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Ramblings by the president

I don't have a lot to say this month, at least not as exciting as last month falling thru the ceiling and all. See last month's news letter for more info. The car club judging event was a hit and although only one car was judged (Mike Mooneys), I believe everyone who attended gained some valuable insight on properly judging a concourse vehicle. I won't be able to make the May meeting as I am going on vacation, John Elle or Gary Zinman will be heading up the meeting. Please help them out in any way you can. See ya at the June meeting....

UPDATE ON ARIZONA EMISSIONS LAW

Beginning with April 2007 renewals, "Collectable Vehicle" owners may need to show a copy of the cover page, or declaration page of their collector car insurance policy down at the AZMVD to get their 1st exemption. Eventually, insurance companies will send these codes electronically to MVD. Once those policy codes are in the MVD database, the annual renewal card mailed to the owner should state "No Emissions Test Required" and you you'll just have to mail in your renewal fee. Also be aware that if for any reason that insurance expires, the MVD computer (updated monthly) will catch it and you'll then have to test or re-register for the exemption, or if you sold the vehicle, the new owner will need to show proof of collector car insurance to claim the exemption.

In conclusion, **15 years and older vehicles with collector car insurance and your exempt. This historic change in the law is quite logical and fair; your choice of insurance coverage** (a legal contract) proves how you intend to use your vehicle, as either a limited use limited mileage secondary vehicle, or, for unrestricted primary usage (also called daily driver). Since the DEQ/EPA study's proved that limited-use limited mileage collector cars are not part of our air quality problems, they should not be part pf our air-quality solutions, which is annual emission testing for older daily-drivers with unrestricted mileage and usage.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

First off, let's talk about those shirts that we're planning to wear at the AMO Nationals. If you are going to go to the national meet in Denver we are all planning to wear very specific shirts Thursday, Friday and Saturday. As we have been mentioning in the newsletters for the last couple of months, these shirts are available at Target for the very reasonable price of \$ 4.95 each (add \$2.00 for XXL). The colors you will need are Big Bad Blue, Big Bad Green and Big Bad Orange. If you are going to Denver, you will need these shirts and we have to have them from you **immediately** so that we can have the club name screened on them. The cost to you for having the club name is just \$3.00 each (the club is picking up the set up charge). The reason we need them immediately is so that we can get them to the t-shirt printer and back to you in plenty of time to take with you to the AMO Nationals in July. If you are one of those folks going to the AMO Nationals and you haven't purchased your shirt yet, or you have gotten your shirt but have not given it to us yet for screening, please contact Terry Fletcher at (623) 486-3620 right away, **before it's too late**, thank you.

Remember that our club will be 10 years old in July of 2007. Inasmuch as many of our club members will be attending the AMO Nationals in July we will probably forego any formal celebration nevertheless it's an important milestone. In 10 years we have accomplished a great deal here in Arizona as well as in the national American Motors community. Our participation in local car shows and our occasional participation in racing events has gone a long way toward earning our club, our cars and our hobby a great deal of respect here in the Valley Of The Sun as well as the entire state. Our performance in carrying off a world-class AMO national event was quite an achievement indeed, especially for such a new chapter. We have a lot to be proud of and some truly great representatives of our hobby. Keep up the good work and here's to another 10 successful years!

We'll be having our next meeting at the ***JB's Restaurant*** in Scottsdale on May 26th. The meeting starts promptly at 5:00 pm. The restaurant is located on Mc Dowell and Scottsdale Road. I'm hoping to have my car Gremlin ready to bring to the meeting by then, how about some of you bringing your cars? See you there!

