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NEWSLETTER GAL PLEADS: HELP US REACH THE DONATION GOAL SO SOMETHING ELSE CAN GO ON FRONT PAGE!

We have fallen short of the donation amounts we need for the full matching funds to kick in. We are short about \$10,000, but we can still reach our goal!

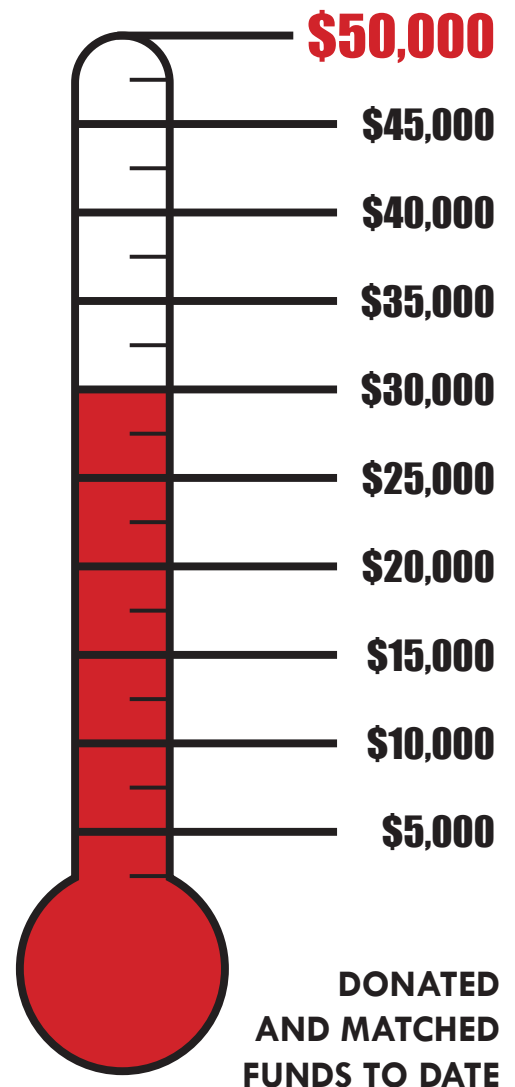
As you know, we have a matching funds grant of \$25,000 but so far only \$15,000 has been raised. Let's come together to reach our full potential with the Matching Funds Campaign. Only about 10% of you, in our membership, have donated for this worthy cause. Are you missing? Please send a check today. (See donation form on the next page.)

We are grateful that this opportunity has been extended to October 31, 2023, so we can make our goal of \$50,000. But when it's gone, it's gone!

This will get us going on the 6000 square foot buildout of our second floor.

This area will include an elevator, conference area, learning center, library, and restrooms. Please, give so we can finish this last major project of our beautiful Museum. We count on each one of you, our members, visitors, and supporters.

Let's do it!



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Goal progress as of October 1, 2023. The matching funds grant runs out on October 31, so any dollar not donated is a dollar lost!

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 nwvcmmpres@gmail.com

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone number(s) _____

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

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

Deadline extended to October 31, 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:

- ☐ 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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In Memoriam: Marty Boehme

By Andy Ottolia

Our good friend and benefactor, Marty Boheme, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Phoenix, Arizona, this July. Many remember Marty as a giver and a very involved volunteer from the Museum's infancy, until just a few years ago when he retired to Arizona. He was a talented carpenter and is responsible for many of our benches, picnic tables, and the beautiful gazebo on Chandler field, the showpiece of our Car Shows. Last year he donated his 37 Ford and 57 Cushman to the Museum. Both vehicles were on display this year.

We are very grateful for this man's dedication of time, energy, and financial support over the many years. Marty, your Legacy lives on here at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. Well done!



THANK YOU, DONORS!

The NWVCMM Board of Directors wishes to thank those individuals and car clubs that have come forth and generously donated to our Matching Funds Campaign.

A big project like this, our 2nd floor buildout(\$300,000+), begins with a small step and demands the participation of the majority of the Museum members. We are grateful to you for taking the first step.

Letter from the President

By Ron Smith, President

As you read this, our display year will be coming to an end, and we will be moving into car storage mode for the winter season. Remember, storage runs from October 1 until April 1. Storage costs are \$475 for cars and \$75 for motorcycles.

We are getting started on the elevator. All of the permits have been obtained and we are talking with contractors. More information to come as we get closer.

We still have several cars for sale. There is a blue Model A Speedster, a white Model T Speedster, and a black Model T Sportster.

