# North Country Hillbillys Newsletter

#### **Ramblings from Hillbilly Les**

Hello Car Guys & Gals,

Hillbilly Les here, hope all is well. I can't believe it's time for the Hillbilly show already, hard to believe I'm retired, but times flies by. Our show is Saturday, September 7, start time is 9 a.m., but the show starts when you all show up!

Well, one of the things the Hillbillys have been up to is racing in Brainerd at the Power Cruise. I personally haven't been there yet, I've heard lots of stories and have seen pictures from the gave and gale that do go; sounds lead to the country of the gave sounds lead to the g

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stories and have seen pictures from the guys and gals that do go; sounds like a lot of fun, and fast, oh yeah, I like fast. This is held the first weekend in August, check it out.

We've also been going to the Motorhead Madness Show in Duluth in March. The Hillbillys have shown some of our cars there for about 5 years now, it's a very nice indoor show that lasts 2 days. Makes for a nice long weekend in Duluth, lots of cars and meeting new people. A couple of years ago, the Hillbillys even won the Best Club Display award, wow, nice. It's a nice show to stop and check out on a cold winter day.

The next thing we have taken on is the Braham Pie Day car show. We were asked by Braham Ford to take this over after Steve Wilson retired. Thanks for his years of doing this show. So, after 2 years of hosting the Pie Day show, it's all good; something more to learn and manage. The Sweet as Pie Car Show is always the first Friday in August. Did I say lots of people? So far, all is going well with this show. This year, about 130 cars from all over Minnesota attended this show. Everyone who helps with this show thinks it's pretty fun. So, we'll see you next year maybe.

So, at the NCH show, everything is about the same as last year. The Valve Cover Race is at 12:00 noon, come build one and race, we know you have one. It's still growing every year. If you don't make a racer, make sure and watch the race—it's a lot of fun!

Next is the Muffler Rap at 2 p.m. and is the finale to our show. Make sure you sign up for this. It's all good, who doesn't like music of this kind?



### Ramblings (continued)

Also, remember to register with the peeps in our tent. We like to keep numbers going, and the food shelf is *always* happy with us (you) giving to those in need.

We also have lots of hats, t-shirts, and merchandise for sale; buy, buy, buy. This helps us keep going for next year's show. We don't keep any profits for ourselves, we just use them for the show.

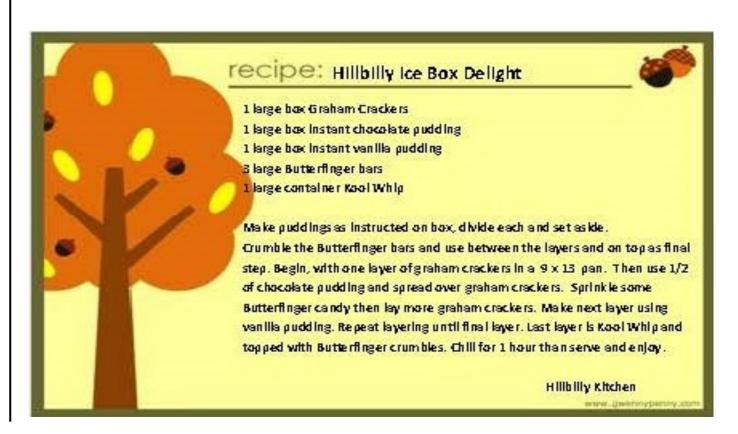


Well, I think I've talked enough for now. I guess for now I'll quit blabbing. As always, thanks so much for visiting our show. Without "you" there wouldn't be a show.

Oh yeah, the Braham Covenant youth will be selling lunch and having a silent auction. So, come hungry and check out the auction. Thanks for supporting them. Thanks to the Braham Covenant Church people for letting us use their space. Thanks to Pastor Steve Jennisch and Youth Pastor Jake King. We all like to work together for a good show.

Thanks again, and we're looking at our 15th anniversary show to be great. Thanks for listening. As always, "Bring a kid to a car show".

Hillbilly Les



## Hillbillys Host Braham Pie Day Car Show

The Hillbillys hosted the "Sweet as Pie" Car Show at Braham Pie Day on Friday, August 2. Thanks to everyone who braved the heat on this very warm and humid day. The show was very successful with 118 cars that registered. We had entrants that came from all over the State of Minnesota! Special thanks to those of you came to the Pie Day show and who also faithfully attend and support the NCH show each September.



