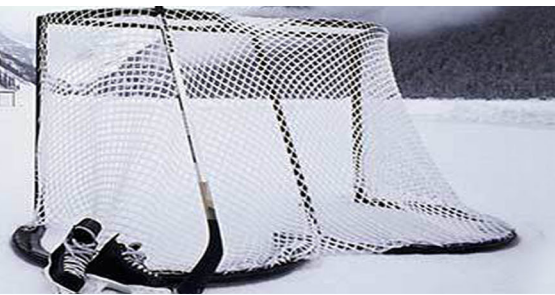


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The Prez Sez...By Jeff Robinson

Hello everyone!

As I write this it is only two weeks until rookie training camp opens! Many things lie ahead and some of them, for us as Booster Club members, will be fun to participate in!

Since the season schedule has been officially released, I have e-mailed the Monsters front office to get dates for our annual 'Meet the Team' dinner. Stay tuned for possible dates and locations. I have also requested a guest for our next meeting from some combination of either the Monsters, Wooster Oilers or Brian Wisner & David Kumler. Stay tuned on that as well...

Also, our 2nd VP, Marcia Slaby, is being a little adventurous and planning some road trips. Some dates considered for the upcoming season are: December 4th & 5th (Chicago & Rockford), January 8th & 9th (Hamilton & Rochester), February 19th & 20th (Syracuse & Calder Cup Champion Hershey), March 6th & 7th (Peoria & Chicago) and just for fun, March 26th through 28th (Houston & San Antonio). Stay tuned for dates and prices. We'll see if they came down much from last year!

Cindy Torkowski was nominated for the last vacant trustee position and was voted in for the balance of the 2008-2011 term. Congratulations Cindy! A huge thanks go out to Kim and Don Cox for hosting the BC picnic at the Cox' place in Kirtland on August 23rd. Thanks are also due to Bonnie for coordinating everything, Brian for cooking and everyone else who time out of their busy schedules to attend. I think fun was had by all!

The AAHLBC Convention was due to make rounds next year in Cleveland. Hershey has thankfully stepped up and taken our place in line. We will be up next for 2012. I don't mean to sound like a broken record and I know times ARE tough all over but, IF we are ever to host this event again, we will need to find a strong revenue source. If plans go well with our attempts at securing 501C3 status, that should make things easier. Anyone with ANY fundraising ideas please feel free to present them at either a BC meeting or by e-mailing one (or all) of us Officers or Trustees directly!

Please note that our regular meeting for September will still be the second Tuesday of the month, the 8th. However, the October meeting has been changed from the 13th to the 14th. This is due to a Monsters game. Until further notice, the meetings will continue to be at the TGI Friday's located at Tiedeman Rd. & I-480 (technically, 10320 Cascade Crossing in Brooklyn). The start time will be 7:00pm.

On a personal note I would like to say thanks to everyone who donated to the National MS Society on my behalf. I completed the longest ride of my life that weekend (73.4 on Saturday and 80.3 on Sunday) and raised \$1,395.00 in the process. Our team raised \$4,353.00! Not bad for a first full on effort!

Until next time...
Jeff Robinson

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Booster Club 50/50 Raffle

Tickets for the August raffle are attached and cost \$1.00 each. To enter the raffle, legibly write your name, address, and phone number on the reverse side of the ticket and return the ticket(s) and money in a SEALED envelope to the Booster Club at the address below by August 21st. Make checks payable to the Cleveland Hockey Booster Club.



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This month's winner will be drawn at the general meeting September 8th.

Proceeds go toward providing hospitality functions for visiting Booster Clubs during the season.

Upcoming Events

The September general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7pm.

Until further notice, meetings will continue to be held at TGI Fridays located at Tiedeman Road & I-480. (10320 Cascade Crossing, Brooklyn)

Sunshine Report

If you or any member you know experiences a birth, marriage, illness or death please contact:

Cindy Torkowski
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From the Editor:

I hope everyone has enjoyed the new layout for the newsletter. I'd like to encourage everyone once again to submit any and all articles or ideas you have for the newsletter!

