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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE / *Tom Harvey*

Wow, what an old fashioned winter. It seems like its never going away. I know it's hard to believe, but it won't be long and we will be driving our rods in the warm summer air! I thank you all for the opportunity of heading our club. I think we are off to a good start. We got our entire Corporation, licensing and insurance together at February's meeting. Now we can concentrate on our Father's Day Show and other activities for the season. As I read our history on our website it really makes me proud to be part of NJSRA. I think everyone should read and digest this information, it really sums up all we have done and what we stand for. Let's keep that information in mind as we go forward with our events this season. Most important we have to make it Fun! Thanks for your efforts, Tom.

MONTHLY MEETING:

I have no reporting of meeting details or club news – Bryce

ROD & CUSTOM SCAM *Frank Carey*

No, Rod & Custom magazine is not scamming anybody. But the scam touches them, unfortunately. I narrowly missed being scammed so I'll tell my story.

I was away for a few days with my son and granddaughter when my wife got a call about my Rod & Custom subscription. The caller said that I had sent in a renewal card for a limited offer to get Rod & Custom for three years at a bargain rate but that I had forgotten to enclose payment. But because there was still one more day for this offer to run they would take a credit card number over the phone and I could get the good deal. My wife put the call on hold, called me, told me the story, and asked if I wanted her to give them a credit card number. I didn't remember this particular offer but it sounded like something I would be interested in and forgetting to enclose payment sounded like me, too. So I had her do it. The caller told her they would mail a receipt and also gave her a customer service phone number in case I had any questions when I got home.

About five minutes later it occurred to me that this might have been a scam to get my credit card number. She had developed the same suspicion as had I. So she went and got one of my Rod & Custom magazines and found that the customer service number in the magazine was different from the one given to her over the phone. So she called the number found in the magazine. The Rod & Custom staffer told her several things:

1. They never call their subscribers for any reason
2. Rod & Custom is aware that their subscribers are being contacted about R&C subscriptions
3. They strongly recommended that she call her credit card provider immediately.

So she did because it was now apparent that this was indeed a scam. After the credit card guy verified that she really was who she claimed to be, he checked the account and found no charges in the past several

days. So the fraudster wasn't fast enough in using or selling my card info. I was lucky. The credit card guy froze the account and promised to send us new cards. All of this occurred in less than an hour after she had provided the credit card number.

Then, at 7:00 that evening, she got a call from "Subscriptions" asking for me. She explained that I wasn't there. The caller was indignant and stated that they knew I was there because they had talked to me earlier about my subscription and that there was a problem with my credit card info. I won't relate all of the things my wife said to the caller before hanging up on the call. And I am surely not the first person nor the last person targeted by this scam. We don't know how the fraudster learned that I was a subscriber or how they discovered my address and phone number. I have saved every R&C issue I've ever received so dumpster diving for mailing labels would not yield this info.

New cards arrived the next day. Very good service, indeed.

OLD SCHOOL *Frank Carey*

OK,... so what is old school? Well, it depends on who you ask. For some guys it might be a bubble-top 409. For others it might be a chopped shoebox with an early Cad. For others it might be a 59AB flathead in an early Ford (the earlier the better).

Well, I'm here to announce that the term "old school" has just been redefined by none other than Pete VanInderstine, the driving force behind the founding of our club 45 years ago. Pete has created yet another 1932 Ford. Before you look at the pictures and conclude that this is just another flathead roadster, bear with me while I tell you what's going on here.

Notice that the radiator connections to the engine are at the front of the heads rather than at the center like a 59AB. But don't think this is the later '49 - '53 8BA flathead which has the hoses connected up front. This is the very early flathead that had the water pumps up top. This configuration was used by Ford from 1932 when the V8 was introduced through to 1936. And the cylinder heads during these years had 21 studs rather than the 24 studs used on the 59AB and the later 8BA. Many of you have surely never seen one of these and some may have never heard of them. Pete's engine is a 1933. He drew upon his



many years of collecting and hoarding of rare parts to complete the engine. The intake manifold is a very early Edelbrock "sling-shot" that had been made in the 1930s. He had two ignitions to choose from. He had a Dynamag magneto that ran on an old stock car that had once competed at the old Dover Speedway and he also had a Kong dual coil ignition that had also run on an old stock car. Anything made by Kong Jackson is ultra-rare. *(If you know former member Paul Feldmann, ask him about the time he talked to Kong Jackson on the phone; a great story.)* Pete was going to use the Kong ignition but eventually decided to use the magneto instead. Finding 21-stud finned aluminum heads was a challenge. Pete somehow learned that back in the 1930s there were only two manufacturers, Cyclone and Eddie Meyer. He was eventually able to obtain a pair from a very limited repop run by a private collector. Since these pictures were taken Pete has replaced the alternator with a 1932 generator converted to 12 volts.



Other things on the car include a front axle that he had a guy drop while he went to lunch. And he made his own mufflers from drive shafts and finally got to use his Pines Winter Front in the grille. This was an after-market accessory item in which the vertical fins could be closed to restrict air flow in cold weather so the engine would warm up more quickly. These are exceedingly rare and when they come on the market they go for thousands of dollars. Pete bought it many years ago at Hershey - for peanuts. Wheels are 1935, Ford's last year of wire wheels and their first year of 16-inch wheels. Amazingly, Pete is still running the

mechanical brakes. He is using "floaters" on the front shoes, something I have never heard of, and he says braking is now as good as on his '40 pickup. Maybe that's not saying much but we all used '40 brakes for years and those of us who have had both know that '40 hydraulic brakes are far better than the original mechanical brakes.

So this month's lesson is now complete. You should all now properly understand "Old School". And there will be a test at the next meeting.



INTERNET STUFF *Frank Carey*

garage breakins:

<http://suretycam.com/how-to-prevent-garage-door-break-ins>

Russian dash cameras:

http://www.youtube.com/embed/5RAaW_1FzYg?autoplay=1&modestbranding=1&rel=0&showinfo=0

(For any of you as tech-impaired as I am, right click on the blue line and left-click "open hyperlink" – Bryce)

INTERNET (and e-mail) STUFF : *Bryce*

Biggest Car Show In The World *Forwarded by Dan B*

Largest old car show in America . Only rules are all cars must have been built before 1964 and no Mustangs allowed. If you love old cars this is worth a watch:

[Over The Edge: Back to the Fifties](#)

The \$383.00 Paint Job

49 Cadillac, Completely Covered With 38,295 Pennies! Pennies Were Adhered One By One Using Silicone, They Added Over 200 Pounds To The Weight, The Entire Project Took 6 weeks, Pennies are American, and include 1817 "Big Cent", Two Error Pennies And Four 1943 Steel Pennies



The dog thinks it might be time for Grandma to consider hangin' up the car keys



Yes or No?



Ah, The “Good Old Days” – nothing like the present. Then again...



Could have used something like this – Check out the front “wheels”.



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No reporting

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