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SPRING HAS SPRUNG ON THE MUSEUM GROUNDS



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The daffodils and periwinkle brighten up show field and Chandler pavilion. Many thanks to Ed Weber for his tireless groundskeeping efforts! Ed is featured on page 5 as Volunteer of the Quarter.



Letter From the President

By Tom Ruttan

Spring is upon us and it is a time for renewal and looking forward to the coming season's events in our vintage car and motorcycle hobby. We had more snow in our area this winter that we have seen in several seasons, but nothing close to the winter experienced by the Midwest, East Coast and even parts of the southern US. Now that spring has finally arrived we are seeing warmer temperatures, a teasing of sunny days and of course good ol' rain, which won't stop us from charging into the spring, summer and fall with all the upcoming events at your museum. This will be another big year for the Museum with the various social events, shows, meets and the 2014 summer museum displays where the planning is in full force as of the time of this writing.

The Display Committee is putting together some exciting and unique displays including a three-dimensional display of a Ford Model T assembly line and a collection of vintage racing motorcycles covering almost all types of racing categories. Speaking of the summer displays, Eric Olson is now the Docent Committee Chairman and is calling for volunteers to be docents this summer. It is not too early to sign up as a docent so check your summer schedule. Contact Eric, Doug Nelson or myself to sign up. This is a great way to get involved with your museum, meet some great people and have a lot of fun showing off the Museum to the public. You don't have to be a brand expert or an automotive or motorcycle guru to be an effective docent; only a willingness to meet and greet people and make them feel welcomed and comfortable while visiting our museum. We really want to see more of you, our members, get involved in this activity to expand the dedicated core of docent volunteers that have anchored the docent work over the past few years.



This year is a very important time for the future of the Museum. As many of you are aware, the "Final Phase" fundraising effort is underway to raise the capital to build the front of the Display Building. We

have an immediate goal to raise \$140,000 by this August to apply for the \$140,000 matching grant from the Murdock Foundation. We currently have about \$50,000 in our building fund and plan to raise the rest through additional paver brick sales, scrap metal drive, member and outside individual donations and sale of some of the cars currently owned by the Museum. We really need your help with this! You can buy one or more pavers; donate your scrap metal, vehicle or cash; or take a look at the vehicles we have for

sale and consider adding to your collection.

The next Museum event will be the Member Appreciation Potluck on Saturday, April 19th starting with a social hour at 12:30PM and lunch at 1:30PM. Look for more details on page 10 and watch for an email or postcard reminder. We are also holding the next educational seminar on the same day at 10AM in the Texaco gas station. Dave Kaechele will be talking about racing a vintage BMW motorcycle with a sidecar. He will have his racing bike & sidecar on display during the presentation so plan to attend this before you come to the potluck. For your summer planning, note that the Museum summer car and motorcycle display opens on Saturday, June 7th; the All Club Rendezvous will occur on Saturday, June 28th; the Annual Swap Meet and Vintage Vehicle Show will be on Saturday, July 19th; and the Steam-Up will take place on July 26th & 27th and August 2nd & 3rd. Another great museum season is in store for you!

All the best,
Tom Ruttan

Happy 100th Birthday, Saxon Number 345!

By Doug Nelson

Museum member Walt Prichard threw a 100 Year Birthday party for his 1914 Saxon Roadster which was born – er, assembled – on March 19, 1914 in Detroit Michigan. Walt invited fellow Saxon owners and friends to this once-in-a-lifetime event held at his home and shop in Corvallis, Oregon. Coffee and cake with a special edible picture of the Saxon roadster was enjoyed by all.

Walt's Saxon is the oldest one known to exist being the 345th one produced. The Saxon car was conceived by Harry Ford, no relation to Henry Ford. During the first year of production over



10,000 cars were built, actually surpassing the Model T Ford. Saxons were built on a moving assembly line similar to the Ford Model T at the same time. They were an "assembled" car, that is parts were purchased from many different manufacturers, and brought together at one place to form the finished product. Saxons were built from 1914 to 1918 and cost as little as \$395. Walt Prichard has developed the Saxon Registry and self-publishes a newsletter twice a year for Saxon owners. There are 110 such owners worldwide.



