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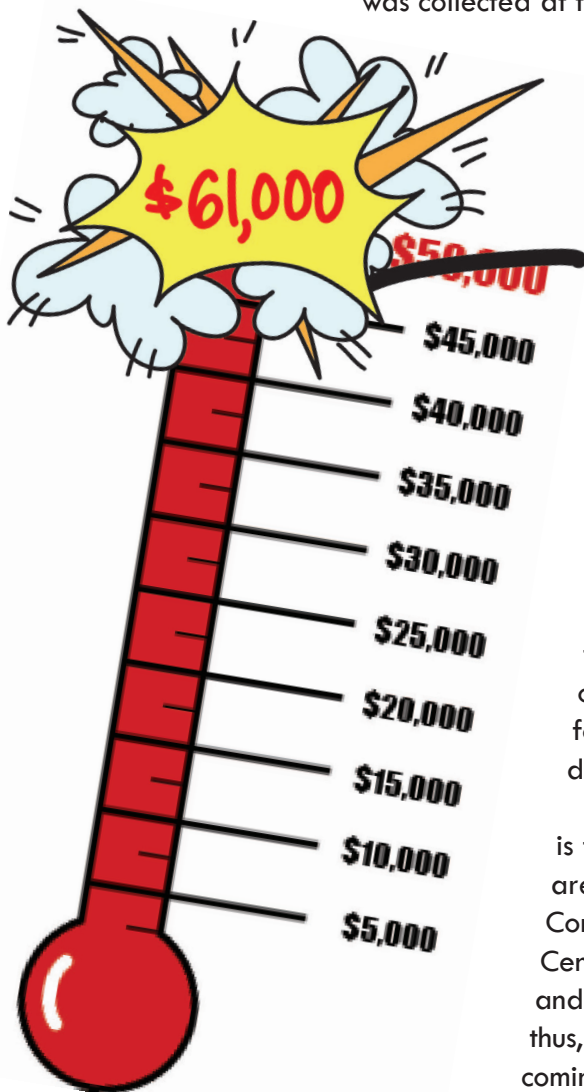
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WE DID IT!

MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN SPEEDS PAST GOAL

We have good news for you on our Matching Funds Campaign. We raised \$61,000! This happened thanks to YOUR GENEROSITY, because of the 61 Museum Members and 14 Car Clubs that participated (please see the list on page 5). With our last push in October, more than \$10,000 was collected at the end which put us well past our \$50,000 goal.



The 6,000 square foot, second story buildout, is the last major capital improvement project envisioned by the Museum founders over 20 years ago. With the Nelson family donation of \$100,000, this gives us \$161,000 to begin the Elevator, by far the biggest ticket item of the project. Currently, we are applying for grants to cover the remaining buildout costs.

The second story buildout includes the elevator, a large conference and learning center area, display area, a library, and restrooms. Once completed, this will free up valuable space on the ground floor for more automotive displays.

Our long-term goal is for our second story area to become a Community Learning Center for Automotive and Speedster programs, thus, enriching the lives of coming generations in the community.

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Letter from the President

By Ron Smith, President

Welcome 2024! As we finish 2023, I would like to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year.

This past year has seen a lot of changes, starting off with Steam-Up for Kids. It was a huge success; with the largest attendance we have ever had. It happens early in the year, but we had the front ready to go. We had a new, revamped, kids' section with a Hot Wheels racetrack, as well as all the kids' cars for them to play on. We even had the red electric car ready for them!

We had a new style of display this year, one that told a story as you walked through. The story about a drive in, a picnic in the park, race cars, luxury cars through the years, Mustang GT500 - new and old, as well as a tribute to veterans and first responders Mustang, just to name a few. We expanded the Lifestyles section and added some of their display mannequins within the car displays.

The Lifestyle section was handed over to Pat Roby to run the last part of the year, and she will expand and continue the progress made this year. The Speedster Program was also handed over to Gary Dennis to run this season, with Don Blain as his Number 1. The Speedster Program has several projects they are working on with several new and old mentors. Some of the projects are the pie wagon, the T pickup, the T Sportster we got from California, and a Model A coupe they started last year. The shop has been greatly upgraded with an almost full machine shop and new electrical outlets, as well as a screen wall donated by the Willamette

Valley Street Rods.

