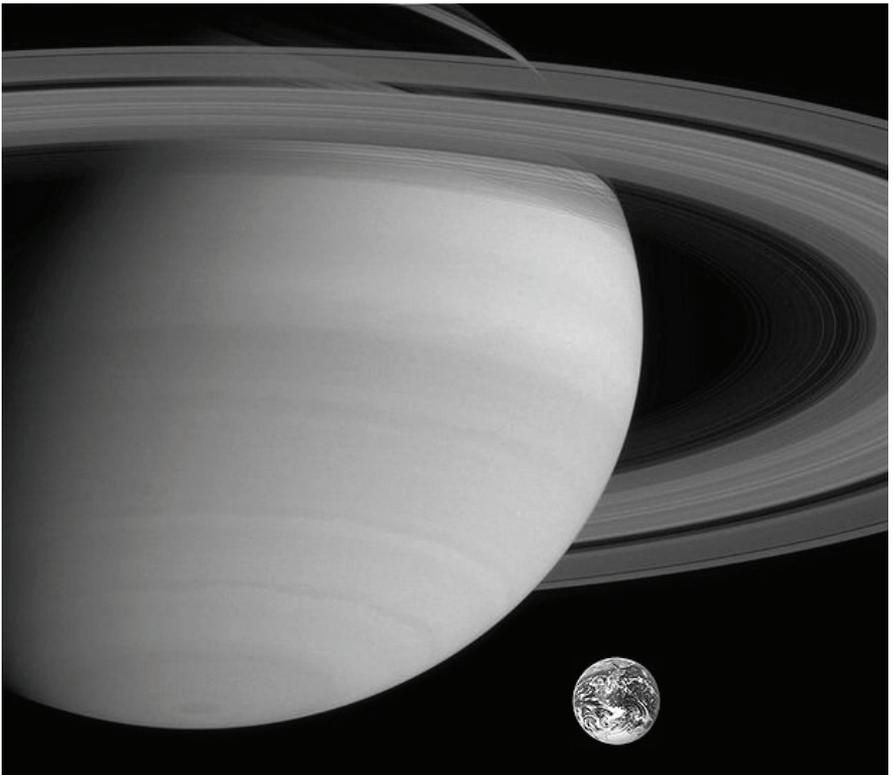


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## *Inside the Pocket Protector*

*Mike Moakley, Editor*

**I**n case you missed it, on June 5th (about a week before I wrote this column), a rather momentous event occurred for the Space Coast Area Mensa. In fact, I would venture to say more than 80% of our membership did, indeed, miss it.

Yes, on that memorable date, it was “Out with the old, in with the new”. Yes, the “old” ExComm members were duly relieved of their duties as the “new” ExComm members were duly sworn in. As I could not attend the occasion, I am unaware of the existence of an inaugural ball following the solemn event. As outgoing RecSec George Lebovitz succinctly put it, “Any resemblance of the new ExComm to the old ExComm is purely coincidental.” As it turns out, Mr. Lebovitz is also our *incoming* RecSec.

News on another front; you may have noticed that we have added contributors to The SCAM. For those readers who may have tired of the “same old same old” take heart. Yet, I will make what has now been the same invitation I have extended for years: If you have something to share with your fellow members, your contribution to The SCAM remains most welcome. I look forward to more new contributions.

At this writing, SNORT is still looking for a new home, with the demise of our long time venue, Miyako’s. For this month’s location, please contact George Patterson to find out the details. His contact info can be found on the calendar pages. Perhaps you can give some input on where SNORT’s new home might be.

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The streams run wild.  
It is flood season.  
The streams overflow  
their banks rearranging  
everything. Nothing is safe.  
Houses, cars, mailboxes, and  
train tracks, all get moved.

But then I call you at night  
And the sound of your voice  
Helps the waters recede  
And the streams are in  
their banks once again  
House, cars, and train tracks

Are put back up,  
In different places,  
Perhaps better places.

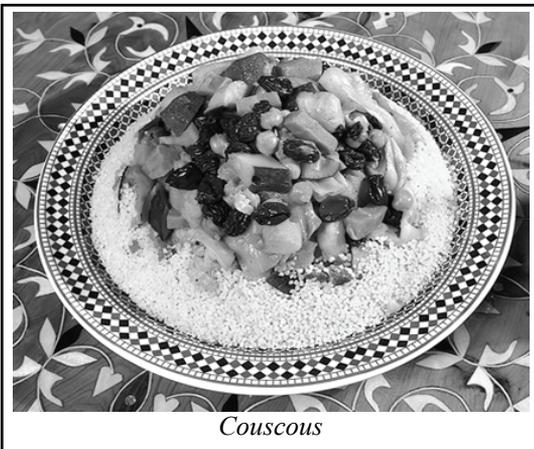
**F**or Moroccan food outside of Morocco, there can be no better restaurant than Marrakesh in Portland, Oregon. The decorations are opulent; low, round, marquetry tables; couches and stuffed leather ottomans for seats; rugs on the floor, ornate brass lamps, a ceiling covered with draped cloth to imitate a tent, and wallpaper that looks like rugs. There are several rooms, large and small. We need one like that here.

