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Welcome to a New Lions Year!

Our year ahead is focused on membership. Lions is such an amazing organization that we need to grow it to be able to help our communities, state and world more than ever. Do you have a Membership Drive scheduled? Are you promoting what you do in your community? Now is the time! Let's meet the challenge and MORE!

Mark your calendars!

We plan to show our Lions in SW Kansas some love this year. Our District Convention will be April 4th and 5th 2025 at the Liberal Conference Center. We hope to see you there!

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Please submit articles and/or pictures to <u>liondianab@yahoo.com</u> for inclusion in next month's newsletter. If you would like to take over publication of the newsletter, please let DG Diana know.

Meet the 17-K Team!

Included in this newsletter are the names of the Lions who are dedicating their time this year to help Lions in our District or our State. We have some truly amazing people so please feel free to reach out to them any time with comments or questions.

Plan to check out our next newsletter for details on contests for each month and the year ahead. We are working on exciting prizes and lots of fun along the way.

TRAINING IS COMING SOON

Sunday, August 11th and

Tuesday August 13th

Lions Portal Training will be available via Zoom these two days coming soon! Please be sure to join us to learn more about the portal including interactive sessions to answer all your questions. Please see details below.

Governor's Team and Zone Chair Training!
Beginning at 9:30 the morning of our Cabinet
Meeting (August 24th) we will be training cabinet
members and the Zone Chairs. You are welcome to
join us if you like. We will follow with lunch and then
the Cabinet Meeting.

The meetings will be held at Fort Hays Tech | North Central (formally NCK Tech) at 2205 Wheatland Ave. in Hays.

Zoom Link for the Cabinet Meeting:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84448293806?pwd=Bab2
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Have a GREAT YEAR Lions!

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District Governor Diana

Hello Lions,

I am so excited to be out visiting clubs, inducting new members and hopefully soon chartering new clubs! We have a fantastic team working on new clubs and meeting with current clubs. We also have great leaders coming up behind me in Lou Morgan and Jeremy Skrdlant. Jeremy is from Goodland and Lou is from Stafford making it easier for us to cover the area our clubs are located in.

PDG Tom and I had a great time with Officer Inductions this year. Thanks for the invite Smith Center, Hutchinson Breakfast, Norton and Hays. Those of you that have had us induct officers know that we try to do something new each year. We induct some great people and try to make it memorable. PDG Tom and I got the audience involved this year and really enjoyed the feedback and fun provided by all! Good luck to all our new officers this year. May it be one of your best years ever!

Membership is my top priority with a challenge going out to each club to increase their membership by 1 during the year. This means if you started the year with 23, you need to finish the year with 24. If you lose a member this year, the ending number moves to 25 showing a net growth of 1. I feel strongly that every club in our district is capable of this. If every member would "Just Ask" one person to join, this could easily be done. Not all will join of course, but with everyone's help, we can build our district back up to hold solid the tradition of service in our communities.

Would your club like to sponsor a new club nearby – or in your own community? A specialty club or a club that meets at a different time? That sponsorship shows forever on the new club, and you can help a community with a club to do all the great things our Lions do! Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this and we will get the help you need to get that club going!

1VDG Lou sent out an email recently informing all Club Secretaries and Treasurers of training for the new Lions Portal. Training will be Sunday afternoon and again on Tuesday evening. If you did not receive an email and would like to attend, let me know. This is a great opportunity to meet with others, learn more about the portal and ask all the questions you need/want to!

Club numbers as of July 1st are included in this newsletter so you know what number to start with to get that +1 on 6/30/25. We will be offering prizes along the way and after the end of the year!

Congratulations PDG Tom on your appointment as the State GST!

We know you will do a great job and look forward to seeing what you have planned for the year.

Please be sure to enter all your projects into the Lions Portal. We secure large grants based on the information we enter on our clubs. Cards will be sent out with the Governor's Team (including Zone Chairs) for you to fill out if you would like us to enter your service.

We are working on awards for clubs that enter service, so be sure to attend training and get these in asap!

One of our goals this year is to visit every club in the district.

I has been difficult in the past due to mileage, but our Zone Chairs are helping now and will be an integral part of our team. Please watch your email to schedule your upcoming meeting. The best part of this job is meeting all of you and enjoying time learning of all the wonderful things you do for your community!

