



The Pink 'Un



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I Find It Recorded in My Notebook . . .

I usually start off by saying how many people attended the previous meeting of the Hansom Wheels, but this time, for variety's sake, I'll just name those who were at the October 17 get-together and let you count them (if you care): **Elaine Baskin, Harry and Joyce Crout, Tom Elmore, Pat and Allison McNeely, Manuel Mesa, Myrtle and Tim Robinson, Wayne Scott, Julie Smoak, Hannah Timmons, Nancy Washington, Mary Snead Dematteis (Mrs. Tantalus), and your Editor/the Tantalus.**

After dinner, again for variety's sake, I did not blow the Gold Kazoo to call the group to order; instead, I held my cell phone up to a microphone that had been supplied by **Pat McNeely** and had my wife call me and let the phone play my ringtone, "Yakety Sax," which was used on *The Benny Hill Show* when people were chasing each other around in speeded-up fashion. Unfortunately, the mic didn't pick it up or else it wasn't working, so nobody heard it. It got people's attention anyway, because they wondered what the hell I was doing up there holding a microphone up to my cell phone. So I announced, "The game is afoot!" and put the phone back into my pocket. But then it started playing some kind of news report or something, so I had to take it back out and shut it off. Finally, we toasted *the* woman, Irene Adler, and **Myrtle Robinson**, who had been named *the* woman for the 1995 annual meeting of the Baker Street Irregulars in New York, and **Tom Elmore** led us in the Musgrave Ritual.

Next came the Happy Hour Posers, created, as usual, by **your Editor**, in which folks are supposed to dope out the titles of stories from the Canon from a series of puns. Ordinarily one of these is the title of the Assigned Story for the meeting, but, as I had at the August meeting, I made *all* of them about the Assigned Story, which was *The Hound of the Baskervilles*: 1. A huge pile of athletic equipment = The Mound of the Basketballs. 2. I heard the projectiles from the flintlocks whizzing past my head = The Sound of the Musketballs. 3. The pallbearer with the big red nose kept dropping the coffin = The Clown of the Casket Falls. 4. I gave a British banknote to two young boys named William to split between them = The Pound of the Master Bills (**Tom** suggested "the Bastard Bills,"

which was probably better than what I had).

Under "Any and All Other Unavoidable Scionic Business," I noted that the Christmas Party would be coming up early in December (in fact, as you can see below, it will be on the 5th), and invited anyone who would like to act in the traditional Christmas play to get in touch with me.



Don Mankowski

The Featured Presentation was "Holmes and the Hound," a comparison of the 1959 Twentieth Century Fox version of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, starring Basil Rathbone, and the 1959 Hammer Films production, starring Peter Cushing, with some incidental information on other *Hound* theatrical and TV movies. It was condensed by **your Editor** from two articles written for the online magazine *Horror-Wood* by **Don Mankowski**, who was our quizmaster from 1977 until 1985, when he moved to Florida to work for NASA. He selfishly declined to drive up from Florida to deliver it in person, so it was read to the group by **Allison McNeely** and extensively illustrated with PowerPoint slides prepared by **your Editor**. Things got off to a rather rocky start: we were using my old laptop to show the slides, and I had gotten it all set up before the meeting started; but when I went to start the show, I found that it wasn't plugged in. Now, this laptop is so old that it runs on Microsoft Vista, and the battery is pretty much shot, so it had conked out and shut the computer off. I plugged it in and restarted it, but it took what seemed like forever to get it to boot back up. But eventually it did, **Allison** did an excellent job, and the evening was a resounding success. You can see some of the slides on page 2.

Hannah Timmons wrapped things up by reading the Sacred Sonnet, "221B," and we were all so ecstatic that we floated out of there without touching the floor!



Compliments of the Season!



The Hansom Wheels Christmas Party will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 5, at The Palmetto Club, 1231 Sumter Street. The price will be \$30.00 per person. There will be door prizes, holiday music, and a play! Please make reservations at (803) 787-2219; by email at hansomwheels@aol.com; or click "Reply" on the message to which this newsletter is attached as soon

as possible but no later than Monday, December 2. See you there!

Note: If you make a reservation and then find that you can't attend after all, please call or email and cancel as soon as possible. The Palmetto Club charges us for uncanceled reservations! Thank you!

HOLMES AND THE HOUND

by Don Mankowski

