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SUMMER DISPLAY SHINES BY GENERATION



Our 2022 display presents a variety of significant cars and motorcycles in order by year of manufacture. See details and highlights on pages 4-7!



The gift shop is open, stocked, and better than ever. Stop by this summer for all your memorabilia needs!

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SUMMER HOURS

Saturdays 9 am – 4 pm 🌟 Sundays 12 pm – 4 pm

Letter from the President

By Ron Smith

My name is Ron Smith, and I am proud to be the next president of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. My wife Cindy and I have two daughters, Sarah and Beth. We have three dogs, three Mustangs (1967, 2008 gt/cs and 2015), two Jeeps (1997 and 2004), and a 1969 Hodaka Ace 100 that I am restoring. I retired from owning my own business (30+ years), R/C Plus Hobbies, in 2019.

I am an active member of the Capital Area Mustang Club as one of three board members, and have been on their board off and on for 15 years. I became a member of the Museum about a year ago and have enjoyed being a mentor in the Speedster Program this past school year. Cindy and I have fun traveling in our motorhome and enjoy rock crawling with our Jeep Wrangler. We also enjoy e-bike riding and going to car shows.

My goal as the new president is to increase the Museum's presence in the community and to move forward with the many projects the past president, Tom Ruttan, started. Thank you, Tom, for all the hard work you have done and continue to do.



Over the last few months, we have been working on the Museum to get it ready to open. Many things have been updated with the help of the amazing volunteers we have. With the help of others, I hope to increase the Facebook presence and also work on

more communication with members, better signage for the Museum (on the way to the Museum and inside Powerland itself). We are moving forward with the installation of the elevator to the second floor. The Speedster Program is planning to keep working during the summer, and hopes to have more kids next school year, now that Covid restrictions are relaxing. There are going to be several car shows on Chandler Field that are listed on

the calendar, along with many other events that will bring new people to the Museum.

I encourage all members to find a way you can get involved. Volunteers are what makes the Museum work, so come on down, check us out, and become an active member. If you would like to get ahold of me, please email me at nwvcmpres@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to working with everyone going forward.

Reserve Your Warm Parking Spot for Winter Now!

By Tom Ruttan

Do you have the age-old problem most collectors have...not enough space for all your cars and motorcycles? Do you need space this winter to work on that special project? Are you hesitating to buy that collector vehicle because of lack of space? Do you wish to take your vehicle off the road in winter weather to protect it? Well, the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum has the solution for all these problems! We offer secure, dry, heated storage for one or more of your special vehicles to free up needed shop or garage space for the winter.

At \$475 per car (\$100 per motorcycle) from October 15 through April 15 you will not find a better storage deal for your special vehicle. Remember this is secure, dry, heated storage that insures the best and safest storage outcome. Plus, you will be making an important contribution to the Museum as well since the income from the winter storage program helps to pay our operating costs.

Contact Tom Ruttan at (503)621-8943 or truttan@gmail.com for more info and to make a reservation.

It's a Car Show Summer!

By Andy Ottolia

Along with the many activities going on at Powerland Heritage Park during the summer, this year our museum member car clubs are sponsoring three big car shows. They will surely be winners and can't be missed! More than 200 show cars at each show are expected. Months of hard work and planning by volunteers goes into the success of each show. Please support our efforts by attending. These are the sponsors:

Capital Area Mustang Club
Willamette Valley Street Rods
Heritage Auto and AG

Last year our shows were great successes and captured the energy and excitement our visitors had after getting out into public spaces again after Covid restrictions. This year the energy and anticipation is even greater! Bring your friends, family, and classic car and cycle enthusiasts to the Museum.

Put these dates and times on your summer agenda. Copies of the show flyers are below and on the next two pages. You won't want to miss these! SEE YOU THERE!

