



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2007 - 2008 Officers

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DATE/TIME/PLACE: Sept. 25, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 25 plus Spencer Homan, Louis Retter & Daren Friedman

LOTTO: J. Strong & S. Weeks

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 10/02 - Pat Krieger - University of Illinois I-Fund
- 10/09 - Dr. Capasso
- 10/16 - Steve Weeks - Judge Bauknecht
- 10/23 - Carl Borngasser
- 10/30 - OPEN
- 11/06 - Gary Huston
- 11/13 - Jim Paternoster
- 11/20 - OPEN
- 11/27 - John Strong

Membership:

2nd Publication for spencer Homan

Bits & Pieces

Don't let anything stop you. There will be times when you'll be disappointed, but you can't stop.

Sadie T. M. Alexander (1898-1989) Lawyer and Activist



10/27 - Mark Steffen
 10/30 - Terry Casson

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern

LATE MODEL RACING

Daren Friedman



Daren is the Fairbury American Legion Speedway late Model Points Champion. This is Daren's hobby and second job. It takes a lot of give and take. His one goal was to win the track championship.

In 2006 Fairbury was the track of the year, which includes tracks in Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, etc. His Dad, in the 80's, always owned a car and hired a driver. Daren does not race full time. The Summer Nationals were 28 nights and 30 days of racing - he made 4 of them. Daren began racing go-karts for 3 years at Route 66 track, then 3 years in a Modified, with this being his 4th in Late Model. Last year, he finished 4th, this year Champion. There is a lot of time invested in racing. In December they will buy a bare frame for around \$20,000, then an engine will run around \$30,000 for a total of \$50,000. To win, you will have to make this kind of investment. You are required to build within the rules. It takes a lot of money to race for a \$1,200 per night win. You can't get your money back. It takes a lot of sponsors like

Pontiac RV, Rabe's Carpet, Harley Erectors, etc. There are different manufacturers and ways to set them up, like Rayburn (swinging bar) and rocket (4-bar suspension which he uses). A typical week is: Monday - wash the car, Tuesday - fix any damage & maintenance. To change oil it takes 10-12 qts of oil at \$100 per change per week. This all takes 3 to 4 hours. Wednesday - they seal the car, add wheel weights & adjust the height of the car. The fuel they use runs \$6 to 8 per gallon and they will use 5 to 10 gal. per night. You have to do it for fun. The tires have 2 compounds - 20s and 40s and come ungrooved. You have to groove the tires yourself which takes about 1 1/2 hours per tire. The tires run \$130 per tire. They last 1 night, maybe. They sponsor a lot of people through their business which gives him contacts to help set up his car at other tracks. The fans are great here. They have between 1200 to 2000 per night. At Fairbury, they come to the pits and party. Other tracks, it is race and leave. Daren races Friday night at Farmer City and Saturday at Fairbury. Daren answered a lot of questions. Did you know they have to use both feet at once to move forward. They are running 825 hp. out of an aluminum engine and run at 9,000 R.P.M.

Bits & Pieces

BE YOURSELF

When Steve Gilliland was in the sixth grade, his English class was given an assignment to write a poem that would later be read in front of the class. Gilliland "borrowed" a poem he liked and presented it as his own.

The teacher liked the poem as well. However, the vocabulary used in it led the teacher to suspect Gilliland was not the author. The teacher confronted him and Gilliland confessed.

But when the teacher asked why he used someone else's work, Gilliland panicked and began to spin a tale he thought might win a bit of sympathy. He used the excuse that his parents' recent divorce left him too overwhelmed to complete his work. Then he volunteered that other students in the class had also plagiarized their poems.

The teacher was unmoved by the attempt. He told the boy that blaming others and rationalizing his behavior was only a small part of the problems.

"It is important for you to learn that your life needs to be your life, and your words need to be your words," the teacher advised. "The people that you choose to let influence you will determine your life path, and the excuses you succumb to will only serve to dilute the truth and hinder your growth as a person."

Those words stuck with Gilliland and inspired him to find his own voice. Today, Steve Gilliland is an author and professional speaker who motivates 250,000 people each year to live the lives they want. He says, "Your voice makes all the difference. It resonates with your best intentions and aspirations. It fuels your passion and allows you to rise above the mundane and make a mark."

Adapted from Mum's the Word, Steve Gilliland, Impact Books

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Date 9/25/07

The following individual(s) has(ve) been proposed for membership into the Fairbury Rotary Club and is/are hereby being published as required by Article XI, Section 1,(5) of the Fairbury Rotary Club By-Laws. Written objections to membership admittance, stating reasons, must be received by the Club Secretary not later than 10 days following publication.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed Classification</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>1st/2nd Publication</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Spencer S. Homan	Minister	A	2nd	Rod Stevens

Leroy McPherson, Secretary