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**Memorandum**

To: Trialists

Fr: Curtis Meinert

Re: Times change

I produced my PhD dissertation, original and three onion skin copies, on an IBM Selectric Typewriter with typeit characters and India ink.

Odds are most of you have no idea what I am talking about, have never seen carbon paper, and have no idea what onion skin paper is.

Things change. One day glass milk bottles are everywhere, the next day they are gone.

The older you get, the more prehistoric you become. You are trending toward dinosaur status if you answer yes to three or more questions below (for the record I answered yes to four, I have dinosaur status; no surprise).

You have a land line  
You do not have a cell phone  
You do not text  
You pay cash for a quarter ponder at McDonald's  
You have change  
You do not have a smart TV (or one you can operate)  
You do not use Microsoft Word  
You write letters  
You pay bills by check  
You balance your checking account