AUGUST 13, 2022

9 am – 3 pm

S-K CAR SHOW (Salem-Keizer)

SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

8 am – 3 pm

RALLY IN THE VALLEY CRUISE IN

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

9 am – 4 pm

HERITAGE AUTO SHOW



A flyer for the S-K CAR SHOW on August 13, 2022. The background is a photograph of a car show with various classic cars parked on a grassy field. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, a starburst contains the text 'A/C building Indoor Restrooms'. At the top right, another starburst contains 'Green Grass! Shade trees!'. In the center, the text 'S-K CAR SHOW' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline, followed by 'AUGUST 13, 2022' in similar style. Above this, the 'CAMC' logo (a blue silhouette of a running horse) is visible. Below the main title, it says 'RAFFLES - DJ - TROPHIES - VENDORS' and 'WWW.SKCARSHOW.COM'. Further down, it states 'ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME' and '9:00AM - 3:00PM'. At the bottom, it says 'ANTIQUE POWERLAND MUSEUM 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303'. On the bottom left, a box contains the text 'Pre-Register for \$15.00 before August 5th' and 'Benefiting Brent Strohmeier Memorial Scholarship Foundation & The Speedster Program'. On the bottom right, there is a logo for the 'CAPITOL AREA MUSTANG Club' featuring a silhouette of the Oregon State Capitol building and a running horse.

A/C building
Indoor Restrooms

Green Grass!
Shade trees!

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WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



RALLY IN THE VALLEY CRUISE IN

Come out, show off your iron and help us support Family Building Blocks, Camp Attitude, and Honoring Heroes. Pre-registration \$15, Day of Show \$20, Spectators FREE - Raffle, Silent Auction, Vendors, Poker Walk & More! Awards at 2:30.



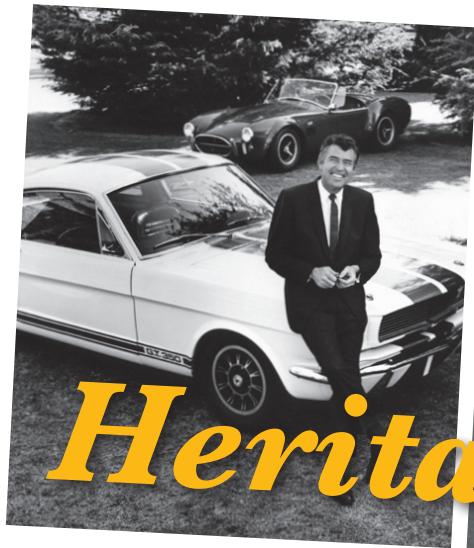
When: Saturday September 3, 2022 8am-3pm
Where: NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
3995 Brooklake Rd. Brooks Oregon

More Info: Visit www.wvsvr.org or call Garry Pullen at 503-507-5333

Presented by Willamette Valley Street Rods and Proudly Sponsored By:

Highway Trailer Sales & Rentals, J&H Automotive Repair, PCS Blasting, Baxter Auto Parts, Pietro's Pizza, , Stro's DJ Services, Industrial Finishes, Runaway Kitchen, John L. Scott Realty West - Sharon Crauder Munz, Batteries Northwest, White Glove Detailing, Sam's Transmission, Hear No Evil, Cora Slowikowski - State Farm Ins., AA Tent, and Best Pots

A Special Tribute to Shelby American 60th Anniversary



Heritage Auto Show

SATURDAY

September 24th, 2022

Powerland Heritage Park
Brooks Oregon

- Food
- Drawings
- Car Facts Trivia
- Club Participation Award
- Stump The Gear Head
- And lots more!

PREREGISTRATION: Register online at heritageautoandagshows.com
or through email nwbp1@q.com

Show begins at 9am

\$20 and a can of food for the Food Bank

*A portion of the proceeds will go to the Jerry Bigler Scholarship Fund

Go to **heritageautoandagshows.com** or email **nwbp1@q.com**

HIGHLIGHTS

of the 2022 summer display

1936 Cord 810 Phaeton "Coffin Nose"

(second from front) was America's fastest production car in the 1930s capable of 107 mph. The car was so far ahead of its time in its radical styling and its stance being much lower than contemporary automobiles. It had a long list of automotive firsts like front wheel drive, semi-automatic 4 speed transmission, concealed headlamps, no running boards, full gauge dashboard, electric intermittent wipers, tachometer, the first gas cap, flush mounted tail lamps and radios as standard equipment. Many celebrities like Clark Gable, Gary Cooper and Amelia Earhart drove them.



The oldest unrestored school bus in the nation is our **1919 Ford Model TT School Bus** (not pictured). It served the small rural town of Hammonton, New Jersey. Imagine over 100 years ago, for the children this would have been their first ride in an automobile. There is a dunce seat next to the driver for troublemakers. It had to be cranked to start in freezing weather, had no heater, no emergency exits, no safety glass and a 15-gallon gas tank bomb inside the bus. The engine, wooden body, interior and graphics are all original and unrestored. It is priceless and one of a kind.



