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President's Corner

MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS

2011 is almost history. Many events have happened to all of us. Some good and some bad. But we're still here. Be thankful. Please enjoy the rest of 2011 and look forward to 2012. Be with friends and family. Drive your bucket (if its running) and have fun.

Wanda and I wish each and everyone of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NTBA President Bill (Weelstang) Darr

VP's Corner

Happy Holidays Bucketheads. Seems like time just keeps going faster and faster, won't be long, and we will be having fun at the Choo Choo. Soon, the NTBA board will be checking out cities to host the 2013 NATS. We have three locations that have expressed interest so far, there is still time if YOU want to host a NATS, please contact Bill ASAP. We hope to decide early in 2012 on a location. Speaking of Springtime 2012, the NTBA will be hosting elections for the Board. All positions are up for election. I will be acting on behalf of the board to accept nominations. Please consider running for an office. If you have questions, or want to run, please contact me. In the upcoming newsletters, there will be official dates, etc, and the election process. Since the NTBA (association) started, Teresa and I are very thankful for the wonderful people we have met in the NTBA, the many whom have become good friends, and know that will continue in the future. We sure do have a great group of people in our family club. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. For those who don't need snow tires and chains like I for the bucket, drive safe.

Dale

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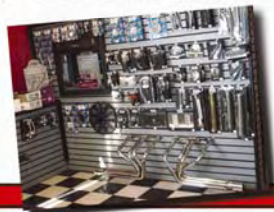
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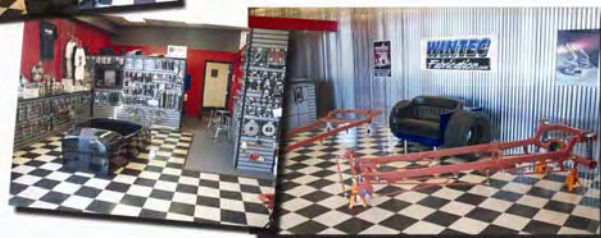
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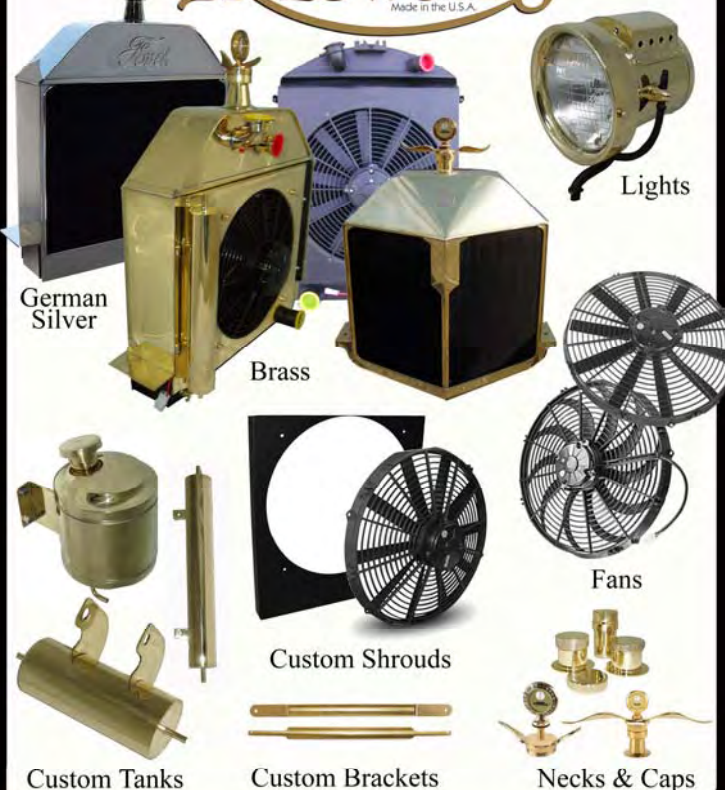
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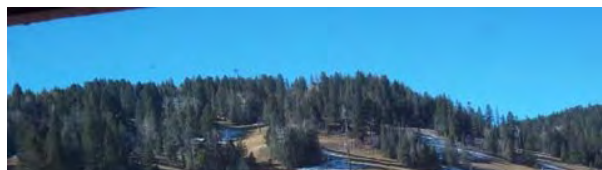
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FRED'S FUN RUN A DRIVERS VEIW..... From the editor.....

We started out having to wait for the weather to warm up slightly Thursday morning, (started out at 27 degrees) knowing that we were going to fight the wind most of the way and go over several sets of mountains.



