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MUSEUM HONORS FOUNDER

Doug Nelson was honored with a new Exhibit Hall sign for his 30 years of vision and devoted service in making the dream of our museum a reality. Board member Ruth Jarmusz spearheaded the sign project. Read the full story on page 2.



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Museum Founder Honored with Building Name

By Andy Ottolia

During the April Board of Directors meeting, Doug Nelson was honored for his gift to all of us, the “Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum” as you see it today.

Doug’s vision goes back over 30 years when he, along with 10 other founding members, embarked on an ambitious project to showcase the history and impact of cars and motorcycles on America and to educate future generations. I would say they succeeded, and it is up to us to continue their legacy into the future.

The major building in our complex, our display hall, has been named the Nelson Exhibit Hall in his honor. An honor long overdue for a man whose vision, organization, hard work, and treasure were instrumental in founding, funding, building and running the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum.

Doug is a quiet man, and a family man of great



integrity. His wife of 60 years, Kay, and his two boys and daughter-in-law have supported his endeavor. His son CJ is a Board member, and daughter-in-law Laura does our newsletter design, so the next generation will be actively involved into the future.

A successful realtor and investor, Doug has been one of those few

people who has “lived his passion” -- AUTOMOBILES! It all started when he rescued and restored a 1938 Chevy convertible from the Willamette River flood of 1964. He got the bug as a young college student and has never looked back. He has restored and saved many, many significant cars since. The cars in his stable have appeared regularly in our display hall over the years.

Doug, your legacy will live forever here in this place. Thanks to you and your vision over the past 30 years, all of this is here for us and future generations to learn from and enjoy.

Letter from the President

By Ron Smith, President

I want to thank all of the volunteers for getting the Museum ready for the upcoming show season and having a great Steam-Up for Kids with over 800 visitors through the Museum! Pat Roby has been calling members and getting them trained as docents. The display this year is super nice.

While I was away on vacation (9130 miles, 30 states and 73 days), I visited several large museums. While most are bigger than us, they are not better. We have a very good program and are getting better every day. This summer is going to be great. I hope to see you soon.

Remember, Cruise Night at the Museum is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in June, July and August on Chandler Field from 4 pm – 8 pm.



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Lifestyles Area Update

By Pat Roby

The Lifestyles area is ready to receive visitors for the summer. In keeping with the theme for this year, "Road Trip-Route 66," our group of volunteers Kathy Beutler, Eleanor Eyman, Karen Farwell, Connie Miller, Joanne Blain and her daughter Robin, Lou Rollings, and myself, decided to change our area to highlight the lifestyle of life on the road.

A campsite and a tourist cabin, as well as other displays featuring a teardrop trailer, surfboards, waterskis, and all the gear necessary for a fun trip on Route 66 were pulled together to illustrate how life was in the 1940's through the 1960's.



In the lobby of the Museum, we are featuring the Indian collection of Jim Herschbach. He has loaned some of his family's gear, pictures and awards as well as a replica of his father's TT Indian motorcycle. His father was as an Indian factory-sponsored racer on an Indian Warrior TT race bike in the late 1940's and was very successful at racetracks in the Northwest. Some of his mother's gear is on display as well. Our mannequin features her helmet. Their connection to Northwest motorcycle racing is clearly a source of great pride and we feel fortunate to integrate these family treasures into the Museum for the summer.

Our design team pulled together various quilts to display and of course we have a beautiful raffle quilt again! They all look beautiful hanging on the wall and throughout the Museum. We are selling tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will take place August 4 and you do not have to be present to win. We are also looking for volunteers to help in our area; if you are interested in lending a hand, please feel free to call Pat Roby @ 503-692-0774 or e-mail truckgirl51@yahoo.com.

P.S. Check out our Burma Shave signs as well!

Volunteer of the Quarter: Jim Brown

By Ron Smith

Jim Brown has been working hard on the upstairs remodel. He has been making handrails and screwing down the floor (big, big job) ever since he retired from the National Guard. He has willingly helped with anything asked of him. Jim has also had several of his cars (red mustangs) on display at the museum over the last few years. If you see him next time you are at the Museum, tell him hi. Jim, thank you for all your help!



Speedster Report

By Gary Dennis

We concluded another successful school year with our speedster students on June 6th. We have commitments from two students for fall term and have feelers out for homeschool students for next term.

Two benefactors, the Willamette Valley Street Rods (WVSR) and the associated Garage Guys group, provided us with an engine run stand (see picture) and an overhead swing crane to load engines into our "dishwasher" and swing out to pick engines (or other heavy stuff) out of a pickup. Tony Darcy and the crew at US Crane & Hoist are building it for us. It will be built for what parts cost alone! In the fall term we'll be able to finish assembling our rebuilt MGB engines and running them on the run stand. When we sell them, we will be able to demonstrate their perfection! Thank you, WVSR & Garage Guys.

