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**NORTHWEST VINTAGE CAR
& MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM PRESENTS:**

Historic car and motorcycle exhibits will
be the biggest to date in 12000 sq ft
Nelson Exhibit Hall!

**FREE
ADMISSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
8AM-4PM**

Powerland Heritage Park
3995 Brooklake Rd.
Salem, Oregon 97303

Letter from the President

By Tom Ruttan

It's been a busy spring at your museum. Since the State of Oregon is progressing toward COVID vaccination milestone that will mean a significant relaxation of the rules for operation in public places, stores, events and how Powerland and our museum can be open to the public, we are optimistic about the coming summer. At the time you read this newsletter in early July it is predicted that this milestone will have been achieved and we will be able to have a more or less "normal" summer for our activities and events. Stay tuned for the specifics of these relaxed rules as we move into summer.

This is encouraging news given the nearly year and a half of lock downs and hibernation at home, so we are planning to have our summer vehicle display this year as well as other planned activities. Due to the COVID uncertainties earlier in the spring we decided to delay the summer display opening to July 10 instead of the usual early June opening date. Many of our volunteers have been working very hard to do maintenance, cleaning and planning for this opening. We hired a contractor to repair the posts on the front of the Texaco Station and repair the insulation in The Nelson Display Hall. While we were at it, we did some de-cluttering, thoroughly cleaned the floors front and back of the Nelson Building and hung quite a few pictures on the walls (many that came from World of Speed) to brighten up and create a much more interesting display environment.



We have carried forward the display theme from last year since COVID prevented us from having that display. The theme is 50's, 60's and 70's cars plus 50's, 60's and 70's

Japanese motorcycles. We have some great examples of these lined up for display in addition to most of our museum vehicles so please come out this summer and check it out. Normal display open hours will be 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturdays and 12 noon to 4 PM on Sundays from July 10 through September 26.

Speaking of our summer display, we need volunteers as docents to host the Museum visitors on the

weekends throughout the summer. This is a great way to help the Museum, meet new and interesting people and learn more about your museum. Please contact Doug Nelson about signing up.

We are looking forward to a much more active summer this year as the State and our local area starts opening up. A number of our member cars clubs are planning to have car shows, motorcycle shows, picnics and other activities. Don't forget our Rendezvous on Saturday, September 25. Bring your car, motorcycle and yourself out for a day of fun and camaraderie. Check the Museum's website for the latest information as summer progresses.

All the best,
Tom Ruttan

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Amazing Summer Show Lineup!

By Andy Ottolia

This summer promises three fantastic car shows at Powerland with the potential to draw over 300 cars each. All makes and models of classic cars are welcome. All Powerland museums will be open. Food and music will be provided. Put these dates in your agenda, bring your classic, and help the Museum by volunteering during these events!

August 14

9am to 3pm

SK Car Show

sponsored by the Capitol Area Mustang Club

September 4

9am to 4pm

Powerland Carousel Cruise

Sponsored by WV Hot Rod Association

September 25

8am to 4pm

Rendezvous Car Show

Sponsored by NWVCMM

Organ Donors Needed

(sorry, I couldn't resist the headline – Laura)

By Stephen and Connie Miller

Gary LeMasters has kicked off a new fund for the harp-celeste addition to the pipe organ. This fund is restricted for procuring the instrument that is currently with Bond Organ in Portland. Bond gave us the instrument, but wants the job of restoring it. It will cost approximately \$4,000. If anyone is interested in donating to this specific fund it would be most appreciated.

Thank you for all the support that has been given to the Smith Unit Organ.

Cherry Blossom Poker Run Huge Success on Many Counts

By Andy Ottolia

The 92nd annual Cherry Blossom Poker Run sponsored by the Salem Auto Club Council was a massive success for many reasons. After 5 stops, the Run ended at the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum for the first time. More than 250 participants driving very diverse iron encircled the grounds on a gorgeous spring day. It was a sight to see. Every imaginable car or



truck, brand, year, classic, custom, hot rod, and rat rod was there. Many local car clubs and age groups participated in the event. Gearheads

chatted about the interesting rides and there was excitement in the air for a return to normalcy in the coming season. It broke all records for an April event at the Museum.

