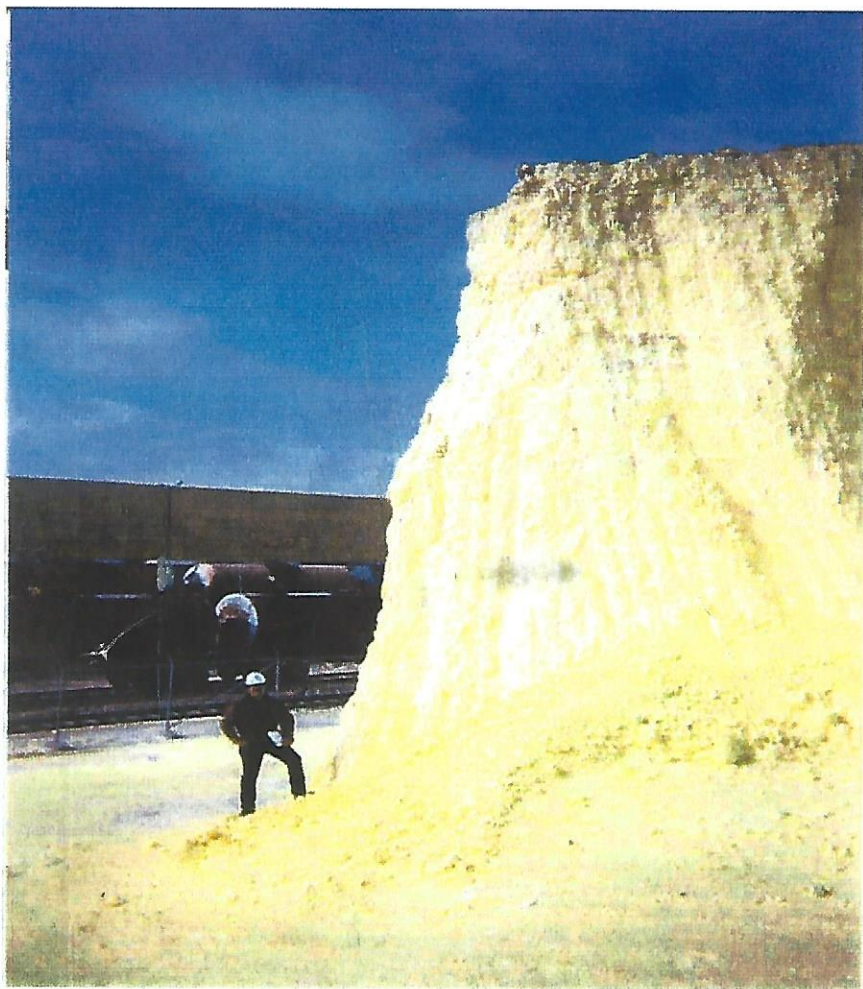


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#### From the President

By Kief Adler

What can I say except, "Wow! What a fantastic Blast!" For those of you who missed it, you missed one of the best Blast's ever. Kurt Medlin and Beckie Timohovich, along with a host of others, brought us one very well run event. From the public display to the shooting areas of Sara Park to the Afterglows, this Winter Blast just kept clicking. I am not trying to say that there isn't room for improvement, but things ran smoothly and I saw many contented faces. The Ramada was a great host hotel and improvements at Sara Park made open shooting a pleasure this time around. The rain stayed away and the mayor welcomed us to Lake Havasu! What more could we ask for?

We were honored to have Jim Souza make the trip from Rialto, CA to watch the public display and spend time at Saturday's afterglow party. Jim's generosity with product donations helped make the public display positively awesome.

Volunteerism was in full swing at Winter Blast with many members helping out in various tasks from gate keeping to safety. We did well, but we still could have used more help in several areas, especially Monday's clean-up duties. Count on fees going up next year to help pay for the crews we will need to hire to get this task accomplished. An increase in fees can also be used to underwrite the Afterglows.

Speaking of Afterglows, you pyros sure can eat! I promise more food next year! It is incredible to fill a shopping cart with \$60 worth of chips, and that watch it get vaporized in minutes!

Even our general meeting ran two hours on the nose! Congratulations to our newly elected officers and area VP's. To our outgoing secretary, Keath Nupuf, a special thank you for hanging in diligently these past two years and putting up with the frustrations of trying to balance work and WPA duties. An extra special thank you goes out to Keath's wife, Mikki, who helped Keath in so many ways that were never officially recognized. Keath and Mikki: you're the best!

After two years and two presidents, Mike Workman stepped down as vice President. Mike came forward to keep our newsletter going, added the now famous "Workman's Comp" articles, brought Brother's Pyrotechnics in as members and sponsors, helped kick off the first Do It, and a million other things. I will miss Mike on the Board but know that he will be around to volunteer when and where we need him. Thanks for a great two years, Mike!

Congratulations to our new Vice President, Don Oesterle, and to our new secretary, Beckie Timohovich. Beckie has been proved herself as Winter Blast co-chair and Don as the LA area VP. I welcome both to the Board and look forward to spending quality WPA time with both of them.

Thanks again to PGI president John Steinberg for joining us for the full 4 days. At the general meeting John made it clear the friend that we have in the PGI. Thank you, John and the PGI Board!

To all who helped, donated to the public display and the Afterglows, and enjoyed the Blast, thank you. I saw a great spirit at the second Do It and it has continued to Winter Blast 2001! Thanks for making the WPA a great family to be a part of. See you all at Do It 3!

