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A STEAMED-UP SUMMER: THE BAND WAS HOPPIN' AND THE GUESTS WERE SHOPPIN'



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Letter from the President

By Ron Smith

As I look back over my first summer season, I would like to thank all volunteers that make us what we are. The Museum would not be where it is today without each one of our members/volunteers. It takes a huge effort to staff the Museum with docents and to keep the place clean. The Speedster Program is a big part of the educational part of our mission along with the Lifestyles and Organ section. Again, thank you all. I can't say that enough.

There are a lot of opportunities for members to help. If you can help with any of these, please let us know:

- Maintenance
- Organization
- Displays
- Yardwork for Chandler Field
- Help with the sales of donated cars, motorcycles and materials (i.e., Facebook, Craigslist, etc.)
- Maintenance of Museum-owned cars and cycles
- Mentors for the Speedster Program
- Tradesmen to help with development of the Museum and building repair/maintenance
- Painting and reglazing the gas station windows
- Painting the trim on the gas station
- Installing baseboard in front part of the Museum
- Cleaning up area between maintenance room and motorcycle display
- Car maintenance and repair
- Continuing to be a member by paying your dues
- ...as well as many other Museum projects.

Remember that being a member, you can display your car/motorcycle in the Museum for free, along with the first option to store your car for the winter for a fee. You can have the opportunity to be a docent, which is the person that talks about the cars/motorcycles, along with the ability to meet the people that come in to see all the fruits of our labor. As a docent, you are allowed to enter Powerland, any day you are working, for free.



We also have a great library. A big shout out to our Librarian, Ruth, for getting it organized. Don't forget, you also get access to the meeting/party room, as well as Chandler Field for a minimal fee/donation.

I look forward to meeting/talking with you all over the next year and working to make the Museum even better. If you have any questions, I can be reached by

phone at 503-931-7879, or by email at nwvcmpres@gmail.com. We work at the Museum every Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm, or later. We invite all members to come down and talk or help. You are always welcome, even if it's just to come look at the displays. The Speedster Program runs at the same time all school year. There are lots of things to do with the kids, if that is something you are interested in.

We encourage suggestions on how to improve what we have done well, and things we have not done well.

Over the winter, we will have cars in storage from October through March for a fee of \$475. If you are interested, let me know.

We plan to have a Member Appreciation movie night (see flyer in this newsletter, page 12).

The Speedster Program will be at full speed by the time you read this. We plan to have a few cars for sale in the coming months to include at least one Model T Speedster, Model A Speedster, and maybe a few others. If those interest you, let us know.

We are going to need volunteers for the display committee to help work on plans for next year's displays. So, just because the open display summer season is over, there are lots to do around the Museum. We understand many of you work full-time, so we are trying to come up with a plan to make it easier for you to volunteer. If you have any suggestions, please let us know what might work for you.

Thank you all and let's drive/ride.

Ron Smith

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In Memorium: Marshall R. Nelson

By Doug Nelson



The Museum lost a Life Member and loyal supporter on September 1, 2022. Marshall R. Nelson was a quiet, soft-spoken man. Although he did not say much, he could always be counted on to do what was necessary and be present and supportive at our events.

Marshall had many wonderful vintage cars and especially loved his 1937 Buick convertible, and enjoyed displaying it at the Museum. In 1985 Marshall and his wife Joan drove the Roadmaster to Los Angeles where he won first place in its class at the National Buick Meet!

Marshall was born December 27, 1945, raised in the Salem countryside and lived locally for his entire life. Marshall is survived by a family of Museum members, donors, and supporters including his niece Heidi Olson (Mike); nephews Scott Olson (Jeanne), Ty Nelson (Laura), and Board member CJ Nelson; and his brother, Board member and Museum co-founder Doug Nelson (Kay).

A Win-Win Pickup Story

By Andy Ottolia

This is a great story with a wonderful ending . It makes the volunteers of the Museum happy to be a part of this win win project .

