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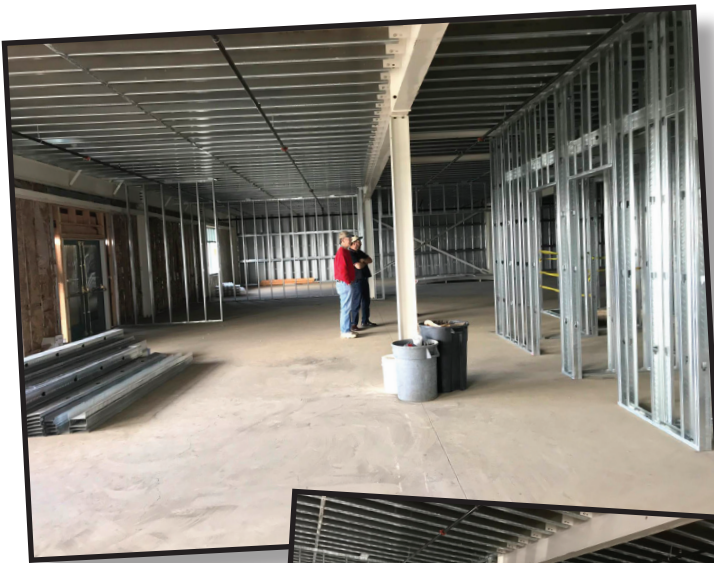
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## LARGE DONATION AND MATCHING FUNDS PROMISE SUMMERTIME RESULTS FOR GROUND FLOOR!

Article by Andy Ottolia  
Photos by Mark Moore



These photos show  
ground floor progress  
as of March 10, 2018.

I want to thank all those who stepped up and helped us financially to make our Matching Funds campaign a success. This March we surpassed our goal of \$40,000 raised. The campaign ends April 15th so you still have time to give for the the 2017 tax year. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit so your donations are tax-deductible.

Along with our Matching Funds campaign a generous donation of \$200,000 was received from the Nelson family, longtime benefactors of the Museum. We are very grateful for these donations as they will ensure that our construction efforts continue at a brisk pace with the **goal of having the ground floor finished by July.**

Again the Museum staff thanks you for your support, and counts on your involvement as a member, volunteer, docent or mentor during this show season.

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## Letter from the President

By Tom Ruttan

While this winter weather hasn't been too bad this year, it is nice to see spring arrive. With it is all the anticipation of upcoming Museum activities such as Member Appreciation Potluck (April 21), Summer Vehicle Display (June through the end of September), The Rendezvous (June 16th), The Steam-Up (July 28-29 & August 4-5) and the Truck Show (August 24-25). It should be another great year.

Speaking of the summer vehicle displays, work has started in earnest to plan and bring in vintage vehicles to have another great summer display. If you have any interest in displaying a vehicle please contact myself, Mike Bostwick or Doug Nelson and let us know what you have and discuss how it might fit into the display. Also we will need lots of volunteers to serve as donors this summer so please give me or Andy Ottolia a call to sign up for just one time or more if you can. Eric Olson remains as Docent Chairman but is working through some health issues and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Due to another generous donation from the Nelson family and a successful Museum Director's matching fund donation campaign (see Andy Ottolia's article in this newsletter), we now have the funds to move forward with the completion of the interior of the first floor of the new addition of the Nelson Exhibit Hall. Gary LeMaster is working very hard sending out requests for bids, coordinating work and keeping the project going as smoothly as possible for such a large undertaking. We are really fortunate to have Gary on the board and serving as Construction Supervisor, as he brings a wealth of experience to this job.

All the best,  
Tom Ruttan



## It's Time to Do your Docent Duty!

By Eric Olson

This is a good time of year to plan your schedule as a docent at the Museum for this year's season from the beginning of June until the end of September. The big docent sign up chart is ready and in the Museum. There are still plenty of good choices at special events and on quiet weekends as well. This will be an exciting time to share big changes and a new display at the Museum. If you are a returning docent, or a Museum member who has thought about becoming involved, please check your personal calendar for the summer in time to compare it with the chart in the Museum at the time of the potluck on April 21st. You can also call Eric Olson at (503) 289-8889 or Steve Johnson at (828) 461-8899. Thanks, Eric

*Dear Members,*

*It is that time of year when our annual dues are to be paid in May or June. Our founders created this wonderful facility that continues to grow. It has led to lots of community interaction and awareness and best of all, it has led us to create our Student Speedster Program. Please give to our museum.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steven T Johnson  
Chairman of the Board*

## Deuce's Corner

By Steve "Deuce" Johnson, Chairman of the Board

**2018 is off to a roaring start. We received a gift of \$212,000 to be used toward the completion of the first floor of our new Nelson Exhibit Hall.**

