

# PICNIC!

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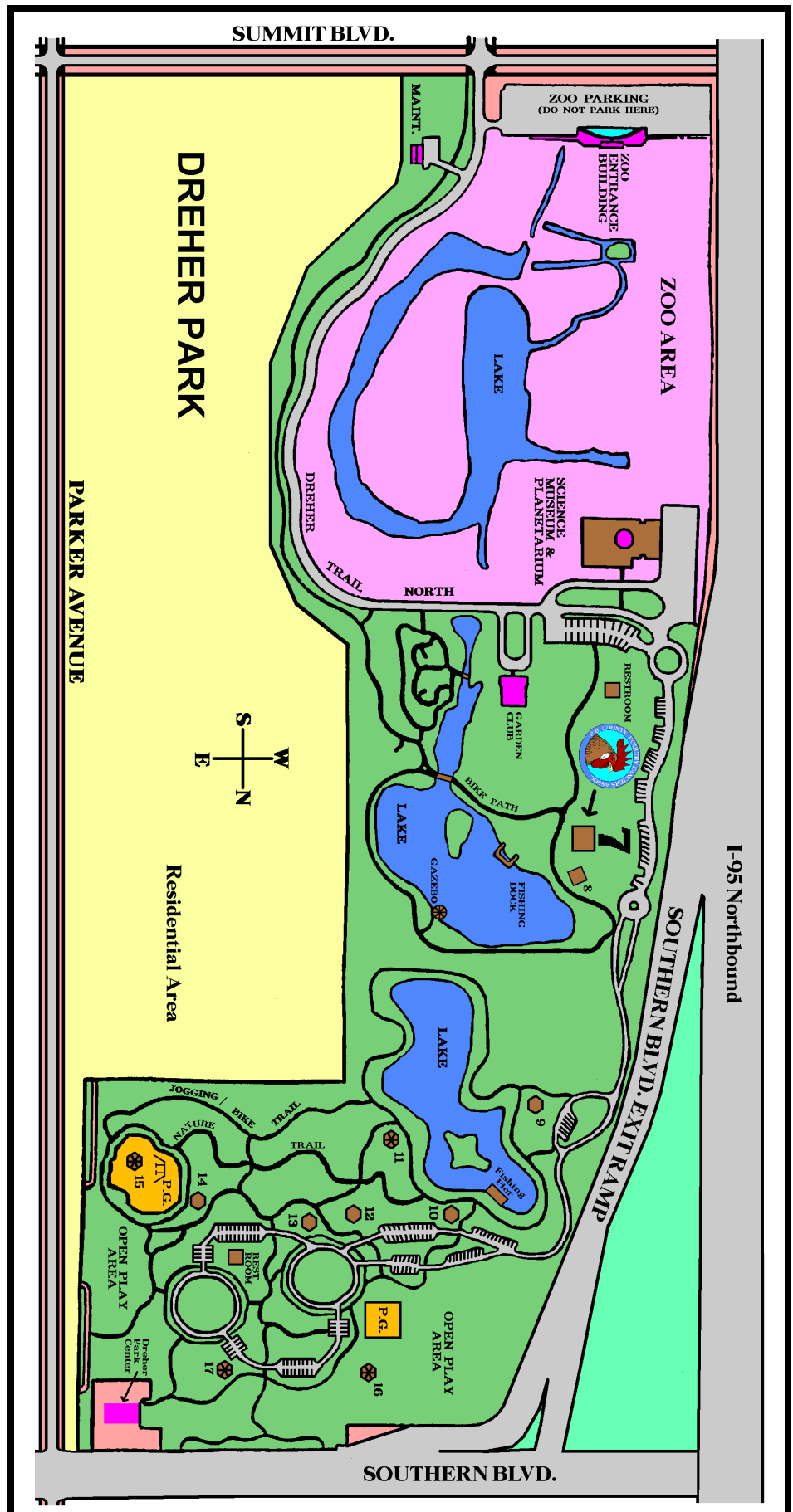
DATE: April 8

PLACE:

Dreher Park

## DIRECTIONS:

From I-95, exit at Southern Blvd. (exit number 50), go east 1/2 mile to Parker Ave. and turn right, go south 3/4 mile to Summit Blvd. and turn right again, go west 1/3 mile to Dreher Trail North and turn right again, then go 1/2 mile back north to the South Florida Science Museum and continue past there for approximately another 1/4 mile to pavilion #7.



## Electronic Newsletter

The PBCPFA newsletter is the club's biggest expense. To help cut costs, it is now being made available in electronic eFax format and can be sent to those of you who have Internet Email service.

A single issue of the printed and mailed newsletter costs the club about 75 cents per person. That is \$9 a year for 12 issues. If you consider what you paid for your membership, you can see that the club isn't making much money on the newsletter.

The cost of an electronic copy of the newsletter is zero. Thus, if you switch to the electronic version, you save the club as much as \$9 a year (\$20 a year if you are not living in the USA).

If you have a computer and a modem, you can get **free internet service**. Once you have internet service, you can then get a **free fax number**. The PBCPFA club newsletter can then be sent to you using your free fax service.

If you go electronic, you will usually receive your newsletter before everybody else. If you would like to help the club out by going electronic, please Email the editor at: [n4mwd@amsat.org](mailto:n4mwd@amsat.org)

## Crowing Hens

Have you ever heard a hen crow? In colonial times, such hens were burned at the stake for being witches. Today, we are reasonably certain that crowing hens are not witches. A hen will crow when the hen's right ovary starts producing testosterone. When a female chicken is newly hatched, both left and right ovaries are present. As the pullet grows, the right ovary atrophies and only the left ovary actually winds up producing any egg yolks.

