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In just two weeks we will be taking over Green Bay!! Luggy has put together a great week of fun and cruises, so I hope to see many of you there. As you know, we will induct our new officers at the national meeting, so I want to take this opportunity to THANK those who are rotating off. Yvonne "MOM" Parisho and Ron Pope have served you well for the past three years, and I have enjoyed working with them on our board. Lee Metcalfe will be taking over the duties of treasurer, replacing Jim Diehl. Lee has been my right and sometimes left hand as the Sargent at Arms and I know he is ready to take on the role of Treasurer.

Jim Diehl has faithfully served the NTBA for 13 years as Treasurer and has held office longer than any other NTBA officer. Jim started as treasurer of the Alliance when we changed names. After a short break, Bill Darr talked Jim into coming back on board and he agreed to do so and served 6 years with the previous group of officers. As I became President I asked Jim to stay on board for at least one more term and he agreed to do so, which was a blessing to me. Besides being officers, all of these folks have become dear friends and I will miss their input and support.

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Razor T's Red, White and Blue Cruise	Mt. Home, AR	June 22-27	
2015 Nationals	Green Bay, WI	July 8-11	
2015 Western Regional	San Diego, CA	September 8-12	
Missouri Mini-Nats	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	September 10-13	
Indy Fall Regional	Indianapolis, IN	September 24-26	
Fred's Fun Run	Tucson, AZ	November 6 & 7	

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Hints for Enjoying the 2015 Nationals By Jerry "Lugnut" Chenot

HOWDEE!!! From Cheese land U.S.A. Where we have 4-5 seasons: Construction, football, winter, football, winter.

Wow, can you believe it, only a nudder 35 days till y'all begin rolln' into Green Bay, Wisconsin. Whoa, Nellie...the time is going way too fast. We've got so much to do between now and then. Where do we begin? Sigh.....

I hope y'all have reserved a room at the Tundra Lodge. This place is awesome and has the largest indoor water park outside of the Dells! So if you haven't done so as of yet...pack those swim suits.

We're hoping and praying that we have awesome weather. July is normally in the upper 70's, lower 80's and the humidity is really not all that bad. Sometimes we have cool evenings as well.....so what to wear? Well shorts and t-shirts / tank tops /jeans and y'all might want to toss in a windbreaker just to be safe. I WILL tell you that we have had (at least since I've lived here for the last 20 years)...no snow in July. However there were frost warnings out just a bout 25 miles north of us last night.

I certainly hope that I get to meet each and every one of you. Be forewarned, though, I'm really lousy at names, but pretty good with faces, so give the host some slack, won't cha?

So what can the early birds take in once they get settled in? Have we any pilots among the members? How about a trip down I-41 to Oshkosh, EXIT 116 and you'll be paying a visit to the EAA, which stands for "Experimental Aircraft Association." The EAA event is to airplanes like Louisville is to street rods. It's always a sight and sound to hear/see the old war birds flying overhead, even as far north as Greenleaf..my neck of the woods. Oshkosh is about 50 miles south of Green Bay. There are a couple ways to get you there "without" having to drive down I-41. I will have maps at the front desk of the Tundra as well as in the registration room.

I realize I have mentioned this in an earlier newsletter, but those of you here early might want to do the Lambeau Field Tour. These are the hallowed grounds of the late, great Vince Lombardi and the Green Bay Packers. I can garonetee you that there is "no other" professional football stadium in the United States that can ever compare with Lambeau field. While you are there, be sure to check out the Packers Hall of Fame...it's all new this year after being renovated one last time, and hey, let's not forget to pay a visit to the Green Bay Packers Pro Shop. Surely someone back home requested you bring them back a "cheese hat." :-)

What to eat while you are hereacross from Lambeau field on Ridge Road there is Kroll's West (because across the river, there is a Kroll's east). This neat old restaurant is family owned. Those of you who have been to Culver's will find that Kroll's is "somewhat" similar in that they do have butter burgers, but that Kroll's are a bit smaller..but much tastier than Culver's, by the way, try their chili with spaghetti and our favorite: CHEESE!