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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)

Noted in Passing

Brice Fortier passed away Dec. 16, 2013. Brice had a long career as an auto body technician and he restored a number of collector vehicles over the years. He exhibited his 1957 Ford retractable at the Museum during our first summer display and volunteered as a docent. Brice was very knowledgeable about cars of all types and makes. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Billie Fortier and an extended family.

William "Bill" Boulware was an early member of the Museum and loved to display his rare Amphicar of which he was the original owner. "Bill" passed on January 23, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and after discharge became a professional firefighter, a career which spanned nearly three decades. He also became a commercial pilot and flew many years in the search and rescue field. Bill is survived by his wife of 29 years Virginia Boulware, four sons, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ed Godshalk's Automotive Adventures in Italy and Australia

By Tom Ruttan

Ed Godshalk entertained an audience of over 30 people on a sunny Saturday morning in February with wonderful stories and anecdotes from attending the largest automotive swap meet in Italy and then visiting Australia to participate in the "Tour de Fleurieu."

Ed started out by explaining the motivation the trip — two rare cars in his impressive collection. The Italian connection is his 1948 Cicistalia 202 (the name derived from "Compagnia Industriale Sportiva Italia," a company started by wealthy Italian industrialist Piero Dusio) that Ed describes as first modern design where the hood is lower than the fenders. He found the car in Albany, Oregon, and through his research found that the car had been in the 1948 New York Auto Show. He has found most of the paperwork and documentation for this rare car, adding greatly to its provenance. The second car connecting to the pre-war French event is his 1925 Amilcar CGS which he found in a barn (Ed proves that it still happens!) in Western Massachusetts in 1997. It is a French lightweight sports car with an 1100CC motor capable of speeds to 75mph. Ed has also found much of the documentation for this car through his meticulous research, showing its historical importance.

The Auto e Moto d'Epoca is the Italian equivalent of the Portland swap meet. It was held in Padua's event center that has over dozen large exhibit halls that are



filled with vendors of used and new parts for cars and motorcycles, countless displays put on by Italian car clubs, museum exhibits such as that of Alfa Romeo, and dozens of classic car dealers. Ed attended this event in 2011, 2012 and 2013 where on this last visit he hand delivered his Cisitalia transmission to a local expert for rebuild. He revealed some of his techniques for packing this transmission in his airline luggage on the way over and returning with Cisitalia parts in that same luggage.

Ed also talked about his trip to Australia to participate in the "Tour de Fleurieu." This was an event for pre-1939 French cars that that toured the Fleurieu peninsula in South Australia near Adelaide. There were over 40 cars featuring marques such as Amilcar, Hispano Suiza, Bugatti, Sizaire Naudin, etc. ranging from 1909 to late 1930's. Ed described many of the interesting cars and roads on the tour and had plenty of great stories of the amusing characters he met that own and drive them.

BRICKS! BRICKS! BRICKS! (WE NEED SOME)

New and used red bricks are needed to face the addition to the display building. Keep your eyes peeled and ears open. We are still collecting bricks to give our building a "historic" look. Donations of any number of bricks are appreciated and we have a place to store them for future use.

Docent Committee Now Taking Volunteers!

By Doug Nelson

Eric Olson has agreed to chair the Docent Committee this coming show season. (503-289-8889) Please sign up to host the Museum during the summer weekends. We will be open 9:30 am to 4 pm on Saturdays and 12 to 4 pm on Sundays. The sign-up board is at the Texaco Station. It will also be available at the annual potluck April 19 and during the month of May. Let's all help Eric out and make his job easy by volunteering for this fun and rewarding activity.

Volunteer of the Quarter: Ed Weber

By Doug Nelson

Ed Weber has served on the Museum Board of Directors for many years and can always be counted on to bring wisdom and guidance to the Board. The Museum has benefited in many ways by Ed's expertise as a craftsman in building benches, display boards, fences and gasoline storage containers just to name a few of the items he has designed and built. Ed serves as outdoor maintenance chairman. Recently the challenges of a wet spring have kept Ed hopping but he has marshaled his troupe of workers with his motto of "get 'er done" and they got the job done! Thank you, Ed Weber. We can count on you! You can see some of Ed's hard work on the front cover photo of this issue!

Shop Class for Grown-Ups Offered

By Doug Nelson

Starting Sat., June 7, 2014, Don Petersen, Museum member and long-time car restorer, will teach an adult class in sheet metal, body and fender repair on June 7, from 9 am to 4 pm will be the first of three classes. The next two are the same hours on July 12 and August 9.

