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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Grimal wishes everyone a safe and fun summer.

MONTHLY MEETING: *Bob O'Malley*

July's meeting will be Tuesday July 30, 2013

Good and Welfare:

Charlie Parinello is out of the hospital and recuperating.

Saturday Breakfast:

There was a breakfast held at Uncle Buck's Diner in Belvidere, on Saturday, July 6, 2013. It was a very hot morning, but we still had a fairly good turnout. Roland and Nan Utter, Pat and Clarence Staples, Scotty and Janet Dietz, Ray Cauty and Daughter, Joe Staples and Linda Bosland and Joe Guerin attended.

Steering Committee Meeting:

The Committee met at WFD on July 9, 2013. All business concerned the "RodRun".

VEHICLE RECALL BEING CHALLENGED *Frank Carey*

The Associated Press writes: "a defiant Chrysler is refusing to recall about 2.7 million Jeeps the government says are at risk of a fuel tank fire in a rear-end collision." The placement of the tanks behind the rear axle is a design defect, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wrote in a letter to Chrysler on June 3rd.

OK. So can we expect Ford to recall all cars from 1932 to 1948 and later because the gas tank is behind the rear axle? Maybe if you have a Moon tank in front of the grille you're OK. But then you'd be vulnerable in a front-end collision. Was the Model-A safer because the gas tank was behind the dashboard (i.e., in your lap) ?? Or maybe the Model-T was safer with the gas tank under your seat. If not, maybe Ford could install a James Bond ejection seat and roof hatch so if the gas tank under your seat blows. you'll go straight up. I think I'd rather have all of that gas out back as far as it can be placed.

Now... ahem... I should probably refrain from introducing a bias into the news by editorializing on the proper role of government in our lives. So, I'll pass.

INTERNET GOODIES *Frank Carey*

Back to the fifties - http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=GDEn3i6g3qo

ISLAND DRAGWAY REOPENS *Frank Carey*

INDEPENDENCE — Island Dragway in Great Meadows opened its gates for the first time in five months on Friday, July 5, to an unprecedented 900 spectators and drivers.

"Friday night I just wanted to cry" said the dragway's new co-manager, Melissa DeMarcky, of the unexpected turnout. "If it continues this way, we'll be fine." DeMarcky, granddaughter of Island Dragway's original owner Eddie Kowalick, took over managing from her mother after the venue closed due to financial difficulties. The area surrounding the track was damaged due to flooding, she said, counting five instances of flooding in 2012 and eight in 2011. "The track doesn't get damaged, but the burden comes from exterior flooding damage," she said.

In addition to fundraising and donations, DeMarcky said that more than 30 volunteers assisted in fixing landscaping, bleachers and fencing. "I am so thankful to the community," she said. "The town is also behind us 100%, and it's really nice to have their support." DeMarcky said that she is hoping to expand events to include an exhibition, a jet show and a wheel standing show.

A full calendar of events is available on the dragway's website. Future events include those featured on the grand reopening weekend and family nights on Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m.

VSRA /*Bryce*

Last month Frank wrote about the Vintage Street Rodders of America and their up-coming "Thunder Road Rod Run" scheduled for September 27-28 in Grey, Tennessee. Drew Hierwarter, a "motor-head" buddy of mine going back to high-school days, sent me the e-mail message below:

I noticed that part (in your newsletter) about the VSRA and the Thunder Road Rod Run. I'm a charter member of the VSRA and we live within just a few miles of the fairground where the Thunder Road event is held. We never miss this event. It's a nice, friendly, intimate show and should not be missed.

So here's the deal, we have a guest room that we will make available to any member of the NJSRA that wants to attend this event. And we have a fold out sofa bed in the living room that could be used too! We also have plenty of paved parking for your hot rods. The only caveat is that you must be okay with cats, we have four of 'em!

So come on down to East Tennessee and fill our house with street rodders!

Drew has been a photojournalist in the motor sports field for years. His website can be accessed at:

<http://www.motorsportsphoto.com/>

Here are links to his photos of last year's show:

<http://public.fotki.com/2002p51/showin/vsra-thunder-road-r-2/>

<http://public.fotki.com/2002p51/showin/vsra-thunder-road-r-3/>

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PETERSEN MUSEUM *Frank Carey*

All hot rodders likely know about the Petersen museum in Los Angeles and many of us have visited it. But changes are in the wind.

When businessman and car collector Peter Mullin recently took the reins of the Petersen Automotive Museum, many saw a change in that museum's direction on the horizon. As the *Los Angeles Times* reported, that change has already begun to affect the very heart of the museum, namely the vehicles held within its collection, as about a third of the vehicles have been sold or put up for sale.

In a formal statement, Executive Director Terry Karges writes, "We are in the planning stages for a total transformation of our museum and an expansion of our mission. Our founder Robert E. Petersen's vision of a museum that encapsulates Southern California car culture will be preserved and protected as a destination not just for car lovers but for all people interested in the art, design and history of the automobile."

Events:2013:

July 21, 2013 White Meadow Lake Day Parade.

August 10, 2013 VETS Summer Fest @ Vasa Park in Budd Lake, NJ.
For more information contact Bob O'Malley

August 23-25 Wheels of Time S.R.A. Rod & Custom Jamboree – Macungie Memorial Park

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