There is another really good local joint in Green Bay, although this writer has never been there, and that is Chili Johns. I've heard it IS the best chili in the upper Midwest. (Which is a little like saying the best walleye in Texas. -Editor.)

Just a bit down from the Tundra over on Potts Avenue is an eatery called "Green Bay Distillery"...this is quite the place and it is a sports oriented restaurant. Sixty-six menu items maintaining a local flavor. Also down from the Tundra is Brett Favre's Steak House...I have had steak there and it was darn

good. Just ask at the front desk about the local eating establishments...tell them you want something that is NOT franchised. The folks at the front desk of the Tundra will set you in the right direction.

For those of you who like to dabble in wineries or breweries, we certainly have our share of those as well. One of the nicer breweries is also a restaurant and is called Tittletown Brewing Company. Quite an original name wouldn't you agree. ;-) This restaurant is located down town Green Bay at 200 Douseman Street. Located on the Fox River in a beautifully renovated railroad depot, they have a full lunch and dinner menu along with fresh, hand crafted ales and old-fashioned Sno-Cap Root Beer. Other breweries are as follows:

—Badger State Brewing Company...990 Tony Canadeo Run, Green Bay www.badgerstatebrewing.com

—Hinterland Brewery and Restaurant....313 Douseman Street, Green Bay www.hinterlandbeer.com

—Tittletown Beerworks...320 North Broadway, Green Bay www.tittletownbrewing.com

And wineries...yes we have our share of those as well:

—Parallel 44...N2185 Sleepy Hollow Road, Kewaunee, WI. www.parallel44.com

—Captain's Walk Winery...345 South Adams, Green Bay www.captainswalkwinery.com

—Ledgestone Vineyards...6381 HWY 57/32 Greenleaf, WI. www.ledgestonevineyards.com (located at the foot of of the Niagara Escarpment, just below where we live)

—Trout Springs Winery...8150 River Road, Greenleaf, WI www.TroutSpringsWinery.com

NOTE HERE: This author is merely making suggestions and giving locations of the hand crafted breweries and wineries; I do NOT condone drinking and driving.

Also mentioned in an earlier newsletter rtickle, you should take in Heritage Hill, a State Historical Park located at 2640 South Webster Avenue...just a few miles east of the Tundra Lodge. Here is where one can experience living history. This author highly recommends you pay a visit here, and be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

www.heritagehillgb.org

I understand a few of you will be traversing north to Gil's Rock to catch the ferry over to Washington Island. On your way up, be sure to stop at Renard's Cheese Store. You will see it on the left hand side of the highway that you are driving on. If you do miss it, not to worry as we will be stopping there either on the way up or back from Door County on Thursday. BUT if you do stop...you simply MUST sample their "chicken soup" flavored cheese! Another place to stop is "Wood Orchard", just up the road a piece on the right side of road, they have CHERRY everything!!! You will surely want to stop here, and again, we will be stopping here on Thursday.

One store I recently read about that is located in Sturgeon Bay, this author and his wife WILL be checking out real soon...the store is located at 12 North Third Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI. It is the home of Door County Candy.

www.doorcountycandy.com

Well, I just can't tell you how much there is to see and what there is to visit. We all have our own interests, I am only offering a little guide to what is available. For farther information, be sure to take one of the GREATER GREEN BAY VISITOR GUIDES at the front desk or the registration room.

