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As they say, another year has come and gone and it seems that the chapter has been busy with all of the meetings and activities associated with our service association.

In September we once again held our Region 7 meeting in Reno, Nevada. This year it was changed up some with a new location, The Peppermill Resort and Spa. It was a nice change from Harrah's. As part of the conference the maintenance staff of The Peppermill took those of us that were interested on a tour of their geothermal plant. It was interesting to see the pumps and related equipment that they use for heating of the facility and the swimming pool.

In January we once again sponsored a technical seminar in Pocatello. The topic this time was Mechanical Repair Fundamentals of Electric Motors, 2nd Edition and was presented by Jim Bryan, once of EASA's technical engineers. We had a good turnout for this seminar and feedback from attendees was very favorable.

Our annual spring meeting was held in Moab, Utah once again. On Thursday a group of chapter members and vendors took to the links for a round of golf. A hefty wind came up towards the end of the round but they buckled down and played all the way to the end. We had a great Meet and Greet on Thursday night. Everyone was able to mingle and visit with the thirteen vendors that were attending our meeting. Friday morning the vendors were invited to do a brief three minute introduction of themselves and their business. Our presentation for the meeting was a video of J.Charles Plumb, a POW from Vietnam who talked about Tough Choices in Challenging Times. As he put it, we all have the opportunity to decide what choices we want to make in life. We concluded the morning session with our business meeting and lunch.

Can't have a chapter meeting without some sort of activity. Due to the number of people attending this year we split into two groups and went rock climbing, the HUMMER way. In other words we piled into Hummers and went for a scenic ride in the rocks around Moab. The trail was named Hell's Revenge and several screams and load shouts were heard as we traveled over the bumps and dips. Had a great time.

We finished up with the Cowboy Cookout dinner on Friday evening. The new chapter officers were sworn in, Leo Blanco, President, Derek Peterman, Vice-Pres, and Josh Butcher Secy.

Great place, Great food and Great people made for a Great Chapter Meeting.



Business meeting Friday morning



Loading up into the Hummers



Crossing the rocks as viewed from the last Hummer



Hold on to your seats, heading down!



Rolling along the rocks



Part of the group looking down onto the Colorado River.