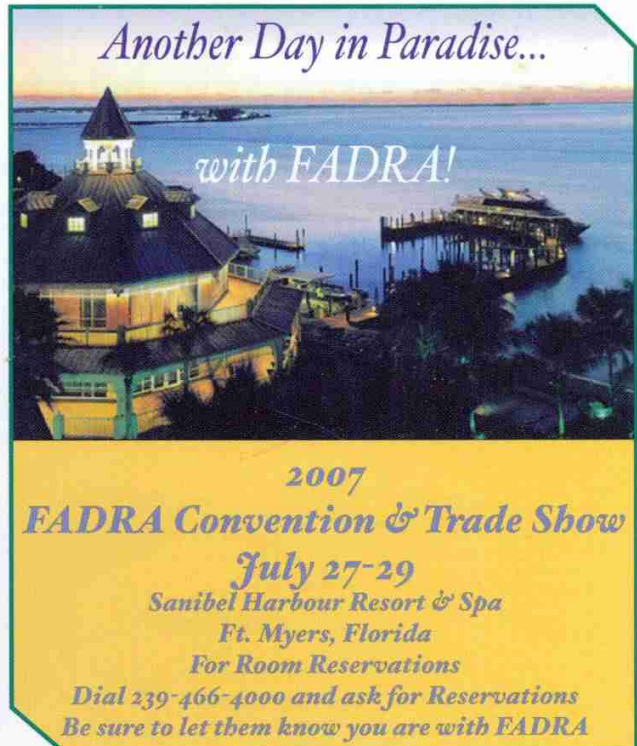
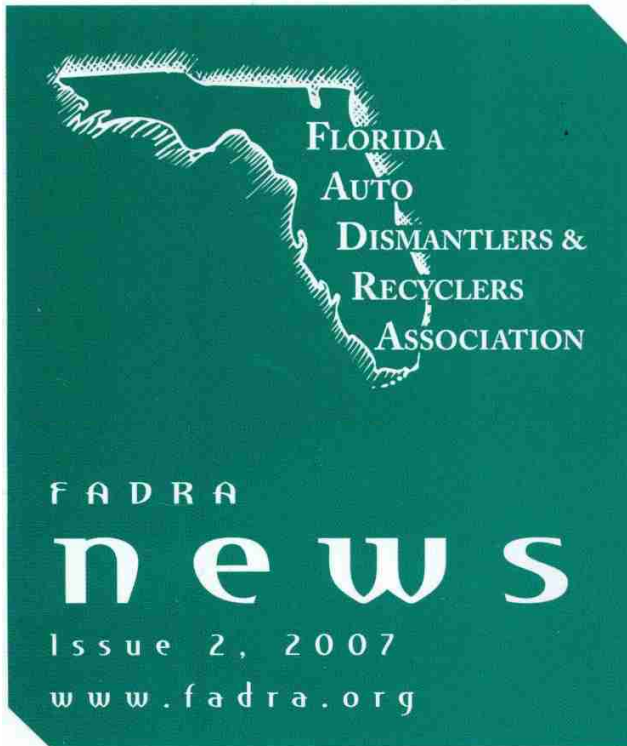


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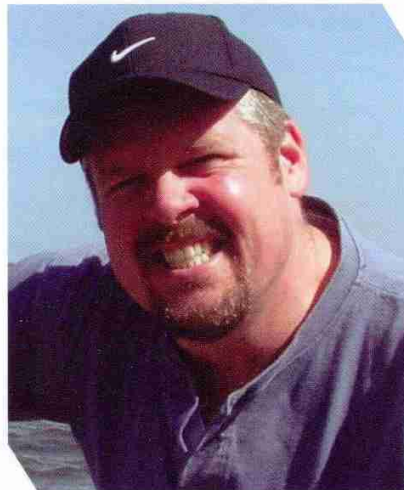


## President's Message

*By Steve Lathem, Cocoa Auto Salvage*

*A few months ago, I was asked to speak on an ARCS monthly line meeting about what FADRA offers to its members. Anytime I get the opportunity to tell salvage yard owners and non-members the benefits of being a member of FADRA, I can't pass up the opportunity. ARCS is a hot-line which also prints out the members part needs while they are asking for the part verbally.*

*They have about 70 members. Basically, I told the members about what FADRA offers its members, such as the yearly convention, where you have networking opportunities and also sever-*



*al sessions on a broad spectrum of topics specific to our industry, as well as speakers who are professionals in our industry speaking on a wide array of topics. I mentioned FADRA's lobbyist watching every bill that has any bearing on our industry, or working very hard to kill any bill which is not in the best interest of our industry, while also working to pass legislation which will*

*help or protect us.*

After this brief summary, I decided to let the rest of the presentation to be a very informal question and answer session, even a brainstorming session with the ARCS

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# Love What You Do –Then You Don't Have a Job

By Ron Sturgeon

*"Today's sacrifice tomorrow's gain." We've all heard that a hundred times. It's a cliché. You have to sacrifice today for a bigger tomorrow. How does it apply to your current situation? Do you really want to do what you're doing? Do you REALLY want to do it? If you just want a job, go get a job and put this book back on the shelf.*

You have to be in love with what you do. If you're doing it for any other reason than the fact that you love it and want it, it won't work. That's the foundation of a persevering attitude.

Case in point: I used to live in a mobile home. It was a conservative setting. I'd get up early in the morning and go to work. In the evening I'd come home to my mobile home. One day when I returned I discovered to my horror that the mobile home right next to mine was on fire. It was already engulfed and out of control. As fast as I could, I hooked up my garden hose to water down the roof of my own home, which I just knew I was going to lose at any moment. Just in time, firemen came and doused the burning trailer. My home survived.

