

The Seven Seas Tattler Issue 3.5 - October 2019



Good day fellow members and welcome to the October edition of Tattler.

As always, any comments, suggestions, items for inclusion and constructive criticism are most welcome. May I also remind you that we will include the odd advertisement if you would like to use this platform. Feel free to communicate directly to me (jonathanagolding@gmail.com)

It is not that often that one receives a compliment. I received the below comment recently which really made my day! :

I've just had the pleasure of reading your latest newsletter Seven Seas Tattler Issue 3.4 – Sep 19. A friend of mine - Cdr Manny Jardine - who is a member sends it on to me.

Bravo Zulu on a great publication. I've taken the liberty of attaching our newsletter which I hope you'll enjoy.

Have a look at pages 18 and 19.

Yours aye

Lt Cdr M A Cordes (Rtd)

Editor

NOA'S ARK

Tattler wishes to share a rumour (nudge, nudge) that three of our larger members have a little competition going to see how well they can all do in terms of losing weight. We can report that gains (losses!) are apparent and that there is earnest endeavour at work. Good luck gents. May the better (smaller?) man win! More importantly, may you all do well!

Club Manager's Report

We wish all of the following members a Happy Birthday. May the year ahead be very kind to them

Birthdays October 2019.

Mr S. Metcalfe – 03 October
Cdr J. Martin (Ret) – 08 October
Mr D Oettle – 09 October
Mr S.G. Drayton – 09 October
Mr J. Kilroe – 13 October
R Adm (JG) P. Fougstedt (Ret) – 15 October
Captain G.R. Marlow (Ret) – 15 October
Mr D. Smith – 15 October
Mr B. Brooks – 15 October
Mr J.M. Halhead – 16 October
Esn H Du Plessis – 18 October
Mr G.C. Marais – 21 October
Mr G. Patterson – 22 October
Capt K.D. Hobson (Ret) – 24 October
Mr E.T.H. Perry – 24 October

Congratulations to the following:

100 Club Winners September 2019.

R300 - Mr E. Smith
R300 – Mr R. Hartley
R300 – Mr G. Patterson
R1000 –Cdr F Jordaan (Ret)
Winning Members are requested to make arrangements with the Club Manager in order to collect their winnings.

New Seven Seas Club Member.

The Club extends a welcome to **Mr Burger Linde**, married to Hanlie and resides in Silver Lakes, Pretoria. Burger, who holds the commissioned rank of Lt (SA Army Reserves) is employed by ARMSCOR where he is a Project Manager (SA Navy Projects).

SEVEN SEAS CLUB – HOUSE RULES FOR THE USE OF THE SNOOKER TABLE

1. All bookings to be made on the blackboard. Bookings may only be made 3 days, or less, in advance of the time and date planned. Bookings may either be made personally or telephonically with the duty bar staff. This rule shall be superseded only when formal club competitions are held.

2. Players will forfeit their bookings when arriving 15 minutes later than the booking time. The booking will then be removed and players can revert to the “first come – first served” principle, adopted in lieu of the booking.
3. The use of talcum or any other powder is not allowed. This is to prevent build-up of residue on the cloth.
4. Drinking and smoking over the table is strictly forbidden.
5. Players may not address the cue ball in a manner which could lead to damage of the cloth i.e. trying a dangerous or impossible attempt. Players are encouraged to make use of the rests provided to prevent accidental damage to the table or cloth.
6. The table must be brushed clean on completion of playing. Use the felt brush provided in the snooker room. The brush must be used only in the direction from the “Break” area towards the black ball end. This is to protect the nap of the cloth.
7. On completion of playing, excepting when another game follows, the table shall be covered and the box of balls handed to the duty bar staff. Remove the booking from the black board.
8. Do not use the heavy metal cloth iron. This will be used by the table maintainers. Member’s compliance with these rules will be greatly appreciated.

From the Treasurer

At last we are in the black again! After a poor start to our financial year, the losses we have been experiencing have been negated and now, after 6 months, we are in a profit situation again, although only marginally.

Thanks to members for the great Friday support and also to those members that have been willing to use the Club’s facilities for their private functions. Long may this continue?

It must be said though, that costs have also been meticulously controlled and for this, we thank our manager. I think the doom and gloom that we have been forecasting for the year could be a thing of the past?