About 5 years ago Pete Charbonneau came to Powerland Heritage Park for the Vintage Travel Trailer Rally Show. This is a yearly event showcasing many

As she was when Pete hauled her to Idaho to begin her restoration.



restored classic trailers that are absolutely gorgeous. It is well worth your time to come out and tour some of the open coaches. Many are beautifully restored with color matched upholstery, polished shells and beautiful color combinations and generally towed by vintage cars and trucks.

While visiting our Museum he saw a rough looking pickup parked at our Texaco station with a "For Sale" sign on it. The old farm truck had seen better days. It was rusty, it was dirty and had an ugly shell on its bed. But it had the 396 motor with 310 hp. Biggest available engine on this model and perfect to tow his 1963 Aristocrat Land Commander vintage trailer. Pete bought the 1969 GMC custom pickup. It had been donated to the

Museum after spending 40 years on the farm. Our museum welcomes these donations as they support us financially whether we restore them or pass them along to enthusiasts.

After his purchase, Pete embarked on a two-year restoration where he did almost all the work himself. He spent a lot of time de-rusting the body and the bed and then sprayed it with a beautiful metallic blue and ivory paint. It looks so sharp with the custom period correct wheels, too. The upholstery was also redone very tastefully. The engine needed very little to get her roadworthy again. Since starting the project, Pete has supported our museum through donations and even donated his 1947 Simplex motorcycle which is in our display hall.

This year Pete and his wife Linda drove the truck towing his Aristocrat vintage trailer all the way from his home in Idaho to the Vintage Trailer Rally. Those of us at the Museum that remember the rusty truck were so jazzed to see its transformation.

This is a happy story with a win-win outcome. For the donor, for the Museum and for Pete and Linda. This rusty old truck was resurrected, and is back on the road with loving owners.

The 1969 GMC Custom pickup today. She is fully restored and in our 1938 Texaco station after the long trip from Idaho.



Lifestyle Corner News

By Joanne Blain

The Lifestyles displays have been very successful this summer between raffle ticket sales and miscellaneous items on our sale table.

The highlight, of course, was the raffling of the beautiful red, white and blue quilt. We were pleased that the lucky winner was Museum member, Eric Olson. You can see from the picture how happy he was to have won. Congratulations Eric!

Although the car displays will soon be changing over to the car storage offered by the Museum, the Lifestyles Area will be left intact as much as possible for those people who might have occasion to visit our Museum during the winter months.

We are looking forward to next year and what our displays will look like. It is always fun to set up for the next summer season. If you are interested in helping, please contact us.

We will be looking for quilts that we can display on our quilt wall and our racks. If you have one or more quilts that you would be willing to loan us for the summer season, please let me know. Everyone who visits the Museum is always interested in looking at the various quilts that we are able to display.

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Museum member Eric Olson stands in front of his beautiful bounty while on docent duty. Congratulations, Eric!



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“Like” us to get event reminders, fun facts, and photos.

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, www.nwcarandcycle.com)

Treat Your Vehicle to a Cozy, Warm, and Safe Winter Storage Spot in our Museum

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 for 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 (\$75 per motorcycle) from October 15 through April 15, 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 truttan@gmail.com for more info and to make a reservation.



Museum members and big supporters Jerry Crowley and Gary Pearce enjoy a moment during the SK Car show on August 13. With over 160 cars present it was one of the biggest shows ever on Chandler field. It kicked off a vibrant summer of activity at the Museum with many car clubs participating.



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 Tom Ruttan at 503-621-8943

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone number(s) _____

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

Membership levels:

_____ **SPECIAL 3 years for \$100 (any age)**

_____ Senior membership \$35 (ages 65+)

_____ Family membership, \$50 (1 or 2 adults over 18 with any number of children under 18)

_____ Standard membership, \$40 (ages 18 – 64)

_____ Club membership \$200 the first year, \$100 each year after

_____ Lifetime membership, \$10,000 (one-time fee, includes family)

Tell us about your vehicles 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!*

Volunteers of the Quarter: Ruth Jarmusz & Rick Simmons

By Ron Smith



Rick Simmons is our maintenance guy around the Museum property. He also doubles as our in-house mechanic, keeping the Museum vehicles running smoothly. Thank you, Rick, for all the work you do for us, inside and out!

