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## 4TH ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS A SIZZLING SUCCESS

By Doug Nelson

Photos by Ed Weber



A restored 1963 Lincoln Continental sedan snugles up to Ed Weber's 1927 Reo out on the grass show field.



Members of other groups, such as The Willamette Valley Model T Club, brought beautiful vehicles and enjoyed the camaraderie.

The 2015 Rendezvous, our 4th Annual, took place in spite of some serious expected temperature issues. The weather people predicted up to 100 degrees and a number of car owners stayed home. The actual temperature was quite pleasant for most of the day as a result of an early cloud cover and even a few drops of rain fell.

Paid attendance was over 118 and another 22 volunteers helped run the show. This was the second year that the BMW Motorcycle Club included our event on their summer rally to bring over 40 bikes to the event.

Our thanks to the early Ford V/8 Club of Portland and Historical Automobile Club of Oregon for donating door prizes that were raffled by Don Petersen, who chaired this event. Jack Adams (above) won the grand prize, an aluminum floor jack. A jack for Jack! Check out that smile on his face!



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## Letter From the President

By Tom Ruttan

Summer is here and the Museum is in full summer mode. The display of vintage cars, motorcycles and memorabilia opened the first weekend of June and is another great showcase for our museum.

Lots of interesting cars are there, featuring a continuation of the Model T assembly line and the 1909 Cadillac that was recently donated to the Museum. We are also proud to show a full display of Harley Davidson motorcycles spanning the early teens of the twentieth century thru the 1960's.

Our museum technical experts are putting the final touches on servicing the 1909 Cadillac's fuel system, brakes and tires so that it will be road worthy soon. If you hurry you can see the work in progress as part of the display (maybe lend some of your knowledge and elbow grease as well).

As a reminder we still need docents to volunteer to fill some time slots this summer. Please contact Eric Olson to sign up (see page 9 for details).

In addition to our other scheduled summer events (see the events calendar on the back page) we are planning to start the construction of the new addition to the Display Building in mid-August after the Steam-Up is finished. The goal is to complete the outside structure and make it weatherproof before winter sets in. It is really exciting to see the next phase get started but it also points out that we really need to put the fund raising for the new addition in high gear. In order to finish the new addition, we continue to need

your help with donations to the building fund as well as bringing others into the project to contribute. As you are probably aware, we have had ongoing dialogue with the Murdock Trust and others for grant money to finish this project.

Typically these organizations like to fund the final amount to finish the building so it is very important that we show that we can get the project to that point. That is why moving ahead with the exterior structure with the funds we have raised so far is very important but we also need to continue to raise the dollars so that we will be able to complete the project with Murdock and possibly other grants. It is really a credibility thing to show we are serious and can muster our supporters to make it happen. I know that you want this as much as I do so please help in any way you can.

I hope to see you at one or more of the museum events this summer!



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## Volunteer of the Quarter: Bob Farwell

By Doug Nelson



Bob Farwell (right) and Mike Bostwick work on Jeannie's wheels and tires.  
Photo courtesy of John Adams.

Bob has taken the lead on the restoration work on "Jeannie" our 1909 Demi-Tonndau Model 30 Cadillac. Bob has extensive experience with early cars in the 1905 to 1914 time period. In fact, he could be known as an "Automobilist." Picture him in a duster and goggles, and you'll get the idea.

Bob has become a mentor to several other Museum members as they collectively worked on the Cadillac's gas tank, exhaust system, wiring and the biggest challenge, replacing the time-hardened tires and tubes. Bob is shown here working with Museum Secretary-Treasurer Mike Bostwick on one of the wheels and tires.

Many thanks, Bob, for your help and guidance this past quarter!

## Summer Display Season in Full Swing

By Doug Nelson

We have another wonderful display of cars and motorcycles inside our nice cool display building this summer. If you haven't visited lately, be sure to stop by some weekend to see your old favorites, or some of these "new" vehicles on display for the first time this summer:

- A 1930 Model A Pickup with a Kohler 1500 watt light plant mounted in the box owned by Tom Popelka, very period!
- "Jeannie," our donated 1909 Demi Tonndau Model 30 Cadillac (see above). Jeannie is out for everyone to see even as she gets settled an attended to in her new home.
- A 1925 Ford Model T Sedan with a reported only 3000 original miles owned by David Hiersche the third owner.
- A 1972 Chevrolet Nova Sedan owned by Connie Miller and passed down from her mother, the original owner. The Museum logo car, a 1938 Buick Coupe Convertible owned by Doug Nelson (displayed for the first time indoors).

