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MOTOR CITY REGION



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ONCE upon a time in SHELBY nirvana, there was a collection of people who always did things exactly right. One of the things they could always do right was predicting the weather. This enabled them to plan their outdoor activities to coincide with non rainy, sunshine filled days. It just turned out that the annual autumn cider mill color tour was one of these perfect events.

Some days before, when the event was in its planning stages, Ol' Shel' himself visited one of our group in the deep of night and whispered in his ear the date October 11. Of course the chosen one took this for an omen which without a doubt guaranteed good weather for that day. The chosen one, with heart beating madly from sheer excstacy, ran to the other members with the glad tidings. "Hark, hark.", said he, "Sunday, October the eleventh is the day the exaulted one hath commanded."

When the other members of the group heard the glad tidings, they were overjoyed. They all scurried about for the next two weeks preparing their cars for the car buff's celebration of the harvest. Finally after toiling into the wee hours for nights on end, there shown in the east a light in the sky so bright, our group took this for a sign of affermation that the trip would indeed be one not to be missed. With the full moon overhead, every one of the followers of SHELBY slept soundly while dreaming of finding Daytona Coupes in dusty abandoned barns.

Finally the big day arrived in all its splendor. The sun rose, a firey ball, burning away any clouds which survived the morning winds. The sky could only be described by those who have stood on a mountain top in Oregon during early May. It was a hard, sharp, brittle blue.

Do you remember those mornings when as a child, you stood in the school yard waiting for the doors to open? You stood in the sun warming your back while still feeling the chill in front. Those half frozen memories of autumn. When the Mustang Mavens gathered at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, they exchanged pleasentries while leaning on the sun's rays to stave off the chilly breeze. At 9:45 AM exactly, like a flock of startled birds, they moved en masse towards their waiting steeds. At the turn of a key there erupted from the exhausts, a sound loud enough to rouse the bleary eyed desk seargent in the station almost half a mile away. After some jockeying for position, ten of Selby's gleaming finest got in position for the finest "Snake Run" yet.

With Mark Corich as caravan leader, they moved across Michigan Ave. and on to Evergreen, passing Greenfield Village, Fairlane Manor, and the Hyatt Regency. They then dumped down onto Heines Drive via Ford Road. The longest park in Michigan was ablaze in reds golds, yellows, and maroons. Onward the cars rolled through Nankin Mills and up to Northville. By taking Ann Arbor Trail to North Territorial, they passed through historic Plymouth and other burgs along the way. As they neared Dexter, they stopped for a minute to take a hurried vote and decided to push on to Parshalville before stopping for cider donuts. When the tanks were filled with V8 juice, our group rattled more than a few leaves off the trees as they dropped down on US 23 and headed north. Many miles and turned heads later, they crossed

M 59 and jumped off below Fenton. By following the mill signs, they found Parshalville in the middle of the woods in an area of terminal morrains made even more beautiful by the fall colors, the small white water river, and the now sun warmed air. The whole area was permeated with the odor of Mac Intosh apples and sweet cinnamon. After forming a corral to protect the cars from curious cider suckers, they crossed the wooden bridge and toured the mysterious innards of the 19th century cider mill. Water wheels spinning, belts and pulleys turning, the giant press was squashing Big Macs as fast as they could be dumped in. The amber juice flowed faster than the premium leaded hose at the localamoco. After buying cider and whole wheat donuts, they met in front at the picnic tables to share the munchies with hundreds of the local bees. After what seemed like gallons of cider and dozens of bagels, brierleys, and donuts later, they all wandered back to the parking area where there were by now hundreds of after church sedans all trying to get a spot in the lot.

One of the more ambitious members, who prefers to go un-named, tried to bypass the wooden bridge by swinging across the river by a rope hung from a big willow tree. Needless to say, he got soaked. Can you believe it? He said the rope stretched. That's really stretching it. What really happened was he forgot he was a couple of feet longer than all those little kids. If you want to see the photographic evidence, see Pam Lockhart. Sorry buddy.

The blankets were spread and as they all sat in the sun, the hours drifted away just like the conversation in the dusty leaves. As the shadows lengthened, it came time to go. The hasty goodbys, the new found friend only to be lost, another good one gone. That's it, let's wrap it.

As the cars rolled out, they passed the 'Vette Club and some street rodders who were also making the pilgrimage. The trip home was as uneventful as the trip coming in that no cars broke, no one got left or lost and no one ran out of gas.

In Michigan, a few days are diamonds but most days are stones. October 11, 1981 was a flawless blue-white. (GT350, that is)

CIDER MILL-COLOR TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Jeff & Dianne Burgy
Mark Corich & Linda
Lee & Pam Lockhart
John & Alma Kachigian
Randy Betski

Johno Norian
Dean & Rose Marie Gilbert
Don & Kathy Webb
Lee Swonder & daughter Michelle
Steve Papalas & friend

We hope by recognizing those who come to the events that it will encourage the rest of you to be more active in the club activities. Sometimes when a person comes to a meeting or an outing, it seems as though everyone there knows everyone else but it is only because most of those people attend the majority of the gatherings. If you come to a meeting and don't feel welcome, please try to understand that no one purposely ignores anyone. We regulars want it to be very clear; we are not a clique. We welcome everyone who has an interest in SHFLBY products. Please, come out to everything you can and get to know us better. After all, this is what this club is for.

