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KEEP THE AMERICAN DREAM ALIVE YOUR DOLLARS STILL COUNT DOUBLE!

MATCHING FUNDS ENDS OCTOBER 31

Your museum is the sum of 30 years of car and motorcycle enthusiasts coming together with a common dream. This dream is to educate the public and future generations about an important part of the American Dream. It is a story of freedom, mobility and independence. It is the story of the automobile.

Not only did this open up our beautiful country to the average American, but it also ushered in an age of ingenuity, prosperity and made our country a great industrial power.

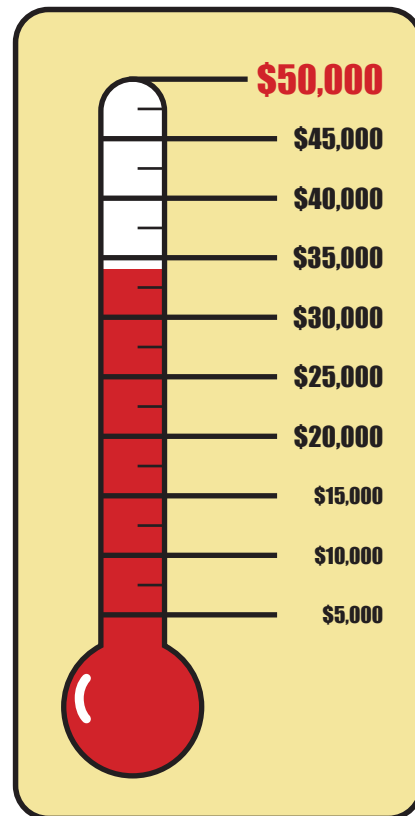
Henry Ford made this possible for the average citizen by offering a new Model T in the 1920s for a little over \$300. He sold 15 million of his cars and put America on wheels.

In the roaring 20s, fifty percent of the cars on the roads were Fords, and our country was respected throughout the world as a beacon of hope. Most of us have fond memories of our first car and the thrill to drive.

Today, we take the automobile for granted, but its story must be told. It is our duty to promote the hobby and instill this passion in our youth. Take the time to talk and show youngsters your classic car. Tell them about the hobby and tell them about the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum and how the Speedster

Program can help them learn auto mechanics, restoration, upholstery, and welding.

Get involved. With today's cell phone culture, this can be a tall order. But your museum is doing its part in this endeavor.



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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 _____

Occupation (current or past) _____

Spouse/significant other _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone numbers (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

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

Membership levels:

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

Tell us about your vehicle(s) 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!*

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Volunteers of the Quarter: The "Thursday Crew"

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Jeff Horn	Jack Adams	Don Blain
Dave Mulheron		

BUILDING CREW

Gary LeMaster	Doug Nelson	Rick Simmons
Arlene Popelka	Jim Brown	Jim Cutting
Ruth Jarmusz	Tom Ruttan	Andy Ottolia
Scott Olson	Pat Roby	

ORGAN CREW

Stephen Miller	Connie Miller	Tom Popelka
Jerry Ekstrom	Tony Kraxberger	

Thanks to all these fine hardworking volunteers who show up almost every Thursday for our museum work days. Want to help but not sure where you're needed? Come by any Thursday from 9 – 2 and we'll find a spot for you!

Ruthless Torque: Joke of the Quarter

Collected by Ruth Jarmusz

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So, Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running!"

From : <https://upjoke.com/motorcycle-jokes>

Letter from the President

By Ron Smith, President

We just had day one of the Speedster Program for the year with eight students and eight mentors. It's going to be a great year!

The elevator is making progress. They have part of the door downstairs installed, and the floor moves up and down. We passed our upstairs inspection and need to finish off a few things to get that part completed.

Donations have been coming in for the Matching Funds Campaign (we can always use more). I want to thank everyone that has donated. It has helped pay for all of the "extras" to put in an elevator, like fire alarm upgrades, electrical upgrades, sprinkler upgrades, just to mention a few.

