Hi everyone,

With the First Annual Northwest HCRB Meet taking place on August 30 in Tacoma, Washington and the Fifth Annual HCRB Meet taking place on October 10th -12th in Dallas, North Carolina, it did not leave much time to properly announce the information for the Dallas, NC Meet except for this issue, so here goes.

The Dallas, NC HCRB Meet will take place again at and during the Cotton Ginning Days Fair on October 10th, 11th & 12th. Our events will primarily be on Friday the 10th and Saturday, the 11th. HCRB Registration will take place on Friday 8am - noon. New for this year’s Meet will be the “Obstacle Course” (HCR’s Only), on Friday afternoon.

For Saturday (the big day, Period Clothing encouraged), a HCRB Carriage Car Show (HCR’s Only) with award presentations for both events at 1 pm, followed by the supper around 5pm. Come join us this year for the fun & rewarding event. The “Schedule of Events” is on the following page...

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Announcing the
Fifth Annual Dallas, North Carolina
HCRB Meet
At the 27th Cotton Ginning Days Fair
October 10, 11, 12, 2014

The HCRB Meet will mainly be on Friday & Saturday and wind down with the supper on Saturday evening. The schedule of events to the right...

All HCRB Members that have come to this event in Dallas have enjoyed it thoroughly and have taken home great memories...

This year we have an additional event to our gathering, an “Obstacle Course” to run using our HCR’s, with 1st, 2nd & third place winners. This event will be on Friday afternoon, so it might benefit participants to arrive Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. The free camping with hookups go fast, so be early if possible. Keep a record of your miles traveled to the Meet...

I have been to shows where period clothing is worn and it really adds that special touch to the event. We do not want to make it sound mandatory, but encouraged. Let’s dress the period that these carriages were built for, have fun and put on a great show for the spectators...

2014 Dallas, NC HCRB Meet Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

Sign In 8am-12pm
8AM...Meet & Greet Members
9AM...Tractor / HCR Parade through Dallas, NC.
10AM...Set up for “Obstacle Course” (HCR’s Only)
Visit / ride carriages at will / greet spectators
12 Noon...Break for Lunch
1PM...Gather / Prepare Carriages for “Obstacle Course”
1:30... Begin “Obstacle Course“ runs
1st, 2nd & third Place Awards
4PM...Wind down for the day
Saturday
(Period Dress on Saturday only, if at all possible)
8AM...HCRB Carriage Car Show (judged by spectators)
1st, 2nd & third Place Awards
12 Noon...Parade On the grounds
1PM...Awards Presentation for events
5PM...Free Dinner (with park registration)
Conclusion of Meet after Saturday evening dinner

Certificates of Appreciation to all attending
Longest Distance To the Meet Award One Way

Plaques: Trophies
2014 Dallas, NC HCRB Meet

Obstacle Course Possibilities

This year’s HCRB Meet will be using one of these three possible course’s, so put your HCR’s through the paces and get some practice in before the Meet...

COURSE #1

START

FINISH

8ft 2ft 8ft

COURSE # 2

50 FT Circle

START

FINISH

COURSE # 3

Pilons Are 15 FT apart

START

FINISH
Summertime Shows and Parades

By

Lee Thevenet

Ah yes, car shows, parades and Seasons. They do not often go together. By that I mean, Season temperatures and weather, are not always pleasant for event participants. I often wonder if the folks planning an event that features a show or parade consider the temperature and weather in their planning. Although always fun, taking part in a parade can often be too hot, too cold or too wet to thoroughly enjoy.

Taking part in car shows or parades in the South can often be very uncomfortable for the person not only in the parade but also the spectators. To the car show or parade participant or spectator in the South, the ever present shade tree or parade route building canopy will provide much relief from the weather, but these simple comforts do nothing for those actually riding in the parade event unless there are a few trees along the route as in the hot and sunny parade picture to the right.

Driving the unique HCR carriages we Builders come up with, afford us to wear period clothing to go with the period the carriage represents. Depending on the Season the event takes place will often dictate the clothing worn. Here in South Louisiana, being close to the Gulf, rain is a major factor that can provide much unpleasantness to an otherwise great outdoor event. I would have to say, our Fall Season parades provide the best chance of having a great, fun filled time as in this December Xmas Parade we took part in...
Recent Northwest Parade Event

These pictures were sent in by Earl Brown along with his two Grandsons, Conner and Kaden. Lyle Hegsted and his wife Charlene were also present. All were waiting in the staging area of the Kent Cornucopia Day parade event. Shown are Earls Ford “N” Touring HCR, Lyle’s Holsman HCR and a very unique award.

Thanks for the pictures Earl and I’m looking forward to seeing all of you in pictures from the First Northwest HCRB Meet in August....:)

Lee
The Saga of NellyBelle, Part 2

Hello Lee and Fellow Builders, Painters, Craftsmen, Designers, Fixers and Masters-of-Many-Trades.

You thought that perhaps I got lost on my way to part 2 of Nellybelle? Well I was forced off the road by a temporary detour.

Shortly after submitting part 1, as I was doing some body sanding (ya’ll know the sand with one hand while wiping the dust with the other routine). Well the wiping hand seemed to be feeling different textures in the dust and sometimes the ring finger would curl in. --- Soon I noticed a lack of response from other fingers and discomfort traveling to the other hand/arm.

Decided I’d take a few days off to shake things loose, a week later I, visited a chiropractor, this seemed to help, but things didn’t improve. Three more weeks and I opted for the local walk-in clinic. --- The exam room Doctor and I played a few “kid type hand games” and He sent me thru a CAT Scan, I must have flunked because 1 hour later I’m getting a MRI. Another hour + in the waiting room and I’m seeing the DR. again, and he says, ya’ll come back tomorrow. Don’t ya just love doctors?

