

# Messenger



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## NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum



**M**odel Cassandra Norton poses with the Stutz Bearcat replica owned by the Museum at the annual Swap Meet and Car & Motorcycle Show. Cassandra spent the day working with visiting children, mingling with participants and handing out awards for the motorcycle show.



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## Letter From the President

By Tom Ruttan

It's hard to believe that summer has passed and we are now into the first days of fall. It has been a very busy and productive time for the Museum. The All-Club Rendezvous Car & Bike show was held at the end of June with a good display of vintage vehicles and great weather. This is the second year for this event and was a good opportunity for clubs and individuals to display their pride and joy in a relaxed setting and discover new friends, visit with old friends and see the various clubs in the area. We have had some positive comments about this event and the friendly environment created so the Museum Board is discussing options for expanding this show in the future. Look for some information and announcements next year when the time comes for the next Rendezvous. Our annual Swap Meet & Show was held in mid-July and we saw an increase in the number of vendors and a very good turnout of attendees. The car & motorcycle show had some interesting examples of vintage vehicles and many of the swap meet customers came away with some nice pieces for their projects. The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America held their international rally in Salem this year that overlapped our swap meet & show. This was a good opportunity to tell the 5000+ attendees from all over the world about our museum so I held an open house at the Display Building for them on the Friday before our swap meet and also invited them to attend the swap meet & show. We had 40+ come out on Friday to see our museum display and learn about the museum and a good turnout as well on Saturday for the show (it was hard to make a count amongst the other show attendees). The biggest event of the summer for us as well as Antique Powerland of course is the Steam-up held the last weekend of July and the first weekend of August. The weather cooperated (not too hot!) and the attendance reflected that with a very large turnout both weekends. This is a time when we get show off our museum and accomplishments to the thousands of visitors that come out for the two Steam-up weekends. I was happy to be able to help out again this year by arranging to have the big band I play in, The Kansas City Rhythm Kings, perform in front of the Display Building on the second Saturday of Steam-up.

We are at the end of the season for our 2013 museum display. This display opened up to the public on June 1 and closed September 29. This is our third season for these displays and featured a centerpiece of three 100-year-old cars and three 100-year-old motorcycles in addition to many other great vehicles. Thanks to Gene Walker, Doug Nelson and the rest of the Display Committee for all the hard work and great job this year in creating an exceptional display. I would like to thank all the docent volunteers who gave us their time on Saturdays and Sundays this summer to show our display to the public. Without your help we could not have done it.

Mark Moore continues to do a great job with the museum website. All the events from this summer are well chronicled on the website with lots of pictures and information. Check it out! Mark is working with the Board to implement a feature using PayPal that will enable membership dues renewal, donations and purchases of museum items on line using your credit card.

With this busy summer behind us we need to focus our attention to the fundraising efforts led by our Chairman Doug Nelson to build the front portion of the Display Building. Doug has submitted a grant proposal to the Murdock Trust for a matching grant that will go a long way to reaching our goal of raising the funds for the next phase of construction for the Display Building. We have high hopes that this grant will come through but it is important that all of us do our part in this effort. Since it is a matching grant, we will have to raise the funds to match in order to access the Murdock funds. Whether it is through the paver stone program, cash donations, vehicle donations or other forms of support, please do your part to take your museum to the next level.

All the best,  
Tom Ruttan

## 2013 Swap Meet a Success!

By Mike Bostwick



**T**his year's Swap Meet went off very well. We moved it back to the third Saturday in July, that was the 20<sup>th</sup> this year. We had more vendors than in the past and they seemed to be selling and having a good time. There weren't that many cars on display, but there was a good turnout for the motorcycles, because of a National BMW meet in Salem that weekend. Bike riders from all over the nation were there and a lot of them came to see the Museum and look at the swap meet. The attendance income was down because of

the changes at Powerland. People attending needed to pay at the gate to get into Powerland and then we split the amount. It went OK, but we need to up the number of vendors and people coming in for next year. We have an improved website and we are now on facebook so I think that will help get the word out. Next year's swap meet will be on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If interested in helping or being a vendor please call Don Petersen at 503-246-6939 or Mike Bostwick at 503-245-5444.

