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NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S NOTE / Bryce

Due to some recent reorganization within the club and some changes in officer positions material for our monthly newsletter was either insufficient or unavailable for the past two months. As noted by secretary O'Malley elsewhere in this issue, we're trying to get back on track.

MONTHLY MEETING Bob O'Malley

Roll Call

The President opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken showing nineteen (19) members present sixteen (16) absent and no excusals. President Grimal then led the club in the flag salute, followed by Vice President Tom Harvey calling the roll of deceased members.

Guests

A prospective member was presented to the club by Scotty Dietz, a longtime member. Mr. Pat Amato of Ramsey expressed interest in membership stating his ownership of a 32 Ford. Secretary O'Malley took his information and stated the he would E-Mail the proper paperwork to Mr. Amato on Monday December 2, 2012.

President's Report

President Grimal reported that the remains of two large charcoal grills remain on his property. They will need new barrels at least and asked the floor for guidance on their repair or disposal. Jay Miller offered that he, Joe Staples and Bob O'Malley should check them out as they may be useful to another organization.

The President then touched briefly on the upcoming Charity Rod Run Meeting, turning the details over to member Dan Burrows. Dan stated that the kickoff meeting for the 2013 Charity Rod Run will be at Portofino's on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is located at 5129 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ. This will be a buffet style dinner. The restaurant does not serve liquor but recommends that we bring our own. There will be service and mixers available to us.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer J. Miller stated that he had changed over the banking signature cards with former Treasurer Hank Dahl. He then stated that dues were due at this meeting and that non payment will result in forfeiture of membership along with all rights and privileges. Today's account balances were read and approved by the floor.

Lou Calisibetta moved that we pay all bills, seconded by Skip Cardinal. Motion carried.

Good and welfare

Bob Matthews had arm surgery recently

Vinnie Salvatore's car withstood extreme damage from Hurricane Sandy, his new home was severely damaged also. It appears that insurance will cover the damages to his car. Dan Burrows suggested that we check our policies and assure that we have adequate individual coverage.

Dan Burrows read from an article in the November Street Scene magazine. The article showed the dangers of cell phones near gas pumps. He was instructed by our president to forward the article assuring that it was copied into the newsletter.

Correspondence

The newsletter was discussed. The secretary was offered much help to keep the letter alive and kicking. President Grimal felt it a matter of high importance to continue with the letter; and so it shall.

A letter of appreciation was sent to the club from the Veterans Affairs of Lyons Hospital at Lyons, NJ. They thanked us for bringing our cars to the hospital and showing them to the Vets. Keith Marly was appreciated for the fine job he did setting the event up and coordinating with the Legion Riders.

The Atlantic City Car Show will be March 1 through March 3, 2012.

Committee Reports

Phone Chain: There was a discussion about the Phone Chain. Dan Burrows stated facts supporting it's importance, President Grimal felt the chain was of high importance. After much discussion Dan Burrows said he would get together with Secretary O'Malley to assure the continuance of the phone chain.

By-laws: There was a discussion pertaining to the issue of by-laws being enforced. It was decided that the 2009 copy is indeed the latest issue and what we will adhere to.

Clothing: Dave Castle asked about purchasing a Club Jacket. He was instructed to see Bill Bosland who was unavailable on this evening. Mr. Castle expressed consternation over the fact that the by-laws will call for a fine if he doesn't have a coat or shirt. It would appear the President Grimal settled the affair.

Also Discussed

There was a discussion about the left over shirts from previous Rod Runs. The general consensus being that we sell what we can for what we can, than dispose of the rest.

Dan Burrows stated that he was working on a new meeting place for the club. New information will follow.

50/50

Our prospective member Pat Amato won the 50/50. It was eighteen dollars.

Saturday Breakfast/Rod Runs

Keith Marly offered information on a rod run to the Coast Guard Station at Sandy Hook, NJ.

Lou Calisibetta reminded us of his garage run to his shop in Stillwater NJ. It will be May 18, 2013.

STEERING COMMITTEE *Bob O'Malley*

Attendees: Bob Grimal, Jay Miller, Bill Bosland, Hank Dahl, Charlie Parinello, Bob O'Malley, Clarence Staples, Roland Utter.

December's meeting was discussed. There will be no December meeting, as the "Kick Off Meeting" at Portifino's will suffice. The "Kick Off Meeting" was discussed and all agreed that it was quite successful.

The Secretary is working on a new roster for 2013. He was instructed to include any information about members that would be helpful to other members or the club in general. A member may post any special skills he may have and be willing to share.

The “Wheels of Time” car club mentioned the MASRA in its newsletter. The secretary was asked to check into the organization. *(Some of our - ahem - older members will recall that quite a few years ago NJSRA had connected with MASRA (Mid-Atlantic Street Rod Association). I believe some of our members attended their meetings for a while, but that didn't seem to continue for very long - I don't know why.- Bryce*

President Grimal stated that we will be assigning duties to individual members after the first of the year. The purpose is to increase membership involvement.

