



North Jersey Street Rod Association

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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Grimal has brought up the subject of an award for individual club participation. Perhaps we could award a plaque for 25 years. He is also interested in more club functions such as rod runs and boys night out.

NJSRA CLUB NEWS, MEETING & EVENT REPORTS / Bob O'Malley

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August's meeting had poor attendance. The topics of discussion revolved around new membership, committee heads, president's awards and ways to invigorate the club's membership into stronger participation. It was a Pizza night. The nine members present were almost outnumbered by the pizza order. The next meeting, September 24th at Wharton Fire Department, is a very important meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

Roll Call: Nine members present.

Treasurer's Report from Jay: The treasurer's report was read by Jay Miller and accepted.

Meeting Discussions:

How to increase membership? Do we raise the age limit on vehicles to any unit over 25? Do we change the club's name to include muscle cars?

Committee heads are needed for the 2014 "RODRUN".

Should we award a plaque or a gift to long term members?

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee met at Wharton Fire Dept on August 28, 2013. The following topics were discussed:

President Grimal expressed his feelings on longevity awards.

The "FAMILY PICNIC" date has been finalized. It will be at Horseshoe Lake on September 15, from noon till 4:00 PM.

We will visit Lyons VA hospital as a "Rod Run" on October 8, 2013. Thanks to Keith Marley.

It was ordered that Keith Marley be issued a Thank You letter from NJSRA for his photography at our events.

Boys night out is to be discussed at our September Club Meeting.

The "Rod Run" kick off meeting will be at Portifino's.

Saturday Breakfast

There was a breakfast held at The Belvidere Diner on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Clarence & Pat Staples, Joe Staples & Linda Bosland, Dan & Sue Burrows, Scotty & Jan Deitz, Ray Cauty along with his wife Julie and daughter Shanna, Bob & Sue O'Malley and Roland Utter all attended. Joe brought his 29"A" Clarence his 29"A", Linda her 31 "A", Dan, his 32 Roadster and Bob's 56 Chevy. Our President, Mr. Grimal, showed but was slightly late.

Macungie Rod Run

Dan Burrows, Jay Miller, Joe Staples, Clarence Staples and Bob O'Malley attended along with their wives or significant others. Each of the members brought their cars. The Valve Cover race was Saturday and was run by the members with cars plus Scotty who arrived Saturday. The girls worked the booth as well as the guys. The racers appeared to have a great time. We were treated to our own parking area for our show cars and access to the Pavilion for our personal use as well as the VC Race. We supplied the Wheels of Time with pizza and they reciprocated with a fine lunch. Bob, Jay and Clarence discovered the VFW post near gate two but that's another story.

Lyons VA Run

On Sunday, September 8, 2013 we once again made a visit to the Lyons VA hospital. There are few times when you and your Hot Rod are so enthusiastically greeted. Dan and Linda Burrows had their 32 Roadster; Jay Miller brought his 35 Ford pickup and his lady Sharon. Clarence and Pat Staples had their 29 "A", Joe Staples had his 29"A", Linda Bosland brought her 31 "A" and Bob and Sue O'Malley attended along with their 56 Chevy Sedan Delivery. A thank you goes out to former member Keith Marley for his participation as coordinator and photographer.

Family Picnic

Was held Sunday September 14 at Horse Shoe Lake. It was a beautiful day with good food, camaraderie and a showing of about 24 people. We were prepared for 40. Member attendees, Dan Burrows, Hank Dahl, Scotty Dietz, Paul Erb, Bob Grimal, Rob Kinney, Steve Matthews, Clarence and Joe Staples, Bob O'Malley and Roland Utter. Of course, the attendees included wives, significant others and family.

INTERNET GOODIES *Frank Carey*

Australian hot rod races <http://www.speedhunters.com/2013/09/pendine-pounders-speed-trials-on-sand/>

Old lady still drives '57 Chev she bought new
<https://youtube.googleapis.com/v/QwcRG2aEi3s>

THE ED NELSON REPORT *Frank Carey*

Ed Nelson was a member of our club back in the 1980s. When he was in the club he had a rodded 1933 Hudson Terraplane, a rather rare car. He moved away years ago. He's had many rods and other special interest cars since those days but is still an avid street rodder today. He recently relocated to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Former members Don and Scott Pearson and I see him occasionally at area events.

