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## ***Plans for September***

### **Auto Vue Drive in Theater located just north of Colville**

### **Woodland Theatre outing**

### **Pot luck dinner at Millys' house**

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## From the Editor . . .

I really like the blog started by our member **Bill Sawatzki**; His writing style reflects independent spirit that you would expect to find in an article written by someone about the subject of which he writes.

I wanted to read on past the submission he had emailed to me and went looking to his blog for an advanced look into what will get printed here next month, barring any clamoring for Banning or Censoring his articles, and was met with the disappointing fact that there is nothing posted there yet, and so, ReEd has to wait like everyone else for more from this author who lists himself as "Occupation: **Travel Writer**".

Look for Bills' **Travel Blog** Chapter One starting on pg 3.

A **trip and get-together idea** to Woodland Theater in Kettle Falls, posited by Dianna Helena, starts on pg. 5

**Diana Helenna** submitted another, very enticingly described, suggestion of something **nostalgic and "slice of Americana"-ish to do** in the N.E. area of Washington, starting on pg 13.

Pg 8 still has details of the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pot Luck on **SEPTEMBER 2nd, at 5:30 at Millys' House.**

James

**Errors in the Last newsletter:** None pointed out to ReEd.

## From Milly

On September 2nd I'm having a pot luck dinner at my house, for the first Friday of the month. If everyone has a good time, we may make it a permanent first Friday of every month. It's something that families can attend, as opposed to having it in a lounge that no one under 21 can attend. You need to bring a dish to share and your own beverage. I have juice, coffee, tea and water here. So I hope to see you on the **second of September at 5:30 at 504 E. Olympic**. Any questions call **489-0141**

On the third Friday of August we met at Casa De Oro on North Division. The food was good, also the service. I would like to meet there again.

If any of our members has a suggestion for an activity please let me know. Any of our members can set up a game night. All you have to do is provide the space. The members will bring the games, snacks and their own beverages. It usually turns out to be a fun night with lots of competition and conversation.

Also in September we are having a **business meeting on the 14th**. It is at 6:00 for the chili, and 7:00 for the business meeting. You don't need to bring a thing. Only if you want an alcoholic beverage, I can usually provide other beverages. I also have pie or cake, something sweet to top off the meal. I hope to see you here for the pot luck and the business meeting.

Your Loc Sec.,      **Milly Treherne**

## Travel Blog by Bill Sawatzki

### Chapter One Van Trip

[bsawatzki.blogspot.com](http://bsawatzki.blogspot.com)



Where to start. Lewis Carroll told niece Alice to begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end; then stop. The protagonist in the movie Memento only knows the present. The present is where we are stuck living our lives and from where I am writing this blog.

It seems my blog has begun.

I was pulling Tehachapi on CA 58 in my 16 year old work van when I began to note the open hooded rigs upside the road. The valley floor had registered 102 degrees but modern car drivers don't even need to dim the AC in these conditions, shoulder occupiers excepted. Wasn't until the next morning, between Bishop and Hawthorne on State 6 that my alternator started giving me the high sign.

The last time I was on these roads alone was circa 1966 in an air cooled Corvair. Turning on the heater drew heat from the engine while raising the drivers' right foot temperature well above, then current, POW torture standards. The sides of the highways, then, were well littered with hood steaming 50s cars and

trucks. That trip may have been the last time I saw the desert water bags, all Winsletty, on the prow of long hooded Fords.

The adventure part of adventure is not knowing what is on the other side of the next hill. My blue van had not been driven over 3,000 miles per year for the last five years. My trip preparation included taking the construction tools out and putting in one of those, as seen on TV, air filled mattresses. Also had the oil changed. I was pretty sure that these preparations would guarantee adventure.

Just yesterday, or so it seems, my wife of 42 years died. Shortly after that damnable experience Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris" debuted. Bonnie and I, not so long ago, spent five weeks ensconced in the third arrondissement. The images on the screen, street for street and turn for turn, as 'Hemingway' could have said in the movie "rang true." I was glad I saw the movie. Upon leaving the theater I realized that the last movie I had gone to alone was 'Georgy Girl' in 1966 starring Lynn Redgrave.

