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## Foundation Update

by Doug Wood

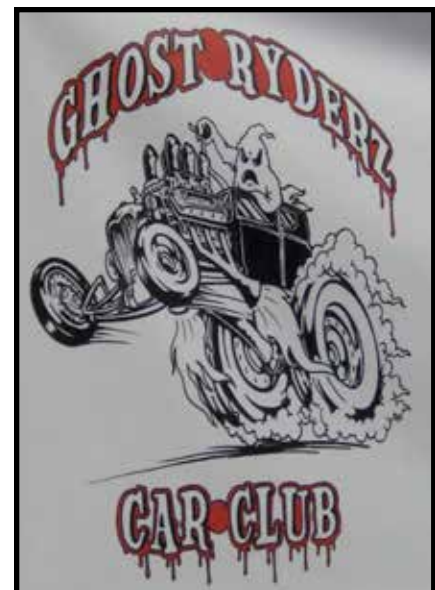


I want to share some big news with you. At the East Coast Indoor National's we joined forces with the folks at Motorama to make a huge donation. This foundation and the show promoters bought an Enclosed Trailer for the York Technical College Engine Building Program. Along with the purchase of the trailer Sunrise Safety Services applied the graphics on the sides

and the Ghost Ryderz donated \$500 to be used for insurance.

The group known as the Hot Rodder's of Tomorrow accepted the trailer in honor of Dan Swisher, known to many of you as Swish. I'm sure Swish was looking down upon the presentation with his big smile. Be sure to check out pictures on the next page.

*- Doug*



# York Technical College Engine Building Program

photos by Ryan Sprengle



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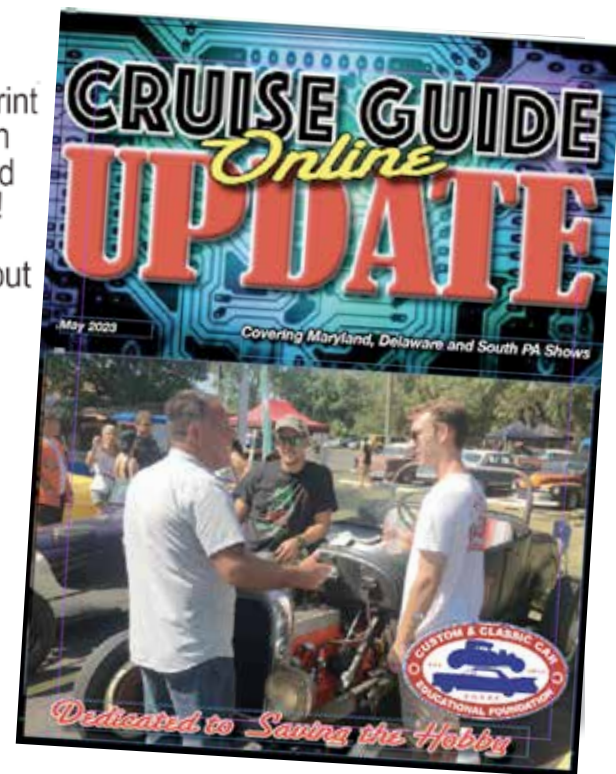
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# Car DOGS



by Anita Hill

We've had "car dogs", now we have a "truck dog". Cody, the Coton De Tulear, owned by Karl & Joyce Homberg, has been cruisin' with them since April of 2021. He's even been Cruisin' in Ocean City. We all love it when Cody comes around and says Hi, especially me!

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# Indoor Nationals

Timonium, MD

photos by Drew & Anita Hill



Held at the MD State Fairgrounds on Dec. 2-3, 2023, was an incredible event. From honoring Dan Swisher, who was part of Motorama for many years, that passed this Spring. There were so many beautiful cars and trucks at the show, and the wonderful displays around the vehicles. Also on hand were lots of vendors with new car parts and ideas, tools, artwork and gift items. There was something for everyone to enjoy.



In honor of Dan Swisher (Swish), the Mororama Family and the Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation, which is dedicated to saving the hobby of these beloved cars, presented a custom trailer to the students and teacher from the York Technical College. These students have been learning, hands on, about engines and how they're built, etc. The students compete in this craft with other schools. The trailer is to make it easier for them to roll their engines in and out to their competitions. Also, in honor of Swish, the Ghost Ryderz Car Club of MD, who are the host club for this show, presented a check to the school for the first year's insurance and other expenses of registering the trailer. And Sunrise Safety Services did the graphics on the trailer.



