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Minutes of the September 6th, 2023, C..S.R.A. Meeting

SERGEANT OF ARMS: Rich Ronzello.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT Accepted.

BUILDING Flowers were planted around the pickup truck.

CARS & COFFEE Cars & Coffee will be held on September 17th.

POKER RUN: We need a head count for the poker run which will be held on Sunday, August 20th.

Members will leave the club between 9 and 10 am.

TRUCK SHOW Chairman, Greg Piesyna, has flyers printed for his truck show. He needs help from the

membership. Greg will hold a meeting on October 17th to assign jobs. He will have a food truck, ice cream vendor, RC cars, a DJ, popcorn vendor and the Shriners mini jeeps. Greg asked the members to make hand crafted trophies for

the kids. He has arranged to have porta potties.

NSRA NSRA representative, Paul Benoit, reported that NSRA is trying to get more affordable

hotel rooms.

AWARDS BANQUET The annual awards banquet will be held at the Hawthorn Inn on December 2nd at 6 pm.

APPAREL: Dave has the apparel closet well stocked. There was some discussion about women's

apparel.

NEW BUSINESS Due to the Hershey swap meet, the October club meeting will be held on October 11th.

SWAP & SELL Paul Cote knows of two 1951 Chevy pickup trucks for sale.

50/50 Gloria and Cindy.

October Birthdays

Paulette Rydzy – 6th

Laura Falconieri – 7th

Gerry Veronesi – 8th

Chris Morrell – 13th

John Perkowski – 15th

Candace VanTassell – 16th

Theresa Miller – 16th

Colleen Lausier – 17th

Moe Dagliere – 18th

Maria Adams – 21st

Pat D'Agostino -23rd

Rich Libassi – 23rd

Roseanne Brennan – 23rd

Vicky Long – 23rd

Charles VanTassell – 25th

Gloria Veronesi – 25th

October Club Meeting – 11th

Poker Run – 8th (9am from clubhouse) Cars & Coffee – 17th (followed by Truck Show Committee Meeting) Truck Show – Bethany Airport - 22nd



PREZ SEZ



Ronnie Roadster Hi Everyone

As I write this it looks like another wet weekend and now the end of summer. At least we had the opportunity to enjoy some great club events where driving was part of the fun. More club events are planned for October as noted last month. Here is a couple for anyone interested in taking a ride... first is the Poker Run October 8th. And, then later in the month, the Truck Show on October 22nd. For anyone needing an event to attend to make your club requirements there is no excuse there is plenty going on. There might even be another Ice Cream run as well.

In October the ballot for voting in three club directors will be sent by mail to all eligible members. Please read the ballot carefully and only vote for three individuals from the group of five. At the November meeting the ballots received will be counted by the election committee. If you do not receive a ballot please let me know or Rich Libassi. If a member choses, you can hand in your enclosed ballot to the Election Committee at the November meeting, if you don't trust it arriving by mail.

This year we are going to bring back the Street Rodder of the Year award. For the past few years due to the Covid issues this award was held back. The idea of the Street Rodder of the Year is to recognize an individual who uses their ride attending events and representing the club in a positive manner. Each club member will receive a ballot in the mail so you can pick who you feel should be recognized. Members who have been active in the club during the year will certainly know who has been going places and doing things with the club and also attending other events as well.

A couple of other events still left for October are the Fall Out in Glastonbury as well as the Rumbler's event at the Terryville Fair Grounds. Which was rained out on the original date earlier this year.

Ron San Giovanni

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER AUG 25th

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
10/08	9:00 am	Poker Run	Clubhouse
10/22	10am - 3pm	Truck Show	Bethany Airport
10/29		Ron Wilkos's Chicken Run	Wright Farm Restaurant 84 Burrillville Rd, Rl.
11/11	6:30pm	Club Meeting	Clubhouse

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear CSRA, thank you so much for my time of being down & out during my surgery. You have truly touched my heart. God bless Jerry Augustine.

Dear CSRA Members, what a delightful card & get-well Basket you sent me! I am doing so much better now. Having caring friends is a blessing fondly. Bette Pear

At the next club meeting we need a head count on who is coming to the Awards Banquet. If you say yes and don't come we still have to pay for your dinner. If you're in doubt please wait till you're sure your coming and call Anthony @203-895-1734.

CLUB NEWS Running for the Board: Paul Benoit, Rose Brennen, Paul Buccheri, Bob Keselowski, Greg Piesyna, Han Schwers.

Rich Libassi - your "C.S.R.A. Historian" was nice enough to let us borrow all of his previous Nutmeg Motor Newsletters. I will be taking bits and pieces from them and sharing in each months newsletter. Some things have changed, some remain the same!

