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The wonders of being an actuary

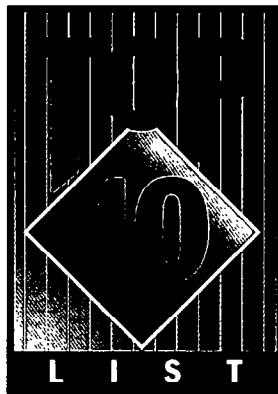
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Wayne Stuenkel, an actuary with Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham, Ala., sent us the following list of "Reasons Why It Is Wonderful to Be an Actuary." Protective Life actuaries Kevin Borie, Mary Hartsoch, Jim Helton, John O'Sullivan, Stephen Peeples, LeeAnn Peyton, and Mike Presley contributed to it. Wayne Stuenkel presented the list, David Letterman top 10 list style, to about 200 appreciative managers from Protective Life. "Maybe other actuaries can use this material for presentation where they get a chance to poke fun at themselves," Stuenkel said.

Top 10 reasons why it is wonderful to be an actuary

10) You have a ready-made excuse if you get caught parking in a reserved spot: "Oh, you see, I'm an actuary...."

- 9) Knowing your life expectancy to such precision is wonderfully stress relieving.
- 8) Always have a magnetic reply when asked, "And what do you do?" by the opposite sex.



- 7) Family vacations are memorable because average distance per tank of gas is recalculated at every fill-up.
- 6) How many other people get excited about what's new in mortality?
- 5) Get to say, "Sorry, dear, I'm studying," when diapers need changing.
- 4) Don't have to spend those long, hot hours on the golf course like the marketing folks.
- 3) Most mistakes can be explained away immediately.
- 2) Agents refer to you as a "home office specimen."

And the **Number 1** reason it's wonderful to be an actuary: Interaction with all areas of the company make it possible to annoy everyone at once.

Update on the North American Actuarial Journal

The Society of Actuaries' new premiere publication, the *North American Actuarial Journal*, is well underway and will debut in January 1997. It will be distributed to all Society members as a membership benefit and will also be available to non-members, companies, universities, and libraries on a subscription basis. A marketing plan is being developed to reach potential subscribers and authors outside of the actuarial profession.

New guidelines for publishing in the *NAAJ* are now available. These replace the Author's Manual and Reviewers' Manual used for the *Transactions*. Some papers have already been accepted for publication; many others are in the review process; and new papers are being submitted for possible publication. If you are interested in submitting a paper, please request "Submission Guidelines for Authors" from Cheryl Enderlein, communica-

tions coordinator, at the SOA office (847/706-3563 or 103424.3556@compuserve.com). Be sure to include your name, address, phone, and fax with your request.

In the meantime, watch for featured updates on the *NAAJ* in future issues of *The Actuary*. If you have any questions or need more information now, contact Enderlein or editor Sam Cox at his *Directory* address.