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Badgerland F100's Truck Club

Honoring trucks from 1948-1972

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Or email them to riknroz@charter.net

Club Meetings

June	June 29 th Lake Joy Campground - hosted by Roger & Barb McDermott
July	July 26 th hosted by Greg and Kim Schneider, Roanoke, IL
August	August 10 th hosted by Ruthanne Koeshall, Beloit, WI
September	September 12 th & 13 th – No meeting – Dash to the Dells 19

Car & Truck Shows/Swap Meets

Note: Please contact the Editor if you have show information you would like posted in the newsletter.

6/07-614	Hot Rod Power Tour from Little Rock, AR to Madison, WI 6/07-Little Rock, AR, 6/08-Springfield, MO, 6/09-Topeka, KS, 6/10-Lincoln, NE, 6/11-Ames, IA, 6/12-Rochester, MN, 6/13 & 6/14-Madison, WI
6/13-6/14	Twin City F100's Midwest Nationals
6/13-6/15	Wizards of Rods 27 th Annual Car Show, Warrens, WI
6/15	Swan City Car Show – Beaver Dam, WI
6/21	TALLY-HO Annual Car Show – Darien, WI (rain date 6/22)
6/20-6/22	Back to the 50's – St. Paul, MN
6/28	Big Brothers/Big Sisters Car Show - Fitchburg, WI
7/4-7/6	Goodguys @ Des Moines, IA
7/05	All Ford Show @ Ballweg Ford – Sauk City, WI
7/05	All Ford Show @ Oshkosh EAA Air Venture Museum
7/06	Augusta Bean & Bacon Days/Thunder Roads Rod & Customs Car Show, Augusta, WI
7/10-7/13	Iola Swap Meet & Car Show - Iola, WI
7/11-7/13	Show Me F100's - 21 st Annual Ozarks Run - Branson, MO
7/19	Reedsburg Classic Car Show - Reedsburg, WI
7/26	House of Horsepower 5 th Annual Classic Car Show, Madison, WI
7/26	7 th Annual Fox Lake Firefighters Car Show – Fox Lake, WI
7/26	Old Fashioned Days Car/Truck Show – Baraboo, WI
8/02 & 8/03	Summer Elkhorn Swap Meet & Car Show - Elkhorn, WI
8/03	Riverfest Auto Show, Watertown, WI
8/15-8/17	Goodguys 9 th Annual Great Lakes Nationals @ Willow Island - Madison, WI
8/16-8/17	14 th Annual Ford & Mercury Truck Show @ Ontario, Canada
8/23	Spring Green Car Show - Spring Green, WI
8/29-8/30	Wisconsin Street Rod Association Car Show – Fond du Lac, WI
8/30	Pardeeville Car Show – Pardeeville, WI
8/30-8/31	Goodguys @ Kansas City, KS
9/09	Tobacco City Cruisers 1 st Car Show, Racetrack Park, Edgerton, WI
9/12 & 9/13	Badgerland F100's 19 th Dash to the Dells & 5 th Unofficial Panel Nationals – Wisconsin Dells, WI
9/14	Beloit Car Show - Beloit, WI
9/19-9/21	Goodguys @ Joliet, IL
9/27 & 9/28	Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show - Jefferson, WI
10/12	Hunnert Car Pileup @
10/24-10/26	Goodguys @ Lowes Motor Speedway – Charlotte, NC

The following websites have more information and show locations:

