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## HELP THE MUSEUM FINISH THE SECOND FLOOR FOR A FIRST-CLASS FACILITY!

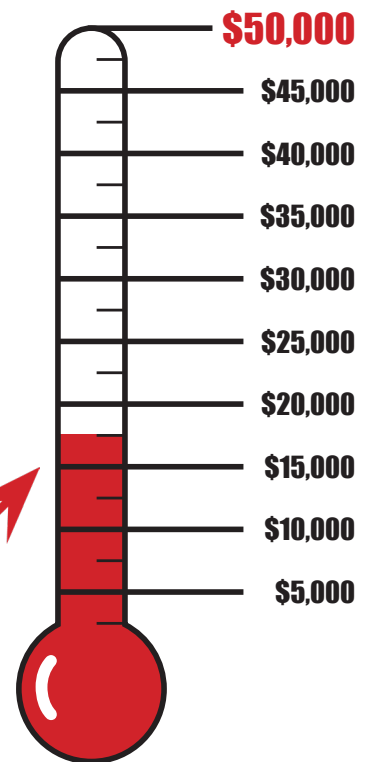
**T**his is your chance to participate in the last major capital improvement project at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, which is the 6000 sq ft, second floor buildout!

This area will include an elevator, conference and display area, learning center, library, and restrooms.

To kick off the campaign, we received a \$25,000 matching funds grant. Every dollar you give will be doubled!

We cannot miss this opportunity for the Museum. See the donation form on the next page. You do not need to be a member to donate, and every dollar helps. Please consider donating today!

Goal progress as of June 17, 2023.  
The matching funds grant runs out at  
the end of September, so any dollar  
not donated is a dollar lost!



**MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN**

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This summer's display is like  
no other we've had! See in-  
depth information about it  
on pages X and X.  
Photo by Andy Ottolia



# 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 Ron Smith at 503-931-7879 or [nwvcmmmpres@gmail.com](mailto:nwvcmmmpres@gmail.com)

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\_\_\_\_\_ **MATCHING FUNDS DONATION** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Matching Funds up to \$25,000 available until 10/1/2023)

Membership levels:

\_\_\_\_\_ **SPECIAL 3 years for \$100**

\_\_\_\_\_ Standard membership, \$40

\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ 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!*

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## Letter from the President

By Ron Smith, President

**H**appy summer, everyone! The Museum is doing well, and we are all set for the summer season, but we are in desperate need of members to come help by volunteering to be docent for a day this summer! Just one day would be great. Please contact Doug Nelson or Ron Smith if you can give a day or two to help out.

We have lots of events planned for this summer season. Please check the back of this newsletter, and our Facebook and web page for a list of events!



New this summer, on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 4 pm - 8 pm, we are hosting a cruise-in on Chandler Field in the

grass under the shade trees. These cruise-ins are open to all makes and models of cars and motorcycles, and it's all free. The Museum will be open and there will be music, raffles, and

50-50 drawings. I hope to see ya there!

Remember, the Museum is 100% volunteer, so any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Thanks, and I hope to see you soon.

## Cherry Blossom Poker Run: Success!

By Andy Ottolia, Fundraising Chair and Cherry Blossom Poker Run fan

**T**he Cherry Blossom Poker Run was a great success on April 15 thanks to great weather and a big turnout. The Poker Run is a charity event collecting food and funds for worthy charities in the Willamette Valley.

Our Speedster program has been one of the beneficiaries of this great event. Thanks to all who participated!





## Lifestyle Corner News

By Joanne Blain, Lifestyles Chair

The Lifestyle area is ready to receive our summer visitors thanks to our committee of Pat Roby, Kathy Beutler, Eleanor Eyman, Karen Farwell and myself. Thank you ladies for your hard work. This year we have added a beautiful banner above the quilt wall to identify our area for visitors.

We worked on preparing mannequins to be incorporated into the car displays so that they would enhance the various car placements on the museum floor, as well as providing cabinet displays in the Lifestyles area, and the many quilts that were loaned to us for display.

