

## **June 2009 Minutes R.F.A.**

President Butch Oliff called the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1945 hours with 39 members present.

**Deceased members** – Butch Oliff for Eddie Flynn: Butch reported that there was 1 deceased member since May's meeting; George McCain. Also active member Timmy Russell and non member Charles Barchers. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

**The minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Applications for membership** – Michael Muldoon. Voted and approved.

**The Secretary/Treasurer report** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Sick Committee** – Butch Oliff for Ed Flynn: Butch added Bill Heishman to our sick list of Dominick Adriani, Wendy Baden, Hugh Barnes, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Charlie Burger, Butch Carpenter, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, William Coughlin, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Doug Dillard, Ed Dougherty, Tom Francella, Charles Graham, Keith Grimes, Hunter Hetzel, Ralph Kennedy, Joe McDermott, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wayne Preddy, Leo Raulerson, Pete Schlosser, Al Size, Walter “Steamboat” Smith, Kenneth R Stevens and Phil Taylor

**Honor Guard** - Joe O'Neil: Shared thank you letters from the families of Skip Ramsey, Steve Graves and Harold Mikules. He also reminded everyone that there will be a Memorial and Celebration of Life for Joe Fiore on June 20<sup>th</sup>. See [www.WashingtonEmeralds.org](http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org) for further details. Since Joe O'Neil will be busy for the next 2 months, so Marion Sanchez will be taking his place.

**Vocal Alarm** - Joe Healy: Joe is currently working on the next Vocal Alarm and requests any photos or information to be sent to him.

**Entertainment Committee** – Don't forget the Emerald Society's Golf Tournament on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Potomac Ridge Golf Course. Their Annual Crab Feast will be held later in the summer. Details to follow on their web site. Also the retirement dinner for Mark Bloom, Billy Rimm, Jim Talbert, Damian Wilk and Mike Windsor to be held at the Upper Marlboro Fire House June 11 at 1730 hours. Dennis Murphy is again hosting the Kids Care Golf Tournament for Children's Hospital on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It's being held at Patuxent Green Golf Course in Laurel. Call him for more information. Our Annual RFA Picnic will be held at the Circle D Farm Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Check the end of these minutes for map, further details and [DCFD.com](http://DCFD.com).

**Members attending their first meeting** – Jim Blair.

**Local 36** - Ben Self: Ben talked about the last L-36 general membership meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. A mutual arbitrator was finally selected for L-36's contract with the city. The contract meetings most likely will begin this fall. It was brought up that L-36's office building at 2120 Bladensburg Rd will be sold in the future. The Teacher's Union offered 1.8 million and the Teamsters offered 2 million. More details to follow as nothing is final at this time. The Locals' website is [www.IAFFLocal36.com](http://www.IAFFLocal36.com) for up to date details. Ben has RFA and L-36 window decals as well as 2009 work schedules (hint –Ben, we can't use those – we're not green / blue / red / orange).

**Old business** – Butch discussed L-36's contract problems. Longevity problem is still stalled, but Butch is still working on it with the Police Association and lawyer Andy Quinn. Check web sites [www.DCFD.com](http://www.DCFD.com) for updates. Butch is still working on why the Retirement Board is still taking 3 to 4 days to return phone calls.

**New Business** – It was discussed and explained why many or most of the winners at the Emerald Society’s Fishing Tournament give back or donate their winnings to the Burn Center. The International Fire Buff Associates will be having their 57<sup>th</sup> annual convention this year at Engine Co. #3 and the Liaison Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) next door at 415 New Jersey Ave NW from August 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>. Jim Embrey passed along that anyone that would like to help our Friendship Fire Association during their convention please contact him. The Fire Dept. has new badges and if a retired member wishes to buy one, contact DFC Ken Crosswhite. The Emerald Society’s Pipe and Drum Band will be playing at Seacrets Bar & Grill in Ocean City on June 16<sup>th</sup> – late afternoon.