www.olderide.com/events/wisconsin.html

www.wisconsincollectorcar.com

www.carshowguide.com

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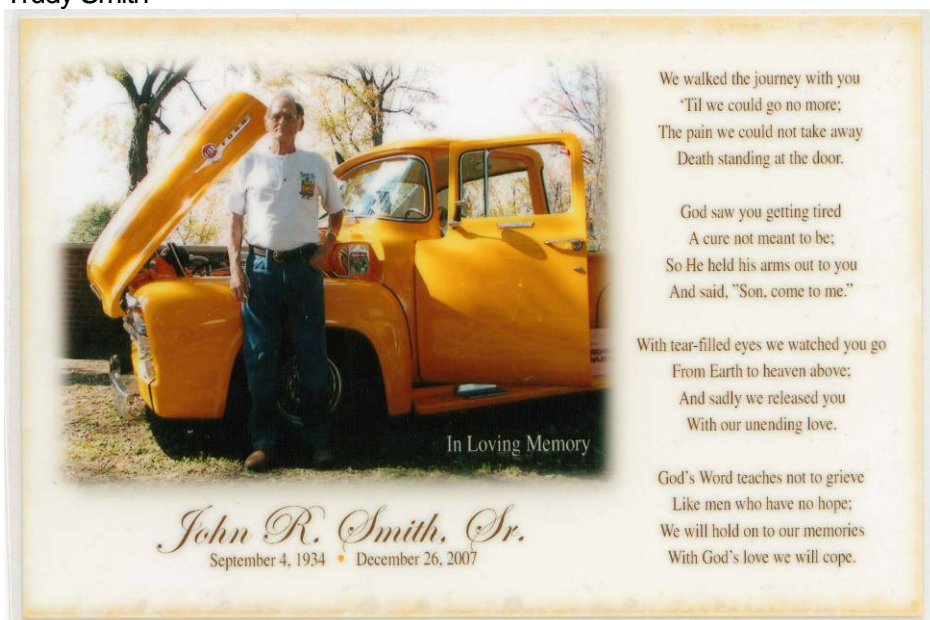
Dave Farmer received the following letter & photo from Trudy Smith of Arkdale, WI recently. She wrote:

Dear Dave,

Received the brochure on the "Dash to the Dells". I regret to tell you that my husband John passed away on December 26th-'07 after a 5 month battle with pancreatic & bone cancer. It has been very difficult for me to adjust without him. Glad to hear you're going to be at a new location. It should prove to be a success with all the things to do in the area. I still have his '56 and maybe the family boys will take it to shows. Maybe even me!!

Good luck with the show and club. We always enjoyed the show. Maybe I'll see you there.

Sincerely,
Trudy Smith



We walked the journey with you
'Til we could go no more;
The pain we could not take away
Death standing at the door.

God saw you getting tired
A cure not meant to be;
So He held his arms out to you
And said, "Son, come to me."

With tear-filled eyes we watched you go
From Earth to heaven above;
And sadly we released you
With our unending love.

God's Word teaches not to grieve
Like men who have no hope;
We will hold on to our memories
With God's love we will cope.

In Loving Memory

John R. Smith, Sr.
September 4, 1934 • December 26, 2007

Badgerland F100's Truck Club sends its condolences to Trudy and the rest of the John Smith family.

Southern Ontario Classic Pickups

Reminder: If anyone is planning on attending the truck show in Canada, contact Michigan Rick. His email is: panelman54@yahoo.com. Also, like he said in a previous newsletter, anyone who doesn't want to drive the whole thing in one day can stay at his house. The show is August 16th and 17th, 2008. The registration form is at www.fordtruckclub.com.

**** Note: You will need to have a current passport or birth certificate to enter Canada. Plan ahead.**

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Mike Connor submitted this article to put in the newsletter about the Dells Raceway Park.

Dells Raceway on fast track

New owners plan
to add entertainment
at racetrack.

By **TREVOR KUPFER**
Wisconsin Dells Events

As race car drivers prepare to begin making turns around Dells Raceway Park's asphalt track, the owners are hoping the speedway has reached a turning point, too.

With construction crews hard at work in preparation for the track's opening on April 26, owners Joe Graziano and Lance Fielitz hope their extensive rebuilding effort will make the venue another major entertainment destination in Wisconsin Dells.

"It wasn't too long ago that (The) Kalahari (Resort) seemed like it was in the boondocks compared to the rest of the Dells," Graziano said. "Well guess what? We're going to make ourselves a destination just like they did."

The park offers several new features this season to better accommodate fans and drivers, including a 30,000-square-foot parking/pit area, upgraded entrance and exit ramps, expanded concessions and other amenities.

"It's going to be big," Graziano said.

Graziano and Fielitz bought the property in February 2007 after it folded under the name Dells Motor Speedway.

The track's former owner, Bryan Severson, was sentenced in February to nearly 12 years in federal prison for bank fraud. The charges stemmed from the collapse of First National Bank of Blanchardville, whose former president made several bad loans to Severson for his various businesses, including the racetrack, then tried to hide them by having Severson write worthless checks.

That episode led to several bumps in the road for the track's debut season under new owners.

"I think, based on what happened in the past, people were sitting back and seeing what happens," Graziano said. "Now that we're over the hump, and they see we're here to stay, we're building a facility that will be on par with the rest of the attractions in the Dells."