**Don't miss it! Our website has changed:  
[www.nwcarandcycle.com](http://www.nwcarandcycle.com)**



## A Big THANK YOU to our Volunteer Docents!

By Doug Nelson, acting docent chair

Our thanks to the following members who served as hosts to the visitors who came to the Museum this show season from June 1 to September 29. Several of these folks did more than one shift. By all accounts there were no problems experienced and all had a good time. Powerland was well-represented as well. Those who served were:

Neil and Kathy Beutler  
Don and Joanne Blain  
Marty and Katie Boehme  
Mike and Rosemary Bostwick  
Roger Burgess  
Ken and Jean Dietrich  
Burt Edwards  
Don Feller  
Ray Hansen  
Martin Harding

Bert and Lucy Harrison  
Bill Hellie  
Chip and Sue Hellie  
Bill Jabs  
Gene Jacobs  
Stephen and Connie Miller  
David Mulhern  
Doug Nelson  
Marshall Nelson  
Eric Olson

Nils Olson  
Don Petersen  
Lou Rollings  
Tom Ruttan  
Frank Smith  
Spike Smith  
Tony Vassallo  
Gene Walker  
Ed Weber  
Steve Zielinski

If you did not see your name on this list, you will have an opportunity again next year to be a docent (host). Let us all participate in the Museum experience. It is, after all, your museum. Thank you to those who served.

## New Shed Goes Up; Ed's Heart Rate Goes Down

By Doug Nelson, acting comedy writer



Our thanks to the five guys who rebuilt the shed (from left to right): Rusty Medearis, Mike Bostwick, Dave Mulhern, Gene Jacobs and Don Petersen.

Ed Weber, the Museum maintenance chairman, had suggested, hinted, requested, everything short of begged, that we needed a separate facility in which to store our lawnmower, gasoline, and miscellaneous hand tools. Now Ed is a persuasive fellow, and he convinced the Board to take action! The word went out and member Rusty Medearis stepped up and volunteered that he, Rusty, had a shed in his home back yard that would fit the bill. Rusty got help dismantling the shed and moving it to our museum site. Ed is now one happy camper (or should we say happy shed care taker?) and it is henceforth now and forever known as "Ed's Shed." Say, Ed we need a place to store some donated car parts, whaddya say, just for a little while, huh?

**D**oug Nelson displays his brother Marshall's 1937 Buick Roadmaster at the Oregon State Capitol's 75th birthday party on Oct. 1, 2013. Marshall also had this same car at the 50th birthday party in 1988 when he gave a ride to then-Governor Neil Goldschmidt and his wife. The Nelson brothers are looking forward to displaying this car at the 100th State Capitol birthday party in 2038, but are already making plans for grandchildren Henry or Dorothy to do the driving.



**C**ory from Oregon Memorials puts the finishing touches on the latest round of paver stones on September 12 in front of the main display building.

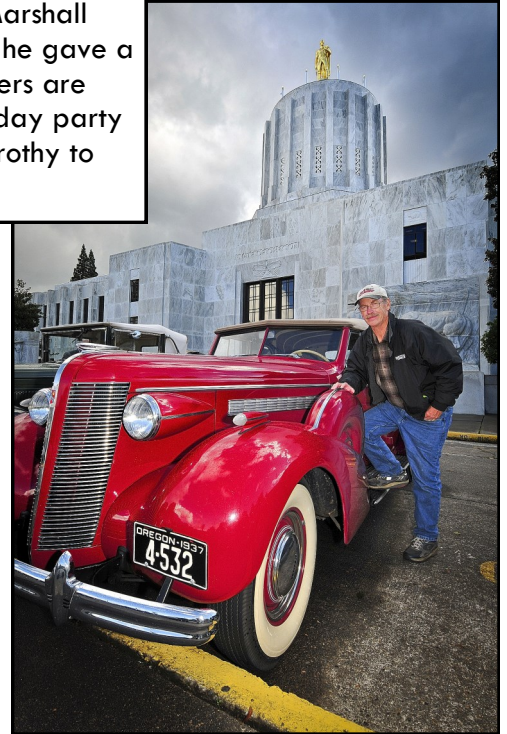


Photo by Ron Cooper

## Antique Powerland Announces New Executive Director

Reprinted from Sept. 24, 2013 press release

**A**ntique Powerland Museum Association (APMA), a campus of 12 heritage power museums near Brooks, OR, announced the hiring of its first executive director. Pamela Vorachek was selected for this new position. She will be responsible for developing long-term support, initiating innovative business practices, and facilitating coordination among the several museums which serve about 40,000 visitors annually. The position requires building relationships with community leaders, organizations, businesses, and the general public.

