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Spring is well on its way and bucket weather is here. Ya'll enjoy as much cruising as you can, be safe. But remember the Nats are coming ChoooooChoooooooooooooooooooo. What a great time we are going to have in TN.

The Nats crew has come up with a NEW T Bucket body to be raffled off. If you were in Dayton one like it was there along with a roller they had. Its bigger body with a bed. Look for details and how to buy tickets.

Get those buckets going, yep mine is all torn down now and making many changes to IRS and new induction unit. Running soon (I hope).

NTBA Elections SOON VOTE VOTE VOTE

weelstang

VP's Corner

Won't be long now and the buckets will invade the volunteer state. This is going to be a week long great event. I am giving up the VP section this month to the NTBA election of officers. Bill has asked me to handle this important function within the NTBA. You should received a ballot the first week in April via U.S. Mail. Ballots will be accepted by the NTBA if postmarked by May 1, 2012. Below you will see a brief Bio on those members running for office. Our current treasurer Jim Diehl, will remain for another term, so a bio is not included for "Top Hat". Thanks for the many inquiries I received about running and to those actually running for an office. The following have submitted a formal request to become/remain an officer.

President---Rolla Hessel

Vice President---Ron Pope

Secretary---Pam Green / Yvonne Parshio

Treasurer---Jim Diehl

Sgt. At Arms---Lee Metcalf

As spring approaches, check your ride over, keep safe

Dale

See more info on next page

President---Rolla Hessel I bought my first T-Bucket almost 25 years, while living in Iowa, as a favor for a friend needing money at the time. I had no intentions of keeping it, only cleaning it up and adding some chrome and turning a profit. Shortly after buying it I was transferred to St. Louis, MO and brought the car with me. I did clean it up, made a few mods to it and added the beer kegs out of necessity for gas tanks. While people don't know me, they do know the T with the beer kegs. At a local show, many years back, I was approached by a friendly guy, by the name of Spanky Cleveland, who told me about the NTBA and their local chapter here in St. Louis. I didn't take him up on his offer at the time, however, over the course of a few years, my cousin, Danny, rebuilt the car a few more times and another friend, MAC had bought a T and got involved. He talked me into going to one of the local meetings, back in 2000, and I was hooked from that day on with the NTBA. One or two draws attention, however when you get 10-12 together, you have a car show anywhere you go, but then again you all know that. I was impressed by the family values, the people, the diversity of the group, and the common joy that was shared as the result of a car. I attended my first NATS in Branson in year two and I was then hooked on the National group too. In the past twelve years, I have had the pleasure to make friends all around the world, as a result of these cars. While I cannot say I know everyone's name that I have had the opportunity to meet over the past 12 years, I can tell you I remember the cars and faces, along with stories we cherish. I have been amazed at how something that I bought, over 20 some years ago, just to turn a quick profit became such a passion and has allowed me to make true friends throughout the US and even Japan. I've had the privilege to serve as the President of the STL chapter a number of years in the past 12, along with being the S-A-A for the National group for the past 4 + years. I enjoy working with our members on a regular basis and promoting the NTBA to all that show an interest. It has been a pleasure to work, as the SAA, with the current regime of officers as well as working with past officers for guidance and feedback. From our past we learn how to be even better and provide a better experience for our membership. Our family value does not waver and I feel that if we share a mutual respect with each other, in all that we say and do, our "family" will continue to grow and prosper. I hope you will allow me the opportunity to share my vision of a " Family Reunion " with you, as the President of the NTBA, for the next few years

Vice President---Ron Pope My story begins in Baltimore, MD in 1950. As a kid growing up on the shore of the Baltimore Harbor I had great interest in boats, cars, and anything with an engine. I graduated from high school in 1968 and went on to further my education in automotives. I attended machinist school, and began working at an auto machine shop where I built several NHRA record holding pure stock engines. My family and I moved to Kodak, TN in 1977, where I met my wife Pam on Memorial Day on the back of a hay wagon, (her brothers couldn't go to the drag races until the hay was brought in, so I decided to help the process and haul hay too.) I'm so glad I did, Pam and I have been inseparable ever since and married in December of that same year! We have two daughters, Valarie and Kristy, son in law Jeremy, and a wonderful 2 year old grandson named Elliott. In Tennessee, I continued working in auto mechanics and gained the title of ASE World Class technician. I was also named Napa auto technician of the year Knoxville area in 1990. In that same year, I started Ron Pope Motorsports, building Jr. Dragsters, chassis, and engines. My daughters loved racing and participated in Jr. Drag Racing for almost 10 years. After the girls grew up and started their own families I lost interest in drag racing and redirected the focus of the business and my spare time towards my long time passion, T-Buckets.

