

Miscellaneous Ramblings.....

Another irreverent interlude from my office to yours. John Julis



Did you attend the recent SEMA Show in Las Vegas? I missed my first since 1971. If you were there, did you partake in some slot machine wagering? You had 197,144 places to do just that. You may not know that the Las Vegas Convention Center and the famed Strip are NOT in Las Vegas, but are under the jurisdiction of Clark County. If you flew there, you probably already know that McCarran Airport is the 8th busiest in the world, with over 1000 flights per day or over 40 flights per hour!

Speaking of SEMA, one of the principle owners of a factory I represent, flew 4000 miles only to have access to the show denied by the blue-haired bastions of our show's registration department. The offence? The business card had a different spelling variety of a word on the business license. All was saved when they produced a decades-old business card from the depths of their wallet, where the spelling matched exactly. I guess the myopic keeper of the badges neglected to see that the address, city, state, ZIP and phone matched.

Is anyone watching NASCAR's "Chase for the Championship?" The couple that I attempted to watch were dull, follow-the-leader affairs with almost no passing. It seems that NASCAR has not only mandated everything about the race cars, but also some very "Stepford"-style emotionless drivers too. Also, what is with the TV networks attempting to "freeze and analyze" the drivers points after every on-track pass? Yogi Berra was right in saying that "it's not over, till it's over." And the TV commentators should remember that too!

A man applied for a job in Florida picking lemons. He seemed way too qualified for the job. The foreman asked if he ever had any experience picking lemons? The man replied, "I sure do. I've been married three times."

The reason congressmen try so hard to get elected is that they do not want to try to make a living under the laws that they passed!

When I was young, I prayed to God for a bicycle. Then I realized that God did not work that way, so I stole a bike and prayed for forgiveness.

Fictional Joe Smith started his day at 6:00 a.m. having set his alarm clock (Made in Japan). While his coffee pot (Made in China) was perking he shaved with his electric razor (Made in Hong Kong). He put on a dress shirt (Made in Sri Lanka) and designer jeans (Made in Singapore). He cooked his breakfast in his electric skillet (Made in India) while he used his calculator (Made in Mexico) to figure out how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (Made in Taiwan), by the time on the radio (Made in India) he headed out the door. He filled his car (Made in Germany) with gasoline (Made in Saudi Arabia) and continued his search for a good paying American job. At the end of another fruitless, day he checked his computer (Made in Malaysia) while relaxing with a glass of wine (Made in France). While watching his TV (Made in Indonesia), he wondered why couldn't he find a good paying job in America?

Regular readers of National Dragster already know that John Force is "on-the-mend" at Baylor University Hospital. His devastating crash left him broken and bruised for the first time in his illustrious career. The big question now is: will he listen to the doctors regarding his recovery or will he bulldoze ahead in typical John Force fashion? I happen to be a Gary Scelzi fan, but I very much want to see the Force drama again in 2008.

More of the wisdom from Larry The Cable Guy

- 99% of the lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.
- Just remember, if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

That's all for this time.

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