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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

The Mussell Messenger

Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club Newsletter

Monthly Membership Meeting Monday, November 7 Servins Doors Open: 5 p.m. & desserts! Only \$5 per person

Meet some new people "Make some new friends

If your birthday is this month, you could win \$25!!!



Reservations are required by October 31!

Elwin E. Mussell Senior Citizens Center 510 E. Park Ave., Santa Maria, CA 93454 925-0951, Ext. 2207





Jo York President

Welcome November!

Happy Turkey month!! I hope you enjoy it. Remember all of the things you are thankful for ~ there are bound to be lots of things! At the top of my list is the election is almost over. Whoopeeeee!!! And I will no longer get a mailbox full of ads, and the TV commercials will go back to the old ones we all know and love.

For the November meeting we are trying something different. The cost will be <u>\$5.00</u>, and there will be no speaker or full dinner. We are going to have hors d'oeuvres and desserts plus conversation. This is going to be a social gathering. Also for this meeting, all attendees will be given a ticket

with a table number. We invite everyone to sit at that specific (random) table. You can still choose to sit with your spouse, but we hope this will encourage conversations between members who may not know each other. Let us know if you like this idea. If you are still hungry because you expected a meal, we are sorry. We are trying different things to see what the membership likes best!

For December we will have a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3, at the usual time of 6 p.m. This will be a catered dinner by the Swiss Chalet. Coastal Voices Community Choir will entertain us with Christmas music. The cost for this dinner will be \$15.

Don't forget to sign up for both meetings!

In the near future, the board will be raffling a one-day trip!! We will let you know in plenty of time which trip it will be. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each, or \$5 for six tickets. We will use the money raised to update the patio. We would like to have a patio cover among other things to make the area more useful for members.

<u>NOTE</u>: The Board has two openings for 2017, Secretary and Treasurer. Our current treasurer has been on the board for 15 years and the secretary for three years. They would like to turn their jobs over to someone new. We really need some help!!

The secretarial duties include taking minutes at the board meeting and general meeting each month and distributing them to the board. This does not take a lot of time, but it does require accuracy. Mary Law is very good at this, and

I'm sure she would help anyone who volunteers for the position. If you have any questions about it, please talk to Mary or any board member (names and contact information on page 3).

A description of the duties of the treasurer can be found on page 10. Please read it over and see if you, or someone you know, would be interested. This position is more involved and time consuming than being the secretary, but not as bad as you may think! If you have any questions, please talk to Matt Arko. Matt will work with the person (or persons) who decide to "step up" and be available for any help during the year.

Please seriously consider volunteering for one of these positions. They must be filled in order for the Senior Club to continue to function!!!

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~ Jo York, President



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OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

Mondays (Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28)	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Drop-in Softball Hagerman Sports Complex
Tuesdays (Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29)	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Lawn Bowling Club 4205 S. McClelland St.
Thursdays (Nov. 3, 10 & 17)	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Lawn Bowling Club 4205 S. McClelland St.
	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Drop-in Softball Hagerman Sports Complex

Hopefully, you are receiving your newsletter, either by email (as a "pdf") or in the mail. *It is quite costly to print and mail the newslet- ter, so please consider having it sent completely <u>FREE</u> (no printing, no processing, no postage necessary) and in <u>FULL COLOR</u> via email. It also arrives much sooner than if you choose to have it mailed! Reminder: It's ALSO posted to our website: smvscc.org/Main.html.
The deadline for the next issue (December 2016/January 2017) is November 14, 2016.*



Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord Program Specialist

City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department

GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

It's November! You get to vote for a turkey ... oh wait you get to vote and EAT turkey! What a great month we have in store for you. Fun Fact: Did you know that we would not recognize Election Day about 200 hundred years ago. Not only was eating, drinking and parading common, votes could be conducted in a public voice. Also political par-

ties would hand out pre-printed ballots for voters to cast, to ensure that people voted for a party ticket. It wasn't until the 1890's that the Australian ballot, also known as the Secret Ballot, became commonly used in America. We encourage you to exercise your rights and vote; and join some of our exercise classes for those extra calories from Thanksgiving Day.