Race season typically runs from the last week in April to Labor Day, but Graziano said they've opted to expand the season.

"We're going to do a lot more different events," said Julia Luther, marketing and events co-

ordinator. "Stock car racing is great, but it's not a huge profit center so they want to do a wide variety of things to make it Wisconsin's best racing entertainment."

At the end of the season Graziano hopes to install a clay track and race snowmobiles, BMX bikes, AMA motorcycles, monster trucks, ATVs and host demolition derbies, truck pulls, tractor pulls and motor cross. The seating will also be upgraded, Graziano said.

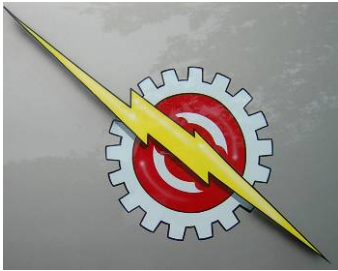
Construction began in mid-March, Luther said, and they're looking to be done by the Wisconsin Challenge Series Cabin Fever 100 on April 26.

"There's a 100 percent focus on making this an entertainment facility," Graziano said. "In the past it was just a bunch of race fans showing up and enjoying the show, but we need to have more to offer the casual race fan. So we're going to place entertainment twists on every facet of the production. We're looking at this as putting on a show, as opposed to a bunch of cars racing."

Mike said they loved having us there last year and look forward to having us return again this year. Apparently we all enjoyed some of the new perks being offered for the Dells Raceway Park.

Thanks Mike!

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Ford plans to debut small, light pickups

Ford Motor Co. is planning a major revamping of its truck lineup in the United States in response to rising fuel prices and a consumer shift toward more [fuel-efficient vehicles](#).

The Dearborn automaker is developing a smaller, lighter version of its bread-and-butter [F-150](#) pickup. The company also is designing a new global compact pickup in Australia that it plans to manufacture in South Africa and Thailand that could be imported to the United States.

Ford would not comment on either program, but sources told The Detroit News that the vehicles are part of a sweeping revision of the company's product plan that is aimed at chasing consumers who are abandoning full-sized pickups in favor of smaller, more efficient models. Record oil prices have made big trucks a luxury that few Americans can afford if they don't need one for work. As a result, full-sized pickup sales have fallen nearly 23 percent during the past three years. That hurts Ford the most, because its top-selling vehicle is the full-size F-series pickup. The F-series remains the best-selling vehicle in the United States, but demand already is down 15.5 percent this year. Ford has responded by slashing pickup production, but the automaker will also add greener trucks to its lineup.

One coming model is based on a modified F-150 platform. The truck, known internally as P525, will be about 10 percent smaller than the F-150. It also will be significantly lighter, thanks to the use of thinner-but-stronger steel in the frame and more aluminum in the body, sources said. They said the new truck will incorporate unique storage options and use distinctive sheet metal to set it apart from its bigger sibling. It will be offered with Ford's new six-cylinder EcoBoost engine, which combines turbo-charging and direct fuel-injection to deliver power and towing capacity comparable to a V-8. "They're shooting for real good fuel economy numbers," said auto industry analyst Erich Merkle of IRN Inc. in Grand Rapids. "Those are going to be critical." Ford also will likely offer a traditional, naturally aspirated V-6, as well as a V-8 option.

Ford is weighing a resurrection of the F-100 moniker for the new midsize pickup. The F-100 was Ford's entry-level full-size pickup in the United States until 1983, when it introduced the [Ranger](#) compact pickup. The new truck is slated to go into production in 2011 at Ford's Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne, though sources said a final decision has not been made.

Such a move would justify Ford's surprise decision to keep the factory open -- a concession it made to the United Auto Workers as part of a new national labor agreement negotiated last year. The plant now produces the super-sized Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator SUVs. Sales of both models have collapsed in the face of high gas prices. "This truck has the potential to knee-cap the F-150 and become Ford's dominant truck if gas goes to \$6 a gallon or higher, which it could by 2011," said analyst Jim Hall of 2953Analytics LLP in Birmingham.

Ford also is developing the T6, a next-generation compact pickup. The T6 will replace the Ranger the automaker now makes in Thailand and sells around the world but not in the United States. The truck's powertrain options are

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said to include a four-cylinder version of the EcoBoost that would deliver the power and towing capabilities of a V-6 while consuming far less fuel. It also would be offered with an even more efficient standard four-cylinder. Ford could add diesel, too, if market conditions merit it.