Keep up the good support.

That’s it for now.... see you at the Club!

Tattler Editorial - "A two-way street!"

During the course of our adult lives there is exposure to many problems. The most frequently suggested reason for the problem, both in the business world and outside of it is "communication"! Be it difficulties between co-workers, a failure in a senior/subordinate relationship, problems in a marriage, an estrangement between parent and child, the notion of a breakdown in communication surfaces.

In one of the all too frequent discussions about that which needs to be done to resurrect our club into a busy and happy facility, a knowledgeable long-standing club member spoke to Tattler about club communication of yesteryear compared to that of recent times. He spoke of the three or maybe four items that a club member would receive annually. One would imagine that in the days prior to the ubiquitous email, a committee had good reason for not sending out too much as costs were prohibitive so it is to be expected that in these times more information should flow from your committee and club management. Having said this, some clubs do an awfully lot more than others

Is this endeavour to keep members informed and aware recognised? More importantly, is the communication a two-way street?

Members are regularly informed of the many activities scheduled. Many of these events are not well attended. Reasons for this are not really known.

In recent months, attendance at our monthly Happy Hour has dropped sharply. The timing of Happy Hour is well communicated.

Events such as film nights, quizzes, informed talks/presentations and more are put together, announced and conducted. Attendance is generally disappointing. Several communiques are aired on each.

Members are apprised monthly of the club's financials and are presented with all the detail annually. Let us not underestimate the time and skills that are required to responsibly manage the finances of a club of our size and to have the numbers at hand to enable monthly communication.

There are weekly updates on planned events that are sent out. A website and Facebook site are always available and these too are updated regularly.

Then there is this humble publication.

Tattler is seriously concerned that the club's efforts to offer interest and value and to ensure detailed appropriate communication thereof is simply not appreciated by many of our members. In last month's edition we provided a foretaste of items being planned and requested feedback. Almost 300 members - zero response!

It may well be that the efforts of the committee are misdirected, that what is being offered is not what is desired, that the days on which functions are scheduled are inconvenient. But then are they being told? Are members communicating their concerns and suggestions?

Both Tattler and the committee welcome any and all feedback to assist us in performing the jobs at hand. But having disappointing turnout and poor responses to the great effort expended is extremely sad.....And not knowing why exacerbates the issue!

THAT PICTURE!

Tattler is absolutely thrilled about the plaudits our very own Tracy-Lee Wise received for her once in a life-time world class shot. You go girl!



The Type 31e Frigate - The Royal Navy's future warship

The Type 31e Frigate is expected to sit at 5,700 tonnes and 138.7 metres in length. Babcock's 'Arrowhead' design offering requires a ships company of around 100 with space for an embarked military force of 60. Babcock's Team 31 has selected the in-service Iver Huitfeldt frigate design as the baseline for their offering.



Endurance/Speed/Range

The requirements here are pretty straightforward, the Ministry of Defence demand that “T31e shall operate globally with sustained forward presence” and that it must have “the speed for interdiction of commercial vessels and maintaining station with adversary warships in UK waters”.

- Speed of 28 plus knots
- Range of 9000 nautical miles at 12 knots
- Armament/Weapons Capabilities
- Arrowhead features Medium Calibre Gun options up to 5” (127mm) for maritime interdiction, self-protection and engagement of surface and land targets. Small Calibre Guns up to 40mm calibre can be located in predesignated upper-deck weapon positions.
- Additional capability options include:
 - Provision for up to 8 canister-launched SSGW
 - Up to 32 Vertical Launch cells, capable of hosting SAM/SSGW/Land Strike/ASW ordnance.
 - Installation of Close-In Weapons Systems, such as Phalanx.
 - Towed array sonar

Babcock say that the ability to fit the existing systems and equipment from the parent design, the Iver Huitfeldt class frigate, is retained to provide flexibility in the capability supplied at build and through the life of the platform. The company say that, for example, this retained capability means that (just like on the base design) a 32 cell Mk41 Strike Length silo can be fitted to incorporate a combination of a larger number of anti-air missiles, vertical launch anti-surface missiles, precision land attack missiles or ASW weapons such as ASROC.

This particular adaptability feature they say, alongside the ability to install a 127mm medium calibre gun, host an organic helicopter such as Merlin, install sensors such as a towed array/variable depth sonar and re-introduce a magazine-launched torpedo system, amongst other proven features, will allow the platform to be tailored on build and through-life to suit operational requirements from low-threat maritime security to task group operations.



