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MUSEUM MEMBER KEN AUSTIN PUBLISHES MEMOIR; SET TO SPEAK AT APRIL POTLUCK

By Marty Boehme

Ken Austin, a staunch supporter of our museum, has written his memoir. The book's title is "American Dreamers" and is a tribute to his late wife Joan. It's printed by the Oregon State University Press and is currently available at osupress.oregonstate.edu. The book's proceeds are going to a nonprofit that provides free dental care to those in need.

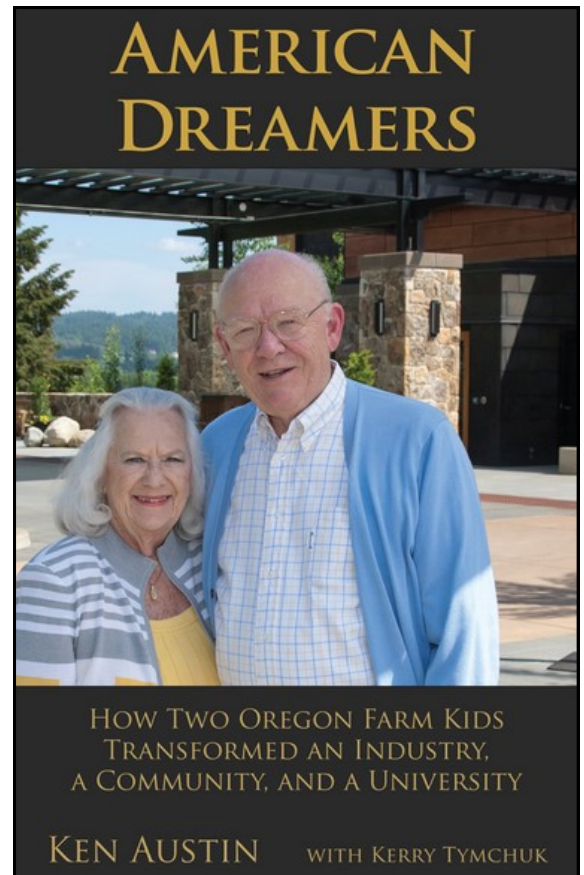
Ken and his wife founded A-dec, a family business located in their Oregon hometown of Newberg. The enterprise has a worldwide reputation for manufacturing high-quality dental equipment. Their efforts have spawned a couple of other similar companies in this small Oregon town. It turns out that Newberg, Oregon is to dental equipment companies as Detroit, Michigan is to automobile manufacturing.

Ken writes with a "no-holds-barred" approach. He even shows the readers his first Oregon State College report card. It points out that Ken was not as interested in some academic studies as he was in "hands-on" subjects like machine shop, foundry process, welding, etc. As a college student, he even invented a fuel-injection process for an automobile motor.

All these types of studies ultimately led Ken and his wife to create A-dec, the supplier of dental equipment with a global reach. Its success is

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2015 The Fourth Annual

Saturday, June 27th, 8:00am to 4:00pm

For Car & Motorcycle Clubs & All-comers to display their Vehicles
Just to:

“Get Together, Talk Cars & Bikes, Have Fun”

Admission is \$5.00 Per Person No Cost to Register your Vintage Vehicle
Vehicles will be parked on the Chandler Show Field behind the Museum
Registrations can be found on the Museum's Web Site nwcarandcycle.com, or
by email at office@nwcarandcycle.com or
call Don Petersen in Portland at 503-246-6939
or Doug Nelson in Salem at 503-399-0647

Preregistration is encouraged, Mail to: PO Box 15, Salem Or. 97308-0015
There will be food, a raffle, a look at the Museum



Visiting Public: \$5.00 at main entrance

See the Museums newest headliner a 1909 Cadillac
that has been in Oregon since 1909



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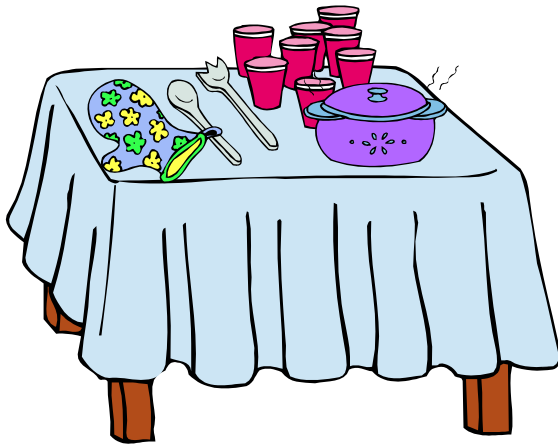
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(I-5 exit #263, ¼ mile west)