Sometimes something goes wrong with the left (functioning) ovary and the right ovary (normally not in service) starts up but apparently produces testosterone. It is this male sex hormone that causes the hen to crow and sometimes causes other male sexual characteristics such as spurs and mating with other females.

The left ovary could have a tumor, infection or something else which can trigger the testosterone production in the right ovary. In any event, it's an odd thing to behold.

## Refreshments for the Year 2000

April	Picnic (see newsletter)
May	David Whitehead
June	Linda Wright
July	Susie Robinson
August	Arvis Okerson
September	Jamie Gatchell
October	Linda & Lauresa Musgrove
November	Rose Greggs
December	Christmas Party

Please notify Mike Robinson if you will be needing the club's hotplate for your refreshments. Also, kindly label any dishes that contain chicken as a courtesy to those who don't eat it.

## Highlights From the March Meeting

by Lee Salmon

Congratulations on getting all the work completely done on the premium book. We will not have to do any work on the premium book at the picnic.

We voted to help sponsor Keevey Schwartz to the National 4-H Barbecue Contest in Kentucky. The club has not yet voted on the exact amount of the sponsorship.

The Eggstavaganza is a big Easter Egg hunt with many prizes to be found inside of thousands of plastic eggs. The goal is to get into the Guinness Book of World Records as being the largest Easter Egg hunt ever. It will be held in yesteryear village April 15 between 9 am and 5 PM. If you come at 8 am, you will be able to unload right in front of the antique poultry house. After you unload, park your car in the fair poultry tent parking lot (the fair poultry tent has been removed). Try to dress in a period costume from the 1800's to 1940's.

The plaques have been ordered for the Antique Poultry house. They should here by the May or June meeting. The plaques must be hand tooled and custom molded which takes a long time. This is the only way that they will last because they will be constantly exposed to the weather. They are being made out of aluminum this year and they look really nice.

See you at the picnic!



## Tribute to Mr. Greggs

by Bill, Marge and Ben Hoover

Life is like the awesome rose,  
God's created bud, it blesses beholding souls.

All look upon its spectacular bloom,  
It begins to unfold driving away all gloom.

The vibrant color of each delicate petal,  
A mantle of beauty descends to settle.

In this world of imperfection in which we live,  
From the Creator of life with love to give.

And as time passes, the petals fully extend,  
Fragrant with aroma to smell we bend.

Gracefully it ages and petals begin to fall,  
In such peaceful quietness it reminds us all.

How life is as a flower of the field,  
It flourishes and passes, to death it must yield.

Leaving memories as evidence of God's unfailing love,  
As we look forward to being together in God's presence above.

With fond and loving memories of Richard Greggs,  
And all the time he spent teaching us about eggs.

His thoughtfulness, the knowledge he shared,  
His life demonstrated how much he cared.

He will be greatly missed!

# The Thing I Remember About Mr. Richard Greggs That I Liked The Most..



Above: Mr. Greggs waves to the crowd from the club's float in January 1998.



Above: Mr. Greggs takes a break while working on the Yesteryear chicken house exhibit in January 2000.

He made you feel welcome when you visited his home. He gladly shared his fruit plants with you. The Greggs always invited you to diner and it was always delicious. - **Arvis Okerson**

Mr. Greggs was the first person to introduce himself to me when I joined the club. He never missed a meeting and he always seemed to have the answers to my poultry questions. - **Dennis Hawkins**

Richard was like a grandfather to me because he always loved to tell me his silly jokes and teach me about poultry and other things. Since I was eight, I learned alot from his stories, I also learned many of his jokes. He always knew just how to cheer me up. He was very thoughtful, generous, and kind towards everyone. I will forever miss him.- **Ashley Robinson**

The thing that stands out in my mind is how he taught me the proper way to hold a chicken. Since I'd only seen one other person handle a chicken and followed her lead, I'm afraid I was kind of rough. He was careful not to embarrass me, but showed me a nicer way. He knew so much and was always so willing to share. How he will be missed. - **Pam Marietta**

There just isn't enough room in the newsletter to say everything that I need to say about how much we liked Mr. Greggs - **Linda Wright**

Reliable	Generous with time
Initiative	Resourceful
Caring	Energy giver
Humorous	Goofy jokes
A real friend	Good natured
Responsible	Sincere
Diligent	- <b>The Davidson Family:</b>
	<b>Art, Carol, Nathan,&amp; Rebekah</b>

Richard will be remembered for many things. He was like a grandfather, father, but most of all a best friend. His understanding and genuine compassion for life and people will be the thing that I will miss the most. I will think of him and miss him daily. - **Michael Robinson**

I will always remember Richard for his caring way toward people and life. He was always there to help anyone with anything. I will miss his silly jokes and sense of humor. He loved children and was always telling them jokes and willing to help educate them about chickens and life. He never said that he didn't have the time to talk to or help someone. His recall from memory always amazed me and I enjoyed listening to him. Richard will be missed but never forgot. - **Jeanette Robinson**

I remember all those wonderful old jokes, the cheerful way he was always willing to help, and how much he loved his little Rhode Island Reds. - **Lee Salmon**