



What's Goin' On *June 2026*

Meetings and Programs

June 3 Dinner – Edina Country Club

Jack Atkins has invited **Steffen Meyer** to be our speaker. Steffen is an Ole with a graduate degree from Columbia. He was one of seventy people who spoke at an event earlier this month and received rave reviews.

June 17 Social Event

Air Force Museum tour has been arranged by Dave Frenkel for Wednesday, June 17, at 10:30 AM. The club will make a \$10 donation per person attending.

Museum Address - 310 Airport Rd, Fleming Field Hangar #3, South Saint Paul, MN

Museum Website - <https://www.cafmn.org/>

Lunch to follow at Stockyards Tavern & Chophouse, 456 Concord Exchange S, South Saint Paul

July 1 Dinner – Edina Country Club

At the invitation of Tom Ries, our speaker will be **Captain Andy Piazza** from the 133rd Air Force. Andy started as a mechanic, and then became an officer.

Program Help Available

If you need help lining up a program, contact Tom Halter or Dan Atkins for leads and suggestions. Members are encouraged to arrange programs early, and provide information to the newsletter editor, Rich Makela, so we can publicize the program in the newsletter, helping assure good attendance at meetings. If you contact Tom or Dan, or any other member, for help, make sure it is clear who is to contact the speaker, and that there is only one primary contact person.

Gyro International Convention

The International Convention will take place in Calgary, Alberta, Monday July 13 to Friday July 17. Click on the link to see what Gyros will be enjoying. [2026-Leaflet-Convention10.pdf](#). Consider attending. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, or old friends if you've been to conventions before. Rich Makela will be happy to answer your questions.

Stuff on the Internet

See the following internet links compliments of Dan Atkins:

Up to date information can always be found on the online schedule which can be reached from <https://mmgyros.carrd.co/>

See interesting updates from our members from our private Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1591888231454608>

On the Humorous Side

More Punny Stuff

What did the drummer call his twin daughters?
Anna One, Anna Two!

Why can't you trust an atom?
Because they make up everything.

What did Tennessee?
The same thing as Arkansas.

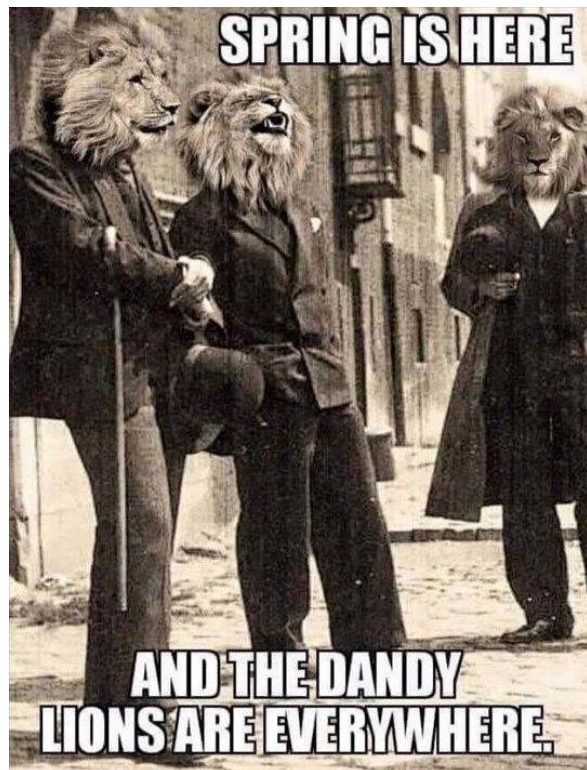
How did the two chickens dance at the ball?
Chick to chick.

What do you call a can opener that doesn't work?
A can't opener.

I relish the fact that you mustard the strength to ketchup to me.

I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

What did one eye say to the other?
"Just between you and me, something smells."



MY FIRST CAR WAS

Jack Atkins:

My first car was a 1962 Ford Fairlane. Our dad used it to teach us how to rebuild a car engine. It had (to me) an unusual engine: a cute little 221 cubic inch V-8 with a PowerGlide automatic transmission!

Harry Carl

My first car was a VW bug that I (my father actually) bought in Germany when I was in the Army assigned to Germany. I told my dad that I thought a Triumph would be a great car, he responded that he thought a VW bug would be great ... since he had the money, he won.

Howard Goltz

1967 Pontiac Sprint, a "new classic" inexpensive hot rod with an overhead Cam 6 engine and a Hurst 3 speed stick shift - named "Banana" by my fraternity brothers in recognition of its off-white body topped by a black vinyl roof. After marriage and graduation, I traded Banana in for a bright yellow Opel Kadett wagon (named Lemon) to be used in the construction of our first house. When I first took Lemon in to the dealer for its first service, the salesperson who handled the trade of Banana approached me and said I traded at the right time, as his first trip out to show Banana to a prospective buyer included the Hurst transmission fall out resulting in the bruised Banana (and salesperson) being towed back to the dealership.

Dick Foley

My first car was a green 1960 Chev Bel Air 2 door. Stick shift ("three on the tree"). Padded dash had "Toad" printed in a special font. I didn't know how to drive a stick but my friend did. He test drove it for me and took it up to 95 mph in second gear. It had dual exhaust with loud glass pack mufflers. The seats were plastic covered and cracked when it got down to minus 30 one winter I loved that car!

Rich Makela

My first car was a 1957 Chevy 2 door. Probably a Bel Air.

Tom Halter

I think it was a 1986 Chevy Sprint. 3 cylinder , 5 speed piece of junk that my Dad bought back from my brother for 2K. It would fail to run in the rain and would overheat so you'd have to run the heater in summer with the windows open!

John Fossum

My first car in 1956 was a 1949 Ford. I'd love to share some of the stories here, but we have limited space. However, I will be delighted to amaze and astound all with a presentation at a GYRO meeting if a speaker doesn't show up.



Tom Ries

1950 Ford



Ross Davis

1949 Studebaker Coupe

Dad had to teach me to use stick shift. And we lived on a hillside. IYKYK. Here is a picture from a car show. (Is it coming or going?)

Gordon Johnson

My first car was a brand new 1960 Chevrolet Impala "baby blue" convertible. I qualified for the 3M Co. employee discount at Southview Chevrolet so I paid the grand sum of \$3,000 for the car which I kept for about six years until my wife recommended that it be sold because the wind was messing up her hair.