Laura San Giovanni

TID BITS FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS:

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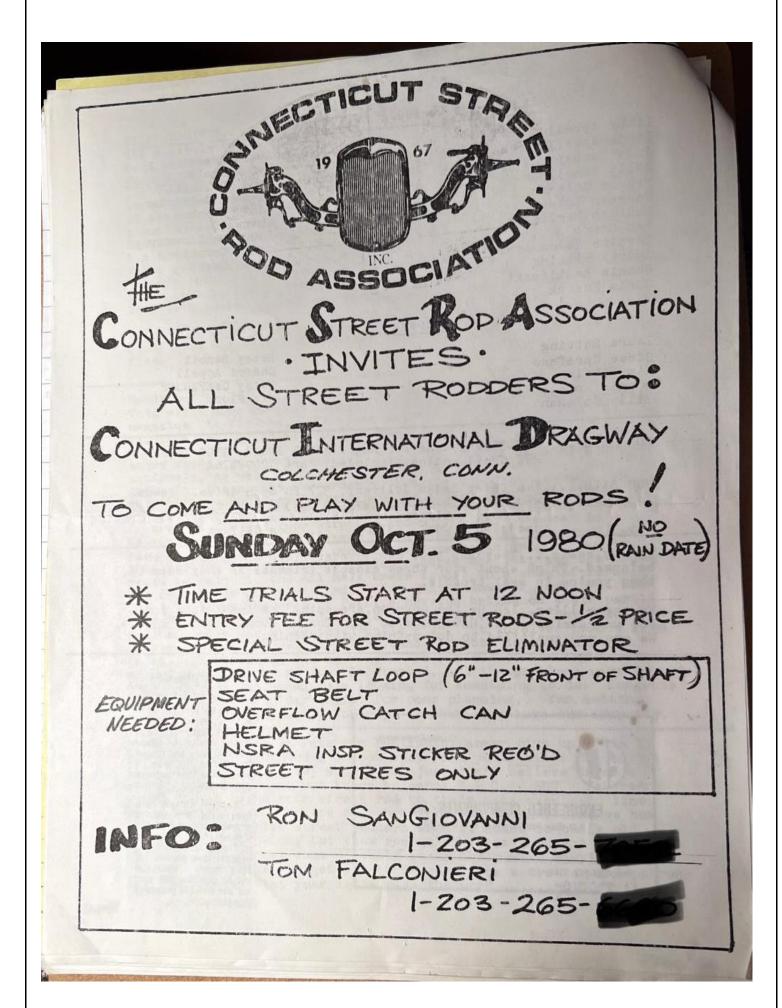
- President: Mike Appell, Vice Pres: Bruce Koerber
- Sargent of Arms was Mike Katz
- Motion was made and passed to make up the new club windshield stickers with the date '67 printed on them (date CSRA was started) instead of changing the date yearly. This will save time and bucks.
- A Petition letter from an Arizona street rodder was included in the February Newsletter informing members that Rod & Custom Quarterly will cease publication. He needed everyone's support or "Street Won't Be Neat"
- New Swap Meet site: Lighthouse Park in New Haven.
- Ty-Rods flyer for their annual swap meet in October bill theirs as "The States Biggest" As promised, CSRA got even at the bottom of the CSRA flyer it states: "Don't miss Ct's Original Largest Swap Meet!"
- The club will vote on the amount to be donated to the New Haven Parks Dept. out of the Swap Meet profits. Final total was \$500.00
- Two street rodders, Ralph Lisena & Ray Tracey opened up Engineering Components, Inc. in Vernon. They sell engine mount kits as well as trick and regular chassis components.
- Connecticut Dragway is open again!!!
- It was voted to put \$3,000.00 into a Bond for use of setting up the 1981 Swap Meet.
- 11th Annual Street Rod Nationals are in Memphis, TN. Record Heat of 108 degrees almost every day!!
- Paul Benoit made up "I Survived the Memphis Meltdown 100 plus degrees Club." T-Shirts for \$5.00 each.
- Club picnic will be at Meriden PBA
- CSRA won the volleyball competition at NESRO Run Sturbridge, MA.
- October 5th was Street Rod Day at Connecticut International Dragway. Be there by 11am if you want to race Flyer attached.
- The Shadow is Back! Would you believe Rich Libassi went all the way to Florida to bring a dame back home with him??? And over in the Falconieri household Berniece is knitting baby booties, awaiting a blessed event in October!
- In October's newsletter: Congrats to Berniece Falconieri! She gave birth to a baby girl Rosanne! We also think Tom had something to do with it!!!
- Nat's East '81 will be in York, PA.
- New Members are: Laura Edwards (first female), Jeff Barnes, and George Goriss.
- Frank Maratta passed away in November.

2023 POKER RUN SUNAY OCTOER 8, 2023 – Open to all members and spouses. [No non-members]

Registration at the clubhouse at 9:00am leaving at 10:00am to first stop Katz Restaurant 1658 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge CT. Next destination AJ's Steak and Pizza. 171 Torrington Rd. Goshen, CT.

Buffet Lunch Menu Chicken Marsala, Roast Pork Loin, Sides: Penne ala Vodka, Veggies, Salad, Coffee, Tea, Soda *Awards for best hands* *50/50* WE NEED TO GIVE THE RESTAURANT A HEAD COUNT. PLEASE EMAIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHAIRMEN IF YOU ARE COMING AND HOW MANY NO LATER THAN OCT 4TH.

