



July Meeting themes: Open the floor for members to share their experiences with Rich Argus...then discuss 2023 LIARS leadership Assignments & OUR FUTURE!

Notwithstanding his love for his wife, 4 daughters and grandkids, Rich loved building dioramas, restoring his 2 Street Rods...



Were in our 32nd year as a Club; let's hope that we all stay healthy during this post COVID-19 crisis and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display in memory of Rich Argu

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The LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY (L.I.A.R.S.) Model Car Briefs is dedicated to bringing you the best and most up to date information about our great hobby of model building

LIARS Unofficial Official

Hopefully will return in (August) MCB edition.

Thanks for supporting the LIARS. Please resume supporting the needy at our 2023 monthly meetings!

Some Words from the Editor At Large

Andy, as in "Plasticbear", was able to locate a great picture of Rich from 2002 when Jerry Lutz finally captured the gold for his entry in primer!

This was shortly before Jerry's death! Boy, was he proud!!! I had already taken over as the MCB Editor due to Jerry's pending passing!

Why this photo is important is that our friend Rich complained as how he could be given a 4x4 trophy for his STREET ROD! You had to be there ...



PRICELESS!

The current plan is that this MCB shall be Dr. V's last as editor.

I have struggled trying to summarize my experiences with my buddy Rich &/or LIARS throughout our (25 year plus) friendship.

I elected to modify one of Big Daddy's "Memories from when Phil Melfi joined the great modelers in 2020". Dr. V drove Rich to Phill's wake... What a memory... Speaking of...

Memories

On that fateful day in 1991 a group of reprobate model car builders met in Phil Melfi's basement office to flesh out what became the Long Island Auto Replica Society. In attendance were: Big Mike Brennan, Eddy Cervo, George DeFronzo, Bill Ciberi, Ron Min, Big Daddy, with Phil being the mover and shaker, the spark starting the engine.

We agreed that this was for fun so the organization was made loose, no officials. We had to have someone at the front table so we agreed to make Phil the first "Unofficial Official" of the LIARS club.

I hope Rich is up there cutting up/misbehaving with the likes of past members Jerry "The Gimp" Lotz, Luddy, Tony "Slice and Dice" DeVeccio, "Crazy" Kevin Argus, Big Trucker John, George DeFronz. Rich The Plow P., Rich Bro Kevin, and others we have lost.

I for one will remember the fun times!
Thanks Phil/subsequent Leaders... and God Bless.
Steve "Big Daddy" Blake

PS: Phil's wishes were not to dwell on nonsense but to remember the good fun things we had/have with him/others. The laughs, gags, and the things we built together. Like the models, friendships, the LIARS and contacts that made the shows possible.

MC stuff, by Richard Manri
 (picorro93 picorro93@gmail.com)

I (Richie Rich) will be doing two brief seminars prior to committee discussion. One will be a tip on using paint cans to hold parts to paint, the other is using Paint Thinner to remove glue smears on glass.

Also, Gary W. provided me a whole kit last month (Thank you very much Gary).

Hopefully I will be taking over as editor starting with the August newsletter, more will be discussed at July mtg. I will take pictures at mtgs and organize the newsletter format and layout with help from others.

Some Things to Say - By Richard Manri

My heart goes out to Rich Argus' family over our former leader's recent passing. I wasn't able to make his funeral and any arrangements, nor be able to visit him while he was still alive.

Several of our guys have expressed their condolences, Bill/Andy/Paul and others visited Rich during his final moments alive.

I remember meeting Rich Argus in June 2009 when I first joined the club, he was devoted deep in the hobby and showing me his projects and all. Appreciated youth like me joining and expressing interest in the Hobby. I remember all the discussion with his resin van projects and the Yellow Ford Hot Rod he bought and was trying to work on. Rich did the best to keep our club going but I understand he was facing serious health issues that prevented him from continuing his role, as well as finishing his projects and being with his family members. I remember the time I met Argus's brother in 2009 and he was a cool dude. Sadly, he passed away the day of the 2010 L.I.A.R.S show. I remember Argus was dealing with the sudden loss of his brother that

day while keeping our show going, I have to give him credit for being able to manage all that.

I appreciated Pat V for filling in Rich's role and other people for assisting the leadership. I will not be bringing up all the bantering and arguments that's been going on, myself trying to stay out of it and enjoy what we have. Moving forward, it is time for a new beginning where everyone is kind, informative, and works together civilly while getting important things done and enjoying our hobby.

