

Miscellaneous Ramblings.....

Another irreverent interlude from my office to yours. John Julis



I am really disappointed in the SEMA Hall of Fame selection committee. I have personally petitioned them for the past 12 years to induct the person responsible for the \$15-20M segment of the aftermarket...

Performance Plumbing Products. The founder of that segment was Earl Fouts, who started Earl's Performance Products with surplus hose and fittings in 1955. Who do they pick this year? Smokey Yunick. He is an admirable choice, but not one that made any contribution to SEMA other than attending a few shows. Boy, when they miss the mark, they do it by a mile.

Is anyone else tired of the Chinese sending us crap? First it was the baby food scare, then dog food that killed your pets, kids toys with lead-based paint and now the latest... dry wall that makes you sick. All of that with no oversight and no repercussions. They do have the ability to make some fine products but we need some safeguards in place to protect our health and well-being.

Some Things That You'd Like To Say At Work

- How about never? Is never good for you?
- I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
- Ahhh... I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.
- What am I? Flypaper for freaks!
- I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.

On April 10, 1849, Walter Hunt patented his invention that would someday be known as the "safety pin." Virtually unchanged from the brass wire sample he played with in the months prior, this product has touched all of our lives to this day... 160 years later! Wish I would have thought of it. All of my hot ideas seem to end up as late-night infomercials made by someone else.

It's no secret that I have a huge disdain for the entertainment value in NASCAR racing. They have "sanitized" it to a point where, as an ex-racer, I cannot watch it. Now, NASCAR and FOX TV are lamenting about the fact that they have lost 11.5-14% of their audience. Do these people not watch the product that they produce? Between Darrell Waltrip's endless banter, the cartoon character Digger and the never-ending commercials, I do not see how anyone can enjoy it.

"After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay together." *Sacha Guitry, French film director*

"Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays." *Anonymous*

"I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me, and the second one didn't." *James Holt McGavran*

First Guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!"
 Second Guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."
Anonymous

Californians have Assembly Bill AB-32 to thank for the fact that we will not be allowed black (or dark color) cars after 2012. These nitwits in Sacramento deem dark colors a threat to the so-called global warming due to the added AC use at start-up.

Did you know... that the coupon debuted in 1887? John Pemberton (the founder of Coke) took to the streets to hand out coupons for his new drink. Consumers, who were used to fruity drinks, were baffled by the taste of Pemberton's cola. Pemberton felt that freebies would attract eventual buyers, and he was right! Today manufacturers distribute over \$350 billion worth of coupons for goods & services!

Our IRS allows foreign workers (illegals) to claim about \$7 billion in tax credits over the past three years! Workers who did not make enough money to pay federal income tax received payments from the IRS. IRS allowed these credits even though the illegals did not provide social security numbers on their tax returns. I hope that this is one area where Obama and the Demos plan their "change."

That's it for now.

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