That truck is economical and has been a big hit around the world, but it was not designed to meet U.S. safety requirements. Bringing it to this country would require a massive additional investment, Hall said. "There was no market for small trucks in the U.S. when that was engineered," Hall said. "You were getting discounted full-sized trucks that were cheaper than compact pickups."

Ford still sells an older version of the Ranger in this country. It is built at Ford's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in St. Paul, Minn., which is scheduled to close next year. That will leave the automaker without a small pickup to sell domestically, at least until these new trucks become available. Like the P525, the T6 is not slated to go into production until 2011.

In January, Ford announced a major investment in its assembly plant in Silverton, South Africa, to accommodate the new truck. Once expansion of that plant is complete, Ford says it will be able to produce 110,000 units there annually, three-quarters of which will be for export. The new Ranger also will be built in Thailand. The United States imposes a 25 percent tariff on imported pickup trucks, but those restrictions are being challenged. Ford also is awaiting a decision on new federal fuel economy standards before giving a final green light to either vehicle.

While Ford had planned to sell only one of the new trucks in the United States, the automaker is now considering selling both models here. That would give consumers a full range of pickup options, from an economical four-cylinder Ranger to the 6.4-liter V-8 diesel-powered Super Duty.

Article submitted by Chris Connor. Thanks Chris.

Birthdays

June

John Bitter 6/1
Paul Rodrique 6/5
Scott Jackson 6/16
Megan (Connor) Blanchard 6/18
Andrew Meysembourg 6/20
Dustin Bokath 6/20
Ros Pribbenow 6/26
Dylan Guthrie 6/27
Greg Schneider 6/29

July

Mollie Guthrie 7/12
Dave Farmer 7/24

May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was held at the Boondockers Car Show on May 10. We had 12 adults, 3 trucks, 1 Mustang GT, 1 Taurus and 1 Thunderbird in attendance. The Show was great with 163 vehicles of all shapes, sizes and years registered. The brats were huge, music was good and the people were friendly. If you haven't yet gone – go next year.

The meeting was called to order at 1:11pm.

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Rick read the minutes from the April meeting

Treasurer – Chris stated registrations are trickling in. Club checkbook balance was presented. Filed forms to IRS for non-profit status. Also sent in our annual Wisconsin form and \$10 fee.

Vice President – Dave reports his back is much better. No more news on shirts yet. Will put something in the next newsletter or by the next meeting June 29th hosted by the McDermott's. Dave received a letter and photo from Trudy Smith whose husband, a fellow trucker, passed away recently. Rick will add to the newsletter.

President – Mike asked for any old business to discuss – Only on Dash 19.

OLD BUSINESS

Dash to the Dells 19:

Registration Chair – (Dave & Julie Farmer) 21 pre-registered so far.

Door Prize Chair – (Rick & Ros Pribbenow) 147 beg letters mailed and have been receiving door prize donations on a weekly basis.

Promotions Chair – (Roger McDermott) No report. Roger will receive help from Trevor Rush.

Trophy Chair – Wally Zeien has volunteered for this position. Direct your phone calls and emails to him for how you can help make trophies for Dash 19.

T-shirts/logos still being worked on but are getting closer per V.P. Dave Farmer.

Dash 19 cruise - Mike submitted a newspaper article for the newsletter on the Dells Raceway Park. He stated we again rented the racetrack and it has been paid for.

Mike asked for any other Dash 19 show stuff – none. He then asked for any other old business – none.

He reminded all of us once again to get your photos with you and your trucks to Rick Pribbenow by either mail or email. He also mentioned that the newsletter is receiving a good response.

Other news: Wally & Julie Zeien's daughter is getting married on June 13th. Dave (Julie) Farmer's son Chris will be graduating High School.

NEW BUSINESS

We then discussed the possibility of having Badgerland F100 Truck Club business cards made so we can hand them out with club contact info needed for possible new members, etc. One of our members, Jim Krueger, who also belongs to Wisconsin Early Mustang Club, gave us one of his cards as a sample. Everyone thought this would be a good idea. The membership chair, Chris Connor will look into having some made.

May Meeting Minutes - continued

Some more upcoming car show flyers were handed to the Secretary to put in the newsletter: Edgerton Tobacco City Cruisers, Wisconsin Street Rod Association, Wizards of Rods, Watertown's Riverfest, Augusta Auto Show, Tally-Ho Car Show, House of Horsepower, just to name a few.