Mission Bays and Boat Bays

The vessel features 4 large dedicated Boat Bays with flexible launch & recovery arrangement to cater for varying operational roles, including the deployment of RHIBs, USVs & UUVs.

The Mission Space which is located under the flight deck, say Babcock, offers significant operational flexibility allows for numerous TEU (Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit) containers, extended stores, or personnel accommodation space.

Aviation Capabilities

Arrowhead's flight deck can land a Merlin sized helicopter and the vessels hangar will be capable of storing one or if required, according to Babcock, two Wildcat helicopters together.

Build Programme

Babcock say that the Arrowhead design lends itself equally to either a single build strategy, or a cross-site build strategy bringing together modules – an approach used for aircraft carrier assembly at Rosyth.



HMS Prince of Wales is getting ready to set sail Picture: Andrew Milligan/PA

Britain's newest aircraft carrier is on track to set sail later this month, the head of the Royal Navy has said:



Royal Air Force F-35 Lightning aircrafts from Dambusters 617 Squadron. Picture: RAF Marham

HMS Prince of Wales, the sister ship of HMS Queen Elizabeth, will carry the F-35 Lightning jets based at RAF Marham on deployments around the world.

She is expected to leave Rosyth dockyard and squeeze into the Firth of Forth for her maiden voyage in the coming weeks so her engines can be tested.

It will see both of the UK's biggest and most powerful warships at sea together for the first time.

First Sea Lord Admiral Tony Radakin said: "We are on track for HMS Prince of Wales to sail from Rosyth later this month to start her sea trials.

A courageous Mission - Operation Frankton

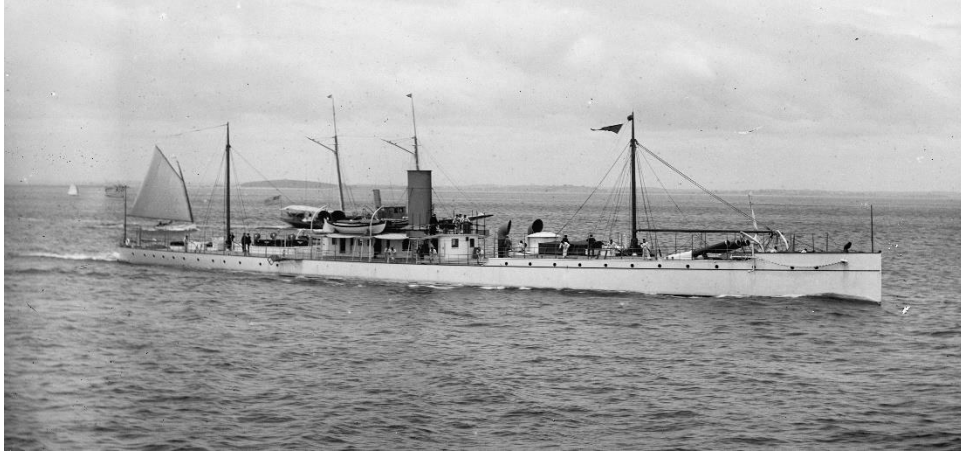


Operation Frankton was a commando raid on shipping in the German occupied French port of Bordeaux in the Bay of Biscay during the Second World War. The raid was carried out by a small unit of Royal Marines known as the Royal Marines Boom Patrol Detachment (RMBPD), part of Combined Operations.

The plan was for six canoes to be taken to the area of the Gironde estuary by submarine. They would then paddle by night to Bordeaux. On arrival they would attack the docked cargo ships with limpet mines and then escape overland to Spain. Twelve men from no.1 section were selected for the raid; including the C.O. Blondie Hasler and the reserve Colley the total of the team numbered thirteen. Two men survived the raid: Hasler, and his no.2 in the canoe, Sparks. Of the other eight, six were executed by the Germans while two died from hypothermia. The British Prime Minister Winston

Churchill believed the mission shortened World War II by six months and Admiral Louis Mountbatten, the commander of Combined Operations, deemed the raid "the most courageous and imaginative of all the raids ever carried out by the men of Combined Operations".

