

Summer Holiday Issue

For those of you who have joined the SIG within the last year – August is the month for the editor’s informal holiday issue, where some light hearted views are presented for members’ enjoyment.

Next *NEWSLETTER* will be out in September and will feature the high management and leadership issues.

This month’s light hearted feature:

- The Book Review

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In the meantime, there is still a call for comment on:

- 1) High management data for the next feature.
- 2) Smoking shelters situated outside workplaces.

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Appendix

In 2006, the book review for your deck-chair read was a biography, *Bugatti Queen*. This year I have chosen a work of fiction, suitable for risk managers – *Polar Shift* by Clive Cussler, ISBN-13:978-0-718-14788-4.

“The story is based, mainly in the present time, on a WWII discovery by a Hungarian scientist, who was forced to work for the Germans, but then escaped to the USA before the Russians took over the laboratory. He had devised a method whereby the magnetic poles of the Earth could be reversed.

“Fast forward to 2005 (the year of publication) and two multi millionaire Americans, with back-up from a strange gang of motorcycle assassins, have part of the formula - they experiment at triggering this scenario by creating hundred foot plus waves that sinks a state of the art cargo ship without trace. We then discover that they own two

lead lined satellites (take some rocket power to put lead into orbit! Ed.), so when they have the missing part of the formula and reverse the poles, they will control all communications on the planet as the others will be unserviceable.

However, what they don't know, and don't want to know, is that the process will also cause a slip of the Earth's crust and bring about "Domesday". The hero, who works for a US government marine agency, finds out that there is an antidote to the process that the Hungarian professor left it behind in the form of a nursery rhyme with his beautiful (long haired blond) grand-daughter. As an aside, this young lady discovers living mini-mammoths in the ruins of an underground city created by a lost civilisation in Siberia. Here we encounter the Russian Mafia, who also have their eyes on the formula.

The US millionaires obtain the whole formula, but at the eleventh hour the process is reversed and the world is saved by our hero, with the help of one or two odd-ball good guys, but not before the baddies, in time honoured tradition, drown I their own ocean whirlpool!

Editorial Comment:

Well, this is a work of fiction. There is of course no need for us as RMs to make any provision or back-up for the loss of world communications by overall satellite failure nor be concerned about suspect multi-millionaires with interests in motorcycles who may be involved with our organisation, let alone 100 foot waves - - - *or is there?*