



# North Jersey Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a lot of events to get in order - Boy's Night Out, the Food Drive, the Show, Etc. I hope you all will step up and give me a hand. We need all of you to get on board and be involved.  
Bob G.

### MONTHLY MEETING: *Scotty*

#### Roll Call:

None, but 24 members were present, 1 Guest

#### Treasurer's Report from Hank:

Hank listed bills paid.

#### Meeting Discussions:

We had a guest speaker so we ran through club business quickly. We went over the tickets for Atlantic city. Hank will have them at the steering committee meeting. They will be picked up for those who ordered them.

Bob went over the party that Rich Conklin is having. He gave out the details.

We talked about Boy's Night Out. When and would we want to find another location to add to the ones we have.

Vinny was going to check a place out.

Rob went over some of the show items he has gotten started on. He mentioned that we will not be asking the food vender for free food for the members. Also we will have possible candidates at the next Steering Committee meeting. That can add up to over \$400.00 that can be given to our recipient. He will have more details at the next meeting. That ended the regular meeting.

Lou brought his paint rep that he uses at the Old Stillwater Garage. He went over several newer products and equipment that is now being used. It was informative. We want to thank Lou and his rep for putting on the presentation.

#### February Saturday Breakfast:

The usual group, Pat & Clarence, Jan & Bob, Jan & Scotty, & Joe Guerin showed up at the Roxbury Diner in Succasunna for breakfast. A gold star for Joe - he drove his rod. While we were eating Joe pointed out that he doesn't eat slow. He romances his meal! We shot the breeze and then took a picture of his car for the web site.

#### Next Month's Breakfast:

Will be at Adam's Hot Bagels & Grill, 41 Route 46 East, Budd Lake. Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. 9:00am. Don't let the name fool you. They have a large breakfast menu. Plenty of parking in the rear of the building.

**Amazing** :Submitted by Steve Mathews

What is the main ingredient of WD-40 ?

Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40 is? WD-40. Who knew; I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do.... probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open.

Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I'm impressed! WD-40 who knew? 'Water Displacement #40'.

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound.. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you... When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove top ... Viola! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

WD-40 uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly..
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers...
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open..
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.

31. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida 's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
38. The favorite use in the state of New York , WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites.. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

P.S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL.=====

### **The Auction Scene** : *Frank Carey*

I recently attended the Mecum collector car auction in Kissimmee, Florida. I had been told by several rodders that Mecum has had an increasing number of street rods in their auctions and this has been occurring as Barrett-Jackson has been reducing street rods in their televised auctions. Well, it wasn't exactly that way. There were several thousand cars in this auction and it ran for five days. The auctioneer had three minutes with each car. Street rods were a relatively minor part of the whole auction but with so many cars to sell there really was a reasonable selection of rods for a potential buyer to consider. My favorite was a 1938 Ford convertible sedan in the resto-style that elicited a high bid of \$41,000 but which didn't make reserve. I would have liked to know what the reserve was. Another I liked was a 41 Willys coupe that was a glass car but it looked bone stock – all chrome trim, hood ornament, stock bumpers, hood opened from the front (i.e., no tilt nose), no tubs, and with steelies and baby moon hubcaps. And neither nose high gasser style or nose in the weeds as are most today. Loved it!

Most of the cars were well detailed – some extraordinarily so – and therefore very presentable. I was only there for one day but I made some interesting observations. I noticed a trend I had not seen before. There were a number of Chevrolets from 1955 to 1960 that appeared to be full restorations but which upon closer observation were clearly not. An example was a 1960 Impala convertible in factory red that appeared to be completely stock; exquisitely detailed, stock hubcaps on correct size tires, correct interior as best I could determine, all chrome trim including dual rear antennas, etc. It looked like the kind of car that would score 100 points in a judged show. But under the hood was a crate 502 and in the rear was a Ford 9-inch. This car was clearly not built to show off the builder's range of talents for creating a very hairy car or to turn the heads of those preoccupied with performance. No blower through the hood, no tubs, etc. And I had to smile when I realized that some of us get teased for putting Chevy engines in our Fords instead of putting a "Ford-in-a-Ford" and here is a guy putting a Ford rear in his Chevy! (More on this elsewhere).

