

2018 JOE COOK MEMORIAL SPRING PLUG FIX

by Lou Fregonese #750

The Spring Plug Fix would not be happening, if it weren't for the efforts of Joe Cook #726 starting this event many years ago. Joe felt that an informal meeting of club members after the drab winter months would be welcomed by all. For newer members that may not know, we lost our treasured friend in June of 2012. Joe had many positions in the S.P.C.O.A. including Vice President, Co-Editor and Board Member. He was very active in making the club move forward in a positive direction. S.P.C.O.A. members and friends attended the meet which was held at Mike's Auto Repair in Boonton, NJ. A big thanks goes out to Mike #914 and his brother Joe Ezzi for hosting this event. In attendance were S.P.C.O.A. members: Lanny Baron (former President) #993, Mike Ezzi #914, Lou Fregonese #750, Bob Hansen #1040, Jim Lewis #1175, Charlie Stuart #870, Mark Moran #1243, Bob Hubbs #1221 and friend of Mike Ezzi-Junior. Unfortunately long time attendee Bob Harrington was not able to make this year's meet, he was missed by all.

Lanny Baron started the meeting by thanking Mike and Joe Ezzi for their willingness to host this year's event. A few topics were discussed such as the need for new members (as in most clubs), the efforts of Jim Lewis our Recording Secretary to update the Master List with new names and general state of the club. Jim would like for any members that feel they have a new spark plug name to add to the Master List, to contact him. He will check to see if it is in fact not on the updated list he is working on and add it. The last Master List was put out in 2007 and has a green cover logo.

Also the people who knew Joe Cook, took a moment to reflect back on a story about him and shared it with the group.

There was a varied selection of spark plugs/automotive items for sale and everyone seemed to enjoy looking through the merchandise.



At this year's meet, Mike Ezzi graciously donated "door prizes" for all the attendees. Everyone was able to walk out the door with a nice spark plug memento. Thank you, Mike!



Bob Hubbs from the Lancaster, PA. area has a mission this year. He would like to attend all the S.P.C.O.A. events/meetings this year, which would be the Florida Fly Wheelers Avon Park, FL (done) / Spring Plug Fix Boonton, NJ (done) / LeSueur Pioneer Meet/ Tri-State Gas Engine & Tractor Show, Portland, IN. and the A.A.C.A. Hershey, PA. Fall meet.

The fun did not stop there, Mike Ezzi graciously invited the members to his house to see a collection of items which included an INDY RACE CAR inside his house, numerous restored GAS PUMPS, Oil cans, spark plugs, an original SMITH'S MOTOR WHEEL DISPLAY, a vintage muscle car, a 1964 Ford Galaxie "R" code with 427 c.i. with 2-4 barrels and an original 1951 Ford Victoria. There were many, many other interesting and rare gems.



We had a good attendance at this meet, with members coming in from NY, NJ, CT and PA. All in all, a great time was had by all and looking forward to the next Joe Cook Memorial Spring Plug Fix. More Photos next page.

