Post Scripts:

No. 3



In the event of inclement weather, please...STAY HOME! There is no alternate location (and soggy sandwiches are shazbot).

Please try to attend. Get together with some old friends, for a little while, and if you have the chance, call Sam Savajian at 989-2175, so we will know if anyone will be there besides your other friends,

The P.O.P.P.S.*

(*Preservation of Parties & Picnics Society)

SHOO-Bi-DOO-Bi-DOO!



"Great to hear from you - I really was going to write after your newsletter arrived - I think the idea's great, especially for those of us who are removed from Colorado.

The weather here has been lousy - one of the worst winters in years - had almost twice our normal snowfall. Only thing that makes it bearable is our cabin and two snowmobiles - we 'winterized' the place, so we have been able to spend weekends at the Lake and stay cozy; even though it dropped to around -40° over New Year's Eve!

Just bought a house in our old suburb of Minneapolis (Crystal) - not too far from the old neighborhood. Will send pictures as soon as the grass shows!

Family is fine. Pearl is chomping at the bit to get into the house (about mid-May) and then move up to the Lake for the summer. I commute weekends - it's about a 3-hour drive from Minneapolis, so we hope we don't have too bad a gas shortage. Ron is still in the antique business in St. Paul; Rick is still in the 'We-contract-anything' business - on and off with his gal friend (pun); Mark has one more year of school left.

I'm working for a company called Pneumatic Controls, Inc. We're reps. for Robertshaw Controls. I'm selling electric and pneumatic control systems for commercial buildings in meto Minneapolis-St. Paul - not much travelling - home every night, which is great! Don't know if this will be my life's profession, but it buys groceries!

We're anxious to see you and yours this summer - please extend our invite to all to come to see us if they can. Pearl says 'Hi'. We'll keep you busy, e.g., a 21' run-about, a sailboat, a fishing boat, 2 motorcycles, and an oversexed Norwegion neighbor!

Give our best to Kathy and Joe - Dick Moore - and everyone - we miss them all!"

- Love from Pearl, Ken, and Mark Klapmeier, Minnetonka, Minnesota

"I enjoyed your newsletter...as one of the growing army of Statitrol alums!

Am enclosing a copy of our bimonthly newsletter, which has a couple of articles in it about 'little old me'. Officially, I'm Outreach Coordinator for the Mountain Plains Regional Office of USDA's Food & Nutrition Service, at Diamond Hill. Today, I'm acting Information Officer, since the boss is taking the day off.

I really love my job...we have a terrific group of people in our office, and the work is usually pretty interesting. I have a great deal of creative freedom in what I write and in my layouts for brochures, etc. Plus, it's a lot closer to Boulder than was the Inverness job, although that was a really super place to work, too. The distance was probably the deciding factor...plus the 'security' of a federal job, since I've already put in the required number of quarters to insure social security.

Was interested to hear you're planning a jaunt to Europe. If you need any suggestions, I'd be glad to offer them! If you can possibly include them, my favorites are Paris, London, Rome, Athens, and Copenhagen.

Glad to hear your business is going well. Keep it up!"

From Joanne Widner, Boulder, Colorado

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Ed. Note: Would like to re-print the paper that Joanne sent - it's very professional. Space (and funding) prevents me from doing so. She didn't mention the fact that she's just returned from another trip - this time to EGYPT, and after that, into Mexico in the Yucatan. (Someday, I'm going to ask that lady to do my financial planning for me, but first, I'll have to acquire some finances!)

"By now, you should have received my 'printed' letter telling about my trip to the U.S. this summer. I have, in the meantime, received two of your newsletters. I, probably, more than anyone else, appreciate this 'gossip' since I see no other way in receiving information about what is going on with my friends in Denver. Although I correspond with other friends in Denver and the U.S., some people seem to be too busy to drop a line or even answer my letters. No names mentioned, but 'someone' must really be busy - maybe, he's too busy dishwashing, or vacuuming, etc.?