The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 30th!!

That's Debatable...by Jeff Robinson

The AHL finally released the season schedules August 13th which is one week later than they did last year. In looking it over I found several things of note.

First things first. The AHL has suspended Iowa (Anaheim's old affiliate) for violating league rules. This was part of several moves the AHL made to a number of divisions.

Both divisions in the Western Conference now have a total of seven teams. The West will stay the same with the exception of the Texas Stars being added to replace the departed Chops. Anaheim is now in a similar boat that Dallas was last year. They'll have to spread their prospects throughout the league on whatever team(s) it can. The North has added Abbotsford after losing a regular rival in Syracuse.

The oddball eight team division has moved to the Eastern Conference, Atlantic division. They'll be the ones scoreboard watching this fall to see if the fifth place team there has enough points to boot the fourth place East division team out of the playoffs. The Atlantic will stay the same with the exception of Bridgeport moving over from the East. The East is the same with the exception of Bridgeport leaving, the Flyers moving their affiliate from Philadelphia to Adirondack and Syracuse joining the fray.

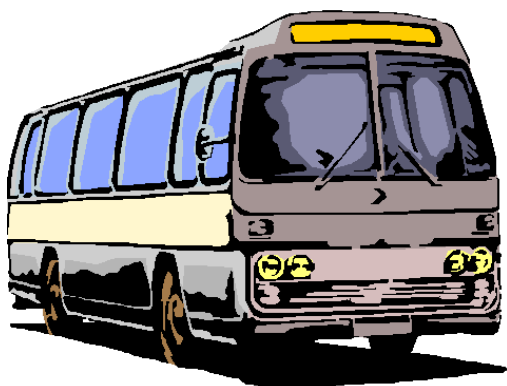
The LEM will play eight games (four home & away) against Abbotsford, Grand Rapids, Hamilton, Rochester & Toronto. For the second year in a row, we'll only play the Moose four times. That's a total of 44 games played within the North. 32 others will be played against the West. Six games (three home & away) against Peoria and Rockford and four (two home & away) against Chicago, Houston, Milwaukee, San Antonio and Texas. Our only East matchups this year are a home & away series against Calder Cup Champion Hershey and Syracuse.

This year's LEM schedule is very much front loaded. If a playoff spot is in their sights this year, our boys will have to be road warriors this spring. The longest home stand the LEM will have this season is five games, done twice (one in October/November & another in February). What is concerning is the Monsters only have FIVE games at home in ALL of March & April, combined! From March 3rd to April 3rd, the Monsters have one three game home stand book ended by a seven AND six game road trip! OUCH!

Nevertheless, I like it. They appear to have fewer (3) 4 games in 5 days, which are killer. On par with the rest of the league they have 10 3 in 4's and five 3 in 3's. The puck officially drops for us October 3rd. GO MONSTERS!


'When I said my prayers as a kid, I'd tell the Lord I wanted to be a pro hockey player. Unfortunately, I forgot to mention the National Hockey League, so I spent 16 years in the minors.' - Don Cherry

Roadtrips



The 2009-2010 AHL Schedule has been released!! Now is the time to start thinking about potential roadtrips for the upcoming season. If you have roadtrip suggestions or are interested in making a trip to see your Monsters on the road, contact Marcia Slaby ASAP!

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Colleen Rimmel	2	3 Greg Dubray	4	5 Krista Gallit
6	7	8 CHBC Monthly Meeting	9	10 Shannon Konold Chris Litz	11	12
13 Dorothy Michalko	14	15	16 Marko Kovacik	17	18	19
20	21 Mary Margaret Dolanksky Michel Kohut	22	23 Eugene Stivers	24 Melissa Vanecek	25	26
27	28	29	30 Dennis Dejak			