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Skid Marks

---by Bill Taylor



Relative Insanity

Meaning, that is, that insanity can be relative -- not a reference to crazy kinfolk, though we all got 'em. A couple of weekends ago I found myself standing around enduring the cool (45 F) drizzle in the woods near Park Rapids.

Getting into the remote locations was accomplished by folding, spindling and mutilating myself into and out of the back seat of Randy Jokela's 4-Runner. Being of allegedly sound mind and increasing pain, I later traded places with the younger and more agile and athletic Tim Winker who started in the front passenger seat.

The purpose of all this? Waiting for cars to drive by, hopefully at a high rate of speed, of course.

One week later, I was sitting in the stands at Wade Stadium, in the cool (less than 45) evening (no drizzle in spite of the weatherman's best efforts) watching a Dukes preseason baseball game with St. Paul. The Dukes prevailed.

Can't decide which was more insane. Pro's & Cons:

Wade Stadium is a ten minute drive from home. Park Rapids is several hours.

Beer and food are readily available at the Wade. Neither brew nor brats are available in the woods unless you tote them in.

Wade Stadium provides covered seating. The woods may have assorted stumps and rocks, but the fit to one's posterior is problematic.

After the game at the Wade, I got to sleep with a beautiful blonde. After the rally, I got to share a room with Randy Jokela.

Still can't decide which was crazier.

On the other hand, neither weekend found me driving all night to sit in a 5-figure boat, in the rain, in the cold, employing thousands of dollars worth of sonar, radar, lidar, underwater cameras, carbon-fiber sticks, sol/lunar tables, aerial photographs, global positioning systems, heated boots and refrigerated coolers, synthetic worms, real worms, and a \$2.00 floppy cotton hat just to prove that I'm able to outsmart a creature with a brain smaller than a dime, whose evolutionary peak occurred about a million years ago. Tuna in a can goes for about \$1.29.

Gave up trying to decide.

Taylor Family Brag Book

Dana Goetz has received her Radio Amateur license and is now known to her close friends as "KCONAD." Look for Dana to be working the radio nets for Pro- and Club-Rallies in the future. Might be interesting to see if her Old Man is smart enough to get his ticket and join in. It could be very useful to have several 2-meter radios available for the winter rallye series.

Al (MAAT) Taylor added a really serious rally car to the inventory when he took delivery of a 2002 Subaru WRX. I've had a short ride and think that the grin may have to be surgically removed from my chops. Hakka's ain't going to be cheap. The Sube Scooter has some serious beans in its bowl. AWD and 227 bhp mean that he probably won't get high-centered on a finger drift but its now possible to get stuck a lot deeper in a snow drift.

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Minutes of Meetings

Thursday, 5-9-02

The Local
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Board Meeting omitted

General Membership Meeting

Called to order at 8:15 PM

Roll Call: omitted

Members Present: Jon Anderson, Randy Jokela,
Bill Taylor

Reports

Vice Pres.: Absent

Competition: No Report

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Old Business:

LOL Annual Meeting: Jon missed the business meeting but got there in time for the pine-wood derby style event. He took First in the vintage class (with fastest time of the day) and a Fifth in another class with the new ASCC "Mini." Tim Bleed was declared the over all winner. Mike Winker was also in attendance at the event.

2002 WRS Trophy: Jon Anderson will take care of the Winter Rallye Series trophy to be awarded to Scott Carlborn.

Randy Jokela is still searching for an appropriate date for a summer rally - trying to fit it so that the event might start and end at Gordy's High Hat in Cloquet

New Business:

Memorial Day Race Weekend at Black Hawk Farms: Mark Strohm is planning on running that weekend. Randy Jokela may be going.

Highway Clean-Up: First clean up of the year will be May 19. Meet at Noon at Sunset Lounge.

Significant Dates: Leini's 135th Anniversary will be celebrated with mass toasts at both Grandma's Sports Garden and at the Buena Vista.

Chippewa Trails Rally: Scheduled for June 8. Randy is working on an angle which might result in a semi-sponsorship of a Toyota Prius by Kari Toyota.

Autocross: Feasibility of staging a Summer event was discussed. Object would be to get the attention of some of the import-hot rod fans. Issues of venue, insurance, etc., came up. Jon will investigate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

This Space Available

As ever, space is ready and waiting for your input to this publication. Save both you and me the embarrassment of more rambling digressions on the relative merits of rallying, baseball and fishing. Otherwise, you deserve what you get. Check out the fine print on the masthead for information on how to contribute. **PLEASE!!!**

--Ed.

A Sad Note

Viggen, The Rally Dog, has entered the great, eternal Hare and Hound event. We will miss her.