
Skinner Sez,



This has been a year I did not see much of because of my throat cancer. My surgery was mid May and by radiation/chemo did not end till the end of September. Lost my voice for 4 months, regained it in early October. My first trip out of the house was to HolloweeM. Honestly, going was more to

prove I could get out of the house. I enjoyed a couple of programs, saw a lot of people, and got very tired. Then I attended the Cincinnati's RG and was able to enjoy it a little more.

At the SIG meeting at WeeM we covered a lot of topics before we got back to the serious business of partying. They included:

- HELL's M's is kid respectful but not necessarily kid friendly. Parents still need to decide if our meetings, newsletter, Yahoo group are the right place for their children to be. Asking Bruce to add a comment to the Yahoo web site identifying it as an adult community.
- Sold the last 4 stainless steel mugs – until I got home and found a box of 50 more in my garage. So, if you want a stainless steel mug you can still get it (and we can put your name on it)
- Started planning for the 2010 AG. It looks like we will have a hospitality suite
- Reported that we are over 2600 members

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Submissions

Hell's M's is the Party SIG- tell us how you go about throwing a small party, a large party a theme party, a games party, a quiet party, or a wild party.

Party Animal votes are submitted to Skinner, please also submit a picture and a write-up to the Editor.

Deadline for the Spring issue February 15

Deadline for the Summer issue May 15

Deadline for the Fall issue August 2

Deadline for the Winter issue December 15

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The HELL's M's credo:

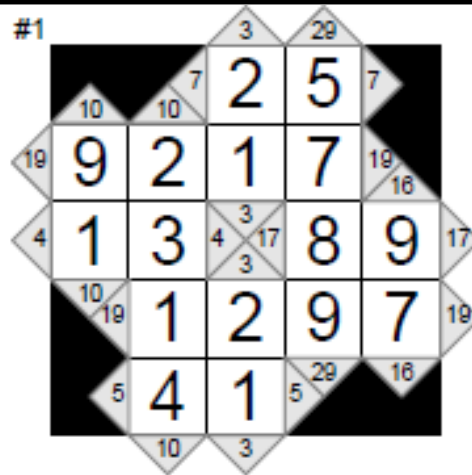
Any party, large or small, will be considered a *HELL's M's* party if everyone participating or affected by the party has good memories the day after the party is over.

Skinner Sez, continued

- Reported that more than 100 Nash Pitt shirts were purchased by volunteers from the '09 AG. – many thanks for the hours of volunteer time you guys put in - GREAT JOB
- Discussed the tie vote for PARTY ANIMAL that was approved at the AG. It was agreed upon that ignorance of the rules will not be the basis for future exceptions. If the rules are not followed the vote will be invalidated. (see later in this issue for the rules – there are only 13 of them)
- The Treasurer reports that the treasury has \$4723.56 (note – I have just ordered over a thousand dollars worth of shirts)
- The SIG meeting in Cincinnati was well attended. We reviewed much of the same information and got support on the AG.
- Beth Weiss is going to be helping me in getting email messages out to our members through a program set up by America Mensa.
- Misty Richmond is now working on updating our web page.

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Puzzle Answers



Puzzle is located on page 6

Mensa Cruise - Party to Alaska

By Charlie Bruce

Last February the Hell's M's SIG-sponsored "Party at Sea" sailed to Mexico, Belize and the Cayman Islands. It was not quite the "exotic" trip we had originally planned, but 46 of us made the cruise with representation from 16 states.

This February there are 47 of us (from 18 states) that are sailing where we were supposed to go last year: Panama, Costa Rica, and Belize. We will again sit together at dinner and have a function room where we will congregate afterwards for conversation, fun and games. Terry and I will again be hosting the bon voyage party the first night out and hopefully Megan McHugh will arrange another pub-crawl, visiting all 12 bars & lounges on the ship. If you don't finish your drink at one place you can just take it with you to the next.

Several people have expressed a desire to do an Alaska cruise, so we're setting up a 7-day "Party to Alaska" cruise. It will be on Holland America's ms Oosterdam sailing round-trip from Seattle, leaving Sunday, September 5th, 2010. For more information on the Alaska cruise or to sign up, please contact me at cbruce2@columbus.rr.com or (614) 836-3856.