Wednesday, November 9, is the Celebration of Life luncheon at the Veterans' Memorial Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event honors all valley residents who are 90 years or older and one family member or caregiver with a free lunch. Additional guests are \$12. Come join this birthday celebration, lunch, and live entertainment. Reservations are required. Please call 925-0951, extension 2207, by November 4.

Ready to work off some calories before the big feast day? The Recreation and Parks Department is offering many opportunities to exercise and make some new friends. Some classes are free, such as the *Strength Training* and *Exercise Workout* programs. You can exercise on

Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday. The classes are designed to help active adults improve balance and increase muscle strength. **Zumba Gold** is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at a low cost. Come have fun while you dance to energetic music. This class is designed for seniors and costs \$25 for 8 classes a month. On Tuesdays, a **Yoga** class helps promote physical well-being and releases stress. This class is \$12 a month for 4 sessions. Check our Recreation Guide for times, or call extension 2207 and the receptionists can give you more information.



Saturday, November 19, is the 20th Annual Turkey Trot – 5K Run/Walk. Runners and walkers of all fitness levels are invited to get in shape before the "big feast." Starting time is 9:00 a.m. at the Hagerman Sports Complex. Early bird registration is \$20 through Thursday, November 10, and \$25 thereafter. Fee includes a Sport-Tek shirt for bragging rights. Minimal day-of-event registrations will be accepted. Pre-registrations are accepted at the Recreation and Parks Department Administrative office, 615 S. McCelland St.

Tuesday, November 22, is the *Thanksgiving Reception* at the Elwin Mussell Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share (for 10 people) and mingle with friends at this informal social event. Share the holiday spirit and bring a donation for Toys for Tots! *Please RSVP by Thursday, November 17 by calling 925-9501, ext. 2207*.

Remember to *VOTE* and have a *Happy Thanksgiving*!!!

~ Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord Program Specialist

ELWIN MUSSELL SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Mondays through Fridays	9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pool Room* Lunch Program by C.A.C.+
Mondays (Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28)	10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§ Duplicate Bridge (937-5691) Folk Dancing (\$15/month)*§
Tuesdays (Nov. 1, 15, 22 & 29)	9:00 – 10:00 a.m. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Strength Training* Yoga (\$12/month)*§ Poker* Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§
1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays (Nov. 1 & 15)	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Bunco (\$3/day)*
2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays (Nov. 8 & 22)	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	2 Deck Pinochle* (934-2315)
Wednesdays (Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30)	9:00 a.m. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Artists Meet* Exercise Workout*
(Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30)	10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§ Beginning Bridge & Instruction
1st & 3rd Wednesdays (Nov. 2 & 16)	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg*
1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays (Nov. 2, 9 & 23)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Knit, Chat & Crochet*
3 rd Wednesdays (Nov. 16)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Book Exchange* (Jane Bringley)
Thursdays (Nov. 3, 10 & 17)	9:00 – 10:00 a.m. 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Strength Training* Duplicate Bridge (922-5000) Folk Dancing* (Betty Anthony) Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§
2 nd & 4 th Thursdays (Nov. 10 only)	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Hand & Foot Card Game
Fridays (Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25)	12:00 – 4:00 p.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg* Bingo (50¢/card) (Open to all!)
Saturdays (Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26)	9:00 a.m. – Noon 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Pool Room* Duplicate Bridge (925-6350)

^{*} City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department Program
+ Make reservation at least 24 hours in advance by calling 925-3010; \$3 donation requested
§ Participants must pre-register at Recreation & Parks Department. No walk-ins allowed.

Lights, Sights, & Holiday Nights November 14 – December 9

'Tis the season to be jolly and spread holiday cheer throughout the community by decorating your home! Whether you're a Clark Griswold or a Norman Rockwell, join in the spirit, dazzle us with your creations, and earn a spot on the community Holiday Decorating Tour Map this season. For more information on how to participate, please call 925-0951, extension 2260 or visit the city website: www.cityofsantamaria.com.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



Hours: <u>Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 – 3.45 p.m.</u>

Office Phone: 349-0688





Chairperson

FIRST DAY SALES ~ FIRST MONDAY MORNING OF THE MONTH!

