

Miscellaneous Ramblings.....

Another irreverent interlude from my office to yours. John Julis



I trust that we are all redoubling our efforts to drum up business rather than sitting on our butts and complaining about things. I attend a number of cruise nights and the dozen or so speed shops, car builders or parts purveyors NEVER show up with flyers or any type of handout soliciting business. These are the very same people who complain to me about the lack of traffic at their locations. We need to tell our story to any and all potential customers.

The Senility Prayer

Lord, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the others I do like and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Glad to see Holley making progress once again. In these tough economic times we need all of us to pull together. I know it's not as much fun driving my truck with \$4.00 a gallon gas, but I am still working. Did you get your "stimulus check" yet?

I know that you all join me in congratulating John Force on his 1,000th round win. Like him, or hate him, it's quite a feat considering his devastating crash last year and the closeness of the competition.

Sayings of Ronald Reagan:

"The nearest thing to eternal life that we will see on earth is a government program."

"Government's view on the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. If it stops, subsidize it."

"I have wondered what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

I'll bet every one of my readers has a cell phone but what ever happened to the "poor man's cell phone" ...the CB? If you bought one in the early days, you found crowded airwaves with senseless banter. In most urban areas you couldn't get a word in edgewise. Sales of the CB ebbed to less than 500,000 units in the late 1980s. Expensive cell phone calling plans was the start of the CB resurgence in the mid 1990s. Now the "poor man's cell phone" is holding steady at over 3 million radios sold per year. Why would anyone want a CB when they could have a cell phone? Modern CBs are smaller and more powerful. They reach out in areas that do not have cell phone service. They are cheaper too. Nowadays you can have a modern CB for about \$75.00 and you do not need an FCC license to operate them anymore. 10-4 Good Buddy!

More things my mother taught me...

Time Travel "If you don't straighten up I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

Foresight "Make sure you have clean underwear in case you are in an accident."

Osmosis "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

Behavior Modification "Stop acting like your father."

Receiving "You're going to get it when we get home."

Roots "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

Wisdom "You'll understand when you get to be my age."

Stamina "You just sit there until all of that spinach is gone."

Did you know... the ancient Chinese people developed a method of cooking foods over heat at a low temperature. Columbus saw natives in Haiti cooking fish hung on a wooden structure called a barbacoa, but it was Henry Ford who discovered that you could create charcoal from wood. He used the wood by-product from his auto assembly plant. Ford worked together with his relative, E.G. Kingsford, and Thomas Edison to create a charcoal manufacturing facility. Ford Charcoal Corporation soon became Kingsford Product Company. Today 77% of all households have a barbecue grill and use it several months out of the year.

It seems that Kyle Busch, "the bad boy from Vegas," has stirred the ire of most of the NASCAR's drivers. His roughshod style, while reminiscent of Dale Earnhardt, doesn't do well in these times of mega-buck sponsors. Inside word from Charlotte is that the drivers are holding a secret lottery to see who will take him out of action. Also, his driving a Toyota has not helped increase his fan base in the traditional southern markets. More as the season progresses.

In other NASCAR ramblings: will mega-track owner Bruton Smith buy Dover Speedway in order to give one of Dover's race dates to his newly purchased Kentucky Motor Speedway? It's no secret that his New Hampshire Motor Speedway acquisition may lead to a second race at his track in Las Vegas. With NASCAR and their International Speedway Corp. holding most of the cards, it's the only way other track owners can get the coveted Sprint Cup races.

That's all for this time.....

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