On the plus side, Revell is finally releasing their new tool '71 Mustang. Looks like more variations are planned as there's reportedly Mach 1 parts as well as parts to do the original Yellow Eleanor from Gone in 60 Seconds. From what I saw, it looks like a massive improvement over the MPC offerings especially in the chassis department. I can see a reheated annual converted to a glue kit a mile away, look at the AMT and MPC "styline and annual kits that have frames barely converted from promos.

I understand these were made for kids' heavy duty play use and the occasional fireworks destructions, but for all the money the charge for these reissues they should at least make improvements to some of the worst aspects like molded in frames and ill-fitting parts.

Granted some recent reverse engineered kits like the '68 GTO, Dodge Coronet, and upcoming '63 Ford F-100 and '71 Demon kits have made improvements based on the original tools, but for the amount they charge with licensing fees and all they should take the time to do the same for every reissue. I understand this won't happen because of business logistics, ...

Also, remember how I mention Purple Power works for removing paint?

Well, it works on Tamiya and Krylon if the base coats underneath isn't the same Tamiya. But if the base coats were either of the two, then the PP does not do squat, not even scraping a bit of it off. Had to deal with this on a Aurora/Revell Monogram Aston Martin DB4 I was given where the body was sprayed either Tamiya or Krylon Gloss Red and my methods weren't working on it. After about 3 weeks or so in 91% Rubbing Alcohol it got most of it off, but the Red was so thick and hot that it etched and pigmented into the plastic and I thought there was still some left after the Alcohol bath. *(Request other members to identify their solution).*

That's all I got for now, stay tuned for more next month!
Richie Rich

Brush Your Teeth & Build a Model Gary Weickart

How many times have we all heard our mom's say "Don't forget to brush your teeth!"

As an adult I can testify that Mom knew best, having a fair share of my teeth M.I.A. Fortunately, I still have a sweet tooth!

I am sure I would have paid more attention to those words of wisdom had Mom brought home a tube of STRIPE toothpaste. For when purchased a tube of STRIPE, you also got a FREE MODEL CAR!!! What a concept!



As the photos show, sometime in the early 1960's, the makers of STRIPE came up with this great promotion of including a 1/32 scale plastic Hot Rodkit to stimulate sales.

I have never opened the shrink wrapped package of STRIPE toothpaste and a "TIGER CAT" Hot Rod. This is what I believe to be a PALMER kit produced between 1960 thru 1962.

Does anyone reading this remember remember the early sixties when Pyro produced 1/32 scale model cars retailing for 50 cents?

Well this group of cars were shot from the molds previously created by PALMER PLASTICS, a firm not known for high quality kits. But to be

fair they only retailed for 29 cents when first released by PALMER.

I bought this toothpaste/car kit from a collector years ago. Had my Mom come home from the local A&P with this great package, I am certain that I would have been brushing my teeth at least 3 times a day/ So don't forget to brush your teeth folks before building a model.

Gary Get It On Paper

Model Mercantile Market.

"Wanted or For Sale" section...

So, on that note here are "Wants" for the Model Mercantile Market.

WANTED: Rear bumper for 1963 AMT Falcon.

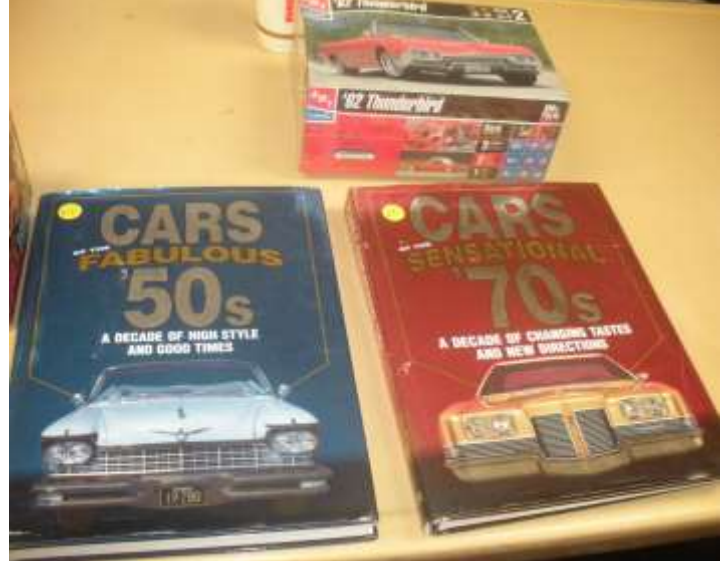
WANTED: CAR MODEL Magazine May 1974 issue. Will pay \$20 for it in excellent condition.