Don is donating his time and experience, so this can be a fundraiser for the Museum. The \$25 fee covers all three classes. We will break for lunch at noon in the Texaco Station, so bring a brown bag lunch and whatever else you want to share or tempt your neighbors with. Water bottles will be available.

Classes will focus on shaping and repairing automotive sheet metal. You can bring your own piece to work on. Learn to use the English Wheel, slap file, and other body and fender tools for shrinking and welding metal.

This class is limited to ten Museum adults on a first-come basis. If the member would like to bring a grandchild or son/daughter for an eight-hour workday, the experience can encourage some extra bonding. The Museum will be open on these Saturdays, so this class will demonstrate another facet of the experience for our visitors.

Check your calendar and then call Doug Nelson (503-399-0647) or Don Petersen (503-246-6939). Registration is open now.

Speedster Class Begins Work on 1929 Ford Roadster

By Doug Nelson

The students and mentors of the speedster program are restoring a donated 1929 Ford Roadster. During the 2013 Forest Grove Concours a most generous party who was impressed with our speedster display offered to donate the car which had lain dormant for several decades. It needed a total frame off restoration and was missing a few parts but wow – a 1929 Ford roadster! Once it had arrived at the speedster garage it was inventoried and then totally disassembled by the students under the watchful eyes of the mentors. In general, the fenders and



body parts are fair to good with the usual amount of cracks and some surface rust. Overall, an excellent candidate for restoration of a stock Model A Ford. It was determined to repair rather than replace keeping with the goal teaching the students as much as possible about hands on restoration. Some of the parts needed are stock headlights, door handles, taillights, horn, rear window frame, dash panel and steering wheel. If you have any of these parts and wish to donate them please call Don Blain, our speedster mentor chairman (503-871-8696) or drop by the garage on Thursdays to check on the progress.

Rendezvous 2014

By Doug Nelson

Spread the word—Come to the third annual all comers and clubs get together on our show field Saturday June 28 from 8 am to 4 pm. Admission: Driver and one passenger of a vintage or collectable vehicle free. This is a fun and relaxed show and shine. Food available by Brooks Historical Society. Kids under 13 years Free. For the visiting public, Powerland charges \$5.00 per person.

Antique Powerland Newsletter Features Speedster Program

By Doug Nelson

The spring 2014 APMA newsletter (vol.14, issue 1) is featuring an extensive article about educating young people. This several page article focuses on our Model "T" Speedster Program, now six years old. It explains how the program came about and the positive influence it has had on both students and mentors.

We are an example that other museums can use as stimulus to develop and maintain a youth education program that is appropriate to their museum. A copy of the newsletter may be obtained at the Powerland office.

The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Presents the History of Vintage BMW Motorcycle Racing

By Tom Ruttan

Come join us for a presentation by BMW enthusiast and vintage racer Dave Kaechele, who will talk about vintage BMW sidecar racing. BMW road racing sidecars were dominant in the 50's and 60's. Those outfits were very specialized and cost as much as a house today. Dave and his partner Jason Vaden have a built a \$5-6k outfit and will explain its development. They raced it twice last summer and had some success, but said they still have much to learn. They have performed some modifications over the winter and will share that information as well. Riding a sidecar is enjoyable and you do not need to be crazy to do it. David hopes to explain his processes and perhaps encourage another team to develop an outfit to vintage road race. This is intended to be a highly interactive class with questions and discussion encouraged. Dave will encourage any expertise within the audience to be shared with the class. If you have an interest in BMW motorcycles, vintage motorcycle racing, or just motorcycles in general, please join us.

Dave Kaechele

Dave is a long time BMW enthusiast, rider and vintage racer. Dave and his brother rode their BMWs from Munich down to Australia in 1973-74. Previously he had owned a H-D and a Norton before acquiring his first BMW, but he likes BMW because, in his own words: "they just are so reliable and work so well that I have stayed with the brand." He has clocked over 300k miles on his BMWs and has vintage raced for 14 seasons, winning a club championship in 1999. He prefers the air cooled BMW twins, but owns a newer oil cooled twin as well. Dave worked in England for three years and did a fair amount of vintage bike activity while there.