My job is doing good. Have really gotten into it, maybe too much, since I tend to get quite a few hours 'overtime' every week. The company I'm working for is STORNO - approx. 2,500 people (but only 200 in Sweden) - the rest spread around factories and offices in Denmark, England, France, and Germany. We're not RCA-affiliated but actually 75%-owned by G.E.- manufacture and market to the user, radiotelephones and radio communication equipment, e.g., airports, firebrigades, police, taxis, etc. I am a salesman at the Stockholm sales office.

When I started this job, I hoped I would never see the same job situation develop as I did in the U.S. Unfortunately, I already have, but everything is okay now.

Because I do miss Denver and all my friends, and because of the economical situation in Sweden and its climate, is why I'm paying a visit to the U.S. this summer. One purpose is naturally to have a vacation, but in the back of my head is still the thought of returning to the U.S. I, therefore, also intend to decide when I visit if it is just a nostalgic dream, or if I am ready to hustle a job (know of any good ones??).

For a man like me who still has ambitions and needs some freedom, I doubt this is the best place to live. It definitely is for people who enjoy paying 50%-70% of their income in taxes; who enjoy 'big brother' watching them and taking care of them with laws and regulations, and therefore, limiting their freedom. It leads to a rather dull and boring society, where most people have the same kind of living situation and have given up their ambitions and initiative.

Still, I am very lucky. I have managed to get going in my career much better than even I dreamed about. I have a job with larger responsibility and income than anyone I know who is 24 years of age. I have good friends, a super-nice place to live, a car, boat, summer house, etc. Maybe I am just like the gypsies...that I need to move and try something new when spring comes??!!

Finally had my housewarming party - 26 friends showed up, and it was a blast! with lots of food, drinks, and dancing. Best piece of furniture I bought seems to be the 6-foot bar! It was really appreciated during the party, and it keeps my U.S. drinking habits up (except that a bottle of Johnny Walker Red Label costs \$22 here!!).

So, what is new in Denver? Is Statitrol still existing? How many employees? Anyone I know still left? Pete still in Engineering? Have they started building the new shopping center (Union Square)? Pollution? Snow-skiing? As you can see, I am dying to get some more information on what's going on. Please keep me informed with your newsletter and personal letters whenever you have time. Hope you will have comments on my U.S. trip. Take care, and write when you have time, if not sooner.

- Best regards, Puss & Kram, from Kaj (Bjorkman)
P.S. - I'll volunteer for your picnic May 27th. Only part I don't like is that we have to provide our own transportation. Any sponsors? Or, why don't I get to suggest the park? - K.B.

Ed's note: Okay Sportsfans! Get out your pens, pencils, and crayons, and write to that boy (address below). We obviously made a good impression, he misses us, he's coming to see us, and we owe it to our country to carry on good, international relations by letting him know how great our economy is! Address letters to: Kaj Bjorkman

Bagarfruvagen 80

123 55 Farsta

Sweden

(Note - suggest you send airmail for 62¢.)

"It was nice hearing about all my old friends, particularly the girls! It's funny how the girls' attitude toward a guy changes when he gets to be old. Don't be fooled - - there's plenty of life in some of us 'senior lovers'!

As you know, I'm completely retired and enjoying my 3 principal hobbies -- fly fishing, golf, and archeology. We live in a townhouse at the Ken Caryl Ranch Development..3200 sq. ft. of finished space. I am on the Rules Committee, the Environment Management Committee, the Open-Space Committee, and was just elected Vice President & Director for the Ken Caryl Ranch Master Assn. So, you can see, I am a participating, contributing member of my community! I have recovered as much as I'm going to from my open-heart surgery. Still have limitations, but feel pretty good.

I'll give you three quotations: #1 - from Bernard Baruch - 'Business is like sex. When it's good, it's very, very good. When it's bad, well, it's still pretty good.'

#2 - from my daughter's T-shirt - 'You have to kiss a lot of toads in order to find your Prince Charming'.

#3 - from my T-shirt - 'When all else fails, ask Grandpa'.

With Affection - Jack Wilson, Littleton, Colorado

[Ed. note: Have imposed on Duane to tell me exactly what his activities are, since so many people have asked. The following will give you some idea.]