Some of you might ask, what is Pie Day?
Braham Pie Day is always held the first Friday in August in Braham (Pie Capital of Minnesota). The day is filled with entertainment, a craft/vendor show, prizes, a car show, and of course, PIE! This is our second year hosting the Sweet as Pie Car Show, which is also a *FREE* show. Special thanks to Braham Ford Motors for sponsoring this event.



#### **Hillbilly Merchandise Update**

This September 7, be sure to check out the Hillbilly merchandise area. All our goods will be on display in Hillbilly fashion. Get your 12-pack of Hillbilly Holler and mugs, or top it off with a cool men's t-shirt and hat. Don't forget your lady, she'll like one of our hot pink tees or hats that fit just right. Everything is always created and printed locally. Stop by and check it out, we look forward to seeing you there.

### Bring a Kid to a Car Show!

Kids' tent will be at the car show again this year! Kids of all ages are welcome to visit and play at the tent (with adult supervision). NCH staff will be under the tent from 9:00—11:30 handing out Hot Wheels cars. There will also be temporary tattoos and coloring sheets! "Play at Your Own Risk" will be 11:30-2:00. The Hot Wheels tracks will be there all day for kids to enjoy. Let's instill the love of cars in our little kiddos!



Hillbilly Becca

#### 5 Things that will kill your classic car from Hagerty

Contrary to general perception, most classic cars aren't fragile flowers. In fact, many are anvil-tough, particularly American cars of the 1950s and 1960s, build with real steel and very little plastic. But even these rolling bank vaults can be seriously screwed up by these five things:

- 1. Non-use. This one is really counterintuitive. When classic cars come to mind for many, the image of the trailer queen or museum piece looms large; in fact, most people think that these are the best cared-for cars. In actuality, they often turn out to be the most problematic cars when they are finally driven. Non-use is actually abuse—seals dry out and start to leak; gas gets stale and turns to varnish; batteries corrode when not removed; and tires get flat spots. Cars that are used and maintained on a regular basis, on the other hand, are often the happiest and most reliable old cars.
- 2. Improper storage and rodents. This goes along with the above. Failure to drain fuel or use a stabilizer, not using jack stands, and making certain that anti-freeze is up to snuff all contribute to storage-related deterioration. But perhaps the most destructive force has four teeth and a naked tail rats and mice, the same rodents that wiped out half the population of Europe by carrying Bubonic plague, can really mess with your classic car. They chew upholstery and insulation to make nests (in which they pee, poop and reproduce, not necessarily in that order), and worst of all, they chew on wiring harnesses where it isn't apparent until something smokes or catches fire from behind the dash of your classic car.
- 3. Road Salt. Most everyone who has taken chemistry knows that the reaction between Sodium Chloride and steel yields iron oxide, more commonly known as rust. But few people truly realize how quickly the damage is done. Just one drive on a wet salty road will give your classic an ugly coating of surface rust on anything on the underside that is not well protected, like suspension parts, exhaust and even the frame. A season or two that lets salty mud penetrate the nooks and crannies of your car will almost certainly cause visible rust to erupt. And don't think you're immune because your car is fiberglass, there's plenty of steel to rot away under those pretty plastic panels. Conversely, getting caught in the rain every now and then isn't death for your classic, as long as nothing like carpets or trunk mats get soaked and stay wet.
- 4. Old Tires. Most vintage cars don't see 15,000 miles of use each year and, often, totally unsafe tires can look deceptively sound. In addition to tread wear, age, dry rot, flat spots and UV exposure can render tires unsafe. About six or seven years should be tops in terms of tire life, regardless of how the tires may look. A blowout or a thrown tread can not only threaten your life, it can severely damage your car.
- 5. Bad driving habits. The list of things that you can do to shorten the life of the major systems of a classic from engine, transmission to differential is long and beyond the scope of this article. But perhaps the most destructive thing you can do to a vintage car is to not let it warm up properly. I've witnessed tons of people who should know better start up a cold car and immediately zing it to the redline with the first shift. It's painful to watch and even more painful to realize the harm that's being done to the engine. Always drive gently until the car has reached normal operating temperature (usually around the mid-point of the temperature gauge).



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