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## Chapter 50 regular meetings return to Pittsburgh North Side

**1730 Tuesday - 19 Oct. 2004**

**1730 Tuesday - 16 Nov. 2004**

**1730 Tuesday - 7 Dec. 2004**

**1730 Tuesday - 18 Jan. 2005**

Our regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May, except for December when we meet on the Tuesday closest to the 7<sup>th</sup>. These are "after work" meetings. We begin to gather for sea stories at 1700 (5:00 p.m.). The business meeting starts at 1730 and we try to conclude by 1900. We have beer, soft drinks and snacks during the meeting. There is no dinner, but sandwich service is available for those who want it. The whole thing is quite informal, but we always get our business done. All members are urged to attend and to join in planning our activities, including our interaction with other organizations such as the Navy League and the NROTC.

After trying the 911<sup>th</sup> Club at the Air Force Reserve Station at Pittsburgh Airport, we have decided to return to the Teutonia Maennerchor on Pittsburgh's North Side for our regular meetings. The key issue in this decision was location. The Air Force Club was just too far for our members that live and work in Pittsburgh's eastern suburbs. Teutonia is nearly equidistant for all of our members and yet it is not in the midst of downtown's traffic and parking problems. Parking is free, right beside the club. They have great beer, good prices, and we have no trouble finding a quiet group of tables for our meeting.

Teutonia Maennerchor is located at the intersection of E. Ohio and Chestnut Streets, just across the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge from the Strip. It is a large building with Bavarian style crossbuckling and the letters "TM" on the side. A sign at the corner says "Welcome to Deutschtown". The entrance to the club and parking lot are on Phineas Street, a block-long one-way street that parallels E. Ohio and that must be entered from Madison Ave. This is a private club, so when you enter use the bell at the inner door and tell them you are with the Navy group. If you have any questions or would like a map call our secretary Dave Erdodi.

## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Meeting

Each year our chapter sets aside the December meeting to *Remember Pearl Harbor* and to honor all who have lost their lives in the Naval Services throughout our history. We will hold this meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> which falls on a Tuesday this year. We especially want to have veterans of World War II attend this meeting. Bring along any of your friends or relatives who served in that conflict, whether they are members of ROA or not. Check out our web site for updates on our plans for this meeting.

## Chapter 50 enjoys baseball at two levels: Pirates on 15 June -- Washington (PA) Wild Things on 20 July

Chapter 50 held its annual tailgate party prior to attending the Pirate ball game at PNC Park on June 15. The site under the bridge in gold lot 4 was proudly identified by the ROA red banner and Dave Erdodi's red convertible. Unfortunately the Pirates were in the midst of a terrible slump. They lost 2-4 to the Anaheim Angels for their ninth consecutive loss and their 14<sup>th</sup> loss in 15 games.



**Chapter 50 at Pirate Game Tailgate Party**

On July 20, we decided to try the other end of the pro baseball spectrum. We went to see the Washington (PA) Wild Things of the independent Frontier League. Prices were much lower at 3000-seat Falconi Field and the atmosphere was sheer fun. The Wild Things beat the Kalamazoo Kings 9-0.

Conversation overheard after the Wild Things game:

*"Those guys played great."*

*"They really hustle."*

*"It's a lot like baseball used to be."*

*"Isn't it amazing how hard a guy can play when he isn't getting \$2.5M for hitting 0.183?"*

**Future ROA events to note: ROA Mid-Winter Conference – Washington, DC – 13-16 Feb. 2005**  
**Dept. of PA Annual Convention – Boiling Spring, PA – 23 Apr. 2005**

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