WANTED: AMT 1969 LINCOLN unbuilt kit. Will buy or have many vintage kits available for trade.

Contact Gary Weickart at 631-581-5834 or gweickart@aol.com.

Next... *June Meeting pictures from Dr. V*





Next page contains the LIARS Annual (2023) INPUT SHEET and either email it or bring it to the July meeting...

LIARS Annual (2023) INPUT SHEET:

Here is your chance to have some input into this club without having everyone know where it came from. If you have a suggestion, an idea, or a problem you would like to discuss please put it in righting on this sheet and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Please bring your filled out sheet with you. ALL

subjects and suggestions will be brought up in front of the club.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN THIS SHEET.

LIARS Profile: (name) _____ (Can be your LIARS nickname or ...)

- How long have you been building models? _____
- How long have you been a member of LIARS? _____
- What do you usually build? _____
- Where do you usually build? _____
- How many models do you have? _____
- Do you ever take built models and run them around on the table or floor making "Vroom, vroom" noises? _____
- How many unbuilt models do you have? _____
- What are your favorite 3 models you have built? _____
- Have you ever won an award for building a model? _____
- Did you take your medication today? _____
- What 3 models should win an all time kit of the (last) century award? _____
- What 3 models are so horrible that you would buy them just to protect others from having to build them? _____
- What do you drive now? _____
- Are you bitter about anything? _____
- Are you saving your pennies for something fun to drive? _____
- With an unlimited budget, what 10 full size cars would you have in your garage? _____
- What (if any) person (living or dead) in the 1:1 automotive world would you like to meet? _____
- Do you go to model car shows? _____
- What are your favorite model car shows and why? _____
- Do you have kids & if so, do they share your passion? _____
- Did you build models with them? _____

Essay question: What else should you tell us? _____

Please replace following with an updated variant that identifies the new Show & Vendor POC

Long Island Auto Replica Society **MODEL CAR CHALLENGE**

MODEL CAR SHOW & CONTEST ★ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

★ FREEPORT RECREATION CENTER ★

130 EAST MERRICK ROAD, FREEPORT, NY 11520
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AGENDA:

- 7:00 AM - VENDOR SETUP
- 9:00 AM - CONTEST REGISTRATION AND VENDOR TABLES OPEN
- 12:30 PM - REGISTRATION CLOSES
- 3:00 PM - AWARD CEREMONY

MODEL REGISTRATION and ADMISSION FEES:

- ADULTS - \$10.00 FOR FIRST MODEL
- \$1.00 EACH ADITONAL MODEL
- JUNIOR - (12 AND UNDER) **FREE**

GENERAL ADMISSION FEES:

- ADULT SPECTATOR \$5.00 ADMISSION
- JUNIOR SPECTATOR - (12 AND UNDER) **FREE**

For Show and Vendor Information Contact Pat Vecchio at (516) - 375 - 6047
EMAIL patvssb@aol.com, or the LIARS website www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com



Please refer to our web page for show rules, vendor applications, and to download our show registration forms.

Dr.V had promised Rich A. to route “About This Motor Museum in Miniature”

<https://www.themotormuseuminminiature.co.uk/about-the-museum.php>

About the Museum

The Museum is a free-standing display of hand-built model cars that can be taken to all manner of events where a solid floored, undercover, area exists. It is 13' long and preferably needs 6' of depth. For more than two decades the Museum has displayed these museum quality, hand built, models at hundreds of scale model shows around the Midlands of Britain, including some of the largest model shows in the world at the NEC and TIC, shown their models, and given motoring talks, at classic car and steam shows, museums, schools, community centers and even Churches.

Unique in the UK, and as far as we know the world, the Motor Museum in Miniature display presents the cars in an appropriate setting the viewer can easily identify with. This makes us not only entertaining, but memorable too and people come specifically to see us at all manner of events.

The secret is that with over 500 model cars between them Rod and Ian can tailor the display around specific marques, events or personalities. It is never the same twice!

The Museum collection consists of more than just cars, some of these items can be seen below, it tells more than just the story of the motor car. The history of roads, the garage industry and biographies of famous designers, drivers and personalities also feature in the museum's range of fascinating 3D illustrations.