On November 7, a waiting room will be set up, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Numbers will be passed out when you arrive. Sales will begin shortly after 9:00 a.m. and will end when the last person waiting is finished, or Noon, whichever is earlier. Only two tickets per person will be allowed. If it's a very popular trip with a long waiting list, we will try to book it again.

<u>DECEMBER 9-10 ~ CHRISTMAS AT MONTEREY ADOBES</u> HOTEL DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 3

February 12-15 ~ Laughlin Riverside

\$145 Dbl., \$182 Sgl.

They are giving you TWO Breakfast Buffets plus a Choice Buffet. Leave: 7:00 a.m./Home: 7:00 p.m.

March 11 ~ "Finding Neverland" at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre

\$120

Early lunch at Soup Plantation and limited choice of seating at the Pantages Theatre (most seats are located in the balcony up 44 steps). Selling early because of deadlines and variety of seats available. If you can't climb 44 steps to the rear Mezzanine, you need to come in early to reserve. There are only 8 seats in the Orchestra! The Pantages has a record 20,000 subscribers and is almost sold out for the 2017 shows that are being sold now! Leave 8:45 a.m./Home 8:30 p.m.

August 4, 2017 ~ 7 to 13 Day Cruise + Tour to Alaska

Cost/Options Pending

Come into the office for more information. This trip is in the process of being booked by AAA for us as a group. Until Wednesday, **November 16**, a \$100 per person deposit holds your place and enables you to take advantage of their "3 for FREE" sales event: free stateroom location upgrade, free gratuities, and free onboard spending money. We are accepting the \$100 deposits now! Bring your passport.

THESE TRIPS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE:

November 5 ~ Great American Melodrama's "Trudy and the Beast" (Oceano) \$77 November 22-25 ~ Thanksgiving at Wonder Valley* \$525 Dbl./ \$675 Sgl.

*Wonder Valley is offering a Special Drawing: Furchase this trip no later than 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 7, and be eligible to receive \$360 back. We will hold the drawing in the Travel Office at 10:30 a.m. All members who have paid in full for this trip are eligible. Only one person will win!

December 9-10 ~ Monterey Adobes HOTEL DEADLINE: NOV. 3 \$260 Dbl./\$350 Sgl.

January 20, 2017 ~ "The Price Is Right" Live! Tickets non-refundable - we won't cancel \$114

May 11-18, 2017 ~ Collette's Mackinac Island & Tulip Festival \$2999 Dbl., \$3999 Sgl.

Price includes \$200 discount if you purchase the trip before November 10th. Visit/click on link for more information: gateway.gocollette.com/link/758159.

FLYERS & TRIP LIST ARE AVAILABLE IN THE HALL & THE OFFICE!



Check out our Facebook page: "Santa Maria Senior Travel" (Click on name & go directly to Facebook page!)

Diana Dodos is updating the page with flyers & pictures from our trips.





TRAVEL TALES ~ NOVEMBER 2016



We are interviewing for another Travel Leader. Contact Linda for info.

Kathy Kromer and I worked in the Senior Club booth at the Autumn Arts Festival Oct. 1st. Tom made a very noticeable sign of our Travel Committee information, and we had a lot of people pick up our Trip Lists and flyers.

At our committee meeting, one of our members brought up a serious issue that has been going on for years. If you are handicapped, you need to bring a companion who is capable of helping you, especially picking you up if you fall. If you are unsteady, please bring a walker or folding wheelchair so that the companion can push it, and you can keep up with the group. Look at your white health card to be reminded of our insurance liability. Our committee members oversee the entire group and cannot be responsible for one person no matter how much they want to help.

January 30 \sim Presentation of Premier World Discovery's Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass Tour -11:00 a.m. *Sale of trip immediately follows*. See below \sim October 11-18 \sim for more trip info.

