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Recent Events

August

Lots of MOM: What a cornucopia: vaping & consequences, toking & consequences, weather upheavals and marvels of engineering that have helped mankind recover from tragedy - shoulda been there! No worries, next month will bring another Saturday replete with topics to boggle and entertain. For example: I'm munching a pumpkin pie whilst editing this hallowed manuscript. Now, the pie is so-so and I knew it wouldn't be fabulous but bought it anyway; so, am I impulsive or lazy? Email me with your diagnosis!

Upcoming Events

September

Mensa Games Night: Saturday, Sep 14th @ 6:30. Yayy, it's back! If you can, RSVP to Cheryl, cheryl.braswell@yahoo.com or post on FB, thanks :)

MOM plays trivia! On haitus until sometime later...
Watch for resumption at https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/.

Third Thursday Repast: September 19 at 6:30 pm at The Wheelhouse, 1845 E. Sunshine in Springfield (at the Vib Hotel). Join us for food and fun conversation at The Wheelhouse! Check out their menu here (I love their pineapple fried rice): https://www.wheelhousefood.com/menu/
RSVP to Lorraine at lorrainegardner1@gmail.com or on the Facebook event page.

MOM at The Library Center: Saturday, Sep 28th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the **Library Center (TLC) in the Grafton Room** and; of course, stay tuned in to the MO Ozarks Mensa FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

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~ Rich Olcott – Gatherings ~

Thoughts during a 2,000-mile road trip from Denver to the *FoRGe North* Regional Gathering in Grand Forks ND –

- Time runs different when you travel across zones. Dinner comes earlier eastbound.
- Google-Maps routings should be taken with a grain of salt. Google puts a line on the map but it doesn't say how good the line is. Case in point – trying to follow their zig-zag shortcut diagonally across Nebraska I drove up to what was going to be a 30-mile stretch of roadway. There was actually a sign by the turn-in that said, "Caution – cracked pavement ahead." My car is less than a year old. Guided by my hardcopy road atlas I scampered back to the Interstate.
- I just can't get over how a high-class Interstate highway can have official interchange ramps that let out onto unpaved dirt roads.
- There's some strange topography in far northeastern Nebraska. Surrounded by flatland there are high hills that just don't make sense right next to the Missouri River.
- Cattle and alfalfa to the west, beans to the east, and corn everywhere. North Dakota even mows and bales up the grass and/or alfalfa growing by the roadside.
- Crossed the Bakken oil formation expecting to see lots of derricks and pump jacks. Not a one until I got back to Colorado. However, there were wind-power farms and lots of trucks toting huge turbine blades along the highways.
- South Dakota doesn't play nomenclatural favorites. It has two towns, of equal size and 60 miles apart, named Bison and Buffalo.
- Recent rains in Wyoming have brought out the wildflowers – entire landscapes robed in brilliant yellows and greens.
- A bit south of Wyoming's Devil's Tower there's a very similar tall red-rock formation jutting up right next to US85 that could be its little brother. I'd like to call it Devil's Tourette.

FoRGe North was well worth the trip – good presentations, good conversations, good venue, even a visit from the city's Mayor, and a LOT of good local food. Grand Forks ND does excellent pizza, who knew? Many thanks to Chris Zarns and his team (Kenya Hitchens, Brett McCutcheon-Vigil, Jeff Frank, maybe more) for putting it all together. My personal thanks to Kevin Lemke for recommending a side trip to the Enchanted Highway on the way home. Check it out – the huge sculptures along that stretch of road are the work of a dedicated artist and skilled craftsman.

~~ Rich

~ *Member Contribution* ~

Puzzlemania!

BRAIN QUIZZER IQ PUZZLER

By Bill Bultas

Here is another quiz for you. I included some stats in the results, since these questions have been answered online by individuals who may be representative of the general population. Just give these your best shot, or best guess if you're not sure, and have fun. The answers appear later in this issue; try not to peek at them until you've answered all of the questions. Questions 1 through 4 are by Famous Mensan (named as such in the July, 2004 Mensa Bulletin) Terry Stickels, and I own the rights to those questions. I wrote question 5.

# Correct	Ranking
0-2	This likely isn't a Mensa-level result, but this may be due to recent stormy weather which distracted you.
3	This may be around the Mensa level. I hear thunder rumbling...
4	Definitely Mensa level. Lightning never strikes the same place twice... except for you!
5	Ok, you are a genius. No sharknado will ever be a match for your mind!

1. Four of the words below share a common feature that the fifth word lacks. Which word is the odd one out?

HINT: It has nothing to do with parts of speech or number of syllables.

scent
wrench
craft
promise
rewrite

2. A box of candy can be divided equally (without cutting pieces) among 2, 3, or 7 people. What is the least number of pieces of candy the box could contain?

24
32
42
56

3. One of the following words is misspelled. Which one is it?

Siege
Vermillion
Hagar
Believe
Spaghetti

4. Here's a puzzle that may require a little extra time. Read it carefully!

Bill takes 4/5 of a bag of candy. Mary takes 2/3 of Pete's share of the remaining candy Bill left.
What fraction of the total number of pieces of candy does Pete have?

