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GATHER IN GROUPS AGAIN? MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE ALL-COMERS RENDEZVOUS!**

9TH ANNUAL *All Comers* RENDEZVOUS



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Letter from the President

By Tom Ruttan

We are close to spring but, although we have had a relatively mild winter, it is not giving up easily.

As I write this column in late March, snow is falling and there is a light accumulation in the yard. We know that warmer and sunnier weather is on the way so this is the time of the year that your museum is planning and preparing for the activities and events for the coming season. The Display Committee has got an early start this year for the coming summer vehicle display. In addition to preparing and cleaning the display areas plus

brainstorming ideas for vehicle and collectable displays, we have been working closely with the Museum Ladies Group to coordinate all the presentations. Our focus for this summer is cars from the 50's, 60's and 70's along with Japanese motorcycles from the 50's through 70's. If you have a vehicle you would like to display or know someone who does please contact me.

We all have a new and unexpected challenge that has recently come into our lives with the COVID-19 virus. The World Health Organization has declared this a worldwide pandemic and news of the spread of this disease throughout the world has been surprising and alarming. As most of you know, the US and local governments have taken significant action recently to try to limit the spread of this virus which is having a big impact on all our lives right now. Hopefully this will keep the situation from becoming much worse so all of us need to follow the guidelines of relevant health organizations to protect ourselves, families and friends as much as possible from this disease.

Many of our museum members and friends are in the age group that are in the higher risk category for getting this virus so please do what you can to protect yourselves. The Board of Directors of your museum are mindful of this situation and the risks involved so will do what we can to protect our members, their families and friends. Our Membership Appreciation Potluck was scheduled for April 18th but for the reasons stated here, we are postponing it until October. There will be an announcement later in the summer with the exact date. We have a full slate of



events planned this season so let's hope the current situation doesn't interrupt those plans. We will keep you updated as the situation evolves.

That being said, we are moving ahead and looking forward to the summer season. Plans are in full swing for the Rendezvous on June 20th, Steam-Up and many other events. Check the events calendar in this newsletter for details. The speedster program is continuing to do well this school year with lots of projects underway and making some great progress. They recently took the Ford Model A, that has been restored, to the Salem Roadster Show. The pipe organ team is continuing to make very good progress and plans to have a functioning organ to play by Steam-Up.

All the best,
Tom Ruttan

NOTE from your Newsletter Gal:

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In Memoriam: Mary Louise Weber 1931 – 2020

By Joanne Blain

We recently lost long time friend Mary Weber due to declining health in recent years. Mary was born on March 12, 1931, in Green River, Wyoming. Mary wed Edward Weber on December 25, 1949, and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, 2019.

Over the years Mary was involved in numerous organizations and activities. Mary loved having all of her family together for holidays and special times. She loved talking to people and she loved her hats. We will all remember her fondly for her smiles and the hats she always wore as they were always colorful and usually decorated with flowers. She always loved visiting with her many friends whenever they were around.

She and Ed have been members of the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum and the Willamette Valley Model T Ford Club for many years. Ed always took such good care of the Museum grounds and we loved seeing them on tours in their REO car.

A Celebration of Life service for Mary was held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at Belcrest Memorial Park Chapel with her family and many friends in attendance.

Mary will be missed by all that knew her.



Volunteer of the Quarter: Don Blain

By Andy Ottolia

At the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum there is one person who stands out as an exemplary Volunteer. As consistent as The Northern Star, Don Blain's involvement with this organization goes back more than 20 years. In fact, in 1998, he was on the crew that graded the land where the very first foundations of our buildings were built.

As the current Chairman of our Speedster Program, Don has been a fixture of consistency and a cornerstone in the success of the program for the last 10 years. During this time over 350 students have benefited from Don's knowledge, patience, and desire to educate the next generation in automotive restoration.

Joanne, his wife of 61 years, is also a valuable Museum Volunteer in the Ladies Section. Together they have 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandkids. One of Don's joys was having his grandson Ryan participate in our Speedster program and sharing the antique car passion together.

As a young man Don always drove old cars and Harley Davidson Motorcycles. Now the bikes are gone, but he has a fine stable of 4 classic Fords from 1912 to 1929. Don drives his cars and loves restoring, researching and hunting for parts. During the summers he loves to drive them as a member of 4 local Antique Car Clubs.