The standard dinner consists of five courses. The meal starts with a hand washing ritual. A large Turkish towel is at each place setting. A basin is placed in the center of the table, the guests hold their hands over the basin as the waiter pours warm water over them, followed by a sprinkling of rose water. The ritual is performed because in traditional Moroccan dining, no utensils are used, however, forks are provided for the uninitiated. At the end of the meal, the hand washing ritual is repeated.

The first course is Moroccan lentil soup with more vegetables and seasonings than the European version. The next is a salad served on a single plate for all guests at the table to share. The next course are two pastries called B'stilla, like a savory mille-feuille, one is stuffed with a meat mixture and the other with a vegetable mix. This also is served on a single plate for all to share.

For the main course there are three basic options, a tagine, a couscous, or a brochette. Each of these options comes in various forms, for example the couscous can be had in lamb, chicken, or vegetable versions. The main courses are served individually. Each of the six guests at our table ordered a different main course, and each declared his or hers was excellent.

After the main course there is a dessert and mint tea.



*Couscous*

### **Couscous**

Couscous is small beads of semolina flour that perform the same function in North Africa that pasta does in Italy, rice does in Japan, and noodles do in China. Couscous also refers to the prepared dish with cooked and seasoned meats and vegetables placed over a mound of the cooked couscous. The cous-

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**I am so envious.** Not of those who have already purchased a ticket for Mars but of those who will shortly be buying their tickets for the glorious planet of Jupiter.

What will they be called; *Jovians*, *Joviatics*?

It's all so romantic and exotic sounding. I, for one, would simply bypass Mars with only two moons and go for the Big Casino.

Just imagine Sinatra singing '*Fly Me to a Moon*', Ricky Skaggs singing '*Cajun Moons*'

or Tex Ritter's '*Just Beyond the Moons*'. There would not only be a '*Moon Over Miami*' but also, '*Moon Over Islamabad*' or '*Moon Over Gladwin*' ...

... or even Ypsilanti.

Sooo, so magical with all the 60+ moons to sing to or howl at. Naturally some folks would be a bit affected by all those moons like those who get harrier and howlier as the moon(s) get brighter. Ever hear of lycanthropy?

There would be howling aplenty. And, with the days being only 10 hours long it could cut deeply into your sleep time. Figuring 1/3 of a day for sleeping, you couldn't afford to lose even an hour's sleep. But, on the brighter side, just think of all the different options one would have on Jupiter as compared to Mars or Earth. With the strong winds, sailing would be huge if one was lucky enough to find a lake. Kite flying? Definitely!

Parasailing or hang gliding, you betcha!

Weighing over 2 times my Earth weight I probably wouldn't play basketball. I couldn't dunk a ball on Earth, let alone Jupiter, but I don't think Kobe could dunk one there either. We'd be in the same league. Wow! I have always been a duffer but Tiger would be hard pressed to drive a ball 100 yards which I never could so, I could hack around with him.

Well, I'm feeling like a pro already and I'm also thinking that I could probably drive with Nascar's best if we could find a track to drive on. The strong wind would more than likely blow us off the track anyway.

Now, with the extra gravity, I might want to lose a little weight but that shouldn't be a problem. Jupiter's diameter is 11 times that of Earth's so if you stretched Earth over Jupiter's entire surface you will immediately see what I mean. You couldn't order Chinese and expect them to get there the same day. The vast distances could cause one to lose several pounds just getting to the

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grocery store or ice cream parlor. It could take up to an hour just getting through McDonald's drive through lane.

And, Jimmy John's would surely go under. Even driving to your neighbor's for a cup of coffee might take days. But then, I would have all the time in the world; with Jupiter's year being only 1/12 that of Earth, I would be a child again and just learning to howl.

- TC

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cous is picked up in the fingers and rolled into a small ball before being placed in the mouth.

**Tagine**

Tagines are cooking dishes common in North Africa. They consist of a bowl and a dome or cone shaped cover. The shape is different and traditional with each nation. Tagine also refers to the meal prepared in them which consists of meats and vegetables slow cooked.