I am blessed to have an amazing team this year! 1VDG Lou and 2VDG Jeremy are great leaders and are a ton of fun to work with. They are also ready to do whatever it takes to strengthen our district. The rest of the Cabinet is equally as amazing, and I hope you can meet everyone soon. Our first Cabinet Meeting is Saturday, August 24th at the technical college – now called Fort Hays Tech | North Central at 2205 Wheatland Ave. We will have training starting at 9:30 for anyone interested in leadership and membership. The Cabinet Meeting will start at 12:30 after we eat lunch. Lunch is on me, and I hope to see you there!

I am looking forward to District 17-K doing fantastic things this year!!

Take care, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you soon.

DG Diana



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Left: Smith Center Officers

The Baumann's always enjoy a visit to Smith Center. Thank you for a wonderful evening, a great meeting and your enthusiasm to move forward to a great year ahead!

Below: Norton Lions

DG Diana is surrounded by her Lion family in Norton. This is the club that got her and PDG Tom involved with activities and leadership. There is always a place in our hearts for our Norton Lions. Thank you for all you do and for your kind invitation to visit home!







Above: Hays Lions Officers

These Lions are planning great things for the coming year! They continue to add new members and new projects. Thank you Hays Lions for your service in your community and beyond!

Above: Hutchinson Breakfast Lions
Thank you Lions for allowing DG Diana and PDG Tom to try a
new induction ceremony. WOW! You came up with some great
feedback and as always you all were a load of fun. What a
great meeting heading into a great year!



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Thanks to Kensington Lions Club the students and faculty at Thunder Ridge schools had solar eclipse glasses to view the eclipse last April.

141 pair have been collected since the eclipse and will be sent to Astronomers Without Borders. This is an organization that distributes the glasses, free of charge to people around the world who do not have the means to buy glasses and could not view any eclipse without them.

Submitted by Robin Billings





Above: Smith Center Lions Train

Smith Center provided a free train ride for children at the local community fair. They stayed an extra night this year to allow even more fun for the youngsters!

Left: Hugoton Lions

Stevens County Library enjoyed the help by the Hugoton Lions during their summer reading program.



CONGRATULIONS Lion Joe Coover!!

The Barnard Lions secretly selected Joe for a Melvin Jones Fellowship and surprised him with a presentation during their Annual Fish Fry. Joe has been a Lion for 47 years. His fellow Lions state that he serves as a model of what a good Lion dedicated to his community should be. Thank you Barnard Lions for allowing DG Diana to be a part of your celebration and congratulations Joe on your much deserved recognition!



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1 VDG Lan Margan

On The Road Again

Welcome to all old and new lions that belongs to this great organization and let's have a great year.Let me introduce myself I'm 1st Vice District Governor Lou Morgan my wife's name is Patty Morgan we live in Stafford Kansas,we have 7 kids and 24 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.I've been in the Lions for 5 years I have been Tail Twister ,Club President, and Zone Chair.Been to GPLLI and a Melvin Jones recipient. I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of new lions this year and trying to help you get more new lions into your clubs. Let's make sure that we are all getting to understand the new portal and there is training for all club officers that you can do on your own at your pace, there is a great team of leaders that are here to help support the clubs. So again let me thank all you Lions let's have a great year.

1 st VDG Lou Morgan

District K Lions.

Lions Health Programs

LCI President Fabricio Oliveira slogan "Make your Mark" rings a bell with me and as you read his bio that slogan makes a lot of sense. Think about your Lions Club has it made its mark in your community? If not why not? What have you done to help your Lions Club in your community "Make its Mark"? Listed below are the causes that LCI believes will help your club "Make its Mark" in your community. Work on scheduling a program or project for each of them this year and see how your mark in the community improves.

For more information on all of these causes go to the Lions Portal and lookup each cause then use the suggestions and provide a program or project on each of them. The program or project does not need to be extensive. Just use the suggestions from LCI to start your planning then look in your local community for the program, you will be surprised as to the material that your community has to offer.

Here is the LCI Event Calendar for Lions year 2024/25.

August No cause listed January Hunger Awareness Month

September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month February Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

15th International Childhood Cancer Day

October Vision Awareness Month March 23 Diabetes Alert Day

November Diabetes Awareness Month **April** Environmental Awareness Month

Nov. 13th Diabetes Awareness Day

December No Cause Listed (Hunger) May Strengthen Membership Month

If you need help finding this information email or call Lion Vern Failor and ask for help.

(contact information is in the Kansas Lions Directory)

Lion Vern Failor

Kansas Lions Health Program



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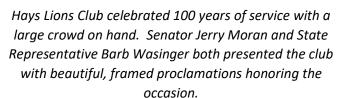
CONGRATULATIONS HAYS LIONS ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE!