Now I'm going to attempt to give you driving instructions on how to get up here and to the Tundra Lodge. I can bring you up one of three ways....either Interstate 41 (by the way, this IS a very recent change as it used to be State Highway 41)....it will be smooth sailing until you get to the road construction and there will be plenty of it; or I-43, or the back roads, which to me is more scenic than driving the concrete highway. Depending obviously from whence you have come, if you are coming up from St.Louis or some where in the lower Midwest and you want to avoid Chicago and its tollways and avoid Milwaukee and its idiot drivers, then you'll want to pick up I-39 outside of Bloomington, Illinois. I-39, when you come into Wisconsin just above Rockford, becomes I-90. Stay on I-90 and watch the signs for Sun Prairie HWY 151....take this all the way to Fond Du Lac. UNDERSTAND: YOU WILL HAVE ONLY "TWO" TOLL BOOTHS GOING THIS WAY...ONE IS BY BLOOMINGTON (i THINK) AND THE UDDER IS AROUND ROCKFORD.

Now you have your choice...continue on 151 or get off and go north on I-41. IF you choose to take the "scenic route"...continue to follow HWY 151 ...look west (your left) and you will see beautiful lake Winnebago. HWY 151 will eventually head east towards Chilton. Word to the wise...you WILL be going through many small communities, WATCH your speed. Watch for the little town of Calumetville and check out the old barn with the tractor sticking out of the front of the roof.....(see photo).

When you get to Chilton, you will be turning LEFT onto HWY 57/32. Follow this all the way into DePere. When you come into DePere, the speed limit drops quickly to 25 mph....watch the signs as you will be entering into a "round-About" and going around and heading west, over the Fox River; this will be MAIN STREET. Stay in the right lane and follow the traffic...you will be turning RIGHT at 8TH STREET....and eventually entering another "round-About"...bear right and now you will be on ASHLAND AVENUE. Follow ASHLAND AVENUE all the way down to LOMBARDI AVENUE (you will see the brown siding of the Tundra Lodge on your left when you just get to LOMBARDI AVENUE. Turn LEFT (west) and look for street entrance to the Tundra Lodge.

Okay, those NOT wanting to take the scenic route....when you get to outer Fond Du Lac (which means "Bottom of the Lake, if you happen to speak French), watch for

signs indicating I-41 NORTH. Jump on here and head NORTH. You will begin to run into construction outside of Oshkosh....if you watch around and BEFORE exit 116, off to your right, you will see the EAA property and runway. Anyway, keep traveling north on I-41. Following Oshkosh the next communities you will come upon will be Neenah, Menasha, Appleton, Little Chute, Wrightstown, De Pere and finally Green Bay. You WILL be turning off I-41 onto ASHLAND AVENUE.....follow ASHLAND AVENUE all the way down to LOMBARDI AVENUE and turn LEFT, go to The Tundra Lodge driveway and turn left.

For those coming North on I-43...follow the signs, and keep your eyes peeled for HWY 172(EXIT 180) . Take 172 due WEST across the FOX RIVER and take the FIRST EXIT after going across river, ONEIDA STREET/ASHLAND AVENUE.....stay in RIGHT lane and at the bottom of the ramp turn RIGHT onto PILGRIM WAY...drive to electric signal this WILL be ASHLAND AVENUE...turn LEFT. Take this all the way to LOMBARDI AVENUE....turn left and take next left onto drive way that leads to the Tundra Lodge.

Now for a bit of information regarding the state of Wisconsin and local information. This month the speed limit on many of the state highways will increase from 65 MPH up to 70 MPH. Now a word TO THE WISE...where as before we "were" allowed five mile per hour "over" 65 without a problem, BUT The State cops WILL be out in force as there is NO forgiveness or allowance of "five over" any longer. IF you are exceeding 70 MPH, even by one mph, be prepared to be pulled over!

Next in speaking of local areas in North East Wisconsin, you will notice we have "many" round-abouts...these ARE easy to navigate, just watch the markings on the pavement and PLEASE do me a favor, use you turn signals. :-). Many folks up here still haven't a clue as to what that stalk on the left side of the column is for..set a "good out of town" example that you KNOW how to navigate and use your signals to let folks know which direction you are headed.

