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**Our next meeting is:
Thursday October 15th, 2020
at 7pm**



Club Meeting News:

Our last meeting was held on September 17th at 7pm within the confines of our clubhouse located on South Burke Street. Member turnout was the worst I've seen in all my years with the Vapor Trailers Car Club, 15 souls found their way to the Clubhouse for the meeting. **President Tom Runyon** called the members to order and led us in the salute to our Nation's flag. The Club **Secretary Jim Martzen** read the minutes of our August meeting, which were approved as read. **Jim** also gave us a treasury report. The Club received some correspondence which consisted of bank

stuff and Poker Run entries. There were no guests present at the meeting and there was no new member applications to vote on.

Next on the agenda was the Jumper Cable Committee Report. **Brian Blain** reported that **Jim Putnam** was out at the shop walking around without a cane and trying to talk **Brian** into putting power steering in the old race cars so he could still drive them. It was also reported that **Herman Steinbach** was doing better also.

This meeting we were on the honor system for the no name badge fines because **SAA Garry Brookshire** nor his Deputy **Steve Crotty** were present at the meeting.

President Runyon received a phone call from Maria at Park Visalia, a rest home on Walnut Ave between Chinowth and Demaree streets. She would like the Club to do a drive thru car show for her residents sometime between October 18-29. **Bobby Oswald** said that is where his father **Dennis Oswald** is living. There was a show of hands of member who want to do it and

President Runyon will set it up and let us know when and where to meet. Also **Tom** is setting up another visit to **Bobby Whited's** place to tour all his cool stuff. Can't wait for that one.

Next up **President Runyon** announced that our elections were coming up soon and if you wanted to be nominated for a position let the people know. About that time **Brian Blain** made a motion that the Club keep the current officers in the same positions, board of directors included. The motion was quickly seconded and a "Yes" was unanimous to keep things as they are.

Brian Blain then announced that he has Dick DeLuna's 34 Ford coupe in the shop for updating. This car has tons of miles on it and he has raced the car in the Race of Gentlemen and the Bonneville Salt Flats. The members were invited down to the shop after meeting to check it out.

Having no further Club business to discuss **President Runyon** adjourned the meeting until we meet again on October 15th at 7pm.

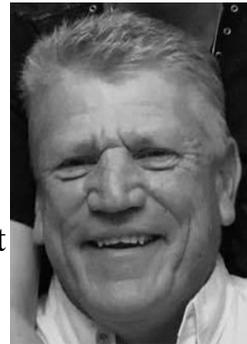
At this point our host **Brian Blain** put on a DVD of Tim McMasters' Bonneville Y Block roadster as it made a run at the 2020 Bonneville Salt Flats. The members at the meeting were taken for a ride with McMasters on the salt at 192.365mph. The record currently is 224.720mph.

Other News:

On September 19th at 3:00 in the afternoon several of the Vapor Trailers and hundreds of others got to witness the wedding of member **Steve Luis** and

Elizabeth also known as Punky. I got to say **Steve** looks pretty good all cleaned up. Congratulations you two!

In more sad news for car people and the Vapor Trailers, the son of H.L. Shahan and Shirley Bridges, Robert lost his life in a tragic accident while working on the "Drag On Lady" race car. The following is from the Visalia Times Delta.



Robert Dale Shahan 1961-2020

Robert Dale Shahan, loving husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend passed away suddenly September 14, 2020 in Visalia, Ca. at the age of 59.

Robert (Bobby) was born on May 1, 1961 in Visalia, Ca. to H.L. and Shirley Epperson Shahan. He attended Tulare City Schools and graduated from Tulare Union in 1980. While growing up he played Pop Warner and high school football. Most of the time you could find him at his father's automotive shop learning how to repair motors or at the drag races.

He was employed by the City of Tulare for many years as a building maintenance technician and finished his career as a

supervisor for MP Nexlevel traveling up and down the state of California before retiring.

It was May 2017 that Bobby was reunited with an old school friend, Carla Aldaco. From the time they reunited, they fell head over heels for one another and filled their days with laughter. Many people noticed the special love story of Bobby and Carla, calling it an inspiration and building faith that love could always be found. Their love was evident through the endless stream of Facebook posts documenting their lives together.

After a short courtship, Bobby and Carla realized that they had found their soulmate and vowed to spend their lives growing in their love and support for one another. On June 28, 2018, Bobby proposed to Carla in front of their family and friends. They were married in an intimate ceremony in front of their best friends May 4, 2019.

With Carla's encouragement and strength, Bobby was able to reignite his passion for race cars. He began fixing up the race car that he and his dad had built almost 20 years ago. At the time of his death, he was testing and tuning the car to begin racing it next season and had planned to dedicate the car to the memory of his father, H.L. Shahan. He left this world doing what he loved most.

