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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank Robbie for the effort he put in setting up the food drive, and all the gals and guys that showed up. It was a good turnout and a successful day.

Rob has started planning the show for next year. Let's stand behind him and give him all the help he needs. I want to thank Charlie for his work on the website. I got nice compliments from a couple of people at our food drive.

Bob G.

Monthly Meeting: *Scotty*

Call to Order,
Pledge,
Moment of Silence
Roll Call: (28) Members,

Treasurer's Report from Hank:

Hank reported on bills paid.

Meeting Discussions

Bob brought up the subject of tech nights at the meetings. The members were asked to come up with ideas and suggestions.

We spent some time on the car show . After quite a bit of discussion, Rob Morris stepped up and took the job as Chairman. Danny made a motion that we have the show for the next two years (2012,&2013). It was seconded by Paul. Voted on and passed.

Next item was the upcoming food drive. We got a count of who would try to make it, and went over some details.

We had a visit from a long time member that had quite a few thoughts on how we should have our meetings. Not sure, but he may be bringing pizza to all the meetings. Things got a little out of hand and a couple of items were not covered.

Your Dues are due by the end of December. Remember we have a surcharge of \$25.00 if not paid on time.

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This month's winner was Joe Luongo. He gave back his winnings to go towards the pizza. Thanks, Joe, from the guys.

Saturday Breakfast

We postponed our monthly breakfast for a week due to the aftermath of the freak storm. We got together Saturday the 12th, at the Pilgrim diner in Cedar Grove.. We had the usual attendees. Pat & Clarence, Jan & Scotty, Bob G., Joe Guerin, Vinny, and Hank. The last two complained about the long 4 minute ride they had to make. Remember guys, next month is at the Hampton Diner.

This year, like last year, we are planning to caravan to the Festival of Trees in Chester after breakfast. This indoor event is put on every year by Senior Resource Center and is quite a show. There will be over 60 decorated & lighted trees for you to enjoy. Santa will be there for the kids, Old & Young. Several members went last year and had a good time.

Steering Committee Meeting: /Scotty

Attendees: Bob Grimal, Pete Iozzio, Scotty Dietz, Hank Dahl, Danny Burrows, Randy Stacy, Joe Staples, Steve Mathews, Roland Utter, & Rob Morris

We started off over the Food Drive. (See the Pres. message).

Next item was the Holiday party. We set up the menu and went over the details. The party will be Dec 10th. Starting at 7:00 PM, at the Little Food Café. We will have live music for you to enjoy. The bar will be a BRING YOUR OWN. There will be coolers for beer etc. We decided to ask each person attending to contribute \$5.00 as a gratuity for the workers. Remember this Café is usually open Saturday night and we are getting it free.

VERY IMPORTANT. Let Pete know if you are going to attend A.S.A.P.

Next item, Robbie went over some items he is working on for the show. He has already started things in motion. This is his first shot at running our show and he will expect your help.

Lou has come up with a tech night on painting tentatively set for our January meeting. More details will follow.

Last item was that the dues are now due, and there should be a notice in the newsletter.

GRUNDY STREET ROD INSURANCE *Frank Carey*

It has always seemed to me that Grundy is by far the largest insurer of street rods. So I was surprised to hear rumors that Grundy is no longer accepting new customers. As you might expect, it didn't take long for the Internet to spread this tidbit and almost immediately an explanation was posted by an affected rodder. Here's what he had to say:

If you have Grundy Worldwide you should have received a postcard from them about a week or so ago. Philadelphia Insurance Companies ("PHLY") acquired Grundy Worldwide in 2005 and has partnered with Jim Grundy and his staff to administer our Collector Car insurance program. It goes on to say that "while we appreciate Jim's work on our behalf, effective October 20, 2011, you will now work directly with PHLY for all your Collector Car insurance needs". Here's the customer service number if you want to call and find out what the change means: 877.438.7459

I haven't called but if you do call, let us all know at the meeting what you learn.

THE NSRA SEASON ENDS *Frank Carey*

The NSRA Nationals Southeast in Tampa ends the NSRA season and was held over the October 15th/16th weekend. None of our New Jersey members attended this year but several of our Florida alumnae did. They were Steve Heller, Don Pearson, Scott Pearson, Ed Nelson, and me. Scott Pearson's son Scotty also attended and is very much a rodder himself.

Attendance was 1389. NSRA said it was up from last year so you can see it is one of the smallest NSRA regional events. When Tampa was started about 20 years ago attendance was around 1500 and changed little until about five years ago when it began to decline. NSRA raised the Tampa cutoff date before the other national events were changed. I think they did this as a test to see what would happen. It upped attendance by several hundred but it has been declining ever since.

Vendor participation has also been declining and reached an all-time low this year. There were no outside vendors at all. Outside vendors in previous years have included some of the big guys. I specifically remember Lokar and Chevrolet Performance. The Chevy guys always had their big ticket crate big block on a test stand and they would fire it up every hour. So, no outside vendors this year. The exhibit hall is not huge but was fully occupied. But many vendors were unrelated to cars in general and street rods in particular. There were purveyors of jewelry, financial services, massage (no, not that kind!), three different arthritis remedy booths, and a guy selling flag poles. I suppose the arthritis remedies might actually be relevant to the attendees. Woman's world was almost nonexistent - just a few small outside booths near the awards circle.

But the weekend weather was great. And these events are when we alumnae get together. NSRA assured us they would be back next year and I'm sure we'll all return.

LANDSIDE LOCATION *Frank Carey*

We have a winner. The location of the landslide (really a mountain slide) picture that was in last month's newsletter was identified by Steve Matthews as having occurred in Keelung, Taiwan, after several days of heavy rain, burying three cars, and their passengers. The date is unknown.

SO, HOW'S YOUR DAY GOING? *Frank Carey*

I wouldn't want to be the guy in the red sports car.



HOT ROD ORTHODONTICS OFFICE *Frank Carey*

A rodder in Arkansas happens to be a dentist by profession. So when it came time to build a new facility for his practice he wanted to incorporate a fifties theme into the facility. Here's how he described it:

"Being the 50's/60's car nut I am, I also get a kick out of the architecture and just the whole look of the time as well. Not wanting to build your average taupe brick building, I wanted something that had more the look of a 50's era diner/drive-in/gas station sorta thing. I talked with the architect about that and I think they jumped inside my head and knocked it out of the park."



HEALTH INFORMATION *Frank Carey*

You club leadership is always on the lookout for consumer information that relates to the well-being of the membership. Accordingly, the following advice is offered.

- When you drink Vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure,
- When you drink Rum over ice, it can give you liver failure,
- When you drink Whiskey over ice, it can give you heart problems,
- When you drink Gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.

Apparently, ice is really bad for you.

Warn all your friends

Events: 2011 /*Scotty*

If you know of an event & would like it listed, please contact me scottydietz@comcast.net. I will post any show, cruise or event that I am given. For those items not given to me go to the web site below.

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www.njcarshow.com

Events:2011

December 3rd
Monthly Breakfast
Hampton Diner
Rt.206 N.
Hampton, N.J.

2012
AutoMania
Allentown
Jan 20-22

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