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# SCAM Calendar of Events for July 2013

## 2nd - Tuesday 6:00 PM

This is our monthly business meeting. See back page for location.

## MENSA TESTING

**July 20** at Central Brevard Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa. Please arrive by 9:45 am, as testing begins at 10 am. \$40 fee and photo ID required. Reservations encouraged but not required. Candidates must be age 14 or older. Testing next month will be on Aug. 17.

**Contact:** Hank Rhodes, [mensatest@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mensatest@cfl.rr.com), for details.

## 5th - Friday 5:30 PM

Come join us for drinks, open discussion and food (latter two optional) at the Melbourne Hooter's, 877 S. Babcock Street.

**Hosted by:** Dennis Logan, 501-7547.

## FIRST FRIDAY AT HOOTERS SIG

## 27th - Saturday 5:45 PM

Join us for some sushi and tempura at The SCAM's best attended event at a soon-to-be announced venue. Our long-time location, Miyako's, is now out of business, so we are in the process of finding a new place.

**Contact:** George, 777-3721 for details.

## S.N.O.R.I.

## Of CABBAGES and Coffee: (Our Regular Events)

**C.A.B.A.G.E.:** Every Monday in the Food Court, Merritt Square Mall  
6 p.m. Host: Karen Freiberg, 633-1636

## Calendar Updates

Every effort is made to bring to you an accurate up-to-date Calendar of Events. However, last minute changes can and do occur past newsletter deadline. For up-to-date info, visit [spacecoast.us.mensa.org](http://spacecoast.us.mensa.org) and click on "Calendar".

## ATTENTION SCAM MEMBERS!

**GO!:** Every Saturday at Books-A-Million, The Avenue, Viera. Hosted by the Space Coast Area GO Association.  
1 p.m. Host: George Lebovitz,  
[the.rokkitsci@rocketmail.com](mailto:the.rokkitsci@rocketmail.com)

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### **WELCOME TO SCAM**

Jacqueline Evans Jacobs

### **WELCOME TO SCAM AND MENSA**

Alexander Griffith

Sydney Griffith

### **WELCOME BACK!**

Benjamin Smith

### **JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

3rd	Clifton Chandler	20th	Jon LaVine
5th	Robert Tuck	21st	William Hartman
6th	James Conaway II	23rd	R M Livingston
9th	Michael Zielinski	26th	Pepper Stevens
20th	Jeffrey Barbour	27th	Paul Hargraves
20th	MaryKay Dailey		



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**S-Smoking; NS- No Smoking; SS-Separate Smoking Area; P-Pets in the home; NP-No Pets present; BYO\_-Bring Your Own: \_Snacks, \_Drinks, \_Everything.**

**W**ith the latest round of our perennial “Gun Debate” stirring up heated emotions, the term Militia is often bandied about apparently without regard to its meaning within the context of our Constitution. As it turns out, the Constitution<sup>1</sup> makes several references to a militia:

**Article 1, Section 8** (In pertinent part): *“The Congress shall have the power... To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress insurrections (emphasis mine) and repel invasions;*

*To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training of the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress; ...”*

**Article 2, Section 2** (In pertinent part): *“The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States when called into the actual Service of the United States; ...”*

From the above, it can be inferred that the militia was the predecessor to the National Guard and was a vital part of our nation’s defense, as during that time there was much resistance to establish standing armies. This is in direct contrast to the belief, popular in some circles, that militias exist to protect Americans against their own government when it is believed that Americans’ freedom is threatened.

A somewhat inaccurate quote of the Second Amendment appeared in an article<sup>2</sup> in last month’s SCAM that illustrates this belief: “The U.S. Constitution wants us to have guns to protect us from the crazies in government (emphasis mine). The 2nd Amendment is clear, ‘A well-regulated militia (*the people*) being the best security of a free state (*country*) the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.’”. We will not bother to ask what the author meant by “crazies in government”.

Many who hold such a belief also believe that we, as Americans, have the right to overthrow our government. Nowhere does the Constitution provide for this. In fact, if our government were to be successfully overthrown, our Constitution (the foundation document) would then be null and void. The successor government, if any, would presumably be based on its own constitution.

Finally, according to Article 1, Section 8, one of the functions of the Militia is to suppress insurrections. The term “insurrection” is defined as “an act or instance of revolting against civil authority or an established government.”<sup>3</sup>

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The Militia, then, is created by the government to carry out the will of the government, protect the government and to protect the citizens under the rule of the government. Moreover, all able-bodied “free white males” between the ages of 18 – 45 years of age were compelled to serve. It is evident that modern-day “militias” that consist of self-appointed members that exist for the purpose of resisting the laws their members oppose are NOT the Militia(s) meant by our Constitution.