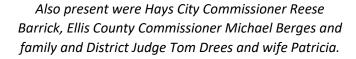
















Left: Senator Moran presented service recognition certificates for three long-time Hays members, including 49 years for Roger Pruitt, and 56 years for PCC Les Herrman and 31 years for Warren Hall, who is **103 years old.**

"This is an organization that has a huge impact on people. ... I just encourage all of you to continue to care for other people and make a difference in this community and the lives of people you know and people you never met until you get a chance to help them," Moran said.











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2009 Jeremy Skrdlant

I recently had the privilege of inducting officers in the St. Francis Lions Club. They are a remarkable group of people dedicated to making their community better. One of the projects they talked about was the gazebo project. They were discussing the tasks they needed to do to make sure it looked its best. I tour the country each summer on my motorcycle, and it makes me happy every time I see a park or gazebo sponsored by a Lions Club. One time, I ran into some rain in a small town and there happened to be some shelter that kept me dry. After looking a little further into this, I saw that it was built by Lions. I knew I was in a good spot to relax for a bit and wait for the weather to pass on by.

My home club, Goodland Lions Club, has a few structures we look after, and we also take care of an old cemetery that is literally located in the middle of a bunch of fields. It is a great feeling to keep that place tidied up. These projects are long lasting, but I also like many of the smaller projects we do. I teach App Development and Emerging Technologies at Northwest Kansas Technical College (now known as Fort Hays Tech Northwest). I often recruit my students to help our Lions Club with Meals on Wheels. While some students may be hesitant at first, they usually return saying it was an awesome experience. I believe the younger generation has a strong drive to serve others; they just need to be shown how to get involved.

One memorable experience delivering Meals on Wheels was to a military veteran. He asked what service organization I was. I told him Lions. He enthusiastically let out a roar and said, "Lions are good people." That was probably one of the best deliveries I've ever made, and it definitely made me proud to be a Lion!

I am excited to go the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at the end of July. I am hoping to use the skills I learn from this to be a better leader and do my best to make Lions strong throughout District K. One thing we need to work on is finding more leaders to come up to the district and state level. A lot of

important work gets done at these levels that have an effect on all of the clubs in the region. I was in the past comfortable just being part of a local club, but I have met so many great lions and seen all the important work they do at the next level when I was serving the Technology position for our District. I always want the slogan "Where there's a need, There's a Lion" to be true. Lions are good people, and our communities are much better when there is a Lions Club in it. We need to make sure we build our leadership to keep our clubs and district strong.

I look forward to being your Second Vice District Governor this year and I am excited to see all the great service each of our clubs can do to make our communities great!

Yours in Lionism,

2VDG Jeremy



Officer Induction at St. Francis by 2VDG Jeremy Skrdlant



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Meet the Team



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Committee Chairs:

Audit – Donna St. Aubyn, Budget/Finance – PDG Tom Baumann, Constitution and Bylaws – PCC Randy St. Aubyn, District Convention Chairs: 1VDG Lou Morgan and Sally Fuller, Liberal Lions, Health Programs – PDG Marvin Funk, Environment – Louise Greenberg, Eyeglass Collection – Dee Bodine, Hays, GST Reading Action – Elmer Kellner, St. Francis, Hearing Awareness – Mike Bell, Historian – PDG Don Keihl, Information Technology – 2VDG Jeremy Skrdlant, K-I – PDG Marvin Greenberg, Leader Dog – Darold Grauerholz, LCIF – PDG Kathie Bell, and PCC Randy St. Aubyn, Leo Program – Priscilla Hunt, Lions Alert – PCC Randy St. Aubyn, Nominations/ Elections – PDG Kathie Bell, Peace Poster – Lynda Falley, Hays, Public Relations – Allen Debey, Downs, Quest – Linda Chessmore, USA Canada Forum – PCC Randy St. Aubyn, Women's Membership – PCC Elfrieda Funk,



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Lions Portal Training

ATTENTION ALL PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS OR ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF THE NEW LIONS PORTAL!

LIONS PORTAL ONLINE TRAINING

Sponsored by your District Governor's Team and PDG Rick Dodson

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 at 3:00 p.m. AND

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH at 7:00 p.m.

