

September 2016



September..... A little more than halfway through summer, but certainly not time to get out the car covers or start packing things up. For some, it's the best time to get out and cruise-The weather is cooling off, the leaves are changing, they projects are buttoned up, and there are only 3 big shows left: Cruise for Troops, the fall swap meet at the fairgrounds, and Frankensteiners.

Two of those shows are my favorites of the year. I have been going to the Frankensteiners show from the beginning in 2006, though that first year it was without my car. It was my first time really ever noticing the Frankensteiners club members, and I was impressed. It was easy to pick them out from their distinctive black jackets with bright green lettering. Their members were everywhere, and every one had an area they were responsible for. This show went from about 70 cars to 1732 last year. Every year they have grown significantly, and in 2015 they absolutely ran out of room. New for 2016 is the move to the Isanti County Fairgrounds which means a farther drive for some and more space for all. I have always liked the "everything is cool" attitude, yet family friendly atmosphere their show maintains, and I have tried to keep that same attitude with the shows I have promoted over the years.

FRANKENSTEINERS BALL #11

NEW LARGER VENUE FOR THIS YEAR!
FLAME THROWERS, PIPE-RAPPIN' & BUUUURN-OUTZ!
ISANTI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS-3103 MN95 IN CAMBRIDGE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2016
GATES OPEN @ 9AM - TROPHIES PRESENTED @ 4PM
ALL PRE-REGISTERED CARS WILL RECEIVE A DASH PLAQUE!
*10 PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS ARE @ WWW.FRANKENSTEINERS.COM OR 118 DRY OF SUDON WITH NO PLAQUE A LIMITED OVER NIGHT CAMPING ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 7TH (MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED)
MERCHANDISE VENDORS - FOOD VENDORS - COSTUME CONTEST - DOOR PRIZES - CASH PRIZES
COLORING CONTEST & TRICK-OR-TREATIN' FOR THE KIDDES
AS ALWAYS WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR A LOCAL FOOD SHELF! SO MAKE SURE YA BRING SOMETHING!
OPEN TO ALL CARS TRUCKS AND MOTORCYCLES
LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK OR FIND US AT WWW.FAIRGROUNDFRANKENSTEINERS.COM FOR MORE AND CURRENT INFO

Next Meeting: September 24th
Gander Mountain in Forest Lake,
then **Cruise for Troops as a club.**



Watch our website for meeting time!

August meeting: USA-1 4x4 Monster Truck headquarters hosted by Everett Jasmer

I was born in 1973. I grew up seeing the monster truck sport grow and blossom into the huge spectacle it is now. I've seen them up close, I have been able to ride in one over a dirt course, and I have sold parts that ended up being installed on one, but until about a year ago, I never really had the chance to go behind the scene. I wanted to share this with the club since most of us love to see how things are built and the shops that build them. Everett gave us the chance.

Our meeting started with a history of Monster Trucks and how USA-1 came to be. It has toured the world, floated in the Mississippi, and been in movies. Our tour took us into the main business office where we saw more of the day to day operation and some of the artifacts that have accumulated over the years. Everett told the story of how the USA-1 name came about, and how GM never secured the name for themselves. Heading into the far back office, we got to see more of the memorabilia Everett has collected over the years and heard more stories of how he got into the business through his drag racing friend Warren Johnson.

Our next stop is where things really came to life. Everett's shop is a living history of his Monster trucks. You read that right, trucks. Most people don't realize that the original USA-1 Monster Truck is a 1970 K-10 and he still has it. The truck commonly seen is the 1988 one he built for racing, and it is the one that won the first ever National Championship of Monster truck racing. Off to the side, there are several one piece bodies, a mocked up body showing the hydraulically raised body, and tons of other parts. There's a brand new frame hanging from the rafters, doors and hoods wrecked during races are hanging on the wall, and tons of original parts just waiting for their chance to be part of a truck. Sitting off to the side is the original hauler Everett used back in the day, and an all original 1987-ish



Camaro that Everett's wife drove sparingly. Parts racks are filled with NOS Warn bumpers, light bars, and who knows what else.



One of the questions brought up was “What’s the future of USA-1?” Everett did license the name USA-1 for a new Monster truck that is touring the country currently. He also stated that he hopes to have the 1970 truck included in a motorsports museum, possibly Minnesota based. Eventually, those old doors hanging on the wall will garner a pretty penny when it comes time to sell. The entire working business is for sale too, if you’re interested. I didn’t hear a price, but there’s no doubt you would be one of only a handful in the world, and own one of the coolest Chevys ever built. Personally, I would take it out to Howie’s mud bog and show everyone up.



Spare tires, cases of parts, and licensed USA-1 items on shelves.



Here, Everett is talking about the other unused truck frames and bodies.



5 feet or so, up to the bumper!



Above: Everett, in his signature denim and hat, looks nearly the same 30 years later. Right top: The '70, the '88 in transport tires (to fit in his Semi) and his daily driver street truck. Right bottom: John shows just how tall the truck is. It is 8 feet tall to his fingertips. By the way: USA-1 runs Predator carburetors on the engines.



Calling all members: I will be stepping down from producing the newsletters for 2017, so we are looking for someone to fill that position. No experience necessary. If you're at all interested, please speak. No special program necessary, I do these on Microsoft Word.