



# The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 16, 2021

## Program

Club First Vice President Lion Milford Parrish was presiding for tonight's meeting. Lion Richard Gurley was acting Tale Twister and told three of the worst, corniest jokes we've heard in a long time.

Lion Fair President Charlie Childers gave us an update on plans for our Fair which is less than 2 months away.



Lion Charlie Childers talks up the Fair -- it's coming October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Lion Charlie stated that although the Covid situation might have an impact, at this point we are proceeding full steam on Fair planning. He said he plans to get out Lion Fair assignments next week. He advises Lions to consider their own situation regarding the Covid threat and to let any Fair Board member know as soon as possible if they are afraid to participate due to health concerns; we could be forced to go outside our Club for volunteers to fill shortfalls to insure a successful Fair. He noted that he recently attended a meeting in Montgomery of the Alabama State Fair Association, and there were no reports of

cancellations of any fairs in the State – no backing off of anything, anywhere.

Lion Charlie said that the Peoples Bank will be handling presale ticket sales for us again this year, starting in September. He noted that our ride ticket sales last year were as large as the year before, but our total gate tickets were down, probably due mainly to older patrons being reluctant to mix with the crowd due to Covid. Since a number of agricultural crops would be past prime harvesting time because we have backed-up the Fair into October, we intend to set up an agricultural themed video contest for the agricultural building this year; we will offer scholarship awards based on the best videos. These videos will then be shown on two large screen TVs during the Fair. There was a question concerning having a larger selection of rides than we had last year. Lion Charlie explained that the factor that limited rides last year was that those rides which had riders in close contact with each other had to be scratched due to Covid transmission concerns. So far this year that concern seems less likely. Also, there will not be a limit on the number of exhibits that an exhibitor may enter in this year's Fair. Lion Don Smith, who is keeping the Fair Calendar up to date, noted that you can go to the website, [CullmanFair.org](http://CullmanFair.org) (not .com) to find the latest in the schedule of Fair events. Another new event this year will be a selfie contest for kids; photos of the selfies will all be posted. Finally, Lion Charlie reminded us that the Fair Parade will be Saturday, October the 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed



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by the Fair itself on October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Business

Lion Secretary Craig Gadow went over minutes from last week's Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. He reported that a friend of Lion Fred Osborne approach him about possibly purchasing the Club's Smith-Lake property if no realtor was involved, and if it included the boat ramp that we previously deeded to the State. There as some discussion about how we might make that happen, but it was determined that more research was needed to determine if our Club could get the boat ramp back and to put together deal for an approach with the State. This will be a subject for a future BOD meeting. Lion Fred then said that the man making the potential offer had another friend involved, and that the two of them would meet with the Club to lay out their offer in more detail with what they wanted to do with the property. Finally, it was agreed that the Club would take no action on this until we heard from them.

Lion President Javon Daniel is recovering from heart ablation procedures, but he may be back with us as soon as next week. Lion Charlie Powell reported that Lion David Gratz is slowly improving from Covid-19 but that he will likely need to stay at home for the next few weeks.



If you have not been to a Club meeting lately, the photo above shows the layout we now are using at the air-conditioned Commission on Aging building. The kitchen with a large serving window is in a room just to the left. Freddie Day and his crew are still feeding us like kings!

### Upcoming Programs and Events

August 23: Program TBD. Meeting at the Commission on Aging building, on the right of the paved road, near the barn at the Fairgrounds as you are headed to Sportsman's Lake.

October 2: Fair Parade

October 7-16: Cullman County Fair.

### Tale Twister Input

If you need something special or to report a correction in the *Tale Twister*, see Lions Carey Thompson or Don Smith at the meetings. Lion Carey can be reached at 256-739-0580 (H) or 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).