

# North Country Hillbillys Newsletter

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## Ramblings from Hillbilly Les

Hello Car Enthusiasts,

Les here from the NCH Car Club, how's everybody doing? This year we are at year eleven, that's crazy! Hopefully lots of years left.

Well, I'll start here, last year many know that it was a tough year. Diagnosed in March with cancer in my spine. Made a tough year for family and friends, well long story short, it's in remission as of now! Took early retirement as my spine is permanently injured. But as God's grace is good, we always looked at this with eyes wide open realizing there are people a lot worse off than me (us). So little story, down at the U of M waiting to do radiation they were running late. I got a little short tempered and then they rolled out a young girl about 4 years old. Now I'm 54 but not stupid (I think anyhow). I looked at this and realized it's time to shut up. Period. My life is good and will continue. So what I am saying is what I read in a magazine (Rat Rod Magazine), "Ahh, don't sweat the small stuff. NO! Do sweat the small stuff. Life is too short to miss all of what's out there for us! All of us!"

So from there health-wise now I'm good. So back is a forever issue but I'm good. Thanks to all for the prayers and help. I can't say that enough.

Well, our eleventh year. Wow! Remember there can't be a car show without cars. Right? That's why we will continue with a free show, no entry fee. Our goals are met by the sales of our merchandise—hats, shirts, and stuff. That's how we roll. We're all proud of this.

Now some show business with cars in mind, weeee. So we will start the show with lots of things happening. First change is no live music this year. There was much discussion about this change. Over the last few years we've watched the people by the music dropping. With that, we will see if this is the right way to go or not. Please let us know your thoughts. Now we will have a DJ type of thing going on.

Well, this year the **Kids' Tent** will still be there for the kids to race Hot Wheels and take one home with them. It's always fun watching the races, lots of fun. Thanks again to all that help make this a success. If you have questions, talk to Hillbilly Toni.

For years we've been doing the **Slow Race**. Over the past few years it's becoming very popular, but don't say it's easy. I did a few years ago and it's not so much. Talk with Gary or Mark on this, they're the professionals. See you there!

Next on the list is the popular **Valve Cover Race**. Often imitated but don't deny this is cool. We have a nice track. Remember you can build and race us anytime or just at our show. This track is only run one time a year. So remember, build and they will come. Weeee. As always, talk to Randy and Cody on this, they're the professionals. Just a quick story, I have been put in an unlimited class more than once for my valve cover being too heavy. I think their scale is wrong, but I'm not in charge. Enough said.

Remember, we will be selling valve covers at the show to help pay for the track upkeep and changes to the track. Thanks.

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Now some discussion on the **Rap Contest**. Some things this year are the same, some different. The contest stays the same in the beginning where some NCH members rap with you to have fun. Got it? Have fun. Now we can't win so we drop out so you folks that enter can win. Right? Yep, right. Now the change. Usually we give out trophies and such, not this year. After the rap contest we will award the winner, as always, but then we would like you to pull your car back in the show area so that the Hillbilly group can rap against each other. Unheard of right? Weeee. So we're going against one another. The first thing I heard from one of our guys is, "Well there goes five grand." It's going to be judged with the audience and an appointed bystander, so good luck in both categories. This should be a hoot. Talk to Mike and Les on this.

Remember the **Ladies' Tent**, register your hot rod, get your goody bag, win prizes; Hillbilly Holler soda pop, and merchandise will be available for sale. There's a lot of hard work done by these people all day. Don't forget this is our money maker for the year so help if you can. Thanks!

Also, don't forget the Covenant Church peeps. This year their youth will be selling lunch again so support them as much as possible. This helps them a lot. Thanks.

Don't forget the church grounds, we borrow it for just one day each year. I've seen a lot of respect for this so thanks for that. They've treated us with utmost respect through all the changes over the years. Thanks Pastor Steve and congregation.

Well as far as the Hillbillies go, we're moving forward with changes in mind. We're a family oriented club with more family coming this year, a couple babies on the way. A few more couples, a few more of us getting in the "golden" years. So we'll move on keeping positive and supportive as always. Glad to see the Lil'billies on the way. This keeps that car world strong as ever.

So in March this year, a group of the NCH club went to World of Wheels at the DECC in Duluth. A lot of cars, trucks, and clubs. Well this year, we put up a club display with a Hillbilly gas pump, a new Hillbilly hood (paint by Dan), flyers, and merchandise. The NCH club got Best of Show for the Club Display. Wow, so cool! Remember this show in March, it's called Motorhead Madness, check it out.

Well I'm thinking that's about enough for now. I hope to talk to all of you at the show. Remember, tell a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor to stop by our show, as always, it's a FREE show. Looking around this is getting rare as many are \$5-\$15 to show...your car. After all is there a show with no cars? I think not.

Now quickly, last year Roxanne and I were at the show only for about an hour. But in the midst of all this, the Hillbillies did a great job. To all of you, kudos. Thanks from us!

And when you see our flyer, please look at the list of supporters, support these businesses. A big thank you to them for most of our prizes. It all helps.

Well, again, thanks for all the years of support. And we don't have a "show" without you. Thanks again!

