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PARTY, PARTY, PARTY, 'TILL THE COWS COME HOME

Mark this on your calendar – Saturday, February 8, 2003, at the Silver City Banquet Room in Black Eagle. No-host cocktails at 6:00 PM; dinner at 7:00 PM. A delicious buffet dinner with the always tasty assortment of salads, (two) meat entrees, soup, mashed potatoes, dessert, and all the trimmings and accessories. Major grub. Only \$12.25 per person (And this year everyone pays up, right? No one skips out on this!), which is a bargain at any price. This is the best mid-winter gathering you can possibly attend; we absolutely guarantee 119% more fun than last year, no foolin'.

BUT YOU MUST CALL **ED AUSTIN** at 452-1135 by Tuesday, February 4 to confirm your attendance (bringing a spouse? guest?). Silver City needs to know how many to cook for – you know the drill. If you don't call – you don't eat.

And since no party or gathering is complete without a gimmick, here's the deal. Sure, points and awards will be handed out. Memories of 2002, yadayadayada. Sure, great gales of laughter will accompany every single fabulous (true) story told. Sure, more mouthpower than you thought possible will be strewn across the room by careless frustrated pylon killers. But there's more, much more for sure. White elephants.

Yup, last year's white elephant deal was quite the nifty diversion, so we're gonna do it again. Bring a wrapped "gift" (OK, so not necessarily a gift, but certainly something you can live without and that is not illegal or repulsively vulgar [note – no cigarette butt collections, for example]). And stay on the cheap side, nothing over \$10 absolute max. You will get a strip ticket and a "gift" later on after dinner. Please bring your white elephants in for some fun; it was sure a hit last year. If you have no white elephants, we'd still like to party with you, so come with or without a package.

