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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, spring is almost here. It's so close you can just taste it. This has been one long, cold winter. I don't know about you but I just can't wait to dust off the coupe, fire it up, listen to it breathe, and then attempt to use up a set of tires or two this season.

There are so many neat things happening and in the process of happening that I can assure you of a lot of great, fun times for this club. Our show is on at the airfield and we have selected a recipient. Now it's up to the rest of us to pull it all together. It's never too early to begin searching for donations, so start now.

As to other events in the works, a club comedy night was suggested. No, we're not going to make you stand up and try your best to make us laugh (I can hear the cracks already), we are trying to organize a professional comedy night at a comedy club as a group. This is just one of the ideas that have recently surfaced and I think it's great.

So, in closing, again I ask you to dust off the brain and start thinking about new, different stuff to do this season. Before you know it spring will be here. I'm sure all of you, either individually or as groups, can come up with something creative. All you have to do is try. I look forward to hearing about your suggestions soon. Until then!!!!!!

Enjoy the day,
President Bob

ROD RUN 2001

As Bob mentioned, we have been assured that the aerodrome field will be available. We are still trying to get access to the hangar. The selection of this year's beneficiary was made at the recent steering committee meeting. Grace Ann Haverick of Montville is 6 years old and suffers from a form of cerebral palsy. Her parents, Duane and Donna, have worked hard trying to keep up with mortgage and bills while providing Grace Ann with the tremendous amount of care that she needs, but debt continues to build, and they sorely need a wheelchair accessible van. Perhaps with a nice day, a good turnout, and a little help from our friends, we can make the lives of this little girl and her family a little bit easier.

YORK ROOMS

A limited number of suites (3) are still available at \$225 + tax per night. Contact Eddie Zuchowski or Pete Iozzio if you're interested.

A.C. BUS TRIP

It was reported that the turnout was good, and the bus was mostly filled. Thanks go to Eddie Z. and Pete Iozzio for handling the details.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting is on the 28th, the last day of the month. We expect to have Chuck Wasoski from Grundy Insurance as a guest speaker. Grundy Insurance will apparently be making a donation to our rod run. It will also be a pizza night, so don't eat for a few days before the meeting. For that matter, I've been informed that next month's meeting will also be a pizza night. I'm not making this up, that's what the man said. Special thanks to Steve Mathews for making the pizza arrangements.

AND THANKS TO:

Bill Carver for constructing a fine-looking, sturdy storage case for our t-shirt machine.

GOD'S WILL

A 45-year-old woman who was killed when she walked onto I-55 near Sherman, Ill., in October was revealed to have been a member of a Jehovah's Witness breakaway group that believes they should test their faith (much like snake handlers do) by standing in the middle of traffic. A few days before her fatal demonstration of faith, she had been pulled to safety from the same highway while attempting to proselytize to drivers zooming by. (Springfield State Journal-Register, 10-27-00)

RUMOR HAS IT..

Bill Ford is back among the working schleps.

Bill's cat is feeling much better now, thank you (you hadda be there).

Bob may have to do a little bit more than just "dust off" the coupe (see above).

AILING

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Rudy, Rich Scerbo, and Bruce Penty's mom.

EVENTS

March 4 Albany Autorama Indoor Swap Meet, Hudson Valley Community College, Rt 4, North Greenbush, NY 518 392-9011
 April 22 31st Flea Market & Car Show, Fitchburg Airport, Fitchburg, MA 978 740-2855
 May 5-6 10th Spring Rod & Custom Dust-Off, Rhinebeck, NY 845 976-3554
 June 8-9-10 Goodguys 13th Hot Rod Nationals, Indianapolis Raceway Park 925 838-9876

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From the cover of GOODGUYS Goodtimes magazine this month is this photo of Bob Montalbine's channeled 32 roadster. Standing behind the car are (left to right) builder Randy Bianchi, Bob, and Randy Jr. Photo was taken at Bianchi Corporation in Closter, N.J. Other Bianchi creations are in the background.

MORE RETRO RIDES

Now that Chrysler's PT Cruiser is about as common as the NEW Beetle (I saw three this morning in the space of about 2 miles), we can probably expect to see more nostalgic influences in cars of the near future. Among various makers concept cars being unveiled this year is a new VW microbus. Production plans are uncertain, but if it becomes a reality, the new VW will have front-wheel drive and a modified front end that

meets modern crash standards. (This was probably not important on the old microbus due to top speed of 10 MPH. Paint schemes will no doubt include option of peace symbol or day-glo flowers.)

We reported on Ford's 2002 T-Bird last issue. You should begin to see them on the road by this Summer. This special roadster version is being considered for future editions.

Ford is also studying plans for production of a modern version of the once-radical 1949 Ford. The four-passenger coupe is powered by a 3.9 liter V-8. The highly stylized interior is a modern contrast to the nostalgic exterior.

