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MUSIC TO MY EARS



The subject for our talk today is Road Noise and how to contain or reduce it. The speaker is [Paul Donovan](#), an expert in the field of ambient stridency, who will tell you that, technically, a 30 inch woofer at full volume in a car with the windows down is not road noise, it is caused by an idiot, over-grown child with a dramatically stunted Intelligence Quotient driving a four-wheeled stereo, his IQ deficit brought about by being in a car listening to a 30 inch woofer played too long and too often at full volume with the windows up. It seems too, that the volume of the average four wheeled woofer is in inverse proportion to the speed of the vehicle which guarantees you will have the thumping feeling in your chest for longer than is comfortable.

Anyway, it seems we are literally unable to escape noise in this corner of the universe. At the risk of stealing Mr. Donovan's thunder, as it were, here is a decibel chart from which you can draw your own conclusions (emphasis and somewhat sneaky comments added): [see page 2 for chart](#)

The loudest sound possible is 194 decibels, which is the sound a tree falling in the forest makes when there is no one there to hear it.

Thanks once again to [Joe Cotta](#) for the really great job he is doing on the Strippings. This week may prove to a bit of a challenge because of the above decibel chart, but it'll work out fine, you'll see.

District Guv, [Mark Oliver](#) will be here in a couple of weeks that should give you birds enough time to polish your shoes and find your cleanest dirty shirt. To have the DG here early in the year is a break for the club, because the minute he leaves, you can revert to your old selves again and fall into your slovenly ways by not making it to the meetings, never helping with the Rotary projects, being late with your dues, in general being just what you wouldn't want anyone else you aren't asking to join the club to be.

Mark, when you see DG Mark, have him give me his e-mail address, either that or have him ask the District 5220 Webmaster to put it in the District Website. I have been asked by the past eight or nine DGs to send them the Strippings, but they never tell us their addresses. They remind me of the poor little kid whose parents kept moving and not leaving a forwarding address. Of course, the Big Shots cringe when they see what we have to offer, but at least it doesn't fit the classic [Ted Molfino](#) description of what not to put in the paper, "Don't put that in, we don't read that stuff already."

To be honest, I do gear this paper to the out of town Jaspers in the District who, when they read this, actually have an original paper in their hands that doesn't echo what they have already read in the Rotary News and the Rotarian not to mention every club bulletin in the District. **(over page 2)**

Noise Source	Decibel Level	Noise Effect
Jet takeoff (25 M), Jimmie Hendrix on meth. Playing a 2 hour riff.	150	Eardrum rupture
Aircraft Carrier Deck, Rock music in the car.	140	Earphones at high level
Jet takeoff (100 M) Rock music next to the car.	130	Severe pain
Thunderclap, Live Rock Music , Chain Saw	120	Human Pain Threshold
Steel Mill, Riveting, auto horn at 1 M, Mother-in-law rant.	110	Irritation
Jet takeoff (305 M), Outboard motor, power lawn mower, motorcycle, farm tractor, jackhammer, garbage truck, irate housewife after you break a good dish.	100	Serious hearing damage (8 hrs)
Busy urban street, diesel truck, food blender, wife, after you tell her that dress makes her look fat.	90	Hearing damage (8 hrs)
Garbage disposal, dishwasher, average factory, freight train (15 M)	80	Possible Hearing damage
Freeway Traffic at 15 M, vacuum cleaner, honey-do nagging	70	Annoying
Conversation in restaurant, office, background music	60	Comfortable
Quiet suburb, conversation at home	50	Quiet
Library	40	Prissy
Quiet rural area	30	Heavenly
Whisper, rustling leaves	20	Very Quiet
Breathing	10	Very, very quiet
Waiting for the laugh when you tell a lousy joke	0	Threshold of hearing

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Last week, President Mark, with almost no bullying, got half the attendees to ring the bell. One of the more successful presidents at that bit of genius is/was [Phil Lenser](#). By the third meeting, Phil would have half the budget covered. By then, he was so good at pillaging the membership; he thought nothing of ringing the bell until it got warm to the touch.

The guys at table number one have a good feeling about [Mark Chandler](#) as President. He can certainly think on his feet, has a good sense of humor and makes a nice first impression. Sadly enough, I just described my ex-mother-in-law.

Next week: Stay tuned....