Kief Adler



I would like to thank everybody who helped make Winter blast 2001 such a great success. It was, by far, the most organized and best-planned Winter blast I have ever attended.

Being on the Safety Staff this year, I had the pleasure of meeting and working with many members who volunteered their time for work shifts on the firing lines.

Without their help, and all of the volunteer's help, we wouldn't have had such a great event—Thanks!

I'm looking forward to serving on the Board of Directors for the club, and will do my best to ensure that this club continues to be the finest pyrotechnic organization in the world.

See you at Do-It!

Don Oesterle

WPA Vice President

#### A Letter From the Communications V.P.

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2001. I hope all our members had a great Winterblast. It was definitely a great experience for me. I got a chance to meet and interact with many of our members on the firing lines. It was great to watch all that product going up. I also want to thank all the members who have gotten in touch with me over the last few months with comments regarding the previous newsletters. Member feedback is very important and dictates what material will be presented in future issues. Our goal is to provide a quality newsletter with information that is of interest to all members.

Don't forget that Do It '01 is in the planning stages and we need all the help we can get. If anyone wants to teach a seminar, please contact Kurt Medlin, he will be heading up seminars again this year. Other volunteers please contact me.

Thank you and enjoy,

Dimitri Timohovich

Secretary's letter.

By Beckie Timohovich

Hello to all, Thanks again for allowing me to serve you as your newly voted in secretary. I look forward to doing as much as possible to help out the club. Please contact me on any issues of new members or the list and digest.

I also wanted to thank all the full time staff and volunteer staff we had for Winter Blast. You guys were the best, you were there whenever Kurt or myself needed you and you helped out any way possible. It was one heck of a crazy week, but we managed to pull it off with a smile.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the next two years or so and working with each of you at Do It and Winter Blast.

~Beckie Timohovich

The WPA had a very successful convention this year, in both enjoyment and profit. Invoices and donations are still arriving at the time of this newsletter, so it is too early to know exact cost and expense of WB2001. I know you will be looking forward to the next exciting WPA newsletter those numbers.

Thank you all for making registration a pleasant experience for my staff, Jill Salverson, Irene Allen and myself. It was great meeting all of you and putting faces with the names we had been working with the previous months.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird

Treasurer

#### Profit and Loss Statement December 4, 2000 through February 28, 2001

##### Income:

Membership/Convention	\$ 83,077.50
Total Income	\$83,077.50

##### Expense:

Convention	
Catering	\$ 8,368.84
Licenses/Permits	\$ 505.00
Medical	\$ 1,321.43
Registration supplies	\$ 4,545.45
Rentals	\$ 8,856.25
Site prep	\$ 6,795.71
Staff expenses	\$ 7,271.86
Total Convention	\$ 37,664.54

Equipment	\$ 1,537.97
General Operations	
Legal & Professional	\$ 1,533.57
Officer Stipends	\$ 2,380.00
Printing & Postage	\$ 2,114.01
Telephone	\$ 234.97
Total General Operations	\$ 6,262.55

Total Expenses	\$45,465.06
Net Income	\$37,612.44



## Sulfur For Sale

In a never ending quest to provide necessary pyrotechnic supplies to the WPA membership at the most reasonable price possible, our intrepid globe trotter, Dr. Ignis Pyrophile, has found a source of free sulfur. There is 3 million tons to be had so no need to worry about the supply. The source is a crude oil "gas plant" which removes the H<sub>2</sub>S and oxidizes it to elemental sulfur. The sulfur is poured onto concrete slabs in a molten state and left to harden. The resulting sulfur blocks are 40 feet high and several hundred feet along each side. The sulfur is free for the asking. However, the individual WPA member will have to provide for transportation and address the various shipping and customs regulations. The sulfur is located at the Tengizchevroil gas plant in Tengiz, Kazakhstan (about 100 miles southeast of Atyrau on the Caspian Sea.)

On the cover is a picture of Dr. Pyrophile entering one of the sulfur blocks Which is being excavated. Another sulfur block can be seen behind the tank cars. There are six more blocks of equal size

### WPA General Meeting Minutes.

DATE: February 18, 2000  
12:40p.m. – 02:32p.m.

PLACE: Ramada Inn in Lake Havasu City

ATTENDED: Kief Adler (President)  
Keath Nupuf (Secretary)  
Kathy Baird (Treasurer)  
Dimitri Timohovich (Communication VP)  
WPA Members

Meeting Minutes

12:40pm Call to order in attendance Kief, Keath, Kathy, Dimitri and WPA members

12:41pm Kief – Unveils new rug

12:42pm Winter Blast updates by Dimitri

12:43pm Manufacturing Area updates

12:45pm WWB Policies  
Gate policies - is working  
Volunteer enhancement program – is working  
Vendor working outside of the gate at Sara Park – No problem, Up to vendors

12:53pm Compensation Policy – Tabled

12:54pm Ground Salutes Policy

12:54pm Steve Wilson – Explain the history why WPA banned ground salutes

01:01pm John Steinberg – PGI's thoughts on ground salutes

01:02pm Jose Marquez – Look at past – Timing

01:05pm Joe Bartolotta – Set up time for ground salutes (5:00 – 6:30pm)

01:05pm Francis Marquez – Safety needs to have training / knowledge

01:08pm Chris Spurrell – Give consideration BMP? Plus comp – High order vs. not

01:10pm Tom Perigrin – Wants to see it passed  
Unofficial vote to get members opinion – Most vote A few opposed