In addition, Gene Walker, chairman of our display committee, has assembled a collection of Harley-Davidson motorcycles for your summer viewing pleasure, the earliest being a 1915 Silent Grey Fellow, and the latest a 1961 Model FLH. All are in beautiful restored condition.

A reminder that cars and motorcycle on display are a Museum Member benefit and is open to all members. Please let Gene Walker know what you have and if you would like to display it. There is no charge to display. Storage for cars is available to members during the winter months at \$50.00 per month per car.

## Annual Member Appreciation Potluck: Photo Essay

Photos by Ed Weber



## Thanks to our Members and Volunteers!

On Saturday, April 18, quite a few members and their families came to our annual Member Appreciation Potluck. Wonderful food and conversation was enjoyed by all. The guest speaker was museum member Ken Austin, who spoke with his co-author Kerry Tymchuck about his new book, *American Dreamers*. We all enjoyed hearing Ken's stories and learning more about his work and business philosophies. Members and volunteers were also recognized for their service to the Museum over the past year. Following is a list of awards given. Thank you to all who came — let's do again next year!

The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum wishes to recognize...

**Doug Nelson** for his service as our only Board Chairman since 2002.

**Gene Walker** for his work as chairman of the Display Committee.

**Gary LeMaster**, for taking on the responsibility of coordinating campus maintenance.

**Dave Mulheron** for his work with the Speedster program and general volunteer enthusiasm.

**Dean Lohrman** for being a liaison between the Salem/Keizer School District and the Speedster Program.

**Don Petersen** for being an energetic mentor in all phases of the Speedster Program.

**Laura Nelson**, for being our "newsletter Gal."

**Mark Moore**, for skillfully developing our website into an attractive and informative site.

**Ron & Ann Sowerby** for developing and operating the Museum's store.

**Enterprise & Ken Logan** for furnishing a van to transport students from their school to the work site each week.

**Ed "Get 'Er Done" Weber**, for establishing high maintenance expectations and volunteering in every other aspect on a regular basis.

**Arnold Anderson**, whose countless volunteer hours have had an impact in almost every phase of design, construction, and maintenance.

**Ray Hansen**, for chairing the Education Committee.

**Martin Doeffer**, for his work as our poet laureate.

**Susan Hellie**, for maintaining flowers at Texaco Station.

**Rusty Mederias**, for representing on Site Committee and aiding Al Hall.

**Andy Voytilla**, for being a master in passing his expertise on to students.

**Dale & Marie Turnidge**, for their financial support.

**Eric Olson**, for his tireless work chairing the docent committee.

**Don Blain**, for enthusiastically coordinating the Speedster Program.



Museum President Tom Ruttan (right) presents Doug Nelson with a certificate recognizing his service as chairman of the board. Photo courtesy of Ed Weber.

## Beutlers Bring Home Long-Sought Roadster

By Neil Beutler

For quite a few years I have wanted a 1932 Chevy Roadster because of the body style and the hood side doors. I never saw one I could afford, or it was one that would take so much work I thought I would never be able to finish it. They have a wood body and although one can buy a wood kit, there is still a lot of work to make it fit.

In October of 2014 I saw an ad in a magazine and called to get more information on the car. The owner said that two people had already called and asked him to send pictures, and one of them was coming to look at it the following Monday, but he would call me if they didn't take it.

I didn't hear anything from the owner for about three weeks and then I got a call from him and he asked if I was still interested in the car. I told him I was and he said he would send me pictures of it. When I received the pictures they looked as nice as he had told me it was, but I wanted to see it in person before I would make the purchase.

I made arrangements to fly back to Michigan in January and look at the car. It was as nice as he had explained it to me. He started it in the garage, but I was not able to drive it because of the four-foot snow bank outside the garage and all of the snow in the driveway.

I told him I would buy the car. The next project was to get it home to Salem, Oregon. I had heard horror stories of having cars shipped – sometimes partway on open trucks, sometimes left outside in a lot waiting for a truck headed in the right direction. After doing some research, I chose Reliable Carriers Inc. I called them on a Thursday afternoon and they assured me the car would be in an enclosed truck all the way and would not be left out in the weather. The truck driver called the owner of the car that evening and made arrangements to pick it up at 6:00 am the following morning at the Walmart parking lot about three miles from his home.