The elevator project is well on its way, with a big help from all of you and the matching funds campaign spearheaded by Andy Ottolia.

The Museum had several car shows this year and even hosted cruise-ins on the second and fourth Wednesday nights. These shows were well attended. We had several movie matinees/nights hosted by clubs and Jerry Grulkey. That is just a snapshot of the year, and many thanks goes out to all the volunteers that made it all happen.



As for 2024, there are so many things going on and so much to do. We have a full house this year with storage cars/trucks/bikes and even a boat. We have several committees, the elevator, display, and organ to name a few, that are working on many projects this winter. We hope to have a good start on the elevator and the upstairs projects. The Speedster Program is in full swing with approximately 10 students and 6-8

mentors. They are making great headway on the projects. We have three cars ready to sell to help fund the projects and fixed expenses of the Museum. If you are interested, we have a T Sportster, a T Speedster and an A Speedster. All run well and are ready to go now.

In 2024, we will be doing upgrades and maintenance on the organ and are moving the air box closer, making more room for an additional car on the display floor, and hope to also make it quieter and make it better looking. We plan to host both the Capitol Area Mustang Club Show and the Heritage

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Letter from the President, continued

Show again this year in August and September.

We hope to continue our cruise-ins on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights in June, July, and August. We are also looking for a show to host earlier in the year as well. As an upgrade to the shows during Steam-Up (this year you must pre-register to get in to Steam-Up with your car), we are trying to come up with ways to get younger people in the 20s, 30s, and 40s involved with the Museum by creating opportunities on weeknights, like maybe a shop night, movie nights, beer and wine nights, organ concerts, sock hops, just to name a few.

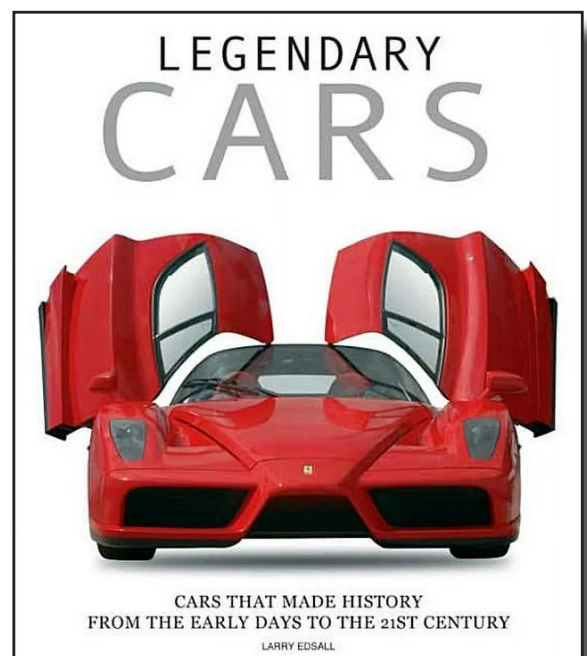
We are going to need lots of support from our members with hosting the events and being a docent on Saturdays and Sundays (just being a greeter and guide on Saturdays and Sundays) to show off the Museum. We have ongoing opportunities to volunteer on Thursdays from 10 am - 2 pm, and hope to add more as we get closer to our opening time in April.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you in 2024 at one or more of our events!

Featured Book from the Ferne Hellie Library

By Ruth Jarmusz, Fearless Librarian

Legendary Cars: Cars that made History from the Early Days to the 21st Century, by Larry Edsall 2005. The author, Larry Edsall, has worked for 12 years for *AutoWeek Magazine*, the most prestigious American newsweekly dedicated to car design and manufacturing. This 288-page book has over 400 dazzling color photographs, and an entertaining narrative. It tells the tale of our love affair with cars, from the earliest Tin Lizzies to such automotive achievements as the Alfa Romeo, Porsche, Lincoln Continental, Ferrari, Jaguar, Corvette, and Pontiac GTO. It brings together the most stirring blends of technology, art, beauty and adventure. Look for it next time you visit the Ferne Hellie Library!



