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A NEWSLETTER FROM LANE AUTO MODELERS

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NUTS & BOLTS - Happy New Year. Hope your holidays were good and you're ready for another year of modeling.

Welcome to another edition of Auto Modelers Journal. Our December meeting went well. The minutes of our November meeting were read and we have \$327.85. in our account.

We got a report of John Yates' birthday party.

We had our annual Christmas party.

Deborah gave a report on our web site. To date we have had 2584 visits (that's by different computers). We also had 167 visits for this month and over 400 visits from Germany alone! Wow, that's impressive.

The state of Oregon has approved the use of club funds for gas on group trips to model shows. Now that was big of them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next club meeting: Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the West Point Grange in Coburg. Bull session at 5:00. Bring your recent builds and projects.

Saturday, January 31, 2009: Winter Rod & Speed Show, Linn County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Albany, OR. Hours: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Friday - Sunday, March 6 to 8, 2009: 53rd annual Portland Roadster Show and Model Car Contest, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon.

Saturday, March 14, 2009: Spring Classic NNL. West Point Grange in Coburg, from 9:00 to 3:00. The theme will be Race Cars - any age or style.

Sunday, July 19, 2009: Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance, Campus of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Folks, this is a REAL car show. If you've never been to a Concours d'Elegance, you should go to this one. Admission for adults is \$12 on line or \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets visit www.fgchamber.org or call 1-800-359-2510. Also visit www.forestgroveconcours.org.

TIP OF THE MONTH

This month's tip is from Jack: I saw a tip in one of the model magazines. Use floral foam for holding parts before you brush paint them or if you want to spray or airbrush them. You can get the kind that will soak up water and that in turn will keep dust and other stuff from blowing up on your piece that you're spraying. This I got to try, this always happens to me! Also I just got a new Harbor Freight flyer and they have this spot sanding prep pen. This can be really handy for getting something sanded when you can't reach it any other way. The price is reasonable, \$5.99, and it looks like it would work out ok. Thanks Jack for another great tip.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

This web site comes from John Butler. It's one that I also use. Go to eBay - Cars Trucks on eBay Motors, then the make or year of the car you need. The more common the car is, the more pictures you will find. Thanks John.

TRIVIA QUESTION.

December's question:

Q. When was the first production six engine built and who built it?

A. The first production six cylinder engine was built by Napier in 1903. The first American production six cylinder engines were built in 1905 by Thomas and Franklin.

This month's question: What is the difference between a roadster and a convertible?

HELP WANTED

We still need your articles, tips and suggestions for upcoming issues. So if you have an idea, write it down and send it in. You can e-mail me at "dch99@earthlink.net", or snail-mail it to me at Don Hunter, P.O. Box 368, Springfield, OR 97477.

EPILOG

Will wrap it up for now. See you at the meeting, meanwhile "Keep on Building".