**At this point all interior walls are studded out including restrooms, meeting room and elevator shaft.**

**We just completed our Second Annual Summit Retreat at McNary Golf Club and came away with action plans for two, five and ten years in the future including assigning an executive committee to support our museum board within the next six months.**

**We had a special guest at the retreat, Shelly Kurtz from Giving Tech Labs in Seattle, who has a communications, public relations and marketing company that specializes in assisting non-profits.**

**Shelly and her company will be working with our board. They will assist with membership growth, sponsorship, donations, grants, space rentals for such things as car or motorcycle clubs and birthday party's for families within our museum grounds.**

**As far as Products, we will be focused on our inner circle, key influencers, current membership, future members, corporate social responsibility and consulting with other vintage car and motorcycle museums to strengthen our programs.**

**We will be using email systems, longevity, constant contact, mail chimp, video production and media only.**

**In closing we plan to have the first floor of the New Nelson Exhibit Hall completed in time for the Annual Powerland Steam-Up the last weekend of July and the first weekend of August 2018.**

**Contact me anytime @ thedeuceracing@gmail.com, I welcome your ideas!**

**Until next time, Ride Hard.**

**The Deuce**

## Speedster Program News

By Don Blain

**T**he Speedster Program has been moving right along this year and has several projects in the works. They include a 1929 Model A Roadster, a 1928 Chevrolet Pie Wagon and a 1926 Model T Ford Pickup. These projects are in various stages of completion and will carry over into next year when we should see some of them come to completion.

Students are being taught welding by mentor John Larson, upholstery by mentor Arlen Buck and carpentry by various other mentors. These mentors are a valued addition to the program as they continue to teach students what it takes to build a vehicle from the bottom to top.

The school has been able to sell some projects this year: a trailer that was built by students and mentor Jack Adams, and also the #4 Speedster that was built by students over the last couple of years and completed last year. Funds from these sales help keep the program running. We have also received cash donations from several people. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has enabled this program to succeed.



*Speedster students and mentors. (Photo by Ed Weber)*



## 1927 Indian Ace 4 on Loan to the Museum

By Tom Ruttan



Our museum has recently had the good fortune to receive a rare and spectacular motorcycle on long-term loan from the Brower Family. Gary Brower contacted me at the end of 2017 regarding his family's desire to display their 1927 Indian Ace 4 cylinder motorcycle that his grandfather, Nicholas V. Brower, restored and is now part of the Patricia and Chip Brower collection.

The Henderson Brothers produced a 4-cylinder motorcycle under the Henderson Motorcycle Company until 1917 when the company was sold to Ignaz Schwinn's Excelsior Motor Manufacturing &

Supply Co. William Henderson left in 1919 to form the Ace Motorcycle Co. but was killed while test riding one of his prototypes in 1922. The Indian Motorcycle Co. bought Ace in 1927 and produced their first 4-cylinder motorcycle under the Indian-Ace brand. In 1928, Indian dropped the Ace name, using just the Indian name from then on for the four. Thus 1927 was the only year for the Indian Ace 4.

This motorcycle was expertly restored by Nicholas Brower in the early to mid- 1980's. The engine and transmission were rebuilt by Ken Young Sr., a nationally known expert on 4-cylinder motorcycle engines. Nicholas did everything else, traveling the world in search of parts and advice.

Please come to the Museum to see his beautiful machine!

## Update for the Ladies

By Joanne Blain

**T**he Ladies have spent the winter months preparing for their exhibit for the 2018 display season. They have once again created a quilt which will be raffled to some lucky winner. This year's quilt features motorcycle fabrics which should appeal to all of you bikers out there. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Each year in the past we have tried to feature a particular area of clothing and/or objects. This year we will be featuring club jackets which show the club logos or patches. If you have a jacket that you would like to have on display this year please contact us. We will also be showing various dolls including vintage ones as well as handmade ones. Again, if you have any you would loan us please give us a call.

We are in hopes of having a larger display area this year and would like to have some more permanent items on display. If you have anything you would like to donate with this in mind, let us hear from you.

The Ladies will be meeting sometime in May to organize and set up their displays and always welcome anyone who is willing to come and help with that. Our goal is to have everything ready for viewing by the first weekend in June when the museum is open on weekends to the public.

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## Prized Alfa Debuts at Local Show

By Andy Ottolia



*A proud Doug and his prized 1933 Alfa at a recent show.*

The culmination of a career of 55 years collecting classic cars has just reached its apex for Doug Nelson, longtime auto aficionado and Museum founder. Doug recently unveiled his 1933 Alfa Romeo 8C Monza at the recent Salem Roadster Show. The restoration project, done with the invaluable help of member and friend Chip Hellie, took more than five years. It included finding parts in 3 continents and traveling to Italy to view and document other examples.