Wacky Ships - The Dynamite Cruiser



USS Vesuvius in 1891. US Navy Photo

Commissioned in 1890, USS *Vesuvius* was the first and only U.S. ship to be outfitted with dynamite guns.

Vesuvius' three pneumatic guns could fire 550-lbs high explosive shells at targets up to a mile away and were used during the Spanish-American War in 1898 to bombard enemy emplacements in Cuba.

Since the guns quietly propelled shells with compressed air, it was reported that the enemy became unnerved because of their inability to hear any boom preceding incoming fire. Their success as a terror weapon aside, dynamite guns quickly fell out of favour due to their lack of accuracy and high maintenance needs.

Vesuvius' dynamite guns were removed and replaced with torpedo tubes. The ship later suffered the indignity of almost sinking itself when one of its torpedoes circled back and slammed into the hull.

Wacky ships - The Wackiest (Spy) Ship in the Army

New Zealand auxiliary hold scow Echo



Spy ship USS Echo

At a time when behemoth steel U.S. aircraft carriers and battleships duelled with the Imperial Japanese Navy, the twin-masted scow schooner USS *Echo* logged 40,000 nautical miles while conducting reconnaissance and delivering supplies throughout the Pacific between 1942 and 1944.

Loaned to the U.S. by New Zealand, the wooden-hulled *Echo* was valued for its ability to evade radar and blend in with civilian vessels while observing Japanese movements.

The ship's exploits and unusual arrangement of being commanded by a Navy officer at sea and an Army officer in port served as the inspiration for the movie and TV series "The Wackiest ship in the Army."

Echo was returned to New Zealand towards the end of the war and by the 1990s had fallen into such neglect that it was on the verge of being sold for firewood when it was bought and turned into a bar and museum.

Interesting Navy Officer - Grace Hopper



Grace Brewster Murray Hopper (née Murray December 9, 1906 – January 1, 1992) was an American computer scientist and United States Navy rear admiral. One of the first programmers of the Harvard Mark I computer, she was a pioneer of computer programming who invented one of the first linkers. She popularized the idea of machine-independent programming languages, which led to the development of COBOL, an early high-level programming language still in use today.

Prior to joining the Navy, Hopper earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Yale University and was a professor of mathematics at Vassar College. Hopper attempted to enlist in the Navy during World War II but was rejected because she was 34 years old. She instead joined the Navy Reserves. Hopper began her computing career in 1944 when she worked on the Harvard Mark I team led by Howard H. Aiken. In 1949, she joined the Eckert–Mauchly Computer Corporation and was part of the team that developed the UNIVAC I computer. At Eckert–Mauchly she began developing the compiler. She believed that a programming language based on English was possible. Her compiler converted English terms into machine code understood by computers. By 1952, Hopper had finished her program linker (originally called a compiler), which was written for the A-0 System. During her wartime service, she co-authored three papers based on her work on the Harvard Mark 1.

In 1954, Eckert–Mauchly chose Hopper to lead their department for automatic programming, and she led the release of some of the first compiled languages like FLOW-MATIC. In 1959, she participated in the CODASYL consortium, which consulted Hopper to guide them in creating a machine-independent programming language. This led to the COBOL language, which was inspired by her idea of a language being based on English words. In 1966, she retired from the Naval Reserve, but in 1967 the Navy recalled her to active duty. She retired from the Navy in 1986 and found work as a consultant for the Digital Equipment Corporation, sharing her computing experiences.

The U.S. Navy *Arleigh Burke*-class guided-missile destroyer USS *Hopper* was named for her, as was the Cray XE6 "Hopper" supercomputer at NERSC. During her lifetime, Hopper was awarded 40 honorary degrees from universities across the world. A college at Yale University was renamed in her

honour. In 1991, she received the National Medal of Technology. On November 22, 2016, she was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.

