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ROAD RUMBLINGS...

Hey Gang,

Sorry this is kinda late coming out. You know how it is...time gets away from ya...fast!!!

WOW!!!! Had some great response from you Gearheads on the commentary about car clubs and judging and are club cars in or out. Again I'll say I won't call out any club by name...no need to. It is a tough subject based on the the feelings expressed in the feedback. The clubs have to decide what they want to do and how to run their own shows. The article was just to stimulate some ideas and thought and boy did it. Elsewhere in this section I am touching on the other side of the coin...the participants and their expectations. I see more responses coming!!!

With the cold weather taking over quickly, it's time to let the "bench racing" and "lying" begin. You know what I mean...all that fun stuff we do to pass the cool & cold months until we can get the rides out when it gets nice again. I know there are more than a few of you working on projects, so take out the camera, shot a few photo's and send them to me and we'll share what your doing with all the other Gearheads.

For those of you who missed it, the 3rd ANNUAL KRIS KRINGLE Car Show was a big success. 78 too cool rides of all varieties were on the main floor. This is truly a fun show as there is no real awards deal. Yea there are a couple awards given out (peoples choice from spectators) but it truly is just a group of folks showin' off their too cool rides for everyone to see and enjoying the friendship of other Gearheads. Tom Akers, Mark & Rhonda Delk, Tim Akers and all the other folks(sorry I cant remember all the names) who worked to make move in / set-up, the show it self and move out go extremely smooth, I say thanks on behalf of the show participants. Tom has started looking for more cool rides for next year, so if your interested get a hold of him and he'll take care of you.

Speaking of Car Shows, the winter months mean Indoor Rod & Custom shows to go to. Listed in the events section are 3 of the area's finest indoor deals. If you're spectating or

planning to show, all the info is there to get you hooked up. When you go to these shows, and you know you will, take a kid with you. Show them what this Gearhead thing is all about. You'll light a fire!!! We have to continue to grow the participants as some of us are moving on up in years and need to have some young guns getting ready to take over.

As you read last month (you did read the issue...didn't you?? You can still see it at www.gearheadgazzette.com), I touched on how there is some energy around how shows are judged and who is included in the judging. The other side of that deal is US (I say us as I participate too)...the show participants. We can be a very funny bunch. We say we go to the show to have a good time, but yet at the end of the day, there is more than a couple of us that get all bent out of shape because we didn't get the "BIG AWARD/TROPHY" or because he got 1st and I should've got it...in my mind anyway.

We as humans by nature are very competitive. We are raised with competition being taught as a good thing, as it makes us better and we even come up with great ideas that turn into the next "gotta have" thing. Nothing wrong with that at all.

What should happen though is to put it that competitiveness in perspective with what is going on at that moment in time.

The car shows that clubs and organizations put on, to raise money for some cause usually, are there for us to enjoy and have fun at. Yes awards are given, but as a form of recognition of hard work having been done. There are only a handful of shows, where the awards given will have an effect of how much the value of your ride goes up if you win the big one. There are probably a dozen or less of these.

I believe that 98% of the picks that happen are done with the best intentions, to recognize what those judges or clubs feel are the best rides at that show. This is done based on the parameters that club or organization has set up.

Don't get mad if you don't win the big one that you thought you should have won. Don't bad mouth the show cause you didn't win what you thought you should have. Next time, if asked,

participate in the judging process. You will be AMAZED at how difficult it really is.

Going to these shows each year is really all about the people that are there. The friends you have made over the years that you only see once a year or so. The new friends you will meet, who share the same love and passion for this thing we call hot rodding. It's not really about the cool rides we own or look at and admire. It's really about the people who dreamed, created and built that cool ride. All the rest is just extra to enjoy.

I recently took the ol' truck out for a spin on a warm Sat afternoon. I wouldn't trade all the waves and "THUMBS UP" signs for 1 more dust collecting trophy or plaque. By the way, where are all your trophies at...the closet...garage or attic??? How much dust on them...1" or 2"????

Go to the show, enjoy the people, dig the cool rides. If you win an award it's a better day than you already had going. If you don't...I bet you'll get more than 1 "thumbs up" sign on the way home and that will be better than getting the "BIG TROPHY". I guarantee it!!!!

Let me take a moment to wish each and everyone of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year. May you be blessed with great health, great family & friends. Remember the reason for the season and it aint about getting more presents. I will add, may the Big Gearhead in the red suit visit your garage and leave you a thing or 2 to make your Christmas fun. See ya in 2007!!!

