

FLEET FOCUS

A newsletter from Lee County Fleet Management

2955 Van Buren Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: 239 / 533-5338

10 THOUGHTS FOR MOVING FORWARD

1. *Focus on the possibilities, not what you assume may happen.*
2. *Reach out for new ways of doing things to get things done.*
3. *Look for new opportunities, even when you have to jump out into the unknown.*
4. *Value what is effective, even if it's something that you are not familiar with.*
5. *Don't overreact to the present, but create new ways of moving forward.*
6. *Take personal responsibility for inward responses.*
7. *The Old is gone....look ahead to the New.*
8. *Keep your eyes on the reward!*
9. *Be inspired to action for the future.....the old won't work where you're going!*
10. *Past acceptance of mediocrity is now outdated and done!*

(Excerpted from an article by Jana Alcorn.)
Poet

- Ambrose Bierce
Author

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up.

- Muhammad Ali
Prizefighter

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, however, if faced with courage, need not be lived again.

- Maya Angelou

You gave your life to become the person you are right now. Was it worth it?

- Richard David Bach
Author

Destiny. A tyrant's authority for crime and a fool's excuse for failure.

Things are more like they are now than they have ever been.
Gerald Rudolph Ford
38th President of the US

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.
- John Wooden
Basketball Coach

Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window.

- Steve Wozniak
Computer Designer



DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS?

** Legend has it that the Chinese made the first fireworks in the 800s, filling bamboo shoots with gunpowder and exploding them at the New Year with the hope that the sound would scare away evil spirits.

** By the 1400s, Florence Italy was the center of fireworks manufacturing.

** The 1533 coronation parade for Anne Boleyn included a papier-mache dragon that belched fire.

** Russian czar Peter the Great put on a five-hour firework show after the birth of his son.

** The multi-colored fireworks displays began in the 1830s, when trace amounts of metals that burn at high temperatures, creating beautiful colors were added. For example, calcium deepens colors, titanium makes sparks, and zinc creates smoke clouds.

** In 2007, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported 9,800 fireworks-related emergency-room visits.

(www.infoplease.com)

** A cluster of bananas is called a hand and consists

of 10 to 20 bananas, which are known as fingers.

** The purpose for the tall chef's hat that balloons at the top is to counteract the intense heat in the kitchen. It allows air to circulate around the chef's scalp and to keep him/her from over-heating.

** Koalas and humans are the only animals with unique fingerprints.

** The average human produces 10,000 gallons of saliva in a lifetime.

** Each seed of the palm tree *Lodoicea seychellarum* weighs 30 pounds.

** A ten-gallon hat holds 3/4 gallon or 3 quarts.

** Singer/comedienne Minnie Pearl's real name was Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon.

** Before settling on the name Mark Twain, Samuel Clemens published work under: Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass, Sgt. Fathom, and W. Apaminondas Adrastus Blab.

** The Dieri tribe in Australia has strict laws regarding who can marry whom. For example, a man can legally marry his mother's mother's brother's daughter's daughter. He can also marry his mother's father's sister's daughter's daughter.

** The father of the pink flamingo (the plastic lawn ornament) was Don Featherstone of Massachusetts. Featherstone graduated from art school and went to work as a

designer for Union Products, a company that manufactured flat plastic lawn ornaments. He designed the pink flamingo in 1957 as a follow-up project to his plastic duck. Today, Featherstone is president and part owner of the company that sells an average of 250,000 to 500,000 plastic pink flamingos a year.

**The caterpillar has more than 2,000 muscles.

** If a baseball-sized piece of a supernova star (known as a pulsar) were brought to Earth, it would weigh more than the Empire State building.

** The first motion picture copyrighted in the U.S. (in 1894) showed a man in the act of sneezing.

LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

What term did sportscaster Curt Gowdy suggest instead of "sudden death" for the overtime period in pro football that ends when a team scores?

- Sudden Victory
- Sudden Life
- Sudden Win
- Ultimate Win

The correct answer is "A" Sudden Victory. Jim Desjarlais, IT Director was this month's winner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U

Jill Bammerlin	6/07
Prince	6/07

Janet Sherman 6/09
 Michael J. Fox 6/09
 Gary Holmes 6/14
 Donald Trump 6/14
 Rick Irick 6/27
 Captain Kangaroo 6/27



THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

In ancient Egypt, what was the job of the Master of Largesse?

- Oversaw banquet preparations;
- Oversaw livestock;
- Collected taxes;
- Groundskeeper;

Send your answer to Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet Management to be eligible to win a prize. Winner will be randomly selected from all correct responses.



WACKY LAWS

- * Chicago forbids fishing while sitting on a giraffe's neck.
- * In Alabama, it's illegal to wear a funny fake mustache to church.
- * Skunks may not be carried into the state of Tennessee.
- * No one may cross the Minnesota state line with a duck on top of their head.
- * In Ohio, it's illegal to get a fish drunk.
- * Next door neighbors may not lend each other vacuum cleaners in Denver, Colorado.
- * If an elephant is left tied to a parking meter in Florida, the parking fee must be paid just as if a car had parked there.

* In Fairbanks, Alaska, it's illegal to give a moose alcohol.

