

Miscellaneous Ramblings.....

Another irreverent interlude from my office to yours. John Julis



Congratulations to nice guy Rick Rollins on his SEMA election. Next time you see Rick, ask him "How he pulls up his socks?" While I am congratulating... old friends Ron Funfar and Nate Shelton should be very proud of being picked for the SEMA Hall of fame. I'm happy for them.

NASCAR has mandated their version of a race car, dubbed the "car of tomorrow," to be raced at every event in 2008. Let's see... their mandated car, their race series, they own many of the tracks, could franchising be far off? Looks like the direction they are headed.

The New member section in the July/August issue of SEMA News really opened my eyes. In the manufacturing category SEMA had a whopping 172 new members! It was interesting that 69 of them were from outside the USA. Of that group, China and Taiwan held the majority.

Did you know that the windshield wiper was invented by a woman? Mary Anderson built it in 1903, when she witnessed a street car driver in New York stop repeatedly to brush the snow from the front glass. In 1917 a company named Tri-Continental, or Tri-Co for short, began marketing their device they called the Rain Rubber. The first automatic wiper came on the 1922 Cadillac and worked off intake manifold vacuum.

I had my credit card stolen, but decided NOT to report it. The thief, was spending less than my wife did! I bought the book "Women Who Love Too Much." I was disappointed to find it didn't have any phone numbers.

I found this sobering statistic. There was an average of 160,000 troops in Iraq over the last 22 months. There have been 3732 deaths, which equates to 60 per 100,000 soldiers. The firearm death rate in Washington, DC, is 80.6 deaths per 100,000 persons. That means that you are 25% more likely to be shot in Washington than Iraq. Conclusion: The US should pull out of Washington.

Some interesting facts about the Hoover Dam Each of the 17 generators weighs 4 million pounds! The Hoover Dam supplies water to over 18 million people or 1 in 16 Americans. The dam is 45 feet wide at the top, and 660 feet thick at the base. There is enough concrete, in the dam to build a two lane road from Seattle to Miami.

By the time you read this, Dick Van Cleve will have had cancer surgery. I know that you will join with me in wishing Dick a full and complete recovery. A get well card wouldn't hurt either.

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My mother taught me about these things.....

Religion

"You better pray that the stain will come out of the carpet."

Logic

"Because I said so, that's why."

Irony

"Keep crying and I will give you something to really cry about."

Stamina

"You sit there until all of your dinner is gone."

Circle of Life

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

Genetics

"You're just like your father."

Justice

"One day you will have kids and I hope that they turn out just like you."

An elderly couple in Sun City, Arizona were setting up a pre-nuptial agreement before their impending marriage. She said: "I want to keep my house."

He said: "Fine with me."

She said: "I want to keep my Cadillac."

He said: "That's fine too."

She said: "I want sex six times a week."

He said: "Put me down for Fridays."

I trust that everyone at this year's conference program will have successful meetings. I know that the program is very full, as I attempted to get my factory, Fragola Performance Systems into the conference this year, and was told that things were full. Wait till next year, we'll be there!

I feel that the PWA University concept will be one of the best things to come along in some time. Getting the opportunity to reach thousands of people in this industry and teach them how to market your products is priceless. I am putting the finishing touches on six lessons on selling braided hose and fittings. I can't wait to get them posted.

What is the difference between a supermarket shopping bag and Michael Jackson? One is made of plastic and is very dangerous to small children; the other holds groceries.

That's all for this time.

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