

Just so you know! . . . June 5, 2017

By David Spears



. . . Coming very soon: National Council of 56 Clubs **Silver Rush - 25th Anniversary Gathering**, June 14-18, 2017, Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ.

. . . Immediately below is the link to images of Village D-Tails, 4th Edition. <http://www.minnesota56clubs.com/justsoyouknow/villagedetails4thshots.pdf>
My thanks to Lorna Freeze of the Village Idiots Club for the pictures.

. . . ‘**Village Square Town Tree**,’ 2003, Dept. 56 Heritage Village Accessory, lighted sisal tree with three people. Noticed it for the first time in the 4th Edition, Village D-Tails. I guess I was ahead of the time. No wait, they were ahead of me.

. . . I found this interesting. **Flags of origin** have been added to the 'hit counter' on 'Just so you know!' That means you are counted when you click on www.minnesota56clubs.com. In addition it tells us what country you are from. One day I reader from South Korea, the next day, one from Russia. Who knew there was a market for Dept. 56 info in other parts of the world.

. . . **First time** I saw a Mercedes-Benz? A Mercedes ad has been asking that question. For me it was a MB Gullwing in front of St. Mary's hospital (Duluth, MN) in the late 50's. I was on my way to deliver/sell newspapers in the hospital. Note: I've never owned a Mercedes.

. . . There is a song titled 'Just so you know!' I looked at the words online. Pretty sure it is not going become my theme song.

. . . <http://www.thevillagecollector.com/> I signed in and bookmarked the site. Sure hope it works out for them. There is always room for another source of village information.

. . . In 2009 Linda and I visited JD Anderson in Petoskey, MN. We were on our way to the gathering in Detroit. His letter invited us to see JD's complete Snow Village collection. It's located in the forty by sixty foot addition to his home built for his display (see below). It even contained seven operating model trains. I was reminded when Linda was doing basement sorting/cleaning. She came across our Michigan info. I remember JD told us, "I am not a collector . . . even though I have every piece of Snow Village from when it started in 1976." I'm not sure, but I think that is the ultimate definition of a collector.

Village North Collectors Club - Duluth, MN/ Superior, WI

*Fund raising rummage sale -July
28, 29, Gail & Jeff's*

*Club picnic - August 5, Kandi &
Rod's cabin*

Next meeting -September 20

National Council of 56 Clubs - Gatherings

Tempe, AZ - June 2017

Chicago, IL - September 2018

Cincinnati, OH - 2019

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