That afternoon I got a call from the driver saying he would be at my house on Monday about noon. The reason it wouldn't be until Monday was because he wanted to stop by his home in Boise and watch the Superbowl on Sunday. He had picked up five cars in Flint, Michigan to be delivered to the Portland Auto Show and had room for one more, which was mine.

When I went to Michigan to look at the car the owner had a lot of extra parts that the car carrier would not deliver to me, so we made a three-week road trip back to Michigan and picked up a pickup load of car parts, and sailboat parts for my brother-in-law.

Since the car has arrived we have enjoyed putting quite a few miles on it, and plan to drive it a lot in the future. A couple of weeks ago, it was finally warm enough to put the top down.



Neil and Kathy Beutler pose with their "new" 1932 Chevy Roadster. Photo by Ed Weber.

## In Memoriam: Leland Michael "Mike" Larsen

June 13, 1945 - April 10, 2015

By Doug Nelson



**M**useum Member Leland Michael Larsen passed away on April 10, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington. Mike was a longtime member of the Museum and served on the Board of Directors from 2006-2009.

Mike was very generous with his time and his large collection of vintage cars and parts. He donated a 1927 Buick sedan to the Museum for our fundraising efforts. Mike was active in many car clubs, often leading tours and lending a helping hand to those in need. A celebration of life was held in his honor on May 16, 2015 in Vancouver and attended by a large number of his friends and family. He will be missed.

## Speedster Donated by Estate of Gene Barnes

By Doug Nelson

**T**hanks to the estate of Gene Barnes, a longtime friend of our Museum, a Ford speedster has been donated. Gene recently passed on this spring.

Gene built the car over many years using various Ford components. The frame is from a model A Ford, as is the pickup box. The main part of the body is from a Model T Ford while the "souped up" engine is Model A Ford with an overhead valve conversion. The fenders and drive train are from a Model A.

Gene drove this customized vehicle in drag races and hill-climb events, usually winning the races. Thanks for thinking of the Museum, Gene. We look forward to displaying it in the near future.



Photos courtesy of Ed Weber.

## Next Phase of Construction to Begin in September

By Doug Nelson



**Y**our museum Board of Directors has authorized the expenditure of funds to purchase the steel package from Pacific Building Systems for the front 60 feet of the Museum. This material will be delivered late September this year. The plan is to erect the building in October and make it weather-tight going into winter. We can then work inside as we gather more funds and construction materials. There will be opportunities for volunteers to help build the addition. The Board feels the time is now, before prices rise further. Other museums at Powerland have taken this approach and have been successful. Also, we can seek grants for smaller components of the interior and build as we gain those funds. Stay tuned for further details. If you have been considering donating to the building fund, now would be a good time! This is YOUR museum, let's make it happen! Call Gary LeMaster, construction chairman, 503-393-6069, for further information.

## From the Ladies: 2015 Display and Finished Quilt

By Rosemary Bostwick

**T**he ladies in past years were amazing in how they decorated their homes. Today when we decorate, we just go and buy whatever we want but the ladies in the past did not have that option. Most of the items in the home were handmade by either the women of the house or the men. This year we are showcasing some the items that were made of fabric that were used around the house. Come and see some of the fantastic works that they made to either help or decorate their houses. Our quilt is also on display and raffle tickets are available to buy at the Museum.



*Top: This year's stunning car-themed quilt kept the Nelson brothers' 1955 Mercury convertible warm during the annual potluck. Raffle tickets are available every weekend, winner will be drawn at Steam-Up. Photo by Ed Weber.*



*Left: Linens and books from this year's household showcase by the ladies. Photo by Rosemary Bostwick.*

## Stephen Zielinski: Museum Member with a Passion

By Ed Weber

A visit to the beautiful Stephen and Eileen Zielinski home near the intersection of Hazel Green and Cordon roads is truly a wonderful experience. It is difficult to tell if their home is a part of the nearby pear orchard or if the orchard is a part of the home site. When the door to their solarium is open, the open space of the outside garden is immediately shared by both the home and orchard. To visit either takes only a few short steps.

While talking to Stephen one soon becomes aware that Stephen is very passionate in everything he does. His love and skill for farming comes first and his passion for owning and driving Mercedes cars comes second. I asked him why Mercedes and he replied, "Driving and owning Mercedes cars is not a status thing for me, I enjoy driving them and I respect and admire the engineering that went into achieving their performance and reliability."

At the present time Stephen owns a 1955 model 220 cab/A convertible, a 1960 model 220 se, and a 2005 model 320-E/cdi. The 2005 model is his everyday driver and has all the modern conveniences found in today's models.



