

Out Standing In The Field

In this issue the "Outstanding" column will highlight upcoming Turbo Diesel events and gatherings of special interest. My thanks to those TDR members, friends and companies that spend countless hours preparing to host the TDR membership at the various events.

EVENTS LISTINGS

Realizing that many TDR members like to attend motorsports/open house/seminar/rally events with a common theme of Turbo Diesel ownership and camaraderie, we have put together a listing of upcoming events. The calendar includes events tailored specifically for Dodge/Cummins Turbo Diesel owners (*Turbo Diesel Events*). Such events are sponsored by a variety of business and club entities. The events may or may not have a charge for admission. Please check the listings closely for details.

As the number of Turbo Diesel related events increases, it is necessary to add several points of clarification. First, the TDR staff is thankful for the contributions and volunteer efforts of local chapters in hosting, organizing and facilitating these *local and regional* gatherings. Appreciation and thanks should also be extended to the local event sponsor—typically a Dodge dealership, Cummins distributorship, or local performance shop. If you plan to attend, note that you will be required to send a check made out to the sponsor of the local event. The events require an enormous amount of time and resources.

Secondly, in the past the TDR and its paid staff have been involved in several *national-type* events. At those gatherings, your payment (albeit discounted, thanks to the financial support of Chrysler and Cummins) is made to the TDR. These national events carry with them an expectation for factory participation, organization, timeliness, recognition, awards, vendor displays, entertainment, a chance to drive test vehicles, and—best of all—a chance to meet and renew friendships. As you make plans for travel to various events, you should calibrate your expectations accordingly.

To complete the calendar, there are other events of interest to drivers of all makes and models of diesel pickups. These events (listed as *Other Diesel Events*) cater to a wider audience.

Because we are writing this article in mid-August, the information presented is *subject to change*. Please realize that many people and groups—including Dodge, Cummins, TDR chapters, Dodge dealerships, Cummins distributors, independent shops—will be your hosts and are working to make it happen, and in some cases complete event details are not available at this time.

REGIONAL/LOCAL TURBO DIESEL EVENTS

MAY 2009

What: 15th Annual May Madness 2009 – Pahrump, Nevada

When: Monday, May 4 – Saturday, May 9, 2009

Host/Where: TDR member Joe Donnelly and his crew invite you to join them in Pahrump, Nevada, at the Pahrump Nugget for a fun-filled week of seminars and activities.

More Information: The following write-up has more information about the May 2009 event. Mark your calendar and if you can make it to May Madness 2009 we suggest that you make your room or RV park reservations now.

The Fifteenth Annual Turbo Diesel Register (TDR) Western Regional Rally, "May Madness," [MM '09]

The Fifteenth Annual May Madness will be held on May 4 -May 9, 2009, in Pahrump, Nevada. Other brands of diesel trucks will be welcome in addition to Dodge/Cummins trucks. We plan to hold most events at Saitta-Trudeau Dodge, at the nearby Pahrump Nugget (the host hotel), and at Preferred RV (the host RV Park). Chances are good that we will again be holding a sled pull during the rally.

The rally will again include the vendors' "Hall of Gottahavits," technical talks, safety and Recreational Vehicle related seminars, a Dyno Day and drag racing. There will be a Show-n-Shine truck contest, and a Ram Rodeo. At the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, we expect to give away over \$5000 in prizes on a random-drawing basis, so each attendee has a chance to win something of value.

The **Pahrump Nugget (866-751-6500; www.pahrumpnugget.com)** is the host hotel and is newly re-modeled and conveniently located in the center of Pahrump and close to Saitta-Trudeau Dodge. The banquet, Vendors' Hall of Gottahavits, and Vendors' Friday/Saturday Seminar series will be held at the Nugget. Hotel rates have not been finalized yet.

The host RV Park is **Preferred RV Resort (800-445-7840; www.preferredrv.com)**. This RV Park is across the side street from the Pahrump Nugget. They are giving us the special rate of \$13.40 including tax. Be sure to tell them you are with "MAY MADNESS." They have both back-in and pull-through spaces, graveled. Their clubhouse holds 130 people and will be the site for the seminars up through Thursday.

Other options include the Best Western Hotel and RV Park (775-727-5100), and Saddle West Hotel/Casino/RV Park (800-433-3987, www.saddlewest.com), both in Pahrump.

It is *very important* to register for the 2009 May Madness early so you and we can plan for a better rally. We need a good idea of how many will participate because we have to guarantee numbers for the hotel, banquet, etc. *Note that the registration cost is much lower if you sign-up early. Our planning and reservation processes have to begin a year before the rally.* If you are a long-time attendee, you can see that we have been able to hold registration, shirt, and banquet costs very close to what they were a dozen years ago, if you register early. If you need a one-day pass, vendor space, or special accommodations, contact Joe Donnelly for arrangements: 505-858-1966 (phone) or Donnellyj@msn.com (e-mail).

15th ANNUAL WESTERN REGIONAL MAY MADNESS RALLY

May 4 - MAY 9, 2009

REGISTRATION FORM

[PLEASE stick on an address label if you have one—it is easier to read!]

Registration # _____
(assigned by staff)

Name: _____

Co-Pilot/Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____

E-mail: _____

State, Zip: _____

Early event registration through December 6, 2008, will be \$76 for driver, passenger(s), and truck. This fee includes registration for all members of the party, one polo shirt, one goody bag, one banquet ticket, and all activities without a price tag. Note that some activities have entrance fees that you must pay, such as your individual dyno runs, and access to state/national parks. From 12/07/08 to 12/31/08 registration is \$82. From 01/01/09 to 02/21/09 the price is \$88. From 2/22/09 to 4/20/09 the price is \$94. After 4/21/09, at the door, \$100.

Year of truck _____ Dodge Ram _____ Other _____

Basic registration, which includes one banquet ticket (see above for cost/date) \$ _____

Polo Shirt Size (circle): M L XL XXL XXXL (one is included with registration)

Additional polo shirts (fill in numbers): _____M; _____L; _____XL @ \$14.00 each \$ _____
_____XXL @ \$15.00 each \$ _____
_____XXXL @ \$16.00 each \$ _____

Additional banquet tickets for 5/09/09 @\$35 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed for Registration. **Make check or money order out to May Madness (not to Joe):** \$ _____

Please send completed registration and check or money order to:

May Madness
c/o Joe Donnelly
12101 Coronado Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Please note that some events and schedules are dependent upon availability and the number of early registrations received. Please register as soon as possible.

LIABILITY RELEASE

The Undersigned releases the Turbo Diesel Register, its officers, volunteers and staff; Pahrump Nugget; Saitta-Trudeau Dodge; Preferred RV; Jefferson State Diesel, Clark County, Nye County, the State of Nevada, any sponsors or vendors and all others connected with this event from all known liability, property damages, injuries or losses, judgments and/or claims resulting from entrant's participation in this event. Entrant also relinquishes any rights to any photos or videos taken in connection with this event.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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