Famous in the Pacific Northwest, "Jeannie" (left) is a crowd favorite. She is a **1909 Cadillac Model 30 Touring Demi-Tonneau**. She is one of the first cars in central Oregon being owned by a rancher from Prineville. Later in the late 30s and 40s she was on display at the Buick dealership in Eugene, Oregon. She was restored in the early 50s and participated in many of the early Horseless Carriage events. She was a beloved fixture of the Portland Rose Parade for decades. Famous dignitaries and Rose Festival Queens were her passengers. Now she resides in our museum for all to enjoy.



The **1917 Stutz Bearcat** (left) is credited with being America's first true sports car. A race car for street use. Each car was personally tested at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway when completed and they went on to win 25 of 30 races entered in 1915. The big four-cylinder engine of nearly 400 cubic inches featured four valves and two spark plugs per cylinder producing 80 horsepower. It is capable of a top speed of 80 miles per hour at a time when almost all our roads were dirt or gravel. Oh and by the way, there are no brakes on the front wheels only on the rear!

When the **1964 Jaguar XKE** (not pictured) was introduced 60 years ago, it caused a sensation all over the world with its looks, handling, and speed. Many called it the most beautiful car ever made. Technologically it was way advanced with 4-wheel power disk brakes, rack and pinion steering, 4-wheel independent suspension and a dual overhead cam motor with 265 hp in a 2600 lb. car. Many of these features are standard in today's cars. With a top speed of 150 mph, it was the fastest production car at the beginning of the 1960s and a bargain at a price of \$6000.

In 1909 a Maxwell like our **1910 Maxwell Model Q** (right, foreground) was driven from New York to San Francisco by Alice Huyler Ramsey, the first woman to drive coast to coast – an amazing feat at the time. Maxwell cars were built from 1904 to 1925 and known for their power and reliability. Maxwells were popular with women and in the early teens were the third most popular manufacturer after Ford and Buick. They were taken over by Chrysler in 1925. The engine is 4-cylinder, 22hp, with a top speed of 53 mph.



1926 Ford Model T Speedster #1 (above, second car from front). Henry Ford built 15 million Tin Lizzies. They were affordable, simple and durable and a great platform for our students to learn the basics of auto mechanics with used and new parts being readily available. The Speedster model was built lighter without fenders and lighter bodies as the hot rods of their day. Our Speedster is the first one built by our students and sports a sharp all-wooden body. We are very proud of our high school speedster students who worked on this car, and the many others that have followed since 2008.

This **1908 REO Gentlemen's Roadster** (pictured here) was a fast and powerful ride at the beginning of the century. The brainchild of Ransom E. Olds automotive pioneer who is credited with Oldsmobile, the assembly line and the first mass produced automobile (1901 curved dash Olds). The car had a 2-cylinder 20hp motor with 2-speed transmission and chain drive. REO cars were produced from 1904 to 1936 and trucks until 1975. Our **1930 Fire Truck** (not pictured) is also a REO.

The **1933 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Monza** (not pictured) is a racing legend. In the 1930s it dethroned Bugatti as the most successful racer in Europe's major races like the Grand Prix, Le Mans and Targa Florio. The Supercharged straight 8 motor with twin overhead cams is a work of art. It produced 175 horsepower and propelled this car to 120 miles per hour. By far the fastest production car in the world. This is a very rare automobile with only 4 or 5 remaining in the world.



The early Honda collection (in windows, below) includes a **1963 Honda Trail 55, 1964 Trail 90, 1967 305 Super Hawk, 1972 Trail 90 & 1974 X75**. Honda coined the phrase "You meet the nicest people on a Honda" in the 1960's. Most motorcycle riders started off learning to ride a smaller motorcycle. This collection of Hondas brings back fond memories of their youth for many of these riders. You hear the phrase a lot: "Hey I had one of those when I was a kid!"



Our **1915 & 1919 Harley Davidsons** (not pictured) are both early examples of Harley V-twins that later led to the well-known “knucklehead” and “panhead” models. These show the early innovative designs that brought Harley to lead the market with a 3-speed transmission, kick starter and automatic oil pump. Before that time most American motorcycles just had a 2-speed primitive transmission, pedal start (as in pedaling a bicycle) and a hand oil pump that required the rider to pump oil into the engine when they “thought” it needed it.