"My principle activity has been speaking out for small business and, generally, attempting to improve the climate for small business through federal legislation. I've addressed the Business School of the University of Colorado (Colorado Springs), and the Small Business Advisory Council (for SBA); addressed the Aurora Chamber of Commerce; and will be one of the panelists for the Anti-Inflation Conference of the Mountain Plains Regional Council.

Perhaps the highlight will be to represent small business on a panel with Doug Costle, EPA Administrator, Congressman Elliott Levitas (Georgia), in a program simulating the format used on '60 Minutes'. Andy Rooney of CBS-TV News, will act as the interviewer/reporter. This is the highlight luncheon program of the annual meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Also, I serve on the Board of Directors of: Denver Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee; Center for Small Business, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; High Technology Small Business Advisory Council, SBA (Washington); President's Leadership Class (U OF C); Sewell Rehabilitation Center; Diversified Manufacturers Corp. (35th & Franklin); Enervest, a venture capital company; and, Judson Sales Co. (Cal Judson).

Between now (April) and the end of June, I have four meetings scheduled in Washington, one of which is to testify before the Federal Trade Commission on behalf of the Denver Chamber.

Of course, the most time-consuming activity is the construction of our new home at Genessee, which began a year ago, and is now scheduled for completion in mid-July. Somewhere along the line, both the size and complexity got slightly out of control to the point where I have gone to classes on balancing hydronic systems. With all our activities, Marge and I haven't found time to do much sailing on Lake Mead as we had planned, nor to do any great amount of skiing.

We will have both Craig and Mary Ann graduating from college in June, with Cindy in her third year of Engineering at CSU.

By the way, my company is Small Business Development Corporation, which fundamentally is a consulting company for small business."

Best regards, Duane Pearsall, Littleton, CO

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PETE (Son-of-a-gun) ERICKSON will be joining us "to-young-to-be" grandparents in the Fall. Pete's daughter, Barbara, is expecting in November, and Pete "hopes it will be the first of, at least, twelve"! Good luck, Grandpa!!

Incidentally, Pete tells me Joe Guthrie is alive, and well, and living in Orange, California (1956 N. Cambridge (714) 637-2173). Old-timers will remember Joe as VP/Mfg seven years ago at Statitrol.

Joe is working as a Project Engineer for Hughes Aircraft, and he and his daughter are spending lots of time toward receiving their novice licenses as ham operators. (Wonder if Paul Staby could make contact?)....

BARB GATES has joined friend, Pat O'Donnell, at AMAX, working in the purchasing department. As an aside, Barb is looking desperately for a home to rent - if anyone knows of any, call her or let me know, and I'll pass it on....

MARY LOU RAY has been celebrating the return of her son, Charlie, from the Fiji's, where he has spent the past three years working in planning and development for the Peace Corps. (If you know of someone who could utilize this young man's talents - and he has quite a few - call Mary Lou.) She's also passed on the fact that her husband, Bill, is a Professional Engineer, (Industrial Specialist) at the U.S.S.B.A., and services are available free to small businesses.

JIM SHANAHAN, always looking at new horizons, has added another card to his growing business interests. Jim is now associated with Automated Energy Systems, in addition to Shanahan & Associates, and FIREPRO West.

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"Yeh, Sam, it really has been a breathing problem-brought on by blip-blip, etc. COPD isn't a fun thing - takes medication and reading so many instructions, i.e., do's and don'ts. Even "hot" food, such as Gil's, is restricted. My eyes watered then...what do you think they do now!!?

A quick note to Betsy Scown - 'Loved your letter - just keep being Betsy'! Also, tell Jack Wilson we have a golf date this summer, even if he didn't like the sound of my last score! Love & best wishes - From - Bev Bakke, Lakewood



"I hate these early-morning flights."

During a recent visit with a best friend, she mentioned her "milestone" birthday, coming in July. Having celebrated several of her past birthdays with her, and having, myself, visibly aged after each of her birthday celebrations, I wanted to prepare all mutual friends of Bev Carey for July 22 - "a day that will live in infamy"!!!