Our Museum is so honored to have Don's continuous presence, knowledge and service for 20 fruitful years. Thanks Don and many more!



Don at his "Second Home" of 20 years.



Don with our latest Speedster project, a 1929 Ford.

9th Annual Rendezvous Just Around Corner

By Andy Ottolia

This year our Signature Event, the Rendezvous Car and Motorcycle Show, celebrates its 9th year with many activities and displays planned.

The 2020 show promises to be the biggest and a grand time for all our members and guests that attend. See our new 50s, 60s and 70s car and cycle displays. This year we will have live period music and food available. Check out the progress of our 1926 Pipe Organ and hear it played. See the Speedster Restoration Shop and their current projects .

Come out with your Friends and Car Clubs and support your Museum on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Entrance is free and you can see other Powerland Park Museums!

We hope to see you there!

Many varied cars and bikes attended Rendezvous last year.
Don't miss it this year!



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Barn Find Goes Back to the Barn

By Tom Ruttan

The “barn find” exhibit with the 1936 Terraplane is going back home to the barn. Zane Leek and his mom built the barn find exhibit that many of you have enjoyed over the last couple of years during our summer display. It was dismantled a couple of weeks ago and the wonderful 1936 Terraplane car is now going back home to its real barn on the Leek property, along with the “barn find” Indian 4, Indian Chief and Harley VL motorcycles. This has been a wonderful display that has added great interest to the summer display. Thanks to Zane & family for loaning these vehicles and building the display barn.



Speedster Program News

By Don Blain

The Speedster classes have been continuing with a good turnout of students and mentors.

Action Auto owner, Rick Bogle, worked with students Dylan and Julian at his shop where they learned how to prepare and paint the 1929 Model A Ford Roadster that the students have been working on. This car was entered in the Salem Roadster Show and was a big hit with everyone. This show is only one of the ways we have an opportunity to let the public see what we are accomplishing in our program.

Work is continuing on the Model T Ford Pickup and the Chevrolet Pie Wagon. We have received a \$3,000 grant from the RPM Foundation which will be used on the assembly of parts for ongoing projects. (See story on right).

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, however, the program will be closed down for a short time but we hope to restart classes in the very near future.

We welcome anyone who would like

to visit our shop on Thursdays, when class is in session, and see what we are all about.

For more information on the Speedster Program you may contact Don Blain at: 503-871-8696 or 503-585-8078 or email: talulatouring@msn.com.

Students Teagan and Isaac work on the Model A



Ladies are Getting Ready

By Joanne Blain

The ladies are continuing to prepare for the upcoming summer and are looking for quilts, collections and clothing that can be displayed. The Museum will be featuring the 1950's, 60's and 70's this year and we need items that reflect that time period.

The Ladies Committee will be meeting at the Museum on April 9th at 10:00 AM to discuss how we will set up our displays this year. We welcome anyone who is interested and willing to help us to attend.

It is always very interesting to see how the public enjoys our displays and we always get good comments. We encourage anyone who is willing to help us provide an interesting display of items.

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

Speedster Program Receives \$3,000 RPM Grant

The Chicago based RPM Foundation, the educational arm of America's Automotive Trust, recently awarded our Speedster Program \$3,000.00. The Foundations main focus is on developing skills necessary to preserve and restore collector vehicles. Speedster students and mentors will be using the RPM funds to:

1. Complete the restoration of 1926 Model A.



2. Complete the restoration of 1929 Chevy Pie Wagon.



3. Rebuild and Restore 3 Model A engines.

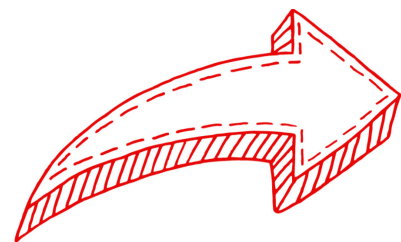


Each of the three grant projects, when completed, will generate income for the Speedster Program. Thank you to all involved!

MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL SPECIAL

3 Years for \$100

While your Donations pay for capital improvements, your membership fees keep the doors open at your museum. Operational costs are covered by your membership fees. These are costs such as utilities, insurance, alarm and phone lines, permits, accounting, and cleaning supplies. We have no paid employees so everyone here is a volunteer. But these expenses are incurred year-round, so we depend on you to keep the Museum financially healthy.