Mike Connor was crowned "King of the Month" by Dave Farmer and the scepter was passed on.

Mike asked for any other new business – none.

Motion to adjourn at 1:30pm by Ros Pribbenow and seconded by Jim Krueger. All were in favor.

Reminder: GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN FOR DASH 19!



The Next Meeting ...

The next meeting will be held by Roger & Barb McDermott at the **Lake Joy Campground in Belmont, WI, at 12:00pm on Sunday, June 29th**. Please bring a dish to pass, your favorite beverages and chairs to sit on.

Roger has provided the following directions:

The campground address is **24192 Lake Joy Lane Belmont WI 53510**. The internet link for the campground in case anyone is interested is www.lakejoy.com

From the Madison area, take 151 West/South to mile marker 31. Turn left onto Bethel Grove Road. Go about half mile to the 4 way intersection. Continue straight through the intersection and the sign for Lake Joy will be only about another half mile on your right.

If coming from the Southeast, take Hwy 11 West to Hwy 23 North. Turn right on to Hwy 23 North to Darlington, (about 7 miles). Just into Darlington, take Hwy 81 West. Follow 81 West for about ten miles to 126 North. Follow 126 North. This will take you into Belmont. At the first intersection in Belmont, turn right onto Main Street. Go through town and get on 151 North/East. Just a couple miles out of Belmont, turn right onto Bethel Grove Road. Go about half mile to the 4 way intersection. Continue straight through the intersection and the sign for Lake Joy will be only about another half mile on your right.

If coming from the Northwest, the easiest way is to go to Platteville and get on 151 North/East. Drive a couple miles past the Belmont exit and turn right onto Bethel Grove Road. The campground is on the right off of Bethel Grove road only about 1 mile from 151.

As you come up the hill into the campground, we are in the first row of campers on your left, camper # 5. My old truck will be sitting there. Just park by my truck. If you need more directions call my cell phone at (608) 778 6770.

Club Photos

Boondockers Car Show/Badgerland F100 meeting on May 10, 2008



Rick Pribbenow takes home one of the "Top 32"



Jim Krueger in front of the "Fine 56"



Mike Connor being anointed "King of the Month"



The awards gathering at Concord House



In the Garage

Fellow members:

At the spur of the moment, I decided to go to the F100 Supernationals in Knoxville, TN. By the spur of the moment I mean a 2 day decision. Ros said "go ahead-have fun", so I made reservations, took the car with the best gas mileage (yes, I cheated and didn't take a truck), loaded up and took off for the weekend. It rained on Wednesday night and most of Thursday, but I arrived at my hotel, checked in and went to find Chilhowee Park. I still remembered how to get there since Ros and I were there in 2004. I called Mike and Chris to see what they were up to-eating dinner at the Alamo, but just starting to eat. I drove to the Alamo in Pigeon Forge-took me about a half hour or so. When there Mike suggested we find a local joint and throw back a couple. We went to a local place and had a few and watched the entertainment-no not like that. The local drunk-of-the-week entertainment. You've probably seen some of them too-loud, sings with any song, hangs on the waitresses, knows all, etc. Pretty funny. After a couple of hours we called it a night.

Friday morning, I went to the park, registered and started in taking pictures and talking to folks about their trucks. There were lots of nice trucks, really nice trucks and extremely nice trucks to look at. The folks were friendly and I got a lot of good ideas and tips. When asked if I brought my truck, I told them not physically, but I have photos. It was a good time. I watched as trucks came and went. Stock to wild-they were all there although not as many as in previous years. During the day I talked with Sy from Mid Fifty, Rob from No Limit Engineering, Brent from Fatman Fabrication and others. I covered the swap meet and saw a ton of parts for sale. Later, I met up with Mike. We walked the grounds some more, talked with a few about our show and even showed Ed from Oklahoma the new door latches on Mike's truck. We ventured back to the big stairs to have a seat and watch one of the truck parades and ran into Mark and Cindy Favor. We sat with them and talked for awhile. Then it was out and about again to look at more trucks, more vendors and such. On Friday night, I was invited to Mike and Chris' cabin for dinner-way up in the hills. I felt like the 3rd wheel, but they assured me I was not. We had a great cookout and talked about their adventures through Kentucky Bourbon country amongst other things. They were leaving for home in the morning and would not be at the show or the awards on Saturday night. Mike asked if I could pick up the Club Participation Award and a few things from Pat Ford.



