

THE TOWN CRIER

Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ **Jun:** Little Compton, RI at the Crooks Sun Jun 12
- ◆ **Jul:** Picnic at Colt State Park, Bristol RI, Sun Jul 17
- ◆ **Aug:** Elm Draught House Cinema tour Millbury MA, Sun Aug 21
- ◆ **Sep:** Weekend on the Cape, Sep 16-18
- ◆ **Oct:** New Bedford Fire Museum, Oct 16

International Aid

Tech articles by Don have created an international incident of the best kind! A fellow antique car enthusiast with a balky Sun 1212 tester saw Don's web article and contacted us. A nice correspondence ensued. See page 4.

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

Don and I were very disappointed to miss the club gathering at the Thompson Motor Speedway on May 14th. Sounds like everyone had a great time and would like to do it again, probably without the breakdowns. Nothing serious, just vapor lock, brake problems and overheating.



For a good set of pictures and a write-up, go to our web site at www.plymouthcarclub.org Don Palmer has also written a report which summarizes the day. (editor's note: Don's write-up with photos is included in its entirety later in this newsletter)

I saw a recent announcement that the Walter P. Chrysler Museum is now open again with limited hours. When you read the Regional newsletters, it's amazing to see how many car related museums and attractions there are in this country. From car preservation and restoration places to personal collections and restaurants devoted to antiques, vehicles, toys, memorabilia, etc. Even junk yards! Have we missed any in our area?

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Betty Kibbe has gotten the club photo albums together and is ready to pass them on to our new historian, Bruce Nichols. He already has a huge collection of club memorabilia. You may have noticed some at his house.

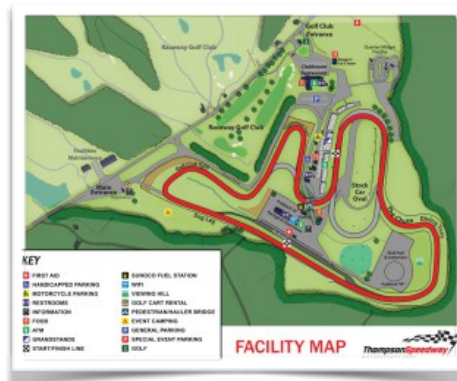
Our next meeting will be in Little Compton, Rhode Island on June 12th. TAKE NOTE ... That is a week earlier than usual. Did you know that Little Compton has been listed in the Yankee Magazine as an interesting place to visit ?

I think the good weather has finally arrived. Keep those Plymouths in running order. Don't forget to call the Crooks so they know how much food to provide. 401-635-4213

Judy

May Meet Thompson Speedway

May Meet Thompson Speedway on Saturday May 14 put our Plymouths & Dodges in with a Rambler contingent early in the morning at Thompson Speedway. The facility layout contains not only the track but many buildings supporting the track and golfing functions. After signing in we setup on the field and later went for lunch at the clubhouse restaurant. Just after noon time we headed out on the track. It appears we were setup near clubhouse turn.



Our photo's tell the story better than words:



Lining up at Thompson Speedway Entrance was our staging area where we got our wristbands, pamphlets, and information on our next pit stop.

Grouped together on the Field were the Dodges, Plymouths, and Ramblers; there were other

classics as well including Cobra, Corvette, Olds 442, Dodge Superbee, Ford Fairlane, Chevelle, and more. Trucks and Cars mix it up on the Field so there was plenty of variety to catch the eye of the enthusiasts who were at the speedway to see and hear the vintage racers running thru the course early in the morning.



One Plymouth got some brake work while on the Field which including rodding out the master cylinder compensating port to relieve built up pressure in the brake line as well as some troubleshooting of the generator cutout relay that had the points sticking which caused the battery to discharge into the generator.

Show Winner lines up first for lapping the Track which occurred after voting elected Jim Dunlea Dodge truck as the favorite in the group:

Track line gets longer as each car and truck pulls In behind the Show Winner prior to heading out into the track for the three laps around the stock car oval behind the pace car.



Making the way onto the Track took us past vintage racers waiting to make runs on the course.

Rounding the turn out on the Track gave us an opportunity

to catch some of the cars and trucks following the lead pace car around the course.



Photo shoot out on the track gave Jim's red dodge truck an opportunity to "load up" and stumble a bit while positioning but Jim managed to work thru it all without hardly anyone noticing.



Someone always needs to get into the picture where skid marks of the vintage racers were present on the course asphalt.

After a bit of work on one of the 30's Plymouth it started with the help of a push by the Plymouth club members and headed home without further issues!



Our May Meet Thompson Speedway was a great success thanks to the planning efforts of the Nichols including an excellent weather day (how did they do that?!)

Our Little Web Site Attracts International Attention!

Thanks to Don Palmer's excellent technical article on using the club's Sun 1215 test computer, we now have an international following. In late April, Alexander Barendregt, an antique car enthusiast from the Netherlands, emailed John looking for help on using his 1981 Sun 1212, which unfortunately came with no manual. Don, Alex and John exchanged a flurry of emails and got to know a bit more about Alex and his cars.



The first is a 1975 Opel that his dad purchased new and that Alex lovingly restored over 12 years! His second project is a 1969 NSU ro80 with a Wankel rotary engine. NSU was acquired by Volkswagen group in 1969 and eventually became Audi - you've come a long way, baby!



Don and Alex continued to exchange emails and I think Don was eventually successful in helping Alex get his Sun working.