**Good & welfare** – Kudos to the members of E-26/T-15 and E-10/T-13 for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cherry Rd fire. Also to Larry Chapman E-26-4 for the Street alarm box at Cherry Rd and Banneker Dr NE. The monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 12 o’clock at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. All are invited to attend. Let Bob Gilbert know that you’re coming - [RPGilbert1@mchsi.com](mailto:RPGilbert1@mchsi.com). Check the menu and for directions - <http://www.Station7Restaurant.com/>. Another monthly luncheon is held at the Frederick Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Dr, Frederick, MD at 12 noon on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the second Tuesday of the month. It’s just minutes from I70 and Rt. 15. See you there on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Bubba Drevo will probably be his usual no show though! He doesn’t do cloudy days! Call Sandy Gourlay or Paul Stottlemeyer for further details. The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet the fourth Saturday of the month, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge. The address is 13708 Sinepuxent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138<sup>th</sup> St.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2009 are:

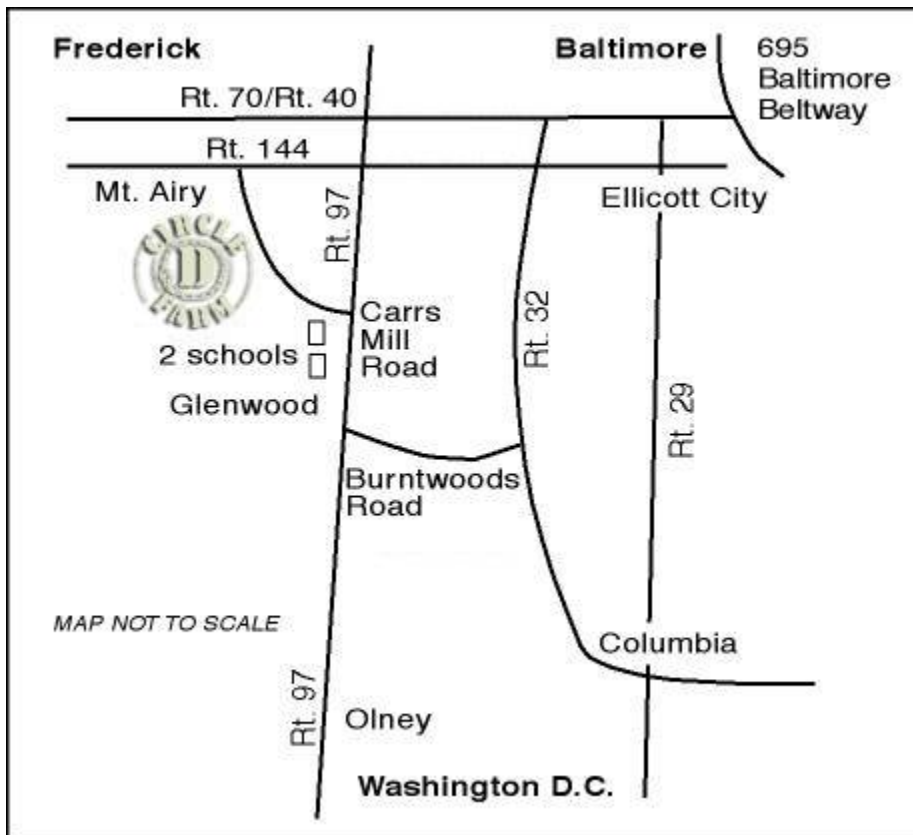
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There being no further old or new business, President Butch adjourned the meeting at 20:25 hours.

See you in October after our RFA Picnic. See below for the map.

Doug

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**Circle D Farm** is located at 15535 Carrs Mill Rd Woodbine MD 21797-8005.

From I-70, take Exit 76 (Rt. 97-Yes that's Georgia Ave extended) south for 1.7 miles. Turn right on Carrs Mill Rd for another 1.7 miles. Circle D Farm will be on the left. (Look for the orange 'DCFD' signs).

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