

## Just Grin!

by Hap Hansen

Today, my subject is ..Just Grin! No one knows why. It's primarily for the ladies in our group. Here are some 'Tongue in Cheek' rules for buying clothes or gifts for men, usually for their birthdays. Some of these are my suggestions, others from observing my male friends opening their birthday gifts. ONE: Do not buy men socks. Their drawers are full of multi-colored Argyll socks, which they will never wear. No one knows why. TWO: Do not buy men neckties. At last count, my tie rack had 22 neckties ranging in width from one to five inches, most of which had never been worn, because they don't match any of my suits. I should give them away, but who wants them? Nobody. No one knows why. THREE: Never buy men pajamas. If God had wanted men to wear pajamas, he would never have invented Jockey shorts. Besides, he has dozens of Jockey shorts in his closet. No one knows why. FOUR: When in doubt, buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already owns one. Men can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why. FIVE: If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the words 'ratchet' or 'socket' on it. Men love saying the words, ratchet and socket. No one knows why. SIX: If you are really broke, instead of clothes, buy him anything for his car. A 99 cent icescraper. A gadget to dangle from his rear view mirror, especially if it is a partially-clad Hula dancer. Men love gift for their cars. None knows why. SEVEN: If you want to give him a gift he will love, consider a Cross pen and pencil set. A friend of mine proudly showed me his set which had never been taken from the box! I asked, "Why don't you use them?" He said, "I am saving them for my old age." His birthday was the next day. He was 90-years old! The pens will never be used. No one knows why. Finally, some of us embrace the fact that we are aging in relatively good health. Some us dislike the fact that the calendar is catching us with us. No one knows why. Just grin!