01:13pm John Steinberg – PGI

01:18pm Tom Perigrin – Motions to setup a ground salute committee  
Richard Cole – Seconds  
Most – Favor  
7 – Against

01:23pm Russell Maynard – Set up guideline for Anvil Firing

01:24pm Palmer case updates by Kief  
2 lawsuits – 1. Member to WPA  
1. To insurance for coverage  
Expenditures over \$11,000 fighting the case  
Thanks to PGI for \$2,000 last year and \$2,000 this year's donations PGI will partner with WPA to help

01:29pm Doug Mawhorr – Lawsuits updates  
Palmer case – suits to injuries in 1998  
Sent interrogatories, original date of trial was April, has been postponed.  
Insurance company has been served, still waiting for counteraction from Legington

01:33pm Presentation of new Life Time Member  
Honored to Paul Salverson

01:36pm Blast patch – seconds good

01:41pm Comp Policy  
Kief motions to approve Comp Policy as published with minor modifications  
Jill Salverson seconds – Unanimously - Passed

01:43pm Steve Wilson – To bring in special guest speaker to WWB for seminars  
Kief motions – Give WWB committees have option to line item a budget  
Motion removed – Already part of Blast planning

01:53pm List / Digest announcement

01:57pm Year 2001 Officers Election  
Vice President  
Don Oesterle – Kief nominates, Beckie Timohovich seconds  
Margaret – Kief Nominates, Harry Gilliam seconds  
Closed floor  
Margaret stands down  
Vote Don – 3 opposed  
Communication VP  
Dimitri Timohovich – Kief nominates, Paul Salverson seconds  
Closed floor  
Vote in Dimitri  
Secretary  
Beckie Timohovich – Cathie Barber nominates, Dimitri seconds  
Closed floor

Vote in Beckie Timohovich

Area VP

Northwest – John Childs

Northern California – Steve Wilson

San Joaquin – Lynden King

Los Angeles – Paul Salverson

San Diego – Joe Madziarczyk – 2, Shawn Stinson – 3

Rocky Mountain – Charley Wilson

Eastern & Foreign – Tom Perigrin

Arizona/Nevada – Judd Herberger

Hawaii – None

02:17pm

WPA mailing list – privacy

Opt- out, None re: release to vendors

Kief – add box to member form to allow for a opt-in list for members

and vendors

02:29pm

John Steinberg – PGI announcements & comments

02:32pm

Judd Herberger – Arizona shooting announcement

02:34pm

Meeting adjourned

## April 2001 BOD Meeting Minutes.

8:34pm Meeting called to order.

Winter Blast update...

- Registration update
  - Attendance: 472 Members, 452 Guests.
  - NSF Checks are being looked into.
  - Ground Salute Committee.
  - Need to start the committee in action.
  - Need to find Chairman for committee.
- Compensation Policy revisited- did it work?
  - Overall Compensation policy worked well, however better communication as to what compensation each crewmember will receive needs to be more effectively communicated.
  - Vendor Chairman Room Compensation- was two nights sufficient for the amount of work being done in the position? –Yes the BOD feels that two nights of Room fees being covered is adequate.
  - Work Crew Chairman Room Compensation- Should the work crew chair receive room compensation? – Yes the Work crew chair is believed to put in an innumerable amount of hours during the event, maintaining the gate duty, recruiting volunteers etc. and it is believed that a room compensation for all four nights of the convention should be granted.

8:45pm BOD was updated on the Lawsuit.

8:48pm Bylaws

- Proposed that we change the Bylaws regarding the compensation for the Web site administration to be state that the 'financial compensation for Website administration and providing of email addresses for the Board of Directors be up to \$595.00 per year'
  - Will be revisited when Kief writes the final wording.

8:50 pm. Double compensation.

- Should members who take on more than one responsibility for the club receive more than one compensation?
  - Believed that Yes members who are doing more than one function for the club should be able to receive compensation for each job respectively.

8:56pm Website links.

- Should we allow links from the WPA website to other websites and vice versa?
  - Yes, so long as the website that wishes to be linked to the WPA and back is approved for content by the BOD before the links are placed, and that the person linking to our site is a current WPA member. These sites will be up for re-evaluation on an annual basis to verify current membership and content on the page.
    - Motion made by Dimitri to accept this proposal. Seconded by Kief. Unanimously agreed upon.
  - Should there be extra visibility for Pyro Novelties who has a line of WPA gear that the WPA receives financial compensation for each item bearing the WPA name or logo sold? – Yes it is believed that we should place a link to their site on our jackets page and maybe a few other places on the website.

9:03pm Membership Documentation.

- Should we update the membership cards design? –Yes Kief will ask Pyro Novelties to design a new membership card for us.
- Should we make an inviting brochure to send to potential members to build the WPA membership? – Not yet. It was agreed upon that the brochure should be revisited in a year or two after we have overcome the current growing pains of the club.

9:08pm 'Do It' update.

- Do It dates are booked for October 18-20.
- Hotel rates from last year are being honored and will remain at the rates there of.
- Afterglow accommodations will remain the same with a keg of beer being brought to the firing site only after all open shooting is completed and the site is secured.
- Crew selections are being made.
- Registration forms will be sent out at the end of July.
- Should we have patches for 'Do It' as opposed to T-Shirts?
  - T-Shirts are favored among the BOD and it was decided to retain the T-Shirts.