Cabin	Price
Interior	\$1016
O-view (Obstr)	\$1186
O-view (UnObs)	\$1396
Balcony	\$1636

Per person, double occupancy Includes \$137 in taxes and surcharges



CONFLUENCE '10

the party on your way to the A.G.

By Peter Midnight

Wherever Mensans get together, there tends to be a party. As we converge upon the location for a gathering, we begin to party wherever we may meet along the way. However, that does not work very well on a crowded airliner or in separate cars on a highway. We have found that a much better party will always happen on a train. And that is what we intend to do again on the way to the A.G. in Dearborn, this June.

In 2008, the party was on the California Zephyr as it rolled through the spectacular Colorado Rockies and into Denver. This year, it won't be the train ride so much as the place we have chosen to converge upon that will make the Chaotic Confluence a party to remember. Rather than meeting at the confluence of two great rivers, as we did then, we will continue this year where a great river flows uphill, Chicago. The train will serve only to carry us all from there to the A.G., without disrupting the party already in progress.

The Chaotic Confluence is not an official Mensa event. There will be no registration, no formal hospitality, and no fee to attend. Just be there and be a part of it. You will find that Chicago has many attractions to satisfy any taste. Several of the museums, in fact, are almost worth the trip by themselves. We will partake of those attractions as we please while we are there. Some of us will arrive as early as Sunday afternoon. We expect more will join us on Monday, and a few more on Tuesday. On Wednesday we will all pile onto the train together for the ride to Dearborn and the main event.

We have arranged for a group rate at the Holiday Inn Downtown Chicago, just a short walk from Union Station and the train. There is also a CTA station right around the corner, with service from both Midway and O'Hare Airports on Chicago's famous elevated trains, for those who can handle their own luggage. There will be no programs provided in the hotel, but all of Chicagoland is easily reachable from there. Mensans of the Chicago group, you are especially invited to join us and show off your great city.

When you make your travel plans for the A.G., you can book what's called an open jaw flight. That's like a round trip, but with your destination in Chicago and your return flight from Detroit. On some

airlines, that will be cheaper than 2 one way flights. Or you don't need to fly at all if you have access to Amtrak. Chicago is the rail hub of the whole country, after all, and the train will bring you directly downtown, where the party is. If you come from the east, you can go back that way from Detroit, through Toronto on Via Rail. Just don't forget your passport.

Between now and then, please find Confluence10 on both YahooGroups and Facebook. Let us know when you plan to arrive and what you would like to see and do in Chicago. Having more ideas in advance will help us get together on meals and excursions and maybe arrange for additional group discounts. And when the time comes, don't wait for the A.G. to begin before you start having fun!
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/confluence10/>

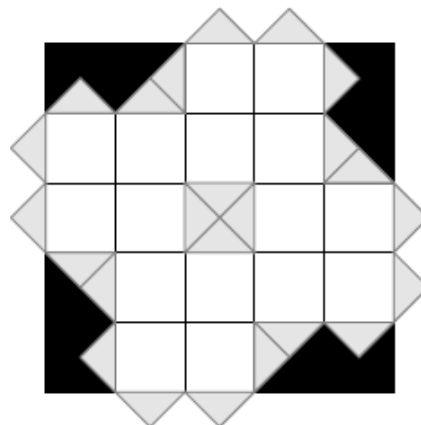
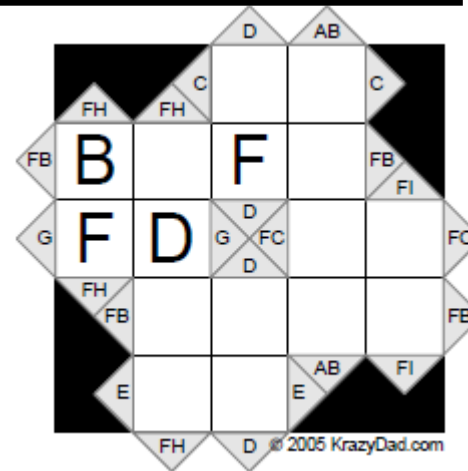
Puzzles

Taken from Krazydad.com

Krypto Kakuro puzzles are a cross between a crossword, a sudoku and a cryptogram.

Each digit has been substituted with a letter. To solve the puzzle, you must figure out what digit each letter stands for, and then solve it like a regular kakuro puzzle.

Each "word" in the crossword contains only the digits 1 thru 9, and the same digit will never repeat within a word. The sum of the digits of each word are shown on the left and right sides of "across" words, and at the tops and bottoms of "down" words.



