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Gateway Viper Club

E-News

President's Message

When Steve Wedel and I planned an event for the club in February at the St. Louis Auto Museum several months ago, we had no idea we'd have such nice weather that several Vipers showed to bask in the parking lot sun. The museum owner, Jon, was just as impressed with our display on the parking lot as we were with the classic metal on the inside. Jon was a great host and showed us an amazing array of cars including a '39 Packard Darrin Convertible and a '62 Pontiac Catalina with an all aluminum V8 engine. I was surprised to learn that the majority of the cars at the museum are owned by the museum and the rest are on consignment. Jon was very disappointed that the original '92 Viper with only 600 miles that was listed on their inventory had not yet arrived. We still enjoyed our time browsing the building that once was a bowling alley. In fact for lunch we stuck with the same theme; we went to Chevy's Fresh Mex a few miles away which was also once a bowling alley. Oddly enough, I decided to go bowling that night to complete the striking trifecta. I will "spare" the rest of the details, as the rest of my story ends in the "gutter".

In March we participated in the 4th annual Cottleville St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was another nice warm day and those with their tops down found it much easier to throw candy to the thousands of people who lined the streets to see the parade. Before we started the 1.5 mile journey I was wishing I had brought sunscreen. As we made our way through downtown Cottleville, the skies turned green and angry and with little warning opened from above. With only two block to go before the end of the parade route, we stopped the cars and quickly put up (or in) our tops. We then headed to a local restaurant for some Irish fare and shelter from the storm. We weren't the only ones with that idea as we got through the parade route quicker than we got our food, but we all had fun and thankfully we only saw rain as there was hail in the area. I guess the luck 'o the Irish was with us after all.

We're less than two weeks away from debut of the 2013 Gen V Viper at the NYC Auto Show. I'm flying up early for a sneak peak at Striker on April 4th. This is a special event sponsored by SRT as the official auto show doesn't open until the 6th. There are still plenty of rumors flying around about the car. SRT has done a wonderful job keeping the media and the car magazines perplexed. The "spy photos" have not been close to the car that was unveiled to us in Salt Lake at VOI-11. I will be sure to let everyone know all the details when I return.

Michael Kneemueller



Get To Know The Members



Ray Moore (pictured with son Brendan)

What is your current city of residence? Chesterfield, Mo

When did you become a Viper owner? 2002

What made you decide to buy a Viper? I was in the process of purchasing one of my long time dream cars ('67 Corvette....don't hate me) and changed my mind at the last minute in favor of getting something I would be able to drive more. As fate would have it, the next day I drove by a Dodge Dealer and saw my first Viper. Took a test drive and the rest is history as it has become one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have had great fun in the car and have made some fantastic friends.

How many Vipers have you owned? 2 (1 less than Terry Schilling, 3 less than Steve Wedel and countless less than Mike Perkins). My first was a race yellow 2001 GTS Coupe. My current car is a Black 2008 Coupe.

When not racing your car, what do you do (hobbies/family, etc)? I work for a company I started with partners in 1992 providing emergency power systems and specialized cooling systems for large data centers and telecommunication facilities all over the world.

I have 3 fantastic sons I love to hang out with. We enjoy any type of sporting or outdoor activity. I play ice hockey several times a week to stay in shape. I enjoy taking my youngest son Brendan to the track with me to exercise the car....those weekends are providing us life long memories.

My beautiful girlfriend Linnea and I enjoy traveling and experiencing new places together. Linnea has two amazing and beautiful girls that bring us great happiness and laughter, never a dull moment!

Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4th NYC AutoShow - Stryker's Gen V debut

April 14-15 Vipers at Putnam Park

April 29th Hawthorne Inn Labadie, MO Scenic lunch cruise

May 20th Mary's 3rd Annual River Run Cruise

Pictures from the STL Car Museum and St. Pat's Day Parade



Viper Motorsports

Some of the classic cars at the Museum

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