I am not counting 'Apocalypse Now,' there were other reasons I saw that alone.

Being as "there is a reason for everything" I pulled into the Napa auto parts in Hawthorne and the nice guy metered the alternator and showed the reason the alternator light was flashing was that the alternator was going out.

Next Blog Chapter - The Fallon Women of Nevada

If you would like, follow my blog at [bsawatzki.blogspot.com](http://bsawatzki.blogspot.com)



## Woodland Theatre outing [Submitted by Diana Helenna]

A few weeks ago I was asked to find out what I could about the upcoming performances at the Woodland Theatre. Since there are only the September and October newsletter between now and the performance, and since often the newsletter is a bit delayed, I would like to suggest that we put the notification for the Woodland outing in both the September and the October issue. Kids are going back to school, and people may need to juggle some scheduling if they are going to attend with the Mensa group.

This is the information I found concerning the next show at the

"Can't get it replaced here today, Sonny. I supply all the mechanics in town and they are all slammed." I'm not sure if I remember the 'Sonny' part correctly since the nice guy was about my son's age. "You can make it to Fallon and you should be able to get it fixed there." If I had those words back I would own about 35 extra words.

Kettle Falls. Leave Spokane on US 395 going north, and proceed through Deer Park, Chewela, and Colville to Kettle Falls. The highway turns into 3rd Avenue as you enter town. You will come to an intersection where Gold Hills Rd is on the right and Meyers Street is on the left. The theater will be just ahead on the right hand side of the road. Very little street parking is available, but to the right of and behind the building there will be a primitive parking area. Entrance to the building is only in the front.

Arrival about half an hour before

show time is advised. The drive takes approximately 100 minutes to 130 minutes, depending on what part of town you start from. The last time that I personally was involved in an outing to the Woodlands, the car pool drivers and passengers met at the Safeway parking lot in the North Pointe Mall, and then proceeded in a group to Kettle Falls. This seemed to work out well for those who had never been there before.

The dates shown below are for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in each of the last two weeks in October.

## See How They Run

### -British Farce-

### by Philip King.

**Performances:** October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 2011  
Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday performances will be 3:00 p.m.

**Director:** John Greenslade

So swift the action, so involved the situations, so rib-tickling the plot in this London hit, that at its finish audiences are left as exhausted from laughter as though they have run a foot race. Galloping in and out of the four doors of an English vicarage are: an American actor and actress (he is now stationed with the Air Force in England); a cockney maid who has seen too many American movies; an old maid who "touches alcohol for the first time in her life;" four men in clerical garb. These four present the problem, which is that one of them is an escaped prisoner disguised as a clergyman. The sedate Bishop is aghast at all these goings on and at the trumped up stories the others tell him.

Tickets are \$12 for adults \$10 for students/seniors.

**Tickets sold at the door only.**

**R.S.V.P. with either Milly [[milytreh@hotmail.com](mailto:milytreh@hotmail.com)] or Diana Helenna [[h\\_elenna@excite.com](mailto:h_elenna@excite.com)] if you will be going.**

## AUGUST PUZZLE ANSWER

To recap:

In a sequence, every term after the second term is twice the sum of the two preceding terms. The seventh term of the sequence is **8**, and the ninth term is **24**. What is the eleventh term of the sequence?

Let's call the sixth term of the sequence **X** (now there's an original name.) The eighth term would be **2(X + 8)**.

The ninth term would be **2(8 + 2(X + 8))** which we were given as **24**.

The last statement and some simple algebra shows us that **X = -6**.

So

<b>-6</b>	sixth term
<b>8</b>	seventh term ( <b>given</b> )
<b>4</b>	eighth term
<b>24</b>	ninth term ( <b>given</b> )
<b>56</b>	tenth term
<b>160</b>	eleventh term ( <b>answer</b> )

I received answers from Diana Helenna, Steve Durrett, Valerie Smith and Mike Strombach, in that order. The first right answer was from Diana, so . . . .