Please Join Us! Member Appreciation Potluck April 18

Guest Speaker: Ken Austin



The Museum will be holding its annual **member appreciation potluck luncheon** on Saturday, April 18, beginning at 11:30. There will be door prizes and a raffle this year, and many cars will be on display. Museum member Ken Austin (see cover) will be our featured guest speaker.

We will furnish beverages, tables and chairs, plates and utensils. Potluck assignments as follows:

Last name A-F: Salad

Last name G-K: Main Dish

Last name L-Z: Dessert

We encourage you to bring your family, drive a vintage vehicle or wear period clothing, though it is certainly not a requirement.

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in keeping with the couple's ethical business practices and their generosity towards both Oregon State University and local community humanitarian needs.

For our museum's members, Ken hosted a tour of the A-dec campus that's reminiscent in scope as Tektronix was in the early 1960's. On that day, we will never forget Ken's demonstration of how a casting is made. It was both educational and fascinating to see this process.

Ken's personal vehicle collection is something special to see. Most of it is made up of cars that he or his family has actually owned. On display is a 1939 Ford convertible that Portland's Rose Festival used for its Queen's Court. Ken has a very rare 1904 Ford that he

says has a seat that's so fragile that even he is not allowed to sit on it. The collection is located in a building near the A-dec campus with group tours available by appointment.

Also while at Oregon State, Ken was one of the first rally squad members to dress up as mascot Benny Beaver. But like all Oregonians, Ken appreciates the U of O athletic program, especially when it's on the national stage. However, if you want to get Ken's attention, better wear the Orange and Black of Oregon State. He's a real "Beaver Believer."

Ken will be the Museum's guest speaker at the Annual Member Appreciation Potluck on April 18. See above for details.

Co-Volunteers of the Quarter: Ken Logan and Enterprise Rent-A-Car

By Ed Weber

While planning for the start of the Speedster Program in the summer of 2007, a dilemma presented itself. How would we transport students to and from Speedsters every Thursday? Ken Logan, a Museum member, suggested we ask Enterprise Rent-A-Car for help since he had been driving for Enterprise. They agreed to donate the use of a van from 8:30 to 2:00 with Ken donating his time as driver. Without these commitments from Ken & Enterprise, the Speedster Program would not exist. Thank you!



Ken Logan (center) with Speedsters students and mentors.
Photo by Ed Weber.

Upcoming Silverton Flywheels Events

As a courtesy to our friends at the Silverton Flywheels Club we are publishing a calendar of their 2015 events. Contact Brian Littlefield (blittlefield83@gmail.com), for details at 503-302-3471.

Pickup Truck Show, July 19, 2015, 10am to 2pm. Les Schwab Tire Center. 2350 Mission St. SE Salem, Oregon.

Silverton Flywheels Homer Show, August 8, 2015 at 9am. Old Mill Park, Silverton, Oregon. \$15.00 per car, dash plaques first 150 cars. Trophies, many different classes. Contact Chuck at 503-931-1653.

Silverton Flywheels & Macleay Inn's 29th Annual Car Show and Auction. Sept. 12, 2015 beginning at 8am. Macleay Inn, 8362 Macleay Road SE, Salem, Oregon. Food available, door prizes. \$15 per vehicle entry. Contact Chuck at 503-931-1653.

Silverton First Friday's Cruise-in. Starting May 1 through October 2 First Friday of each month held in downtown Silverton, Oregon. 5:30 pm to 8:30pm. Free to cars and people, streets closed off. Many businesses stay open. Vendors/food booths/music/entertainment. www.silvertonflywheels.org/ Wes at 503-949-2060

Working Hard Around the Museum



Above: Ed Weber and Arnie Anderson take a well-deserved break in their wheelbarrows after a day of work on the Museum ground.

