# The Seven Seas Tattler Issue 4.4 – September 2020



Good Day fellow members and welcome to the September edition of Tattler. As always, your comments, contributions and critique are welcome - Send to me at jonathanagolding@gmail.com

# **Chairman's Report**

The Club has reopened after a 4 1/2 months lockdown. Members are encouraged to visit the Club. Protocols have been put in place by the committee for the protection of members and staff. Members are strongly encouraged to observe these protocols'

During the lockdown the Club has also lost its tenants downstairs, who decided not to renew their lease. It is requested that you keep your ears to the ground for anybody wishing to rent office space. They can approach the Club Manager for any additional information.

See you at the Club.

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Tattler - Friday 21st was well attended and most enjoyable. Nobody appeared to object to having their temperature taken and logged and the revised table arrangements. Good sensible behaviour from our members!

# **Birthdays in September**

The Club wishes the following members a very happy birthday and hopes that year ahead will be very kind to each of you!

Mr E.M. Van Der Niet	02 Sep
Capt JS Coetzer	03 Sep
R Adm HvE Bester	09 Sep
Mr H.J.M. Van Aswegen	09 Sep
Mr DG Viljoen	10 Sep
R Adm (JG) A.A.A. Morris	11 Sep
Lt Cdr DE Holland	12 Sep
Lt Col RW Sproul	14 Sep
Mr TK Toplis	18 Sep
Lt Cdr GC Hammond	19 Sep
Mr B Ireton	21 Sep
Mr AHH Pool	21 Sep
Capt RB Gardner	22 Sep
Mr JC Leslie	26 Sep
Mr BP Hansen	30 Sep

# 100 club for September

We congratulate the following winners of the 100 club :

## R300

62 – Jean Le Roux 95 – Dave Bruce 20 – Ricky De Wet

# R1000

51 – Doug Faure

# **Navy News**

# The Royal Navy task group in the Caribbean are preparing for demanding disaster relief exercises on the British Virgin Islands.

Published on August 18,2020

Commando Merlin helicopters of 845 Naval Air Squadron have flown reassurance patrols and carried out reconnaissance over the islands ahead of the training, which will prepare troops for relief operations on the British Overseas Territory in the event of a hurricane.

HMS Medway and RFA Argus are at the centre of the task group, which is in the Caribbean for hurricane season work and to carry out counter-narcotics operations.

The ships dropped anchor near to Spanish Town, on the island of Virgin Gorda – whose residents received crucial aid from Britain's armed forces in the wake of Hurricane Irma back in 2017.

#### HMS Medway and RFA Argus



There, they transferred stores and delivered mail to the crews for the first time in two months. It was also a chance to carry out valuable fast roping training on to the deck of Medway for the Mobile Air Operations Team from Commando Helicopter Force.

Now the task group's focus is on Humanitarian and Disaster Relief training on Norman Island, at the southern tip of the British Virgin Islands archipelago. Royal Navy Commander Kate Muir, the head of the UK Task Group, said: "We are well positioned and prepared to offer support to British Virgin Islands in the aftermath of a hurricane, if it is needed. "As with any activity, we become more effective each time we practice, which is why I am grateful to the Governor and the Premier to have this chance to exercise on Norman Island."

Before meeting off Virgin Gorda – the third largest of the string of islands – Offshore Patrol Vessel Medway collected crucial stores and mail, which was then offloaded to the support ship Argus. Nearly four tonnes of stores were moved by helicopter along with ninety-five bags of mail – an important dose of morale for the sailors on Argus who had not received any items in months. To help lift the stores, Argus' embarked Mobile Air Operations Team were needed to secure the loads to the Merlin helicopters.

They combined this with a training serial and were able to fast rope down onto the deck of Medway, key training that may well be needed for any difficult landings during hurricane season. On completion of the moves, the helicopters from 845 NAS completed a series of reassurance patrols and recces of the British Virgin Islands.