**ATTAGirl, Diana**

## SEPTEMBER PUZZLE

A couple of you pointed out the resemblance of the above sequence to the Fibonacci Series, where each term is just the sum of the previous two. In that series the ratio of one term to the previous term approaches a limiting ratio called the Golden Mean, equal to **(1 + Sqrt(5))/2**, numerically **1.61803398875.....**

**Does this sequence do something similar? If so, what is the value of that ratio?**

Send your answer directly to me. There are two ways you can do this:

**E-mail:** this is best - [perfesser3@comcast.net](mailto:perfesser3@comcast.net).

**Regular mail**

You will be judged on your speed, correctness, and **clarity of explanation** of your reasoning. The winner will get one of the coveted **ATTABOYS**.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER:

**2 Fri FIRST FRIDAY – Milly’s House**, 5:30 PM Potluck.  
Bring your own libation, and a dish to share.

**9 Fri SECOND FRIDAY** – After work, **5:30** at the **China Dragon Lounge**, corner of Division and Queen, directly north of Northtown Mall in Spokane. Call **Milly** or **Beetle** for information and/or directions.

**13 Tue MISSOULA** - “Second Tuesday” at **SEAN KELLY'S BAR AND GRILL**, 130 West Pine. Join the **trivia contest** (we play as “The Owls”) or just visit. Call Mariana at (406) 360-4740.

**14 Wed MONTHLY MEETING** - Milly’s house,  
. Chili feed at 6 PM, meeting at 7. Bring snacks and libation.

**23 Fri TGITFF - RIPPLES ON THE RIVER - 5:30.** This is the west end of the bar in the Red Lion River Inn. It’s just north of the river, on the east side of Division St. Outside seating when the weather is warm.

**23 Fri NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**27 Tue CREASE AND PDXE** October newsletter. Beetle’s house, 7 PM. Call first.

### Upcoming First Friday plans:

**This iterates what Milly had said in her notes:**

At the July business meeting. We discussed what to do about the first Friday's of the month. We decided on a pot luck dinners at Milly's house. This will be an opportunity for something our young members can attend with their families. All children are welcome. Most of our Friday get-together's are in a lounge someplace and that prevents our young members from attending. This is a "bring your own beverage and a dish to share" affair. We can visit or play games or what ever our membership would like to do. It should be fun. Something a little different than our usual Friday's. The first Pot Luck will be on **SEPTEMBER 2nd, at 5:30**.

## OCTOBER

- 11 Tue** MISSOULA Second Tuesday - at SEAN KELLY'S  
**NO SPOKANE MEETING THIS MONTH**  
**14 Fri** SECOND FRIDAY – China Dragon Lounge, 5:30 PM  
**28 Fri** TGIF - 5:30 PM, RIPPLES ON THE RIVER.

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### Welcome Back To:

There were technical difficulties extracting information from the info packet from National this month.

Check this section next month for this information

Thank you for your patience while this problem is being resolved.

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### Renewing (lapsed < 1 year)

### Goodbye To:

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### Moved out of group

### Welcome To:

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### New Member

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### Moved into group



### RVC Column

#### Debra Reiger, RVC 8

some other people that I know but don't see as often as I'd like to. If you haven't been to an AG recently, I urge you to try one of the upcoming ones: Reno in 2012, Ft. Worth in 2013, Boston in 2014, Louisville in 2015. Wow. What a great bunch of travel destinations.

....[ReEd omitted bits about newsletter awards for other chapters as he supposes no one in is really overly interested in them]

Hi everyone. Here's a good website to check out for attractive and entertaining items with the Mensa logo and/or designed for smart people. [www.MensaStore.com](http://www.MensaStore.com) has lots of nice stuff including one of my favorites, a line of math earrings (they are a little hard to describe, but wonderfully quirky.) - Also shirts, pens, mugs, and more. If you were at the AG in Portland, you will probably have seen the booth in the Hospitality area.

Speaking of the AG, I attended and enjoyed it very much. The weather in Portland was delightful and it was a great summer destination for me (I live in hot Sacramento). It was great to meet many of you and to see

Have a great month.