I want to thank our mentors this year. They put in a ton of their precious hours into this program. Without them we'd be unable to fulfil our mission. Thanks, Don Blain, Jack Adams, Arlen Buck, Doug Cody, Alan Eyman, Bill Kent, Les Layton, Dave Mulhern, Jeremy Scholz, and our specialty mentors Beth Lau & Daniel Porter.



WANTED:

We need a Nerd in Shining Armor to help us get the Museum's computer system up and running. Call Ron Smith at 503-931-7879 for details. Please help us!

Docent Training Days a Success

By Pat Roby

What a great response to our docent training days!! Ruth Jarmusz, Rick Simmons and I conducted the training on May 11th and May 16th. We had a total of 31 people sign up and attend. The groups were focused and very attentive; asked good questions and were grateful for the opportunity to learn all about our wonderful museum. We covered safety training, access to the museum, this year's theme, how to operate the card reader in the gift shop and other processes to make the public feel at home in the museum.

Available docent shifts and times are posted on the sign-up board in the museum, and I have been calling and making good connections with our docents. Please take the time to call me or e-mail me or swing by the museum and sign up for a time slot. And of course, Steam-Up is coming--the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August. That event really requires all hands-on deck. Last year we had between 4,000 to 5,000 visitors come through in the 4 days of steam-Up. It was terrific!

Again, please call me, Pat Roby @ 503-692-0774 or e-mail me @ truckgirl51@yahoo.com to sign up.

Thanks to Doug Nelson, Jim Cutting, Tom Winterrowd, Steve Price, Neil and Kathy Beutler, Micheal Illig, Tom Przedwojewski, Frank Cunningham, Don Blatchford, Joanne Blain, Les Layton, Dave Mulheron, Judy Countermine and Jim Hupy, Gary LeMaster, Nils Olson, Matt Hackney, Tom Popelka, Martin Harding, Andy Ottolia, Kelly Walther, Jeremy Scholz, Mickey Hatley, Michael and Rosemary Bostwick, Chris and Tom Irwin, Al and Judy Hall, and Dave Koetje. I appreciate all of you coming and making the sessions so successful.

Our Youngest Enthusiast

By Andy Ottolia

Eben Reel, age 12, may soon be the youngest owner of a Museum car. This 1925 Ford T Roadster was recently purchased by Jeremy Scholz, his uncle, to teach Eben about the hobby and motivate him to save money and work on the car. Over a few years Eben will pay for the car while doing work around the house until he owns it.

What a wonderful way to teach a young person work ethics and learn valuable automotive skills. The Museum always has low-priced Ford Model T and A cars available that are great learning cars for youngsters.



Eben sits behind the wheel of the car purchased by his uncle, Jeremy Scholz (left).



Here Eben checks out a T motor. In a few minutes he had many facts about the car memorized, including that Henry Ford made 15 million model T's from 1909 to 1927

Summer Setup Display "A Road Trip Through Time"

By Tom Ruttan

The theme for the Museum display for 2024 is "A Road Trip Through Time." Driving a vintage vehicle reminds one of road trips taken in the days when the vehicles were newer, and we were younger. Whether it was a trip to town in the old Model T, a day trip out of town for a picnic, a family trip in a station wagon (maybe with a camp trailer), luxury touring in a high-end touring machine or that epic cross country motorcycle trip. This summer you will experience it all by visiting the Museum and stepping back in time.

You need to have roads to have a road trip, so our display takes us through the beginnings of roads across America (the "we need good roads" movement) and highlights the development of the Lincoln Highway and the famous Route 66.

The display starts with the beginning of the automobile era as it transitioned from the time when bicycles were the mode of mechanical transportation and moves through chronologically from the turn of the century through the 1960's.

Most of the motorcycle display is again in the front showroom featuring a 1950 Indian Warrior TT flat track race bike restored by Jim Hershbaugh. His father was an Indian factory sponsored flat track racer in the late 1940's on a Warrior TT and raced very successfully in many of





the Northwest tracks in the day. Along with quite a lot of his family motorcycle heirlooms on display, this has a great connection to our Northwest history. Completing the motorcycle exhibit this year and located in the Nelson Display Hall are two exhibits of early women riders (around 1916) who rode across the US on early Indians and Harley's.

I want to thank the display committee, including Pat Roby, Joanne Blain, Ruth Jarmusz, Jeremy Scholtz, Blake Brown, Jim Cutting, Doug Nelson, Jerry Grulky and Ron Smith, who brought the creative imaginative talents, connections to find display vehicles and lots of hard work to make this year's display a great success!

DONATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail this form, along with your payment, to:

Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
PO Box 15
Salem, OR 97308-0015



Questions? Call Ron Smith at 503-931-7879 or nwvcmmmpres@gmail.com

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone number(s) _____

_____ **DONATION** in the amount of \$ _____

Membership levels:

- _____ **SPECIAL 3 years for \$100**
- _____ Standard membership, \$40
- _____ Club membership \$200 the first year, \$100 each year after
- _____ Lifetime membership, \$10,000 (*one-time fee, includes family*)

Tell us about your vehicles and interests:

- ☐ I would prefer to receive all correspondence via email
- ☐ Contact me regarding volunteer opportunities

*The Museum also accepts cars and motorcycles to display and to sell.
These donations are used to help build the endowment fund that will help support the Museum in the future.*

*The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Thank you!*

MUSEUM CARS FOR SALE

By Andy Ottolia

They are simple, easy to work on and parts are available. Make memories working on these with your kids or grandkids. The Museum has two currently priced at \$12,500 obo and proceeds go to continue our programs in education. Contact Ron Smith or Andy O if you or someone you know is interested in owning one of these gems!



This 1916 T is a handsome roadster with a white body and black fenders and with rare wire wheels. A very cool ride!

This 1929 Ford Model A Speedster was lovingly restored by a Museum member for long-distance touring. Runs fast with a B 4cyl motor and Stromberg 97 carburetor. Also has the desirable '39 Ford 3 speed transmission with 16" Kelsey Hayes wire wheels.



Organ Team Adds Musical Interest to Museum

By Connie Miller

We are pleased to give you an update on the organ! We moved the blower closer to the organ which made more room for an additional car to be displayed. Also, we repaired the pneumatics on the bass drum and snare drum.

Mac Pimentel will be playing at the Steam-Up. An interesting side note is that when he was 15, he took lessons from the gentleman who played the pipe organ at the same Tillamook theater where the pipe organ came from. Also, Stephen Miller plays various styles of music at the Museum. Music from the 20's and 30's, Beatles songs and ballads, movie theme songs and some music from old Edison records. Stephen had a good friend who played by ear and he and his dad had old Edison recordings. He would write down the notes from those recordings for Stephen to play on his Grandmother's Steinway piano. We have people at our museum with many hidden talents!



Donors Judy and Tony Kraxberger (right) and the rest of the team: Jerry Ekstrom (front left) and Stephen Miller (back left).

Forest Grove Concours Youth Judging (Future Collectors) Program

By Mike Bostwick



July 21st, 2024

Campus of Pacific University

High school students are invited to judge classic cars at the Forest Grove Concours! Future Collectors is a program sponsored by Sports Car Market Magazine, allowing students to learn the craft of judging, and to select a car to receive the Future Collectors Trophy.

When: Sunday, July 21st, 9 AM-Noon

Where: Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Meet at the Sports Car Market tent.

How it works: The Concours Judging team will provide score sheets and instructions. We will pre-select 5 or 6 cars for the group judge. The owners will share info about the car and the Youth Judges will score the car in categories such as exterior finish, interior, engine bay, and overall authenticity. At the end, we will collect all the score sheets and determine the winning car. The Youth Judges will present the Future Collectors trophy at 2 PM.

To register: Please complete the Future Collectors Registration form at forestgroveconcours.org. You will be contacted.

Future Collector Judges receive: Two tickets to the Concours d'Elegance, judges' badge, polo shirt, and hat.

Paralyzed Veterans of America Show

By Andy Ottolia

On June 8 the Paralyzed Veterans of America Show was a patriotic and great success. Over 140 vehicles participated, filling up the show field to the brim.



The honor guard was present during the opening ceremony while the Star Spangled Banner was played.

Great weather, friendships, a variety of rides and strong donations were the hallmark of this worthwhile event honoring those who sacrificed themselves serving our great country.



Ron and Cindy Smith's new beautiful 1967 Mustang convertible made a cameo and wowed the crowd.



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I-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| July 10 | Cruise Night at the Museum, 4 pm – 8 pm, Chandler Field |
| July 18 | Board Meeting at Nelson Building |
| July 24 | Cruise Night at the Museum, 4 pm – 8 pm, Chandler Field |
| July 27–28 | Great Oregon Steam-Up, Powerland |
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| Aug. 3–4 | Great Oregon Steam-Up, Powerland |
| Aug. 10 | S-K Car show, 9 am – 3 pm, all makes and models, Chandler Field |
| Aug. 14 | Cruise Night at the Museum, 4 pm – 8 pm, Chandler Field |
| Aug. 15 | Board Meeting at Nelson Building |
| Aug. 28 | Cruise Night at the Museum, 4 pm – 8 pm, Chandler Field |
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| Sept. 14–15 | Octoberfest Car Show, Mt. Angel |
| Sept. 19 | Board Meeting at Nelson Building |
| Sept. 21 | Heritage Car Show, 9 am – 3 pm, Chandler Field |

WEEKLY WORK DAYS are Thursdays from 9 - 2. Everyone is welcome to come help.

**MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS are the 3rd Thursday of each month, 2 pm at the Nelson Exhibit Hall.
Everyone is welcome!**