Drive your Classic Convertible in this Cool Leather Jacket this Winter!

By Ruth Jarmusz, Librarian and Ingenius Auctioneer

Up for the highest bidder is this BRAND NEW, with tags, Men's XL, Andrew Marc SUPERB lambskin leather jacket!

- Shell: 100% Leather
- Shell Lining: 100% Polyester
- Sleeve Lining: 100% Polyester
- Jacket Fill: 100% Polyester
- Two outside zipper pockets and one inside
- A Quilted Bib at the collar can be worn in colder temperatures and removed for milder weather. Wear alone or layer year-round!
- Valued at approximately \$300

"Andrew Marc has been a leading maker of designer outerwear since 1982; building on a rich heritage of garments that embody both fashion and function." From their website. Bidding is free and you can bid as often as you wish! Just stop by the Museum to view the jacket and fill out a bidding slip, or you can bid by email. Email Ruth Jarmusz at readingsgr8tfun@yahoo.com and put Leather jacket in the subject line with your name, phone number and amount you want to bid.

Proceeds will benefit the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum.

Winning bidder will be announced at the April 18 Museum Board Meeting. Bidders need not be present to win. (In the event of a tie, each party will be able to give a final bid.)



Come Tax Time, use the Museum for a Win-Win Tax Credit!



Don't Forget! The Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum participates in Oregon's Cultural Trust Tax Credit program. Those who contribute to Oregon cultural nonprofits, including ours, are eligible to make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust and receive a 100% tax credit for their Trust donation (up to \$500 for an individual, \$1,000 for a couple filing jointly and \$2,500 for a Class-C Corporation). *A tax credit reduces what you owe the State of Oregon. It's a much greater savings than a deduction, which only reduces the income on which you are taxed.* Giving to culture is a win-win proposition. You double the impact of your gift for free, and culture thrives. Lucky Oregonians! For more information, contact your tax preparer, or visit www.culturaltrust.org.

The Museum is very grateful to these Benefactors and Clubs who made our Matching Funds fundraising campaign a success.

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Rose City Thunderbirds
Silverton Flywheels Car Club
Teardroppers of Oregon & Washington
Westside Cruisers
Willamette Valley Corvette Association
Willamette Valley Model A Club

**If your name was missed in this list we apologize, but please let us know by emailing
Andy Ottolia at gosurfhi@gmail.com**

Speedster Program Making Progress

By Gary Dennis, Speedster Chair

By the time you read this, we will have completed our fall semester classes. Don has been working with two students assembling a Model A chassis from scratch (see picture). This chassis will go with our "A" coupe body that is awaiting rust repairs. An overhauled engine is patiently waiting to be installed in the chassis. On the body work front, we are fortunate to have a very skilled metal fabricator, Dan Porter, working with us one class per month. He has made a belt guard for the lathe, and has started working on finishing the body of the pie wagon. We have been in conversation with another fabricator, mentor prospect, who we are expecting to help us make progress on the "A" coupe body. Our ongoing benefactors, the Willamette Valley Street Rods club, has two funds from which our program will benefit. We are in discussions about how specifically they can help us meet our needs. Thank you WVSR! Our core group of mentors are doing an excellent job, and I am enjoying working

with them. Thank you, guys! With the inclusion of our two newest mentors, we are covering many of the skill areas needed in a restoration shop. I am always interested in talking about donations of time, skill and/or shop equipment to help our program serve our students. You may contact me at garyisthebomb@gmail.com or (503) 449-6615.



Mentors Don Blain, Bill Kent and Dean Lohrman along with two students work on a Model T windshield frame. Photo by Andy Ottolia

Volunteers so Nice, We've Chosen Twice!

By Ruth Jarmusz and Ron Smith



PAT ROBY

Pat is to be commended for her ability to engage visitors, while being a docent at the NWVCMM. She has taken on the overseeing of the Lifestyles Corner after the retirement of longtime volunteer Joanne Blain. Pat put in many hours volunteering this summer as a docent, both in the Lifestyles corner, at the front entrance desk, and in the gift shop. She is also a member of the Display committee overseen by Tom Ruttan. More recently, Pat took on the duty of calling members to ask them to volunteer their time for the Museum! A phone call is more personal than a written request for volunteers. Thank you, Pat, for all that you do, and continue to do, to help our museum thrive!!!

