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Changing of the Guard

Chip Lamb

It's been an interesting two years as your director. With the help of most of our membership over the recent months, all the struggle of the previous year and some has been worth it.

We are a fortunate Region. Though small, we have dedicated members who do not quibble over the small things. As such, as something of a charity benefit-cum car show, we put on a very successful low-key gathering of some very enviable rolling stock in November at Moore. The eyes of our longer established sister regions are open to what we can do.

We also have working capital to be able to do what we have done. By taking the newsletter mostly electronic, we save printing and the bulk of the postage costs since over 90% of our members are glad to get their newsletters electronically. As of this writing, we have over \$1,300 in the bank, and there will be more as of our coming meeting, since your dues are due.

Demands on my time and on some of us on the board currently have changed, and the bulk of the positions are up for grabs. If you see yourself as a leader who can take this Region to new heights, I salute you. Your new blood and ideas will continue on the improvements we have only begun to make. We who turn in our posts will be happy to help you as seasoned participant members of this Region. We do not have entrenched ideas or agendas, which will allow you to chart new courses, and with the approval of the membership, take us to new heights.

I urge everyone to make our upcoming meeting, **Thursday January 11th at the Olive Garden on West Broad St.** This is a very important one, bar none; our agenda is the election and almost nothing else. Your time is now, and I urge you to take the initiative and help all involved be a part of something greater.

Changing of the Newsletter

Scott Bard

You'd think that twenty five plus years in the computer industry would guarantee some mastery of word processing software, but you'd be wrong. I am thoroughly convinced the nexus of all the evil in the world is resident in the operating system of Microsoft Word. Without rhyme or reason, whole pages can change before your eyes with the addition of one letter too many, causing me on more than one occasion to scream out to no one in particular "YOU CAN TAKE THIS &R%^@(*& NEWSLETTER AND STUFF IT UP YOUR NOSE!!!", but still I plod along, doing the best I can. But there's only so much unnecessary frustration one volunteer editor can take, so with that in mind, I've decided to trim back the complexity of the newsletter format. Pretty trim, wouldn't you say? I don't know what it will look like next month, or even if I'll still be the editor, but for now, what you see is what you get. Here's hoping it's easier to read – I know it's easier to edit!



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What's Wrong with this Picture?

Scott Bard



Nothings wrong, you might think, of this picture of Jesse, Roger, and Ron at the regular Atlee Station Saturday Night Cruise In, dressed in shirtsleeves, right? You would be right until you considered the date on which this picture was taken – January 6th!!! With temperatures in the mid-seventies, it didn't take long to get the word out that the Cruise In was on, Winter be Damned! With close to thirty cars in attendance it was hard to tell January from July! Tell me again how this Global Warming thing is just a hoax...

Personal Observations

Mike Daly

The "710" joke in the December newsletter reminded me of some of my experiences years ago when I worked the parts counter at the Pep Boys on Nine Mile road. Here they are:

- It amazed me how many people drove a "Burk" even though it said "Buick" on the emblem
- It took me a few times to realize what customers meant when they said they drove a "Deuce and a Quarter" – answer: Buick Electra 225
- One day a customer came up to the parts counter and asked what motor oil he should use in a "350 Cuban inch" engine. Without hesitation, a coworker beside me answered "Definitely only use Castro oil". The customer was very thankful while I struggled to not bust out laughing.



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Hummer Just Not BIG Enough for a Ukrop's Run?



Days of Futures Past



Rita Hayworth's Ghia-designed Cadillac, one of two built for the 1953 Paris Auto Salon.



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Something Funny

A police officer pulls over huge Cadillac for speeding.

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Driver: I don't have one. it was suspended .

Officer: May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?

Driver: It's not my car. I stole it.

Officer: The car is stolen?

Driver: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the woman who owns this car and stuffed her in the trunk.

Officer: There's a body in the trunk!?

Driver: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain. The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the driver to handle the tense situation:

Captain: Sir, can I see your license?

Driver: Sure. Here it is. It was valid.

Captain: Whose car is this?

Driver: It's mine, officer. Here's the owner's card.

Captain: Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Driver: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Captain: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told you said there's a body in it.

Driver: No problem.

Trunk is opened; no body.

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box, and that there was a dead body in the trunk.

Driver: Yeah, I'll bet the lying Son of a Gun told you I was speeding, too...



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