Saturday, April 19th, 2014 10AM to 12 Noon

NWVCM Vintage Gas Station at

Antique Powerland, Brooks, OR

Annual Member Appreciation Potluck to follow directly after the presentation. See more information on the potluck, page 10.

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MUSEUM-OWNED CARS FOR SALE

The Museum has elected to sell some of the cars it owns to raise money to complete our display building:

1. 1953 Dodge Coronet
2. 1925 Buick Coupe
3. 1927 Buick Sedan
4. 1923 Ford
5. 1929 Ford AA Truck
6. 1966 Chrysler
7. 1919 Willis Overland
8. 1949 Hudson
9. 1928 Whippet
10. 1921 Ford Speedster

To inquire about any of these cars or to donate a car or motorcycle for this fundraiser, call Doug Nelson (503-399-0647) or Don Peterson (503-246-6939).

Fundraising Update

By Doug Nelson

The Building Fund is now at \$56,000 with recent donations, paver sales, and scrap drive donations. Our goal is \$140,000 by August 1. Let's all pitch in and make this happen so we are able to qualify for the Murdock Trust grant. Remember, donations are tax deductible.

The following recent donations are much appreciated:

Neil and Kathy Beutler to the Building Fund: \$2,000.

Beaver Chapter, Model "A" Club of America to the General Fund: \$525.

Bert and Lucy Harrison for the Speedster Program: \$1,000.

Arnie and Linda Anderson to the Building Fund: \$1,000.

Portland Triumph Owners' Club to the Speedster Program: \$500.

Emerald Empire Vintage Auto Club to the General Fund: \$200.

We Still Want Your Rusty Fenders!

By Doug Nelson

The scrap metal drive is going strong. \$369.85 worth of members' salvaging was sent to Cherry City Metals and a like amount to the dumpster box. "The Dumpster" has plenty of room. Remember a tax donation for our scrap metal is available. You estimate the poundage and we will give you a receipt. Call: Doug (503-399-0647) or Don (503-246-6939). Pick up may be available.

A Sneak Peek (or a Sneak Read?) of the Summer 2014 Display

By Doug Nelson

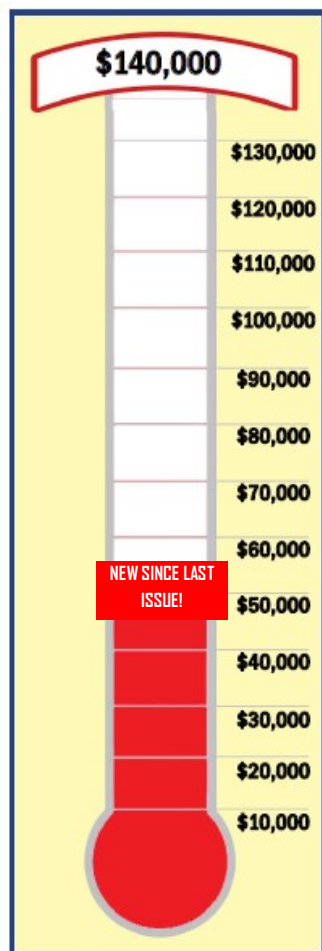
The Museum will display two new features this coming show season. A 1914 Ford replica assembly line and several large model gas powered air planes will be hung from the overhead trusses. The Ford assembly line will be constructed against the west wall inside the main display building and feature a completed Ford roadster and two "under construction" roadsters. This project will be constructed during the month of May. Volunteers are needed for this project, call Doug Nelson 503-399-0647 or Don Blain 503-871-8696.

The radio controlled model airplanes will give our museum a whole new dimension of inner space. The area between 12 feet high and 30 feet high inside the display building will be the sky where these planes will "fly." Should be fun to see!

Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum

Fundraising has begun for the "Final Phase" of the Museum Display Building. \$140,000 matching funds are needed to secure a Foundation Grant.

The new section will have dealership display, a theater, multi purpose meeting room, a library, gift shop and bathrooms.



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Help is needed to meet our Fundraising Goal

There are several ways to help, the first and most ambitious is a scrap metal drive. Old car parts & scrap metal around the house, farm or business can add up to dollars when donated to the Museum.

Collection sites will be available to bring your scrap metal donation to locations around the Portland Metro & Willamette Valley. Call contacts for sites or to arrange for pickup of your scrap metal donations.