We keep working on maintenance around the Museum, things like fixing insulation on the roof in the Nelson Exhibit Hall, filling cracks around the front sidewalk to parking lot seams, cleaning and weed eating around the south side of the Museum.

This season has gone by so fast, and we have had a lot of help keeping the place filled with docents, along with cleaning and maintenance projects.

The Organ Gang has had a busy season, also with many upgrades to the organ. There are many, many hours involved with keeping it in tune and working properly. They keep adding new sounds to the system and updating the electronics.

Chandler Field is looking great and has been the site of several car shows this year, as well as our own bi-monthly Night at the Museum Cruise-In, which averaged 30-50 cars. Chandler Field also hosted several picnics and camping events. By the time you read this article, the last car show of the season should be complete.



Powerland's Halloween event will be happening in October, and the Holiday Sparkle will be the second, third and fourth weekends in December. Christmas yard art is always a welcome donation to the Museum.

We love cars, so if you have an old car you would like to donate, we would love to help you out. Your donation is tax deductible.

We are always looking for auto and oil product signs to put around the Museum.

We will also be storing cars again this winter, so call us as soon as possible to reserve a space. We fill up fast.

The Museum now has a new Vice President, Tony Darcy (Speedster mentor and all-around great guy). This museum runs on volunteers. Without you, we can't do what we do. So, thanks to you all, and let's keep cruisin'.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your reasonable membership fees only cover about one third of the cost to run the Museum. Those fixed expenses like water, gas, electricity, sewer, insurance and maintenance. The other two thirds of these fixed costs is covered by income from the winter storage of cars and motorcycles and the donations we get from visitors to the Museum in the summer. Because these sources of income only cover the cost of running the Museum, any capital improvement project, such as our new second floor buildout, has to be fundraised. So please, donate today while Matching Funds is in effect!

Speedster Program Welcomes New School Year, New Students

By Gary Dennis

It is the evening before the first day of class as I write this report. The mentors and I spent the summer working on shop organization improvements and on the building. It is showing its age and will need an infusion of dollars and work to bring it up to snuff. Windows and siding are the major issues to be addressed.

We are expecting eight students for the fall term (capacity is 10) and are excited to start. There are three returning students, all others are new. For the first time in many years, we have enrolled a female student! Tony signed her up and she has “working with Dad in the garage” experience!

Among the projects we are working on are:

1. The '26 Chevy pie wagon (and making good progress)
2. The '23 Chevy 4 dr convertible sedan
3. The Model A chassis is essentially done and ready for a test drive
4. Getting the donation '34 Chrysler engine running
5. Machine shop - mount the finished MGB engine on the run stand and start it up! Start on the “basket case” MGB engine overhaul.

We will be running some basic theory classes for the first time to accommodate students starting from scratch. I will be using some YouTube videos as well as our cutaway engines and transmission to cover the basics.

As always, I want to thank my fellow mentors for the donation of their precious time to the program. They are Jack Adams, Arlen Buck, Don Blain, Doug Cody, Tony Darcy, Les Layton, Dave Mulheron and Jeremy Scholz. Thanks guys. The Museum couldn't fulfill its goal without you.

Benefactors Speak: Why Do You Donate to the Museum?

“As a teenager my wheels meant everything to me. I have so many fond memories of working on my hot rod, my friends, and the life lessons I learned along the way. I feel the Museum is doing a great job of keeping history alive and teaching kids how to work on cars and be responsible citizens. I guess, deep inside, I would like teenagers today to experience what I did growing up in the 60s in America.” —Cary P.

“I joined the Museum because I admire cars as art. My brother taught me car appreciation early on. I appreciate that members are enthusiastic about preserving automotive and motorcycle history. I want to continue to promote the Museum and history of cars and motorcycles.” —Ruth J.

