

THE TOWN CRIER

February Meeting

The Colonial Region's next Club event will be a meeting at Bruce & Judi Nichols home at 33 Beach St. in Millbury, Mass on Feb 21 2016. Please call 508-865-2238 if you are coming so they can plan for food and ice cream. The event starts with lunch at noon, the meeting at 12:30, followed by a make your own ice cream sundae after the meeting. There will be a photo and memorabilia display of Colonial Region National Meets, Tours, and Meetings from 1989 thru 2015 while enjoying your ice cream sundae. Feel free to invite someone you know who is not yet a member to come and enjoy our meeting as a guest to learn what we are about. We'll let you know by Friday February 19, 2016 if the meeting is cancelled due to weather conditions.

Member's Rides

If you have a recent or favorite photo of your beloved Plymouth (with or without yourself in the photo) email it to Don Palmer or John Russo. If you have any questions about how to do that, please give either of us a call.

President's Message

Happy New Year to all! I hope your holidays were enjoyable, especially with the nice weather we had. It's very unusual in New England to have salt-less roads in late December. Don took his 1961 Fury out for a jaunt on the 25th. The grass was turning green and the pear tree has buds. VERY unusual!



The Christmas Party at the Palmer's was very nice, as usual. Lots of good food, many tasty gifts, and great company. Unfortunately, our host was sick in bed but the hostess carried on as usual and did a fantastic job. Thanks Jane for going ahead with the get-together. John and Dianne Russo intended to come, but weren't feeling well either. Hope everyone is feeling well now.

In case you weren't at the party, DUES ARE DUE. Still \$15 per family. Send check to Judi Nichols at 33 Beach St., Millbury, MA. 01527. We had a short meeting and decided to try and have a meeting in February. Bruce and Judi Nichols will host. It will be at their home in Millbury on Sunday February 21 at noon. Last year they had 3 feet of snow, but Bruce is optimistic this year.

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The March meeting will be our annual business meeting at the Whitman home in Hancock on Sunday March 20 at noon. The club will have lunch at the IOKA Valley Farm (Pancakes, French toast, waffles(no eggs), real maple syrup, and maple ice cream). We will discuss the April meeting at that time.

Bruce is planning a real interesting and fun car outing for May 14th (a Saturday). It will be at the Thompson Speedway motorsports park in Thompson Conn. It will include a car show, tour, driving your car on the track, lunch in the clubhouse, and a club meeting in the media room. How about having a meeting in your area? June, July, and August are open.

Happy Winter,
Judy

Secretary's Report

COLONIAL REGION PLYMOUTH CLUB MEETING:
December 6, 2015

Members present: Whitmans, Nichols, Ruops, Palmers, Heiligmanns, Crooks, Steve Reynolds and Sandy, Jim Dunlea and Qin

Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report was accepted. The web site was discussed. The person who maintains the web site for the Lone Star Region commented favorably about our website and made some suggestions for improvement.

The Palmers volunteered to sent Lanny a report for the National Bulletin every other month.

Several members have visited the Douglass on the Cape. Jane received a call from Tom Dorward; he hopes to come to meetings in the new year. Don Palmer has requested that members send pictures of their cars to him so that they can be posted on the website.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Judy Whitman as President, Doug Crook as Vice President, Judi Nichols as Treasurer, Don and Jane Palmer as Secretary.

The next meeting will take place on February 21 at the Nichols' home (33 Beach St., Millbury, MA). Members should call to confirm

that they are coming (508-865-2238). Lunch will be at noon, followed by the meeting and make your own sundaes. There will be a photo and memorabilia display of Club tours and meetings. Meeting will be cancelled by February 19 in case of inclement weather.

The March meeting will be at the Whitmans at noon on the 20th with lunch at the IOKA Valley Farm. On SATURDAY, May 14, Bruce has arranged for the Club to go to the Thompson Speedway. We will watch the races (10:00) , tour the track, drive our cars around the track (12:00) , have lunch and a meeting, and learn about the history of the track.



Thompson Speedway Track Layout and currently scheduled events can be found at their website:
<http://www.thompsons Speedway.com>

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Palmer, Secretary

Recent Posts on the Colonial Region's Web Site:

Ignition Diagnostic Testing

Don Palmer introduces us to the club's vintage 1215 Sun Tester and how it can be used to make sure your trusty old engine is (literally!) firing on all cylinders. Don takes us through the use of the tester to diagnose spark, how to read the waveform displayed on the tester's screen, and teases us with info on other tests that can be performed... which he'll be detailing in an upcoming post on the site.

Slant Six Timing Chain Oiling

Don describes how to troubleshoot causes and cures for lack of proper timing chain lubrication on a rebuilt slant six. The post includes detecting the issue, description and photos of root causes, a brief solution to a commonly encountered problem, and how to avoid that problem in the first place!

Slant Six Valve Adjustment Tool

Don demonstrates how to use this Club owned tool especially designed to make it easier to measure and adjust valve tappet clearances on Plymouth, Dodge and Chrysler slant six engines with mechanical lifters. If your engine has lost its pep or has some valve chatter, a tappet adjustment might be the cure it needs.