Others ways to help us meet the fundraising goal:

- Cash Donations
- Donate a Vehicle
- Become a Museum Member
- Purchase a Paver Stone

The NWVC&M Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
All donations are tax deductible.



Scrap Metal Fundraiser

Come On Over And Eat! Member Appreciation Potluck April 19.

By Tom Ruttan

The Museum will be holding a **member appreciation potluck luncheon** on Saturday, April 19, right after the BMW motorcycle presentation (see page 7 for details). We will have a social hour at 12:30 pm in the main Display Building with a potluck lunch at 1:30PM and a short program at 2:00 pm. We will furnish beverages, tables and chairs, plates and utensils. Potluck assignments as follows:

Last name A_G: Main Dish

Last name H_M: Dessert

Last name N_Z: Salad

We encourage you to bring your family, drive a vintage vehicle or wear period clothing, though it is certainly not a requirement.

New Membership Fee Structure Announced

By Mike Bostwick

The Board adopted new membership fees starting June, 2014. They have added some new categories and also added an incentive for the 2015 renewal.

Categories:

Junior Membership ages 12 – 21 years \$ 20

Senior Membership ages 65 + years \$ 30

Regular Membership ages 21 – 64 years \$ 40

(A one year membership will be also given to anyone who purchases a paver stone.)

Family Membership \$50

(1 or 2 adults over 21 with any number of children under 21)

Club Membership \$500 the first year and \$ 300 each year after,
with a Representative (Regular Membership)
Membership given each year.

Sustaining Membership \$ 1,000+ in cash or material per year.

Life Member (one time fee) \$ 10,000

But wait, there's more! We now have an *incentive program*, where if a member volunteers 25 documented hours or more during the year they will receive a \$10.00 discount the following year from their regular membership fee.

The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie

This issue we have three vintage toys from the days of cast iron. These all have the nickel-plated solid metal wheels which were well received by parents when junior raced the toys across the oak floors, or even better, the freshly waxed table top!

The Bell Telephone truck is an old Bulldog Mack. Curious they used this model, as it was quite an old design by the time Hubley issued this toy in 1931.



There were six sizes of this toy made! I imagine this was done to suit the parents' purse or pocketbook as this was issued right during the Great Depression. The one pictured here is the 3rd largest at 7 inches. These came with all sorts of accessories, this one still retains a pair of ladders. They also were equipped with trailers holding a telephone pole, shovels and a post hole digger. Sort of a training school for the type of future the toy owner might expect when he gets older.

The other pair of toys is an Arcade Ford Model A stake bed truck (similar to the one currently in our Museum) being towed by a Hubley service car. Calling it a car may be more accurate than a truck as many early tow "trucks" were



often converted passenger cars. The sad thing is most of the cars that were converted were large and grand old cars. I remember when I was a child there was an old Rolls Royce Silver Ghost or maybe a Phantom that had a tow hook on the back. It was white with a red flying Pegasus horse sticker on it. Wonder if it survived?

The Poetry Corner

Wreck-quiem

By Martin Doerfler

Under the shedding cedar tree the boy hot rodder stands
with a pile of rust that was nearly dust when it fell into his hands
old timer willed it to the lad said "here ya are young son
it's time I let this classic go, I'll never git her done"

Under the shedding cedar tree the boy exited stands
he's got a date with Harbor Freight – a coupon in his hands
but youthful zeal and cut-off wheels can too soon go too far
and now there's almost nothing left of what was once a car

Under the shedding cedar tree the scrapper's flatbed stands
with one more load on the road to never never land
and the moral of this story the boy will tell for years to come
"remember that old car I trashed – that was really dumb"



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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

April 19, 2014: 10:00 am: History of Vintage BMW Motorcycle Racing (see page 7)
12:30 pm: Member appreciation potluck (see page 10)

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

May 3-30, 2014: New car and motorcycle display move-in.

June 7-8, 2014: First weekend Museum open to the public.

June 28, 2014: Annual All-Club Car and Motorcycle Rendezvous (see page 6)

July 13, 2014: 5 pm: APMA Fundraiser — Salem Keizer Volcanoes play Hillsboro Hops

July 26-27, 2014: Steam-Up at Powerland, weekend #1

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

August 16, 2014: Annual Truck Show

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