

The Birds' Nest

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Secretary's Report:

Our April meeting was held at Sea Bee Hall courtesy of George and Jim Trautman. 9 members enjoyed pizza, wings and dessert. Our thanks to George and Jim for hosting!

The main topic of the meeting was our Aug 15th car show. Rich had our flyers, 50/50 split tickets and the 2010 Clutch Artists Calendar of events to hand out. Rich spoke with Nancy J who referred him to the new owner of her equipment to DJ the show - Rich spoke with the new owner and he is available (and is also a car enthusiast so is very familiar with car shows) - it was put to a club vote, we are set for our car show DJ. Other topics discussed were a telephone committee, work crews and club history. The telephone committee (used in years past) will be reinstated for use when/if the club were to need to get information out to members timely/on a more personal level (than email). Nancy and Bill Crane volunteer to head this. An idea that had come up on the past was consideration of organizing work crews to assist members with car projects when a member may need more than 2 hands. Potential meeting times would be Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon. Documenting club history was also discussed - (and some reminiscing also was done!). It would be appreciated if members would be willing to write down items of interest, track down photos so that we get a complete history of the club initiated.

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**The
Car Show is
August 15
at West-Herr
of Amherst**



Thank You to Gregg Zimmerman for all the articles contributed to our newsletter, we would only have one page without him!

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BIRDS!**

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Next Meeting: The next meeting is Saturday, June 5, at Roy and Pat Ehlenfield's house on Grand Island. Dinner is at 6:00 with meeting to follow. Please call Roy at 773-8086 by Monday May 31 if you plan to attend and bring your birds. **Directions:** After crossing the South Grand Island Bridge, take exit 18A onto Grand Island Blvd. And turn Right onto Staley Rd., Turn Left onto E. River Rd., and go to 3490 E. River Rd.

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These topics will be discussed again at upcoming meetings.

We did not have a May meeting as the April meeting was delayed a week due to Easter and we are on track with our car show plans. (Please keep in mind we need goodie bag items and Chinese auction items). Our next meeting will be the 1st Saturday in June the 5th. Our meeting will be hosted by Roy and Pat Ehlenfield (3490 E. River Rd. Grand Island). Roy is having pizza and wings so please bring an appetizer or dessert to pass and your T-Bird! Roy has plenty of

room to show off our birds - so we'll hope for a beautiful day to enjoy our birds! Please let Roy know you can make the meeting by Monday May 31st (773-8086). See you in June!!!-Lorrie S.

To Restore or Not to Restore:

Players are in place! The TV camera is rolling! Music begins...and the announcer shouts: "Let's play 'Old Cars!'"

The pretend TV show gets in full swing after contestants are introduced. Then comes the first question from the show's host: "What's better: To buy a collector car that is [restored](#), or find one in [unrestored](#) condition?"

The panel ponders. Contestant No. 1 says, "I think the benefits of a [restored](#) car are evident: it can travel long miles, grabs the attention of onlookers and ranges in the top level of value for a particular year, make and model."

"Aaakkk!," the buzzer sounds after a wrong answer. "A restored car is not always able to drive reliably, may grab the attention of John Q. Public for a very short time and may not be alone in the top range of value for its type," says the host.

He moves to the second contestant.

"Which car is appreciated more: Restored or unrestored?"

Contestant No. 2 does not hesitate: "It's always the [restored](#) car!"

"Aaakkk!," sounds the buzzer.

"Sorry, that's not the best answer," says the host. He turns to the final contestant.

"Contestant No. 3, here is your question. If you get it right, you will win the round. Think carefully," he says, while a pause settles the audience. "For overall enjoyment, should you own a [restored](#) car or one that is in fine, unrestored condition?"

The third contestant ponders her reply, her mind quickly wandering as she assesses the options.

Enough pondering. The game show continues. "Contestant No. 3 – are you ready to answer the question?"

She nods yes.

"I'll ask it again: 'For overall enjoyment, should you own a [restored](#) car or one that is in fine, unrestored condition?'"

She replies: "The choice is left to the collector. As for me, I would rather enjoy the car on the road than own a dowager trailer queen. I'd take an unrestored car."

Ding-ding-ding...Bells ring, horns sound — "That's the best answer...for you!"-Gregg Z.



Attached is the picture of a 1963 T-Bird along with a camper built in 1969 to take this family camping in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.—
From Ted Becker