## April 2001 BOD meeting minutes cont...

- Due to costs 'Do It' registration fees may be raised to \$45.
- Additional fencing may be purchased to help restrict access of non-members to the firing areas.
- Would we like to add larger mortars to the 'Do It' range of shells to be fired?
  - Decided that for safety reasons we should stay at the 8" shell cap.

### 9:20pm Winter Blast 2002 Public Display

- Boom Boom productions headed up by Fred May, will perform the public Display for Winter Blast 2002.
  - It is proposed that a \$3000.00 budget be granted for sound at the Public Display. Will be discussed that it should be for sound clarity and not just volume.

9:24pm Meeting adjourned.

## A BIG THANKS

A big thank you to Pyromate and Radio Match for their generous contributions to the WPA during Winter Blast. Pyromate donated some extra cables for our new Pyromate system so that we could run multiple electric firing sites at the Blast. Radio Match donated one of their remote control firing systems as a prize for our volunteer encouragement policy. Thank you again and please support these vendors throughout the year and at upcoming events.

## Winter Blast Lost and Found.

There were a few items that were found at Winter Blast that their proper owners might want me to return...

I am in possession of two pairs of prescription glasses and one set of keys.

If one or more of these items is yours please call 818-662-9721 or email me at WPA\_SEC@yahoo.com with a description of the item and I will ship it off to you.

Beckie Timohovich.  
WWB 2001 Co-Chair.  
WPA Secretary.

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Dear Fellow WPA Club Members:

Congratulations! You've made the first step into the fireworks world: joining a club. By being active in the club, you can meet other pyros and share your experiences that you've made with fireworks with other members, or if you are new to all this, you can learn from other pyros, building a strong force of educated and informed pyros that have fun, but keep it safe.

Your next step should be to join the PGI. The Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc, is an international organization designed for people like you: pyros in need of workshops, seminars, a place to shoot your prized shell or other pyro experiments, and once again, meet other pyros just like you. Each year the PGI holds a convention – a whole week devoted to shooting fireworks, trade shows, seminars, competitions, and much more. Membership is only \$50 for the first year, which includes membership card, annual PGI calendar, and the PGI Bulletin, which arrives at your door every four months. Then when you renew your membership the following year, it is only \$25. and you still receive the same benefits. Phone Ed Vanasek, Sec/Treas at 612-492-2061 or write to him at 18021 Baseline Ave., Jordan, MN 55352 or view their website at [www.pgi.org](http://www.pgi.org)

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Your final step should be to have fun with fireworks, but remember that safety always comes first. Talk to other pyros, learn from their mistakes, and keep up with current laws and regulations. If we can all work together to build a safe community of fireworks people, we can keep our rights to having fireworks in our lives, a great family tradition, bringing smiles to faces of all ages, and of course, once you've smelt the smoke, on e is ne'er agin free.

Sincerely,  
Jason & Betty Musselwhite  
Your pyro friends at American Fireworks News



## Napa County, California

Here is a true story about a county in the great state of California. Many will contend that California is not really in the United States of America and that may be more true than we care to admit. But Napa County has taken California to a new low.

This county has now passed an ordinance that bans fireworks displays of any kind except on July 4<sup>th</sup>, New Year's Eve and any special holiday declared by the President of the United States. Imagine that, they still recognize the President of the United States.

Napa County is a tourist attraction, one which has its own Convention and Visitors Bureau. They want people to come to Napa County and leave their money. But God forbid, or more specifically, the Napa County Board of Supervisors forbid, that you want to celebrate your event with a fireworks display.

Napa County used to require a letter or notice to every person living within a one mile radius of a fireworks display prior to issuing a permit. We think the reasoning was to notify the surrounding homeowners that the "pops" they heard was not the beginning of a nuclear war. While this was undoubtedly a major pain in the \_\_\_\_, for any company or sponsor wanting fireworks, it was workable. In the days of "common sense", the authority having jurisdiction, such as the fire department and police department knew of the fireworks display and if someone called in to report the noise, they could tell them it was a legally permitted fireworks display. Napa County has now determined that no noise is allowable, we guess it disturbs the grapes and stunts their growth.

While this article is directed at fireworks, where does this stop? Soon they will regulate trucks coming through Napa County because they make noise. It greatly disturbs this writer when anyone in a political position thinks they have the right to restrict business. Hard as it is to imagine for these lawmakers, there are people out there that make their living, feed their families and pay their taxes working in the fireworks business. Now some holier than thou politician tells them they can't make their living in my county, because it may make some noise. What is happening to our society? If anything disturbs our "air space" for even 5 minutes, we feel we have the right to shut them down. Where will it end?

Hopefully, as word of this ordinance gets out to event planners and others that schedule events in Napa County, they will find other places to hold their events. Then Napa County can have the absolute quiet they are looking for. Maybe even the cash registers will stop making that hellacious noise and Napa County can exist on the only money they really deserve, their own county tax dollars.

Soon we expect signs to read: WELCOME TO NAPA COUNTY, ABSOLUTE SILENCE IS DEMANDED. By order of the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

By Joe Bartolotta

## Do It '01

I am happy to announce that Do It '01 is in its planning stages and raring to go. As chairman this year, I hope to help make the event even more spectacular than last year's event. I want to first thank Kief Adler for making Do It '99 and '00 incredible successes. I would also like to thank Kief for his efforts in helping coordinate this year's event. It would not be possible without you.

Secondly, I would like to put out an official volunteer call For Do It. Our volunteers are what make this club strong and without them, our events would not be able to happen. This year is no exception. We will need help in all aspects. I urge anyone planning to attend to help out. A little bit of time and effort is all we need. Do not forget, we will be able to shoot all day long, but without volunteers for safety and security, that will not happen.