Our cabinets display vintage toys, hats and accessories, cookware items and various sewing items, as well as a 1901 Singer Treadle Sewing Machine and a machine head from the 1940's.

You will want to see all of the beautiful quilts on display this year and, yes, we once again have a special quilt being raffled. We are selling raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You will want to get yours and maybe you will be the lucky winner. The proceeds from the raffle go to support the Lifestyles area. Drawing will take place on August 7 at the close of Steam-Up. You do not have to be present to win.

We once again have various items for sale that have been donated to help support our area. We welcome any item that you might want to donate for these sales. As items sell, we are adding new things to the sale table.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our area, so if you are interested in lending a helping hand, especially during Steam-Up weekends, please feel free to call Joanne Blain at 503-585-8078 or 503-871-0118, or email: [djblain@msn.com](mailto:djblain@msn.com).



## Winter Car Storage: Make Your Reservation Now!

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 or \$75 per motorcycle, from October 15 through April 15, you will not find a better storage deal for your special vehicle. Remember, this is a secure, dry, heated storage that insures the best and safest storage outcome. Plus, you will be making an important contribution to the Museum. The income from the winter storage program helps to pay our operating costs. Contact Tom Ruttan at (503)621-8943 or [truttan@gmail.com](mailto:truttan@gmail.com) for more info and to make a reservation.

## Speedster Program Closes Year, Gets New Director

By Don Blain, Speedster Chair (for now)

**T**he 2023 Speedster Program school year came to a close on Thursday, June 8, after a successful year with 7 students. Most of them plan on returning next September when the new classes resume.

Starting in September, I, Don Blain, will be turning the reins over to Gary Dennis as the new Director of the Speedster Program. Gary and I have been working toward that goal during this year. I look forward to being a mentor in future classes.

The current mentors will still be working on Thursdays through the summer to make our building better organized for the classes when they start in September. We will also be setting up projects to be worked on in the next school year. Gary has worked hard this year to set up our Machine Shop area, and it is looking great.

We will still be looking for mentors for next year, so if you are interested, you could start working with us this summer. We will also be looking for students interested in enrolling in the program.

If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, you may contact: Don Blain at 503-871-8696 or 503-585-8078, or by email: [talulatouring@msn.com](mailto:talulatouring@msn.com).

## Willamette Valley Street Rods Club Visits Museum, Speedster Students

By Andy Ottolia

**O**n Thursday June 8, members of the Willamette Valley Street Rods club came with their classic cars to meet Speedster students and mentors for an “end of the school year” get-together. The club has

- generously donated funds to the Speedster program for tools and projects. We are grateful for their support of our program and our next generation Gear Heads.



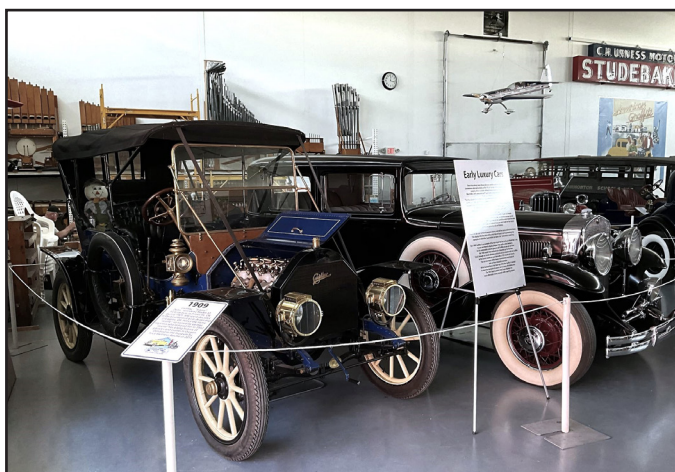


## Summer Display Set to Impress, Educate

By Tom Ruttan, Display Committee Chair  
Photos by Mark Moore

**W**e have decided to do something a little different for the 2023 summer vehicle display. In order to make things a little more interesting and educational, we have divided the display in the main hall into a number of sub-categories. A brief glimpse of each appears here on pages 6-8 but so much more awaits you at the Museum!