Relieved if not somewhat stunned, I went into his home, sat down and opened the mail. The first letter was from the IRS, a notice saying they were going to audit me! Was that a bad day? Wow! I nearly lost his home; now I had to face the indomitable IRS. What would I do?

What would you do?

I got up the next day and went to work as I always did. I was the first one there and the last one to leave. I survived the fire and I survived the audit. Why? I'd developed the habit of a persevering attitude.

This attitude of perseverance and resilience regardless of circumstances has to become a way of life. At the root of it is a passion for what you are doing. You're not about to give up.

The older you are, statistical data show, the less likely you are to take risks. As you get older, you become inherently more conservative. It's easier for older entrepreneurs to settle into what they have. They are less apt to reach out toward a greater tomorrow.

This is a universal norm. Perhaps you are the exception. There most certainly are exceptions to this, as there are exceptions to any kind of average pattern. We present this because we want you to examine whether your sense of "today" has become a way of life. Are you just accepting what you have or do you have a hope for a greater tomorrow? Settle for the daily grind and your passion will fade. Fall asleep in the habits of routine and your creativity will dwindle. You'll take fewer risks. Tomorrow may never be more than what you have right now.

The only way to avoid this, the only way to reach for significant success is to attack both the good and the bad habits with passion. Find and rekindle that which makes your hands shake until you can get to work. Get up, wake up, shake your head and look in the mirror! Are you satisfied with what you've achieved?

Don't forget to go the website for my new book, [www.greenweenies.com](http://www.greenweenies.com), to learn all the backroom business terms. There are 1,200+ terms in over 300 pages, with hilarious illustrations by world famous Gahan Wilson. You can register there for your free weekly "green weenie." If you want to know what a three fingered booger is, or what's in a train wreck envelope, it's the only place to go!

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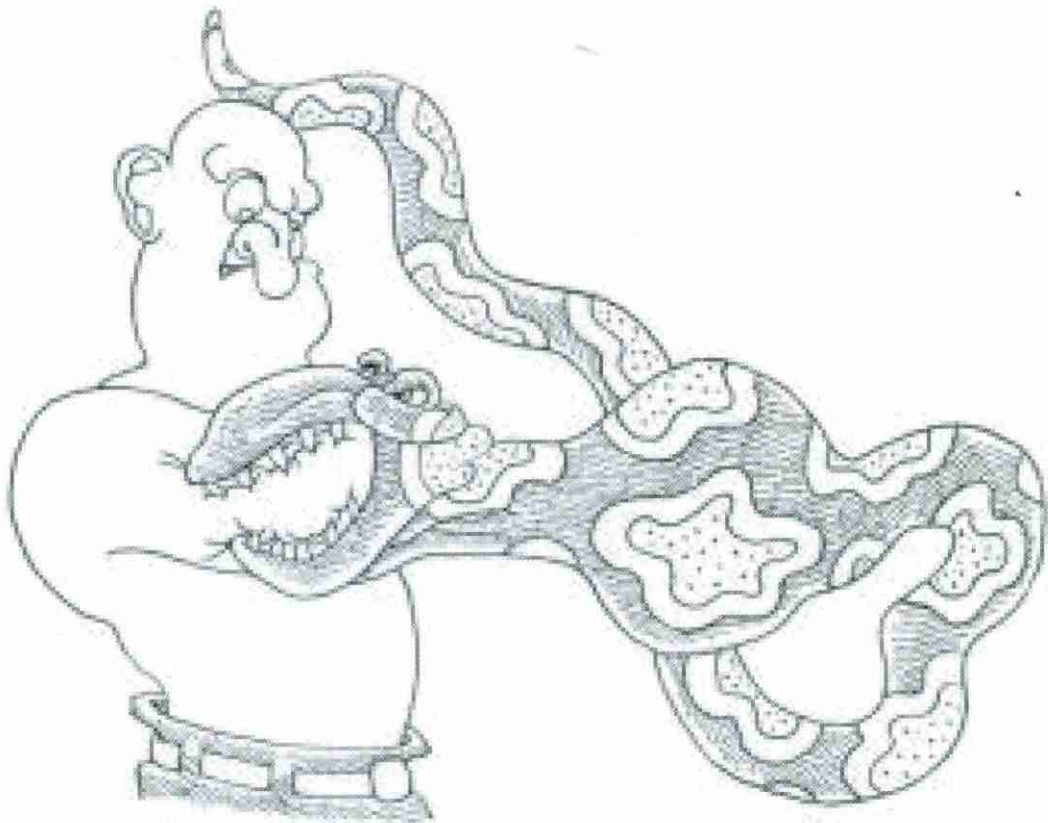
“Solving a sausage-extruding production line jam can be like pushing a bowling ball through a snake: You can see it coming, but at a snail’s pace. Everyone must be patient.”

**Translation:**

Some things are just hard to do and painfully slow. Watching them happen can be like watching paint dry; it is very boring and seems to go on forever. It is often used in turnarounds when it takes time for the solution to

demonstrate itself, or for the final results to be favorably impacted.

*One of the illustrations by Gahan Wilson, with definition, from Ron Sturgeon’s latest business book, Green Weenies & Diligence- Insider Business Jargon – Raw, Serious and Sometimes Funny. Visit [www.greenweenies.com](http://www.greenweenies.com) for more info, and to sign up for the free illustrated Green Weenie, delivered via email.*



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PUSHING A BOWLING BALL THROUGH A SNAKE