The Poker Run is a charity event and this year over 300 pounds of food and \$330 in cash was raised for Marion Polk Food Share. With the sale of the poker hands, over \$2100 was raised. Our Speedster Program and Salem Boys and Girls Club were the beneficiaries of a generous donation of \$1050 to support their programs.

We want to thank the Salem Auto Club Council and the volunteers, businesses and organizations that hosted the 6 stops of the tour for a job well done.

The Salem Auto Club Council is a wonderful resource for Car Clubs and Car aficionados in the Willamette Valley. Check out their website for the latest car events around you at www.Cruzzers.org.

Volunteer of the Quarter: Joanne Blain

By Tom Ruttan

Joanne Blain is a longtime member of the Museum, chair of the Ladies Group that puts together a terrific display every year for the Ladies Area, has promoted many of the quilt sales to raise money for the Museum and is married to board member Don Blain. Joanne has been very busy this last quarter helping to set up the new layout for the Museum store, and has pitched in and helped the Display Committee get prepared for the upcoming summer display by cleaning and straightening up the front meeting room. She also provided valuable consulting and advice to help make the display even better this year.

She is currently leading the effort to design and set up the Ladies Area for the Museum summer display. For all of this Joanne Blain is our museum Volunteer of the Quarter.



Speedster Program News

By Don Blain

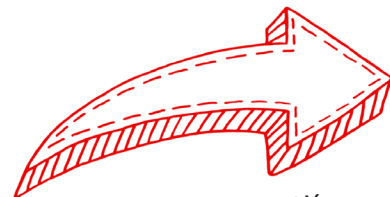
Our Speedster Program Thursday sessions have been going well. We have been having between 4-6 students present each week. We are working to finish up on the Model A Roadster by the end of June and have also been working on the pie wagon. We occasionally have visitors drop by to tour our shop and see what the students are working on. We welcome those that are interested in our program and like to share our projects with them. We have other projects sitting in the wings waiting for us start on them. We have a 1921 Model A Roadster body and frame that was just donated to us and we also have a 1929 Model A Coupe also waiting for a restoration.

We will maintain classes through the end of June and then take a break during July and August. We start up again in September so anyone interested in joining classes in September should contact Don Blain at 503-871-8696 or 503-585-8078 or email: talulatouring@msn.com.

Did you Forget?

By Andy Ottolia

The years fly by and they seem to go faster every year. June is membership renewal month and this year, with all the distractions, they are slow in coming in. While your donations pay for capital improvements, your membership fees keep the doors open at your museum since all our operational costs are covered by your membership fees. These include utilities, insurance, alarm, phone line, permits, accounting and janitorial. With last years' COVID cancelation of the show season and no gate receipts, this makes your renewal crucial to the Museum. Do not delay! Do it now with the handy application form on the next page and remember our special rate of a three-year membership (Three! Three! Three!) for \$100.



USE THIS HANDY
FORM FOR ALL YOUR
DONATION AND
MEMBERSHIP NEEDS!

Update for the Ladies

By Joanne Blain

We are finally going to be able to set up our Ladies area for this season! We have already had one meeting to determine our layout for this year and are ready to get started on our set-up. Two meetings in June will help us accomplish this.

A big thank you to Tom Ruttan and crew for getting our floors scrubbed. This is always a big job for us ladies to accomplish each year and we appreciate having it done professionally.

We are making contacts for displays and anticipate a beautiful display of quilts on our new quilt brackets and rods that Tom Nielson installed for us. Thank you, Tom! If you have a special quilt you would like to loan for display please contact me ASAP so we can include it in our area. Smaller lap-size quilts are welcome too.

We have plenty of cabinet space to display small collections and welcome anyone who would like to display some of their treasures. Just give me a call to make arrangements.

The Museum is featuring 50's, 60's, and 70's cars this year, so we will be dressing our mannequins to reflect those eras if we can. It's always fun to see how they can be placed amongst the cars for effect.