### EARLY LUXURY CARS



A museum like ours is here to preserve history and tell the stories behind the history. This display tells the story of the early days of luxury cars by presenting four examples of what the 1-percenters (or wannabe 1-percenters) would buy. Cadillac has always been linked to top line American luxury cars, but Lincoln, and even Buick, got into the act.

Vehicles in this section include:

- 1909 Cadillac Model 30 Touring Demi-Tonneau
- 1930 Cadillac
- 1932 Lincoln KA
- 1931 Buick

### PICNICS AND DRIVE INS

One of the things that stands out for many of us, in the old vehicle collector hobby, are picnics in the old family car, and going to outdoor drive-in theaters and restaurants back in the day when drive-ins were popular and located in every town, big and small. The common theme was an activity with the vehicle in the outdoors.

While any car will do, the coolest car to have for a picnic or a drive-in is a convertible. This display tries to represent good times with convertibles, picnic supplies, drive-in window trays, and movie speakers from each car.

Vehicles included in this section:

- 1936 Ford Convertible
- 1938 Ford Convertible
- 1957 Ford Thunderbird
- 1936 Cord



## THE ROARING 20S



The 1920's was a time of prosperity, optimism, and a general feeling that times were good. Bathtub gin, speak-easies, and jazz were some of the symbols of this era. For the automobile industry, this was also a time of great innovation, growth, and solidifying cars and motorcycles into the fabric of American life. Even in rural America, it was common to see Model T's, Indians and Harleys.

Vehicles included in this display:

- 1923 Ford Model T Touring Car
- 1926 Pontiac Sedan
- 1929 Ford Model A

## MUSTANGS, MUSTANGS

Mustangs have become the iconic American sporty, personal, and family vehicles since the introduction by Ford in 1964. The desire for more speed and to win races, Ford teamed up with Carrol Shelby to produce a high-performance version of the Mustang. In 1965, the Shelby GT350 was introduced and was very successful on the racetrack. A street version was offered to the general public in limited numbers. In 1967, the GT500 was introduced that sported and big block engine.



Vehicles included in this section:

- 1964 ½ Ford Mustang Convertible
- 1966 Ford Shelby GT350 Mustang
- 1967 Ford Shelby GT500 Mustang

## TRIBUTE DISPLAY



As a tribute to war veterans, firefighters, and first responders, this spectacular display consists of a custom 2005 Mustang GT, owned by Gary Alexander, and a 2007 Shelby Mustang owned by Frank Gaige. Gary and Frank have put together this tribute display using these amazing Mustangs as the basis to tell a truly inspiring and informative story about true American heroes who have served their country, and in some cases, paid the ultimate sacrifice to insure our liberty, freedom, and safety.

*Summer display notes continue on next page*



## THE OL' GARAGE



It was a simpler time in years gone past. The vehicles were simpler and the garages were pretty basic, and sometimes dark and greasy. Step back in time with us and try to imagine what it would be like in the 1920's, 30's, 40's and 50's to drive up and have your vehicle fixed, or fix it yourself in a garage that might look something like this.

Vehicles included in this section:

- 1931 Chevrolet Custom "Pie Wagon" project
- 1937 Ford Custom Coupe
- 1947 Simplex Servi-Cycle

## RACE CARS

Throughout the history of the automotive industry, competition and racing have played a large part in the development of the breed. This has also been a means for manufacturers to develop their designs to have better performance, reliability, and styling. As the old adage goes: "win on Sunday, sell on Monday."

Vehicles included in this section:

- 1962 Martinizing Special
- 1933 Alfa Romeo
- 1917 Stutz Bearcat Replica



Find us on **facebook** !



**"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](http://www.nwcarandcycle.com))



## “World of Speed” Motorcycle Turntable Debuts This Summer

Story and photo by Tom Ruttan

**T**his high-class motorcycle turntable display was donated to the Museum by World of Speed a couple of years ago.

With lights shining up from the base and floodlights shining down from the top, our recently donated 1949 Harley Davidson rotates on the turntable, making for a spectacular display in our front room motorcycle display. Thanks to Rick Simmons, Ron Smith and Tom Popelka for setting up the display, and to World of Speed for the donation.



