

Summary of ECD Global Alliance Internet

2 Nov 2013

4 Attendees

- Initially the Chat started with 2 members, who had not been able to travel to San Diego, discussing the weather, and which room that they were in, in their respective houses. One said that he would have gone with his daughter, who has ECD, but it was going to cost too much money. She would have wanted her husband with her. Her mother, who doesn't fly, would probably have had to go to assist her. Train fares are a lot.
- They were then joined by members, who were in San Diego at the conference. Most members, who were in San Diego, were "busy" at lunch, talking. It was all going well.
- In the UK, a member told us that, as Guy Fawkes Night approaches, there are already a lot of fireworks being set off. Halloween was then mentioned. In both the US and the UK, this has become a large event, with hordes of kids trailing from house to house to pick up candy. Our UK member had turned out all the lights, kept quiet, and he, and his wife, had eaten all the candy!
- Coffee was the next topic. A US member had been in England, back in the 70s, visiting his cousins and aunt. He couldn't get a decent cup of coffee, anywhere. But the tea was very good! His cousin was looking at the label, on a Nescafe jar of Instant Coffee granules, and discovered that it was a product of Uganda. American coffee is mostly from Brazil/Colombia in S. America. "There's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil" as the song puts it. Coffee in the UK is better now. The UK member recently stayed in a house, where the coffee machine rinsed itself, then ground the beans, then brewed up, and then spat the coffee out!
- Although the coffee wasn't good, the member visiting the UK generally liked the food. If you stuck to English food, it would taste fine.

- A US member came on, briefly, but had to go so as to get some coursework done. "Macroeconomics" is not a subject that the other Chatters were able to help with! One had been an English Teacher, and the other had been a family physician. The student's brother teaches algebra, which also didn't help that much.
- The weather wasn't too bad in her area, slightly cold and rainy, but, for this time of year, not too much to complain about. She had been to see her Doc, the previous day. This was concerning her dizzy spells. He said that she was doing much better at the moment.
- A UK member mentioned about the up and coming snowy season. He lives in Yorkshire, between Bradford and Halifax, on the Pennine Ridge. A place called Queensbury. It is the highest place in England with the population density of a small town/large village. The local people's opinion of the weather is "3 months snow and 9 months bad weather"! A US member reminded us of a story by Dylan Thomas; "A Child's Christmas in Wales." There is a lot of snow in that story.
- We were told that the Philadelphia area, of Pennsylvania, is usually good for a major storm, or two, every winter, although, there hasn't been much snow in the last couple of winters.