



# North Jersey Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Grimal is setting up tasks concerning the Rod Run. We are desperately in need of help. The work to be done is falling behind and cooperation seems vague at best. We are in need of items for the Tricky Tray and Door Prizes.

### MEETINGS & CLUB NEWS: *Bob O'Malley*

#### Monthly Meeting

The April Meeting will be held at Wharton Fire House on Tuesday April 23@ 7:30 PM.

#### Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee met on Tuesday April 9, 2013. The topic was The Rod Run. The prizes for the large raffle are set. Printing was submitted to Instant Printing . The same picture will be used this year as we did last year however; the car will be Red. The Committee decided to purchase some tools from Arlene Myers to use as Tricky Tray items. Tricky Tray gifts are starting to come in. Please give them to Bob O'Malley or Clarence Staples.

#### Saturday Breakfast

Breakfast was held at Yetter's Diner in Augusta. It was attended by Scotty & Janet Dietz, Bob Grimal, Charlie Parinello, Rob Kinney, Joe Guerin, Dan & Sue Burrows, Bob & Sue O'Malley, Clarence & Pat Staples, Jay Miller & Sharon Griffin, Joe Staples & Linda Bosland, and Butch & Linda Szollosy. It was a splendid affair.

#### Boy's Night Out

Boy's Night was Thursday April 11, 2013 at the Village Saloon on Route 181 in Sparta. There were 16 members present, the food was good and everyone seemed to have a good time.

#### For Sale

Arlene Myers has her late husband's tools for sale.

**DWARF MERCURY** *Bernie Bernhardt via Frank Carey*

We've recently started to see miniature engines being built. Here's the story of a miniature 1949 Mercury. Thanks to former member Bernie Bernhardt for bringing this to our attention.

<http://www.varietyvideollc.com/about2.html>

**NO MORE CAR KEYS?** *Frank Carey*

The American Automobile Association predicts that smartphone apps will replace traditional car keys. Some cars already use electronic keys and fobs (which did lead to self-starting issues cited in a recent Subaru recall) and the AAA thinks this technology is simply paving the way for phones to take over, reports the *Los Angeles Times*.

Already in the technology club are Chevrolet and Nissan, both which already have mobile apps that can be used to monitor and control certain car functions. Hyundai also unveiled plans for a smartphone that can work with a vehicle to perform some functions as well.

“Traditional car keys will likely become obsolete and be replaced by technologies offering even greater security and convenience,” John Nielsen, AAA director of automotive engineering and repair told the *L.A. Times*. “Motorists will need to adapt with the technology to avoid the hassle and expense of smart key replacements.” That could make less work for the AAA, which rescued 4 million locked out drivers last year, a number that hasn’t changed much in the last five years.

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**INTERNET GOODIES** *Frank Carey*

Every once in a while I somehow learn of a cool website that has street rod stuff, usually pictures from a street rod event. And this could be anything from a local club show to the Grand National Roadster Show. Well, speaking of the Grand National Roadster Show, it's usually well covered in the street rod magazines but sometimes a guy who was there will post pictures; sometimes a lot of pictures. The challenge then becomes knowing where to look for this kind of goodies. So our club newsletter can be very good place to disseminate this kind of info. So here we go.

For several hundred pictures of the Grand National Roadster show go to:

<http://socalcarrculture.com/>

When you get there look at the listing of "latest show pics" and you'll see several Grand National Roadster Show posts of event pictures. You're on your way.

So let's keep this thing going. If you somehow find a website of street rod pictures or anything likely to be of interest to the membership, drop me an email of the URL and a sentence or two of what's there. Maybe we can make this a monthly newsletter topic. OK, guys, the ball is in your court.

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