February 4 ~ Disney on Ice

Price to be announced

"Disney On Ice's presents Worlds of Enchantment" will be at the Selland Arena in Fresno. Lunch is included at Santa Fe Basque Restaurant. They still don't have the ticket prices yet! Leave: 8:30 a.m./ Home: 9:30 p.m.? *Selling December 5*.

February 23 ~ Hop on Beer Tour

We saw one of their buses on Highway 101 and checked it out! Ride the Hop On Beer Tour's bus to breweries in SLO. Lunch at SLO Brewery. Watch for details coming soon. *Selling December 5*.

March 28-30 ~ San Francisco

\$542 Dbl., \$808 Sgl.

Eat lunch at 1898 restored Beaux Arts Ferry Building, tour Alcatraz and Angel Island State Parks, <u>or</u> if the State doesn't allow us to do this tour on a date that works for us (they'll notify us at the end of December), spend the day in Golden Gate Park. Enjoy the show at Beach Blanket Babylon (deadline January 6) and see the Walt Disney Family Museum. Enjoy free time one afternoon and evening. Pricey because the hotel is very expensive. Leave: 7 a.m./Home: 6:15 p.m. <u>Selling December 5</u> with a \$200 deposit; balance due by February 16.

April 11 ~ Shen Yun Performing Arts at Cal Poly's Cohen Theater

Our Committee has been wanting to book this amazing show. It is finally nearby on a date that was convenient. The tickets were quite expensive, but we have a row in the balcony and a 26 passenger bus. It is described in part as: "There was a time when the world was full of magic and splendor, and all on Earth existed in harmony with Heaven." Leave: 6:15 p.m./Home: 10:40 p.m. *Selling February 6*.

April 23-26 ~ Laughlin Riverside

This trip will be priced similarly to the previous ones. **Selling February 6**.

May 20 or 21 ~ "The Bodyguard" at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre

We've been advised to wait until late November to book this show as we may be able to get down-stairs seats at that time. Only upper balcony seats are available until the 20,000 subscribers book.

Aug. 4 ~ **Alaska cruise pending.** We had 35 members attend the AAA/Princess Cruises presentation.

October 11-18 ~ Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass

\$2879 Dbl., \$3704 Sgl.

This trip includes tours of Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Biltmore Estate, Dollywood, and much more! Plus you'll be back in Nashville at the wonderful Gaylord Opryland Resort for three nights. Besides the Grand Old Opry, which is always good, and the usual city tour, you'll visit Andrew Jackson's Hermitage and attend the Nashville Nightlife Theater. We have been to most of these places, so I know you'll enjoy them! *Selling Jan. 30*.

November Birthdays

Hatsumi Thorvilson	ı	1-Nov	Anna Alvarez	8-Nov	Hiroko Pivar	20-Nov
Joy Hatchel		1-Nov	Esperanza Wealand	8-Nov	Eleanor Lachenmaier	21-Nov
Sandra Krewski		1-Nov	Betty Moritsch	10-Nov	Hank Schiff	22-Nov
David Garcia		1-Nov	Connie Foss	10-Nov	Mas Koga	22-Nov
Dorothy Davis		2-Nov	Brenda Werbelow	10-Nov	Shirley Evenson	22-Nov
Cathy Ramey		2-Nov	Jadine Roinestad	11-Nov	Donna Jean Manos	22-Nov
Ma <mark>ry Wride</mark>		3-Nov	Taka Sears	13-Nov	Rick Velasco	23-Nov
Brenda Khan		3-Nov	Dionne Sinor	13-Nov	Diane Yamaguchi	23-Nov
Richard Perry		4-Nov	Mark Richardson	13-Nov	Deborah Schlanser	23-Nov
Isabel Ramos		5-Nov	Audrey Nash	14-Nov	John Regalado	24-Nov
Diane Broyles		5-Nov	Jacqueline Hogan	15-Nov	Diane Mc Donald	25-Nov
Bruni Stadnick		5-Nov	Evalyn France	16-Nov	Bob Strunk	25-Nov
Diana <mark>Dodo</mark> s		5-Nov	Edna Breazeale	16-Nov	Olive Houston	26-Nov
Cindy Cozart		5-Nov	Cecile Ley	16-Nov	Madeline Permasse	26-Nov
Jerry Lamphier		6-Nov	Barbara Beckley	16-Nov	Norman Brooks	27-Nov
Barbara Centeno		6-Nov	Herb Gerfen	17-Nov	Lynda Snodgrass	27-Nov
Carol Cahill		6-Nov	Vahnita Vasquez	17-Nov	Jeri Chaffin	27-Nov
Jo Ann Teixeira		6-Nov	Dean Doty	17-Nov	Steve Hopkins	27-Nov
Ken Groves		7-Nov	Gilda Aveo	18-Nov	Delia Pallan	28-Nov
Karen Mayes		7-Nov	Dawn Kamiya	19-Nov	Donald Newman	30-Nov