As of 7th of February 2020 the Motor Museum is reluctantly withdrawing from displaying, except for a few special guest appearances from time-to-time circumstances allowing.

We will continue to support our local shows and events through IPMS Stafford club and several IPMS Special Interest Groups. Our Website and Facebook page will remain as before and our models will still be seen at shows on various displays, just not in our large museum setting.

When you access this website, Selections include



The Museum display consists of three "halls", one for Rod's road car, one for Ian's competition cars and a hall in between where they can combine their models around a common theme.

A view of Hall 1 showing some of Rod's road cars.



The center hall, Hall two, shown here featuring the Bugatti marque giving both Rod and Ian the opportunity to show together and create another area of interest for the viewer.



Hall three, where some of Ian's race cars are on display.



Below are photos of the Museum display as it has evolved and showing how diverse an exhibition can be put on show when given the space to do so.

Here are four photos from the full room display we put on for the "Cloverlands Model Car Museum" on their first Mayday extravaganza. Our usual 13' museum display was augmented with models and dioramas of many different scales and motoring genres.



We are passionate about entertaining and educating visitors, through this site and wherever we are displaying.

"Cloverlands model car museum" described us as.....

"two very special and knowledgeable people who are justifiably known and respected."

and after their event sent us an email saying that.....

"Everybody who saw it [our display] was captivated by it and by the skills you both have in assembling such interesting models."

Below are earlier examples showing how the Motor Museum in Miniature display has evolved and some of the locations we have displayed at.





Here is one of our early displays at the 'Shropshire modelers society' show held at the RAF Cosford museum. This is before we had the dividing walls that make the three halls of the current museum display.

This display, from 2001, is when we were at the Model wheels event. A model show especially for builders of automotive models, sometimes it's nice to be amongst those who are only interested in cars, trucks, motorcycles etc. No military models at all!

For several years through the middle of the "naughties" we were guests of "the British association of transport modelers" in their marquee at the Stoke in steam event.

Being held in the grounds of Trentham gardens this annual steam show became a huge event that encompassed militaria, historic transport, hobbies and all manner of steam engines both static and automotive!

This association has recently been rekindled with our guest attendance at the Eccleshall Show.

The motor museum as a guest of the Coventry museum of transport. A superb museum of all manner of vehicles made in and around Coventry. From bicycles to busses if it rolled out of Coventry it's probably rolled into this museum again now. (and it's free entry too!)

There are also a large number of special interests displays through the museum. Some stand together while others will be spread out amongst the cars helping give some atmosphere to the display.



The story of navigation aids, from milestones to finger posts, destination signs to sat nav's. Many of these are examples from our local area and most are still doing their job to this day!



From cloth cap and shirt sleeves to Helmet and fire retardent overalls, they all feature in our collection of racewear.



**Air cooled or water cooled, twins, flats, straights or V's. A car won't go far without an engine!
...and without fuel the engines don't go either. We have a collection of scratch built fuel pumps from the early days of motoring up to the present day.**

The museum is constantly evolving.

New exhibits and displays will make their way into the museum collection each month so please visit regularly to see what's new.

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The halls.

From here you can visit the museums three halls as well as the special interest displays and our historic collections.



Hall One

Take a stroll through Hall One and have a look at some of the most important models in the evolution of the motor car.



The Graham Hill Collection.

This collection presents many of the cars driven by this ever popular man, and still motorsports only triple crown winner.



The Bugatti collection.

Evocative and beautiful, Bugatti's cars never fail to attract attention. Dominating an era of Grand Prix racing, while also producing limousines for the rich and famous, The Bugatti marque is built on engineering excellence at all times.



The luxury car collection.

Early in the development of the motor car it was an expensive item and could be called luxury items by default. Some brands still stood out though and a few have gone on to become bywords for quality and excellence.



The public transport and Commercial vehicle collection.

Although there are plenty of people who can buy cars, and the number of owners only seems to grow, it hasn't always been that way. Here is a brief look at the story of public transport, and a reminder that some people spend their working lives around vehicles of all descriptions.



The sports and touring car collection.

When most people think of racing cars they imagine the open wheel formulas such as F1 or Indy racing. But there is a much broader world of racing cars where many of the international stars of the top forms of open wheel racing honed their skills.



Rally Legends Collection

The Rally Legends Collection.