Just click this link to join:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82772384218?pwd=dviOMpkibRoOl ylyLLfoyk6SFslzpN.1

> Meeting ID: 827 7238 4218 Password: Yqt4q8

Training will include: Overview (Meeting info, view active members, find member info); Managing Club Members (Adding, Editing, Reinstating, Transferring, Dropping); Managing Club Officers (Create assignments, Edit assignments, Add officer address); View Club officers; Make membership cards; View reports; Edit Club details; See and enter service activities; View and pay statements

Plan to attend and invite others in your club to do the same!

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Council Chair Pam Bilyen

HAPPY NEW YEAR LIONS!! For those in Districts 17K and 17A, who do not know me, my name is Pam Bilyeu (Blue). I am the Immediate Past District Governor of District 17N. I was elected by the Council of Governor's to serve as your Kansas Lions (MD 17) Council Chair for the 2024-2025 Lions year.

The 2024-2025 Council of Governors: Diana Baumann, of the Hays Lions Club in District K, Margy Sundstrom, of the Tonganoxie Lions Club in District A, and Shari Neidhardt, of the Towanda Lions Club in District N, along with their Cabinet members are beginning the implementation of the plan of actions they have created, to achieve the goals they have set for their district to bring the highest quality and best service possible to the people of Kansas.

Our new International President, Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil, recently shared his vision and message to Lions around the world. His motto is... "Make Your Mark" in your communities and beyond. President Fabricio states that by making our mark we are insuring Lions will be there not just now, but also for all our future generations, serving those in need of the Humanitarian services we provide... just like we have been doing for the past 104 years!

Each of you are an important part of your district's team. It starts with the leadership you provide in your clubs. Completing the training for your positions and attending Zone and District meetings helps you stay updated and informed of all the latest Lions International methods. Inviting new members into your Lions Club family offers you opportunities of not only club growth and increased service to your communities, but also new personal friendships. Each service project you complete of the Lions global causes: Hunger, Vision, Diabetes, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Youth Programs and special projects for your areas, shines the light of Lionism in your community. When you record your service on the Lion Portal, it help us understand how far reaching our service is, how many people are being served as well as pointing out to us where a need may be for more service. Thank you for helping us have a more accurate accounting of our service outreach here in Kansas, and for all you do. You are

In Lionism,

Pam Bilyeu, CC MD 17

"Making Your Mark"!



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Saving Sight Report

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During 2023-2024 fiscal year that just ended June 30, Saving Sight distributed a total of 3,678 tissues for transplantation. Thanks to the gifts of donor heroes in Kansas, Missouri and Illinois approximately 10 people each day benefited from restored vision thanks to a cornea transplant from Saving Sight.

During that same time period, Saving Sight provided 722 corneas for transplant and 40 scleral grafts to patients in Kansas.

Join us in celebrating the gift of sight during Eye Donation Month this November! This year, eye banks and the individuals who support our mission will observe Eye Donation Month under the theme, We Can See Clearly Now. Aligning with the lyrics to the iconic 1972 Johnny Nash song, "I Can See Clearly Now", the theme emphasizes the LITERAL outcome of eye donation – the ability to see, and the FIGURATIVE outcome of what people experience or "see now" as a donor family, recipient, or champion of eye donation. Combining these elements; actual vision, the metaphorical ability to see a new perspective of life and the world, and a distinctly, memorable song as a backdrop – we celebrate Eye Donation Month and spread the word about the transformative power of corneal donation and transplantation. Learn more about the stories of hope we'll be sharing this November via the QR code below.

Are you interested in receiving quarterly news from Saving Sight in your inbox? Sign up for our e-newsletter, Lions Insight, on our web site at https://saving.sight.org/lionsinsight/

Follow us on social media for the most up-to-date stories and information. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the account @wesavesight!



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More About
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DISTRICT 17-K MEMBER NUMBERS

DG DIANA'S CHALLENGE: END YOUR YEAR WITH ONE MORE NUMBER THAN IS LISTED BELOW!

MEMBERSHIP 7/1/24	MEN	IBERSI	HIP 7	/1/	24
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Atwood – 20