We have done well on the matching funds campaign. Because of this, we have got a great start on the elevator. There is always a need more, so keep up the good work with donations.

Now, the big ask, we need help with the everyday upkeep and maintenance of the museum during the down times. Things like cleaning, putting up

baseboard, organizing files, alarm upgrades, display prep for next year, building new surrounds for the air blower for the organ, restore the old Amoco sign and prep for mounting on the wall, as well as tune ups on the cars we own and cleaning them. Anything you can do is appreciated.

The Speedster Program will be in full swing, and the plan is to have 8-10 students and mentors. If you are interested, we could use a good mechanic to help. We also need a motorcycle guy to get that program running!

The future is bright, and we need all of your help. We have the same crew of 8-10 people here every week, but they need your help and a rest. Please reach out if you can help. Remember, we are all volunteers.

In this newsletter, you will see a membership application. If you know of someone who may be interested in signing up, please encourage them to become a member.



And in Related News, Volunteer of the Quarter is Ron Smith!

By Tom Ruttan and Ruth Jarmusz, Appreciative Members

Ron Smith has been Board President of the NWVCM since 2022, and he has done SO much to help our museum succeed!! He has pushed for getting the Museum name put on the front of the building, had Steve Williams organize the files in the Maintenance Office (a huge job!), got Ruth to volunteer to organize the Museum Library, arranged to have a cruise-in this past summer on the second and fourth Wednesday nights, got his wife Cindy to manage the membership list, he cleaned up the storage area adjacent to the maintenance Office and SO MUCH MORE!!!.....He is at the museum most Thursdays and for most all of the Weekend Events in the summer as well as the second and fourth Wednesdays for the Night at the Museum!! He is also involved with the Capital Area Mustangs, so he is ONE busy guy!! He is constantly cleaning the museum and stocking the museum bathrooms! Ron put on one of his newsletter columns "chief oil spill cleaner and bathroom cleaner/stocker" which is the HONEST truth!!! He just can't sit still--except at the board meeting!!

Museum Library News

By Ruth Jarmusz, Fearless Librarian

Since we have an overabundance of duplicate copies of the *Automobile Quarterly*, during Steam Up weekend we had a special sale of \$2 each, or 15 volumes for \$6. We had about 6 people take advantage of the sale of 15 volumes and one gentleman bought 45 volumes! Since we did not get a lot of takers, I extended the sale for the rest of the summer.

I have initiated contact with Diana Ruelens, the librarian at the Truck Museum Library, and she has given me some ideas on organization. She also gave our museum approximately 20 books that

were donated to the truck museum, as well as some matchbox cars and collector pins. One of the books that was donated is called *Inside 100 Great Cars*, by David Hodges. Doug Nelson found his Alfa in it which he was excited to see!!

The first meeting of the Library Committee was held on August 17th. The Committee consists of Connie Miller, Les Layton and me. We had some discussion about what to include in the library and how to organize it. We still have MANY decisions to make. If anyone is still interested in joining the committee, or has ideas, please contact me.

Vintage Music Amongst our Vintage Display

By Tom Ruttan, Vintage Musician

In what has become an annual tradition, museum visitors (and staff) were treated to the swinging sounds of Brad Davis and the New Horizons Big Band again this year on the second Saturday of Steam-up. With a combination of upbeat tunes, beautiful ballads, and great vocals, they had us moving with the beat and dancing in the isles! This always draws a big crowd and is a major attraction for our museum during Steam-up.



Brad Davis leading the New Horizons Big Band

Speedster Program; New School Year, New Mentor

By Gary Dennis, Speedster Chair

On September 14, a new class of students will begin the 2023-2024 school year in the Speedster Program. We will have 7 students starting the year along with 6 mentors imparting their knowledge. I am excited to take over the program from Don Blain, who has done a wonderful job of running the program for the past 13 years. This is not the end of Don's mentorship; however, he will still be working with students every Thursday.

We will welcome a new mentor, Beth Lau. Beth will be teaching welding and (I hope) bringing in some female students. I am also wanting to start working on some newer model cars. We have some prospective donations to help with that. We'll inspect

these proposed donations and arrange for transfer to the program, if appropriate. We have submitted a wish list of equipment for the shop to our grant writer, Kelly Walther. She tells us that our education program puts us in good shape to receive grants we might not otherwise qualify for. Fingers crossed. As always, we are looking for additional mentors. If you love cars, have some expertise, and love imparting that knowledge, you'll not find a more rewarding occupation. Please consider volunteering. For questions, or to volunteer you may contact Gary Dennis at 503-449-6615, or garyisthebomb@gmail.com, -or- Don Blain at 503-871-8696, talulatouring@msn.com.