There are also a few reminders. First and foremost, there will be absolutely no alcohol consumption during open hours at Do It. We will be having afterglows just like last year, but no alcohol will be allowed to flow until all pyrotechnic materials are placed in the magazines and the magazines are locked. If you must drink during open shooting, then do all of us a favor and stay over on the AVI side of the river. Also, if you are caught with alcohol within the area that Do It takes place, you will be immediately removed from the event. There will be no discussion. That's right folks, zero tolerance this year. Second, please remember that hands on seminars and those seminar areas are for members and spouses over the age of 18. No children will be allowed to participate in any hands on seminars that involve pyrotechnic materials. This is federal law and we will be strictly enforcing this. I ask for your cooperation in advance and thank you in advance. If we all follow the rules, we can all have a great, safe, and legal event. Failure to comply with these rules will result in expulsion from the event and possible revocation of membership.

I hope to see many of you there this year and encourage all of you to help out in any capacity you can. Any questions or comments? Email me at [rvtemt@yahoo.com](mailto:rvtemt@yahoo.com) or [Dimitri@pyro.org](mailto:Dimitri@pyro.org).

Thank you,  
Dimitri



## SAD NEWS

I am saddened to let you all know that two long time pyros has passed away. Eddy Atherton died Sat. March 31st apparently from complications from a stroke he suffered almost a year ago. Also, Michael Gruen, an early member of the WPA, passed away recently. Mike had not been involved much the last few years owing to his bout with epilepsy. It is unclear exactly why he died. He was found alone, in a stream with a fractured neck, perhaps from a fall.

Thank you to Sam Bruggema and Steve Wilson for reporting these sad stories.

### OLD NEWSLETTERS FOR SALE

For anyone interested, limited amounts of past newsletters are available for purchase. Members who would like any of these back issues can send \$1.50 per issue to: Dimitri Timohovich P.O. Box 362 Verdugo City Ca. 91046. Please make checks payable to the WPA and include a list of issues you want as well as a current mailing address. Remember quantities are limited and will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

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at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Two hours  
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The Year 2000 PGI Convention  
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## CALLING ALL FUTURE WINTERBLAST ATTENDEES!

We need your input regarding the open shooting hours for Winterblast. As the midnight shooting hours at Winterblast 2001 were not well attended, there has been much discussion as to whether to shut open shooting down at 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. We need to hear from you regarding this issue. Whether you are a shooter or watcher, email me at Kief@pyro.org or send a note to me at PO Box 1080, Agoura Hills, CA 91376 and give me your opinion. If you don't let me know that you want later shooting hours, don't be surprised if we close open shooting earlier than you want to see it closed. This is your chance to voice your views on this topic so let's hear from you!



### Do It By the River...

We are looking for a few good Men/Women to help fill the crew for 'Do It' Setup, Safety, and Cleanup. We will be arriving Thursday morning to get all the things in place to have open shooting that night. The more people who come the sooner we can get to the seminars and best of all OPEN SHOOTING. So mark your calendars...

**October 18-20th**

**That's rite it's a Thursday to Saturday event**

Volunteer Encouragement Policy will be in effect.

**To volunteer please write Dimitri Timohovich** (don't worry, hardly anyone can pronounce his last name) at **Dimitri@Pyro.org** or call him at **818-662-9721** (leave a message if no-one answers).



**WESTERN PYROTECHNIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BY LAWS**

**ARTICLE I PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association is set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE II CORPORATE SEAL**

The Corporate seal shall not be required to authorize any documents. Use of the Corporate Seal shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

For the purpose of conducting business, Meetings of the Membership shall be held Annually, with time and date to be decided by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1 \_ Number**

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to five Members who shall direct and control Association powers, business and property of the Association.

**Section 2 \_ Qualification**

Each Member of the Board of Directors must be a regular Member in good standing with the Association.

**Section 3 \_ Installation**

Up to five Members may be elected by the Membership of the Association at the Annual Business Meeting. These elected Members will comprise the Association's Board of Directors and shall also serve as Officers of the Association. Directorship roles shall take effect immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting and shall continue for two years, unless sooner terminated, or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. At each Annual Business Meeting, directors who have served one year will be asked if they are willing and able to continue in their elected position for one additional year of service. If they are willing, they will continue in their elected position until the next Annual Business Meeting without election. Should they inform the membership and the board that they are not able to continue in their position, an election for those directorship positions will be held prior to the close of the Annual Business Meeting.

**Section 4 \_ Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall meet immediately after the close of the Annual Business Meeting without notice, for the transaction of any required business.

**Section 5 \_ Regular or Special Meetings**

The Board of Directors may meet at such time and place, as the Chairman of the Board shall from time to time determine.

**Section 6 \_ Quorum**

A majority of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to and shall constitute a quorum at such Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7 \_ Replacement of Board Member**

(a) Whenever a vacancy or vacancies shall occur in the Board of Directors, the Directors shall fill such vacancy by:

Soliciting the Membership to obtain willing nominees. Election of interim directors from the nominee pool by majority vote of the entire remaining Board to fill any

vacant position(s).

(b) Any newly elected Director(s) shall hold office until the Members at the next Annual Meeting can elect a successor.

(c) Any Director who ceases to be a Member of the Association shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Board of Directors.

(d) Any Director who violates any purpose of this association in any particular shall cease to be a Member of the Board of Directors as soon as a majority shall have passed a resolution to that effect.