Fitted with our snow suits and side curtains off we go. Over the mountain at Cloudcroft, a quick stop for lunch in Alamo-



gordo, then on to Las

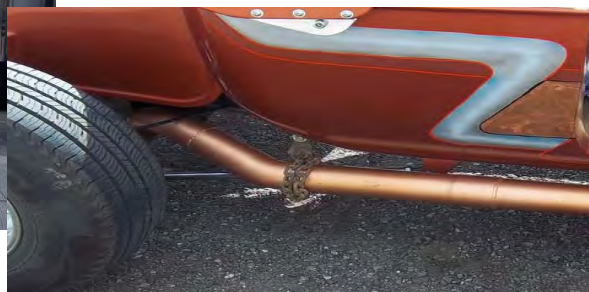
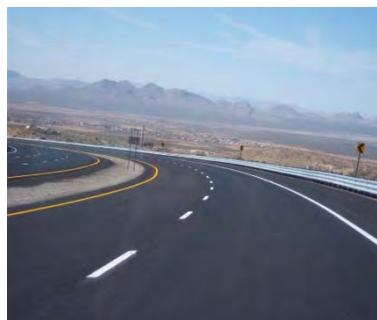
Cruses for a gas stop, then on to I-10 heading west. After an overnight stay at my nephew house in Silver City, then off to Tucson.

We got back to I-10 and found that AZ roads reminded us of the roads in Colorado (**ROUGH**). We



made it all the

way to an early lunch at Benson (forgot the time change) when we kept hearing a funny



noise that we could not pin-

point till we got back on the interstate, the back exhaust mount gave up

the ghost and left the passenger side exhaust bouncing off the bottom 4-bar link. So we had to unload most of the trailer to get to the tools and spare parts to see what I had that could fix it to get back on the road. Finally, I had a small chain that worked great as a temporary hanger. Got it bolted on and off we went, of course that put us late for the burger burn, so we just hung out at the motel, and ran a few errands before supper. Later that evening we meet up with lincolnut, Uncle Larry,

Aunt Pam, and Pinky T for some Mexican food and later ice cream. Saturday,

woke up to rain, so after some break-fast, and drying the bucket, went to the Wildcat House for the show. Enjoyed the setup and talking to all the old and new



friends, but

alas had to leave early to be in Silver City before dark.

Ever notice how the farther you go the more bugs on the windshield???? Sunday, got up headed home, made it by 1155 miles on the road (averaging about 22mpg). Look hopefully with more time to spend with everybody.



3:00 after 4 days and forward to next year,

Rainmaker (Dean & Sharon McClure)

How to Build a simple Valve Cover Racer.....Dewey "SparkPlug" Burton

If you are a follower of the web site, then you know that Uncle Larry has ask me to do a series on how to build a Valve Cover racer. As a little background; those who attend the Nats know, this has become (thanks to Larry) an event , looked forward to by more and more BucketHeads every year. Chattanooga I'm sure will see a big increase in entries next year. I know; that I have never won the race, but I did take second three years ago, and built the winners the last two years, in the stock class. Now I can't guarantee that this cover will win next year, but it will be raffled off before the race. For those who would rather be prepared in advance, here are the step by steps for a simple build. OK, lets get to work!!!

Mr. Bonez will tell you the first thing you need to do is assemble some basic materials.

(A)...You will need a valve cover, some wheels, a piece of one inch aluminum or steel angle,eight 1/4 in. bolts and nuts, and the official NTBA rules.

You can use any Valve cover within the guideline of the rules as far as measurements. Wheels must be of an available variety and unaltered.(I prefer inline skate or razor scooter wheels). Remember the rules say no more than 4 in. dia. These are best obtained at thrift stores,by destorying some kids out grown skates, or you can buy new wheels on e-bay. Angle metal is easily obtained at Home Depot, or Lowes.

(B)... The wheel will look something like this. The inside dia. is 8mm for the axel.

(C)... Normally there will be spacers to use for a 1/4 in. axel.

(O)...You will need to cut two pieces of angle to mount the axels , and then the assembly to the valve cover. (sorry about the (O) the pics somehow got out of order.

(D)... Fit the angle to the bottom of the valve cover .(Mark the FRONT on both pieces)

(E)... With a transfer punch (1/4 in.) carefully transfer the holes on the valve cover to the angle.

(F)... Now you can mock up the the wheel location.

(G)... A little hint..I set mine at 3 in. in front of and 2 1/2 in. behind the respective mounting holes. (be sure to mark this info. on the angle for later reference.