Roland spoke about membership forms and acceptance letters. Copies of letters used in the past were given to the secretary to model after. The secretary agreed to update the forms and utilize them.

The secretary is to notify all members whose dues are as yet unpaid that they are in danger of losing their club privileges

Our next meeting and all future meetings will be held at the Rockaway Township American Legion Post 344, at Chestnut Terrace, in Rockaway, NJ.

Purchase of club apparel was discussed, as Dave Castle mentioned at our last meeting that he hadn't been able to purchase a shirt and he is worried about a fine. Bill Bosland said that it would be taken care of and it was agreed that we wouldn't fine Dave on apparel until after his dilemma was ended. Roland Utter suggested that we issue a shirt to a new member upon his or her acceptance to the club. This may solve this problem in the future.

Roland suggested that the club issue membership cards. This not only identifies us but some auto suppliers will offer discounts to members of bona fide car clubs.

Charlie Parinello mentioned the fact that in the past club members were invited to other member's tinkering stations whether they may be at their homes or otherwise. The members would spend some time on a weekend afternoon or a chosen evening, to check out what the owner's mind was creating. Brain storming sessions can be quite helpful. It also allows members to see what equipment each of us has.

Alternative Uses / *Frank Carey*

Most of the metal polishes we all use on our chrome and stainless contain jeweler's rouge. This is an extremely fine abrasive that jeweler's use to polish precious gem stones. It's the main reason that labels on these polishes warn not to use them on plated silver or gold. Silver plating is very thin and the jeweler's rouge could easily cut through it to the underlying brass or other metal.

Now comes the surprise. I was talking to a metal polish vendor at the NSRA Southeast Nationals in Tampa earlier this month and he told me that his polish – and most other brands of polish - are very effective at rubbing out the haze that develops on the plastic covers over the headlights of our daily drivers. He even had a hazy cover there to demonstrate this ability. I was surprised how easily the cover cleared up. And this was just using finger pressure and a rag. A buffing wheel was not needed. I didn't buy this guys product but when I got home I checked my shelf of waxes and polishes and I had some *Satin Gloss* metal polish. And sure enough, the label warned not to use it on silver plating so I knew it had jeweler's rouge in it. I tried it on the well-hazed headlights of our 17 year-old Nissan and the improvement was remarkable.

You may have seen a product in your friendly NAPA store for polishing headlight covers. So now we can all guess what the secret ingredient is. Why buy one of these products when you have a perfectly good product in the garage? Your metal polish.

Vern Tardel / *Frank Carey*

Vern Tardel is one of the better known rod builders and is surely best known for building traditional rods most of which are Fords with flathead engines. Former club member Scott Pearson has provided the following link to a YouTube video tour of Tardel's shop.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsU1ybixGn8>

THE NEW YEAR *Frank Carey*

It's that time of year again. We have a new slate of officers and committee members and winter is upon us. So it's time to think about and plan for the coming season.

First, we need to thank those members who have assumed office. And we need to support them all in any way we can. Somebody once observed that it takes a village to raise a child. There's a corollary in there somewhere that tells us that it takes more than the guys at the head table to make a successful club. The first step is to change thinking and perceptions. That means we all need to stop thinking in terms of "the club" (the club needs to ...) and start thinking of us all together (we need to ...). You are part of this.

Some of our most successful years are remembered as a time when we had a variety of activities throughout the year. We've had foliage tours, winery tours, shows, swap meets, tours to Sunday brunch, shop tours, covered bridge tours, garage runs to member's garages, Group travelling to cruise nights (some out of state), group travel to regional events (e.g. Burlington, York), dinners, picnics, tech nights at meetings, and more. And we once had a nostalgia day when members brought in all kinds of stuff from the early years - pictures, movies, odd ball parts, etc. - and we reminisced about those times. I seriously doubt there was any year when we did all of these things but surely some of you remember many of these. I seriously believe that the vast majority of these events were not organized by the head table. Sometimes a couple of guys would work together to create an event. So if you are looking for a successful year of club activities start looking at one another. Or better, start looking in the mirror. Here's a way to get started. Talk to one of your buddies about doing a club event. Bring a very preliminary idea to a meeting and tell the guys, for example, "*How many of you would be interested in cruising to a Sunday brunch in New Hope, PA, and then poke around in the New Hope shops for a few hours?*" If you get a reasonable response you're on your way. Chose a date, a departure point, plan the route, time the trip, find parking in New Hope village, talk to the restaurant, etc. At the next meeting you should be able to get a firm count. Whether you get 6 couples or 25 couples you'll all have a good time. I use the brunch as an example because we actually did this some years ago and it was well attended. I suppose it might be time to do it again. OK everybody. The ball's in your court!

(step off soapbox now)

For Sale

Arlene Myers would like to sell her late husband Dave's tools.

Hank Dahl has a 350 Chevy engine for sale. It needs a cam.

Charlie Parinello has a Kwick Lift for sale. Red powder coat, extra bridge. No longer needed. \$1000 OBO. Pick up only.

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