On Sunday, prior to the show's Awards Ceremony, the Ghost Ryderz Car Club also donated a large box of new Hot Wheels to the Foundation to use at their events.

On behalf of the Car Show & Cruise Guide and the CCCEF, we thank Motorama, the Ghost Ryderz Car Club, and all that participated in this show and throughout the 2023 season for making it a year of great fun.

Anita Hill

















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# Rust in Peace



# Reader's Rides

## Phillip Martin's 1978 Dodge B100

Our van Nautique is a 1978 Dodge B100 van. I purchased her in 1980. We have made several modifications to her over the years until we decided on which direction to go with her. We have always loved the ocean. I grew up on the beach and fishing with my parents. We decided to base the theme of the van around it. My wife and I work together with ideas for her as far as the theme. The murals on the exterior were ideas we came up with and I had in my head. I just could not draw them to put on paper to have an airbrush painter put them on for me. We found the closest drawings on eBay and we then took her to Brian Gavek of Gavek Graphics in Centre Hall, PA. We talked to Brian about how we wanted it done.

He was thrilled and honored to do it. The results were fantastic and far better than we expected. The mural has been on the van for about 15 plus years. It has held up well. People love the paint and have told us so.

The interior has been done up to look like the interior of a clipper ship's cabin. All the wood used is reclaimed and some even from a boat yard as well. The dash, dogbox and other trim is done in sand taken from the beach in Rehoboth Beach, DE. We are all about authenticity for the theme. The Captain's Quarters is made up to sleep in and I have done so on occasion. The engine is the original 318 but we modified it with a Holley 4bbl carburetor, Hedman headers and Borla exhaust. The wheels are Sendel's with Firestone tires back and Kelly's front. I mounted LED's underneath which really show up great at night. The running boards were replaced last year with solid ash which were burned and treated with epoxy. We plan on replacing the bumpers with ash as well. Hoping this will be done soon.

When we set up for shows, such as the Van Nationals, we go all out for theme. From interior to exterior. My wife sets up everything on the interior to her satisfaction. If I try to set it up I know that it will not be anywhere close to as well as she does. I do the exterior cleaning and set up. We came up with the idea of a dock for the exterior. I built a dock the lays outside on the ground on the passenger side of the van. I also have pilings that I built that have rope that attaches to cleats that are mounted to the running



board. There are various engravings on the glass inside as well as wood on the interior which I did as well. As a result of our going all out for the theme on the van we have won the Best Theme award 6 times at the Van Nationals. It is a great honor to have won this and be recognized for our hard work.

It is so much fun showing at other venues as well. To hear the people talk about the van is all the award we need. Everyone loves the van and we love showing it. We have shown at the All Truck Nationals at Carlisle, PA in the Vanarama portion of the event for 7 years. This year will be the 8th time. We have also had our van on display at the AACA museum in Hershey as part of a special display event they were doing. It was awesome and an honor to have our van on display at the museum.

We dedicated the van to my parents. They ran a charter boat out of Lewes, DE. My father passed in 2005 and my mother in 2007. It is dedicated to Captain Phil and First Mate Bessie. Sail On and Fair Seas. It is a fitting tribute to them.

My wife Wendy and I hope you enjoy looking at the pictures. that accompany this write up. Look for Nautique at a port near you.



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# John Findley Feb.-25-1954--July-7-2023

The Car Kruise community has lost another friend this summer. John Findley passed over to be with his Lord on July 7th, 2023, and will be kruisin' forever at the ultimate Drive-In.

John was a gentle giant who never met a stranger, and was a friend to everyone he met along the way. He loved '66 Fords, and was an avid drag race supporter, and crew chief for Jeff Kidd Racing. And supported his brother Skip in circle track racing.

John enjoyed Bluegrass Music right up to his passing. He worked for a time in the early days for Genstar driving 10 wheelers, but in recent years he worked for C& P Autobody,

doing kustom auto body repairs and painting.

In 2009, John founded RATTLE CAN GARAGE in Cardiff' Md. where he enjoyed kustom car painting and bodywork for "The Little Guy'.

He also worked at and supported The Green Barn Rod Shop with Ron Kiethley.

John was also a big supporter of the Hot Rod and Kustom world, and frequented as many shows and events as time would allow. John also loved playing Santa every Christmas for his friend's kids, and will be sorely missed this year, but his Spirit will live on in many a child's heart.

John is one of the last of his generation that built his cars and supported everyone he could to help get their rides completed on their budget.

John's smile and friendship will be missed by his love and companion, Nancy his sisters Winnie and Mary and brother-in law Jeff, his brother Skip and and his Pops, along with the many other friends and loved ones he touched along his journey.