Regards,

Debra Reiger, RVC 8

# Happy Birthday

7	Jill Rocksund	Columbia Falls, MT
18	Judy Miller	Helena, MT
21	John Simianer	Bozeman, MT
21	Robert Simianer	Missoula, MT
22	Donna Williams	Great Falls, MT
22	Mike Louttit	Great Falls, MT
24	Edgar Brooks	Libby, MT
27	D Biggs	Spokane
27	Valerie Smith	Belt, MT
28	Kenneth Strunk	Spokane

# Happy Mensaversary

49 years	Stephen Anson	Spokane
35 years	Mildred Hamilton	Spokane
34 years	Marlene Swisher	Victor, MT
20 years	Brent Regan	Coeur d'Alene, ID
16 years	Simon Smith	Pullman, WA
9 years	D Biggs	Spokane
8 years	David Roseta	Spokane
5 years	Karl Woodmansey	Bozeman, MT
2 years	Cathie Crawford	Whitefish, MT
1 year	Thomas Camm	Butte, MT

## Interesting words and their definitions.

[Submitted to ReEd by Sheri Beck from an email she received]

### detente \dey-TAHNT\, noun:

A relaxing of tension, especially between nations.

But he'd just smiled - almost sadly, it seemed to her - just smiled and said that detente was a balancing act, that he was the only one who knew how to

walk that line.

-- David J. Williams, *The Burning Skies*

But these were unspoken claims, and a firm dtente developed between Han Jung-joo and her husband as a matter of course.

-- Sonya Chung, *Long for this world: a novel*

### patois \pat-WAH\, noun:

1. A regional version of a language differing from its standard, literary form.
2. Arural or provincial form of speech.
3. Any jargon or private form of speech.

The Calypsonian would use patois in ordinary social circumstances, but on stage, doing battle with other singers in the large Calypso tents, would use strictly regulated English.

-- Stephen Wagg, *Because I tell a joke or two: comedy, politics, and social difference*

Nick took easily to accomplishments, and he handled the clumsy tiller with a certainty and distinction that made the boatmen swear in two languages and a patois.

-- Winston Churchill, *The Crossing*

### pecksniffian \pek-SNIF-ee-uhn\, adjective:

Hypocritically and smugly affecting benevolence or high moral principles.

With such departing words, did this strong minded female paralyze the Pecksniffian energies; and so she swept out of the room, and out of the house, attended her daughters, who, as with one accord, elevated their three noses in the air, and joined in a contemptuous titter.

-- Charles Dickens, *Martin Chuzzlewit, Volume 1*

The men who do things in the world, the men worthy of admiration and imitation, are men constitutionally incapable of any such pecksniffian stupidity.

-- H. L. Mencken, *Damn! A Book of Calumny*

## **ANYONE FOR NOSTALGIA?**

[Submitted by Diana Helenna]

My husband and I love the old fashioned drive-in movie theaters, and there is only one left within 'reasonable' driving distance from Spokane. It is the Auto Vue, located just north of Colville. I know that a 90 minute drive is a lot, especially when there are multiplexes all over, and the IMAX at the park. But my husband and I make the trip as often as we can during the summer months, not only because we like the experience, but because we want to help support this dwindling remnant of "by-gone days". We could bring snacks from home, but we don't, we buy at least a large popcorn when we are there, and sometimes candy or pop as well. If you are looking for other than snack-bar dining before the show, try the Ronnie D's restaurant in Colville, on the way to the Auto Vue. It has just the "ambiance" to be in keeping with the drive in movie experience, they have a large and varied menu, and prices are not high. I think their onion rings are super! Of course, there are both regular restaurants and other fast food chains in town if you prefer, and the Auto Vue snack bar offers hot dogs and other fare.