The Governor of the British Virgin Islands, Gus Jaspert, said: "Due to the (Covid-19) pandemic, this year's hurricane season presents an unprecedented challenge and preparation is more important than ever. "This exercise will make sure that if the territory does need extra help after a storm, the crew on board RFA Argus can effectively respond – in a way that protects public health and meets our greatest needs. As always, the safety and security of the people of the British Virgin Islands is top priority."

# A NEW squadron of hi-tech drones is ready to launch into the skies to protect the navy's fleet from above.

By Tom Cotterill Published on August 18, 2020

Three hi-tech drone squadrons from 700X NAS are now ready to deploy on Royal Navy warships. Photo: Royal Navy

Three new flights or remotely-piloted drones have been created by navy experts and are ready to deploy to sea for the first time.

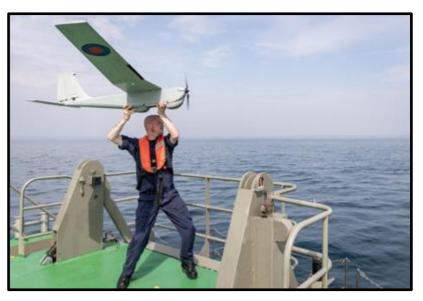
700X Naval Air Squadron, which is behind the development, will now introduce the new pieces of kit into warships at sea.

Each flight consists of a commander as well as an air engineering technician and naval airman who each serve as remote-pilots.

The system they will take to sea, known as Puma, can be launched directly from a ship. It consists of a light-weight airframe but has sophisticated cameras and flight system.

The news comes as the Senior Service continue to ramps up its effort to introduce new, unmanned tech into the fleet.





A specialist from 700X NAS deploying one of the new Royal Navy drones. Photo:

#### **RIMPAC 2020 gets underway**

#### Published on August 19, 2020 in RIMPAC

Four Royal Australian Navy warships have joined with 22 ships and 5300 personnel from nine other nations for the commencement of Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2020 in Hawaii.

HMAS Stuart arrives at the port of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii before sailing to take part in Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2020



# HMS Victory "afloat" again for the first time in nearly 100 years

Published on 11 Aug 2020

HMS Victory 'National Treasure' conservation project reaches major milestone as new state of the art support system is unveiled in time for Portsmouth Historic Dockyard reopening on the 24 August.

'World-first' conservation project delivered in a collaboration between the National Museum of the Royal Navy and BAE Systems, and completed despite UK's nationwide lockdown System of 134 'smart' props makes HMS Victory 'float' above visitors as they walk to the base of the ship's dry dock to view the 3,600 tonne ship from below, for the first time.



In a unique collaboration between the National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) and BAE Systems, HMS Victory, the 255 year old flag ship of Vice-Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar has reached a major milestone in a multi-million pound conservation project that has continued despite the UK's nationwide lockdown.

The results of this extraordinary project are shared ahead of the reopening of Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on the 24 August. Upon reopening, visitors will be able to view the new system up close for the first time by walking down the Under Hull Path to the bottom of the dry dock, to walk under the enormous hull and take in the extraordinary scale of the body of the ship.

The innovative system replaces 22 steel cradles which were installed when HMS Victory came to rest in the dry dock in 1922. The integrity of the ship, when in operation, would usually be maintained by the pressure of the sea pressing against the hull and keel. However, without this pressure, over time, the 3,600 tonne ship began to sag under her own weight. Thanks to BAE Systems' engineering expertise, HMS Victory is now supported by a network of technology which monitors the ship's weight distribution and enables adjustments to be made, mimicking the variable pressures of the sea.

Andrew Baines, Project Director from the NMRN says "Reaching this halfway stage, in a two decade long conservation project, is an extraordinary achievement. Each prop has a load cell so we can know, on a minute-by-minute basis, how much of HMS Victory's weight is being carried, providing the Museum with invaluable

insight into her stability and helping us to prevent damage to her structure. Before the pandemic hit we had hit a critical stage in the project, so it was fantastic that we were able to work with BAE Systems to get back up and running within social distancing restrictions so quickly."