# Classic Auto Mall

photos by Dave

Morgantown, PA







## Hemmings and Carlisle Events Expand their Partnership for the Upcoming 2024 Season

### Collector Car Marketplace and Services Provider, Hemmings to Present Spring & Fall Carlisle, Present Club Challenge, and More

Carlisle Events and its world-famous events have been a staple in automotive circles for decades, and as Carlisle looks towards 2024 and its 50th Anniversary Season, the drive train behind America's Automotive Hometown are pleased to announce an enhanced season-long partnership with Hemmings, the world's largest collector car marketplace.

For 70 years (1954) Hemmings has been growing and uplifting the collector car community. While for 50 years (1974) Carlisle Events and its car events at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds have been "the holy grail" of automotive destinations for car lovers from around the world. In 2023, Hemmings and Carlisle Events partnered in a variety of ways, including Hemmings presenting the Hemmings Club Challenge awards at select events, while also offering support for private events such as the per-show celebrity luncheons.

Now, in 2024, Hemmings is excited to return to Carlisle as the Presenting Sponsor for Spring and Fall Carlisle while continuing the ever popular, Hemmings Club Challenge.

Spring Carlisle is the first Carlisle-based event on the 50th Anniversary season schedule and it's also the biggest all-around event at Carlisle. The annual Spring offering takes place April 17-21, while Fall Carlisle wraps up the Carlisle schedule and takes place October 2-6. Each event welcomes thousands of vendors selling millions of automotive parts, collectibles, merchandise, and more. These two events have been the perfect book-end car events for the nearly 200,000 guests who trek to Carlisle, either to jump-start automotive events season or take advantage of one last shopping opportunity prior to the cooler months of fall and winter. In total, nearly a half million guests will pass through the gates of the fairgrounds and these enthusiasts will be welcomed by one of the most iconic and timeless brands within our hobby celebrating their 70th Anniversary, Hemmings.

"The Hemmings brand is synonymous with the automotive hobby. The fact that they've been in business for 70 years shows the depth of their popularity and relevance to automotive enthusiasts, builders, buyers, and sellers," said Ed Scholly, Director of Business & Event Development for Carlisle Events.

"The Hemmings company and staff share many of the same goals and interests as Carlisle Events. We see a productive future in bringing our events together with the media and market interests of Hemmings.com and Hemmings Media," added Scholly. "I can undoubtedly say that we are thrilled



to work with such a great company and team like Hemmings as they present our Spring and Fall automotive flea market events for the next two years as well as support the Club Challenge and event gatherings throughout the season at Carlisle," continued Scholly. "As they celebrate 70 years and we celebrate 50 years, it's fair to say that our individual paths have forged a path forward to the present, with a brighter future together!"

"We look forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Carlisle Events and the 70th Anniversary of Hemmings at the iconic Spring and Fall Carlisle events and to sponsoring the beloved Hemmings Club Challenge," said Hemmings President, Jonathan Shaw. "This partnership is a testament to our unwavering commitment to grow and uplift the collector car community by bringing together enthusiasts from all corners of the country to celebrate our shared love for cars and the rich culture that surrounds them."

Complete details on the 2024 Carlisle Events season can be found at [CarlisleEvents.com](http://CarlisleEvents.com). While there, enthusiasts can register to show a vehicle, secure vending and car corral spaces, purchase discounted spectator admission tickets, season passes, gift cards, and best of all, learn all about each event promoted by the Miller families and Carlisle Events. The 2024 season starts just after the holidays, with Auto Mania (January 19-21, 2024) at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

*Carlisle Events, celebrating 50 years in 2024, is a partner or producer of over a dozen annual collector car/truck events. Events are held at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds (Carlisle, PA), Allentown Fairgrounds (Allentown, PA), and the SUN 'n FUN Expo Campus (Lakeland, FL). The season schedule includes automotive flea markets of varying sizes, multiple auctions, as well as individual specialty shows featuring Corvettes, Fords, GMs, Chryslers, trucks, imports, tuners, and performance sport compacts. Founded in 1974 by friends Bill Miller and Chip Miller, events hosted at Carlisle attract enthusiasts annually from all corners of the globe. More information is available at [www.CarlisleEvents.com](http://www.CarlisleEvents.com) or [www.CarlisleAuctions.com](http://www.CarlisleAuctions.com).*