The Auto Vue bathroom accommodations are not quite primitive; they are adequate for the outdoor setting that you expect from a Drive In. Meaning you don't have to bring your own TP, and they do have running water. It is always a

double feature, and almost always the first movie is a first-run. Sometimes both offerings are first-run movies. Seeing Harry Potter or Transformers or other high-technology fast-action films at the drive-in is great because of the large screen. I remember seeing "Point of View" there a while back, and it was really awesome. The comfort of your own car can't be over emphasized, if you're not driving a sardine can. My husband likes to sit up in the front row and recline his seat. I prefer to sit in the back row close to the bathroom, but hey, I'm old. My nieces and nephews love to wander around and schmooze with their friends, sit on lawn chairs and pig out on snacks, or roll out the sleeping bags and lay back to watch the stars as well as the movie. Way out there in the "boonies" you sure can see a TON of stars. The younger kids can watch the first movie and then fall asleep in the back, and you don't have to pay a babysitter. Sunday is car-load night, but because I have to work on Monday morning, we seldom go on Sunday. However, Labor Day is also our Tenth Anniversary this year, so perhaps we will go Sunday the 4th and sleep-in late the next day.

I don't know if they will be open after Labor Day this year. As a small family business, things like the weather and the start of the school year determine the profitability of

keeping it open much longer. For those of you who occasionally want to live a page out of your youth, or take your kids or grandkids to experience this "slice of Americana" before it's gone, this is a great outing. The gas money may be a consideration, but hey, you're getting a double feature for \$6 apiece instead of \$11 for one feature, so

what's to snark about? And you are helping to support this fun, nostalgic piece of culture. Have some popcorn, or some malt balls, and take in a couple of shows.

The phone number is 1 509 684 2863 for what's playing and box office times.

## **ReEd go this email from member Kathe Randle**

I wrote a blurb a couple years ago when I first contemplated my next (life) chapter. Guess I've started--or am somewhere in the middle of that--and it's centered about 25 miles northeast of Spokane off Hwy 2. ....

Probably will be more to tell as I settle in. Am looking forward to meeting some Mensas and getting involved in some activities. Just now my new home needs some TLC and being a country girl, I'm a bit reluctant to cruise around Spokane without a map or some idea where I'm going but do welcome e-mail, texts, calls and -with some notice- visitors who might stray out this direction.

Thanks Kathe Randle MENSA formerly from Polson, Mt.

## **Go Ask a Man [Submitted to ReEd by Lynn]**

Women most probably won't understand this, so ask a man to explain it to you.

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6!"

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had eggs."

## Senior Wedding [Submitted by Milly]

Jacob, age 92, and Mary, age 89, living in Fort Myers , are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter:

"Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course, we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about suppositories?"

Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

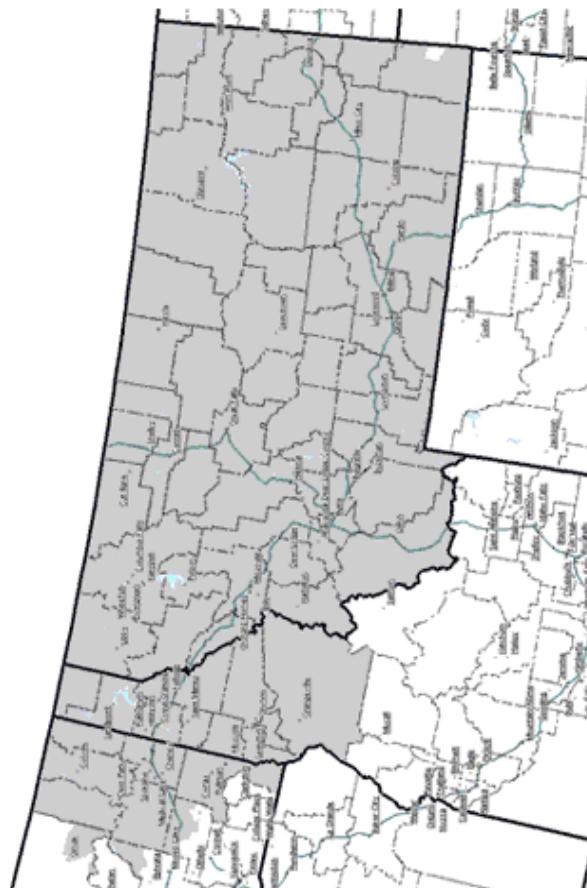
Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "Adult diapers?"

Pharmacist: "Sure."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

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