

THE RED BARON SPEAKS

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After trying to get to Houston and venturing only 70 miles to a local doubles, the second week I decided to go 160 miles to the northern part of the state to a pro am. As I drove along I could see I would be late for the anticipated Friday night draw and called a friend on his cell to put me in and he was home and not even going. I called the location of the tournament and found out they were going to have Karaoke instead of shuffleboard. By this time I am more than two hours from home so I called another location only forty minutes away and they were not even going to have a draw. I called another location which started an hour later and they were having a playoff after weekly input for a tea cup of money. I drove the two hours home.



Now what is this all about? When I was working, my department was expected to be at about 15 regularly scheduled meetings a month. I demanded whoever was going to the meeting call ahead to insure the meeting had not been changed. I just broke my own rule. Which gets me to the point; Karaoke and shuffleboard do not mix. Have one or the other on scheduled nights but do not change from week to week.

The following two weeks we had heavy snow. Now in the past I would have gone anyway, but I started thinking if I slid off the road or had a break down of some type, at my age and health condition I could not do anything about it. My RV was buried in snow and my sons not available to dig it out so I stayed home. The next week was a birthday party for my oldest son so hopefully by the time you read this I will be back traveling. Now you say that's dedication. Fifty years ago this fall I played my first tournament.

I have been searching thru the Boardtalk archives for event information and find that northern Indiana did a very poor job of submitting event information or the winners of the events. We are doing the same thing today. As I search eshuffleboard and the TSA sites I found nothing on if the some of the events were cancelled or played. Some day in the future in may be you looking for information so let us see that it is published.

Here we are the second week of February which is Valentines Day and every event in reach is a mixed, I guess I stay home again.