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WHAT I FOUND THAT IS FUNNY WITH SOME MEMBERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Rich Adams, and Tom Armitage, two guys who knows their junk. Jerry Augustine, I use to pick things up and put them down. Jeff Barnes "I'll do it, I'll do it! Opps I didn't do it!" Junie Barretta, a bad speller, with a bad smeller. Donna Barretta I give out all the club's t-shirts to everyone and I don't have one." Paul Benoit, a guy who writes and draws, but doesn't have the time to write or draw! Steve Borrelli, "Let me get this straight, "I think what your doing is crooked." Pete Bozzo, a real ladies man who really takes care of his lady. Paul Buccheri, a guy who buys a lot of cars, but then sells a lot of cars. Gerry Caliendo, who retired, but is still working. Felix, Anthony, and Mike Campagnuolo, are all related. Mike Christiano, the hot rod cop not only stops speeders, but is a speeder himself. Paul Cote, and Dave Miller, "We can see what you're saying, so face us when you talk to us!" Armand Couture, A retired teamster, who is still driving trucks! Lise Couture, who knows how to have fun! Dennis Dagliere, who's working a parttime job so he can get some time off now that he retired! Moe Dagliere "I didn't know that. Nobody ever tells me anything!" Pat Dagostino "Don't tell me!" Bill Driscoll, "I have a complaint." Don Dybick whose has everything saved in his old Yankee barn. Bette Dybick, "Smile, I took your picture, now have a cookie." Jason Fetterman "Look Junie I'm eating your ice cream!" Dave Goduti, born a car salesman and a front row parker. Dave Harutunian, a guy always trying to make a buck. Little John, is a big guy with a little name! Tom Keiser, is a real go getter, now Tom, go get her. Butch Kenny, if it doesn't need butter, then it needs to be hotter. Pollock, press one for English, press two for Bobby Is'm! Tom Lambert "I now have control of all our money!" Sara Lambert "I make sure he spends it right!" Rich Lathrop, got caught working. Coleen Lausier, a real hard worker. Rich Libassi, God bless his GPS. Ray Long, I'm not a procrastinator I just can't make up my mind right now. Alex McDonald, I don't write minutes anymore I type them. Italo Miceli, and Reggie Lausier two nice guys! Rich Moore, is in a cemetery and is still alive! Sandpit John, had the biggest dirt yard ever to play in. Now he has a hearse to drive dead people to buried them in dirt! Greg Piesyna, "Push me I'm coming, no I really mean it you have to push me, if you want me to come! Phil Rouguie, a real stone crusher! Ron Giovanni, "A good speaker if you listen to him." Laura SanGiovanni, "I took your picture and now you smile!" Han Schwers, "I don't care how bad my food looks I'll still eat it!" Paula Schwers, "Don't argue with me, because even if I'm wrong I'm still right!" Rick Sweezy, "No my name isn't Sneeze!" Steve VanBlarcom, a guy who doesn't need salt, he brought a tons of it home when he had his roadster! Candace Van Tassell, a real good looker who wants your money for CSRA 50/50! Charlie Van Tassell, "How many tickets do you want?" Gerry Veronesi, a real doo whopper. Dave Wells "Wait till you see the car I'm working on!" Ron Wilkos, "I like to hear me talk, do you?"

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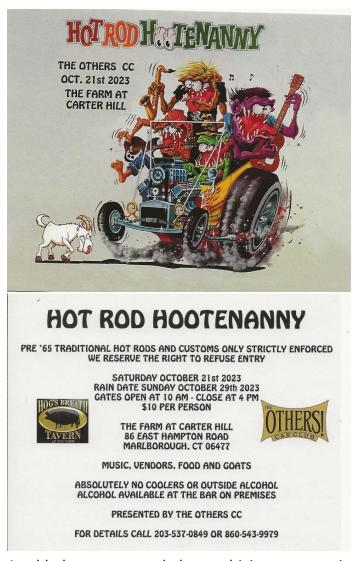














An elderly man rear-ended a guy driving an expensive sports car. Enraged, the guy hops out and confronts the old man. "Look what you did to my car!" He yells. "You're going to give me \$10,000 right now or I'm going to beat you to a pulp!"



"Oh my!" Says the old man, "I don't have that kind of money. Let me call my son, he trains dolphins, and he will know what to do."

"Dolphins," the other driver huffs, while rolling his eyes. The old man pulls out his phone, dials his son and just as his son answered, the irate man snatches the phone away from the old man.

"So, YOU'RE a dolphin trainer, huh? Well, Your old man here just rear-ended my car and I need 10 grand right now or I'm going to beat you and your old man to a pulp."

"I'll be there in 10 minutes," says the voice calmly on the other end. Exactly 10 minutes later a Jeep pulls up and a guy hops out and proceeds to pulverize the bully, leaving him in a heap on the side of the road.

When he finished, he walked over to his father and said.... "For the last time dad, I train Seals, Navy Seals..... NOT dolphins!"



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