

## ***Story With An Upbeat/Positive Ending!!***

Remember the story about our visit to the Hill of Crosses? Here is an offshoot story from the major item!!

The trip to the Hill of Crosses was to be at no cost! It was to be provided free to all members of those participating in TAFISA! HOWEVER; as explained in earlier articles, all Shufflers were declared to be a part of the US Entry. We flew the US flag and our identification cards clearly displayed the words USA. This was done as the ISA is registered in FL, and as TAFISA would not accept an "ISA registration", the registration as USA became the selected option. As such, all wearing the authorized identification card were to have the tour to the Hill of Crosses at no cost.

**HOWEVER;** as Jim Bailey and I approached the Bus on which we all travelled, the attendant asked "Who are the Canadians?" Naturally I identified myself and went on to offer that there were two of us. (The bus was ready to leave) She demanded the equivalent of \$45.00 from me and \$22.50 from Jim. (He became a Canuck for that instant of time.) We both paid and boarded the bus. Once onboard we discovered that no one else had paid??? Lois and I decided to challenge the payment and invited Jim to join with us. He did so.

After completing the tour, (You have read the report of the tour to the Hill of Crosses) we went to the administration office of the tour organizer. Jim later described my behaviour as "Stan was in the Woman's Face" as he requested our money back >> following an explanation of course. Notwithstanding my explanation, and expanded upon by one of the Volunteers, they declined to reimburse us. **At that point, Lois announced that SHE WOULD SIT DOWN, AND THAT SHE would not leave until we received our money!!** This brought about a change in attitude!! They invited us to remain, and announced that we could expect a resolution in 30 minutes!!

**Jim Bailey, God Bless Him, suggested we go outside and watch a group of Middle Age Women perform aerobics!! (Leave it to Jim to suggest watching Middle Age Women!!)** Jim, Lois, Michael, Rimvi, and I acquired a beer and a ring side seat to a FINE PERFORMANCE. We said this would be a positive story: 30 minutes into the performance, we were advised our refund was available for pick up!!

This was a great finish to a fine day!! And just to help you understand why we enjoyed the beer so much, here are a couple of shots of the dancers!! In the approximately one hour, we watched the performance (exercise programme), the "gals" only took one small break!!

See page 2 for pix.





Not surprisingly the show attracted a good deal of attention, especially male photographers. **Jim, Michael and I** observed that it was the "best beer we had on the trip" lol

