started late thanks to friends and family. Just tell your sister that 25 of your breakfast club buddies will be out on Thursday, and the rest is history.

We all know how much John F. Kennedy of Economy Auto Salvage despises speaking in front of groups, but put him in his environment walking the salvage yard, and he is a different person.

Sissy (in her subdued fluorescent orange sweatshirt) related some great tales of their early childhood and how JFK was one of eight kids that kept them as a cohesive group. You can tell that she loves being a part of his life, and a player in the business.

And a life-long friend that John grew up with told us of quite a few incidences that he and John shared growing up. This led to them sharing and working together in the business for many years. And their friendship still succeeds.

After our business side of the morning, it was no more talking and lots of show and tell. There was watching the forklift stretch its tongs what seemed like over 20 feet tall. And then off to the Buick Riviera that had served its purpose in directing us to breakfast, and now it was headed to the heap of cars in the back lot to make room for more cars expected that day.

John has been in business for over 30 years, and has grown to a massive yard of scrapped cars. Seemingly thousands dotted the lot.

Chevys, Fords, Dodges. And foreign parts too. They take all the tires, alternators – any parts deemed valuable to thieves, and store them in 52 foot tractor trailers that are kept secure at night. (Do they have a junk yard dog around? Wouldn’t want to find out).

There are piles of engine blocks, frames, and transmissions. Along with these, and all the cars, each one has yellow waterproof wax pencil that designates a lot of inventory info to John and his associates. You’ve gotta know which cars they go to, and what you paid for them. Every car has a number that translates to their computer system and this gives them a clear history of that car. No part is too tiny for Economy.

Surprisingly, your shoes were relatively clean when you left the yard. Mostly because there was concrete and not dirt that makes for a much better customer friendly environment. They got this done over the past 5 years as cement companies had extra run-over cement that John bought and covered his ground.

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

Here is a list of our upcoming speakers. Please note some events are evenings or away from Deer Creek CC.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING PROSPECTORS?
Give Keith Steiniger, our Membership Chairman a call at 913-735-2780 or email at ksteiniger@idologymg.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

May 12 – Ed the Bug Guy of Frechin Pest Control at Deer Creek CC.

May 19 – Dave Flessner of Mustard Seed at Deer Creek CC.

May 26 – Sheri Mortko of Live Like You Mean It Coaching at Deer Creek CC.

June 2 – Kathleen Cussen of Hangers Cleaners AT HER LOCATION.
Trivia Question:-

What did Walt Disney turn Tommy Kirk into in 1959?

Quote of the Week

Some days, the supply of available curse words is insufficient to meet my demands.

Bonnie Blue Butler’s father was Rhett Butler in Gone with the Wind.

Con’t. From Page 1.......

Economy Says Buick Riviera is a Nice Ride for Any Prospector That Wants One.

Besides having one of the best tasting breakfasts because you were out in the crisp spring morning air, and the biscuits and gravy went down so well, it was probably one of the most interesting off site adventures we have taken in a while.

So what “drives” JFK to keep doing what he’s doing? It is the fact that he knows when someone out there reaches out to his company for a particular auto part, that it could be one that is hard to find, or as is in most cases, just something that will work to fix a problem or make the car run well and not have to pay dealership prices. Bottom line. What is amazing is now he is connected to a country-wide network that allows him to ask for parts he does not have, and to sell parts he DOES have to anyone that needs them. Innovation at its finest.

We wish to thank John, his family, friends, and all those that made our morning at Economy one that will last in our memories for quite some time.
BE A PART OF THE BEST NETWORKING GROUP IN JOHNSON COUNTY – COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW PROSPECTORS THIS THURSDAY

PROSPECTOR EVENTS / NEWS / CHARITABLE CAUSE

Karson Douglas, son of Kyle and Lexie, his heart surgery scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> has been delayed. You can stay in touch with their journey by joining them on www.caringbridge.org and follow their posts. You will need to log in and create a username and password, and it’s that easy. Please keep them in your thoughts, and keep this private within the Club.

It’s A Baby Boy Shower !!
For Prospector Ladies Only

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 11:30 am - at Janine Terstriep’s home, hosted by Janine and Sheri.
Check your emails for a personal Evite sent to you and be sure to let them know Y or N.

ATF !!

Return to After The Facts – Mark your calendars for our next ATF event when Doug Airey and Rich Sirna will host us at Doug Airey’s home for a great evening of light snacks and beverages and sharing. Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Doug Airey and Annabeth Surbaugh – 5:00-7:00 pm.
Lady’s & Gentlemen: Step Right Up!

Prepare to be amazed at Phoenix Family’s UnGala on Friday, May 13th!

AMAZING PERFORMANCES:

You will marvel at the performances, including aerial silks, fire performers, contortionists, jugglers & other amazing circus acts.

FINE DINING:

Start the evening with complimentary cocktails and stay to enjoy a gourmet dinner & dessert.

GREAT CAUSE:

Proceeds from the UnGala benefit Phoenix Family, providing assistance, education, transportation and job readiness skills for low-income families, children, seniors and people with disabilities in our community.

Learn more about the night

TICKETS:

Tickets are on sale now! $175 per person or $1,750 for a Table of 10

Purchase your tickets by May 7 to reserve your seat.

FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT KEN EIDSON AT 913-451-3543
Prospector’s Breakfast Club

Attendance and Thank You’s  Meeting Date: May 5, 2016

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- Belzer, Dan
- Boehringer, Kevin
- Boward, Zach
- Brosset, Mike
- Brown, Erin
- Cocherl, Stephanie
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