Rallying developed out of the long distance City to City races at the dawn of the 20th century. This collection of vehicles is dedicated to the reliability trials, hill climbs, long distance events and the now familiar stage events.



The French Collection

France was quick to embrace all forms of transport from bicycles upwards. The first competitive events were held in France and the worlds Greatest endurance race, "24hr du Mans", is in France.

If that isn't enough to catch your eye then think Beautiful Bugattis, technically advanced Citroens and of course, "the Panhard system".



Hall Two

Take a look at the central displays of the museum, such as this exhibit around the Bugatti marque.



The special interest displays.

In this collection you can see some of the exhibits that help give the museum life. Petrol pumps, road signs, driver clothing and helmets.



The Jaguar collection.

One of the great names of British motoring. When Jaguar made a name for themselves by winning at le Mans, and a host of other races, the whole world wanted to drive William Lyons sports cars.



The American collection.

The American contribution to the motor car should not be underestimated. In this collection you'll be re-aquainted with some forgotten names as well as some of the most famous brands of all.



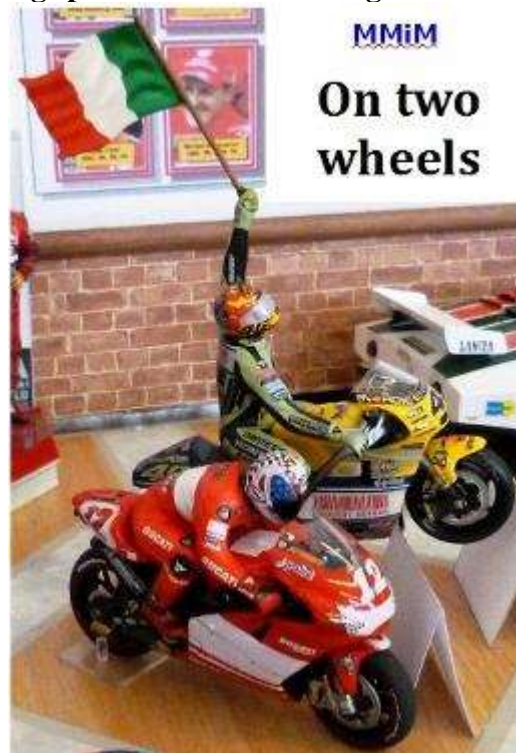
The Williams collection.

Sir Frank Williams has overcome huge obstacles personally, and in the harsh business world of F1. Along the way it has been his team that set the benchmarks for design on more than one occasion.



The MG collection.

When Cecil Kimber joined Morris Garages in 1921 William Morris (later Lord Nuffield) had been building cars under the Morris name from 1912. Kimber set to work designing sportier versions of the Morris cars at the 'Garage', by 1925 MG was building sports cars that would go on to influence the world.



On two wheels

The symbiotic relationship between cars and bikes can be explored in our ever growing collection of bicycles, scooters, mopeds and motorcycles.



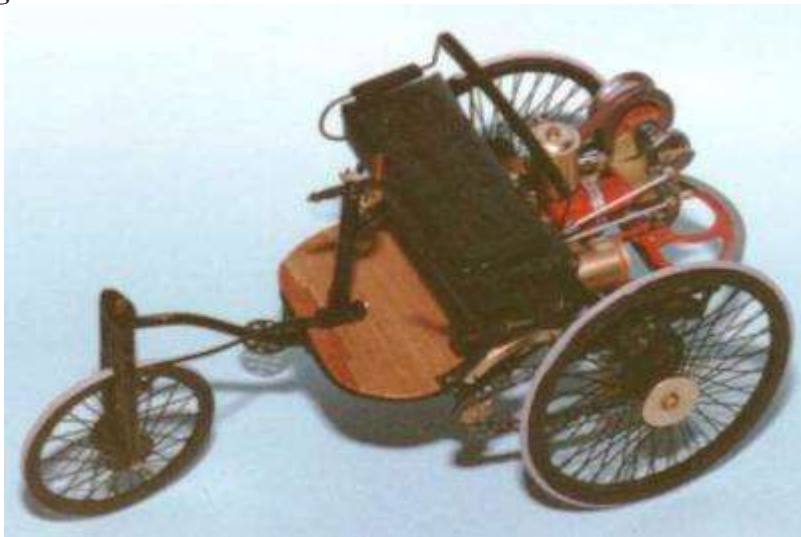
After a very slow start the British motor industry grew to not only challenge the world with it's ingenuity and designs, but give the highest quality car the world has ever seen in Rolls Royce. If you thinks that's the end of the story well we might point out the center for motor racing design and manufacture is in the UK too.