Rob Hanway, Victory Programme Manager from BAE Systems says "We are delighted to be working in support of the National Museum of the Royal Navy charity, once again demonstrating our commitment to investing in the local community, and contributing to the UK's collective national heritage".

HMS Victory will reopen to the public along with the rest of Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on 24 August. The reopening will mark a new collaborative approach between the National Museum of the Royal Navy and the Mary Rose. This will include the introduction of a new joint ticketing offer allowing visitors to visit Lord Nelson's flagship and Henry the Eighth's Flagship in one visit.

# Carrier Ike back in Norfolk following more than 200 consecutive days at sea

By Diana Stancy Correll



Sailors assigned to aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower man the rails as the ship returns to Naval Station Norfolk after a regularly scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet. The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group has remained underway as a ready carrier strike group during the COVID-19 global pandemic. (MC1 Jason Pastrick/Navy)

The aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower is back home — following more than 200 consecutive days at sea. The Eisenhower and the guided-missile cruiser San Jacinto pulled into Norfolk Naval Station Aug. 9, wrapping up a seven-month tour in which they operated in U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet, the Navy said. The guided-missile cruiser Vella Gulf, along with destroyers James E. Williams and Truxtun, are close behind and slated to arrive in Norfolk Monday.

Additionally, the service said Navy aviators from nine squadrons with Carrier Air Wing Three arrived at their respective home bases Naval Air Station Oceana and Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Washington and Naval Air Station Jacksonville in Florida on Aug. 6 and 7. The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group initially departed Norfolk Naval Station on Jan. 17 to complete its Composite Unit Training Exercise in the Atlantic Ocean, then deployed in February. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Eisenhower and San Jacinto broke the Navy's last record of 160 days at sea in June after being instructed to eliminate port visits.

### The Race - Just how fast can the giant USS Theodore Roosevelt travel?

#### By Ted Spencer

I heard a story once from a very old hand, many, many years ago, about the time USS Theodore Roosevelt got into a race with USS Pegasus. He was there, so this is no sh!t: According to the guy who told me, the ship's captain at the time was a former RA-5C Vigilante pilot, and he still had his need for speed. So the two ships were operating in the same formation, when the Captain of the Pegasus kicked in the gas turbine, put the ship on her foils, and sped away. The Captain of the TR saw this, and ordered the ship's top speed, and was still unable to catch the hydrofoil. He started calling down to the engineering plants, and after making a lot of incredibly unorthodox changes in plant line-up, the ship was able to not only catch and pass the Pegasus, but did so with such a massive bow wave generated that it damaged the foils on the smaller ship, and she had to put in for repairs.



# Featured Submarine – The US navy's NR-1

While not the most famous deep diving submersible NR-1 could be the most interesting.

Entering service in 1969, "Nerwin" maybe the world's smallest nuclear-powered submarine. Manned by a crew of two officers, five nuclear-trained enlisted sailors and two researchers, the 400-ton boat was built to stay underwater at depths in excess of 2,000 feet and could rest on the sea floor for extended periods of time for both research and military missions.



"Following the loss of the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986, the NR 1 was used to search for, identify, and recover critical parts of the Challenger craft," according to an archived version of the U.S. Navy's fact file.

The boat, built by General Dynamics Electronic Boat, was decommissioned in 2008.

# Featured Naval Officer - Lieutenant Commander Martin Nasmith (1883 – 1965)

by Shaun Lewis 4 November 2019



The hero of my submarine novel, *The Custom of the Trade*, is partially based on the exploits of Lieutenant Commander Martin Nasmith during the Dardanelles campaign. By coincidence, Nasmith was later to command the 7th submarine Flotilla in the Baltic and to become the senior naval officer at Revel (now Tallinn) in Estonia during the campaign by the Baltic States for independence from the Bolsheviks. The story of the Baltic submarine flotilla is the subject of the novel I am currently writing, and its sequel features the naval battle against the Bolsheviks.