ANDY OTTOLIA

Andy was the Fundraising Chairman of our VERY successful matching funds campaign last year. He has a personable way of talking to people to get them to open their wallets or checkbooks. He usually writes more than one article per newsletter, as our Car Show Travel Writer and other topics of interest to Museum members. Even when in California taking care of his ancient parents, he is making phone calls on behalf of the Museum for financial or car donations. He is always working for the benefit of the Museum. Thank you, Andy, for all you do and continue to do to help our museum succeed!



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We also welcome your photos and news of other events.

(Search for *Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum* or find the link on our website, www.nwcarandcycle.com)

Lifestyles Area Update

By Pat Roby

The Lifestyles displays have been dismantled and stored away till next year. And as a group, we are looking forward to 2024 when we can, once more, define our area with some wonderful additions and collections that are loaned to us. If you have something you would be willing to loan or donate, please let me know.

One of the features of our area that is always a highlight for our visitors is our quilt wall. If you have any quilts that you would be willing to loan us for the summer season, please contact me. We

will also have a quilt to raffle at the end of our summer steam-up weekends.

We are always looking for volunteers to help set up our area, so if you are interested in that, please let me know. We would welcome anyone wanting to lend a hand. I will be scheduling a committee meeting in the spring, so that is a good time to join us. We will be deciding how Lifestyles can highlight the collections and donations at that time.

Contact information: Pat Roby, 503-692-0774 or 503-705-6015.

Email: truckgirl51@yahoo.com.



Jerry Grulkey shows a visitor his rare 1860's bicycle at the Museum

Jerry is a noted automobile historian and gave us a fine presentation during movie night on December 3rd. He showcased "Horatios Drive," the first crossing of the United States by car in 1903.

As always, thank you for bringing history to life, Jerry!

Photo and caption by Andy Ottolia.

Friendship

By Tom Winterrowd

- ★ Help a friend find a car part they may need.
- ★ Let a fellow car collector know about a Junkyard that may have the car parts they need.
- ★ Take a longtime car friend out for lunch and just talk about cars, not politics.
- ★ Help a fellow enthusiast replace/repair a car part.
- ★ From your back closet, take an advertising cut and give it to a club member who owns that vehicle.
- ★ Say thank you to your Club/Museum President for their time and leadership.
- ★ Drive your old Car and share its sight with the World.

TEST YOUR CAR KNOWLEDGE

By Andy Ottolia

These cars are part of the Tucson Auto Museum. Can you identify them or will you be stumped? Two are American, and four are foreign. Answers on page 11.



A Snowbird's Dream: The Tucson Auto Museum

By Andy Ottolia, Travel Writer

There is a great benefit for the car buff to head south during the winter. For one, there are plenty of automotive events and activities going on. While our car events are all in the four summer months, theirs go on for nine. Only in the three summer months do all their activities rest. By the way, last summer Phoenix broke a record. Thirty-one days of over 110-degree heat, so you better get out and head up to the Northwest by June. However, this time of year, Tucson Auto Museum is the perfect place to go if you are a serious gear head looking for your classic car fix and can't wait until next summer.

The Museum has a 20,000 square foot building that is filled to the brim with 85 cars and lots of very nice Automobilia. Neon signs, petroliana, gas pumps, car parts, posters, you name it. The car collection is eclectic and all over the place, which makes it super interesting. In other words, they have a little bit of everything including some real rare cars you have never seen. They pipe in oldies music too, to get you in the mood of reminiscing those golden years of your youth, and driving that convertible of your dreams. So, you start your tour with a big smile in anticipation of that dream ride you will find.

Upon entering, I was welcomed by two friendly docents. I told them I did their work at the Northwest Vintage Car and Cycle Museum in Oregon, and they spent almost 90 minutes showing me the cars and telling their stories.