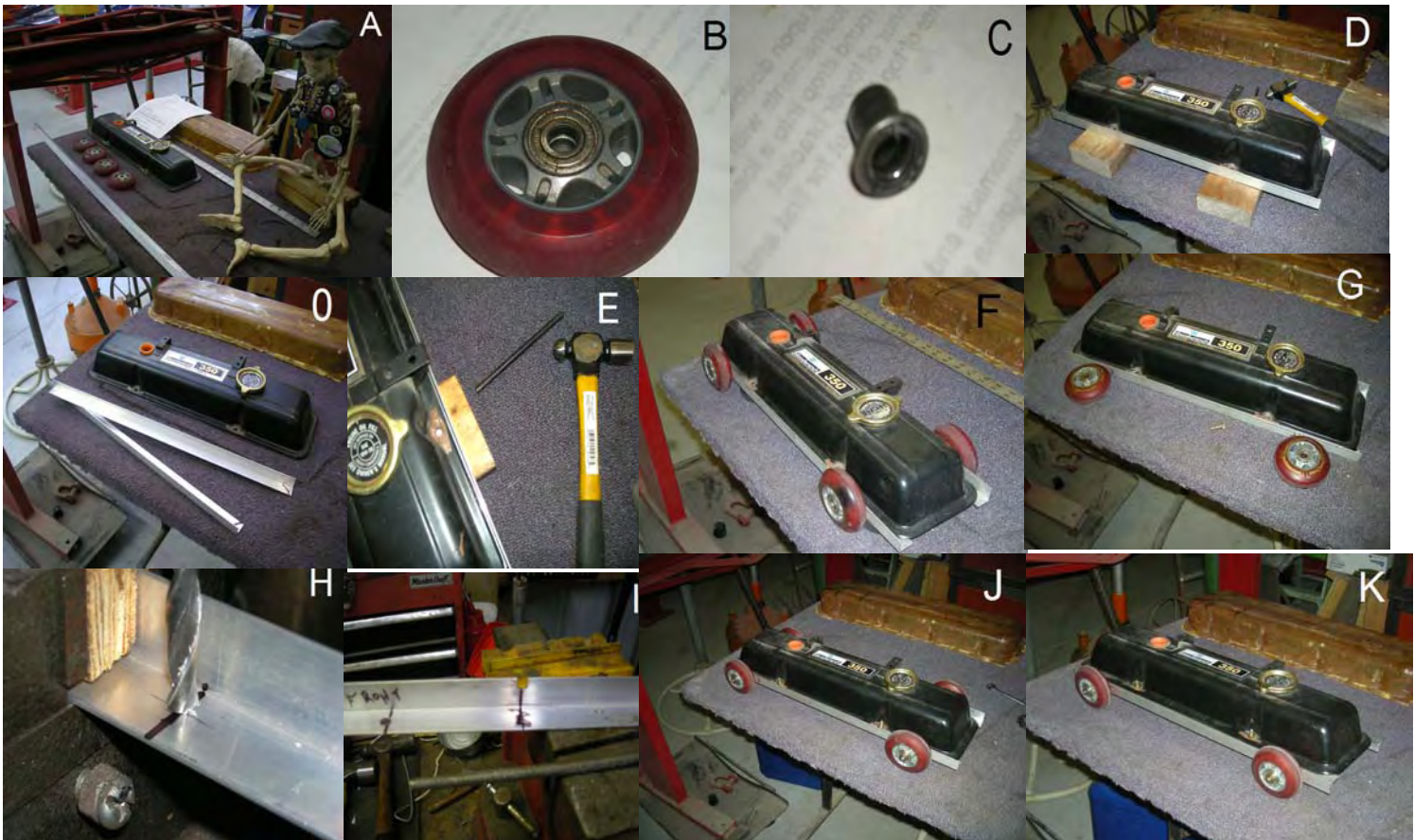
(H)...Mark and punch the "axel location" 1/2 the distance inside the angle. In this case it was 11/32 nd. (remember this determines the alinement of the wheels). You can now drill all eight holes 1/4 in.

(I)... After drilling the mounting holes 1/4 in., take a round file and open up the front holes. This is to adjust for going straight. (you did mark the front, Right?)

(J)... Now you can mount the axels.(1/4 in. bolts) and mount the assy. to the valve cover (also 1/4 in. bolts). In this configuration you get a lower center of gravity, but give up some ajustability.

(K)... By flipping the angle over to the opposite side, you raise the center of gravity some , but gain a lot of ajustability. Ok , if you have got this far you are well on your way to having a working racer. You will notice that the wheels do not set straight as there is no flat surface on the stock valve cover to bolt the assy. to. (remember you cannot alter the mounting surface of the stock valve cover). This we will address in the next installment when we built the weight plate.

Till next time, from the BoneYard.....Dewey



REPORT FROM LENOIR, NC from Dave Henning

Dear NTBA newsletter

Here is a picture of Novel T with some eye candy from the Easy Rider's/Customs of America Bike & Car Show which was held in the Charlotte Convention Center. Novel T won a "TOP10" award which was sponsored by CROFTGATE USA FINISHES.

