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Car Club Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2017

Director Gordon Boyd called the meeting to order. We stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don made motion and Jerry seconded it to waive the reading of last month's minutes and treasurer's report.

New Members and Guests:

Frank & Linda Spinola from out of McCloud. Guests: Deanna's boyfriend Jake, Rodney & Gail's grandson J.T.

Past Events:

The UCC play, Grease, was great. They appreciated having all the cars there.

Festival of lights turned out good. 84 cars went through on the night the club worked the gate.

Old Business:

Officers will remain the same as last year apart from Monna becoming an officer at large.

Last years' shirts are still available.

Monna suggests that we put the amounts we donate to our charities in our minutes.

Don Larson brought Vern's work on the newsletter to everyone's attention and how much we appreciate his hard work.

Dallas said the t-shirt design is done. T-shirts are being ordered.

New Business:

We still need raffle prizes for the March show.

Terry will be stepping down as ballot counter chair for the show-n-shine. We will need someone to take over the position. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The club's March show display will be red, white, and blue with all branches of the military represented supporting our troops. Titled American Pride, Built Ford Tough

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2018 at 2 pm at the Winston Community Center.

If anyone needs to order 4x or 5x shirts for next year they will need to be preordered. Contact Dallas or Ron.

Gordon thanked everyone for coming to the Christmas party, bringing food and decorating.

Don made motion and Jerry seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 2:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Kuntz, Secretary

Editor Corner:

Well the mad rush of the holidays is finally over, and I hope everyone has survived. Now it's time to sit back and enjoy the winter days in front of the fire with your feet up and a favorite drink in hand.

Since the last few months have been "the nightmare of garage doors from hell", I thought I would tell you what I learned about keeping your garage door working smoothly.

I have had four instances of garage door issues starting last summer when Monna's garage door broke followed up with a friend backing into her closed garage door (this one actually knocked two of the panels out of the tracks), then there was the rat joyriding the garage door cables, to finally the first week in January a torsion spring breaking on my niece's garage door. I am currently waiting on the new torsion springs to fix my niece's garage door.

But while researching how to replace the torsion springs, on YouTube, I found a video on maintenance you should be doing on your garage door to keep it working smoothly.

The company, where I am buying the torsion springs, has made an excellent video on the maintenance of your garage door. One of the things talked about in the video was the oiling of all the moving parts on the garage door. They recommended using either 3 in 1 oil or 30/40 weight non-detergent oil (I found that there is a 3 in 1 spray sold, at Lowes, for garage doors). The video gave a sequence to follow when oiling a garage door, so you don't miss a part that should be oiled. Here is what they had to say:

With the door down, pull the rope on the door release catch to free to door from the door transit chain. Raise the door and start on the left or right side of the door with the bottom roller. Oil the bottom roller and brace making sure that the roller not only turns, but also moves freely from

left to right. If you find any of the rollers rusted to the bracket, use a pair channel locks to break the roller free and then oil and work the roller until it moves freely. Work your way up the door to each roller and bracket as you close the door. Once all the rollers have been oiled, spray the track with oil. Now, lightly oil the door hinges working from one vertical row to the next, from top to bottom or bottom to top working your way across the door. Once you have completed the hinges, oil the rollers and track on the other side of the door then oil the torsion spring(s). One point they stressed about oiling the torsion spring(s) is, you should never oil the last inch of the torsion spring(s). Doing so could cause the springs to slip on the torsion spring cones (the thingies on the ends of the torsion spring). You should do this once a year to keep the garage door in good working order.

While oiling the rollers, your garage door should stay down when you release the door release catch and as you move the door down and stopping at each roller, it should stay where you position it. If the door rides up when you release the catch or wants to close by it's self as you lower the door, the torsion springs may need to be adjusted. An improperly adjust torsion spring can up unwanted stress on your garage door opener. **The torsion springs are very dangerous to work on.**

Here is what the gentleman in the video had to say about working on the torsion springs:

CAUTION! Replacing / working on garage door torsion springs is dangerous because the springs are under tension. If you do not use the right tools and follow safe procedures, you could lose hands, limbs or even your life. You could also damage property. When working on the door torsion springs, doing the job right is your responsibility. IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO SAFELY WORK ON YOUR SPRINGS, WE RECOMMEND YOU HIRE A PROFESSIONAL TO REPAIR YOUR GARAGE DOOR. Safety First! Then work.

He continued: In spite of my high mechanical aptitude, even after 18 years in the trade, I lost the end of my left index finger. A few years later I had five stitches in my right thumb, and a year later five stitches in my left thumb. In 2004 emergency room staffs dug steel out of my eye and sewed up my ring finger with eight stitches. The best I can do is help you minimize the risk of injury; that's all I can do for myself. I am not so naive as to think that I have made my last trip to the emergency room. Repairing garage doors, particularly torsion springs, is dangerous work, whether you are a do-it-yourself homeowner or an experienced technician.

See you at the January club meeting on 14 January @ 2:00 p.m. @ the Winston Community Center.



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