Ruth is our new librarian and has been volunteering as a docent several days this summer! Thank you for all of your time and dedication to organizing our library, Ruth! It will be enjoyed by many for years to come. We are happy to have you on the team!



Speedster Program News

By Don Blain

The Speedster Program school season started on September 15, 2022. At this time, we have 5 students registered to attend with the possibility of more from other school systems.

We also have 4 full time and 2 part time mentors signed up. We are still looking for more mentors. If you are interested in helping with the program, please contact us.

This summer we have been working on setting up a machine shop. Gary Dennis has been working on a valve grinder and a head

surfacar as part of the machinery we will have available for students. We have also installed a new bead blaster thanks to generous donations that we have received.

This year we will continue to work on the 1929 Chevrolet Pie Wagon, the 1927 Model T Pick-up and the 1929 Model A Coupe.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor in the Speedster Program or know someone who would like to be a student, you may contact Don Blain at: 503-871-8696 or 503-585-8078 or email: talulatouring@msn.com.

Museum Donations Abound and Appreciated

By Tom Ruttan



1969 Ukrainian made Dnepr 750 from Steve Stone, Seattle.



1970 Honda Trail 90 from the Chase family, Gresham.

The Museum has been very fortunate to have four vehicles donated this summer. The Oregon Historical Society donated a 1958 Dodge Coronet and a 1966 Ford pickup body shell. Steve Stone from Seattle, Washington donated an unusual motorcycle, a 1969 Dnepr 750 made in Ukraine, where the design is based on a 1930's BMW motorcycle. The Chase family from Gresham, Oregon donated a 1970 Honda Trail 90 motorcycle. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations!



1966 Ford pickup body from OHS.



1958 Dodge Coronet from OHS. Fabulous 50's!



Ladies and Gentlemen, we are pleased to introduce the Museum's 2062 Board of Directors. We're sure they will do a fine job!

Doug Nelson cuts a rug on the dance floor with his 1932 Alfa.