“I feel it's my responsibility to participate in supporting the Museum and its core missions. It takes more than the many hours of effort, expertise and drive to make an organization a true success. We need to complete what we have successfully started to build. Everyone needs to step up to complete the building and make it an admirable venue.” —Jim C.

“I want today's youngsters to learn about the past and also learn a trade. Basic knowledge of Auto Mechanics, its tools and working on a team to accomplish a task are very valuable in life. The Speedster program does a great job doing this. This is why I have supported the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum for many years. I have seen the growth and its value to our community.” —Jerry C

Lifestyles Summer Wrap-Up

By Pat Roby



The Lifestyle committee worked hard this year to put together complementary displays for our theme of cars and motorcycles in movies and TV series. Our hard-working docents Kathy Beutler, Eleanor Eyman, Karen Farwell, Connie Miller, Linda Leek, Joanne Blain and I heard lots of positive comments about the displays and especially about our raffle quilt.

Joanne Blain and her daughter Robin Saunders put together a fantastic quilt that was much admired and praised for its beauty and creativity. We are so fortunate to have such talented people in our midst, that are willing to give of themselves.

And congratulations to Dane Harr, who won the quilt. He lives in Vancouver,

Washington. He was so excited to find out he won the quilt. He has two teenage daughters who were very excited when he purchased the tickets — now the decorating begins.

We are already looking forward to next year and generating new ideas for the 2026 theme! If you are interested, we will start planning for the next season after the holidays.

Additionally, the visitors to our Lifestyles area always enjoy the quilt display, so if you have any that you would be willing to loan us for the upcoming summer season, please contact me. Also, if you have any items that you would like to donate to Lifestyles, we welcome donations all year round. Contact Pat Roby at 503-705-6015 cell, 503-692-0774 home, or e-mail at truckgirl51@yahoo.com.



Quilt winner Dane Harr and his daughter (who was gifted the quilt by her father!)

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In a time when manual arts are dwindling in our country, our Speedster Program empowers students to learn this lost trade.

Over 300 students have benefited from this education, and today, the shop is buzzing with 20 students and mentors. Thanks to countless volunteers and donations over the years, this dream has continued and prospered into what you see today.

Please, I ask you to be a part of this dream into the future. Be a part of the Matching Funds Campaign going on right now to finish the much anticipated 6,000 square foot upstairs buildout. This will encompass a

large conference area for educating our youth and for seminars, special events, and a library with historical books and magazines.

This is the last major capital improvement project, and we need everyone aboard.

So far we have raised \$34,000. Only about 5% of our mailing list has participated. HAVE YOU? Donate now with the form on the next page and get it in by October 31 for it to double!

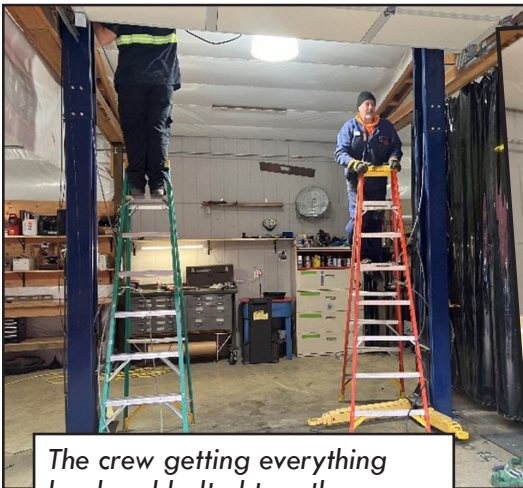
Be a part of the American Dream in its history and for motivating and teaching future generations. Join us, together, to continue this noble endeavor.