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Three Beautiful Cars Donated to Museum

By Andy Ottolia

The Nelson Family has come through again in their generosity by donating three beautiful vehicles to the Museum. A 1936 Ford Convertible Sedan, a 1932 Ford AA Texaco Gasoline Truck, and a 1912 Ford T Speedster. Doug Nelson thought these would make a nice addition to our collection and eventually be sold to put the Museums finance's on solid ground.

This will spearhead the beginning of the last phase of construction, our 6000 square foot second story addition. This will have a conference

& movie room, library, offices, small kitchen and restrooms. We will be raising money soon for the elevator which will be the big expense of the next phase.

A big thank you to the Nelson family for 20 years of generous giving and making this Museum possible.

Please think of us, the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum in your giving plans for 2020. A lot needs to get done and it depends on your generosity.

The '32 Ford Gasoline Truck is very rare and completely restored to high standards.



This 1936 Ford Convertible Sedan is a very desirable model and so roomy!!



This 1912 Ford T Speedster is very sharp and nicely restored, with period speed equipment on the motor and lots of rare brass parts.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail this application, along with your payment, to:

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



Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone number(s) _____

I would like the following level of membership:

- _____ **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 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!*

NWVCMM Exhibits at The One Motorcycle Show

By Tom Ruttan

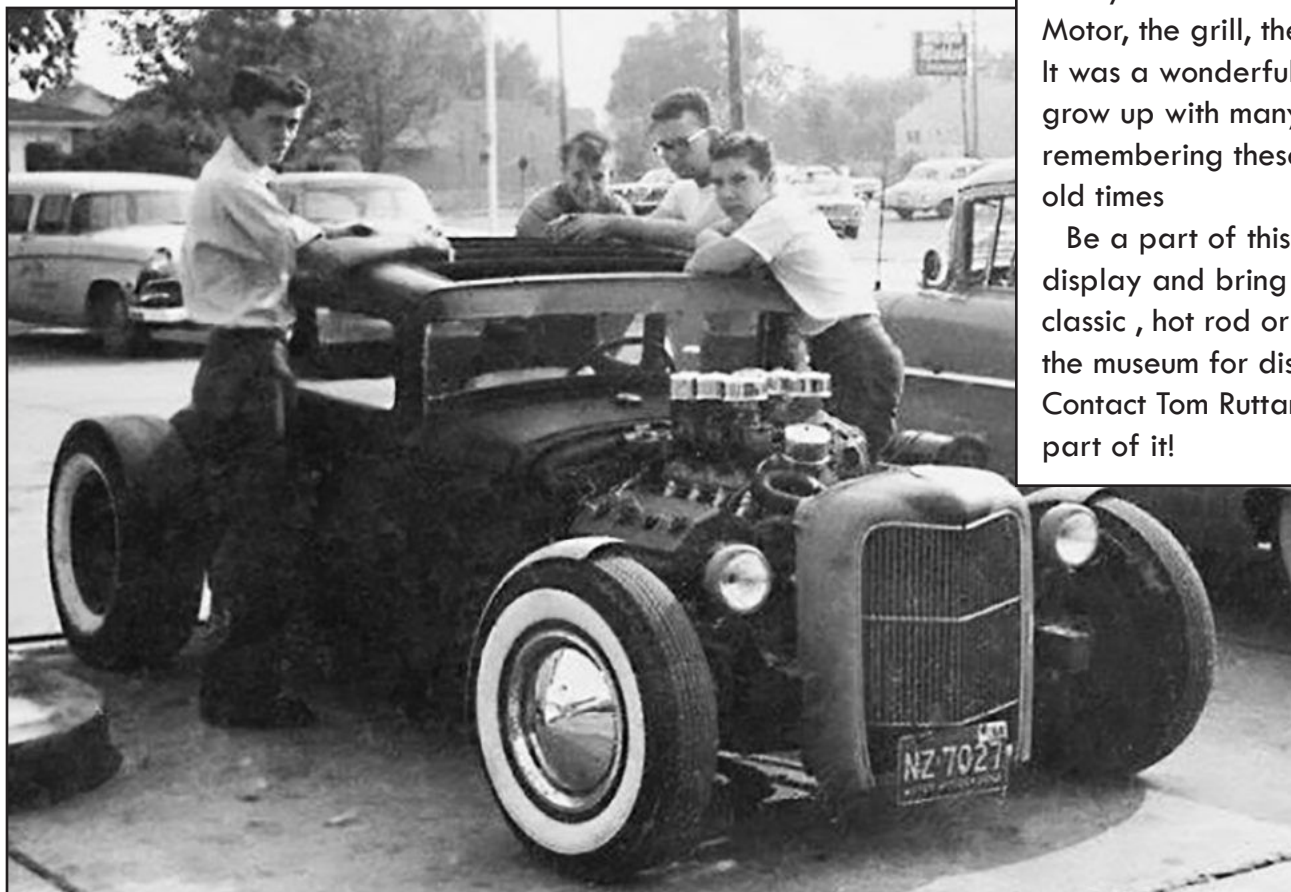
We had a NWVCMM display at The One Motorcycle Show at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland on February 7-9, 2020. We set up the 1927 Indian/Ace Four (that is on long term loan from the Brower family) since Indian motorcycles were the featured marque at the show. We also put up our museum banner and handed out literature and brochures promoting the museum.