50 years back - October 1969

Music

<i>Juicy Lucy</i>	Juicy Lucy
<i>The Monkees Present</i>	The Monkees
<i>Get Together with Andy Williams</i>	Andy Williams
<i>Ticket to Ride</i>	Carpenters
<i>Arthur (Or the Decline and Fall of the British Empire)</i>	The Kinks
<i>Hot Rats</i>	Frank Zappa
<i>In the Court of the Crimson King</i>	King Crimson
<i>Give Me Your Love for Christmas</i>	Johnny Mathis
<i>Elvis in Person at the International Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada</i>	Elvis Presley
<i>Rhymes and Reasons</i>	John Denver
<i>Captured Live at the Forum</i>	Three Dog Night
<i>Wedding Album</i>	John Lennon and Yoko Ono
<i>Led Zeppelin II</i>	Led Zeppelin
<i>Ummagumma</i>	Pink Floyd
<i>Basket of Light</i>	Pentangle
<i>Second Winter</i>	Johnny Winter

Movies from October 1969

- October 4 *Hail, Hero!*
- October 8 *The Monitors*
- October 12 *The Madwoman of Chailot*
- October 15 *Paint Your Wagon*

- October 22 *Marlowe, The Sterile Cuckoo*
- October 24 *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*
- October 29 *The Secret of Santa Vittoria*

Sport from October 1969

October 19 - Scottish Matra-Ford driver Jackie Stewart finishes 4th in season ending Mexican Grand Prix to win his first F1 World Drivers Championship by 26 points from Jacky Ickx of Belgium

October 20th - New Zealand 181 (Bruce Murray 80; Erapalli Prasanna 5 for 51) and 175 for 8 decl. (Graham Dowling 60; Syed Abid Ali 3 for 47, Erapalli Prasanna 3 for 58) drew with India 89 (Srinivasan Venkataraghavan 25*; Dayle Hadlee 4 for 30, Bob Cunis 3 for 12) and 76 for 7 (Ashok Gandotra 15; Bob Cunis 3 for 12, Dayle Hadlee 3 for 31). Match drawn



Did you know?

*Admiral Nelson

Nelson's titles, as inscribed on his coffin and read out at the funeral by the Garter King at Arms, Sir Isaac Heard, were:

The Most Noble Lord Horatio Nelson, Viscount and Baron Nelson, of the Nile and of Burnham Thorpe in the County of Norfolk, Baron Nelson of the Nile and of Hilborough in the said County, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Vice Admiral of the White Squadron of the Fleet, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, Duke of Bronté in the Kingdom of Sicily, Knight Grand Cross of the Sicilian Order of St Ferdinand and of Merit, Member of the Ottoman Order of the Crescent, Knight Grand Commander of the Order of St Joachim

*There are 11 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers in the world. 10 are American. One is French.

*The maximum volume of a sperm whale's vocalisation is 236dB. It is the loudest creature on earth.

*The U. S. S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers). However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannons shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On 18 November, she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war ships, and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted.

Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by

dawn. Then she headed home.

The U. S. S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky, and 38,600 gallons of water.

An Army Recruit from the Australian outback sends a letter home:

'Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope you are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but it's not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit, and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are dead because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka show last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target! You don't even load your own cartridges, they come in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozer.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how good it is.

Your loving daughter,

Sheila.'

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons

When his sons opened up the Will it read: My eldest son should get $1/2$ (half) of total horses;

My middle son should be given $1/3$ rd (one-third) of the total horses;

My youngest son should be given $1/9$ th (one-ninth) of the total horses.

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other. So, they decided to go to a farmer friend who they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently, after giving due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses.

Now, he divided the horses according to their fathers Will.

Half of 18 = 9. So he gave the eldest son 9 horses. $1/3$ rd of 18 = 6. So he gave the middle son 6 horses. $1/9$ th of 18 = 2. So he gave the youngest son 2 horses.

Now add up how many horses they have:

Eldest son.....9

Middle son.....6

Youngest son...2

TOTAL IS.....17.

Now this leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his own horse back to his farm. Problem Solved!

Moral:

The art of negotiation and problem solving is to find the 18th horse i.e. the common ground.

Once a person is able to find the 18th horse the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times.

However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution.

If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any!

That's what I call clever Mathematics.

To close - a story for us older folk!

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h in 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus flight, boring flight isn't it? Take care and have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, only to swoop down almost to sea level in a breath-taking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now have a look here!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After five minutes, the Airbus pilot radioed, "Well, what are you saying now?"

The jet pilot asks confused: "What did you do?" The other laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back of the flight to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon cake and

made an appointment with the stewardess for the next three nights - in a 5 Star hotel, which is paid for by my employer. "

The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seem to be great. But as you get older and wiser, comfort and peace are not to be despised either.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, Smarter.