Pam has a successful background in supporting and managing non-profit organizations. "Her skills and experience will be welcomed at Powerland and will contribute to the long-term sustainability of this significant Oregon cultural resource" says Charles Philpot, APMA President. The executive director position was made possible by a capacity-building

grant from The Murdock Charitable Trust. Ms. Vorachek began work on September 23, 2013.

The mission of Antique Powerland Museum Association is to educate the public about the history and operation of machines and the role they played in modern technology and the quality of life. Antique Powerland, which opened in 1970, was originally established by a group of enthusiasts dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of steam powered equipment, antique farm machinery and implements. Today, it encompasses an impressive collection of museums dedicated to preserving Oregon's rich agricultural heritage.

Antique Powerland is located in Brooks, Oregon, ¼ mile west of Interstate 5 at exit 263.  
[www.antiquepowerland.com](http://www.antiquepowerland.com)

## Plan Ahead for Another Great Year with the Museum

Oct. 5-6, 2013: First weekend **winter storage move-in.** \$50.00 per month storage fee. Six month minimum, however, can be month-to-month after Jan. 2014. Contact Doug Nelson.

December 7, 2013: **Annual "Movie Night" at the Museum.** Enjoy dessert, door prizes, a raffle and one or more fun movies featuring automotive topics. Free to members and guests. Gather at 6:30 for social hour.

April 19, 2014: **Member appreciation potluck.** Lunch at 12:30 Last name A through H main dish, I through P salad, Q through Z desert. Bring a guest, drive a vintage vehicle, wear period clothes if you like, have fun!

May 1-3, 2014: **Storage vehicles move out.**

May 3-30, 2014: **New car and motorcycle display move-in.** This is a member benefit. Call Gene Walker or Doug Nelson if you would like to display your vehicle.

June 7-8, 2014: **First weekend Museum open to the public.** Docents should be ready for the new season. Museum hours will be 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm on Sundays. Until further notice we will be closed on Sunday mornings except for Steam-Up weekends.

June 28, 2014: **Annual All-Club Car and Motorcycle Rendezvous.** Free entry to members and guests driving or riding in or on a vintage vehicle. For the public, there will be a \$5.00 per person Powerland fee.

July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3, 2014: **Steam-Up at Powerland.** We need a full complement of docents for this.

Aug. 16, 2014: **Annual Truck Show** at Powerland put on by The Pacific Northwest Truck Museum. This is a great time to promote our Museum.

## A Special Visitor

By Chip Hellie

Several weeks ago our museum was visited by a very special visitor. Our own Doug Nelson gave a special tour to Jeff Ray, who is the Executive Director of the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum which is located in Birmingham, Alabama.

Our motorcycle enthusiasts are probably familiar with this museum, but for those who haven't heard about them they should check them out at [www.barbermuseum.org](http://www.barbermuseum.org). Their museum is, without a doubt,

the largest, most lavish and phenomenal motorcycle museum in the world. The way they display their collection is truly amazing and everything is done first class. They also hold race events at the museum's racetrack and hold various shows and swap meets. A must-see if you're ever in Alabama.

While Mr. Ray and I were chatting one afternoon, I happened to mention our museum in Brooks. He said he had to go see it. He really enjoyed it and especially liked our

Model "T" Speedster program. He said Barber is also involved in similar programs. He placed great importance in educating our youth and in creating interest in early motoring history for new generations to come.

He apparently was sincere about his enjoying the Museum as he flew back the following week from Alabama with two Barber employees and asked for another tour. He also left us a very generous donation in the tip jar! Thank you Jeff!



