



# North Jersey Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Grimal wishes everyone a safe and fun summer.

### MONTHLY MEETING::

July's was Tuesday July 30, 2013. The club dispensed with business and ordered all bills to be paid. Our wives and significant others attended. Dylan Flinchum attended with his parents. We awarded the funds to his parents to be distributed into his Charity Fund. We then proceeded as a group to Stewarts of Denville to partake in "ICE CREAM NIGHT"

### Roll Call:

Bill & Linda Bosland, Dan & Sue Burrows, Dave & Ann Castle , Hank Dahl, Bob Grimal, Tom Harvey, Jay Miller & Sharon Griffin, Bob & Sue O'Malley, Joe Staples & Linda Bosland and Clarence and Pat Staples. All attended the meeting and "ICE CREAM NIGHT".

### 50/50

Was won by Bob O'Malley \$30.00

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Committee met at WFD on August 13, 2013. The following topics were discussed.

1. President Grimal thanked all for the work and sponsorship of Dylan Flinchum.
2. The "FAMILY PICNIC" date has been finalized. It will be at Horseshoe Lake on September 15, from noon till 4:00 PM. Help will be needed for set up and clean up. We will be supplying the food and drink ourselves as we did last year. Contact Joe Staples to see what is needed.
3. Rob Kinney was contacted and asked to contact the Flinchums and invite them to the PICNIC.
4. President Grimal opened a discussion about Life Members. Much discussion was to be had. It was decided to check the bylaws before further investigation.
5. We will visit Lyons VA hospital as a "Rod Run" on October 8, 2013. Thanks to Kieth Marley.
6. It was ordered that Keith Marley be issued a Thank You letter from NJSRA for his photography at our events.
7. Boys night out is to be discussed at our August Club Meeting.
8. August's meeting will be a Pizza Night. The Pizza will come from Joe's in Kenil. (He sponsors our "Rod Run".)
9. The "Rod Run" kick off meeting will be at Portifino's.
10. We discussed the WHEELS OF Time show in Macungie. We will once again set up and run the Valve Cover Track. It will be set up in the Pavilion and we will be allowed to park our cars at the Pavilion. All members attending Macungie are expected to help with the VCT.

**Saturday Breakfast:**

There was a breakfast held at Potbellies in Rockaway on Saturday August 3, 2013. Clarence & Pat Staples, Joe Staples & Linda Bosland, Dan & Sue Burrows, Scotty & Jan Deitz, Tom Harvey and Roland Utter all attended.

**THE UNIVERSAL SOLVENT** *Frank Carey*

We all use solvents. You choose a solvent that is appropriate for your needs - cleaning greasy parts, cleaning a paint brush, etc. You might use kerosene, turpentine, alcohol, paint thinner, or, perish the thought, gasoline. Scientists used to talk about how helpful it would be if there was just one solvent that would dissolve anything - a universal solvent. Sounds cool but what could you keep it in if it also dissolved the bottle! Anyhow, the closest thing I've ever found to a universal solvent was methyl-ethyl-keytone, or MEK. I was at work and needed to remove some masking tape that had dried hard on the floor. This was back in the 1970s. A guy suggested I get some MEK. I got a bottle from our chemical stockroom and it work beautifully. Then one day we all got bulletins announcing that OSHA considers MEK to be dangerous. Anybody who needed MEK had to first attend a class about the dangers of MEK. This was scary and I returned my bottle to the stockroom.

Fast forward a decade or two. I bought a can of carburetor cleaner and discovered how well it cleaned lots of different things. I read the label and learned that it contained a non-trivial amount of MEK. Cool. I observed the warnings about not getting any on my skin. This stuff was so good it made my carbs look new. When I needed another can I discovered that carb cleaner no longer contained MEK. OSHA must have had something to do with that. I then discovered injector cleaner. It had MEK in it. Not a lot, but by this time I'd take anything. It's a small bottle and wasn't cheap. I've never needed it for injectors but use it on just about everything else. The other day I discovered my putty knife had some sticky stuff on it that I couldn't wipe off. Injector cleaner to the rescue. It made the putty knife look new.

I've had this bottle of injector cleaner for a long time and I use it sparingly. I don't know if today's injector cleaner still has MEK or if it went the way of carb cleaner. So if you've got anything with MEK in it - carb cleaner, injector cleaner, or anything else - be very careful in handling and using it and use it sparingly because you may not be able to get another can with the same formulation.

**INTERNET GOODIES** *Frank Carey*

Sixteen years worth of pictures of Paul Erb building his pickup

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qqj1DFTdEnU>

**Events:2013:**

Macungie Rod Run August 23 & 24 2013.  
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