* Doughnut holes may not be sold in Lehigh, Nebraska.



I DON'T HAVE A CLUE!!!

** Anthony Pratt from England invented the game of Clue in 1943 with the help of his wife who designed the board. In 1948 he submitted it to Waddington's Games in Leeds, who published it for the first time in 1949.

**The game was originally called Murder but changed to Cluedo before publication and changed to Clue when Parker Brothers bought it in 1949.

** The original 10 suspects were Dr. Black, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gold, Rev. Mr. Green, Miss Grey, Professor Plum, Miss Scarlet, Nurse White, Mrs. Silver and Colonel Yellow. They were changed to the infamous six - Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Reverend Green, Mrs. White, Miss Scarlett and Mrs. Peacock when the game was published.

** Originally, the following weapons were proposed: dagger, revolver, rope, bomb, axe, lead pipe, candlestick, spanner, poison and a hypodermic syringe.

**Mr. Green is only used in the North American versions of Clue. He

replaced the original Reverend Green.

**Clue is the only board game that has had a movie made following its plot.

** The Clue board game is available in over 40 countries.



KUDOS TO FLEET!

I just wanted to bring to your attention that on Friday May 21, 2010, our primary truck, unit 9254, was towed in due to an air leak. Robert (Lemieux) helped out once I arrived to the shop to retrieve a swap truck. There were only 2 short cab trucks there and as it turned out only one was available. He helped me locate the keys for it also. Later that day we were notified that our primary truck had been repaired and was ready for pick up. We couldn't believe how fast it was ready. He also took the time to repair the other items listed in the book even though our truck was not due for scheduled maintenance. He is wonderful!

Amy Wahlig
 EMS



FLEET ADVISORY GROUP ESTABLISHED

Just a reminder that if your department has not sent in the name of a person for the

fleet advisory group, your department may not be represented. Names should be sent via county mail or email to Marilyn Rawlings, Fleet Director.



HURRICANE TIPS ??

By Dave Barry

1. When a hurricane approaches, check your yard for movable objects like barbecue grills, planters, patio furniture, visiting relatives, etc; you should as a precaution, throw these items into your swimming pool (if you don't have a swimming pool, you should have one built immediately). Otherwise hurricane winds will turn these objects into deadly missiles. (If you happen to have deadly missiles in your yard, don't worry, because the hurricane winds will turn THEM into harmless objects).

2. **HURRICANE EVACUA-TION ROUTE:** If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. (To determine whether you live in a low lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Florida", you live in a low-lying area.) The purpose of having an evacuation route is to avoid being trapped in your home when a major storm hits. Instead, you will be

trapped in a gigantic traffic jam several miles from your home, along with two million other evacuees. So, as a bonus, you will not be lonely.

HOW'S YOUR MEMORY?

1. **What builds strong bodies 12 ways?**

- A. Flintstones vitamins
- B. Wonder Bread
- C. Orange Juice
- D. Milk

2. **Before he was Muhammed Ali, he was:**

- A. Sugar Ray Robinson
- B. Sugar Ray Leonard
- C. Fabian

D. Cassius Clay

3. **Good night David.**

- A. Good night Chet
- B. Sleep well
- C. Good night Irene
- D. Good night Gracie

4. **You'll wonder where the yellow went...**

- A. When you use Tide
- B. When you clean your tub
- C. When you use Lady Clairol
- D. When you brush your teeth with Pepsodent

5. **Before he was the Skipper's Little Buddy, Bob Denver was Dobie's friend...**

- A. Stuart Whitman
- B. Randolph Scott
- C. Maynard G. Krebs
- D. Zippy Zoo

6. **Meanwhile, back in Metropolis, Superman fights a never ending battle for truth, justice and...**

- A. Lois Lane
- B. World peace
- C. Red tights
- D. The American way

7. **Hey kids! What time is it?**

- A. It's time for Yogi Bear.
- B. It's Howdy Doody Time.
- C. It's Romper Room Time.
- D. It's bedtime.

8. **Bob Dylan advised us never to trust anyone...**

- A. Over 40
- B. Wearing a uniform
- C. Over 30
- D. Who eats tofu

9. **NFL quarterback who appeared in a television commercial wearing pantyhose was:**

- A. Troy Aikman
- B. Joe Namath
- C. Roger Staubach
- D. Joe Montana

10. **Brylcreem...**

- A. Smear it on
- B. You'll smell great
- C. We're your team
- D. A little dab'll do ya

11. **Before Robin Williams, Peter Pan was played by....**

- A. Mary Martin
- B. Doris Day
- C. Errol Flynn
- D. Sally Fields

12. **Name the Beatles...**

- A. John, Steve, George, Ringo
- B. John, Paul, George, Roscoe
- C. Jay, Paul, George, Ringo
- D. John, Paul, George, Ringo

13. **I wonder, wonder, who:**

- A. Who ate the leftovers?
- B. Who did the laundry?
- C. Was it you?
- D. Who wrote the book of love?

14. **When it's least**

expected, you're
elected, you're the star
today, Smile!

- A. You're on Candid Camera!
- B. You won the lottery!
- C. We're watching you!
- D. The world sees you!