Dear Members,

The Festivus was attended by about 65 people, food was great and the desert was even better. I did not attend the Festivus so Mark will fill you in on that at 7:30. Please check the events calendar as there have been some changes to events.

I would like to thank our show host for the last 20 years and ask all who attend our May show to please say thank you to Mel Fair. Without his effort we would not have the fantastic show that Richard Schaffer, Buzz Payne, and I enjoyed.

As this is our 20th year I would like to recognize our Past Presidents for their service to the society. Bruce Geil was the first, and Peterbilt gracing it as seen on the last page. Bill is having a 3 foot by 5 foot copy made to hang in his living room.

Another board meeting has come and gone and much happened at this one that will impact the future of the association. Another one will be held in Kansas City in March. I meet with Randy to clean up the mailing list as postage is a large reoccurring cost. We deleted 200 members.

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