## New Speedster Class Underway!

By Doug Nelson

**O**ur education program working with high school students for credit toward graduation will be entering the sixth year this fall.

■ Dean Lohman, Museum member and Salem Keizer School teacher, will supervise the young people and Don Blain, Museum member and speedster chairman, will supervise the mentors.

Speedster class days are Thursdays from 9am to 2pm, with a lunch break at 12pm. The first class this year is Oct. 3, 2013. Museum members and visitors are always welcome. Call Don Blain at 503-871-8696 for information. Dates that classes will NOT be held are Nov. 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, and March 27. You need not be an expert Model "T" Ford person to mentor students. Spending time working with the kids is greatly appreciated by these students and fun time for the mentors.



On July 18, 2013 the most recent speedster (pictured here) was displayed at The Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance. It was a "work in progress." Students Shania Colombo and Dylan Greene, along with Mentor Donald Petersen, were the proud presenters at the show. Shania and Dylan will be returning this coming year, as will six new students from Roberts High School Downtown Learning Center in Salem, Oregon



## FOR SALE: Support the Museum and get a 1966 Chrysler that Doesn't Run in Return!

By Doug Nelson

**T**his car has been donated for fund raising purposes. Appraised for \$1050. 440 engine, disk brakes, red and white color with white interior. Not running.

Appears to be complete and includes fender skirts. What is your best offer? Call Doug Nelson 503-399-0647



## In Memoriam: Ole Bjorn Klingenberg Rasmussen

May 21, 1935 - July 28, 2013



By Pernille Rasmussen

**B**jorn was born May 21, 1935 in Copenhagen, Denmark. After completing an engineering degree in Denmark, he began a career in the trucking industry, starting in Sweden with Volvo Trucking, and finishing at Freightliner in Portland, OR.

He met his wife, Carina, in Paris in 1960, and they were married on January 1, 1964. Having spent a couple of years living in Los Angeles in the mid sixties, Bjorn and Carina jumped at the chance to move to the U.S., and did so with their 5-year-old daughter, Pernille. They began a westward migration that took them from New Jersey to Oregon, with a few years in Ohio in between.

Bjorn had a lifelong love of motorcycles as well as vintage cars. Having owned numerous motorcycles and cars throughout his life, he turned his attention to vintage bikes and cars later in life. He completed thorough restorations of many motorcycles, starting with a 1964 Norton Atlas, and was working on his latest project, a 1949 MG at the time of his death.

Bjorn had many other interests as well. He was passionate about polar exploration, and had amassed a large collection of books on the subject. He loved to travel, especially to places having some part in the history of his home country of Denmark. Even in his last months, he was hoping to make another trip to Iceland with a lifelong friend from his childhood. The Vikings got around!

He was an avid outdoorsman, climbing many local peaks, and hiking and camping all over the country. When he and Carina were looking for a new home to retire to, he realized that none of the houses were right for them, and figured he'd just design and build his own. He did, and they ended up with a lovely Swedish country-style home in an old holly grove in Silverton. They enjoyed many years together in that house before Carina's Alzheimer's disease prompted her move back to Sweden for care there. Bjorn made the trip back many times a year to see her.

In all his travels, Bjorn made many friends over the years, and catching up with correspondence was a big part of his days. He lived a full and rewarding life, and was able to overcome his cancer for all but the last few weeks and passed away peacefully on July 28, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Carina, of Sweden, daughter Pernille, her husband Job, and grandkids Amelia and Lo, all of Portland.



## Update for the Ladies: Quilt Winner is Delighted!

By Rosemary Bostwick

**A**nd we have a winner! Our quilt this year was won by Cathy Brunscheon, who is a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club in Portland and really wanted the quilt. She was delighted to hear that she won the quilt and that I could bring it to her so quickly. We took the quilt to her home and she said that when she had seen the quilt she knew that she really wanted it. We are very glad that it has found a good home.

The next year's quilt has been decided on and we are starting to work on it. If you would like to help with the quilt and have the time to make a square or two, please call either Joann Blaine (503-585-8078) or Rosemary Bostwick (503-245-5444) and we will get a square to you with the instructions.

