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\$1.50 Cheap!

Christmas Party Plans Set

Leave your calendar open on Sunday, December 19th, the date for this years MSSRA Christmas party. Many locations were considered at the last two meetings, but the best choice was a buffet dinner at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage. Thanks to Bill Crawford, a Petroleum Club member, for making this possible.

On the menu will be Halibut Olympia, carved prime rib with ajus, rice pilaf, salad, and of course, vegetables of some sort. All this topped off with strawberry short cake.

Yum! Yum! Now for the best part. All this for only \$18 including gratuity!

No Christmas party would be complete without our ever popular Chinese Auction. Here's how it's played. Everyone attending the party brings a wrapped gift valued about \$15.00. Numbers are drawn with number one going to the tree and picking a gift, opens it, and show it to everyone. Number two has a choice of the open gift or going to the tree for an unopened gift. Then number three and so. There is a limit of three times a gift

can be traded.

The Petroleum Club is located on the ground floor of Calais Building, 3330 C Street. For those of you who have been around a few years, this is the former location of Clinkendaggers, Biggerstaff, & Pitts.

Festivities start at 6 PM with dinner planned for 6:30 PM followed by the Chinese Auction. Remember, if you don't bring a gift, you don't get to play.

Sneaky NTSB

The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with the U.S. auto maker for the past five years, whereby the auto makers were installing black boxes in four-wheel drive pick-up trucks in an effort to determine, in fatal accidents, the circumstances in the

last 15 seconds before the crash.

They were surprised to find in 49 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of fatal crashes were, "Oh, S*#!!" Only the state of Texas was different, where 89.3 percent of the final words were: "Hold my beer and watch this!"

Y2K Car Show Cancelled

"There are no brave un-burned-out souls left to volunteer to take the steering wheel," read the front page of October issue of *Arctic Crusier*, the official newsletter of Fairbanks's Arctic Wheels car club. Without a leader, the club leadership had no choice but to cancel the annual car show.

Next Meeting

Tuesday

November 23, 7 PM

at

Warning Lites of Alaska

591 W. 67th off Arctic

always the 4th Tuesday

Election night

The Death of Plymouth

Daimler-Chrysler announced they will be merging Chrysler and Plymouth, into a single, stand-alone Chrysler brand, eliminating the Plymouth nameplate by end of the 2001 model year.

"We will ensure that the Chrysler brand provides a full array of affordable models, while maintaining and further developing the high level of quality you expect from a Chrysler vehicle," said Martin R. Levine, Vice President, Chrysler-Plymouth and Jeep Division. "For example, our popular

Voyager minivans will continue to be offered in several trim levels, while now wearing the Chrysler badge."

Chrysler started out building luxury cars and needed an inexpensive model to compete with Ford and Chevrolet. The first Plymouth rolled off the assembly line in 1928.

Makes you wonder if *Christine* will seek revenge. Christine was the 1958 Plymouth Fury in Stephen Kings' horror film by the same name.

Something to do

- Nov 23 Election Night
- Dec 19 Christmas Party
- Feb 13 Fur Rondy Parade contact Neil Noll, 248-6009
- Feb 13-14 Antique Auto Musers Car Show Alaska Sales & Service
an Antique Auto Musers event
- Feb 13-14 Antique Machinery Show, A&M RV on 5th Ave
an Antique Engine & Power Club event
- Feb 13-14 Fur Rondy Grand Prix
- Feb 21-22 Fur Rondy Corvette Car Show at Alaska Sales & Service
an Anchorage Corvette Association event
- Mar 17 Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- Apr 28-30 Alaska Custom Car, Cycle, & Boat Show
a Performance Promotions event - 566-2346
- Apr 29-May 1 Arctic Wheels Car Show, Carlson Center, Fairbanks,
an Anchorage Car Club event
Cancelled
Contact Wayne Campbell, 459-4073 or Sue Hupprich, 456-4839
- May 7-8 Mayday Mayday
a Rally Productions event call 243-2122
- Jun 4-5 Fronna Snelson Memorial Hot Rod Reunion, Niski Airport
Show & Shine & 1/8th Mile Drags
a Performance Promotions event - 566-2346
- Aug 7 21st Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine

Lower 48 events

- Jan 6-9 51st Annual Grand National Roadster Show of Oakland
at the Cow Palace in Oakland. Show Promotions,
2509 Fulton Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821 916 487-3394
- Jan 16 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
- Feb 17-20 2nd Annual Portland Rod & Custom Show, Portland Expo Center
- Feb 3-6 NHRA 40th Annual WINTER NATIONALS, Pomona CA
- Mar 5 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
- Mar 9-12 Seattle Roadster Show, Seattle Exhibition Center
- Apr 4-9 Portland Swap Meet, Portland, OR 503 684-3391
- Apr 16 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
- Apr 27-30 Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway
- Jun 4 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
- Jun 16-18 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
www.msra.com
- Jun 22-24 St. Ignace Car Show, St Ignace, MI
www.stignance.com
- Jul 7-9 Rockn' Roll Daze, Western Montana Fairgrounds, Missoula Montana
1 888 501-ROCK or www.rocknrolldaze.com
- Jul 4-16 Goodguys Northwest Nationals, Puyallup, WA
- Jul 16 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
- Jul 28-30 NHRA 13th Annual PROLONG SUPER LUBRICANTS
NORTHWEST NATIONALS, Seattle, WA
- Jul 31-Aug 6 Hot August Nights, Rock-n-Roll and Classic Cars, Reno, NV
www.nevadonet.com/hotaugustnights/
- Aug 3-6 31st Annual NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Louisville, Kentucky
- Aug 12-18 Speedweek, Bonneville Salt Flats, UT

Fact is stranger than truth

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific.

When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage.

If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

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New Jersey Proposal Could Benefit Hot Rodders

From the November edition of *Driving Force*, SEMA's Newsletter

Encouraged by New Jersey enthusiasts and SEMA, the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles could finalize a proposal to create a new classification of vehicles. "Low Utilization Modified Performance Vehicles" of model years 1981 and later would be spared the rigors of the enhanced inspection program-including dynamometer testing-and would instead take a 2,500 rpm idle emission test. Modified performance vehicles could only be driven a total of 10,000 miles during a 2-year period. In addition, the performance modifications must comply with all of the state's anti-tampering requirements.

This past summer, Council of Vehicle

Associations/ Classic Vehicle Advocate Group President, Butch DeZuzio commented on the problems performance modified vehicles have experienced in New Jersey: "Many [modified] cars can pass tailpipe emissions tests, but are failed solely because there is an emissions-legal modification or add-on device present. Some of these modifications actually improve emissions resulting in a cleaner running vehicle."

SEMA Director of State Government Relations Steve McDonald agreed. "Over the years, SEMA has engaged in a cooperative effort with the U.S. EPA, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and aftermarket parts

parts manufacturers to ensure that emissions-related performance products are designed and manufactured to not adversely effect vehicle emissions. Accordingly, we appreciate the DMV's recognition of the legal use of these parts on 'modified performance' and other classes of vehicles and their willingness to protect these cars with a more appropriate emissions test."

New Jersey hobbyists, including the COVA/CVAG, have long and tirelessly championed creating this new modified performance designation and are cautiously optimistic about its potential effect.

How Observant are you?

Write down your answers to check 'em on page 4.

1. On a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or bottom?
2. How many states are there?
3. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
4. What 6 colors are on the classic Campbell's soup label?
5. What 2 letters don't appear on the telephone dial?
6. What 2 numbers on the telephone dial don't have letters by them?
7. When you walk does your left arm swing w/ your right or left leg?
8. How many matches are in a standard pack?
9. On our flag, is the top stripe red or white?
10. What is the lowest number on the FM dial?
11. Which way does water go down

the drain, clockwise or counter-clockwise?

12. Which way does a "no smoking" sign's slash run?
13. How many channels on a VHF TV dial?
14. Which side of a woman's blouse are the buttons on?
15. On a NY license plate, is New York on the top or bottom?
16. Which way do fans rotate?
17. Whose face is on a dime?
18. How many sides does a stop sign have?
19. Do books have even number pages on the right or left side?
20. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
21. How many sides are there on a standard pencil?
22. Sleepy, Happy, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc. Who's missing?

23. How many hot dog buns are in a standard package?

25. On which card is the card maker's trademark?
26. On which side of a venetian blind is the cord that adjusts the opening between the slats?
27. On the back of a \$1 bill, what is in the center?
28. There are 12 buttons on a touch tone phone. What 2 symbols bear no digits?
29. How many curves are in a standard paper clip?
30. Does a merry-go-round turn clockwise or counter-clockwise?