Speedster Shop Gets a Lift

By Tony Darcy

Tony's crew at US Crane and Hoist called and said they haven't used our two-post car lift in over a year and didn't plan on using it again. I had originally given the approval to sell the unit but decided the speedster program would benefit greatly from this. I called my service manager and asked when we could get on the schedule for installation, he said tomorrow!!!! The US Crane crew showed up at 7:30 Wednesday morning and went to work. We were all

cleaned up and out of there at 11:30 with a 9000# capacity car lift installed! Now we just need to sweet talk Jerry, our awesome electrical master, into running some power to the unit. This will provide a much safer environment for the kids working underneath the vehicles as well as making every job a bit easier! Thanks to the crew from US Crane who came down to install and thank you for the donation. The kids in the speedster program will love it!!!



The crew getting everything level and bolted together



INSTALLED!
Thank you A.C. Darcy and
U.S. Crane and Hoist!

Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party

By Ruth Jarmusz

Please join us at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum on Sunday, December 7 from Noon to 4 pm. We will serve pizza and soda, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Holiday attire requested but not required! We will have live music, a 50/50 raffle, a few games, and a silent auction which will include a one year free membership to the Museum. Please attend and share the holiday season with your fellow members! Please RSVP to Ruth by Monday, December 1 at 909-554-0584 (text) or by email to readingsgr8fun@yahoo.com. If you have something you would like to donate for the silent auction text or email Ruth.



A Summer to Remember

By Tom Ruttan

It started during the cold and wet days of last January. We all knew that mid-May, our target date for opening the Museum's 2025 display, would come much sooner than these cold and summer-detached winter days would have us believe. But we have been here before, this crack crew of dreamers and planners who have always

created memorable experiences for museum visitors in summers past. Our challenge is to try to make it better (and different) than before, no easy task!

The ideas came in fits and starts at first, but when creative people get together the creative juices start flowing and before we knew it, we were on our way. Someone suggested a movie car theme. Since vehicles and movies and TV have always been a part of our collective history, it seems natural to run with this idea. It also seemed like a good way to tie the car, lifestyles and motorcycle displays together with a common theme. Also, the motorcycle folks wanted to do a special display this year around a famous dealership in the day and tie it into the movie theme. We had the grand idea and now it was time to make it happen and gettr' done!

This summer's visitors (and volunteers) have been treated to a memorable museum experience. Beautiful and unique cars that connected with movies and TV

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such as American Graffiti, The Godfather, A Christmas Story, The Italian Job, Thelma and Louise, Bay Watch, Titanic, Sabrina, The Rain Man, and others, provided a unique connection and meaningful memories to cars for the visitor. The Lifestyles display also carried this theme with the start of The Italian Job movie, a 1964 Jaguar E-type car in the middle of its display. The front motorcycle display consisted of a world class display of Triumph and Ariel motorcycles that was quite special.

We hope everyone who was able to visit the Museum this summer enjoyed these displays and made the trip a worthwhile experience. This is what your museum is all about.

We wish to thank all of those that made this happen, including the display committee (plus special motorcycle friends), the lifestyle committee, and all the docents who volunteered their precious time to open and welcome all the visitors this summer.



Thank You, Docents!

By Pat Roby

Once again, a Big Thank you to all the docents who spent time this summer in the Museum.

The docents have worked tirelessly during quiet weekends, busy truck shows, and of course our Steam-Up days. They greeted thousands of guests, gave tours, cleaned bathrooms, turned on video machines to highlight our theme of cars and motorcycles in movies and TV shows, and played the organ, to name only a few of the duties they accomplished.

The following members gave their time and energy this summer for docent work: Ruth Jarmusz, Jack Adams, Al and Judy Hall, Andy Ottolia, Alan and Eleanor Eyman, Doug Nelson, Karen and Bob Farwell, Jim Cutting, Gary LeMaster, Ron and Cindy Smith, Gary Dennis and Pat Roby, Stephen and Connie Miller, Jeremy Scholz, Will Fanger, Linda Leek, Ken Evans, Steve Price, Don Blatchford, Mickey Hatley, Tom and Chris Irwin, Rick Simmons, Martin Harding, Don and Joanne Blain, Nils Olson, Eric Olson, Jan Boldt, Tom Ruttan, Tom Przedwojewski, Matt Hackney, Neil and Kathy Beutler, Dave Koetje, Michael and Rosemary Bostwick, Tom Popelka, Rusty Medearis, Jerry Ekstrom, Tony Kraxsberger, Tony and Janet Darcy, and Tom Winterrowd.

