Submitting Pictures to the Autoneers website

I am NO expert here, but I will share what little I know. Perhaps that will cover what is needed. Remember, any attempt to add your input to the website is appreciated.

I assume you have a camera that has the potential to take electronic photos, or a scanner to digitize your chemical images.

OK

It has a setting that determines resolution quality that you can adjust.

(An assumption on my part, but I'll bet big this is true.)

What you set this to, directly affects what we are doing here so this is important. If this is set really low, you will get images that take up little room on your camera's storage, allowing for more images, but they will have a small pixel count and nothing we do after the image is captured can fix this. On the other hand, if this is set very high, you will store fewer images, but they can be high enough resolution to be blown up to the size of a billboard and still look great.

This setting should be somewhere in the middle.

Now, when you move these pictures from your camera, there are a number of ways to do it, but I am again assuming you do this by tethering your camera to your computer with a cable. When this is done, and the camera is on, your computer automatically opens up a dialog on screen asking questions about downloading pictures.

I hope you are downloading your pictures on your computer, not directly to some ethernet location first.

Is this true? If not, we you should be able to go to their location and pull them back to your PC (I hope).

Assuming you have stored your pictures on your computer, we need to know what you have stored there.

On a PC, (I don't do Mac, sorry) if you go to "Windows Explorer" (Not Internet explorer), we can find out what we need to know. If you don't know where this is, click on start, click on "Accessories", then click on "Windows Explorer".

For most folks, they have stored their photos somewhere in a folder within the "Pictures" folder.

Click the blue "Pictures" then find the folder within that holds the jewels we seek and double click it.

Now, you should be seeing thumbnail images of your photos.

But hovering the mouse over a particular image, a box should appear indicating 3 things we need to know:

1 - It is a jpg image. (It might say jpeg or JPEG or something like that)

2 - Its dimensions. (1280X850 or something similar)

3 - Its size. (927KB or similar)

Retain this information, we need it going forward.

If the image dimensions are less than 500X500, it is not a good candidate for sharing on the web as it is too small. If it is really worthy of sharing, this is not a stopper, just a pity.

If the dimensions are small, consider changing the setting on your camera to take higher resolution pictures.

If the dimensions are big (over 2MB), I can use them, but they will take a long time to transfer, and be unwieldy for me to   work with.

Remember where these pictures are stored, because you are ready to send them to me, and you will need to "attach" them to your email.

Go to your handy dandy email product. (I use hotmail, but they all do the same stuff, mostly)

Address a new email to webmaster@autoneers.org with a subject like "Pictures from the Lake Wobegon tour".

Using the attachment tool in your email product, add your photos. (Don't imbed the pictures in the email itself)

This part is important. My end of email (and yours too) has a limit to the size an email can be and if it is too big it will not get sent, or if it gets sent, it could be rejected on my end.

Keep the total size of any given email to under 7 MB. If you have more than 7MB worth of picture, no problem, just send multiple emails.

If you send multiple emails, just keep the size of each within the limits.

I have a restriction on the total size of my inbox of emails too, so please send only worthy pictures.

Also very important is that in the body of the email you tell me what the attachments are.

Include something like "Pic 1 = Jay Leno's 36 Cylinder 1905 Roadhog roadster, Pic 2 = 1910 Slugmobile on top of Mt. Washington"

Send in the email and wait to see what happens! If I have further question, I will contact you via email.

I hope that was worthwhile. As we hit other snags, let me know and I will update this document.