Deep Thoughts

Never raise your hands to your kids. It leaves your groin unprotected.

Scrapes Over Scrappage: Shelby Club of Northern Illinois

By Erin Mulholland

From the November edition of *Driving Force*, SEMA's Newsletter

Settled in a typical American suburb 45 miles from the Chicago city center, the Shelby Club of Northern Illinois will celebrate 30 years as a club next year. Club President Tom Dillon anticipates celebrating the club's longevity come 2000; however, celebration plans are on hold to address an even more looming event: an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) draft initiative designated to scrap older vehicles. Dillon, along with 45 other club members, was shocked to learn of the proposed draft initiative from the SAN. "Since the time SEMA Action Network Director Brian Caudill gave me the heads up this past June...we've been busy passing the word to car enthusiasts here in Illinois. The EPA's goal is to remove gross polluters from the road, but that puts about every kind of vintage car, including muscle cars and every other classic or antique car, in jeopardy," said Dillon.

After the alert, the club forwarded news of the IEPA draft in mailings to local enthusiasts and car show veterans promoting their annual fall car show. The club also made information available at the show itself. Additionally, Dillon called the scrappage initiative to the attention of local state lawmakers-which turned out to be the first contact that local and state officials had with the new IEPA efforts to eliminate old cars from Illinois streets.

Apparently, the IEPA is offering cash for old vehicles to be voluntarily turned in for destruction. The concern Dillon has is that with a scrappage program in place, sources for hard to find parts will dry up, making restoration of vintage vehicles next to impossible. "This would pretty much eliminate vehicle restorations impacting project cars for generations of car enthusiasts to come." Not surprisingly, the IEPA has not returned any of Dillon's calls.

In addition to its anti-scrappage endeavors, the Shelby Club holds two free-admission car shows each year. From time to time, they hold 50/50 raffles to benefit local charities at the shows, which are held at Breedmann Ford in Glenview every fall, and at Friendly Ford in Roselle every spring. These intimate gatherings are open to all Ford vehicles, as is the club itself.

Although the namesake of the club is the classic Shelby, the open door policy is extended to any Ford vehicle owner, regardless of model, year or condition. "Most of our members own mid 1970 to mid 1980 vehicles, although that is not the rule. There is a real mix," said Dillon, whose ongoing project vehicle is a 1969 Torino.

Darwin Awards

Darwin Awards are given annually (and posthumously) to those individuals who did the most for the human gene pool by removing themselves from it.

CATCH - A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. Big deal you may say, but there's a twist here that makes him a candidate. It seems he and a friend were playing catch with a rattlesnake. You can guess what happened from here. The friend (a future Darwin Awards candidate) was hospitalized.

Answers from Page 3

1. Bottom
2. 50
3. Right
4. Blue, red, white, yellow, black, and gold
5. Q, Z
6. 1, 0
7. Left
8. 20
9. Red
10. 88
11. Counter-clockwise (unless you happen to be south of the equator)
12. Towards the bottom right
13. 12 (no #1)
14. Right
15. Top
16. Clockwise as you look at it
17. Roosevelt
18. 8
19. Left
20. 5
21. 6
22. Bashful
23. 6
24. Did you notice there wasn't one?
25. Ace of spades
26. Left
27. ONE
28. *, #
29. 3
30. Counter-clockwise

Scoring

- 30-28 Genius...Mensa is calling!
25-27 Not too shabby!
20-24 You could do better!
16-19 McDonald's is calling!
15 or below - Being blind wouldn't affect you one bit

Murphy's Technology Law #1:

You can never tell which way the train went by looking at the track.

Swap Shop

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Today's Thought

Too often, we lose sight of life's simple pleasures. Remember, when someone annoys you, it takes 42 muscles in your face to frown. BUT, it only takes 4 muscles to extend your arm and slap'em upside the head.

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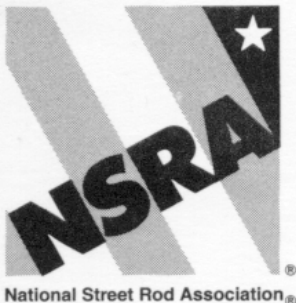
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