1/10
1/15
1/20
1/25

5. If a juggler juggles 3 different objects, how many throws are necessary to return the objects to their starting positions if each object is thrown to the opposite hand at least once and a standard juggling pattern is used (i.e. 1 hand throws an object, then the second hand throws an object, then the 1st, etc.), and the juggler starts out with 2 objects in 1 hand (the 1st hand to throw an object) and 1 in the other?

3
4
5
6

This completes the quiz.

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Minutes of Missouri Ozarks Mensa Executive Committee

Local Secretary Eugene Maddux called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on 8/28/19 at the home of Bill and Melissa Bultas. Present were Maddux, Gary Kirkpatrick, Bill Bultas, Lorraine Gardner and Missouri Ozarks Mensa member Ben Elliott. Officer not present was Cheryl Braswell.

We discussed the topic of not having a currently active and qualified test proctor in our group, but interest from at least one individual in testing services to potentially join our group. Ben and Lorraine are interested in becoming proctors.

We discussed how some academic and other tests such as the ACT are only accepted prior to certain cutoff dates, which are listed on the Mensa web site for the most common tests. Despite this, Mensa accepts around 200 tests, and many individuals could potentially qualify for Mensa membership without having to take Mensa's tests at all, and that if they do take Mensa's tests, they only have to qualify on 1 of the 2 tests to join Mensa. The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is offered by local universities, is relatively inexpensive, only takes an hour to complete, and can be taken more than once as there are multiple versions of the test. Bill knows of at least 2 individuals in the St. Louis Area Mensa group who joined by taking the MAT after being unable to qualify with Mensa's tests.

We agreed that those who are interested in joining should see if they have any prior evidence scores that may already qualify them, consider the MAT as a possible route to admission, additionally consider contacting other groups (St. Louis and Kansas City in particular) and travel there for testing until we have qualified proctors who can administer the tests in our area.

Gene indicated we would begin having ExCom meetings quarterly, to discuss progress in these and other areas.

We discussed the possibility of a proctor from Kansas City or St. Louis being paid by our group to travel to us to give the Mensa tests. We then discussed how we could pay for travel and lodging for Ben and Lorraine who will have to be involved in testing in another group to qualify as proctors. We agreed that this second option made more sense. Both Ben and Lorraine said they'd prefer to do this in Kansas City if possible.

Lapsed member and proctor Elaine Johnson had recruited examinees when Mensa had a table in the main concourse of the Library Center, and gave them the tests at a later time in a room at the Center. We agreed that this would be one of the ways we could again recruit and test examinees once we have qualified proctors.

Lorraine indicated she would contact Kansas City about when she/they could go there to take part in tests to become qualified.

We discussed the requirements to become a test proctor.

We discussed the Mensa Annual Gathering, which will be in Kansas City, Missouri July 1st-5th, that some of us may attend, and that we should begin promoting MOM participation in upcoming issues of our newsletter.

Bill brought up the topic of mailing new issues to lapsed members to encourage them to rejoin the group, how often this should be done (twice a year was suggested), and the types of issues that would be best suited for this purpose.

The Library Center meetings are always lively, but do not generally have a specific topic to be discussed that is announced in advance in the newsletter. We considered possibly have library attendees agree on a topic for the next month at each meeting, which would then be advertised in the upcoming issue of the newsletter. A topic that we agreed could be discussed at the meeting this Saturday is the MOM web site, how we might want it to look, and the importance of having the ability to edit it as needed. Bill mentioned his own developer who could take on the project of producing a new MOM web site.

Maddux motioned to adjourn, Kirkpatrick seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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For Information or to host an Upcoming Event

Check our Facebook page
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Or contact Lorraine 417.619.8719 lorrainegardner1@gmail.com

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ANSWERS TO BRAIN QUIZZER IQ PUZZLER

1. craft. All the rest have a silent letter. Only 13% of our respondents answered this correctly.

2. 42. The lowest common denominator of 2, 3, and 7 is 2 x 3 x 7, which is 42. 37% of our respondents got this one right.

3. "Vermilion" has only one "l." 37% of our users answered this correctly.

4. 1/15. After Bill takes 4/5 of the candy, 1/5 of the bag is left for Mary and Pete to have. If Mary takes 2/3 of this, Pete is left with 1/3 of 1/5, or 1/15. 46% of our users got this one right.

5. A total of 6 throws are necessary. If you find a video on YouTube or elsewhere that plays in slow motion, you will be able to confirm this. I wrote this puzzle back in 1997 for my Chimera Test. Don't feel bad if you missed it... I had to work it out, and I can even juggle! Only 25% of our respondents answered this correctly.

I hope you enjoyed the quiz. I should have one like this for you in every issue.

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"To me, a lot of what makes a good actor is not what a teacher tells you to do but how you respond when you're on your own."

Glenne Headly

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