**Section 8 \_ Powers & Duties**

The Directors shall have the power and it shall be their duty:

1) Oversee the conduct, management and control of the affairs and business of the Association in conformity with the law and powers granted by the Articles of Incorporation; and to make rules and regulations for the guidance of the Officers in the management of its affairs.

2) To appoint and remove, at pleasure, all Officers, Committees, agents and employees of the Association, prescribe their duties, fix compensation and require from them, if advisable, security for faithful service in the form of a bond.

3) To have custody and control of the funds of the Association, and to authorize the Treasurer, to sign all orders upon said funds.

4) To authorize the Secretary to keep complete record of all its acts of the proceedings of its Meetings, and to present a full statement at the Annual Meetings of the Members, showing in detail, the condition of the affairs of the Association.

5) To appoint all necessary committees, execute necessary contracts or agreements, conduct necessary negotiations and do every other act or thing necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Association in connection with its business and affairs, and to incur indebtedness with respect thereto.

6) To make a concise report of its activities at each Annual Meeting of the Association and to present said report to the Association for its vote of approval.

7) To determine the accounting fiscal year. The current calendar fiscal year is to be changed to run from April 1st to March 31st of each year to better reflect the end of our primary economic activity.

8) To fix the amount of dues or assessments required from each Member for defraying of the proper expenses of the Association in connection with the administration and conduct of its business and affairs. Said dues shall be equitably apportioned among the Members.

**Section 9 \_ Limitations**

The Board of Directors shall not have the power to interfere with, in any manner, or to regulate the business and operation of the business of its Members, express or expressly authorized by these By-laws, the Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

**Section 1 \_ Qualification**

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Publications Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Section 2 \_ Election & Term of Office**

Said Officers shall be elected by the Members of the Association at the Annual Meeting of the Members and shall hold office until turned over to their successor as



indicated in the description of their respective position, unless sooner removed, or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Whenever any vacancy among said Officers shall occur, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy. The Board shall

fill the vacancy by electing one or more Officers qualifying for such office at a Special Meeting called for such purpose, who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of said office(s), unless sooner removed, or until a successor is elected and qualified.

#### Section 3 \_ President

The duties of the President shall take effect immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting of the Membership. The President shall preside (as the Chairman of the Board) at all Meetings of the Members of the Association and at all Meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall, whenever deemed necessary, call Special Meetings of the Membership and/or of the Board of Directors. The President shall sign documents requiring the signature of the Chief Executive Officer. He/she shall appoint all committees, except as otherwise provided by these By\_laws, and may, in his/her discretion, act as Chairman thereof. He/she shall perform and discharge such other duties and shall have such other powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

#### Section 4 \_ Vice President

The duties of the Vice\_President shall take effect immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting of the Membership. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office of the President in the absence of the President or in the case of physical or mental inability to act. The Vice-President shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall, from time to time, prescribe.

#### Section 5 \_ Treasurer

The outgoing Treasurer's duties and paperwork should be transferred effective June 1st of each year. This allows time for the previous treasurer to train the new treasurer, to close the books and file the Annual Tax returns resulting from Winter Blast business ending March 31<sup>st</sup> and two months to clean up and transfer the entire corporate accounting and tax returns to the new Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer shall take

effect after transfer of all records to the newly elected Treasurer unless the incoming Treasurer agrees to undertake the outgoing Treasurer's responsibilities. In no event should the transfer require more than 3 months after election of a new Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Account for all of the moneys of the Association received from any persons from whom they shall be due, giving receipt thereof.
2. Have custody and control of all funds subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors.
3. Shall keep a correct and accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed, and of the financial condition of the Association.
4. Prepare or supervise preparation and submission of any required tax filings such (i.e. W9s and 1099s).
5. Forward any completed tax filing to the Secretary for inclusion in the Associa-

tion Records

6. Prepare and submit a statement of financial condition of the Association whenever required by the Board of Directors

7. Retain an independent auditor each even year, ensure the performance of an audit and report all recommendations to the board.

8. Perform other duties as the President may from time to time prescribe.

The books and records shall at all times be open and accessible to inspection and audit by the Board of Directors, their designees, or to any Member.

#### Section 6 \_ Secretary

The outgoing Secretary's duties are transferred upon conveyance of up to date corporate records to the new Secretary. This should occur no later than March 1st of each year so that the outgoing secretary has time to complete the minutes of the Winter Blast business meeting and to clean up the entire corporate record book for transfer to the new Secretary. The Secretary shall:

1. Maintain a correct roll of the Members of the Association with their current addresses for use in the course of association business.
  2. Affix his/her signature to all certificates of Membership.
  3. Collect all moneys for dues, assessments or contributions and shall deliver same to the Treasurer, taking receipt thereof, and shall keep a correct account of all moneys received, reporting all such receipts at the Annual Meeting of the Association.
  4. Taking and maintaining correct and accurate minutes of the proceedings of all Meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors.
  5. Forwarding adopted minutes to the Area Vice Presidents.
  6. Filing of annual Corporate officer's statements.
  7. Filing of any and all required Nonprofit applications to obtain Tax Exempt rulings).
  8. Qualify the association to do Business in any state where business was or will be transacted.
  9. Maintain organized corporate records.
  10. Other duties as the President may from time to time prescribe.
- The Secretary's books and records shall at all times be open and accessible to inspection and audit by the Board of Directors, their designees, or to any Member.