# York Nationals

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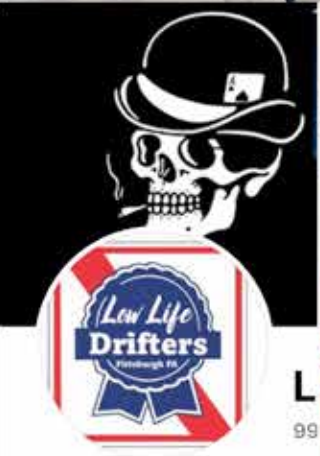
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# Getting to The POINT

with Frank Brusque

## Why It's As Hard Now To Sell An Electric Car As It Was 100 Years Ago

The gas motor was coming into existence at practically the same time that Edison perfected the light bulb. Soon after, alternating current (invented by his employee, Nikola Tesla, from which Edison ripped off AC), allowed the existence of electric motors. A big enough one of these found it's way into the horseless carriage, but the problems were the same as now: you didn't go very far very fast. The 1909 Fritchle Electric boasted a 100-mile range, probably not bad for 1909; if you wanted to go farther you just took the train. But all the early E-car companies went belly-up, people just weren't buying. The ad reads "We are now ready to close 1909 Agencies." Everybody went out and bought Model Ts.

When the idea was resurrected in time for the "Oil Crisis," and the "Environmental Movement," things in EV World got off on the wrong foot again with dorky rides that came off like the anti-Rod, the car that would make your date wonder why she let you take her out to dinner. Unless you were one of the people that bought one to show that you care more about the environment than others, and she thinks that's attractive. It's the Prius Effect, a type of Snobbery.

To run electric cars in the city and suburbs, there will have to be many more charging stations installed. Drivers would have to invest in a parking garage spot where available chargers are located. In places like New York and California where it is a choice, it runs drivers about \$400 a month on top of insurance and car payments. Would your boss let you plug your car into his building's wall socket? I don't think so. When people say electric cars don't sell outside of California in any volume, this practical concern is a big reason why. Massive upgrades in charging infrastructure would be necessary to make it possible for working class and lower-middle class people to afford it. The juice isn't free. It's coming out of massive Oil and Coal Powered Generators, and the wire leads to the Charging Station which is connected to the Electric Bill.

More troubling, several plug-in electric vehicle fire incidents have taken place since the introduction of mass-production plug-in electric vehicles. Most of them have involved lithium-ion batteries in the Chevrolet Volt, Fisker Karma, Dodge Ram 1500 Plug-in Hybrid, Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid, Mitsubishi i-MiEV and Outlander P-HEV Zotye M300 EV. Most hybrid electric vehicles available in the market today use nickel-metal hydride batteries which do not pose the same risk of overheating as do lithium-ion batteries.

Lithium-ion batteries may suffer something called "thermal runaway" and cell rupture if overheated or overcharged, and in extreme cases this can lead to fire. When handled improperly, or if manufactured defectively, some rechargeable batteries can catch on fire.



Sealed cells will sometimes explode violently if safety vents malfunction. Everybody's heard about exploding cellphones and hoverboards that burn down your house just sitting in the closet.

In 2006, batteries from Apple, HP, Toshiba, Lenovo, Dell and other makers of electronic Gizmos were culprits in fires and explosions. Even when working perfectly, a EV's battery's power is total loss, has to be replaced often, are expensive, super-nasty for the environment and require a complicated disposal procedure, almost like nuke coolant does.

And this is just for commuter cars. How many batteries will a loaded tractor trailer need?

As for practical performance of personal vehicles, Elon Musk of Tesla Co. says he wanted to show the world that electric cars were not "ugly and slow and boring like a golf cart." After designing the 380-horsepower Model S, it's safe to say he busted up the boring and slow part.



But two incidents occurred with the Tesla Model S in recent years; two caught fire after hitting metal debris on a highway in Washington and the other in Tennessee, rupturing the battery and causing fire and then the "thermal runaway," destroying them. It was a PR disaster for Tesla.

The Model S range is much improved over other EVs. It will go at least 208 miles and as many as 270 miles of range, I guess depending how hard you run it. The BMW i3 or Nissan Leaf, can post 84 miles in ideal conditions. So, 84 miles is enough to get to the beach and back, right? Right now, either you keep your range limited or buy a \$75,000 Tesla.

It would be great to overcome all the obstacles, but it's still a 100-year-old conundrum. If "They" ever force me into an electric car, I just might have get used to a 380 h.p. Flux-Capacitor that's powered by lightning, doesn't explode or look like a men's shaver. But I want buttons on the computer dash that simulate the sound of a Hemi, McLaren, or an F1 car. ■