But the story has lows too, economic declines, failed ideas, bad working relations have had their part to play in shaping the British motor industry.



Hall Three

Our third hall, containing the race cars, tells the story of motor racing from the earliest city to city races through grand prix racing to the modern era of Formula One.



The Mercedes-Benz collection.

The people who really got it all started. Follow the birth of the motor car as it grows into one of the most famous marques in the world.



The History of automotive transport.

In this collection we take a look at the fledgling world of automotive transport, and what a strange world it now seems to have been.



The Ford collection.

Ford's desire to mobilise the world led to landmark production techniques, and to landmark products too. Follow this fascinating story illustrated by our models.



The Tyrrell collection.

Ken Tyrrell brought his team through the lower formulas becoming known as the best talent spotter in the business. He ran a variety of customer cars before building his own chassis'. Chassis' that often had ground breaking design ideas on them.



The Ferrari Collection.

One of the worlds most iconic marques founded by the legendary Enzo Ferrari.

A man who had to overcome hardship and tragedy just to survive to found the company that bore his name. "Il Commendatore", or "the Commander" Ferrari had Charisma to spare, some of it got into the cars.



From the earliest days of the automobile the balance between weight and power has been a vital component of the design process. For some the simplest way to reduce weight was to leave out one of the wheels.

If this design was a bit weird for some the sporty nature of light cars and powerful engines appealed to many others. When governments got involved three wheelers could be a neat tax dodge and a whole new group of people wanted an affordable mode of transport.



The Japanese Collection

Somewhat behind the rest of the world in motor car production Japan was to learn all the clever ideas of its competitors and make them even better. In time Japan would become the home of the world's biggest automobile manufacturing company.

In summary, Rich Argus would have enjoyed seeing the USA/Canada model car clubs develop a joint travelling “Model Car Traveling Diorama” that could be seen by fellow modelers throughout the USA/Canada! Over to my fellow modelers to pursue.

I remain Very Truly yours, a car/truck/anything with wheels Modeler/ Bill Dr. V Murray

Last minute addition

Good evening LIARS club members, can I have your ear for a moment?

As a founding member of the LIARS club and with the recent goings-on within the club, I've had a hard time sitting by and watching, what I believe, is the club's demise. I've been here since the club's inception. Phil Melfi came to a small group of us “car guys” and discussed splitting off from Suffolk Scale Modelers, becoming “just a model car club.”

“JUST A MODEL CAR CLUB”, it may not have been phrased exactly that way, but that's the gist of it. And the LIARS club was born.

The one rule was, that there were no rules. No minutes from the last meeting, no preaching. We were all just supposed to have fun. Over 30+ years, I've made some wonderful friends and I looked forward to the third Thursday of the month, every one of those months. I may not have been able to attend all of them due to work and family obligations, but I tried.

ALL of the previous presidents that have run this club, ran it their own way. Some members liked it, and some didn't. Some left. But all of our Presidents had a couple things in common, a love for model cars and this club. I'm not here to critique any of them. It seems to be a job that not many people really want to do. Truth be told, president of a club is way out of my wheelhouse. I'm not very good at public speaking, and my organizational skills leave a little to be desired. But at the same time, I'm not ready to watch the ship, go down without a fight.

If nobody else has come forward at this point, to take over the helm, I'm going to throw my hat into the preverbal ring

I'm hoping that some of the long-term members will be willing to lend a hand and give me guidance. Maybe some will even be willing to come back. I'm hoping some of the guys that left will be willing to come back because the knowledge base that left with them is precious.

We've lost quite a few members over the years for one reason or another, Mother Nature being the worst offender. I hope we can recoup some of our losses

My first and foremost objective is to get our show in November back on track. This is not a campaign promise, I just feel it needs to be done. It is only 5 meetings away!

As of this writing, July 17, 2023 we have three days before the next meeting. Please give it some thought as to whether or not, you would like to see this club proceed. I for one do. And I'm willing to take on the responsibilities.

Thank you for your time! I look forward to seeing you all! Dominick "McMonte" Gerace

Now back to memories of Rich



Rest In Piece My/Our Friend!