## Library Receives Mopar Catalog Collection

Story and photo by Ruth Jarmusz

**I**n April, the Fern Hellie Library received a donation of 60+ volumes of 1950s - 80s Mopar Parts Catalogs from Roberson's Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram. Lee Morgan from Roberson's approached Museum President Ron Smith about the donation. I went to view them, and then Rick Simmons and I went and picked them up. Lee said he gets questions from the public to use the catalogs, so he will announce to car clubs that the Museum now owns them. Hopefully this will help the Museum's exposure.



## Museum Aglow with Activity

By Andy Ottolia

**M**ake sure you get out this summer and pay us a visit. Along with a packed calendar of activities at Powerland Heritage Park, our museum has blossomed into the hub of activity for the Classic Car Culture in the Willamette Valley. Most of this thanks to our 14 car clubs that are Museum members. They have supported the Museum, sponsored activities and events, and so it has become a center for car and cycle aficionados.

This summer there are three big shows. Glass on the Grass, S-K Car Show (see flyer on opposite page),

and the Heritage Auto Show. See the flyers in this newsletter and the events calendar.

Also this year we are trying something new, Cruise Night at the Museum. This will be from 4-8pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights.

Our president Ron and his wife Cindy Smith have put in many hours at the Museum to get these shows and activities going for the summer. Do not miss out: be a part of the fun and come on out!



Some very nice iron showed up at our inaugural Cruise Night at the Museum on Wednesday, June 14. Great weather, music and food made it a great event to meet car enthusiasts!



## The Great Pacific NW Mini & Micro Car Show

Story and photos by Tom Winterrowd

The Great Pacific NW Mini and Micro Car Show was held June 9, 10 and 11, 2023. The event included a meet and greet, car tour, and an all-day car show on the grounds of McMenamins Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, Oregon. This event has been occurring for about a decade and a half with 50-60 vehicles this year.

Vehicles are described as “a little bigger than a motorcycle and a little smaller than a Volkswagen Bug.” These are the offshoot of cars manufactured in Japan and Europe post-WWII.

Brands include Subaru, Isetta, and Suzuki. Some successful enough to remain in business today, like BMW, Honda, Nissan, Fiat and Citroen. Some are gone, like Messerschmitt, Crosley, and Austin. (See photos, below). We hope for a visit from this interesting group to our museum in the near future.



This little FMR was a sports car built by Fahrzeug- und Maschinenbau GmbH, Regensburg (FMR) from 1958 to 1961.

In 1955, the BMW Isetta became the world's first mass-production car to achieve a fuel consumption of 78 mpg.





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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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|------------|---|
| July 12    | Cruise Night at the Museum 4 to 8 pm              |
| July 19    | Museum board meeting 2pm                          |
| July 26    | Cruise Night at the Museum 4 to 8 pm              |
| July 29/30 | Great Oregon Steam-Up                             |
| Aug 5/6    | Great Oregon Steam-Up                             |
| Aug 9      | Cruise Night at the Museum 4 to 8 pm              |
| Aug 12     | S-K Car Show on Chandler field (see flyer, p. 11) |
| Aug 16     | Museum board meeting 2 pm                         |
| Aug 23     | Cruise Night at the Museum 4 to 8 pm              |
| Aug 25-27  | PNW Truck Show                                    |
| Sept 13    | Cruise Night at the Museum 4 to 8 pm              |
| Sept 20    | Museum board meeting 2 pm                         |
| Sept 23    | Heritage Auto Show on show field                  |
| Sept 27    | Cruise Night at the Museum 4 to 8 pm              |

### OPEN FOR SUMMER

The Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday through September

Saturdays 9 - 4:30  
Sundays 12:30 - 4:30

A full calendar can be seen at  
[www.nwcarandcycle.com](http://www.nwcarandcycle.com)

**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!**