This brings us again to the Second Amendment<sup>1</sup>: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” It is a single statement. As such, one cannot separate the “right to keep and bear arms” from the necessity of the militia. One phrase is dependent on the other.

To me, the Second Amendment can best be interpreted by one of the following statements:

1. All able-bodied United States citizens are compelled to serve in the (government-created) Militia, thus making the right to keep and bear arms necessary toward that end, or
2. Absent compulsory Militia service, no Constitutional right exists for any citizen to keep and bear arms.

Given the above, any right or privilege by people to possess weapons can be granted, denied and/or regulated through legislation at any level of government. Thus, the “gun debate” is a political and legislative issue, not a Constitutional one.

Personally, I have not held any strong opinions either way on the ability of my fellow citizens to legally own firearms. But the assumption that some inalienable right exists, as I had for many years assumed, I believe is mistaken.

**Sources:**

1. Text of the United States Constitution (*All constitutional citations herein*).
2. Al Thomas, “What Is a Gun?” *The SCAM*, June 2013.
3. *Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster Inc., 1989.

### ... But not in the United States.

There are many cures for cancer, but your doctor is not allowed to prescribe them. Why?

It costs an average of \$375,000 to die of cancer. You don't think they are going to kill that cash cow, do you??

Years before Ronald Reagan became president he had cancer. He went to Germany and was cured. Once patients are cured they stop spending money. Ooh!

When my wife came down with Stage 4 Glioblastoma brain cancer, the doctors gave her 6 months. Using natural supplements in 6 months she was back at the gym 3 times a week and then driving her car again. At one year her cousin, an MD, said he had never seen anyone with her diagnosis recover.

This is a story I have heard from two sources. One is a famous MD who actually told it on the radio. When I was a kid many other kids came down with polio. One of my college roommates walked with 2 canes. Then Dr. Salk came up with the wonderful vaccine that wiped out polio. The heads of the Big Pharma (*No names. They will sue me.*) and the big hospitals got together and said, "*Dr. Salk put 100,000 people out of work. That can't happen again. We don't ever want to find a cure for any other major disease.*" And they haven't.

Big Pharma has all kinds of treatments, expensive treatments that can go on for years that never cure. Get the idea? It has been rumored they have put cures on a shelf with no intension of using them.

There are many good books on curing cancer. I have 20 or 30 covering various methods that are effective. The best book in my opinion is *Cancer-Free*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition by Bill Henderson.

There are Internet web sites that have information. There is a huge web site called **quackwatch** that will tell you about why any alternative methods should not be used. Who could be sponsoring it?

Every cure has been outlawed by the FDA. Our Food and Drug Administration is supposed to protect the public. Many say they are handmaidens of Big Pharma. I would not say it as I can't prove it. Never pay attention to what anyone says. Look at what they do.

Many of FDA-outlawed methods that actually cure are available in Mexico, Germany and other countries. There are 2 or 3 good clinics in the U.S. Be careful of the clinic chosen. Do due diligence. You don't have to go; you can cure yourself at home.

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If a person has any serious medical problem the patient must become a co-doctor. Many treatments that work are not allowed to be used by doctors or they will lose their hospital privileges. The basic reason is the cures are too cheap.

Why am I writing this instead of my usual financial info? Because I was diagnosed with lung cancer in mid-February. I followed several cures with natural supplements and diet at home and the last X-Ray done May 20 showed no cancer.

If you really want to get well you must take care of yourself.

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### **A Mensan in the Workplace?**

**A**re you the Mensan at work? Do you work with other Mensans...or...are you the only one? If the latter is true, do your coworkers know you're in Mensa? What about your boss? What are your impressions and experiences at work? Do you have a leadership position? Do you serve in any kind of "support" (formal or informal) role? Does your status as a Mensan have a positive or negative impact on your work relationships? Finally, if preparing a resume, would you include your Mensa membership as an item (or would you state that you qualified to join Mensa)? Why or why not? Let's hear from *you*.