Nasmith was an early pioneer of submarines, qualifying for command in 1905. Unfortunately, his first command was sunk in an accident, but he and his men escaped to the surface and all survived. He went on to set up the submarine attack trainer at HMS *Dolphin* before taking command of HMS *E11* in 1914. He made his name and earned his VC in 1915 when he created havoc amongst the Turks. As well as sinking several Turkish ships, he struck fear at the very heart of the Ottoman Empire when he entered the harbour of the then Constantinople and torpedoed

a ship alongside. As well as sinking ships, he and his men used their gun to attack Turkish trains and even cavalry passing by the coast. His second-in-command, Lieutenant D'Oyly-Hughes, is credited with the first commando raid when he swam ashore to destroy a railway viaduct.

Nasmith was promoted to flag rank and held a number of senior appointments during WWII, including Rear

Admiral Submarines, before retiring as a full admiral in 1946. He married Beatrix Justina Dunbar-Rivers in 1920, changing his surname to Dunbar-Nasmith, and settled in Morayshire where he died in 1965. He is buried in Elgin.

Submarine crew of E11 with Martin Nasmith in Command on 3rd August 1914



# 50 years ago - September 1970

# General

**2 September** - Britain attempted its first launch of an orbital satellite from the RAAF Woomera Range Complex in South Australia. The Black Arrow rocket lifted off successfully, but the second stage had a leak in its high-test peroxide (HTP) tank pressurization system and shut down 15 seconds too soon. The rocket and its payload (the Orba satellite) lacked sufficient propulsion to reach orbit, and the Orba crashed into the Gulf of Carpentaria off of Australia's northern coast

**5** September - Formula One driver Jochen Rindt was killed during qualifying races for the Italian *Grand Prix* at Monza. His Lotus 72 race car lost its right front wheel and veered into a guard rail at 205 mph (330 km/h) The 28-year old driver from Austria had won five of the first nine races on the 1970 Grand Prix circuit, including four in a row in the summer, and told reporters before his run "Last year I had a lot of bad luck, but this year it has changed." After the 12th and penultimate race of the circuit, all other challengers for the World Driving Championship had been mathematically eliminated and Rindt won the title posthumously based on the points he had collected in finishes before his death.

**6** September - Four passenger aircraft were hijacked on the same day in an operation carried out by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which boarded airliners from four different airlines (Pan Am, TWA and Swissair) that were departing for Europe from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. At 1120 UTC (12:20 pm in Frankfurt), TWA Flight 741, a Boeing 707, was hijacked with 155 on board. Almost an hour later, at 1214 UTC (1:14 pm in Zurich), Swissair Flight 100, a DC-8 with 155 persons was taken control of. Half an hour later (1245 UTC and 1:45 pm in Amsterdam), two terrorists attempted to take control of El Al Flight 219, but the plan was thwarted by the crew and the plane landed in London. Almost two hours after that (1430 UTC and 3:30 pm in Amsterdam) two passengers who had been removed from the El Al Flight hijacked Pan Am Flight 93, a Boeing 747 with 175 people was successfully taken. The TWA and Swissair jets landed at Dawson Field, an airstrip in the desert of Jordan near Zarqa. The 747, too large to land at the airstrip, flew to Beirut where it was refuelled and wired with explosives as nine more PFLP terrorists boarded and the plane was flown to Cairo. The passengers and crew were allowed to evacuate after the plane landed and the time bomb on board then destroyed the empty Boeing 747, which had cost \$20,000,000.