Earlier this month Don and I went up to see Ed on the same day as the large cruise held in downtown New Smyrna Beach. Ed has a large commercial building in town where he keeps his cars and we met there in the morning. The first car I spotted as I entered is probably his favorite and he's had it for over a dozen years. It's an all steel chopped '34 5-window coupe with enough 1933 components to confuse an entry level street rodder. It has a small block Chevy, automatic, and a rear on parallel leafs; nothing exotic but a good driver.



His other rod is a '36 Ford roadster with an interesting history. It was built in 1962 by a guy who had just gotten out of the navy. He put in a Chevy 265 cu. inch small block mated to the stock trans and rear. He then made numerous body changes as you can see. From this picture it may not be obvious that it's a '36 Ford roadster but the windshield posts give it away. The grille is '37 LaSalle, a very popular item used years ago in customizing early fat Fords. The headlights are the stock '36 buckets that he cut into the fenders. The reshaped rear fender opening were added without cutting the original bead and Ed is considering cutting them back to the original opening. The builder also sealed the rumble seat similarly so it could be re-opened without too much difficulty. Ed didn't say if he plans to do that. That's Ed standing and Don kneeling. The original builder kept the car until he was 91 years old! (Ninety-one); Ed recently bought it from him.



After checking out Ed's cars we had lunch and soon went into town for the cruise. It's a monthly cruise that I recommend to any of you who might find yourselves in The New Smyrna Beach area on the second Saturday of the month. And, of course, in Florida we cruise all year round. Cackle, cackle...

NEBRASKA CHEVY STASH TO BE AUCTIONED / Bryce

In a combination "Barn Find" and "Field Find" nearly 500 cars from the '50's, '60's and '70's are being brought together for an auction later this month. The cars are sort of a "401K" plan for Ray Lambrecht, a Chevy dealer for 50 years, retiring in 1996. Ray bought his inventory outright from Chevrolet, and rather than liquidate unsold cars at a loss he just stashed them, aware that at some point most would be worth more than the sticker price displayed on the lot. Some of the best ones were kept in a warehouse, others in various lots – eventually ending up in an overgrown farm field.

About 50 of the cars were never sold or titled and have less than 20 miles on their odometers. There's a '58 Cameo pickup with 1.3 miles, a '64 Impala with 4 and a '78 Corvette – Indy Pace Car – also with 4 miles. The "field" cars and to some extent the cars stored inside are in the condition one would expect considering the years in their respective environments, but there are no plans to clean them up – they'll be auctioned "as is". The town of Pierce, Nebraska is bracing itself for an anticipated crowd of up to 10,000 bidders and spectators – about 5 times it's population.



'63 Impala from Lambrecht Stash



'63 Corvair Greenbriar van



'78 'Vette- Indy Pace Car

EVENT CALENDAR**September**

- 19/22** Boardwalk Classic Car Show & Auction. Wildwood, NJ. Car show on the boardwalk, auction in the Wildwoods Convention Center. Info: Gary (609)522-4546.
- 22** Natural Glass Corvette Association 38th Annual Charitable Open Car Show. Konner Chevrolet – 950 Bloomfield Ave, West Caldwell, NJ. Info: Rich at (973)731-8310 or Jeff at (973) 223-0029.
- 22** The Mid Town Edison Little league will host a fund raiser car show on September 22, 2013. For further information contact club secretary, Bob O'Malley.

October

- 6** Wantage Township 6th Annual Veterans Memorial Car, Truck & Bike Show. Woodbourne Veterans Memorial Park, 145 Sherman Ridge Road, Wantage, NJ. info: Chris at (973) 352-9203.
- 20** Island Dragway Fall Nostalgia Classic with NETO, ECNSSA & East Coast Gassers. Gates open at 10AM. (908) 637-6060.

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