Lisa and I certainly are looking forward to everyone coming up to our neck of the woods. It's going to be a real hoot! We hope that you enjoy your stay and that you will come back real soon to visit the area....when there is "less pressure." :-). Safe travels to all and please, IF you have ANY questions regarding the local or surrounding area/s, please do NOT hesitate to call (920-864-7273) or email (rootbeer1646@gmail.com). If I do not have an answer, I'm certain Lisa will as she IS a native of Wisconsin.

Good night Mrs Calabash....wherever you are.

Panhandle Fun Run, 2015 Edition

By Mike Wade

Well here we go again heading to Nazareth TX for the 7th annual Fun Run on Thursday 4/30/15.

Arrived at around 4:30 pm TX time, only about 10 minutes before the bunch from California (Cookieman & Pinky T) & Albuquerque (only Uncle Larry this time, no Aunt Pam) arrived. Already at Harvey & Angie's Barn House were the Tunnell's from Forney, TX. About 1 hr. later John Arnold from Albuquerque arrived and then it was time to work on Cookieman's bucket (he drives his all the time, no trailer for this bucket). The alternator had a problem, and we helped install John Arnold's tires.

About two hours later Bruce DeAngelis, along with Milt & Joyce Atkinson, arrived just in time for the short 6-mile run into Nazareth to check in at the B&B for those who did not bring

a bed with them. After we returned to the Barn House we were treated to a "GREAT" pulled pork sandwich with all the trimmings on the front porch with some bench racing following supper.....5177-5197

Later on in the evening ('bout 11 pm. TX. time) the





Saint Louis (Rolla, Terry Hill, Chris Seper & Cuz Hessel)/Oklahoma (Tim Lyons of Okie Street Rods) bunch arrived.....They made enough noise to make me get up from a deep sleep just to say hello/goodnight. Only a couple of folks from Arkansas failed to arrive this day

so tomorrow morning after they arrive the cruising Fun can begin.

5/1/15 started with a breakfast cruise to the "only" Café in Nazareth, we were met with a great Buffet, set up, just for the Bucketheads and Lavern & Rick Chisum 5235 from Arkansas, they spent the night on the road so as not to get lost in the middle of the night. Smart,



cause it is a long way between places in the Texas Panhandle. Some great bench racing in the parking lot and then a cruise to Amarillo through Umbarger/ Canyon TX to Bill's Classic Cars Showroom for a tour. Lots of real nice cars and a great tour. The return cruise was including an ICE CREAM stop



at Braum's in Canyon, with a stop at the local Walmart for gas back to the Barn House we went. Supper was in Umbarger, TX, at the "only" Café in town for an all you can eat Fish Fry, boy was I full after that. Lots of bench racing back at the Barn house with some adult beverages in memory of Norm & Dottie.



We then had to see how many T Buckets you could get in the Barn, kind of like we used to see how many people we could get in a VW/ or phone booth, when we were much younger. See the photo of 15 Buckets all in one barn & that may very well be a record, then to bed for some much needed rest.

5-2-15 Breakfast was supplied by Angie & friends. After that we were joined by a couple from Dimmitt, TX, Pam & Richard Rickert, for the cruise to Palo Duro Canyon for several photo ops 5344-5348 and lunch at the Trading Post in the canyon....Really a great cruise/tour and lunch in the second largest canyon in the USA....Should you ever find yourself in the TX. Panhandle you should take the time & tour this beautiful place.....See the photos for some great shots...5358-5360-5373-5388-5393-5398.





We then stopped again at the Walmart for gas on the cruise back to Nazareth. That cruise was very pleasant. After more bench racing and some rearranging of the RV camp, supper was again served in the barn. This time the "Brisket & Beans" were made by Pam & Richard along with help from Angie again. Boy that was great food. Thanks to all that supplied food or sides for the whole weekend, they were great. We then had to have Ice Cream, 'cause what is a cruise without Ice Cream? You know that old saying we, Live to Drive and Drive to Food.