#### Section 7 \_ Vice President of Publications

The Vice President of Publications is responsible for:

1. Compiling/editing letters and articles for publication of at least 4 newsletters each fiscal year.
2. Publishing other printer material such as programs, badges, certificates and mailers as directed.
3. Affix or cause to be affixed mailing labels for directed mailings.
4. Other duties as the President may from time to time prescribe.

#### Section 8 \_ Other Positions

In addition to the above Officers named, the Board of Directors may appoint Area Vice\_Presidents and may appoint or enter into contract to obtain the services of an Executive Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, such other agents and employees, including counsel, as the Board of Directors may



from time to time in its discretion determine, at such compensation as the Board may prescribe. Such Officers and other support staff shall have such powers as the Board of Directors may lawfully delegate.

Section 9 \_ Compensation of Directors/Officers Expenses incurred as a direct result of serving on the Board of Directors shall be eligible for reimbursement. In addition, the association will pay \$595 yearly for each position held and satisfactorily performed either by an elected or appointed member. Such funds are designed as incentives to

obtain and retain qualified members to execute the necessary business of "the Association". In addition, they are also designed as tokens of appreciation for the many evening and weekend hours provided in service to the Association. The Publications Manager shall be expected to produce 2 newsletters under this stipend. Any additional newsletters will receive an additional stipend of \$290 each. Any and all payments are conditioned upon availability of funds and the President's confirmation that designated duties were fulfilled. Eligible positions include: President, Vice

President, Treasurer, Secretary, Publications Vice President, Web Site Administrator, Convention Chairman and Convention Co-Chairman.

Section 10 \_ Removal of Officers

Any complaint against any of the Officers alleging neglect or unfaithful performance of their duties, shall be made in writing, signed by three (3) Members in good standing, and addressed to the President (excepting as to any complaint against the President, in which event any such written complaint should be addressed to the Vice-President). The complaint shall be presented by the President of the Board of Directors at its next Regular Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose. The Board of

Directors shall determine by a majority vote whether the complaint shall be dismissed or whether the same shall be presented at a Special Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1 \_ Standing Committees

The Board of Directors may appoint standing committees, consisting of such Directors or Members and for such terms and with such powers and duties as it shall in its discretion determine. Said standing but shall consider such specific matters and performs such specific functions as the Board of Directors may in its discretion prescribe.

Section 2 \_ Special Committees

The Board of Directors or the President may from time to time appoint Special Committees of three or more Directors or Members for the performance of such duties and with such powers as may be prescribed and lawfully delegated to them.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISION CONCERNING MEMBERS

Section 1 \_ Members Eligibility

Any person may be admitted to the Association provided, that he shall have:

1. Reached the age of 18 years
2. Paid all required fees as required by the By\_laws or resolution
3. Agreed to present valid identification (such as a valid driver's license)

upon request. Failure to comply shall result in denial or revocation of WPA membership.

4. Met any and all rules and/or regulations adopted by the Board of Directors concerning qualifications of Members.

Section 2 \_ Membership Certificates

The Secretary of the Association shall cause to be issued to each Member in good standing, a certificate of Membership in such form as may be approved by the Board of Directors but neither said Membership, nor the certificate thereof, shall be assigned or assignable by said Member.

Section 3 \_ Voting Power, Property Rights & Interests

(a) The voting rights of the Members shall be equal and each Member shall be entitled to one vote.

(b) Members may vote by proxy or by mail.

Section 4 \_ Withdrawal/Resignation

Any Member may withdraw or resign from this Association, in which event his/her resignation shall be effective as soon as received by a member of the Board or by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII EXPULSION & SUSPENSION

Section 1 \_ Enforcement

In the event that any Member knowingly violates these By-laws, or any of the provisions thereof, he shall be subject to suspension or expulsion as a Member of the Association.

Section 2 \_ Suspension

Upon its own motion or upon a complaint in writing, signed by ten Members of the Association in good standing, charging any Member with violation of these By-laws or conduct adversely reflecting upon the Association, The Board of Directors may, by vote of a majority of the whole Board, order the expulsion of such Member and terminate his/her certificate of Membership.

ARTICLE IX FUNDS

Section 1 \_ Funds

All moneys belonging to the Association shall be deposited in such bank or banks to be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 \_ Liability of Members

The Members shall not be liable for the debts of this Association except to the extent of any unpaid portion of their respective Membership Assessment fees.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The written assent of the majority vote of the association members shall be effectual to repeal or amend the bylaws or to adopt additional By-laws without any Meetings.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association, it's assets shall be transferred to such charitable organizations as the Board shall designate, which qualify as tax exempt under Section 501-A9 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions then in effect.



# Do It By The River '01






## 3rd Annual Do It By The River

With the last two years' Do Its being such successes, this years can only be bigger and better! Once again you will be able to purchase Class C and B fireworks courtesy of Flash Fireworks. Our friends from Firefox will be back with chemicals and supplies. Learn the art of pyrotechnic construction from masters of the art at one of several hands-on seminars. Food is available on site from a new vendor or from one of the Avi restaurants. Curfew is 10 pm ( with afterglows starting after all product has been put away. ) but we can shoot all day long. Registration confirmations and seminar schedules will be mailed. Come join the fun and bond with your pyro buddies and friends.

NOTE: A materials cost may be charged for some classes!!