Below: Doug Nelson and Andy Ottolis install the newly restored gas pump outside the Garage Building and the Museum



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Member Gary LeMaster Restoring Rare 1927 Kissel Sedan

By Ed Weber

Gary is restoring a 1927 Kissel Model 875 five passenger sedan from the frame up. There are only 8 of these cars left and Gary has one!

Gary's car is powered by an 8 cylinder Lycoming/Kissel engine with a 287 ci displacement. It uses a 3-speed manual transmission to drive and 4-wheel Lockheed hydraulic brakes for stopping.

It has 20 inch wooden artillery wheels with 12 spokes mounted with 6.50" X 20" tires and has a long 137" wheelbase.

With all these huge specifications, this car is designed to cruise at 75 mph.

Gary is the fourth owner of this Kissel and it now has 89,287 actual miles. Gary



Top: The refinished walnut steering wheel. Left: Gary is rebuilding the sunvisor over the windshield. Photos courtesy of Ed Weber.



is making minor repairs to the body, has overhauled the engine, repaired the steering gear box, repaired the differential, and inspected the transmission.

He reports that when restoration is complete his car should be valued at \$60,000 because of its rarity and quality of construction. When new this car sold for \$3,360.

Kissel built and sold 35,000 cars from 1906 through 1930 and prior to building cars the company was known as Kissel Farm Implement Company.

Docent Committee Now Taking Volunteers!

By Doug Nelson

Please consider signing up to be a host the Museum during the summer weekends. We will be open 9:30 to 4 on Saturdays and 12:30 to 4:30 pm on Sundays. The sign-up board will be at the potluck on April 18. Check your personal calendars, and remember we need the most help during Steam-Up! Eric Olson is the head of the Docent Committee again. Let's all help Eric out and make his job easy by volunteering for this fun and rewarding activity. He can be reached at 503-289-8889.

Flowers in Bloom



Some of the flowers at our Museum are in full bloom. The rhodies should be blooming at the end of March. Photos by Ed Weber.



Bricks! Bricks! Bricks! We Still Want 'Em!

By Doug Nelson

At present, we are the only museum at Powerland that will incorporate bricks in our building and achieve that great 1930's look and feel. So people, keep your eyes peeled and find more bricks! We've had two new developments in this effort since our last call for action.

Museum Member Neil Beutler recently arranged for the donation of 1250 used bricks by keeping his eyes open and asking a neighbor if he would donate them to the Museum. They have now been delivered to our growing stockpile of bricks to be used in the construction of the front of our main display building. The neighbor will receive a nice tax write-off.

Word has it that Newsletter Gal Laura Nelson and husband Ty are remodeling their patio and the existing bricks are being donated to the Museum. They will also receive a nice tax write-off.

**Note from Newsletter Gal: This is true. We have approximately 750 bricks that need to get from our house in SW Portland to the Museum. If you have the hauling capacity and willingness to help get them there, please email me at nelsonducks@gmail.com. We can help you load up. Thanks!*



Doug Nelson discovered this brick building in Tonopah, Nevada, on a recent road trip down Route 66. It serves as inspiration for the look and feel for the classic brick garage look.

Update for the Ladies: Quilt Raffle and Textile Display

By Joanne Blain

The Ladies of the Museum are hard at work on another beautiful quilt which will be raffled this year to help provide funds for the expansion of the Museum. This year's quilt will display car and motorcycle fabrics. It will be on display in the Museum when it opens for weekends starting in June.

The raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be for sale during museum hours. The drawing will be held the last day of Steam-up in August.

This year's display will also feature Textiles. Since this covers a wide range of needle work, you will see a variety of handmade items as well as some of the implements used to create the items displayed.

The Ladies group does not meet regularly each month but gets together as needed to work on the quilt and set up displays. If you are interested in attending a meeting or helping in any way please contact Joanne Blain at 503-585-8078 or email djblain@msn.com.



This year's car-themed quilt. Buy a raffle ticket. It's even more impressive in person.

On the Road Again with Doug “Not Willie” Nelson



In February, Doug and Kay Nelson went south to explore historic Route 66. Out of the many photos they took, these three are some of the Newsletter Gal's favorites. 1) a great headlight; 2) Edsel; 3) Shell station in Tonopah, Nevada.

