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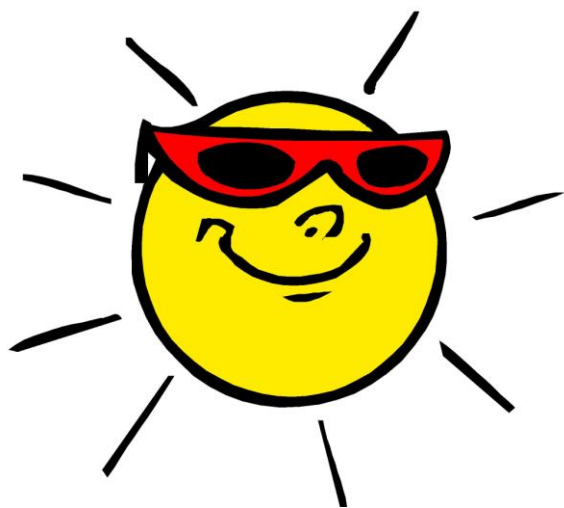
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Yesterday we enjoyed our annual picnic at the Sandridge farm in Harvest. Rev. Jim Berry gave the invocation, and the food and fellowship that followed were superb. It turned out we picked the first official 100 degree day of the year for this event. It was **HOT - HOT - HOT**.



Everyone remarked how **HOT** it was. This prompted Sidney to go to the microphone (conveniently provided by Pres. Bob Martin), and to decree that the word **HOT** was not to be heard again, otherwise, he would collect a quarter for each violation – earmarked for the club treasury. No sooner had he set the mike aside, I asked him if he thought the **HOT** dogs were ready yet. He said “that will be 25

cents.” I continued that I was not talking about the **HOT** weather. He said, “that’ll be 50 – would you like to try for 75?” At this point, Tom Casteel chimed in, inquiring if you could get 5 offenses for a dollar? Before I said that **H**____ word again I made sure I was out of Sidney’s hearing range.

Many thanks go out to the Sandridges for hosting our picnic, again, and to those involved in planning and preparing for activities. I note that badminton, croquet, and horseshoes were ready to use. I tried the latter, but couldn't handle the regulation 40 feet between stakes. Maybe next time 32 feet would be more appropriate for us senior pitchers. It was a **HOT** day to move tables and chairs and other equipment in for the occasion. I hope Jim Roe had plenty of help. Jim Berry announced that it was Pres. Bob's 75th birthday, so we broke into the traditional musical greeting. There seemed to be a lot fellowship and singing going on at the other end of the gathering, apparently being led by Sidney. We had to leave early, so we missed the hayride Jeff Sandridge was getting ready to take folks on. All in all it was a grand picnic – just too **HOT**.

This week, Thursday, July 29, we'll be back at the Holiday Inn at our regular time. Alberto has arranged for another informative program in support of our schools, which open in about three weeks. Lisa Sparks, Gay Pepper's supervisor, will give us an update on the Huntsville School Foundation, established to raise ancillary funds, as needed, for our school system. Zack is program chairman for August. See CALENDAR for his outstanding coming events.

CALENDAR

07/29	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Lisa Sparks School Foundation Board
08/03	Tues. 4:00pm	1 st Comm. Bank	Board Meeting
08/05	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Roger Vaughn OI Foundation
08/12	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Grand Ole Opry Performance
08/19	Thurs. 11:45	ORC	Business Meeting