Secretary My name is Yvonne Parisho but most just call me Mom. I have the honor to be running for the position of secretary in the NTBA. I'd like to tell you a few things about myself. We live in St. Louis, MO and have been members since 1999. When we built our bucket from scratch we were not aware that there were other buckets in the area, much less around the world. Our first "showing" was at a car show in Quincy, IL where we met Jim Diehl, Punkun & Melinda Johnson, and Russ & Kathy Gore. I was immediately made to feel that we part of something great and joined the club immediately and have been an active member ever since. I have served on the board of the St. Louis Chapter a number of times in different positions including secretary and treasurer. Owning a small family business where I take care of the financial and sales side of the business, I feel being organized and prompt is a must when dealing with our customers. As officers in the NTBA, our members are our customers and we must be willing to provide prompt answers and follow up to make their experience as a member as pleasant and fulfilling as possible. I truly enjoy what I provide for our customers and would welcome the opportunity to provide the same level of service to our membership as the secretary..

Secretary Hello my name is Pam Green and I'm running for the office Secretary of the NTBA once again. I have held the office since January 2007. Larry and I joined the NTBA in July 2000 when we went to our first nationals in Branson. We were welcomed into the "family" at first sight when we told everyone that we were building a bucket and needed pictures of everything. Grapevine was our first nationals with our bucket and boy did we have fun. We have been to every national since 2000.

Just a brief history of offices that I have held over the last 35 years –

1976 – 1980 held positions as secretary, treasure and social chairperson of the Albuquerque Boat Club.

1990 – 1995 held positions on the board of directors and sponsorship committee for Altamont Little League.

1995 – 1997 worked with son's high school booster clubs for basketball and baseball. Helped organize and run a western regional senior division tournament for little league.

2007 – 2009 worked with secretary as membership coordinator for a local club – Route 66 Rodders.

I worked for Integrity Networking Systems for 16 years in the accounting department. Last year the company was purchased by Technology Integration Group and work as a contract administrator. I work with Oracle based programs, excel and word.

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14th Annual NTBA Nationals	Chattanooga, TN	June 21-23, 2012	www.nationaltbucketalliance.com
Missouri Mini Nats	Osage Beach, Mo	Sept.6,7 &8 2012	573-365-2700
Artesia Gathering of Buckets	Artesia, NM	Sept. 21-22 2012	darr@pvtnetworks.net

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Can you believe it is already March!! Imagine in less than 2½ months we will all be gathering in Chattanooga for our family reunion and tomorrow wouldn't be soon enough for me. If you have not taken the time to go into the link on the NTBA website and review the list of activities that are planned for the week of NATs, please do so because we feel we have created enough of a variety of things to do that will be of interest to everyone. As of Friday March 2nd - we have 66 people pre-registered for the event.

There have been a number of questions regarding fuel stops on the cruises so I wanted to address that issue. We have pre-planned every cruise for this event. The #1 consideration was planning fuel stops every 50-60 miles for those who need them, and of course #2 was food stops J.. The cruises on Monday and Tuesday will pretty much be ALL DAY EVENTS, however we will NOT be in the cars all day. We will have plenty of stops and picture opportunities. While the cruises on the other days will not be as lengthy, they will still be full days of activities. The evenings will still be open for bench racing on the parking lots and "Ice Cream" runs.

As you will see when you get there, it was impossible to plan to see everything that we could possibly see. We tried to create a variety that would appeal to all "Families" as we know for many this is YOUR vacation. Just because we have it scheduled does not mean you have to do everything on the list. There is also a list of alternative things to do for those that want to venture out on your own.

One note to all regarding a few of the events: **IF you plan to do the White Water Rafting or other events where a deposit is required, you will need to take care of this immediately** with the person listed on our events schedule. I know Mike Myers has put a couple of emails on the boards regarding this so be sure to take care of your registration if you plan to go with the group.

Much time and effort has gone into the planning and scheduling of our week in Chattanooga by many people. We hope you plan to join us and look forward to seeing you in June!!

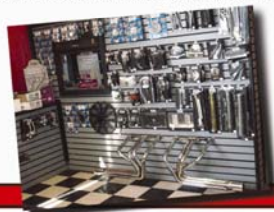
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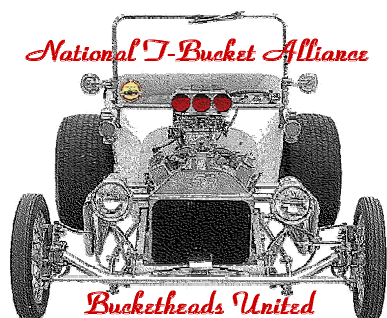
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