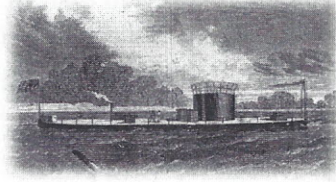


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**TALL TOWERS!**



The Kaknä tower (Swedish: Kaknästornet) is a TV tower in Stockholm, Sweden, at 59°20'06"N 18°07'35" E / 59.335°N 18.12639°E / 59.335; 18.12639Coordinates: 59°20'06"N 18°07'35" E / 59.335°N 18.12639°E / 59.335; 18.12639. The tower is a major hub of Swedish television, radio and satellite broadcasts. It was finished in 1967, designed by architect Bengt Lindroos, and the height is 155 meters (including antenna 170 meters). For many years Kaknästornet was the tallest building in Scandinavia until Näsinneula was opened in Tampere, Finland in 1971. It was surpassed in 2000 by the Kista Science

Tower in north Stockholm as the tallest building of Sweden, a mere three meters taller[citation needed], which in turn was surpassed by Turning Torso in Malmö in 2005. The tower is owned by the national Swedish broadcasting company Teracom. It can not communicate with some southern satellites due the environmental orders that protect the ancient oak trees owned by the King of Sweden. These block the "line-of-sight".

The tower is open to the public, with information centre/gift shop, indoor and outdoor observation decks as well as a restaurant. The tower affords superb views of Stockholm city to the west and Stockholm archipelago to the east. Weekdays the restaurant offers "dagens" or "the days meal" which is affordable eating for most tourists. Booking at the restaurant allows free (otherwise chargeable) access to fantastic views.



**Näsinneula** is an observation tower in Tampere, Finland, overseeing Lake Näsijärvi. It was built in 1970–1971 and was designed by Pekka Ilveskoski. It is the tallest free-standing structure in Finland and the tallest observation tower in the Nordic countries at a height of 168 metres. The tower opened in 1971 and is located in the

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carl Larson
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Troy Nimmo
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"August rushes by like  
desert rainfall,  
A flood of frenzied up-  
heaval,  
Expected,  
But still catching me  
unprepared.  
Like a matchflame  
Bursting on the scene,  
Heat and haze of crim-  
son sunsets.  
Like a dream  
Of moon and dark  
barely recalled,  
A moment,  
Shadows caught in a  
blink.  
Like a quick kiss;  
One wishes for more  
But it suddenly turns  
to leave,  
Dragging summer  
away."

- Elizabeth Maua Taylor



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Särkänniemi leisure centre. There is a revolving restaurant in the tower 124 metres above the ground. One revolution takes 45 minutes. The Design of Näsinneula was inspired by the Space Needle in Seattle. The idea of a rotating restaurant was taken from the Puijo tower in Kuopio.

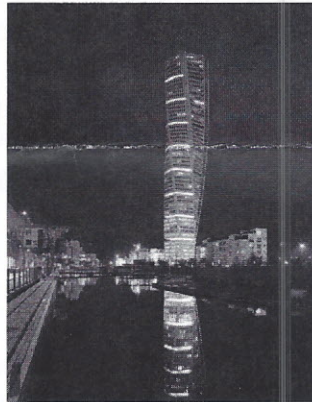
The base of the tower is about 15 metres higher than the lake Näsijärvi. There are two elevators made by Valmet-Schlieren. The elevators go up to 120 metres, where the cafeteria Pilvilinna ("Cloud Castle") is. The restaurant Näsinneula is on a higher floor.

The elevator ride to the top takes 27 seconds with a maximum speed of 6 m/s (20 ft/s) and the elevators carry a maximum of 15 people. The elevators are still the fastest public elevators in Finland. In the event of a power blackout, the tower's own diesel emergency generator will start. In an emergency people can be evacuated with stairs that have 700 steps.