November Anniversaries

Joe & Elizabeth Westbrook	1-Nov	Ed & Jean Letman	16-Nov
Brian & Estela Duran Delgiorgio	1-Nov	Ed & Katherine Gutierrez	19-Nov
John & Marlene Medeiros	3-Nov	Bill & Roberta Larocco	27-Nov
Frank & Lydia Zava <mark>la</mark>	4-Nov	Harold & Beverly Moss	28-Nov
Albert & Terry Leduc	4-Nov	Steve & Joanne Hopkins	28-Nov
Donald & Bonnie Newman	7-Nov	Bob & Iva Jo Strunk	29-Nov
William & Jennie Batiste	10-Nov	Joe & Connie Real	30-Nov
Bill & Sandy Carter	13-Nov		

Welcome NEW Members

Julie Allyn
Gilda Aveo
Robert Baird
Sandy Boyd
Ivan & Pam Cordero
Elena Deparini
Mavis Deparini
Beverly & Javier Duarte
Barbara Dyer
Bobbi & Mark Eggleston

Diane Foster
David Garcia
Gayle Macias
Bradley & Peggy Middleton
Alice Patino
Neneth Perez
Ginny Rosebrock
Chris & Samm Swan
Shirlee Wilder

Welcome Back Former Members!

Cherie Ahlquist Ruby Arias Mona Ishimoto Liz Regulski Alyce Schwab



PRESENTS

"Moondance"

All of your favorite "Moon" tunes!

Sunday, November 13, 2016 1:30 — 4:00 p.m.

Elwin Mussell Senior Center 510 E. Park Ave., Santa Maria



Featuring
Bob Nations
on Vocals



Sponsored by the Santa Maria Valley Senior Club with the support of the Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department

Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department (need not be a Senior Club member to attend)

For more information, please contact Russ @ (775) 843-2830

Check out our website: RiptideBB.com

HELP WANTED

TREASURER

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

Money Handling

- Open envelopes from the safe marked "dues." Compare the cash and/or checks in these envelopes with the cash sheet (found in the envelopes). Record cash sheet amounts onto accounting form.
- Open envelopes from the safe marked "membership dinner." Enter amounts onto accounting form.
- Enter any other money that is received on accounting form.
- Subtract \$25.00 from the money collected for the monthly birthday prize.

Record Keeping

- Print and enter amounts from accounting form into Quick Books.
- Write checks as requested.
- Record checks that are written.
- S Print financial statements for board members.

Other Duties

- S Complete Postmaster Form and write a check.
- Attend Board Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.
- Attend Membership Meeting on the first Monday of each month.
- Bring \$25.00 for birthday prize to the Membership Meeting.
- Bring a check to Membership Meeting to pay caterer for the food.

SECRETARY



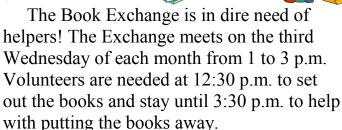
GENERAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

- Attend Membership Meeting on the first Monday of each month. Write accurate notes about what transpired at the meeting. Distribute the notes (minutes) to board members via email.
- Attend Board Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. Write accurate notes about what transpired at the meeting. Distribute the notes (minutes) to board members via email.
- File copies of the minutes with previous minutes of years past.

