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OCTOBER 8TH, 1997 MEETING MINUTES

The Waterloo Technical Society October 8th meeting was called to order by President Vern Hollman at the Hudson House Steakhouse in Hudson, IA. There were 46 People in attendance including the following guests:

Dave Berry, Radio Shack
Steve Alete, Autotech
Robert Toges, Retired
Glen Van Vark, Western Auto
Chris Vogensen
Bob Olsen, Retired John Deere

There were no new members. The group remembered Jim Bentley, our president during the previous 2 years, who passed away since our last meeting with a cash gift to his family for a memorial. There was also a basket at the meeting for additional contributions. Another member, Jim Harvey, age 68, also passed away during this time.

The minutes of the September 10th meeting were read by Vice Chairman Tim Schoenfelder. Treasurer Dick Michael gave a report on the finances stating that the balance on hand as of the meeting was $464.77 after one library contribution and dues income of $3 50.00, with directory, printing, postage, and miscellaneous expenses of $327.02. There were 39 Total Paid Members and 21 honorary Members as of the meeting. There were 11 memberships received paid that were not accounted for within the total.

We then adjourned to Grundy Center, IA, a town about 20 miles away for a tour of the R.S. Bacon Veneer Company of Grundy Center, a manufacturer, importer, and exporter of wood veneers with its headquarters in Chicago, IL.

The tour was outstanding. It consisted of a brief history of the R.S. Bacon Veneer Company by the Plant Operations Manager, Joe Darter. The group then viewed many of the different wood veneers awaiting shipment. Next we viewed preparation vats that softened the wood prior to slicing. The tour also included viewing the operation of the company's veneer wood slicer and presses. Joe Darter provided a delightfully in-depth perspective of the industry with his one-on-one discussions with people in the group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Schoenfelder, Vice Chairman