Thanks to the faithful ladies who have been willing to help in our area for many years. We could not accomplish it without your help. However, we could use some extra help and would welcome anyone willing to lend a hand.

If you want to display something, or are interested in helping in our area, please feel free to call Joanne Blain at 503-585-8078 or 503-871-0118, or email: djblain@msn.com.

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!*

My First Visit to the Barrett/Jackson Auction

By Marty Boehme

Andy's visit to the Barrett Jackson auction (in the last newsletter) reminded me of my very first time attending the big show in Scottsdale.

I had arrived at my daughter's home via airplane and rented a car. It was a deluxe Chrysler four-door. My son-in-law Craig and his friend David and I drove to the Scottsdale West World where all the many hundreds of vehicles were on the auction block.

As we approached, we saw the sign for Valet Parking. "We need no valet parking," we said. So, we drove across the street to a very, very large gravel parking lot. Parked and walked over to where we paid to get in.

We were there all day. It was night when we got out. There were now hundreds of other cars in the lot that had only one light on a tall pole. Lots of people were walking around in the dark trying to find their car. After splitting up with each going our own way, we started walking around. All the time I was pressing the panic button on the car's fob. Nothing. Walked around another 20 minutes. No response from the fob!! Finally, my son Craig ran over to tell me "I think I found it!" Went with him. It was a red Dodge.

Finally, after another 15 minutes, I had found the lost car. Right next to the door lock, I pressed the panic button one more time. The fob battery was DEAD!

After we finally got going, we then had to drive around the lot yelling out the window "Dave! Dave!" until we found him, too. Got home very late for dinner.

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Fixing Up the Display Hall



Working on the insulation using scaffolding.



Then we had to go to the scissors lift.

The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie



I knew I shouldn't have believed that dang Duck. Gives me a treasure map to avoid getting beat up by me! What a worthless dog he had too!



Info on the toys: Donald Duck and Pluto's car was made by Sun Rubber Co. of Barberton, Ohio. Sun Rubber started by making rubber squeeze bulbs for battery testers and rubber radio parts. Then they made doll bottles and soon after, dolls. Finally in 1935 they started producing toy cars. Durable and almost kid-proof! This is one of their Disney series toys.

Mickey is driving a pressed tin windup by Marx. Very gangster-looking with low top profile. Hard to find a perfect one that still winds up. Most will understandably have some front end sheet metal damage! At least this example still sports its original finish.

Member Spotlight: John Quilter

By Andy Ottolia

M eet John Quilter, a longtime Museum benefactor and article contributor to *The Messenger*. You may have read his articles on Buick model cars.

John's lifelong interest in British Cars began as a small boy in South Carolina when he spotted an Empire Green 1953 Morris Minor. The fascination with that Morris Minor in 1954 set in motion an entire lifetime of devotion to British Cars in America.

After leaving the Navy as an officer, John was driven to begin a career in the British Car world and remained in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1975 he secured a position with British Leyland. At this time they were on the brink of bankruptcy, with the British government soon coming to their rescue. The British Leyland product line in the US included Jaguar, Triumph, MG, Land Rover, and Austin. In the 1970s, these cars had serious quality and

warranty issues. John was hired as a Quality Claims Assessor to remedy the problems. I remember many of us when young lusted for those sexy British sports cars like the Jaguar E types and MG Bs.

At this time new cars had only 12 month/12,000 mile warranties, but that was enough to generate



John enjoys a drive in his beloved Morris Convertible bought new by his father in 1960.



The Quilter stable of fine British cars. Foreground is the 1966 Jaguar 3.8 S sedan bought new by his mother. Behind it to the left is the 1960 Morris Minor convertible bought new by his father in 1960. These cars carry wonderful memories..

a massive number of claims. John became an expert in the cars and all their mechanical and warranty issues. He survived 32 years in the industry, eventually becoming Western Region Warranty Manager of Jaguar - Land Rover North America. John's knowledge makes him a top authority on British cars in Oregon.