There are beacon lights at the top, forecasting the weather for the citizens:  
three yellows= clear sky

two yellows and one green= partially cloudy

one yellow and two green= rainy at timethree greens= rainy



**TURNING TORSO** is a Deconstructivist skyscraper in Malmö, Sweden, located on the Swedish side of the Öresund strait.[1] It was designed by the Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava and officially opened on 27 August 2005. The tower reaches a height of 190 metres (623 feet) with 54 stories.[2] Upon completion, it was the tallest building in Scandinavia,[1] the tallest residential building in the EU and the second tallest residential building in Europe, after the 264-metre (870 ft)-high Triumph-Palace in Moscow. A similar, taller skyscraper featuring a 90° twist is the Infinity Tower, currently under construction in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Prior

to the construction of Turning Torso, the 86-metre (280 ft)-high Kronprinsen had been the city's tallest building.

The tower's design is based on a sculpture by Calatrava called Twisting Torso. [1] It uses nine segments of five-story pentagons that twist as it rises; the top-most segment is twisted ninety degrees clockwise with respect to the ground floor. Each floor consists of an irregular pentagonal shape rotating around the vertical core, which is supported by an exterior steel framework. The two bottom segments are intended as office space. Segments three to nine house 147 luxury apartments.

The Twisting Torso sculpture is a white marble piece based on the form of a twisting human being. The organizers of the European housing exhibition Bo01 to be held in Malmö 2001 contacted Calatrava asking him to design a temporary pavillion for the exhibition. At the same time a high-rise building was proposed for the exhibition site and disussions started with Calatrava about the design of it. Johnny Örbäck, former CEO and Board Chairman of the developer the

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Vasa Order of America  
MONITOR LODGE No.218  
100F Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue  
Sacramento, CA  
June 5, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 6:45 P.M. by Chairman Ed Netzel

Pledge: Jack Larson and Arlene White led "God Bless America".

Roll Call:

Present: Ed Netzel; Johanna Benker; Jo Alice Nastal; Yvonne Magneheim;  
Lillian Stafford; Karin Johnson; Carol Churkin; Eivor Pfannkuch; Jack Larson;  
James Netzel; Judy Netzel; Brian Stockham; Kurt Pfannkuch; Robin Johnson;  
Margaret Ingvaridsen; Gail Nemy  
Absent: Charles Rea; Peggy Carlson; Lincoln Leamon

Minutes: The Minutes were unavailable and will be postponed for approval until the September meeting.

Announcements: There will be no meeting next month. August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Crayfish Party. Change in September—September 19<sup>th</sup> at Jack Larson's home for Sillfrukost.

Ed Netzel announced Sister Ellen Harrod passing. There was a moment of silence for her after the draping of the Charter. Brother Oskar Don Carlson sang while Arlene White played the piano. Remembrances were made for Sister Ellen by Katherine Matthews, Johanna Benker; Ed Netzel; Dale Ingvaridsen; Jack Larson; and Myrtle Widmark.

Unfinished Business: Committee Reports—Attendance tonight was 43. Discussion was made by Jack Larson, Dale Ingvaridsen; Margaret Ingvaridsen; and Ed Netzel regarding how Phone Committee should be handled. Ed Netzel tabled this topic of how telephone calls should be handled for our September meeting. If Telephone Committee is to continue then someone should relieve Dale Ingvaridsen of the Chair position for this committee.

Reports: Sweden Day was big success. Ed Netzel smashed big toe while moving table. Ed also served up 3 gallons of pancake batter and became an expert "flipper". Sister Katherine Matthews reported there were 30 people with 10 rigs and 3 tents. Financials are not in yet for this event. Singing, s'mores, brandy-roasted marshmallows, raffle, and Swedish Train were all big hits. Katherine is accepting reservations for next year's event—let her know if you want room. Carol Churkin reported on the Trollebo Camp held at Silver Lake on July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration goes to June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Birthdays: Those celebrating birthdays in June, July and August were announced.