The next day and after a briefing with a neuro-surgeon who said “Red, look at it this way, I’m going to be rebuilding some parts of your neck, there are no parts on the shelf available and I’m working on a 69 year old antique and everything will have to be made-to-fit and as-we-go.

"Seems that a large tumor has developed in the C-5/7 area (the bottom vertebra in the neck where the neck attaches to the spine). I can think of much better places to spend my 69th birthday than lying on an operating table, worn out bad parts being removed, having
hand-crafted replacement parts created from parts of my hip and building a miniature bridge out of titanium parts all inside my neck.

--- Then being flipped over on my back so they can go in from the front for the finishing touches … total time over 6 hrs in surgery. That’s how I celebrated my 69th birthday on May 23. Today, June 10, the stitches/staples come out. (37 staples).

Let’s back up 6 days to when they let me go home … Had a chat with the Oncology Doctor and said “please use English words, and no medical terms I can’t spell.” He repeated this for verification and calling up all the language skills I had, I replied “YUP!” So this college educated Medical Doctor reached over and picked up a box of tissues and set them in front of me. I knew we could get along then and there.

Prognosis? We can do nothing and I won’t have another birthday OR we can fight and I’ll have more birthdays …

The thing is, I was having way to much fun working on Nellybelle and a lot more fun writing about it. Typing this with only 2 fingers is a pain, but the motor skills are returning and I should be about 90/95% in a few weeks.

Seems that they have a new radiation treatment that only takes a few minutes a couple times a month with none of the “old” side effects, I can even drive, so folks … NELLYBELLE WILL BE DONE LONG BEFORE I AM ! ! !

Red

I have not heard any further news from Red since I received this information, so let us all keep him in our daily prayers & thoughts for a speedy recovery…😊

Lee
A Light for Your Man cave

By

Lee Thevenet

A carriage lamp I purchased on E-Bay years ago but unable to find another to have a pair was finally put to good use as an entrance lamp to my shop. I got to thinking, since I build Horseless Carriage Replicas, it would have a prominent place of display. A bit of cleaning and paint really makes it stand out to visitors that come a calling once in a while.

After the cleaning, painting and polishing, I frosted the lens by very lightly spraying white paint to the inside of the lens. Located the proper sized lettering at a local hobby store and applied to the outer surface indicating where the door next to it led.

Fabricating a simple lamp bracket has provided a unique support for the revised lamp. Wired with a small mandrel 120V bulb socket enables the use of a very low wattage florescent bulb for constant use. A day/night sensor could be installed to make it cycle if so chosen....:)}
Tool Time!

By

Chris Thornton

I am new to the HCRB group and have spent the last weekend going through the Newsletters. I am currently the Director of Technology for a school system with around 8000 computers in North Carolina, but I do have a former life as a high school woodshop teacher.

I saw the article on page 2 of Volume 2 Issue 3 dealing with clamps and wanted to bring up one more type of wood clamp, the Hand Screw. As you can see from the picture above the clamp consists of two wooden jaws with two threaded rods used to apply pressure. The wooden jaws allow for a large area of pressure to be applied without damaging the piece being glued. They also allow for even pressure to non-parallel surfaces and many other uses that make them a must to have in woodworking, see link below for additional uses.

They come in 12 sizes starting with a 2 ½ inch capacity between jaws all the way up to one that will allow 17 inches between the jaws.

The major drawback, the cost, the name brands can start at $15 for a small clamp and go into the $80’s for a large clamp. But, all is not lost, our good Friends at Harbor Freight have 8 inch, 10 inch, and 12 inch clamps all for under $10 apiece. Customer reviews vary for these clamps at Harbor Freight and I will admit they do not work as smoothly as some of the bigger brands but at about a third the cost they all do the same thing well, clamp wood until the glue dries.
A quick explanation on the link below. Have you ever used a link in an article that was no longer any good? Frustrating, isn’t it.

I have used a site called http://lmgtfy.com (Let me Google that for you) and searched for “Hand screw tips.” As always Google has done a great job of finding several thousand hits and with the first couple I usually find what I need, but, will they still be good links next year? By using the lmgtfy website and copying the link it gives me with the searched terms I always get a new list of suggested websites to start with. Try the link, http://lmgtfy.com/?q=Handscrew+tips, to find more uses and reasons to have a few Hand Screw clamps around the shop. Hope the above information helps make someone’s life a bit easier.

Chris

Toon

By
Lee

2014 Dallas, NC HCRB Meet Obstacle Course
ACROSS
1. To put on clothing
3. Body Outer wear
7. The cars we build

DOWN
6. Another name for our cars
5. Piloting a car
4. At what time
2. A length of time

Make a sentence using the words...

Answers on last page

Picture from the Past
In Closing

By

Lee Thevenet

As we are all aware of the continuous coverage and total support of all HCR activities by the HCR Newsletter and HCRB Group, especially of the upcoming Northwest HCRB Meet to be held on August 30th in Tacoma, Washington. The event, being the very first for HCR Builders of the surrounding area is sure to be a hit, weather permitting. The one thing the Meteorologists have not been able to predict with a degree of 100% is the weather, as I mentioned in the article on Page 4 of this Issue.

Still too early to be sure if the predicted weather will happen at the publishing of this Issue, I for one wish Mike Chambers and the other Northwest Members the very best in pulling this event off with flying colors. I know your hearts are into having a great show rain or shine. Good Luck! You guys, I know you will have a great time regardless.

I hope you have enjoyed this Issue...

Lee Thevenet

Wear Period Clothing when driving HCR Carriages

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