

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR OVER 20 YEARS”



AS I write this, time has slipped away from me. Here is it the beginning of December and up until a few days ago, it was mowing the lawn, pick up the leaves, and haul them to the recycling dumpster! Now it's how much gas do I have for the snow blower! But with that being said, we now move into winter.

There are 32 cars in the 'club-house' which is a record for that building. It is full to the gills! But the cars are sitting at 65 degrees and every time I go out there, it is quiet and they all say Thanks to their owners!!!

I'm looking forward to two Christmas parties coming our way. First one is on Saturday, the 10th of December at The Moose Lodge here in Minot. That will prove to be a fun evening and it should have some entertainment for all of us to enjoy. Cost is minimal for a fun evening!

Then on the 14th of January, 2017, the Annual meeting and party will be at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck. Fun time there, so plan on coming to this event if you want something to do in January in ND. Sorry for those of you that will miss it because of trips South, West, or even East!!!

My projects seem to be moving along quite nicely. We're working diligently on the '55 Chevy out of Lignite and finishing the '78 Ford P/U that has been on-going. Then it will be on to the next one which is the '67 Chevelle SS 396/4 speed car. It is all painted and waiting assembly. The '40 Chevy that has been in MT for most of the summer is back with its new interior and ready for final assembly from us here in town.

So as you can see, things are still hopping around the shop and you are always welcome to stop by and see what is going on!

We have some new officers and Board members ready to take over at the beginning of the year, so I want to say thanks to Steve Belcher who will be leaving as us Club Secretary, and good Bye to Tom Uleberg who has served two years on the Board. It was great working with both of you. Welcome to Steve Smith as a new Board Member and Doug Frazier. They will do a great job, I am sure. AND, welcome to Pricilla Jevne as our new Secretary.

I got an e-mail from a member wondering if any member can sell stuff, send pictures, write articles and have input to the newsletter. I said that we certainly encourage input but it seems that not many of you ever do, so let's see some articles you might have found and send us some things!

New is good! There is a place on the web site for "For Sale" items...Check it out!

NASCAR

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/nascar-founded>

On this day in 1948, February 21, the National Association for Stock Car Racing—or NASCAR, as it will come to be widely known—is officially incorporated. NASCAR racing will go on to become one of America’s most popular spectator sports, as well as a multi-billion-dollar industry.



The driving force behind the establishment of NASCAR was William “Bill” France Sr. (1909-1992), a mechanic and auto-repair shop owner from Washington, D.C., who in the mid-1930s moved to Daytona Beach, Florida. The Daytona area was a gathering spot for racing enthusiasts, and France became involved in racing cars and promoting races. After witnessing how racing rules could vary from event to event and how dishonest promoters could abscond with prize money, France felt there was a need for a governing body to sanction and promote racing. He gathered members of the racing community to discuss the idea, and NASCAR was born, with its official incorporation in February 1921. France served as NASCAR’s first president and played a key role in shaping its development in the sport’s early decades.

NASCAR held its first Strictly Stock race on June 19, 1949, at the Charlotte Speedway in North Carolina. Some 13,000 fans were on hand to watch Glenn Dunnaway finish the 200-lap race first in his Ford; however, Jim Roper (who drove a Lincoln) collected the \$2,000 prize after Dunnaway was disqualified for illegal rear springs on his vehicle. In the early years of NASCAR, competitors drove the same types of cars that people drove on the street—Buicks, Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles, among others—with minimal modifications. (Today, the cars are highly customized.)

In 1950, the first NASCAR-based track, the Darlington Raceway in South Carolina, opened. More new raceways followed, including the Daytona International Speedway, which opened in 1959. Lee Petty won the first Daytona 500, which was run on February 22 of that year. The Daytona 500 became NASCAR’s season opener and one of its premiere events. Lee Petty’s son Richard, who began his racing career in 1958, won the Daytona 500 a record seven times and became NASCAR’s first superstar before retiring in 1992. On February 18, 1979, the first live flag-to-flag coverage of the Daytona 500 was broadcast on television. An end-of-the-race brawl between drivers Cale Yarborough and Donnie and Bobby Allison was a huge publicity generator and helped boost NASCAR’s popularity on a national scale.