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**Chairman's message** On Wednesday, July 15th, I returned to Sacramento after a month of HOT Texas weather. It was so nice to step off the plane and not start sweating right away. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break we have at Monitor Lodge. August is coming up and we will be getting together at my son's house (where we were last year) to indulge in the eating of crayfish. I will be talking to the phone committee to get a head count so we know how many pounds of crayfish to purchase. Also remember to bring a dish to compliment the crayfish to share with others. September will be a dinner at Monitor since we changed the October dinner to September due to the Nordic Festival. Everyone needs to be thinking of officers for the coming year. October is the time we place the names in nomination for a vote in November. As this is my fourth year as chairman, it is time for someone else to take over the leadership. So please consider being an officer. I look forward to seeing everyone in August.

In Truth & Unity, Ed Netzel

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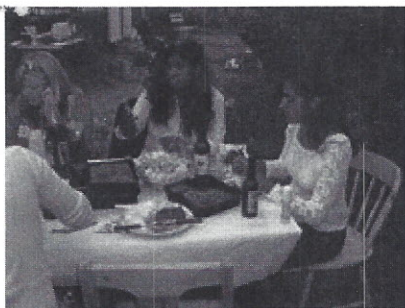
### The good wife's guide

- Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready, on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospect of a good meal (especially his favourite dish) is part of the warm welcome needed.
- Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh-looking. He has just been with a lot of work-wear people.
- Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.
- Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives.

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- Gather up schoolbooks, toys, paper etc and then run a dustcloth over the tables.
- Over the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering for his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.
- Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair and, if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part. Minimise all noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet.
- Be happy to see him.
- Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first - remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours.
- Make the evening his. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner, or other places of entertainment without you. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his very real need to be at home and relax.
- Your goal: Try to make sure your home is a place of peace, order and tranquillity where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.
- Don't greet him with complaints and problems.
- Don't complain if he's late home for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through that day.
- Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or have him lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.
- Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.
- Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgment or integrity. Remember, he is the master of the house and as such will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness. You have no right to question him.
- A good wife always knows her place.

## SWEDISH CRAWFISH PARTY SVENSK KRÄFTSKIVA



Kräftskiva, or Swedish Crayfish Party (also Swedish Crawfish Party, depending on what area you live in), is a Swedish tradition that takes place throughout the month of August every year. Crayfish have been a delicacy in Sweden since the 16th century. In the early 20th century, restrictions were introduced to crayfishing in Sweden, and the official season was not opened until August 7th of each year. Therefore, August became a month of crayfish feasts, where millions of Swedes partake in mass quantities of crayfish as a celebration of the opening of the season.

Today, crayfish are available year-round, but the tradition continues. At a typical Kräftskiva, many Swedes will gather to eat mass quantities of crayfish, marinated in dill, and take snaps (shots) while singing drinking songs until the wee hours of the morning. Swedes will often attend many a Kräftskiva during the month of August. The parties always take place outdoors, and are accompanied by all types of festive crayfish decorations, man-in-the-moon decorative lanterns, crayfish hats and bibs.

The typical crayfish party lasts many hours, from mid-day often until dawn the next morning. In the early afternoon,



people play outdoor games such as Boule (similar to Bocce). Then the crayfish are served! The host will usually lead the guest in a rousing rendition of Helan Går, (a drinking song that loosely translated means "here comes the first one"), followed by everyone sucking the dill out of the body of their crayfish, and taking a snaps of Aqvavit. This continues for hours, though the songs will usually change. After everyone has had their fill of snaps and crayfish, dessert is served - usually a fruit like strawberries and cream, or maybe a slice of cake. Afterward, everyone drinks some more, and usually ends up skinny dipping in a nearby lake.