The One Show has grown, over about 10 years, from a small regional show to an internationally known event. They had 60,000 people attend the show with a significant turnout of younger folks and young families. So it was a great opportunity to show off our museum to the younger generation. The Indian/Ace was a great hit and we handed out a lot of brochures to interested folks.



CAR SHOWCASE

By Andy Ottolia



In preparation for our 1950s to 70s display this summer, here's a typical Hot Rod scene of the past. Can you name the Car, the Motor, the grill, the year? It was a wonderful time to grow up with many of us remembering these good old times

Be a part of this summer's display and bring out your classic, hot rod or bike to the museum for display. Contact Tom Ruttan to be a part of it!

Total Recall

By Martin Doerfler, resident poet

In high school my gearhead buddies
didn't talk much about sex
We talked about what we were having
Legendary wrecks

Jerry in his '40 Chev coupe
road racing the Liberty esses
didn't see the parked Cadillac
and made one of the classic messes

Out on the mean coast highway
a terrible crash that was fatal
but most accidents were minor events
We were damn lucky and grateful

Del had a couple of doozies
On River the old widow maker
Rolled his Buick into the ditch
and before that, his mom's Studebaker

Don built a pretty shoebox Ford
sold it to Ronnie his brother
who lost control, hit a big Oak tree
and made the headlights look at each other

Those were a few of the big ones
so many others were small
but mere fender benders were quickly forgotten
we only had TOTAL recall

The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie



Today's toy is rather unusual and totally unique here in the States.

This fire department ladder truck was made by the JOHILLCO CO. of England back in 1934. The name is short for John Hill but apparently nobody knows why or who he was. Similar in manufacture to the slush cast toys made here in the US in the 20's, I find it very similar in construction to the 30's Tootsie Toy and also the English Dinky toys by Meccano

They were best known for their hollow cast lead toy soldiers. That was a real pain

for the Britains Toy Soldiers Co., as the John Hill versions were cheaper and sold individually not like Britains', which sold in sets.

They started producing lead cast toys in 1898 and went over to plastic in the 50's. They soon after went out of business in the early 60's. They are said to have had many different sculptures involved in creating various toys. Some were good, some were bad, and the rest were ugly.

This truck was done well and escaped the ravages of time. What's amazing to me is it still retains all its crew and still has a ladder or two! There is a hand crank that raises up the ladder. But be careful...one short loss of attention of the crew and off you go during a corner!



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1-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

	ALL APRIL EVENTS POSTPONED OR CANCELLED
April	
May 1	Winter car storage move-out
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Speedster Class (dependent on restrictions)
May 21	Board Meeting 2 PM at Nelson Building
May 23	Summer move-in
June 6	Museum open for summer
June 18	Board Meeting 2 PM at Nelson Building.
June 20	Rendezvous 8 AM to 4 PM.
June 26-27	Branch 15 Swap Meet 7 AM to 5 PM.
July 3-5	All American Trailer Rally 10 AM to 5 PM.
July 16	Museum Board Meeting 2 PM at Nelson Building.
July 19	Forest Grove Concours D'Elegance

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