The **1927 Indian/Ace Four** (not pictured) was the only year for the Indian/Ace brand. Indian bought Ace Motorcycles in 1927 and put the Indian and Ace name on the four-cylinder model but dropped the Ace name a year later. These four-cylinder models were considered the “Cadillac” of the motorcycle world and is one of the most desired and collectable motorcycle in the world.

This **1914 Indian** (pictured above) is an example of one of the earliest V-twin Indians. This 61 cubic inch machine is the predecessor the famous Chief and Scout models that came later.



A trio of Triumphs! Come see our **1953 Triumph T100C** (foreground) and **1949 Triumph Grand Prix (#43)**. The Grand Prix was a factory race bike that was produced for only two years (1949 & 50) and only 151 were made. This was the start of the post WW2 Triumph race bikes that came to dominate world and USA racing into the 1970's. After the Grand Prix production was stopped there was still a high demand for Triumph race bikes so in 1953 Triumph put all the race equipment on a street legal motorcycle to meet this demand. It was made for one year only. The 350cc Triumph twin (background) – a **1950 Triumph 3T** – is in completely original condition and therefore is very rare and a time capsule of machines from that period.

Speedster Program News

By Don Blain

The Speedster Program school season ended on June 16. Some of the mentors, and interested students, will continue meeting on Thursdays to set up the machine shop area and prepare projects for the next school year beginning in mid-September. We will continue to recruit mentors and students as both are needed to make our Program a success.

We have several vehicles that are in the process of being worked on, and our new machine shop area will provide equipment that will enable students to complete that work.

The 1929 Model A Roadster that was completed this year is on display in the Museum for the summer and represents the level of work that is being taught and completed by our students.

Teagan Ryan, who has been a student for four years, will be stepping up into a mentoring position in September. We like to see our students do well and advance within the program by using what they have learned.



Teagan Ryan, who will become our newest mentor, grinds the brake housing.

We have recently been the recipients of some generous donations to the program and a big thank you to those responsible as these will help us purchase new equipment and enhance our ongoing program.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor in the Speedster Program or know someone who would like to be a student, you may contact Don Blain at: 503-871-8696 or 503-585-8078 or email: talulatouring@msn.com.



Isaac cleans the leaf spring suspension.



Oscar and Teagan work on the front end.

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Cherry Blossom Run a "Handy" Success

By Andy Ottolia



On April 16, classic car enthusiasts braved the menacing rainstorm and slow-coming spring to attend the Cherry Blossom Drive and Poker Run. Over 160 poker hands were sold so it was a success! The drive through the beautiful Willamette Valley visited 6 interesting stops and ended at the Museum, kicking off the show season. It is sponsored by the Salem Auto Club Council and its proceeds go to charity.



Volunteers of the Quarter: The Display Committee

There is a hardworking group that has supplied both brains and brawn to create the 2022 summer museum display that opened up on Saturday, June 4. This group started meeting in February (because it takes a lot of thought, planning and time to get this right!) and have been diligently working hard though early June to put together one of the best displays ever. For all their hard work and talent, each member of the Museum Display Committee is the volunteer of the quarter.



*From left to right: Nils Olson, Mike Bostwick, Pat Roby, Gary Dennis, Tom Ruttan, Joanne Blain.
Not pictured: Ron Smith*

MUSEUM FACTS THAT ALL MEMBERS (and potential members, if you look to the right, hint hint) SHOULD KNOW

By Andy Ottolia

- ✪ The Museum was founded 22 years ago.
- ✪ Our museum is in the Powerland Heritage Park complex of 14 museums on 62 acres.
- ✪ Education is our purpose. We strive to educate the general public about the heritage, history, and evolution of the automobile and motorcycles.
- ✪ Twenty-seven vintage cars and 22 motorcycles are currently on display.
- ✪ We are very proud of our Speedster program. In the last 14 years, more than 60 at-risk high school students have learned character, teamwork, and automotive skills.
- ✪ We are member-owned, 100% volunteer run, and have no paid employees.
- ✪ We are a 501(c)(3) non profit. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated. You are giving to a good cause that educates the public and the next generations.
- ✪ Our museum encompasses a 2-acre site with a one-acre show field that was named Chandler Field, after early Museum member John Chandler, and has a 125-car capacity.
- ✪ Facilities include 1930s gas station, restoration shop and a 22,000 square foot display building.
- ✪ Our facilities are available for rent, including winter vehicle storage, family reunions, club shows, and more!
- ✪ Our final phase build-out is 6,000 sf to include conference room, library, elevator and toilets.