**11 September** - Operation Tailwind began as a three-day long, covert U.S. Special Forces operation into Laos, began with 16 Green Berets and 140 Vietnamese Montagnards making an incursion from South Vietnam. The group encountered heavy resistance from the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and destroyed an enemy base camp before being extracted by U.S. helicopters that fired tear gas in order to keep the NVA at a distance "<sup>[62]</sup> The secret mission went unreported by the media for almost 28 years, until June 7, 1998, when CNN (the U.S.-based Cable News Network) broadcast a false news story that one author would describe as "the biggest news scandal of the 1990s". CNN fired two of its producers and long-time war correspondent Peter Arnett, issuing a retraction and an apology, after an investigation failed to substantiate their claims that Operation Tailwind had used Sarin nerve gas and that the mission had been to kill American servicemen who deserted.

**16 September** - the Wall Street bombing occurred at 12:01 pm on a Thursday, 1920, in the Financial District of Manhattan, New York City. The blast killed 30 people immediately, and another eight died later of wounds sustained in the blast. The bombing was never solved, although investigators and historians believe the Wall Street bombing was carried out by Galleanists (Italian anarchists), a group responsible for a series of bombings the previous year.

**18 September** - American music legend Jimi Hendrix died in London at the age 27 from an overdose of sleeping pills Hendrix, who had used amphetamines the night before, went to the Samarkand Hotel suite of a friend, Monika Dannemann, and took nine pills from her prescription of the German medicine sleeping

pill Vesparax, a medicine whose recommended dosage was half a pill. He was taken to St. Mary Abbot's Hospital in London at 11:45 a.m. and was dead on arrival from aspiration and asphyxiation.

**25 September** - One week after American aerial reconnaissance flights had demonstrated cause for suspicion, the U.S. Defense Department announced that a Soviet submarine base was being built in Cuba at the Cienfuegos harbor. A spokesman raised the possibility that the military facility would be used to support the Soviet Union's new Yankee-class submarines, which were capable of carrying 16 nuclear missiles. The crisis was quietly resolved by diplomatic discussions between American and Soviet officials, and (according to an investigative report by the *Chicago Tribune*), U.S. aerial reconnaissance confirmed by October 10 that dismantling of the base had begun without any submarine ever using it.

## Music

Album	Artist
Get Yer Ya-Ya's Out! The Rolling Stones in Concert	The Rolling Stones
If I Could Do It All Over Again, I'd Do It All Over You	Caravan
Third Album	The Jackson 5
Untitled	The Byrds
Kiln House	Fleetwood Mac
Paranoid	Black Sabbath
After the Gold Rush	Neil Young
Performance	Various Artists
Abraxas	Santana
Idlewild South	The Allman Brothers Band
Beaucoups of Blues	Ringo Starr
A Pocket Full of Miracles	The Miracles
Curtis	Curtis Mayfield
Death Walks Behind You	Atomic Rooster
Down Home	Seals and Crofts
The Glen Campbell Goodtime Album	Glen Campbell
Hello! The Osmond Brothers	The Osmonds
lf	If
Jesus Christ Superstar	by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice
Johnny Winter And	Johnny Winter
Leftover Wine	Melanie
Mad Shadows	Mott the Hoople
The Magnificent 7	The Supremes & The Four Tops
New Feelin'	Liza Minnelli
The Original Human Being	Blue Cheer
Scorpio's Dance	Shocking Blue
Sex Machine	James Brown
Encouraging Words	Billy Preston

#### Movies

**Five Easy Pieces** - American drama film written by Carole Eastman (as Adrien Joyce) and Bob Rafelson, and directed by Rafelson. The film stars Jack Nicholson, with Karen Black, Susan Anspach, Ralph Waite, and Sally Struthers in supporting roles.

**R.P.M.** - American drama film directed by Stanley Kramer, written by Erich Segal and starring Anthony Quinn and Ann-Margret. As the film's poster notes, the title is an acronym for "revolutions per minute", which at the time was a common term for the variable speed of a record player's turntable.