Below are two photos Doug took from the Salem Roadster Show held at the State Fairgrounds on March 7-8. The show's hosts, Bob Symons and Greg Roach, always donate a space to the Museum so we can display the current High School Speedster. We always appreciate their help and generosity.

Left: 1936 Pontiac Street Rod

Right: 1936 Cadillac



The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie



This month I thought I'd show a pair of old toys being used as decor items. They make interesting accents that are unusual and add whimsy to an uninteresting area of the home. They don't have to just sit on a shelf and get dusty.

The taxi is a tin windup from The Ferdinand Strauss Corp., USA. Most taxi cab toys of this time period were made in cast iron. This being of fragile tin makes it a rare survivor.

The other is by Wyandotte and is interesting as it had electric head lamps run by a battery mounted inside. This makes a cool night light. This toy was recently found at a garage sale less than two miles from the Museum and was bought for under \$50. So it's not too late to discover a treasure from time to time and always nice to find one that's worth three times what you paid for it!



The Poetry Corner**Day Dream (Every Day)**

By Martin Doerfler

Let's say for the sake of this poem and discussion
 that you've fallen into some cash - a small fortune
 and it's hot in your pocket, it's burning a hole
 before you catch fire you must spend that roll
 At last you have money, the motive and means
 to step up and buy the car of your dreams
 But which dream to pursue - which is most dear?
 so many dreams over so many years
 Not the 49 coupe with it's nose in the dirt
 that dreams gone with the girl in the pink poodle skirt
 Not the Model A roadster or the hot rod F-1
 they were cool, they were fun, you've been there and you're done
 A Cottage Grove sprinter or a shovlehead chop
 your next wife might love em', this one will not
 A real Shelby Cobra an order too tall
 need I remind you, the fortune is small
 and your dreams are your own - I'm just the poet
 when you find your nirvana on wheels you'll know it
 Meantime here's the quandary we've got first things last
 dreams only come true when we come up with the cash

The Great Escape

By Martin Doerfler

We ustabee young
 we ustabee fast
 we ustabee thin
 but that didn't last

now we are old
 with a handful of pills
 a rainbow of colors
 for a rainstorm of illls

we may have been handsome
 we may have been brave
 now far from the cradle
 how far to the grave?

now we sleep in
 now we take naps
 recline in big chairs
 with cats in our laps

but some sunny mornings
 when we quit the bed
 walk, limp or hobble
 off to the shed
 swing open the doors
 and there in the gloom
 a motorcycle
 (two or three if there's room)

take hold of the bars
 the burbs at your back
 get on the road
 there's no app for that

we ustabee thin
 we ustabee fast
 we ustabee young
 but that's in the past

now we are old
 but we still may ride free
 not prisoners
 of the ustabee

Poet Profile: Martin Doerfler

By Laura Nelson



Martin Doerfler has been writing poetry since his days at South Salem High School (Class of '58). His favorite car through the years was his 1957 VW Beetle, nicknamed "Little Miss Muffet," but he is a motorcycle racer at heart. He is the current record holder in the 500cc class with a Triumph. His first trip to the Bonneville Flats was back in 1958 where he drove Clarence Everett's flathead Ford-powered Crosley sedan at a mere 122 mph.



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Brooklake Road, west of 1-5.

1-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| April 9 - 12 | Portland Swap Meet, Portland Oregon |
| April 15 | Museum Board Meeting at Texaco Service Station, 6:30 PM |
| April 18 | Member appreciation potluck in display building, 11:30 AM |
| April 26 | Corvallis, Oregon Swap Meet. Call 541-754-8889 for details. |
| May 20 | Museum Board Meeting at Texaco Service Station, 6:30 pm |
| May 20-31 | Winter cars move out of display building
Summer show cars and motorcycles move in. |
| June 6 | MUSEUM OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON!
Saturdays 9:30 to 4:30, Sundays 12:30 to 4:30 |
| June 17 | Museum Board Meeting at Texaco Service Station, 6:30 PM |
| June 27 | Fourth Annual Rendezvous, 8 AM to 4 PM on the show field |

MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS are the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM at the Texaco Service
Station on the Powerland grounds. Everyone is welcome!