At the October 16 meeting, we will be taking down the display that is in the ladies area of the museum. If you have items in the display, will you please come and collect your items.



Quilt Raffle winner Cathy Brunscheon and Rosemary Bostwick at the delivery of the goods.

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## The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie



**T**his nice wind-up toy is from the Schuco Examico series. Schuco was founded back in 1912 by Heinrich Muller and Heinrich Schreyer. They are most well-known from their fantastic windup pre-war toys, most of which had some clever features included. This is a post-war version of a pre-war toy, based on the BMW 328. It is marked "Made in Western Germany."

This car has a handbrake on the right which is pulled back to keep the functions at rest. Wind it up, put it in gear, release the brake and off it goes. It sports a 4 speed gearbox with reverse and all the gears work! It's probably best enjoyed by just holding it in hand and then shifting it through the gears. The motor changes sounds as you go into higher gears. It even idles while in neutral!

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## *The Poetry Corner*

### **Autumn**

By Martin Doerfler

Leaves turn  
sweet September turns to leave  
top down

barefoot and bleached  
so pretty you may almost ignore  
the figure hunched  
in lengthening shadows

snot nosed  
watery eyed  
frigid fingers jammed in parka pockets  
stuffed with cough drops and complaints  
old man February  
waits his turn

## A Day at LeMay

By Gene Walker

On Saturday, August 25, the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma sponsored its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual all brands, all years motorcycle show and concours judging, which entailed about two hundred entries. In addition to a fantastic array of two- and three-wheelers, we were also entertained by the Seattle "Cossacks," a motorcycle stunt and drill team which organized in 1938. Over the years they have performed from coast to coast including Harley Davidson's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2003, and also in Mexico. Their stunt trademark is an 11-man standing pyramid on 3 motorcycles. The members' uniforms are a color correspond-

ing to match all the Harley Davidson 1932-1948 year models. All the motorcycles basically stay within the organization; they are owned and maintained by the team. Retiring members have to sell their bike to a new incoming Cossack so most motorcycles have been used and abused for 75 years. Members' ages vary from 19 to 75 years old. Also entertaining the large crowd were three trials riders impressing the spectators by jumping and bouncing their bikes over a car and various other obstacles. Overall it was a very enjoyable event. The car museum was much more impressive than expected

## The Alvord Experience

By Martin Doerfler

After a frustrating 2012 racing season (2 mph short of the 250 pushrod class record) I decided to take a break from the 2000 mile round trips to El Mirage dry lake and concentrate on a once-a-year event at the Bonneville salt flats. I had learned about something called "the 36 Horsepower Challenge" promoted by the Utah Salt Flat Racers Association at their annual World of Speed event in early September. Basically, it's "how fast can you go with a 36 horsepower VW engine?" – modified, of course. My first thought was to build a VW sedan and drive it to the salt, compete and drive home but then I found a vintage (read trashed) Formula Vee race car for sale in Merlin, Oregon just north of Grants Pass. I bought the car and spent about nine months completely rebuilding it for the once-a-year World of Speed Bonneville event which was, the day before we

planned to leave for the salt, rained out! Much cursing ensued. I called my friend and engine builder Jerry Avis in Yoncalla and we formulated a plan B. We loaded up the race cars and headed for far southeast



Oregon and the Alvord desert. It's a beautiful (in the eye of this beholder) big dry lake about 100 miles south of Burns, 50 miles north of Denio, Nevada. Kitty O'Neal set the women's land speed record there at over 500 miles per hour in, I think, about 1972. My wife and I rented a cabin in Fields, Oregon (population 11), Jerry camped in his VW bus and another friend drove down in his bio-diesel Dasher with camp trailer.

We spent a full day on the dry lake running the cars as fast as they would go – tuning – grinning and generally having more fun than we would have at an organized event. Of course, no records were set but that can wait till next year, barring another rain delay.





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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

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**August 2-3, 2014:** Steam-Up at Powerland, weekend #2

**August 16, 2014:** Annual Truck Show

MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM at the Texaco Service  
Station on the Powerland grounds. Everyone is welcome!