If you are not on my list and should be, please reach out to me and let me know. I apologize for any mistakes, omissions and misspellings.

I know that we have busy lives and the time that these members give is a gift to us and our public. The faces of all our docents and members may not always be remembered by our visitors, but all of us make a difference and are indispensable to the functioning of our museum. Hope to see all of you next year!

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DON'T DELAY and DONATE NOW WHILE YOUR INVESTMENT is DOUBLED

Welcome, New Members! And Thank You, Donors!

By Ruth Jarmusz

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rick Campbell - Salem
Jeff Horn - Canby
Phil Lanzarotta - Walterville
Rick Patston - St. Paul
Ramon Ramon - Keizer

DONATIONS - thank you!

Mark Bjerke
Flynn Case
Beverly Chandler
Jim Cutting
Dale Deshon
Matt Hackney
Martin & Linda Harding
Thomas & Christine Irwin
Ruth Jarmusz
Tim Layton
Linda Leek
Nate Levin
Doug Nelson
Tom & Arlene Popelka
John Quilter
Pat Roby / Gary Dennis
Linda Shinn / Pete Charbonneau

Treat Your Ride to a Cozy, Warm, and Safe Winter

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 to 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 1 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 tgruttan@gmail.com for more info and to make a reservation.



Cruise In the Park

By Alan Eyman

It was a very hot day as you know on August 23. We had a full day in Canby at the Cutsforth Car show. A good number of cars and visitors came to look things over. Due to the heat, there were less cars than expected with around 640 cars, but 750 registered. We had some interest in the Museum's literature. We had the Museum model T and 50 Dodge Woody on loan by the Cutsforth family displayed. I want to thank Andy for sharing some pictures, and a big thank you to Jeremy Scholz for being responsible for bringing the Model T and all his help.



YOUR DOLLARS COUNT DOUBLE!

This is your chance to participate in the last capital improvement project at the Museum. The 6000 square foot second floor buildout will include a conference learning center, display area, library and restrooms. It will be used by visitors, speedster students, car and motorcycle clubs, members and volunteers. This will be a showpiece venue to teach students auto mechanics, have seminars on related topics, have car and cycle club meetings and a flexible events center.

Be a part of this exciting project. Donate today while your money counts double!



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The NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
is at Powerland Heritage Park,
off Brooklake Road, west of I-5.

I-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct 1 Willamette Valley Model T Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Oct 2 Willamette Valley Corvette Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Oct 9 Willamette Model A Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Oct 14 Oregon Tractor Pull Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Oct 15 Early Ford V8 Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 7 pm – 9 pm
- Oct 16 NWVCMM Board Meeting, Nelson Bldg, 2 pm – 4 pm**
- Nov 5 Willamette Valley Model T Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Nov 6 Willamette Valley Corvette Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Nov 11 Oregon Tractor Pull Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Nov 13 Willamette Model A Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Nov 19 Early Ford V8 Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 7 pm – 9 pm
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- Dec 3 Willamette Valley Model T Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Dec 4 Willamette Valley Corvette Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Dec 6 CAMC Christmas Party – Private Event, 4 pm – 9 pm
- Dec 7 NWVCMM Holiday Party, 12 pm – 4 pm**
- Dec 9 Oregon Tractor Pull Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Dec 11 Willamette Model A Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Dec 17 Early Ford V8 Club Mtg, Nelson Bldg, 7 pm – 9 pm
- Dec 18 NWVCMM Board Meeting, Nelson Bldg, 2 pm – 4 pm**

WEEKLY WORK DAYS
Thursdays, 9 am – 2 pm.
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!