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**MONITOR LODGE ANNUAL KRÄFTSKIVA** is once again graciously hosted by James and Melissa Netzel. The party begins at 5:30 on August 15th. The location is 4317 Dias Lane, Loomis. Besides your appetite for crayfish, please bring a potluck dish to share, preferably of the Swedish kind!, a lawn chair and a TV-type table or cardtable, if you have one. There will be music in the form of singing and dancing. We'll have a chance to play Kubb. There will be lifting of the glass in a skål. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Dale and Margaret at 729-0632. The deadline for making reservations is August 10th. The cost is \$5 to cover the cost of the crayfish. Don't delay!

**DIRECTIONS:** I-80 East. Take Sierra College Blvd Exit. Go 0.2M. Turn Left on Sierra College Blvd. Go 0.6M. Turn Right at Brace Road. Go. 0.6M. Turn Right on Dias Lane.

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**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR!** We want to get to know you better! Carol Newsewicz will be asking you (if she hasn't already) if you will either write something about yourself for the Newsletter or allow her to "interview" you. Any lodge member can write and submit things for the Newsletter



## THE MYSTERIOUS WAYS OF SWEDISH POST OFFICE

People abroad are always very surprised when they hear me say things like, “*Oh, I have to go to the gas station and pick up my package*” or “*we pick up our mail at the supermarket.*”

“*What? Don’t you have normal post offices over there?*”, they ask.

Well, as a matter of fact, we really don’t. Posten (the Swedish Postal Service) decided to abandon normal post offices sometime in 2001. Since then, we’ve had “postal service points”, where we can send and pick up letters and packages. Those are for individual clients, such as you and me and can be found, yes, you guessed it, at gas stations, supermarkets and convenience stores.

There is one main “post office” in our town, and while anybody can send stuff from there, in order to pick up your mail there, you need to be a business client. And they don’t even call it a post office anymore – it’s a “Postal Service Center”. Because the Post Office, as we know it in the US, or the UK, in Sweden is no more.

I like the current system. You have to admit, it’s very convenient. You go to buy milk and bread and can pick up that parcel your cousin in Chicago or **Sundsvall** sent to you. Just be sure to remember to take that little slip of paper (**avi**, it notifies you that there’s something waiting for you at the “post office”) you got in the mail with you. No paper – no package. And don’t forget your ID either, you may need to show it when signing for your package.

We send and pick up mail at our local **ICA** supermarket. But not always. Express mail (but not EMS) ends up at a nearby gas station. That’s why it’s important to read the **avi** very carefully. It tells you where you need to go. And you will need to go, because unless your cousin in Chicago (or **Sundsvall**) used DHL to ship the package to you, chances are it will not be delivered to your door. In fact, at least in our town, anything larger than a C4 size envelope (big enough to stuff an A4 page in it) has to be picked up. Ordered a book from amazon? You’ll hike to pick it up. Expecting a registered letter? You’ll get on your bike and ride to the supermarket/convenience store/gas station with the **avi** in hand. I don’t mind, our postal kiosk is very nearby. But it’s not so convenient anymore if it’s 10 below outside, or snowing, or raining, and you have quite a way to go.

The problems also arise when a package goes missing. If you have a “normal” post office, it’s much easier to complain and find out what happened. If all you have is a “postal service point” it’s very hard to even locate a person, who can tell you how to file a claim. Simply because your average **ICA** employee working a postal desk shift has no clue himself.

Luckily, most of the time, the system works amazingly well. Things get delivered, and things get sent. Except for EMS – the kids at our **ICA** still haven’t figured out what it is and how to deal with it.

- **avi** (*def. avin, pl. avier, def. pl. avierna*) – **meddelande o matt man har fått t.ex. ett paket, brev, eller pengar som man kan hämta.**
- **kuvert** - the final “t” can be silent or not, depending on where you live (*def. kuvertet, pl. kuvert, def.pl. kuverten*) – **brevomslag av papper** – envelope
- **frimärke** (*def. -märket, pl. -märken, def.pl. -märkena*) - **pappersbitt som man klistar fast på t.ex. ett brev för att visa att man har betalat för att skicka det.** – postage stamp, and despite the “fri” part of the word, it’s not

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Do you think Postal Service in the U.S. will remain as it is, or will we seek a better way of doing it? Just a thought. ed.