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Wynn noted that his past year's efforts to involve more younger members more actively had met with mixed success. He then suggested that the ExComm consider outreach to members who are home bound, unable to easily interact, and possibly in need of technological assistance. We will discuss this idea at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday (Wednesday being the day before a holiday), July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the home of Karen Freiberg, 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

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*1. The Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting. Subsequent email to the Treasurer requesting said report revealed that the Treasurer's hard drive had crashed and that he was working to recover it. At the time of this writing, the status of the Treasurer's hard drive and the report contained thereon is still undetermined. Any SCAM member who is in desperate need of the status of the group's finances is urged to contact Treasurer Dennis Logan directly for the information. His telephone number can be found on the wall of the middle stall at Hooter's on Babcock St.*

*2. Contacted 3 candidates for the first time, 9 candidates for the second or third time; tested 0. Next test session will be Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa.*

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**U**nder 40 and looking for comrades? **Check out GenY SIG!** We are open to members 18-36, and looking to pull together activities for Ms our age. Pretty sweet, right? Check us out on Facebook at **'Mensa GenY Space Coast'**!

**O**ne of the duties of the Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) is to report on the business of American Mensa to the Local Groups. However, even though I will have taken office as of the publication date of the newsletter you are reading, as of this writing I have not yet attended my first American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting as RVC. Such are the oddities of a monthly publication schedule.

I can report, however, that there was one final teleconference meeting of the AMC between Mel Dahl's last column and now. The main focus of that agenda was to institute changes in the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee for candidates for national office. Two of the changes require amendments to the bylaws and will be passed to a referendum of the membership, while several other amendments to the ASIEs (*Actions Still In Effect*) were passed: Adding three past members of the AMC to the Nominating Committee, shortening the nomination and election periods, changing the structure of the Nominating Committee sessions at the Annual Gathering, publicizing the Call for Candidates, changing the requirements for First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair, encouraging the Nominating Committee to suggest alternative offices for good candidates, and defining the task of the Nominating Committee as a selective body. This last one is somewhat controversial, in that it directs the Nominating Committee to select the single best candidate for office, allowing for two nominees only if they are equally qualified. Some have opined that this will unfairly imply that petition candidates are less qualified than those who are nominated by the committee.

Since I was not present at the teleconference (*not having taken office yet*), I do not have the detailed rationale for these decisions. There may be compelling reasons for passing these, though at first glance some of them seem overly restrictive to me. One of my goals in the next two years is to identify new leaders in Region 10 who will be qualified and interested in stepping up for national positions in the future. It would feel presumptuous for me to focus on a single individual, grooming them for a position to the exclusion of others, but this is how the AMC action strikes me. Of course, once I have a better sense of what drives these sorts of actions I will be better able to report them to you.

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I will be hosting a Meet and Greet for Region 10 at the Annual Gathering at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 6. Apologies to those who, like me, are not early birds, but the schedule for this year is tightly packed and this is what they had available! Any of you who attend the AG are assured of a good time. If you are not able to make the Annual Gathering this year, make plans to attend the Broward Mensa Regional Gathering (FLoRanGe 16 – Suite 16) on Labor Day weekend. I've been to several of their RGs and they put on a good party.

**Minutes of the June, 2013 ExComm Meeting (1)**

**T**he ExComm met at the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955, on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, called to order by LocSec Wynn Rostek at 6:08 pm.

**Members Present:** Wynn Rostek, Terry Valek, Karen Freiberg, and George Lebovitz.

**Guests:** Kurt Penca (*the Rostek's stepson*) and Zanne Rostek.

The ExComm decided that previous month's minutes do not need to be formally approved as we do not follow RRoO or official Parliamentary procedure. If the minutes published in the SCAM contain any substantial errors, they can be corrected if necessary. It was also noted that no one probably cares anyhow.

The ExComm members were then formally relieved of their positions to allow the new members of the ExComm to assume control. The newly elected members of the ExComm then set about to immediately assign roles. Wynn Rostek was unanimously voted the new LocSec; Terry Valek the assistant LocSec; Karen Frieberg, Member-at-large; George Lebovitz, RecSec; and Dennis Logan, Treasurer. Any resemblance of the new ExComm to the old ExComm is purely coincidental.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

**Minutes of the June, 2013 ExComm Meeting (2)**

**T**he new ExComm met at the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955, on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, called to order by LocSec Wynn Rostek at 6:13 pm.

**Members Present:** Wynn Rostek, Terry Valek, Karen Freiberg, and George Lebovitz.

**Guests:** Kurt Penca (*still the Rostek's stepson*) and Zanne Rostek.

**Officer/Committee Reports** (*details may be found in the footnotes*):

**Treasurer's report**<sup>1</sup>. Dennis Logan was unable to attend the meeting, explaining in an email to the other members of the ExComm: "I have a date with a cute young blond so I can't make it." In fairness to Dennis, it should be noted that the "cute young blond" was his granddaughter, whom he was babysitting that evening. He would, however, try to get the report done before the meeting.

**Testing coordinator**, Hank Rhodes, reported via email<sup>2</sup>.

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