IT'S YOUR TURN

The following questionnaire is for you. To help your club and your directors, please take a few minutes to look it over and fill it in completely. It is up to you to express your areas of interest so we can plan the coming year to most effectively accommodate you and to build the Motor City Region into the most successful local club in the country.

Indicate your preferences by underlining or by marking an X in front of the category. If you, for instance, choose one day trip, make sure you also mark places you would like to go.

- A. Social Gatherings--- 1. Picnic 2. Christmas Dinner
3. Hallowe'en Party 4. House partys
- B. Competition Events-- 1. Road Rallye 2. Slalom/Autocross
3. Slow Speed Skill Contests 4. Clue Hunts
5. High Speed Road Course Races 6. Fun Runs
- C. Club Car Shows----- 1. SAAC National Convention
2. Motor City Show and Go VII
- D. Intra-club Shows---- 1. Autoramma (January) 2. Motor City Show and Go VII (May) 3. Carnival of Cars (June) 4. Mustang Show-Indy (June)
5. Ford Mercury Restorers(July)
6. Performance Ford Club (Aug)
7. Mustang Owners Club Southeastern MI (Aug)
8. Italian Happening (Sept)
9. _____
- E. Tech Sessions----- 1. At members homes
2. At business places
- F. One Day Trips----- 1. Frankenmuth 2. Huckleberry Farm
3. Sloan Museum (Flint) 4. STROHS
5. Cider mill-Color tour 6. Meadowbrook
7. Paw Paw Winerys 8. Jackson Space Museum
9. Ford Mansion 10. Greenfield Village
11. Henry Ford Museum 12. Cedar Point
13. _____
14. _____
- G. Overnights----- 1. Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton
2. Toronto 3. Strawberry Festival, Tulip Festival etc. 4. _____
- H. Swap Meets----- 1. Good treasury builder- organized at a dealers garage usually during winter months

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IMPORTANT-- FILL IN ONLY THE INFORMATION YOU WANT PUBLISHED IN THE CLUB ROSTER. Because we are almost 100 strong, your directors are publishing a most asked for listing, but at the same time we will respect your right to privacy.

NAME _____ CAR _____ # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE () _____ INTERESTS _____

JOB, BUSINESS, OR PROFESSION _____

PLEASE-----Attach a note answering two questions. 1. What would get you out to monthly business meetings? 2. Beside what we are now doing, what else do you expect your club to do for you?

You will find in the following list several different areas in which the club needs help. Even though you may have already signed up for one or more of these jobs, please make it official by signing up again. Both this side and the side preceeding should be filled out and either brought to the December meeting or mailed to the club by Christmas.

Responsibility Areas and Working Titles

Secretary_____

Treasurer/Membership Chairman_____

RALLYE DIRECTOR_____

AUTOCROSS DIRECTOR_____

DRAGS DIRECTOR_____

CAR SHOW DIRECTOR_____

CLUB HISTORIAN_____

NEWSLETTER EDITOR_____

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT EDITOR_____

NEWSLETTER TYPIST_____

MEETING AGENDA COORDINATOR_____

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR_____

SOCIAL DIRECTOR_____

PARTS SWAP DIRECTOR_____

INTRA-CLUB LOCAL RFP_____

NATIONAL SAAC RFP_____

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR_____

Basically the above jobs will mean you will be either leading or helping these events get off the ground. You will form committees, arrange the details, and report to the executive board as to the status of your area. You will have the executive board to act as your backup and you will have all the resources of the club to help you.

RETRACTION-----RETRACTION

In the last issue, the cover pictured Craig Schefferly's Shelby as the Best in Show winner. Our apologies to Gary Brudna. We thought we had the right picture but we didn't. Sorry Gary. (Ed.)

When we scheduled the Hallowe'en party, it was with some doubt as to the degree of its success. At first, there was some resistance to the costume idea but as it turned out, it was a great party and to those who were unable to come, you more than likely would have had more fun with us than where you were. There were some really inventive disguises that in one way or another automobile related.

The first place trophy was taken by Keith and Barb Korpi who were in vaudeville blackface and Keith was an Aunt Jemima type whose breasts were hidden owouga horns.

John Gueyer was dressed in a giant bag which was a perfect copy of Carroll Shelby Texas Chile. Gary Rocus and his friend Nancy were in robes as a vampire and a dark world priest. The Batmobile? Dale Rabe and his wife Sylvia were in Mexican peasant costumes. The Tiajuana Taxi? Don Webb was a Jamican pimp and his wife Kathy and her friend Pat were his ladies. A pimpmobile? John Kachigian was dressed like Jackie Gleason in Smokie and the Bandit. His wife Alma was a cowgirl. The Bandit? Greg Koss and his wife Anne were Zorro and his lady. Z-28? Conrad Trapp was dressed as a Chinaman and his friend Linda was a Mouseketeer. Mark Corich was a ghost and Linda was Keystone Cop. Lee Swonder a scarecrow and Sandy was Sad Sack. A jeep? Jim Susalla and his friend were dressed as a playboy and his bunny. A Rabbit? John Norian was a monster and his friend was Miss Champion Spark Plug. Lee Lockhart was a box of plain M & Ms and Pam, his wife, was a skin-diver. Craig and Bonnie Schefferly were a run over AAA driving instructor and his pupil, an old man. Grant Martin was a Buckingham Palace guard.