## SWEDEN DAY 2009

Sweden Day was once again held at the beautiful Camp Norge in Alta CA. Although there were some threats of thunder showers the weather was beautiful and the camp never looked better. DM Richard Wooster presided over the festivities and talked to us about ways to increase membership and improve the order. PDM Ed Netzel chaired Sweden Day this year with his usual enthusiasm and confidence.

Many of us got to the camping sites on Thursday or Friday so we could spend some time just relaxing in the meadow. Some of the folks who rented rooms in the cabins joined the campers for drinks Friday night or breakfast Saturday morning. One of the things we like about Sweden Day at Camp Norge is the extra time for leisurely conversations with fellow members and catch up with old friends. It is very much a family gathering as members bring their children, grandchildren and in our case, our grand niece. The younger kids seemed to have an especially good time playing on the swings, swimming and enjoying the simple freedom of running through the meadows and grounds without their parents having to worry about where they are.

This year Ed Netzel, Swede Englund and I decided to put on a 'Swedish Train' domino tournament. We had twelve participants (and more than a few kibitzers). We hope to keep this tradition and get more members involved in the game next year. This year, members from Svea and Monitor Lodges took the top honors. The results are:

Amelia Lipscomb (also won the 50/50 and a basket!)  
Victoria Fedor-Thurman  
Myrtle Widmark  
Birgitta Ostlund & Melissa Netzel (tie)  
Scott Matthews  
James Netzel  
Lars Ostlund  
Swede Englund  
Brad Larson  
Nanie Larson  
Catherine Lipscomb

As has become the tradition, Jeff Vanover barbequed the steaks we brought Saturday night and we had a wonderful dinner complemented with the side dishes everyone brought. This was followed by the campfire with music and singing provide by Tom Anderson and Brad Larson. The Matthews family once again provided that Swedish delicacy S'mores. Ed Netzel invented a new drink, 'Marshmallow Brandy' which is much better than it sounds especially on a cool evening. The kids roasted many marshmallows plus preformed their versions of the Hokey Poky and Chicken Dances before the night was through.

Sunday morning the Monitor and Sierra Kronan lodges put on a large breakfast of Swedish Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, a variety of sliced melons, orange juice, and coffee. We didn't go home hungry.

So save the date of June 5th and 6th 2010 (or come up early a day or two before) when we'll hold another relaxing and enjoyable Sweden Day!

Scott W. Matthews

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**Nål och Tråd** members will visit the Mogfords in Napa on Tuesday, July 21. Brown bag lunch. For information, call Myrtle Widmark, 481-4056, or Dorothy Scherer, 967-6809.

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A nice note from Larry Hultquist states he and Jeana are doing well and enjoying globetrotting involving Jeana's work with Larry enjoying the benefits! They miss the lodge but can't seem to coincide a visit with their many activities. They'll be paying a visit to Larry's 96-year-old mom in Kansas. Many of us had the pleasure of meeting her at the Frukost a few years back. *(It's great to hear from members who are out and about! ed.)*



## Behind the lens of a legendary Swedish photographer



In the world of art and design, Swedish photographer Hans Hammarskiöld is associated with influence and innovation, both in his homeland and internationally. Since the 1940s, his work has challenged artistic boundaries, displayed new creative techniques and made a name for prominent Swedes, whom he often photographed.

From now until August 13th, the National Museum has a special exhibit open free to the public, featuring 68 of Hammarskiöld's profiles. From actor Ingmar Bergman to musician Pontus Hultén, writer Dagmar Lange to artist Bror Hjorth, there is no shortage of reputable Swedish faces, all displayed in gripping, unique ways that are characteristic to

Hammarskiöld's lens.