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 Tom Ruttan at 503-621-8943

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone number(s) _____

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

Membership levels:

_____ **SPECIAL 3 years for \$100 (any age)**

_____ Senior membership \$35 (ages 65+)

_____ Family membership, \$50 (1 or 2 adults over 18 with any number of children under 18)

_____ Standard membership, \$40 (ages 18 – 64)

_____ 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!*

Lifestyle Area Display News

By Joanne Blain



Check out this beautiful and patriotic quilt for this year's raffle! Tickets can be purchased throughout the summer, and the drawing will be held. The drawing will be on August 7 at the end of Steam-Up. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



The Lifestyle Area is ready to receive our summer visitors. Our design committee for this area has been working hard to provide some new items for you to peruse when you visit.

You will want to see all the beautiful dishes and kitchenwares in our cabinets as well as vintage items of clothing and family collectibles. The mannequins are dressed for the various decades which is the Museum's theme this year.

We once again have some beautiful quilts on display and especially you will want to see our raffle quilt for this year. We are selling raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You will want to get yours and maybe you will be the lucky winner. The drawing will

take place on August 7th at the close of Steam-Up. You do not have to be present to win.

Last year we introduced various items for sale to help support our area. We welcome any item that you might want to donate for these sales. Last year we sold lap quilts, baby quilts, jewelry, pictures, books, and various other things. As items sell, we are adding new things to the sale table.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our area so if you are interested in lending a helping hand, especially during Steam-Up weekends, please feel free to call Joanne Blain at 503-585-8078 or 503-871-0118, or email: djblain@msn.com.

Zane Leek's Car Party July 16 - You Are Invited!

On July 16 from 12 noon till 4 pm, Zane Leek will hold a car party to display his personal collection at 6293 Macleay Road Salem, Oregon. You are invited to come, and encouraged to drive your collector car to this event.

The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie

Like the Salem, Oregon born AC Gilbert with his famous Erector sets, a gentleman by the name of Frank Hornsby in England started Meccano. Both were educational toys consisting of a kit with drilled framework, wheels, gears and hundreds of tiny nuts and bolts where you could build mechanical stuff. Meccano also produced constructor kits to build sportscars. You could build your car with various body styles.

They also produced this simply fantastic toy called a non-constructor car. It came built and sports a windup motor. Apparently, parents didn't approve of the lack of educational benefits



to having an already built car versus one your child had to construct. Therefore, sales may have suffered so good luck finding one of these! This could be my favorite all time toy. Got one? Let me know!

Willamette Valley Street Rods Pay a Visit

By Tom Ruttan



On Thursday, June 2 one of our member clubs, The Willamette Valley Street Rods, came a callin' with a beautiful array of some of their fine machines. They had recently made a generous donation to the High School Speedster Program so they decided to show the students (and museum members) what the car hobby is all about and to see how the students are doing in the classroom. They even brought a lot of sweets for everyone to enjoy at lunch and after.



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The NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is at Antique Powerland, off Brooklake Road, west of 1-5.

1-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY

- 1-5 Vintage Trailer Show
- 11-14 Oregon Trail Chapter of the AMCA Motorcycle Road Run
- 16 Zane Leek Car Party
- 17 Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance
- 21 Board Meeting, 2:00pm
- 23 Willamette Valley Model T Club Car Show, 8am – 4pm
- 30 Summerfest Car Show (Sublimity)
- 30-31 Great Oregon Steam-Up

AUGUST

- 6-7 Great Oregon Steam-Up
- 13 S-K Car Show, 8am – 4pm; Capitol Area Mustang Club
- 18 Board Meeting, 2:00pm
- 19-21 OBS Pick Up Show
- 23 Model T Club Picnic, 8am – 4pm
- 26-27 Powerland Truck Show
- 27 Cutsforth Car Show (Canby)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Rally in the Valley Cruise-In, 10am – 4pm; Willamette Valley Street Rods
- 15 Board Meeting, 2:00pm
- 17-18 Octoberfest Car Show (Mt. Angel)
- 18 Vintage Bicycle Swap Meet
- 24 Heritage Car Show, 8am – 4pm
- 25 Museum Summer Vehicle Display Closes
- 26-30 Move Out of Summer Display Vehicles

SUMMER HOURS

Saturdays 9 am – 4 pm ☼ Sundays 12 pm – 4 pm

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