BOOK EXCHANGE







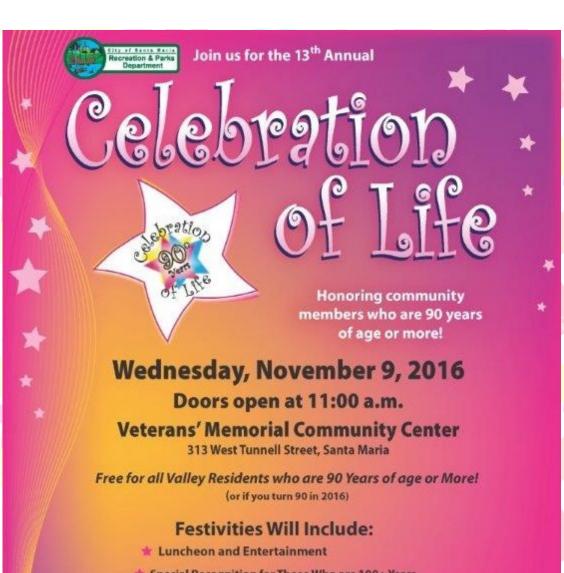
Please contact the receptionist desk if you are interested! It's only three hours a month!

SUBSTITUTE RECEPTIONISTS

Needed for the desk at the Mussell Senior Center.

Shifts available any week day:

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 12:30 – 4 p.m. For more information, contact the desk: 925-0951, ext. 2207



- * Special Recognition for Those Who are 100+ Years
- **★ Each Honoree May Bring One Caregiver/Guest at No Charge**
- ★ Each Honoree May Bring An Additional Guest for \$12 (checks made payable to PLAY, Inc.)
 - * Pre-registration Required

RSVP by Noon, Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 (805) 925-0951, ext. 2207



Please, share with the club's
"Sunshine Lady" ~ Simone ~
the names of members who need some
"sunshine" in their life ~
not feeling well, hospitalized,
going through a difficult time,
or have suffered the
loss of a loved one.
She may be reached at 925-6267.

TOM'S TRIVIALITIES November 2016 Burma Shave Signs!

Tom Dutart

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson of our history in the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Before there were interstate highways, when everyone drove the old two- lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields.

They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs ... about 100 feet apart ... [Isn't it funny. Back then it seemed we would never get to the next sign, at the speed Dad was driving! Now days, you would have to be a speed reader!] each containing one line of a four line couplet ... and the obligatory fifth sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream. Here are some of the actual signs:

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW OUT SO FAR IT MAY GO HOME IN ANOTHER CAR BURMA SHAVE

TRAINS DON'T WANDER ALL OVER THE MAP 'CAUSE NOBODY SITS IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP BURMA SHAVE

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD TO GAIN A MINUTE YOU NEED YOUR HEAD YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT BURMA SHAVE

CAUTIOUS RIDER TO HER RECKLESS DEAR LET'S HAVE LESS BULL AND A LITTLE MORE STEER BURMA SHAVE

SPEED WAS HIGH WEATHER WAS NOT TIRES WERE THIN X MARKS THE SPOT BURMA SHAVE

NO MATTER THE PRICE NO MATTER HOW NEW THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE IN THE CAR IS YOU **BURMA SHAVE**

A GUY WHO DRIVES A CAR WIDE OPEN IS NOT THINKIN' HE'S JUST HOPIN' BURMA SHAVE

AT INTERSECTIONS LOOK EACH WAY A HARP SOUNDS NICE BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY BURMA SHAVE

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL AROUND THE CURVE EYES ON THE ROAD THAT'S THE SKILLFUL DRIVER'S CODE BURMA SHAVE

THE ONE WHO DRIVES WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING **DEPENDS ON YOU** To Do His Thinking BURMA SHAVE

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE TAKE IT SLOW LET OUR LITTLE SHAVERS GROW **BURMA SHAVE**

LICKETY-SPLIT BEAUTIFUL CAR WASN'T IT? **BURMA SHAVE**

Do these bring back any old memories?