"They aren't just straight photos, but they make you think," says exhibit curator Eva-Lena Karlsson. "He doesn't want the sitter to feel uncomfortable while shooting them, and he represents them with a high degree of integrity."

She says because Hammarskiöld would shoot subjects at their homes instead of bringing them to his studio, the photos tell more of a story than would a blank canvas in the background. Karlsson also says that curating the exhibit was a particularly special experience, as she was able to work directly with Hammarskiöld, who is still alive.

"I was nervous because when you haven't worked with an artist, you don't know what to expect," Karlsson says. "He's now in his 80s, but he's still active. He's not a retired pensioner sitting in a rocking chair twiddling his thumbs. He was involved in making the exhibition."

While this collection displays only his profiles, Hammarskiöld has worked as a fashion photographer, author and illustrator. Despite modernization and the switch to digital or electronic photography, Hammarskiöld still works with his original tools from the 1950s, involving slide projection and black room development.

"He develops the photo himself because he wants to control it," Karlsson says. "When shooting, you need to be active, but in a dark room it's a time for contemplation and meditation. The photo is finished only after it is developed, not just the moment you finish shooting the sitter."

The exhibit opens with Hammarskiöld's self-portrait, shot in 1956. At first glance, it looks like a simple photo of the photographer in a suit, but Karlsson explains the significance of the clothing. He'd had the suit made in London, and someone referred to it as a "Friday-Monday suit." This was a suit a working man would wear on Fridays, when heading to his country house for the weekend, and again on Mondays upon his return to the city. Hammarskiöld, who did not own a country house, was accused of owning a suit to give the impression he did, as did many others, though this was not the case.

"These small details are fun to know," Karlsson says. "They give you something more. Hammarskiöld said people visiting should be puzzled and interact with each other. He wants you to stop and take a closer look at what's really happening."

Another example of this is his piece Fredrik Reuterswärd's Left Hand, shot in 1994, which shows just the artists' left hand giving the 'thumbs up' sign. Karlsson says there is again a deeper meaning to the image.

"It makes you question what is portraiture," Karlsson says. "You always expect to see the face. But Reuterswärd, who was an artist, had a stroke and couldn't use his right hand. So he started using his left, and that was his characteristic. We see this hand as a portrait."

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Malmö branch of the co-operative housing association HSB, later became the main figure and claimed that he had seen the sculpture in 1999 and that he himself contacted Calatrava to ask him to design a building using the same concept. Construction started in the summer of 2001.

One reason for the building of Turning Torso was to re-establish a recognizable skyline for Malmö since the removal of the Kockums Crane in 2002, which was located less than a kilometre from Turning Torso. The local politicians deemed it important for the inhabitants to have a symbol for Malmö — Kockumskranen, which was a large crane that had been used for shipbuilding and somewhat symbolised the city's blue collar roots.

As Turning Torso is a private residential building there is no access for the general public.[1]

Contents. On 18 August 2006, Austrian skydiver Felix Baumgartner parachuted onto the Turning Torso, and then jumped off it! *(The Turning Torso was featured previously but worth repeating since it was a few years ago! ed.*

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Events: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Monitor Lodge is coming up in 2012. Discussion to host District Convention for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2012. Dale Ingvarlsen motioned that we host convention on our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Jack Larson seconded that motion. Scott Matthews, District Master in 2011 has a delima with our hosting the District Convention. He will see if he can skip the 2011 obligation in favor of 2012. Kurt Pfannkuch fully supports the hosting the 2012 District Convention. Scott Matthews recommended we get a Treasurer for this event as well as Chairperson. Scott would consider this position. Gail Nemy recommended for Chairperson. Others on committee Ed, Mrytle, James Netzel, LaVerne Griffith, Yvone, and Karin.

Swede Englund reported on Ridgevale event. There is a book on Ridgevale, CA, and the rice community. Ridgevale will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

Crayfish Party will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Those asked to help are: Tom and Annika; Jo Alice and Gabriella; James and Melissa.