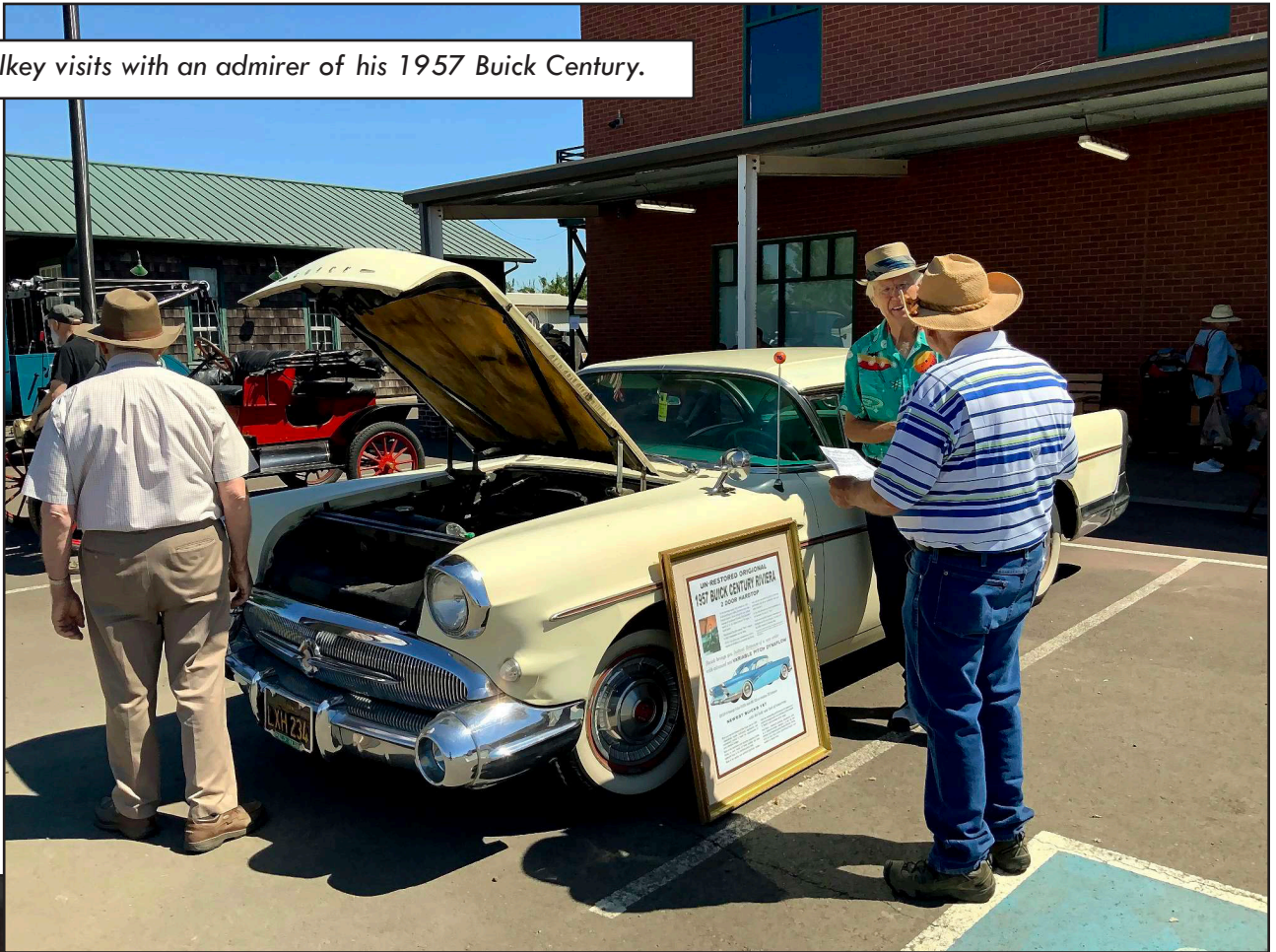
Scenes from a Successful Steam-Up

Photos by Mark Moore, Andy Ottolia
Captions by Laura Nelson, Andy Ottolia



This regal beauty beckoned visitors young and old to the Museum.

Jerry Grulkey visits with an admirer of his 1957 Buick Century.



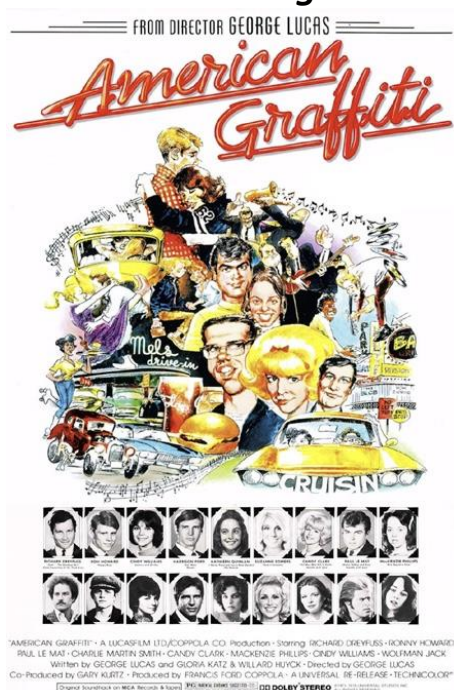
All the way from Argentina! A surprise at the Steam Up was this couple that showed up with this vintage Chevy Nova. What was amazing was they had driven it 15,000 miles from Argentina. The next day they were off to Barrow Alaska to complete their drive of the complete western hemisphere.