Sunday 5-3-15 saw all of the bucketheads hit the road for home, starting with the Saint Louis/Oklahoma bunch. They headed out 'bout 5 am and the rest of us hit the road to Tulia, TX, east of Nazareth about 8 am for breakfast and then home in all different directions. The goodbyes are always the hardest part of any T Bucket Family Fun Run so we did that and made a run to Artesia through Lubbock, with a stop at Sam's for gas and supplies for home. Home about 5 pm NM time and a really good weekend was again in the books. Thanks, Harvey & Angie, for another great Fun Run. We will be back next year!

....Mike & Angel with Peggy Sue.....



John and Tammy Brown's Annual BBQ

Photos by Isaac Saltz

We don't have a write up for John and Tammy's annual BBQ, but Isaac Saltz sent us a lot of great photos, so we can at least get a good idea what happened! We'll just let the photos speak for themselves.







President's Corner (continued from front page)

We have an excellent group of new officers coming on board and I am very excited to be able to work with all of them for the next few years! Angie Milton will become our new Secretary and anyone that has been to previous events knows how hard both she and Harvey work for the NTBA! Milt Atkinson will become our new Sargent-at-Arms and will handle the heavy lifting.. If you have been to any of the events in the past, you have seen and enjoyed the company and presence of both Milt and Joyce. As I mentioned previously, Lee Metcalfe will become our Treasurer in July, but I will tell you he does SO MUCH MORE to support our club! Bruce Deangelis will step in as our new Vice President and I can tell you he has great energy and ideas to share with all of us as we grow the NTBA.

I encourage you to get to know all of the new officers and reach out to any of us with questions,

suggestions or concerns. This IS YOUR Club, we just get to be your servants at this point in time. PLEASE be sure to thank those leaving office as well. See you in Green Bay!

Rolla Hessel, President



Who Are We? Isaac Saltz, New Member

OK here goes. I don't know what you want, so you can edit and put the info how you want it.

I am single, 58, and have been wanting a T since about 1976. In 1979, I went to my first NSRA event with a friend of mine, saw some T's and have wanted it ever since. I am a retired professional photographer; now I currently work for the city/parish as an animal control officer. I have one son who is 20, and he loves cars and is working on a 66 mustang but will be riding with me to T bucket events. I still have my plans from Total Performance catalogues from 1979. I have all my plans from when I was going to build my T. It was always something, no money, no time, bills, etc., etc. I finally got some things straight and paid off lots of debts, bought a duplex. Things are

OK, and I bought the kit from Speedway. Between Speedway and Jegs, I have got most of my car done. With the help of bucketheads, who are wonderful, my car is almost paint ready. I hope to have it done in time for Indianapolis This summer. So that pretty much covers me. My T will be red in color, with black engine, trans, and 3rd member, lots of chrome, nice cream color interior, and it will be powered by a 383 stroker with roller cam. I have M/T on front and rear. They are Sportsman Radials with flame pattern tread, and i will have 31x18x15 on back, and skinnies on front. Well, that about sums it up for me. I hope to see you at an event soon. Thanks,

Isaac



Below, Isaac with his son.



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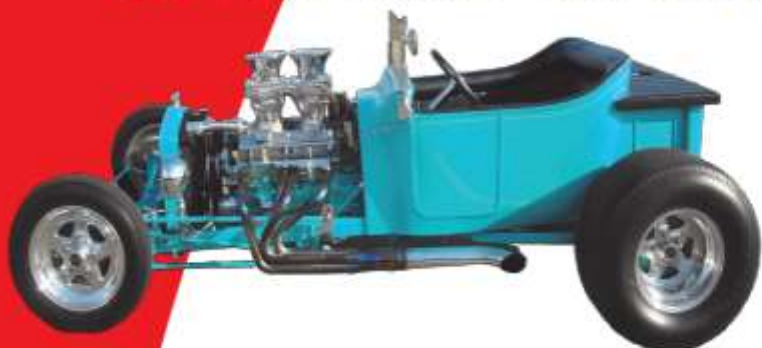
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