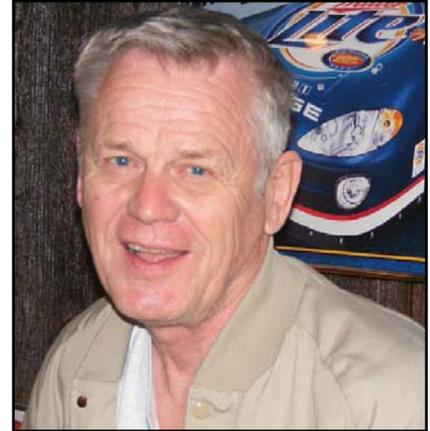


THE RED BARON SPEAKS

July 2008

The talk around the water cooler in Del City centered on why the lower attendance. One look at the RV lot told the answer. There were only six where there in past years twelve to fifteen or more. I am sure the cost of gas kept others from driving their cars. A few came by airplane, I heard of none who came by bus or train. On TV they have been showing the Brickyard 400 and only half the RV's they normally have in the parking lot. So I guess we are not the only sport being hit. What other alternative did any one have are other then the purchase of high priced gasoline?



I have been searching the internet to see if converting to natural gas was an option and have determined it either expensive or illegal. The conversion kit costs \$13,000 and the oldest vehicle which is EPA approved for which one available is a 2005. Also it would take a well planned trip to insure refueling stops were available. With an electric car I can imagine the reception I would receive by pulling into a truck stop and looking for an outlet. The recharging time would double the travel time.

For the approximately one hundred shufflers who were there, we all, I think, had a good time. For me the extra rest time was well used and appreciated.

I only heard one idle comment about the ratings issue so as I said before we stay with what we have. I did receive some comment from three or four individuals who said they enjoyed reading the articles. For the readers information there was the original undated one, a May and June and now this July article.