He is proceeded in death by his father, H.L. and Uncle Jacob Epperson. He leaves behind his soulmate, Carla Aldaco-Shahan. Daughters, Brittani Shahan, Courtani Estep

and Ashley Shahan. Mother, Shirley Shahan Bridges (Ken). Sister, Janet Correia (Clarence). Brother, Steven Shahan (Kim). Father-In-Law Ronnie Aldaco (Sally). Stepsons Ryan Mills (Yvonne), Evan Mills (Cherish) and stepdaughter, Shelby Lombardi (Nick). Grandchildren, Kolbey, Conner, Lani, Reighly and Piper. His Aunt Kathleen Trimble (Stanley), Uncle Gerald Epperson, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bobby was one of a kind and always the life of the party. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all.

Dates to remember:

Highlighted bold print denotes Club event:

1. **Oct 3, Eagle Field Drags, lets go and support Cliff Johnson**
2. **Oct 10, Club Poker Run/Picnic**
3. Everything else that is fun has been canceled until further notice.....

Governor Newsome

For Sale:

1. Chevy Turbo 400 with shift kit, \$300, call Tom Runyon, 289-1922.
2. 1954 Studebaker, Starlight coupe, Solid custom or street rod project, extra parts, \$3500. call Guy Evans, 901-1141.
3. 1946-1948 Ford 59A Flathead, call Brian Blain 730-3471 for price.
4. 4 speed T-10 Borg Warner with

- linkage and Hurst Shifter, \$700 call Bobby Whited, 280-9901.
5. 1950 Olds Fastback, Super 88, call David Barnes, 730-6500.
 6. Phil Mohr has some cars for sale, 41 Ford, \$33K, 40 Ford, \$20K, 28 roadster, \$42K, call Phil, 901-0117
 7. Ike Smith has a Sprint car for sale, \$1750. 790-5815.
 8. 59a Flathead V8 complete with generator, came out of Jim Putnam's roadster, \$2000, call Brian Blain, 730-3471.
 9. Don't forget that the Club has T-shirts, hats and car plaques for sale. Call Big Jim Martzen for all your swag needs. 750-1980.
 10. Chevrolet tilt column with keys, \$20. call Tom Runyon, 289-1922.

early evening,

in the Pedernales River near the state highway-87 bridge.

The dead man's name would not be released until his family had been notified.

The victim apparently drowned due to excessive beer consumption while visiting "someone" in Fredericksburg.

When he was found, he was wearing black fishnet stockings, 10 inch spiked heels, a red garter belt, a pink G-string, purple lipstick, dazzle dust on his eyelids, 2 1/2 inch false eyelashes, and a Joe Biden T-shirt.

The police removed the Biden T-shirt to spare his family any unnecessary embarrassment. The Police do care!

Just For Fun:



It shows the police do care!!!

A Great Story not shared on NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, etc.... Good Cop Story.

The police department in the small hill country town of Kerrville, Texas, reported finding a man's body last Saturday, in the

After being with his blind date all evening, the man couldn't take another minute with her. Earlier, he secretly arranged to have a friend call him so he would have an excuse to leave if something like this happened. Returning to the table, he lowered his eyes and said, "I have some bad news. My grandfather just died." "Thank heavens," his date replied. "If yours hadn't, mine would have had to!"



A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale sucking in his stomach. “Ha! That's not going to help” she said.

“Sure it does” he said. “It's the only way I can see the numbers.”



I went by the house I grew up in the other day and asked if I could go in and look around. They said NO! And slammed the door...

My parents can be so rude.



My local bar is literally a 6 minute walk from my house. Yet my house is a 56 minute walk back from the bar. The difference is staggering....



BREAKING NEWS.....

The NFL announced today that because of the lost revenue due to kneeling, an NFL team has to be cut. It has been decided that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Green Bay Packers will combine teams to become the Tampacks. They will be good for only one period and have no second string....



How to wash a cat....

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noise that comes from the toilet... the cat is actually enjoying this.
5. Flush the toilet three to four times. This provides a “Power wash and rinse.”
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back behind the toilet as far as you can and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom and run out the front door where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours Sincerely,

The Dog



A Blonde joke that you've never heard before...

After becoming very frustrated with the attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the young blonde woman declared, "Well, then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator and get a pair of alligator shoes for free!"

The shopkeeper replied with a sly smile, "Well, little lady, why don't you go give it a try."

The blonde headed off to the swamp determined to catch an alligator. Later in the day, the shopkeeper was driving home and spotted the young woman standing in waist deep murky water, shotgun in hand. He saw a huge 9 foot gator swimming rapidly towards her. With lightning reflexes the blonde took aim, shot the creature and hauled it up onto the slippery bank. Nearby were 7 more dead gators all lying belly up. The shopkeeper watched in amazement as the blonde struggled with the gator. Then, rolling her eyes, she screamed in frustration..... **"CRAP!!!THIS ONE'S BAREFOOT TOO!!!"**



OK to be fair here is a few blonde men jokes....

A blonde man spots a letter on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the doctor. "No!" he shouts, "This is her husband!"

A blond man is in jail, the guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet. "Just what are you doing?" he asks. "Hanging myself" the blonde man replies. "The rope should be around your neck" says the guard. "I tried that" he replies, "But then I couldn't breath."

An Italian tourist asks a blonde man "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the blonde man replies, "If they fell forwards they'd still be in the boat."



Guys and Gals my joke library is almost empty if you get a good one please email it to me at:

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See Ya! Kent