A		F	
B		G	
C		H	
D		I	
E		J	

Booteak

NOTE - add \$1.00 to each item if they are to be shipped to you.

Patch (2x3)	\$5.00
Plastic Mug (black)	\$5.00
Belt buckles, black and pewter	\$15.00
Cards - Bridge size	\$5.00
Beer Glasses	\$5.00 ea, 3 for \$10.00
Tie	\$15.00
Stainless Steel Mugs	\$10.00 (+\$5.00 to have your name added)
Stickers	10 for \$1.00, 60 for \$5.00, 100 for \$8.00, 200 for \$15.00
Temporary tattoos	\$.50 ea
Embroidered logo	\$40.00 - you supply a black jacket or material \$12.00 - for chapter name \$4.00 - for your name
Print the logo on your shirt/jacket (must be black)	\$5.00 - plus postage

What we have left in stock: most of these will not be available again

Plastic Black 16oz mugs	2
Stainless Steel Mugs	50
2x3 patches	20
Belt buckles	8
Card decks, owl on bottom	30
Card decks, owl on bottom	28
Temporary Tattoos	200
Stickers	more than I can count
Ties	2 (and I can get more of these)
Beer Glasses	55

WHAT COSTS WHAT

Tee-shirts are available without joining the HELL's M's SIG.

TEE-SHIRTS	membership & additional shirts	shirt	additional shirts	to Canada add for additional postage
S to XL	\$21.00	\$13.00		\$2.10
XXL	\$23.00	\$15.00		\$2.30
XXXL	\$24.00	\$16.00		\$2.65
XXXXL	\$25.00	\$17.00		
TANK TOPS (male)	membership & additional shirts	shirt	additional shirts	to Canada add for additional postage
S to L	\$22.00	\$14.00		\$2.10
XL	\$23.00	\$15.00		\$2.30
XXL	\$24.00	\$16.00		\$2.65
LADIES TANK TOPS	membership & additional shirts	shirt	additional shirts	to Canada add for additional postage
S to XL	\$23.00	\$15.00		\$2.10
SWEAT SHIRTS	membership & additional shirts	shirt	additional shirts	to Canada add for additional postage
S to XL	\$26.00	\$18.00		\$3.45
XXL	\$28.00	\$20.00		\$4.30
XXXL	\$30.00	\$22.00		\$4.30
APRONS, one size	membership & additional shirts	shirt	additional shirts	to Canada add for additional postage
	\$25.00	\$17.00		\$1.70

Starting a New Chapter

All new chapters must be approved by Skinner.

To start a new chapter the first order must be for a minimum of 18 shirts at the full price. If you cannot meet the minimum, send \$1.00 per shirt not ordered. **For example:** Order 10 shirts and send \$8.00 to cover the difference. This is to cover the cost for the new pattern.

Page 8 The minimum is for the first order only. After the first order, shirts can be ordered individually.

Party Animal Hall of Fame

Remember that these people are now ineligible to be selected as Party Animal at future RGs. (I know this makes selecting the Party Animal a little difficult because there have been many times when I have had to ask people for a second name when I am collecting the votes because those Party Animals are still helping people have a good time).

Robert Andrus	Linda Hathaway	Loretta Olson
Red Bellamy	Nancy Heller	David Plottel
Cher Burnham	Mary Lee Kemper	Virginia Boatman Plottel
Janet Century	Rocky LeFarth	Yvonne Porter
Greg Crawford	John Massura	Misty Richmond
Niki Foor	Ray O'Connor	Mary Jane Tala
Rob Foor	Debra Williams	Beth Weiss
	Stormie Kullman	Teresa Gregory

NEW PARTY ANIMALS recognized in 2009 are:

Beth Brooks	Heidi Macneal	De Freshwater
Arthur Cartwright	Kathy McCarty	David Gudjonis
Phil So	Stan Ward	Alan Schmidt
Rachel Nelli	John Mochan	

Shirts that need a home

Here are some shirts that you can get at ½ of the listed price. See the order form for the list prices.