Barnard - 22

Brewster - 25

Bunker Hill - 26

Cimarron - 17

Claflin - 12

Colby - 10

Cunningham - 18

Dodge City - 11

Downs - 10

Elkhart - 7

Ellinwood - 6

Garden City – 23

Gem - 10

Glen Elder – 21

Goodland - 24

Great Bend Evening – 14

Great Bend Noon – 47

Hays - 52

Hill City – 13

Holyrood – 14

Hoxie - 34

Hugoton – 21

Hutchinson Breakfast - 20

Hutchinson Noon - 10

Jennings – 9

Jetmore - 21

Kensington – 26

Kingman - 25

Kirwin – 15

Kismet – 3

LaCrosse – 11

Lane County – 11

Larned (Fort Larned) – 13

Larned – 22

Liberal – 24

Lincoln - 9

Little River - 20

Logan - 16

Lucas – 33

Macksville – 7

Medicine Lodge – 14

Montezuma - 14

Morland - 21

Natoma - 8

Natoma – 8

Norton - 57

Oberlin - 16

Otis - 12

Palco - 37

Plains - 16

Plainville - 20

Pratt - 11

Ransom – 17

Rexford – 7

Rozel - 9

Satanta – 11

Smith Center – 18

St. Francis – 12

St. John – 12

Stafford - 13

Tipton - 22

Ulysses – 7

WaKeeney – 37

Waldo - 11



Awards will start in September with special prizes by DG Diana.

The club with the greatest increase will receive a free meal compliments of DG Diana!

Just Ask! It works!



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THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024 SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

The Latest News & Information for the 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

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FORUM LOOKING TO BE THE BEST YET

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

The horses are out on the track taking their final warmups as we are now just two months from the start of the Forum in Louisville. The forum Executive committee will be in Louisville the end of this month to make sure everything is in place.

We had reported this past month from all committee members, and we are looking forward to a store stocked with several new items, you should have no trouble finding some new Lions apparel to take back home with you. The last report indicated we would have an additional vendor in the store this year. Exhibitor applications keep coming in and it appears we will have many vendors for you to visit with offering various Lions Club services. We appreciate the support of our vendors and sponsors who help to make the Forum a great success.

Also, we offer a special thank you to our Friends of the Forum for their contributions to the event. You will be able to recognize these individuals at the Forum as they will have a ribbon attached to their name badges identifying them.

The seminars committee is finalizing their list, the Strides Walk is ready to step off and we are looking for a huge collection of warm winter clothing for our service project.

We also look forward to the Saturday afternoon luncheon, where we will all have the opportunity to hear from our 2024-25 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil. International President Oliveira will share his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in

the world. Every Lion can have an impact!

I am sure we will also get an update from LCIF and hear the great things that are going on at Lions Clubs International.

You also want to mark your calendars to attend the Mission 1.5 Seminar that is scheduled to take



President Fabricio Oliveira

place on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Hall C. The information to be shared is of vital importance to all the Lions of the United States and Canada.

Remember, the last price increase goes into effect Aug. 1 - to \$365 for Lions and \$175 for Leos. Register at members.lionsforum.org.

Well, I have to get back to the track to make sure everything is in order, and we stay on target to SET THE PACE.



DRESS FOR THE DERBY!

Pack your Kentucky Derby outfits to wear to the Thursday night opening banquet, One lucky winner will receive a \$100 Forum Store certificate for the best decorated hat.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Louisville, Kentucky September 5-7, 2024

Atlantic City, New Jersey September 18-20, 2025

Memphis, Tennessee September 3-5, 2026

Huntsville, Alabama September 16-18, 2027

UPCOMING LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2025-Mexico City - July 4-8

2026 Hong Kong – Jul 3-7

2027 Washington DC – July 2-6

2028 Singapore -June 23-27

2029 Minneapolis, MN-June 29-July 3

2030 San Antonio TX

2031 - Helsinki Finland

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 10, 2024...... 1st Council Meeting, Wichita

October 19, 2024......2nd Council Meeting,

McPherson

MID-WINTER RALLY 2025

January 17-18.....3rd Council Meeting, Junction City Special Guest – ID Anthony Paradiso, NY

STATE CONVENTION 2025

May 29 – 31, 2025...... Fourth State Council

Meeting and State Convention Double Tree at Airport -Wichita

Special Guest – PIP Douglas Alexander

IMPORTANT DISTRICT 17-K DATES

	Date(s)		Location
	1st Cabinet Meeting	August 24, 2024	Hays
	2nd Cabinet Meeting	October 26, 2024	Hays
	3rd Cabinet Meeting	February 8, 2025	Hays
	Pre District Convention	April 4, 2025	Liberal
	District Convention	April 5, 2025	Liberal Conference Center, Liberal, KS
	4th Cabinet Meeting	May 24, 2025	Hays
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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

17K April 4–6 Liberal

ID Debbie Cantrell, Missouri

17A March 7-9Topeka

ID Chris Carlone. Louisiana

17N Feb. 28 -March 1Bel Aire

ID Steve Middlemiss, New Hampshire