Hillbilly Les, North Country Hillbillies

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## Fun at the Track 8/5 to 8/7

Bright and early Friday the caravan leaves Stanchfield. Plenty of coffee on board for the 2 hour trip to Brainerd. Mark's in the prowl orange F250 hauling Mike and Kayla's vintage camper. While Mike and Kayla are in the black Ford, hauling his blue Chevy truck and of course the two 4-wheelers and Chappy. Oh, I got to drive the Mustang (hehehe).



Little after 8 a.m. we made it safe a sound to BIR (Brainerd International Raceway). Check in went much smoother this year according to the guys. While checking in, Mark, Mike and Kayla hooked up with Ryan and Andy and managed to get a camper site next to each other. It's great when you know people at an event like this. Anyway, after camp setup drivers are expected to hit the mandatory seminar before hitting the track. Us passengers got to sign a waiver and pay \$5 for their entry band. Then the fun begins, what a great way to finish out your afternoon. That first lap around the track, was awesome. So we stayed out there as long as we could. Mike and Kayla were out there for a while but after a few laps we didn't see them anymore. So we decided to head back to camp where we found Mike looking under the hood of the Chevy. It was one of those moments no one wants to encounter after preparing for this weekend since March. The solution.. was to share the Mustang so all of us could enjoy the weekend.

8 p.m. Mark and I decided it was time to check-in at the local Super 8 for a good nights rest. As far as weather...you couldn't ask for a better weekend.

It's Saturday morning and not a cloud in sight. Perfect day to join the 100 mph club. Vehicles of all makes, years and models come from all over the country just to cruise on the track. This is the place to kick the carbon out. Race your friends on the 1/8-th mile but keep pushing through to the 1/4 mile, by then you're over a buck. Mark, got his Mario face on and I'm smiling from ear to ear. We ride around the BIR track taking all the turns and straight a ways this 4 mile course has. The nice thing about this event is that you can take as many passengers in your vehicle as you have seat belts.

You can watch, drifting, drop of the hand street racing, burn out contests, it's like a big moving car and truck show. There were 620 vehicles registered this year. A lot of fun for the money. It was awesome to have some Hillbilly club members up there to share the fun. Hope to see you again in 2017.

Happy Cruising,  
The Mason's



## From the Ladies in the Tent

I'm guessing most of you have heard the old saying, "Good friends are like fine wine, they get better with age." Well, we've been enjoying the "fine wine" of friendship in our car club for many years. We've got a great group of people who support each other through the changes life brings. We celebrate the happy times and uplift those during their low

times. The NCH Car & Truck Show has seen a few changes over the years, and I'm sure we'll have more changes as we refine our "nice little car show" in Braham. This year you'll see a few changes at our show, it's all good. What hasn't changed is, our car show continues to be FREE! However, we encourage you to *please* bring non-perishable food items

to the registration tent. Sales of NCH merchandise and member support provides for this family friendly fun-filled day. We hope life is treating you well and that you too are enjoying the "fine wine" of friendship. See you at our show!

~ Hillbilly Rox



## Losses and Lessons: Umbrella Takes Flight at Show, Crash-lands on Classics by Jeff Peek

**Vehicles Involved:** 1965 Ford Mustang coupe, 1937 Dodge pickup truck, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible.

**What Went Wrong:** Most classic car owners carefully gauge the weather before going for a cruise or attending a show, but sometimes a gust of wind can result in a claim. A 1965 Ford Mustang coupe, 1937 Dodge pickup truck and 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible were parked side by side at a car show, and their owners had just settled in for the day when the Mustang owner's umbrella caught some air and clipped all three before falling to the ground.

**Damage/Loss:** The umbrella scratched the hood of the Mustang, damaged the fender and hood of the Dodge and tore a hole in the Chevy's canvas top. Since Hagerty insured the Chevy, they paid \$1,220.57 for the repairs and then attempted to recover their loss through the umbrella owner's homeowners insurance policy.

**Lesson:** It's always better to be overly cautious than under prepared, so think "worst-case scenario" before placing objects near your classics. Is it securely fastened? What if it fell or tipped over? If you choose to relax under an umbrella at a car show, put plenty of space between yourself and other cars, and make sure the umbrella is firmly fastened down.



## Kids Corner: What's New in the Kids' Tent?

Hillbilly Toni here! Thought I'd take a minute to share my favorite part about the upcoming North Country Hillbillys Car & Truck Show, the Kids' Tent (or Lil'billys Tent as we've coined it)! "Bring a kid to a car show" is something you'll hear us Hillbillys say often. Many of us have been car lovers since we were kids and want to pass that on to as many youngsters as we can. It's really important to us to put on a free, family-friendly event and have activities for the kiddos to participate in.

This year will feature the famous Hot Wheels racetrack, a fan favorite. The first 50 kids will get their very own Hot Wheels car to test on the track and take home when they're finished! A new addition we're excited about will be NCH temporary tattoos! Stop by the Kids' Tent between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and check out these activities and more! Can't wait to see you!

## Seek and Find:

(There are still treasures out there, you just need to look for them.)



A pedestrian is someone who thought there were a couple more gallons left in the tank.

~Author Unknown

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be better yourself"*

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