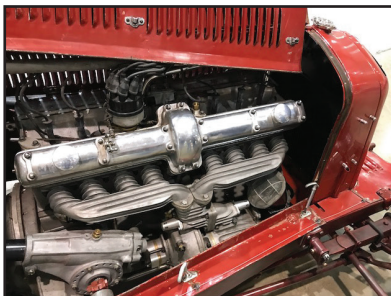
The car was found in a barn in Ohio and required a considerable hunt for parts. However, the body paint was buffed and retains its old patina. Only about 15 of these Monzas were produced specifically for racing and

most went to race for the Alfa Romeo Race Team at that time under the management of Enzo Ferrari. This was way before the first Ferrari was produced in 1947.

The Alfa Romeo 8c was the Super Car of its day. The engine was designed by Vittorio Jano and is a

masterpiece of engineering with twin overhead camshafts, and gear-driven supercharger. It was capable of 130 mph at a time when most cars ran no more than 30. The 8c dominated racing competition in the 30s and won many Grand Prix Championships.

This piece of automotive history will certainly be a wonderful sight around the Museum and at some local shows this summer. Well done, Doug!



*The masterpiece of the Jano dual overhead cam supercharged engine.*



## 1949 Fleetline Donated to Museum

By Andy Ottolia

**G**regory Ball of Irvine, California, recently donated a family heirloom that has been in the family for nearly 70 years. Greg inherited the car as a young man from his grandfather, who passed away in 1967, and drove it daily until 1971. It was then stored in a garage until 2018 when donated to our museum.

The car, a 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline, is in remarkable original condition with its original engine and interior. The seats even have the protective seat covers installed when new protecting the original factory seats. The body and paint are straight and very presentable.

1949 was a landmark year in Chevrolet production because it was the first all-new design after World War II and sales were very strong. The Fleetline model was very handsome with its fastback styling and lower profile. Many of these cars became hotrod favorites in the 60s, so few exist in stock form like this gem.



What makes this car so special is also its history and documentation. It was purchased new by Greg's maternal grandfather (Manfred Mohr) on December 16th, 1949 from Ball Brothers Chevrolet in Turner, Oregon. The sales documents on the transaction were signed by Elton Ball, Greg's father, who was one of the partners of the dealership. This rich local history and documentation makes this a fine piece of local automotive history.

Its new home at the Museum is less than 20 miles away from where the car was sold and enjoyed almost 70 years ago.

We extend our deep thanks to Greg and Carol Ball for their donation of the car along with a check for \$5000 to go toward the preservation of this fine automobile.

## You Are Invited: Member Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

**M**ark your calendars for Saturday, April 21st! We'll gather at the Museum at 12:30 pm for a social hour with a potluck lunch at 1:30 pm 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: Dessert**

**Last name H-M: Salad or side**

**Last name N-Z: Main dish**

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



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## The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie

This issue I'm featuring a remarkable old cast iron toy by Kilgore. It's remarkable in the fact that it's virtually as new.

At first glance one would expect a reproduction.

Second glance,

perhaps a very high quality restoration. On careful inspection it becomes evident it's all original. Paint, nickel plating, everything! That's remarkable when you consider it's around 90 years old!

The Kilgore Manufacturing Co. was formed in 1925 from the consolidation of 3 toy companies. They were first located in Westerville, Ohio, and later moved to Tennessee where they closed up in 1985.

There are rumors that some were also produced in Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

They are not considered all that rare but are somewhat harder to find in comparison with their other counterparts, such as Arcade and Hubley.

They made various cast iron toys such as cars, trucks, airplanes, baby buggies, and cast iron boats that had to have worked so well in the bathtub!

If you ever find one this nice you should own it!





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30 minutes south of Portland

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 5 – 8	PORTLAND OREGON SWAP MEET
April 5, 12, 19, 26	Speedster Class
April 19	Board Meeting 2 pm at Texaco Service Station
April 21	Member Potluck, 1:30 pm at Museum. See progress on finishing first floor of new building! Last name A-G: Dessert Last name H-M: Salad or side Last name N-Z: Main dish
April 22	Corvallis Swap Meet and Show
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Speedster Class
May 17	Board Meeting 2 pm at Texaco Service Station
May 25 – 27	Move out rental cars move in show cars and clean up area for Summertime display
June 2	Museum open for Summer
June 21	Board Meeting 2 pm at Texaco Service Station
June 16	Rendezvous on Museum Show field 8am to 4pm
July 3-5	Vintage Travel Trailer cruise-in

**MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS are the 3rd Thursday of each month, 2 pm at the Texaco Service Station on the Powerland grounds. Everyone is welcome!**