DAYTON CHAPTER	- S
MILLIWAYS CHAPTER (Mostly Harmless)	-XXXL
LOUISVILLE CHAPTER	- XXL
LOUISVILLE CHAPTER	- APRON
HOUSTON HELLIONS	-M
HOG BUTCHERS	-S (MENS TANK)
GenX RATED	- XL
PARTY ANIMAL	M, 2 @ L * note 1
HALL OF FAME	
HELL ON WINGS	XL, XLt ** note 2

*Note 1 - must already be a member of the HALL OF FAME

**Note 2 - must already be a member of the HELL ON WINGS or be purchasing it to present as an award

How to elect a Party Animal: THE RULES

Only Hell's M's can vote. Everyone who is currently or has ever been a member of the HELL's M's can vote for PARTY ANIMAL. One vote each, no proxies. NOTE - votes are to be taken privately, not as a group.

For the vote to be valid there must be at least 10 HELL's M's at the RG who vote. Everyone present at the RG is eligible to be chosen as the PARTY ANIMAL (no, you cannot vote for the person who made it a great party by not showing up).

The person who is collecting the votes, any members of the PARTY ANIMAL HALL OF FAME, and Skinner cannot be chosen as the PARTY ANIMAL.

Anyone campaigning for PARTY ANIMAL is automatically eliminated from the running.

Whoever gets the most votes gets the award. (NOTE it is usually best if the person collecting the votes holds off on voting till the end, to act as a tiebreaker if necessary.)

Only a member of HELL's M's can collect the votes.
The votes must be collected on the morning of the last day of the RG.
(yes, you can start collecting them after midnight Saturday night)

Only one PARTY ANIMAL can be chosen at an RG. There can be no ties.

The PARTY ANIMAL must be chosen at an RG, and not before or after the RG.

When sending in the information on the winner, you must also send in the names of everyone who got votes, with the number of votes they got.

The person chosen as PARTY ANIMAL will get a T-shirt and a membership in HELL's M's through the next renewal date

Editors Comments::

It's been a while since the last issue, and a lot has changed. My boys turned two in August, and three weeks ago my family moved to Charleston. Please continue to send articles,. Letters, thoughts and events for the newsletter. My email is Zarya_steele@hotmail.com. I can also be reached on Facebook.



HELL ON WINGS

PARTY ANIMAL is HELL's M's way, as a group, to recognize someone for their contribution to a RG. The HELL ON WINGS chapter was started because several people wanted to recognize people who did not get enough votes to be a PARTY ANIMAL. Membership in the HELL ON WINGS chapter is a gift. It is given by someone who wants to acknowledge the contribution of an individual to an event they have attended or just for how that person shows up.

To enroll someone in the HELL ON WINGS chapter and to get them the shirt and certificate you need to send me the following information. (You also need to send me a check for the shirt. Standard pricing applies.)

NAME

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

SHIRT SIZE

TO:

NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE

FROM:

FOR:

AT:

If you can get it their E-Mail address and Mensa membership number (if they are a member) would help.

HELL's M's Chapter Names

Chapter names and why they are what they are

Chapter Number	Chapter Name	Origin
1	with no chapter name	Blank just the attack owl
2	DAYTON CHAPTER	Dayton, Ohio the founding city
3	CENTRAL NEW JERSEY	Central New Jersey
4	LOUISVILLE CHAPTER	Louisiana
5	MAUMEE VALLEY	Toledo, OH
6	CAPITOL COSSACKS	Washington, DC
7	TRAGIC KINGDOM	Orlando, FL
8	OWLTEREGOS	Central Alabama
9	WINDY RIDGE CHAPTER	Group where everyone is a VP
10	ASILOMAR	For their RG
11	MINNESOTA CHAPTER	Minnesota
12	LA REPUBLIC DE TEJAS	Texas
13	HARD LUCK CHAPTER	Because it was the 13th chapter
14	AMC ALUMNI CHAPTER	AMC alumni ONLY!
15	NEW MEXICO FIREFIGHTERS	New Mexico, started by 1 man
16	67 ASNEM	Mensa 76 = Fort Worth, TX Mensa
17	MRIDERS	Motorcycle riders
18	EMERALD CITY	Seattle, WA
19	TERMINUS	Atlanta, GA
20	303 RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP	Cleveland, OH
21	FLYING TIGERS	a witch started this chapter
22	COSMIC FAMILY CAMPOUT	an annual event, I think out west
23	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	Southern California
24	UNBRIDLED BROWARD	Broward, FL
25	HIGH COUNTRY HELLIONS	Denver, CO
26	MARYLAND MANIACS	Maryland
27	EVIL MPYRE	New York, NY
28	SEMManiacs	South East Michigan Mensa
29	MANASOTA	Manasota, FL
30	TANSTAAFL	There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch
30	SLAMMERS	St. Louis Area Mensa
32	SINSINNATI	Cincinnati, OH
33	HOG BUTCHERS	Chicago, IL
34	BEACH BUMS	Florida