Please join us for our annual
Member Appreciation Movie and Potluck
Sunday, December 4th, 2022
Social Hour: 2:00pm-3:00pm; Movie at 3:00pm

Featuring



Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
Located at Powerland Heritage Park
3995 Brooklake Rd., Brooks, OR 97303

Please bring your favorite finger food to share with everyone
Snacks provided by NWVCMM – Popcorn and Drinks

Please RSVP for seating and what you are bringing:
Contact Ron Smith 503-931-7879; nwvcmm@pres@gmail.com

Willamette Valley Street Rod Show a Success

By Alan Eyman, WVSR and NWVCMC Member

The Saturday of Labor Day Weekend was a day when we as car enthusiasts gathered together at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. There were a lot of beautiful restored and original cars represented by club members with a total of 130-140 cars from around the state.

The Museum has a nice display of vintage cars and motorcycles for all to enjoy. Thank you to the WVSR Club team that worked together to make this car show a success.



Chandler Field Hosts Cobras, Mustangs at Heritage Car Show

By Andy Ottolia



The Heritage Car Show was held September 24th, and celebrated 60 years of Carol Shelby's Cobra. They filled Chandler field with some rare and exotic cars spanning several generations.

Three real Cobras were present including this all-original 1964 289. The owner purchased it in college and has enjoyed it for 56 years! Many Shelby Mustangs were present including many early cars and these modern models. Organizer and MC Paul Pfnister thanks all participants for coming and supporting the charities that will receive the show's proceeds.

Cutsforth's Cruise-In Shines Big

By Andy Ottolia

On the third Saturday in August you cannot miss the Cutsforth's Cruise-In around Central Park in Canby. This year, about 700 cars of all makes models and shapes were there. The streets were flooded with happy people enjoying the cars, friendships, music and family activities. The show's founder Frank Cutsforth is a big supporter of the Museum and our Speedster program.

This year our museum featured Doug Nelson's 1933 Alfa Romeo Monza racer. You may have seen it on our museum floor this summer. This car drew a crowd of knowledgeable enthusiasts. It is very rare, and during the 1930s it was the world's fastest car capable of

120 mph and winning many big races in Europe. Enzo Ferrari as a young man drove for Alfa and later became their racing team manager. This car made him a legend and with what he learned began producing his own cars after WWII.

The Cruise-In sponsored the NW Vintage Car and Cycle award. It went to Rick Stringfield of Colton, Oregon. Rick has a fantastic 1941 Buick Super Convertible in a deep maroon color which is gorgeous. It came with many options and the chrome and stainless trim make it really stand out. Congratulations Rick!

Rick Stringfield's gorgeous 1941 Buick Super convertible and the Museum award on its hood. Imagine driving this piece of rolling art during the 40's! Rick is at right and Andy Ottolia is on left.



Dave Mulhern brought his beautiful red and yellow Model T Speedster to member Zane Leek's summer show. Many local members showed their cars and we were treated to Zane's fine barn finds and lunch.



Car owner Bob Farwell (coat and hat) and master promoter Jerry Grulkey (megaphone) put together a fantastic display of the 1904 Stevens-Duryea at the Forrest Grove Concours d'Elegance. They were rewarded with 2 prestigious awards and many dazzled visitors.





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1-5 Exit 263, Brooks

10 minutes north of Salem
30 minutes south of Portland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Oct. 15 | Winter car storage move-in (see info, page 6) |
| Oct. 20 | Member/Board Meeting, 2 pm |
| Nov. 17 | Member/Board Meeting, 2 pm |
| Dec. 4 | Social Hour at 2 pm
Movie at 3 pm
Movie will be American Graffiti
(see page 12 for RSVP and food information) |
| Dec. 9-11 | Holiday Sparkle |
| Dec. 15 | Member/Board Meeting, 2 pm |
| Dec. 16-18 | Holiday Sparkle |
| Jan. 19 | Member/Board Meeting, 2 pm |

WEEKLY WORK DAYS are Thursdays from 9 - 2. 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!