I have also enclosed a copy of our Christmas card showing Novel T as the lead car pulling Santa's sleigh past the Polar Gas Station. Novel T and the Hennig's want to wish all our fellow Bucket Heads a Very Merry Christmas.

Well that about all the news from North Carolina, the NTBA made a big impression at the 2009 Nats in Lenoir. Everybody I see always asks me when the T-Buckets are coming back to Lenoir.

Keep on Rollin'

Dave Hennig



See more next page



Fred's Fun Run 2011

Mike (lincolnut) Wade

We decided to go a day early this year to look at some 1957 Rancheros in the Tucson area but that's a whole nother story that does not need to be discussed here. We left about 1:00 pm on Tuesday 11-1-11 for a short 220 mile trip to Deming NM. Bill & Wanda left about 11 AM so they could shop a little on the way so we met them at the LA Fonda Café in Deming for breakfast on 11-2-11 and after that we were on our way to Tucson, about 200 miles away, and some much needed visiting with the NTBA Family.

After some Aluminum scavenging shortly after noon we set up camp at the Prince of Tucson RV Park, then we drove the T Buckets to Eddie & Cindy's house on the east side of Tucson. Upon arrival we got a tour of the new house/shop addition, a really nice place they have built. Soon after we arrived at their house Norm & Dottie from Kingman AZ arrived and we all went to supper at a very nice place set up as an Old Time Town and boy that food was real good. Much fellowship, cruising and Ice Cream was done that evening.

On 11-3-2011 breakfast was done with the same bunch and more Bucketheads started to show up in Tucson. After several trips around town were done for many different reasons and some shopping was done it was time to eat again. By the time supper time came around we had about 10 buckets in town and all of them were at Eddie &

Cindy's to begin a cruise to the north side of town to the El Rancho for some ribs and fellowship again. After a small detour and a U-Turn or two we arrived at the restaurant, some of the streets in Tucson have many different names and the signage leaves a little to the imagination. Suffice it to say that half the fun on some cruises is the detours/U-turns you must make.....Great food again and now it is time to sleep and prepare for the actual start of Fred's Fun Run tomorrow, 11-4-11.....



Breakfast at Denny's and Gas at the Shell then we made our way to the host hotel for some benchracing and fellowship in preparation of the "Run" up Mount Lemon on the north side of Tucson for the Burger Burn. We left the host



hotel around 10:30 am. A Truly Nolen truck loaded with a true 1918 Model T Roadster as the leader of the cruise. Right through the middle of downtown Tucson the cruise went from around 3000 feet to the top of Mount Lemon at 8500 feet. The temp/weather was very different between the middle of town (80 degrees) and the mountain (50 Degrees with 20 mph wind). After a great burger and enough cold wind to do me for quite



some time, at 2:00 pm it was time to get back to town for some warm air and less wind. Much warmer benchracing and fellowship was done at the hotel until it was once again time



to eat, did I mention that all bucketheads do is drive to eat and eat to drive..... Supper was done at the Las Margaritas Café this night and



great Mexican Food we had to make an Ice



I'm sure several other locations around Tucson. After some Cream run to a location that Kathy Foppe found on her smarty phone, the name escapes me right now but that's just old age.....The first day of Fred's was done again.

Saturday woke up to wet roads and a little cooler weather in Tucson and 'Snow' up on Mount Lemon that you could see from town, I bet it's cold up there today and NO I did not go up there to find out..... The Show and Shine started around 8:00am at the Wildcat House on Stone street. Nice big parking lot and lots of good fellowship was had all day, weather

was not too hot but pleasant all day. The Poker Run started around 11am and was about 50 miles long. With all the stops and the great views around town and the west side of the mountains it took about 2 hours to make the run.....Lunch was at the Wildcat after our return. The awards and drawings were done by 5:00 pm and it was again time to find some thing to eat.....Most of the New Mexico



Chapter went to an Italian place on the far north side with an Ice Cream run north of that after some great food again....drive to eat and eat to drive....

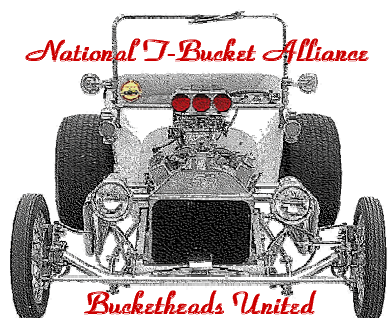


At 7:00 am on Sunday we started the drive back to Artesia. We had a real nice time in Tucson once again and look forward to 2012. A new place for lunch in Deming was tried then it was time for more goodbyes and more driving. Home about 5:30 pm and time for some much needed rest. I drove about 450 miles in the Bucket this weekend and enjoyed every one of them. Thanks Tucson T's

Mike (lincolnut) Wade

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