Thanks to Dale Rabe, There was music for dancing and just for listening. Lots of party games were played. Also included was an induction for executive board members. We bobbed for apples and there were some very fast times recorded. Sandy Swonder was the ladies champ with a time of one second. A tie for first in the men's division was taken by John Guyere and Kieth Korpi with a time of one second. Had we known the times would be so close, we could have borrowed some timing lights for the occasion. Food consisted of pizza and super subs which were bought for the party from the proceeds of the labor day car show. Beverage provided was left over pop from the same event. We can safely say no one went home hungry because there was lots of food left over. Thanks to Lee and Sandy Swonder for buying the hall decorations and for renting the hall at a good discount. It looks like this is going to be an annual event so everyone should plan on being there next year.



Executive Board Meeting Notes

The past couple of meetings have spent most of the time discussing just a few topics. Both at the general membership meetings and at the board meetings, there has been a lot of conversation about just what the national representative is, what his duties are, and how he gets his job.

We got a clarification from Rick Kopec in his most recent newsletter to the regional reps. The Snakebite Dispatch, Fall '81, says there are three ways you can get to be a national rep.

(1) If an area is organized, the Rep should be elected by the region members or the board of directors.

(2) If the area is not organized, any member can volunteer to be Rep.

(3) In some rare circumstances, a member may be appointed by the District Rep Coordinator.

Since we are somewhere between (1) and (2) in that the Motor City Region is organized but the whole state of Michigan is not because we have local dues which not all of the Michigan members have elected to pay; we will be electing a national rep along with the Executive Board next July. If a person either in or out of the Motor City Region wishes to represent the rest of the Michigan members, he may volunteer as in the past. Hopefully we will reach a point in the future where we can represent all Michigan members without the requirement of dues. If we get the cooperation we are looking for, we will become self funding through revenues earned in our events.

Currently the Motor City Region counts among its members 2 of every 5 Michigan members. We also are talking about going to the Toledo and Windsor area for more local members even though they belong to different regions. We feel they are close enough geographically where they may want to join and participate in a strong local region.

We have all felt the need for bylaws to eliminate confusion in the future. What we did was get copies of bylaws from different clubs and will be combining them into a cohesive whole which will best serve the interests of this region. If you would like to help get the bylaws on the road, be sure to sign up for it on the new job sheet (this issue).

We have two very important events coming up in the near future. The first is Autorama. We have given responsibility for coordinating this event to Gary Brudna. As soon as he has the information, it will be forthcoming. We (the Board) will be doing everything we can to assist Gary and will be there to help get the exhibit together. All we need from the members is five nice, not perfect, nice cars. This will be a great chance for us to get more members and we hope you can help if asked.

The second event is the parts swap. We have arranged for it to be held at GORNO Ford on Allen Road. At this time it is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday in February. We have asked for help in organizing this date and hope it will be forthcoming.

Your board feels to build a more dynamic region, it is in our best interests to get more people into some of the areas of responsibility which up to now our board has been fulfilling. We feel it would also be a good place for potential board members to demonstrate their capabilities before being elected to the board. Whether you want to be on the board or not, we still need your help. Please, even if all you want to do is help, be sure to sign up for one or more of the jobs you are interested in. AND PLEASE, Don't let those sheets lay. MAIL THEM IN.

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DON'T FORGET THE MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING AT MAMA MIA's
THURSDAY DECEMBER 3rd 7:30 PM

BRING A GUEST BRING A FRIEND BRING A FRIEND BRING A GUEST

This meeting will feature a 50-50 raffle with the prize being a 1/16 scale MPC 427 Cobra model kit. This is a new kit which has just been developed. If it has not been made available in this area, a gift certificate will be presented for the same. (\$16).

COMING COMING COMING COMING COMING COMING

The MOTOR CITY REGION will be having jackets made and they will be needing a logo indicative of our region. Next year, there will be a logo contest with a nice prize for the winner.

Your Board has voted to buy a club typewriter. this machine will be used to do the newsletter and the club correspondence. It will travel to whoever is doing the newsletter typing at the time. Please excuse the typing and the typos. This issue was done on a borrowed machine since the editor's is in the repair shop. Maybe some day we'll be able to afford a word processor.

HELP _____ HELP _____ HELP _____

IS THERE A LAWYER IN THE CLUB, OR SOMEONE WHO CAN GET FREE
ADVICE CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE CLUB?

This is really important and any help would be appreciated.

DON'T FORGET. THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE IN DEARBORN IN
1983

GET THOSE CARS READY BY STARTING NOW



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