



**President's
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Greetings for July

As most of you know, I missed the July meeting (held on June 30th). I was not the only one to miss as there were 12 club members on the same trip to Alaska. We were part of a larger group of 43 that left from Rockford and spent two weeks together on airplanes, boats, busses, and trains. It was a beautiful experience and the weather was great, but the pace was tiring. I don't think I was the only one happy to get home. Having missed the meeting I will have to report on what was expected to happen and hope that the minutes of the meeting can fill in any blanks I leave.

The trip to Pontiac, IL and the Route 66 museum was a great opportunity to get the Vettes on the road, a big thank you to Preston and Nina for organizing the event. We also had a nice run to the car show at the Shopiere Tap thanks to Joe and Jeanette leading us on some back roads.

I made it to the Old Settlers Day parade in Rockton, but I left before lunch to go home and start packing for the trip. I have not heard how many club members made it to the Sonic Cruise or to Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis.

I am writing this on July 3rd so I do not know how the 4th of July parade at Cherry Valley will turn out, but I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and of course going out for lunch at Granite City. I am sorry to be missing the NCCC convention in Denver, Colorado, but a few of our members will have some interesting experiences to report when they return.

As I mentioned last month, we moved the Progressive Dinner to July 27th so the club can help with our low speed fund raiser at Twin Lakes, WI on July 20th and 21st. I also want to offer a reminder that the August meeting is scheduled for July 28th to allow for those interested in making the run to Elkhart Lake, WI on August 3-4.

A new event is being developed as a fund raiser for our support the troops charity effort. Our club is partnering with Don Carter Lanes to hold a late season car show. This is the 19th annual Rock-N-Bowl so there is an established group of attendees to draw from and a potential for a very successful show. Ken is looking for volunteers to help with organization before the event and for helpers on October 12th.

I want to let everyone know that there are videos and photos of me making a total fool of myself in Dawson City, Yukon Territory. I am not encouraging you to go looking for them but knowing how the social media hacks like to share all that sort of thing, I know there will be some possibility that it will show up. The thing is, I did not choose the table in the front row of the saloon, and I did my best to not stand out in the crowd, but I still got picked. I did not choose the costume or how it was fitted. And I was so shell shocked by the whole experience that I could not figure out how to make my feet get off the floor. So, you will have to forgive me for any embarrassment that I may have caused the members of our group and/or our club because of association with me. Seriously, the show at the Diamond Tooth Gertie Saloon was not too bad, and kind of fun for most everyone (except me).

If you have any questions or concerns about the club, please let me know.

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