Every strong collection has the greats of the 1930s classic era. And they have them. A 1929 Duesenberg model J, 1934 Pierce Arrow, 1937 Packard V-12 (ex Jack Benny), 1937 Cord Sportsman, among many others



From left to right: 1968 Subaru, 1961 Gogomobil, 1949 Crosley Hotshot

I tried to see if I knew all the brands and models, but I was stumped a few times. Have you ever heard of a Davis, Janus, Acoma, Tatra or a Sabra? They have them there. They also have a great collection of Micro Cars, and European sports cars like Jaguar, Porsche, Ferrari, Lancia and Renault. And, of course, American classics of the 50s and 60s were well represented. The owner is also a Batman Buff. He has 4 vehicles from the 4 Batman movies, along with great displays of the actors.

This collection is complete with a little bit of everything for every taste and interest. You won't be disappointed. After seeing a few of my dream rides I walk out with a big smile on my face into the bright, sunny day. Check out the pictures and make your plans to visit soon.

1948 Kurtis Comet



Joke of the Quarter

From jokecatalog.com, submitted by Ruth Jarmusz

A man driving a Rolls Royce pulls up at a traffic lights next to a beaten-up old Ford.

The driver of the Ford winds down his window and taps on the Rolls' window. "Have you got a phone in there?" he shouts

"Of course," says the driver of the Rolls.

"I got one too," says the Ford driver. "You got a fax machine?"

"Sure," says the driver of the Rolls.

"Yep, I got one too," says the Ford driver. "You got a double bed?"

"No! Have you?" replies the driver of the Rolls.

"In the back there, see!" shouts the Ford driver just as he pulls away when the traffic light turns green.

Not to be out done, the Rolls Royce driver immediately goes to the garage and arranges for his car to be customized with the addition of a double bed.

A week later, the Rolls Royce driver pulls up next to the same beaten-up old Ford at another set of traffic lights. The windows are all steamed up, and he's a bit embarrassed, but nevertheless the Rolls Royce driver winds down his window and taps on the window of the Ford.

"Check it out," he says. "I've had a double bed fitted in my Rolls."

"You got me out of the shower to tell me that?"

From www.jokecatalog.com

Poetry Corner

T is for Terrible

by Phil Regular

Henry's marvelous T model was awful

But don't say that here or you'll get an earful

Champions of three pedal drive

Will bluster and threaten to skin you alive

They'll cuss and call you an (expletive deleted)

And loudly proclaim that three speeds aren't needed

**And water pumps are just complication
Thermo siphon is fine in most situations**

Four-wheel brakes they'll say are strictly for sissies

Not necessary for he-men in tin lizzys

I'd say a lot more but uh oh here they come

Talk to you later, I've gotta run

ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR CAR KNOWLEDGE (from page 9)

By Andy Ottolia

1. Left

1967 Amphicar 700
4cyl 4spd amphibious car, made in West Germany

1. Right

1975 Acoma Mini Comtesse
3 wheels, 49cc, made in France

2.

1948 Davis Divan, 4cyl, 3spd
Made in Southern California
Only 16 produced

3.

1952 Muntz Jet 8cyl 3spd
Made in Southern California

4.

1963 Tatra, air cooled V8
Made in Czechoslovakia

5. 1962 Sabra Sport Roadster
4cyl, 4spd, made in Israel
Only 379 produced



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1-5 Exit 263, Brooks

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30 minutes south of Portland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 3	Meeting of Model T Club
Jan. 9	Meeting of Oregon Tractor Pullers
Jan. 17	Meeting of Early Ford Club
Jan. 18	Board Meeting upstairs committee meets at 4 pm after board meeting
Jan. 11	Meeting of Model A Club
Feb. 7	Meeting of Model T Club
Feb. 8	Meeting of Model A Club
Feb. 13	Meeting of Tractor Pullers
Feb. 15	Board Meeting
Feb. 21	Meeting of Early Ford Club
March 6	Meeting of Model T Club
March 12	Meeting of Tractor Pullers
March 20	Meeting of Early Ford Club
March 14	Meeting of Model A Club
March 21	Board Meeting

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!