I was surprised to see that 2-seat T-birds from the 1950s (1955, 1956, 1957) could be had for relatively good prices. Several were well optioned cars that had been very well restored and every one I saw crossing the block went for under \$30,000. I don't think you could touch a Corvette of the same years and condition for twice that.

There was lots of high tech video equipment in evidence such as boom cameras, which made me think this event may have been televised, either live or run at a later date. Or, perhaps, condensed to show the most interesting sales. I should check the TV listings.

**Ford In A Ford ?** : *Frank Carey*

From time to time there will be somebody who finds it odd that I put a Chevrolet engine in my Ford. It seems illogical to them. A Ford car should have a Ford engine. Or so they reason. These questions never bother me and I usually explain that the Chevy engine is shorter, lighter, etc. But the more I hear this the more I think about it and I have finally decided that these guys don't have the historical perspective on our hobby that many of us have.

If you think back to the fifties and the hot rods that were being built, you'll realize that they were virtually all Fords. Mine were. And all kinds of engines were used – Olds, Cadillac, Chrysler, Pontiac, Buick, Lincoln, and, of course, Ford and Chevy. It never occurred to anybody that these old Fords should have only Ford engines. To so suggest would have been absurd. We were interested in power and speed and if we thought we'd get more of each with an Olds, Chrysler, or any other engine then that's what we used. And everybody understood that. Secondary factors were probably availability and cost of engines and relative ease of installation. These factors are probably what's driving engine selection today along with an individual's experience.

So what do I say to these guys who think I should have used a Ford engine? Rather than give them a history lesson, I'll probably continue explaining the merits of the small block Chevy engine.

**Old Car Guys** : *Harold Thompson via Frank Carey*

What happens when Old Car  
Guys get sent to the Rest Home?



**More Grundy:** *Frank Carey*

Back in the November newsletter I reported on some changes at Grundy Insurance. Basically, what I reported was that back in 2005 Grundy was sold to Philadelphia Insurance Companies. Grundy continued to administer the collector car business for Philadelphia Insurance Companies. That ended back in October and those of us who had our business with Grundy will now deal directly with Philadelphia Insurance.

Charley Parinello has recently emailed all members with some new developments in this Grundy matter. Charley's info is being included in the newsletter because it may be of interest to the other clubs that get our newsletter and to our former members who receive the newsletter but aren't on the club's email distribution list. Here's what Charley found out:

Are you currently satisfied with the level of service that you are receiving from your collector car insurance company? If not then Classic Underwriters can definitely be of service to you. Here at Classic Underwriters, we are driven by passion to provide superior insurance coverage and service to car collectors. Moreover, with decades of experience and expertise in insuring collector

cars, the staff at Classic Underwriters (all previous Grundy employees) promises to continue providing its insurers with quality customer service. With a commitment to protect and preserve the classic car hobby, this team of entrepreneurs reached out to United States Liability Insurance (USLI) with a request to continue servicing customers within the collector car program. Moreover, when partnering with USLI, Classic Underwriters wanted to offer something that many insurance companies did not and that is faster service. When electing to choose Classic Underwriters, the staff can generate a policy, in addition to insurance cards within a matter of minutes. Our Business Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 pm

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- Unlimited Mileage
- High Liability Limits
- Optional Towing and Labor
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**Tools: Definition & Use Of** *I printed something like this quite a while ago. This version was forwarded to me by an old friend from New York state. I own most of these tools and can verify that they perform pretty much as described - Bryce*

**DRILL PRESS:**

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:**

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh Sh--!'

**SKIL SAW:**

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:**

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:**

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:**

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:**

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:**

Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:**

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:**

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:**

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:**

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:**

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:**

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:**

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:**

A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:**

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:**

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use. Can also be used to create an excuse to go to the urgent care clinic for stitches on fingers or thumbs.

**SON-OF-A-BITCH TOOL:**

(A personal favorite!) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a BITCH!' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

**Events:2012**

**If you know of an event & would like it listed, please contact me.**

**Boys Night Out.**

**Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 pm**

**Town Tavern Country Inn**

**673 Macopin Road**

**West Milford**

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