DO IT BY THE RIVER IS OPEN TO WPA MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY

Laughlin, Nevada ~ October 18-20, 2001

-  Purchase Class B and C Fireworks
-  Shoot Class B and C fireworks
-  Attend a variety of seminars and workshops
-  Test all your new 'devices' before Winter Blast
-  Do you really need any more reasons to come?

Members registration fee includes a free Do It T Shirt, suitable for framing. Additional T shirt for spouses, kids or your boss are available by advance purchase for only \$17 each. Spouses attending seminars will need to pay an additional \$10 for materials. **Children will not be permitted to attend the seminars!**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Dimitri at [rvtemt@yahoo.com](mailto:rvtemt@yahoo.com). You can call Dimitri at 818)662-9721. **BEFORE 9 PM ONLY!**

KEEP THIS HALF

RETURN THIS HALF

Do It '01 Registration

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Children(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form with your remittance to:

WPA  
P.O. Box 10116  
Canoga Park, CA 91309  
Make check payable to: "Western  
Pyrotechnic Association"

**DO NOT SEND CASH!**

Registration And fees must be recieved by Sept. 30 2001. **ON SITE OR LATE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE!**

### Fee Schedule:

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WPA Member   | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse   | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children # _____<br><small>(Children under 18 only!)</small> | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Seminar   | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional T-Shirt   | \$17 |

(# \_\_\_\_\_, Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_)

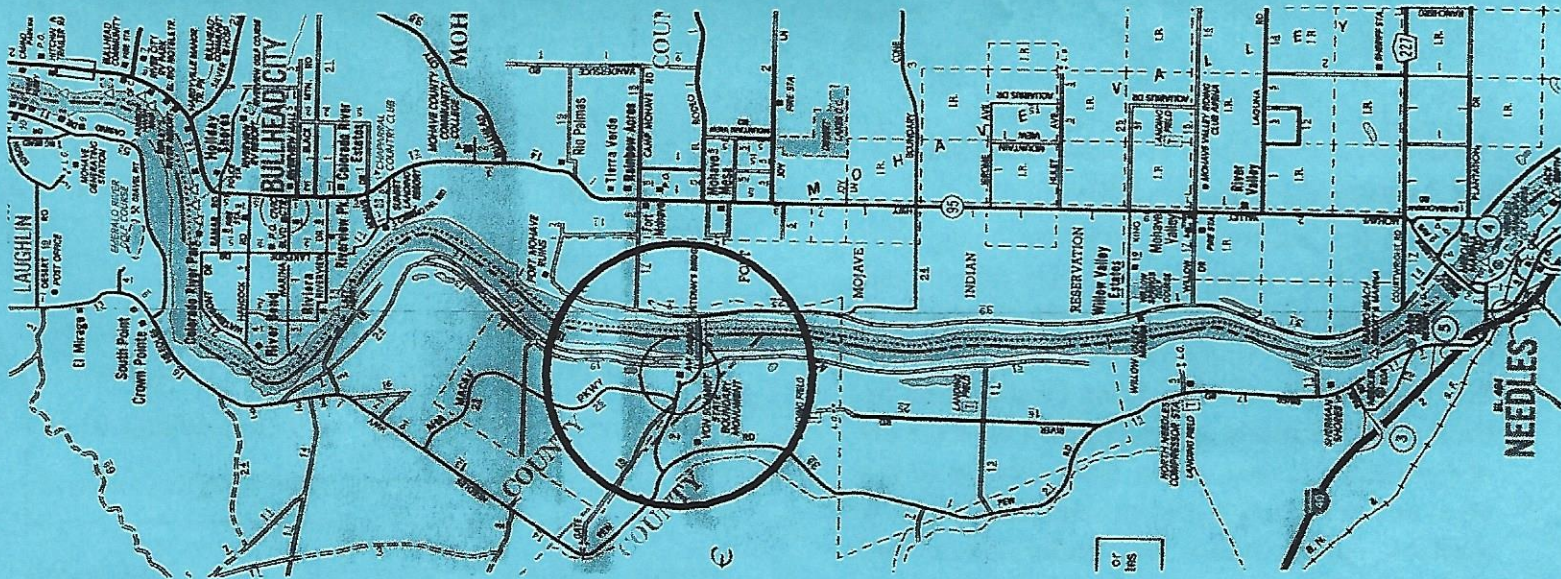
Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each WPA member attending Do It will receive a free T-shirt. Additional shirts are \$17 each

Member T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check box to be added to the WPA email list





Hotel Info--Make your reservations directly with the Avi Hotel and Casino at 800-284-2946. Ask for room reservations and use booking #6026 to get the special WPA room rate of \$40/night, plus tax. Early arrivals can enjoy a \$19 room rate for Sunday to Thursday nights. RV sites available. 24 hour restaurant and bar for your pleasures. Food, snacks, and drinks will be available on site.

## THE 11 COMMANDMENTS OF DO IT

1. Thou shalt smell thy smoke from daylight until 10pm, but no later.
2. Thou shalt follow the rules which means listening to the safeties.
3. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors pyrotechnics.
4. Honor thy vendors by showing them patronage.
5. Love thy Board of Directors for ever and always.
6. Thou shalt sign up in advance for there shall not be any on-site sign ups.
7. Thou shalt arrive at the registration tent ready to sign a new and long waiver.
8. Thou shalt gaze upon the Do It T-shirt and say, "this is a cool thing that the organizers hath done for us."
9. Remember that, if one is good, a case is better.
10. Thou shalt not shoot shells greater than 8" as we hath no larger guns.
11. Enjoy, be safe, and return to the fold for Winter Blast!