

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

S. CUSHMAN CLARK

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of S. Cushman Clark, Leisure Worlder of the Month for August.

The event is sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society, supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Cushman was born in Lead, South Dakota. He graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. His sport was track. Cushman's life has certainly reflected his love of "track"...whether it be professional or pleasure!!

At age 13, Cushman started making "tracks"...driving his mother and three sisters to Denver in a Model T touring car. It was four hundred miles each way on primitive roads. Upon graduating, Cushman and three of his classmates set out for New York City in search of work where he made "tracks" to the subway!

Cushman's commitment to the importance of historical organizations is evidenced by the number of societies in which he has rendered service, namely: Cushman was president of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers. He was a member of the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Society, and attended the dedication by President Bush last July. For nineteen years, he was chairman of the Indian Committee for the Deadwood Days of 76 - annual summer celebration - parade, rodeo with Indian dancing. Director and V.P. of the S.D. State Historical Society, president and organizer of the Lawrence County Historical Society, member and sheriff of the Black Hills Corral of Westerners, and member of the Leeland Case Library at the Black Hills State University. He is a staunch advocate of the concept that TODAY'S EVENTS ARE TOMORROW'S HISTORY.

Helen and Cushman have four children: George, a librarian like his mother, at Minot State U., Herbert, a psychology professor at Stanford, Julia in charge of a virology lab at Colorado General Hospital and Margaret at Cambridge University, England.

Cushman has been active in the Kiwanis Club, Historical Society, Bridge Clubs, Camera Club and Toastmasters. He and Helen help with the Historical Archives.

The Clarks have traveled to all 50 states, most of Canada, Central and South America, all of Europe except Hungary and Romania and a good bit of the Orient. Helen and Cushman have "tracked" the world ... and are still at it!!!