In 1972, France’s son, William France Jr., took over the presidency of NASCAR from his father. Over the next three decades, the younger France (1933-2007) was instrumental in transforming NASCAR from a regional sport popular primarily in the southeast U.S. into one with a global fan base. France led NASCAR into a new era of lucrative corporate sponsorships and billion-dollar TV contracts. Today, NASCAR has three national series as well as four regional series and two international series. The organization sanctions over 1,200 races at 100 tracks across North America.

Interesting Car Statistics You Didn't Know

By Tony Markovich (May 14, 2013)

Like any real project car is never finished, a real car enthusiast's car knowledge is never complete. Always hungry for new information about gas mileage, fast car, car sales, and how much a one horsepower actually translates into watts, we were poking around and selected some nuggets about rides that we thought you guys would be interested. Learn something new with these Interesting Car Statistics You Didn't Know.

There are approximately 300 million cars on the road in America.

The fastest speed clocked on an autobahn was 268.8 miles per hour.

When you add a teenager on your policy, the average cost goes up 156%.

Automobiles are the most recycled consumer products in the world.

Drivers kill more big game than hunters.

Irvin Gordon has driven more than 3,000,000 miles in his 1966 Volvo P1800S.

It takes 9.4 seconds for the 1980 Ferrari Mondial to get to 60 MPH from a dead stop.

NASCAR cars get about 4.5 mpg.

Up 13% from 2011, 14.5 million cars were sold last year.

Goodyear makes more than 100,000 tires for NASCAR in a season.

The Ford F-series has been the bestselling vehicle in America for the past 35 years, including last year selling 645,000.

The 2002 Lingenfelter Corvette gets to 60 mph in 1.97 seconds. And its street-legal.

New airbags cost about \$1,000. On the black market, you get them for \$50-200.

Gas in Turkey was \$9.89 per gallon.

The 1994 Honda Accord has been the most stolen vehicle in America four years in a row.

One horsepower is equal to 746 watts.

Stolen cars have approximately a 60-65% recovery rate.

Stolen motorcycles have approximately a 25-30% recovery rate.

The 23.8 mpg average in America last year was the best ever.

Semi-trucks get an estimated 6.5 mpg diesel.

The Hennessy Venom GT is technically the fastest car in the world at 270.49 mph.





'Something to laugh about



Three men die in a car accident on Christmas Eve. They all find themselves at the Pearly Gates waiting to enter heaven. On entering they must present something relating to or associated with Christmas. The first man searches his pocket, and finds some mistletoe, so he is allowed in. The second man presents a cracker, so he is also allowed in. The third man pulls out a pair of stockings. Confused at this last gesture, St Peter asks, 'How do these represent Christmas?' Answer: 'They're Carol's.'

A Mafioso's son sits at his desk writing a Christmas list to Jesus. He first writes, 'Dear baby Jesus, I have been a good boy the whole year, so I want a new...' He looks at it, then crumples it up into a ball and throws it away. He gets out a new piece of paper and writes again, 'Dear baby Jesus, I have been a good boy for most of the year, so I want a new...' He again looks at it with disgust and throws it away. He then gets an idea. He goes into his mother's room, takes a statue of the Virgin Mary, puts it in the closet, and locks the door. He takes another piece of paper and writes, 'Dear baby Jesus. If you ever want to see your mother again...'

New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living.

Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.

Nice Convertible

One day a Blonde was riding around in her nice convertible.

On her way home, she ran into gang of tough guys.

They took her out of her car and drew a circle in the ground. "Don't you step out of this circle"

They said as they began to rip out the leather seats. When they looked back she was chuckling.

Then they smashed her windshield when they looked back she was laughing.

Then they popped her tires. When they looked back she was on the ground laughing.

They asked her "Why are you laughing?" she replied "Because when you looked away I stepped out of the circle"

Snow Plow

A blonde driving a car became lost in a snowstorm.

She didn't panic however, because she remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, just wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it."

Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it.

She followed the plow for about forty-five minutes.

Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing.

And she explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in a snow storm, to follow a plow.

The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to Best Buy now?"

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