

I went back through some of the old newsletters and see that we once had someone that put considerable effort into them. I can't promise delivery of the same product, but I am willing to try and give monthly recaps a try, so here goes:

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February's meeting, with weather like late March, was well attended by many longtime members and some prospective new ones, Steve's website continues to produce; I was once lost, searching for help, and luckily came across the website too, thanks Steve.

With the usual buzz in the room, Vice President Kevin called on everyone to settle in for the start of the meeting. Dave, a new member from January, reviewed the phosphate coating process he used for fasteners on his 1973 Mustang restoration project which precipitated some good discussion and comments from some of our members who have had experience with fasteners in the past. A few questions from the group on the details of the product, as always YouTube came through and we watched a video of the process. Thanks Dave.

Jim shared some 3D printing work, an engine cover, that he was doing for the 3HP Tecumseh Steve has in the Rutman mini-minibike. Jim went through some of the details on how the program designs structural supports within the modeling to build upon. This printing is truly fascinating and bound by only our imaginations. Thanks Jim for being on the "printing edge" of technology and sharing.

As is the case for most meetings, this one being no exception, we were shocked by the progress that Steve makes month over month on the engines he's working on. His latest engine is

coming together nicely and will likely be finished up within the next couple of months at the rate he's going.

Another model engine was on display this month too, Louis brought in his radial engine, 9 cylinder, mounted on a nice stand complete with a prop. Most members had a good look at it, as did I, and found that the detail was nothing short of amazing. Can't wait to hear it fire up Louis, very nice!

With all the hard work going on to get some of these projects finished it's obvious that we're approaching that wonderful time of year, when dreams of sterling engines and scale models dance in our heads, when men become boys once again. NAMES is just around the corner, flyers are available so grab a handful and start getting them posted / handed out so all can enjoy. Show this year will be April 22/23 9am-6pm and 9am-4pm respectively and more info can be found at: www.modelengineeringsociety.com or by phone at 810-599-1618

Other events of interest: 65th annual Autorama is coming to Cobo, Feb 24th-26th. A little bigger but cool just the same.

In closing I'll just say how great it was to see everyone out and that not a meeting passes where I personally don't learn something and I'm sure it's the same for many of you. Thanks for sharing, for knowledge is only knowledge when it's shared...

Please feel free to contact me through Email (pfergus2@gmail.com) or see me at the club meetings if you have any thoughts or ideas on content for the newsletter.

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