



FOSSILS SOUTH JERSEY

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Fossils Newsletter

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By Rich Dalfonzo

The wheels are in motion for our 24th Annual Rockin' 50's Style Car Show. I Play America has allowed us to use their parking lot on Sunday, May 20th with a rain date of May 27th (Sunday). If you haven't seen the facility, you will be impressed. It is perfect for what we love to do. We are also trying to lock in our Cruise Nights at the same location: the first one being Friday April 27, 2012. This will give us a solid understanding of what we need to do to make the "Show" a success.

However, your help in securing ads for our Booklet are necessary. A full page ad is \$100, a half page is \$60.00 and a third page is \$35.00. This booklet is the meat and potatoes of our financial stability. So, secure as many as you can.

What Bugs Me!

By Rich

My brother has a 2008 Monte Carlo SS HP V8 (with tremendous torque steer). This car is always garaged and has fewer than 20k on the odom. He always keeps it clean and protected. Problem is he doesn't see or smell as well as he use to. SO, while using Armor All on the ENTIRE interior, he went a-braggin to his wife, who came to see and smell. Unfortunately, he grabbed a bottle of insect killer, which looks similar to the Armor All, and used it in abundance. It didn't look bad, but you can't sit in it without choking. Perhaps he is protecting his interior from "leather eating" insects, or anyone who wants a ride.

Simon Says...

You are a fossil if you remember:

Blackjack chewing gum.

Wax coke shaped bottles w/colored sugar water.

Candy cigarettes.

Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles.

Party lines on telephones.

Newsreels before the movie.

Butch Wax.

Wash tub wringers.

Howdy Doody.

Peashooters.

Flexible Flyers.

Mimeograph paper.

From the desk of Randy Scott

Ocean Front Promenade

If you haven't been to the annual Cruise to the Jersey Shore, held in Long Branch, you are missing a great cruise at a superb location with entertainment to boot! Our first attendance was last year with the show held on June 19th. Three of us decided to attend and caravanned over ('56 BelAir, '65 Comet and '69 Chevelle). We decided to leave at 7:30 a.m. and get there "early" to insure parking together. We took all the back roads we could find and eventually wound up on Rt. 36 by the Mall. Friend, Vinnie, driving the BelAir with wife handling navigation, only got us lost two times on the way over.

The show is held along Ocean Ave. right next to the beach. After emerging onto Ocean Blvd. we were somewhat confused as to whether to turn north or south. This was quickly solved by a Long Branch cop that gave us the right directions to the show. Even getting there at 8:15 a.m. we were in the last 25% to arrive at this popular event. We learned from a Corvette club parked in the primo beachfront spots that you had to arrive around 7:30 for those spots. We parked side by side in a grassy area close to Ocean Ave. If you haven't been to Long Branch in a while, the area where the car show is held has been redeveloped and now sports \$800K townhouses and a new hotel. Security was present at all times with no fear of leaving your car to walk around. Food vendors were numerous and then there is Rooney's for more upscale dining. This cruise/car show is mostly attended by classics and street rods with a small number of late model cars as well. We saw a few unusual and rare cars: '56 Chrysler Imperial, '54 Mercury Convert., '50's Darrin with pocket doors, '60 and '62 /Chev. Impala Convertibles, '51 Cadillac Convertible and an assortment of 1930's hot rods both high boys and full fendered, coupes and roadsters. We also saw some Packards, Hudsons, Auburns and Studebakers. In

all, there were about 400 cars in attendance. In the afternoon, the RB Express group entertained the crowd on the Great Lawn just a few minutes' walk from where we were parked. We left shortly before 3 to beat the rush and once away from the car show area, traffic was light on the back roads home. This will be a definite repeat for us in 2012.

I am trying to focus on club members with special stories about their rides. I would like to have you drop me an article concerning your special love affair with a certain vehicle. For example, John Vargo bought his 442 NEW. I'm sure there are some stories he could tell on the many years from day one to now. SO, John, drop me a paragraph or three.

One of my most memorable cars was a 1958 Impala Convertible I owned. This car came from the factor with a 348 tri-power, a special GR (grade retard) transmission, power windows, steering, brakes and top. It had factory skirts, a continental kit and spot lights. Finished in brilliant white with red interior, this ride was beautiful. I paid \$265.00 for it in '68 because it wouldn't run right. The owner simply gave up. After going through the electrical system, I found a shorted cylinder and it purred until I sold it... for a lot more \$\$\$\$.

Food Pantry Dates for 2012:

Feb. 22 and 23

April 25 and 26

June 27 and 28

August 22 and 23

Oct. 24 and 25

Dec 19 and 20

(thanks Walt)

Englishtown Swap meet and car show will be on From MAY 4th-6th

Special Birthday wishes to Nick Bock, Feb. 17th. Give the old guy a call at midnight on the 16th to wish him Happy Birthday.

For Sale:

I have two, 1920's gas pumps. They are Gilbert and Barker self measuring pumps, Model 2, type 88. If you know of a collector, I am trying to get \$1,200 each. They are very heavy cast iron and stand about 7' high. (Rich)