Until next issue, keep it between the lines....

Jimmy B.

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"Remember...we're here for a good time...not a long time...Enjoy the Ride".

- THE CRUISE NITES HAVE ENDED FOR 2006.

FOR ALL OF THE CLUBS & CRUISE NITE HOSTS, OR IF YOU KNOW OF A CRUISE NIGHT HAPPENING IN 2007, BE IT WEEKLY OR MONTHLY, SEND ME THE INFO. SEND THE COMPLETE INFO TO ME AT gearheadgazette@aol.com

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"WAY COOL STUFF TO DO".

THE NEW STUFF IS LISTED IN ITALIC'S

DEC 2006:

- *DEC 3RD: COLLEGE GROVE TN: THE ANNUAL COLLEGE GROVE CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE. THE PARADE IS LOOKING FOR SOME COOL RIDES TO BE IN THE PARADE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL JIMMY B AT 615-300-2003 AND WE'LL GET YOU HOOKED UP. THE PEOPLE OF THE GROVE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR COOL RIDE. YOU WONT BELIEVE THE TURNOUT AT THIS SMALL TOWN PARADE THAT IS REALLY COOL.*
- *CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!!*

JAN 2007:

- *JAN 5-7: FRANKLIN TN: FROSTY WHEEL 2007 CAR SHOW WILL BE TAKING PLACE AT THE AgExpo CENTER IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. MORE TO COME ON THIS ONE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SHOWING YOUR COOL RIDE AT THE SHOW, CALL 615-453-0039 10AM-9PM OR 615-374-2852 NIGHTS. **YOU CAN PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM AT HOT RODS & THREADS FULL SERVICE SHOP IN COLLEGE GROVE TN.***
- *JAN 13 -21: SCOTTSDALE AZ: THE BARRETT-JACKSON 2007 CAR COLLECTOR AUCTION. TO BE HELD AT THE WESTWORLD EVENT FACILITY. OVER 40 HOURS OF LIVE COVERAGE WILL BE SHOWN ON SPEED TV. CHECK YOUR LOCAL LISTINGS FOR TIMES AND DATES. IF YOU WANT TO HEAD TO THE AUCTION AND NEED MORE INFO CALL 480-421-6694 OR GO TO www.barett-jackson.com .*
- *JAN 20-21: NASHVILLE TN: 16TH ANNUAL EDITION OF THE NASHVILLE AUTOFEST. BEING HELD AGAIN AT THE TENNESSEE STATE FAIRGROUNDS. SWAP MEET, CAR SHOW AND CAR CORRAL ARE JUST A FEW ITEMS TO TAKE PLACE. FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER OR GET A SPOT CALL 502-893-6731 OR GO TO www.nashvilleautofest.com .*

FEB 2007:

- *FEB 4TH: NASHVILLE TN: THE ANNUAL STONES RIVER AACA ANNUAL SWAP MEET IS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD AT THE TENNESSEE STATE FAIRGROUNDS. MORE INFO TO COME. IF YOU HAVE A FLYER SEND IT TO ME WITH ALL THE DETAILS.*

MARCH 2007:

- *MARCH 9 TO 11TH: NASHVILLE TN: HUNTERS AUTO EXPO 2007 WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TENNESSEE STATE FAIRGROUNDS. CUSTM CARS, TRUCKS, HOT RODS, RACE CARS, MANUFACTURERS EXHIBITS AND MUCH MORE!!!! CAR OF THE YEAR, TRUCK OF THE YEAR AND STREET ROD OF THE YEAR AWARDS TO BE GIVEN, PLUS ALL THE CLASS AWARDS. FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER CALL JOHN RICHARDSON AT 615-227-6584. **YOU CAN PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM AT HOT RODS & THREADS FULL SERVICE SHOP IN COLLEGE GROVE TN.***

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COOL HAPPENINGS IN YOUR GARAGES...

SEND THE PICTURES AND INFO ON YOUR RIDE OR YOUR FRIENDS RIDE AND WE'LL SHOW IT OFF RIGHT HERE!!

HERE'S A COUPLE OF SHOTS OF TOM AKERS (BELLEVUE CRUISERS GO TO GUY) LATEST PROJECT, OR SHOULD WE SAY HIS WIFE'S NEW COOL RIDE. PAINT BY TACK COLLINS, INTERIOR, STANCE AND BIG DISC BRAKES BY HOT RODS & THREADS FULL SERVICE HOT ROD SHOP. COOL CAR TOM!!!



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