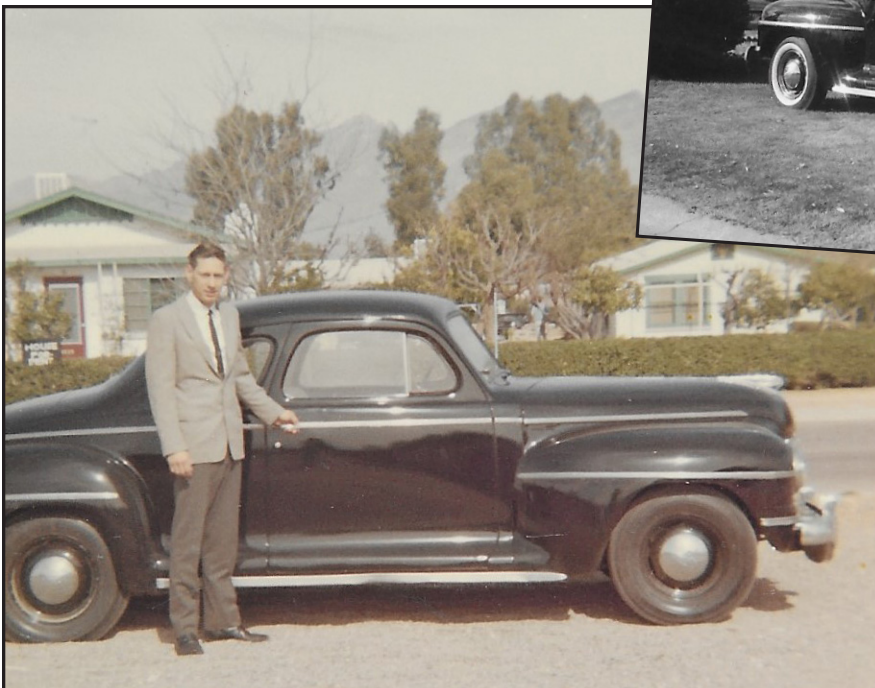
In 2007 he retired to Eugene, Oregon where he enjoys his collection of six classic British cars all in excellent condition. His 1960 Morris convertible was purchased new by his father, and the 3.8 S Jaguar was purchased new by his mother in 1966. Those are coveted one-owner cars that were enjoyed by him and his family for many years.

John also has a fantastic collection of 2,400 scale model cars in 1/43rd scale featuring all makes and models. Everything under the sun is there, including all Jaguar production cars from 1930 to 2020. He is also a model maker and has made some "one of a kind" models for clients who want an exact replica of their car.

With a collection of this magnitude John's extensive car knowledge is second to none, and we are lucky to count him as a friend of the Museum!

THE SCRAPBOOK

Mike and Victoria Clark joined the Museum in 2018 when they visited Powerland. Over the years, they have enjoyed many old cars & trucks and currently Victoria has a 1965 Mustang, and Mike has a Model A pickup and a 1931 Model A Sedan.



In the photo at the left, Mike is standing with his 1942 Plymouth Business Coupe which he paid \$65 for, and the above photo was taken in 1971 after he had saved the \$99 needed for an Earl Scheib paint job.



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I-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Events at the NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum and Powerland Heritage Park

July 10	Bob Pipkin Memorial Service, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, presented by his daughters Dylan Newman's 18th Birthday Car Show, 10 am – 4 pm
July 15	Museum Board Meeting, 2 pm
July 18	Rover Car Club Event, 9 – 11 am.
July 24-25	First weekend of Steam-Up
July 31- Aug. 1	Second Weekend of Steam-Up
August 14	SK Car Show, 9 am – 3 pm Sponsored by the Capitol Area Mustang Club
August 19	Museum Board Meeting, 2 pm
August 27-28	28th Annual Brooks Truck Show
September 4	Powerland Carousel Cruise, 9 am – 4 pm Sponsored by WV Hot Rod Association
September 16	Museum Board Meeting, 2 pm
September 25	Rendezvous Car Show, 8am – 4pm Sponsored by the NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

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