**Tora! Tora! Tora!** An epic war film that dramatizes the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. The film was produced by Elmo Williams and directed by Richard Fleischer, Toshio Masuda and Kinji Fukasaku, and stars an ensemble cast including Martin Balsam, Joseph Cotten, Sō Yamamura, E. G. Marshall, James Whitmore, Tatsuya Mihashi, Takahiro Tamura, Wesley Addy, and Jason Robards. It was Masuda and Fukasaku's first English-language film, and first non-Japanese film.

# Sport

**6** September - Italian F1 Grand Prix - Monza was an ultra-fast circuit with no chicanes of any kind, and the weekend was marred by the death of Jochen Rindt, who was killed on the straight going into the Parabolica on his wingless Lotus 72. Aerodynamic downforce was not yet properly understood, and the car was, according to his teammate John Miles, rather unstable and difficult to drive. Ultimately though, it was a brake system failure that caused Rindt to spin off and crash into a poorly installed Armco barrier: the car went under the barrier and rotated a few times in the sand trap. Rindt's belts were loose, and he was not wearing a crotch strap belt, a recent introduction. As a result, he slipped down in the car and the belt buckle caused fatal throat injuries. Ferrari driver Clay Regazzoni won his first Formula One race, and the overjoyed crowd ran onto the track and celebrated.

**11 September - Springboks beat All Blacks 20 -17 at Ellis Park -** Chris Greyvenstein is of the opinion that the two players who dominated this test were the place kickers McCallum and Kember; together they scored 28 of the 37 points. McCallum slotted an enormous kick of 65 meters; a kick that he himself said he would not attempt under normal circumstances. Dawie de Villiers, according to McCallum, instructed him to kick for goal so that the forwards could get a breather without any expectation that McCallum will be successful. Writes Chris Greyvenstein: "McCallum's place kicking in the series was so good that the All Black's coach Ivan Vodanovich praised him later as the kicker with the best technique he had ever seen, a view I share even now that we are in the era of round-the-corner kickers."

12 September - US Open Tennis Final - Margaret Court defeated Rosemary Casals, 6–2, 2–6, 6–1

13 September - US Open Tennis Final - Ken Rosewall defeated Tony Roche, 2–6, 6–4, 7–6(5–2), 6–3

**20 September Canadian F1 Grand Prix** - The F1 season concluded with a 3-part North American tour, which started in Canada at the spectacular Mont-Tremblant circuit in Quebec near the town of St. Jovite – the second and last time F1 would race there. The Lotus team did not show up, and although Jackie Stewart dominated practice in his new Tyrrell-Ford/Cosworth 001, he retired due to mechanical problems, and Ickx took victory in his Ferrari.

# **Older Folks Share Their Views**

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

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The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

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Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. Two years older than me." "So, you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

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My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

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I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

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An elderly couple has dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives leave the table and go into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one says, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly. The other man asks, 'What is the name of the restaurant? The first man thinks and thinks and finally asks, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns. 'Do you mean a rose? 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turns towards the kitchen and yells, Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?

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I know I shouldn't have done this, but I am 83 years old and I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing something because I was taking too long to place my order. So, when I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done, because as we moved up, she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you.", obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness. When I got to the second window, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the queue and start all over again. Don't blow your horn at old people, they have been around a long time! (Stolen from FaceBook)

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On the first day, Go created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years. "The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God saw it was good. On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did? "And God, again saw it was good. On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years. "The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good. On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God, "You asked for it." So that is

why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone. Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch.

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To close - Winston Churchill's acerbic quotes are often seen, many of them delivering a sly insult. Here is one that is not so. I think it is brilliant! The WWII leader used his sharp tongue to deliver praises to those whom he deemed worthy of them. UK Prime Minister from 1945 to 1951, Clement Attlee, was one of these men. When asked what he thought about the man, Sir Churchill said this famous clever line: *"A modest man, who has much to be modest about."* 

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That's all for this month. Stay safe