

Classic Lines

Keep the shiny side up

April, May 2013

From Rick's Garage

Here it is officially spring and things are really starting to happen. We had our first meeting of the year on April 8 and it was good to see everyone. The Social Committee did a tremendous job decorating and planning our Luau. Unfortunately the weather was not in a Luau mood as it was cold, windy and even a little snowy. Despite this, everyone had a good time.

We would like to make the Edelbrock car show an official club event. We will make it a weekend event since it is so far away. There will be tours of the Edelbrock facilities on Saturday May 4 and the car show on Sunday May 5. Special rates will be available at local places to spend the night. Trailer parking as well as secured show car parking is available. Edelbrock has been extremely supportive of Fun Run and we would like to return the gesture and support them.

Pinewood Derby season is off and running. We had our first race of the season at Rim of the World High School for the special needs kids. Twenty two Students and two teachers raced and had a wonderful and rewarding experience. It was a special experience for all the club members who participated and we all hope to be invited back next year. Cars were packaged for distribution to our local 5th grades on Saturday April 7th. We met at Village Pizza and had fun putting the kits together. A special Thanks to Ken and Sharon Carlson, for the use of their place and for feeding all of us. We rally appreciated your hospitality and kindness. We will need volunteers for the races at the schools in May. Please contact Bill Downs if you can help. You'll have a great time! We will also need help with the final races and show and shine May 26 at snow play. This is our first time at the new location and we want to get off to a good start.

Our next meeting will be May 13th and Board meeting May 20th. Hope to see you there.

Rick

MAY CLUB MEETING

Our May club meeting will be on Monday, May 13, at the Discovery Center. Our potluck will start at 6:00 and will have a Mexican theme. Mary Funk will be calling to see what delicious dish you would like to bring.

The general meeting will follow, and our guest speaker will be Jake Reade, the Project Manager for Match Corporation, which is doing the refurbishment of the streets and sidewalks in the Village. He will address the project and its timetable, which may impact the Fun Run.

We will also be discussing the Snow Play Car Show and Pinewood Derby which will be on Sunday, May 26. Please try your best to come to this meeting. We need everyone's help!

PINEWOOD DERBY RACING SCHEDULE:

North Shore - deliver cars April 16th, 9:30am, Race cars Tuesday May 21st, 9:00am

Big Bear Elementary – Deliver cars May 6th, 10:00am, Race cars Friday May 17th,
10:00am

Baldwin Lane – Deliver cars April 16th, 11:00am, Race cars May 23rd, 9:30am

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Three weeks ago, Cliff passed out 22 pine cars to the Rim of the World High School Special Education students and two cars for the teachers. I knew that with special education kids, anything could happen. We would try to make it fun for them and for our club. The teacher, Tina, brought all 24 cars out to be weighed in. Wow! All cars were painted—club members Harry and Dave did fix a couple of cars—but all cars were there to race. The teacher said she would bring in the students at 10:30.

In they came; it was obvious that every child had a challenge—some couldn't walk; some couldn't talk; some needed help all the time. One child was in a wheelchair, and one stood by the wall, alone. I don't think any of them knew or cared what day it was.

But all came to race.

Once the race started, we knew our club had added a little joy to the children in this special education class. I'm not sure that the girl that won the race knew that she was the big winner. Cliff promised lunch. Lunch was provided, and everything was there to make a great sandwich and a drink. We ate in the special education classroom.

These kids that would probably never own a collector car; these kids that will never be able to change a tail light bulb; these kids with no hope for a normal life. Every child had their pine car on their desk while they ate lunch. That is their car.

Every one of us knows that we did the right thing; we are proud of this service. We gave light to the less fortunate. One of life's secrets is to know when you are well off. We know now for sure. I thank Cliff Fowler for this great experience. Would we go back? In the wink of an eye!

Sincerely, Bill Downs





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