Stephen Zielinski with his Mercedes collection this spring. Photo by Ed Weber.

Stephen was a little "stove-up" from a recent fall and as I observed him leaving and entering the 1955 model, I could see the "suicide doors" were a welcome feature for him. If this was not his favorite car before today, but it certainly was on this day!

Thanks for sharing your cars, Stephen...and by the way, the strawberry shortcake at the EZ Orchards Short Cake Stand was excellent.

## Docent Committee Still Taking Volunteers!

By Eric Olson

The summer museum season is off to a good start with a Harley-Davidson display and the debut of the 1909 Cadillac. Docents have signed up for shifts throughout the summer, but there are still a number of opportunities available to help! Your level of experience doesn't matter, you just have to like people and old machines. Get out your calendar and call Eric Olson at 503 289 8889 or email [erilynolson@gmail.com](mailto:erilynolson@gmail.com) to see where you can be added to the schedule. There is also a master schedule in the museum that you can just sign. Many hands make light work.

## The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie



This issue we have a fantastically detailed Jaguar XK120 from Prameta Koller of Germany. Leave it up to the Germans to make such a precisely detailed toy. This rare model was made in the British Zone of Germany. Probably could be a good reason that a British car was modeled. These were released late 1940's and this particular toy was done in an absolutely beautiful blue.

It sports a fully stainless clockwork mechanism which is hand-wound with a chrome policeman (which is now missing). The spring is powerful enough for drives up to 60 feet. That's as far as I've gone on a few real XK120 test drives. By moving the lower fog light you can set the steering – or even better, you can program the steering by moving a lever on the underside of the toy. There are three settings: A, which is non-steering; or B, which is for big curves and lastly, C, which is for tight curves. The fun of this toy is its unexpected and irregular steering during curves. Steering impulses are automatically controlled by means of a steering fork, the fun is you never know what direction it's going to turn and a flea on the road can change your course. It's just like a real Jaguar XK120 when you tap on the brakes first time in the morning.

It also has a gearbox with reverse, neutral and 3 forward speeds. Gears are selected by shifting the rear backup lamp. All this in a five-inch long toy weighing in at just under a pound.

My father had one of these back in the 50s and I was not allowed to touch it or even breathe on it. Now I got my own and I touch it all over. That's one of the beautiful things about growing old.

*The Poetry Corner***Number's Up**

By Martin Doerfler

Papa died and the kids don't care  
 about that old race car out there  
 seems they just don't have time  
 for a banged up car with number nine  
 barely legible on the tail  
 but it was Papa's Holy Grail

He meant to fix it- it was next in line  
 then – no warning- he was out of time  
 and no one knows that racer's past  
 Papa knew but no one asked

Who built - who owned - who held the wheel?  
 that's the part of the car that's real  
 the iron is just so much stuff  
 to lose the story that's what's tough

Who won the main - who ran dead last  
 who bet the farm to make nine fast  
 someone flipped it though the fence  
 by the way it sits - the way it's bent  
 who died in the wreck - who live to race  
 another day in another place  
 and who's tired and dirty face was kissed  
 by the trophy girl - that's what we missed

But never mind  
 they'll auction off old number nine  
 and the auctioneer will solve her mystery  
 he's a pro at inventing history

Papa died and the kids didn't care  
 about that old race car out there  
 number nine – the guts? the glory?  
 Too bad we'll never know the story

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1-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem  
30 minutes south of Portland

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON!**

**Saturdays 9:30 to 4:30, Sundays 12:30 to 4:30**

- July 15** Museum Board and Member meeting at Texaco Service Station, 6:30 pm
- July 18** Museum Swap meet and vehicle display 8am to 4pm at Museum show field
- July 19** Forest Grove Concours De Elegance (Museum to display our 1909 Cadillac)
- July 25-26** Steam-Up at Antique Powerland. Vehicle display on our show field— in by 9:30 am till 3:30pm
- Aug. 1-2** Steam-Up at Antique Powerland. Vehicle display on our show field— in by 9:30 am till 3:30pm
- Aug. 19** Museum Board and Member meeting at Texaco Service Station, 6:30pm
- Aug. 22** Pacific NW Truck Museum annual Truck Show at Antique Powerland
- Sept. 5** Willamette Valley Street Rods 24th Annual Carousel Cruise, Salem's Riverfront Park, 503-801-2459
- Sept. 15** Museum Board and Member meeting at Texaco Service Station, 6:30pm
- Sept. 27** Last day Museum open for the year

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!