Elizabeth Swenson needs people to volunteer for the Scandinavian Festival being held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

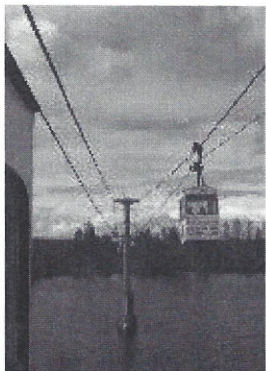
Treasury Report: Karin Johnson reported we have \$5,459.99 in treasury. Violet DeBord motioned the Treasurer's Report be approved and LaVerne Griffith seconded that motion. Motion passed. (\$1600 made on Texas BBQ in May.)

Good of the Order: "Tom's playing is wonderful."

Ed requested that Dale Ingvarlsen, DeeDee Dahlberg, and Karin Johnson's father go through archives for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary information.

Closing: Jack Larson gave Chaplain message.

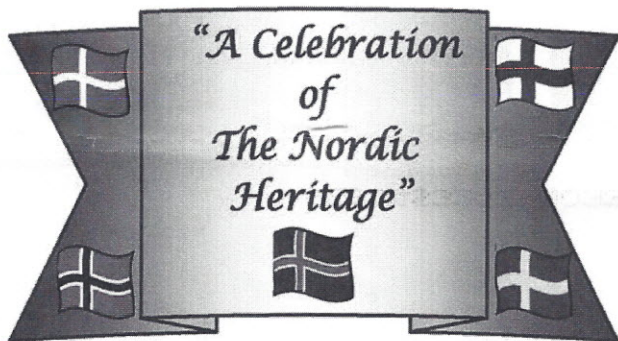
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Jo Alice Nastal, Assistant Recording Secretary



On the world's longest rope way you'll be able to enjoy many things, most of them from above nature! The over 13 km long rope way between Örträsk and Mensträsk in Norsjö municipality will take you over woodland, marshes, lakes, and the world of the animals in a Västerbotten in miniature. You will even be able to take a look at southern Lapland. Each cabin is able to carry 4 people, and at a speed of 10 km/hour it will take you 1,5 hours to ride the 13.163 m (3.000 m of which above lakes and streams). The ropeway (section IV) is a part of the 96 km long ropeway between Kristineberg and Boliden. Between 1943 and 1987 this ropeway - also the longest one in the world - moved 12 million tons of ore concentrates. In addition to all the copper, lead, zinc, sulphur, and silver, the ropeway buckets have also transported tons of gold throughout the years.

The ropeway is one of the figurative golden nuggets in the mining region Gold of Europe - a tourist attraction and a part of our industrial history as well.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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**Spökvandring i Gamla Stan**

På Svenska: Stockholms kanske bästa spökvandring! Vi är ingen klassisk spökvandring, vi tar Dig med på en historisk vandring i Gamla Stan och Du får höra om legender, sjukdomar, mord och spöken. Vågar Du följa med?

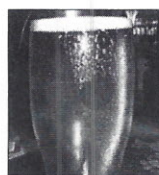
Vi har inga statister som springer runt bland

husen utan det är bara ni och er guide som går i gränder och på torg. Skulle något oförklarligt dyka upp så.....

**Ghost Walks in the Old Town**

I Engelska: Probably the best Ghost Walk in Stockholm!! We're not your usual boring Ghost Walk but we take you on a walk steeped in history and bring to life stories of legends, diseases, murders and of course, ghosts. Do you dare to come along?

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As the Swedish beer industry grows, this festival at Factory Nacka Strand is fast becoming one of the most important events on the European beer circuit. Thousands of visitors enjoy potent beer tastings, tutorials and the beer awards over two week-

ends.

Categories include best fresh beer, best blonde lager, best porter, best ale and best Swedish beer, among others. Needless to say the festival provides a commercial trade and consumer platform for European producers as well as Swedish and Scandinavian.

For more about Swedish Beers paste to your browser:

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