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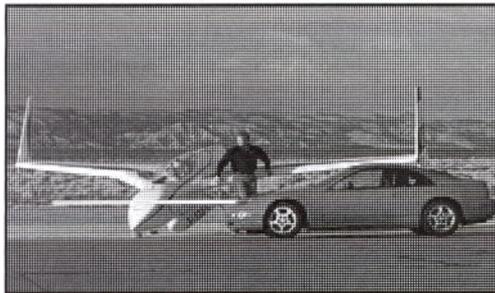
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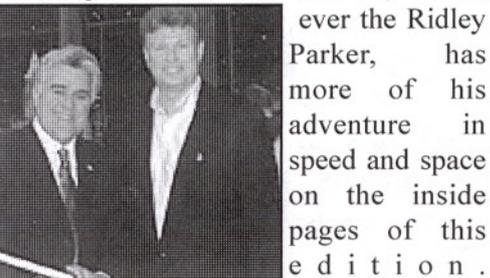
ONLY IN THE RIDLEY NEWS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW !

Many have asked about old neighbors, classmates, and, friends that have moved from the area, and, how they are doing. Some have not moved far away, while others are in Asia, Europe and South America. Many stop back and visit relatives and friends. Over the Christmas holidays, Paul Glessner was in town. Paul as you read and see below, is in very fast company, fast as in high speed planes and cars. Paul is pictured



above with two of his first loves. Enjoying the sun and wind of Mojave, California working as XCOR Aerospace's chief aerodynamicist designing a spaceplane called Xerus. Xerus is a sub-orbital spaceplane capable of a 'spaceflight participant' into the fringes of space and experience weightlessness. (see www.xcor.com)" Ah, it is in my contract that I will be going to space upon the successful completion of flight testing. See what 19 years in the aerospace industry can get you."



Paul, pictured below with Jay Leno, ever the Ridley Parker, has more of his adventure in speed and space on the inside pages of this edition.

They Have Just Begun To Dig

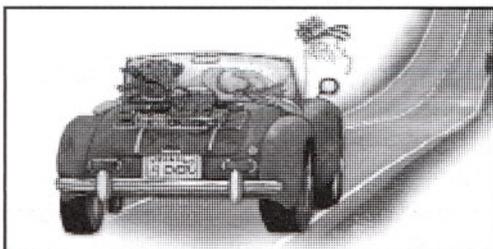
The Ridley Park program to improve the streetscape and calm the flow of traffic has begun.



Early morning work, early afternoon, stop, to insure flow of traffic. The program to calm traffic and support safe pedestrian movement with the streetscape improvements is under way.

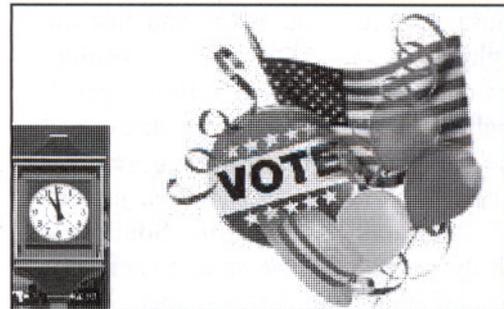


When it rains it pours; to add to the activity on East Hinckley, a water main break last week brings the Aqua Water Crew to Town. The men have isolated the leak and, have water flowing. They were "outa here" in 2 days. Great Work Aqua



Traffic will flow on East Hinckley during construction. Stores are open! Road work stops 3:30 p.m. each day.

Democracy is A Full Time Commitment; This Year it Will be Even More Important



There is no place like home, as Dorothy likes to remind all of us, and when it comes to elections, none are more important, nor do they have a greater impact on our daily lives, than those buttons we push in those new electronic voting machines, right here at home in Ridley Park. This coming May 15th, there are local elections in the Borough. A majority of council members, 4, at this writing, and, there could be more, will be vying for our vote to put them in charge of the 3 million plus yearly budget and the direction our borough will pursue in the coming years. No president, no senator, no congressman, no state legislator, rules our daily lives as much as the council person who decides your real estate tax rate, your trash and sewer rate, the effectiveness of your highway department, your police department, our library, our street resurfacing, our play areas, the ordinances that control our fences, our signage, the ambience of our community, and, we can go on and on and on. The local election is the most important one in which you participate, and, the most neglected by many voters. This year, let Ridley Park shine, let all of us, the almost 4,000 that are registered, come out and vote the direction for Ridley Park.



“One of the main reasons our design is progressing so well was luckily due to my ongoing participation as the lead aerodynamicist for the design of an 800 m.p.h. World Land Speed Record vehicle. I was chosen, a few years ago, by the car owner who designed the 740 m.p.h. Budweiser Rocket Car after he happened upon my aerodynamics consulting / seminars website - www.aeroseminars.com. That relationship afforded the continuing involvement of Metacomp Technologies and their competent Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) experts. I approached Silicon Graphics computers and garnered their involvement of a 'very' expensive computer in which to do the very complicated computer codes to give us valid aerodynamic data to input into our simulations for XCOR's three time astronaut/chief pilot to fly prior to any first flight.”

“I miss all the good folks back home in *Ridley Park* and I fly back as often as possible for - those delicious *Little Hut hoagies*, killer *Venice Pizza* cheesesteaks or to meet up with friends at the one and only *Gas Light*, errrrr family.”
Thank you, Paul T. Glessner, M.S