Mike says "Thanks" to Brent/Fatman Fabrications.



This 428 powered '56 belongs to Ed from Oklahoma.

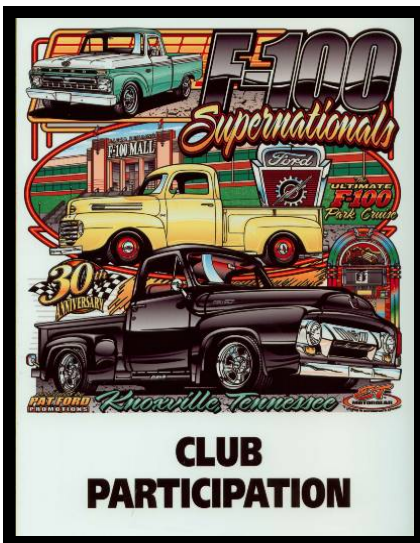


Mike talking with Mark & Cindy Favor



A 7.3 litre diesel powered 1956 COE

Saturday was pretty much the same as Friday with the exception of running into Trevor and Roberta Rush at the F100 Mall (building on the hill). I had seen their truck earlier in the day but not them. We talked for awhile. Trevor was telling me about Johnny's truck, a 1948-50 F1 with a pancaked hood and lots of trick metal work. So off we went to find Johnny. His truck was amazing. We spent at least 30-45 minutes talking with him and looking at his truck. It was painted in reddish brown with satin clear (most thought it was only primer). It was well done. Later Saturday night, Trevor and Roberta met me at the F100 Awards ceremony. Trevor and I accepted the Club Participation Award together. Trevor received an award for 1967-72 custom trucks.



Trevor Rush with his 1967-72 award (row 1-far right).





Johnny's 1948-50 F1



Trevor and Roberta Rush at the F100 Mall

Sunday, I was on the road again back home. I passed a few old trucks on their way back home too. It was a good trip.



As always, your club members are a great source for information, locating parts or a helping hand. Call one sometime or arrange for a work party. You'll be glad you did!

See you down the road!

Rick Pribbenow

Going Out of Business Sale

Racing Collectibles of 6 W. Fulton St., Edgerton, WI, is closing its doors and all inventory of collectibles, Racing Die-cast and miscellaneous items must be sold. Other items to be sold are showcases and other possible store furniture.

Contact Ruthanne Koeshall at 608-921-1838 for more details.

Parts Wanted

Wanted: 1954 F100 front fenders, running boards and a seat.

Call Floyd Johnson at 608-654-5990

Parts For Sale

Greg Masters saw these parts for sale in Wisconsin:

1956 Ford p/u rolling chassis, new front brakes and shocks, has Toyota power steering gear - \$450.00
Call Jerry at (608) 526-4542

1948-52 Ford truck items-doors good condition \$175 each, front fender braces-bead blasted and primed for F1 \$25 each; 1950 F1 panel, rough shape, usual rust, restorable, no photos as its packed away \$1800.

Call John (608) 873-9521 afternoons

Misc. For Sale

For Sale: 4 vintage gas pumps

#1 **Bennett model # 788 (1956)**, this is a commercial pump, no meter, rare and unusual pump. They were used at truck stops or trucking companies that did not need to know how many gallons were delivered.

#2 **Gilbarco Model # 96 (1936)**, it is about 6 foot tall. A little surface rust no major dents or rust.

#3 **AO Smith model # L-1 (1946)**, this pump has had all the pump stuff removed from the inside. The computer is still in it. This is the most art deco pump I have. It would make a great pump for the man cave.

#4 **Bennett model #3136 (1960-1970s)**, this is like the one we all used to buy gas from. Good condition.
Call for more info, Dean Malin (262) 275-8397 between 6-9 pm weekdays or any time on the weekend.



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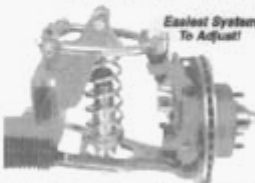
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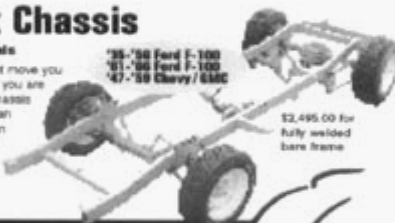
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