35	PITT DWELLERS	Pittsburgh, PA
36	ELECTRONIC! Elite	Computer users
37	ALASKA	Alaska
38	QUESTION AUTHORITY	They liked the name
39	Joy Boy GayM Toy	for gay and lesbian Mensans
40	HEAVY MENTAL THUNDER	They liked the name
41	HOUSTON HELLIONS	Houston, TX
42	MILLIWAYS CHAPTER MOSTLY HARMLESS	From a science fiction story
43		A closed chapter "Twas a Dark and Stormy Night"
44	MERF SUPPORTERS	Mensa Education and Research Foundation contributors
45	BUFFALO CHIPS	Niagara Falls, NY
46	GERMANY	Germany
47	UNNATURAL DISASTER	From a Mary Lee party, a sequel to chapter 43
48	3 SIG	A chapter started in Germany for people under 30 unter dreisig under
49	TIL DEATH DO US PARTY	Started by Robert Andrus of Chicago
50	The Queen's Croquet	The generic chapter for Mary Lee's annual party
51	CHAPTER 11 MORALLY BANKRUPT	(Morally Bankrupt) Indianapolis
52	GEMUETLICHKEIT	Milwaukee
53	LOST WAGES	Las Vegas
54	Cheeble	Developed at MWM RG January '96. Signifies willingness to work quickly right now!
55	HELLSTEINS	Wisconsin
56	CONSENSUAL WINE & MUSIC	Connecticut & Western Massachusetts
57		A closed chapter, from a prank pulled at the 2nd last California AG
58	AURORA BOREALIS	Canada, from the north and brilliant
59	LocSex	For Loc-Secs ;-)
60		a closed chapter: Cinn and DAMNations, the AG From Hell
61	STORMHENGGE	From a Columbus, OH RG where a fabulous storm and tornadoes showed up
62	HEARTBREAKERS	For those who play double deck hearts at RGS
63	RAINFLOWERS	those who help those who are down on their luck
64	SCHLEPPER COLONY	Helpers
65	HELL'S BELLES	For the ladies

66	BLACK CAT	
67	Lonestar Hellapeños	Texas
69	LXIX	Chapter 69
70	ESCHEW OBFUSCATION	Speak clearly
71	HEARTLESS	Don't play hearts
72	VLAANDEREN (HELL's M's)	???????
73	THE PRIMORDIAL OOOHs ... AND AAAHs	???????
74	Boingy! Boingy!	Something about bouncing in a pool
75	HOSPITALITY LEGION - SAFETY MATTERS	Hospitality volunteers concerned about food safety
76	TUCSON MARGARITAS	Tucson Arizona
77	GenX Rated	Members of generation X
78	IN KVDZV FACITE	Piedmont GA area Mensa
79	Nosh Pitt	2009 AG
80	Party at Sea	2009 HELL's M's cruise
97	PARTY AMNIMAL HALL FAME	for those chosen PARTY ANIMAL 3 times
98	HELL ON WINGS	given as a gift to acknowledge someone For their contributions to a party

Garbage Truck

From: Beth Weiss as posted to HellsMs@yahoo.com

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.' He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

HELL'S M's Membership Application

Name: _____

Mensa #: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (_____) _____

Dues \$8 per year (does not include shirt). Membership runs 6/30 to 6/30. If you join after 4/1 your membership runs through 6/30 the following year.

T-shirt: For a T-shirt, fill-out the order form below and add the t-shirt

Size	Chapter #	Quantity
S		
M		
L		
XL		
XXL		
XXXL		

Send to:
 Skinner
 2512 Glenarm Avenue
 Dayton, Ohio 45420
 Skinner@hellsms.com

Evenings (937) 258-3969
Days: (937) 258-0745

For tank tops or sweatshirts put a "t" or an "s" next to the order.
 Contact Skinner for information on special sizes.
 Contact Skinner for postage costs for countries other than the US or Canada.

Note: Shirts are custom printed; it can be 1-3 months before you shirt arrives.

2512 Glenarm Ave
Dayton, Ohio 45420-2733

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