Vibrant Victorias Shine at the Museum

By Andy Ottolia



The Ford Victoria Association paid a visit to our museum on August 4, and gave a generous donation for our second-floor buildout. These flashy Fords were made in 1955 and 56. The 3-day meet had cars from as far away as Canada.



FREE ADMISSION

SUNDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Presents



HORATIO'S DRIVE recounts the simultaneously inspirational and hilarious saga of Horatio Nelson Jackson, an eccentric Vermont doctor, who in 1903 on a visionary whim and a 50 dollar bet, became the first person to drive an automobile across the continent, heralding the future of the "horseless carriage" as a vehicle destined for more than inner-city travel, a machine that would transform our American life.

Our museum's automotive historian Jerry Grulkey, who worked on the movie will present some of the images used in the film and his early Auto Racing collection of images & awards from the West Coast, to Ascot, Indianapolis and the 1908 New York to Paris.

2:00 PM Sunday Dec. 3rd 2023

NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum at Antique Powerland
Brooklake Road, west of I-5 Exit 263, Brooks, Oregon
10 minutes N. of Salem & 30 Minutes S. of Portland

Refreshments will be served

Lifestyles Area Popular this Summer

By Pat Roby

The Lifestyle area had a great response to our displays in the museum. Our hard-working volunteers Kathy Beutler, Eleanor Eyman, Karen Farwell, Judy Hall, Connie Miller, Joanne Blain, and I heard many positive comments about the displays among the cars and in our section of the museum. We had a successful summer with raffle ticket sales and miscellaneous items on our sales table as well.

Congratulations to the winner of our raffle quilt, Kathy Gallant, who works at the John Deere Museum. The quilt titled, "Falling Stars" in a red, white, and blue motif, was pieced and quilted by Kay Smith of Appleton, Washington. Many thanks to her for her donation.

We are looking forward to next year and what the displays will look like. It is always fun to set up for the next season. If you are interested, we start planning after the holiday season. Additionally, the visitors to our lifestyles area always enjoy the quilt display. So, if you have one or more quilts that you would be willing to loan us for the summer season, please contact me. Also, if you have any items that you would like to donate to Lifestyles, we will welcome these year-round. Pat Roby at 503-705-6015, 503-692-0774 or email at truckgirl51@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU, DOCENTS!

By Doug Nelson, Docent Coordinator

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL DOCENTS who served this summer as well as those who served in the Cruise Night at the Museum. We all had a great time and the Museum was well-served. The following members did docent work: Pat and Gary Dennis, Ruth Jarmusz, Jack Adams, Rick Simmons, Tom Popelka, Ron and Cindy Smith, Robert Stuckey, Gary Lemaster, Al and Judy Hall, Raymond Kreger, Linda Leek, Jim Cutting, Andy Ottolia, Spike Smith, Scott Olson, Garry Pearce, Tom Ruttan, Dave Charvet, Paul Phinster, CJ Nelson, Niles Olson, Frank Gage, Matt Hackney, Arlin Buck Jim Hupy and wife, Tom and Chris Irwin, Tony Vassallo, Doug Nelson, Don Blanchard, Eric Olson, Neil Butler, Robert Hemphill, Bob and Karen Farwell, Don and Joanne Blain, Mike and Rosemary Boswick, Tom Winterrowd, Martin Harding, Richard Fife, Mick Halley, Jim Brown, Ken Derfler, Roy Asbahr, Bill Jabs, Phil Currie, Steve and Connie Miller.

I apologize for any mistakes, omissions and misspellings. The point is the same: Thanks to the 2023 Docents!

Cruise Night at the Museum a Summer Success

By Matthew Reed, CAMC Board Director

Throughout the summer, The Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum has hosted the Cruise Night at The Museum. On every second and fourth Wednesday of the months of June through September, dozens of cars from around the valley gather to relax and hang out in Chandler Field. There is a nice variety of music being played by DJs Ron Smith, Steve Massie, and Matt Reed. Food is provided by Perro Taquero and man does he make some good tacos; the churros are quite delicious as well. A raffle and 50/50 drawing are hosted by the museum with proceeds going back to the museum. All cars, including the grocery getter, are welcome out at the cruise nights. It runs from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. We are hoping to host these events again in the future.

100-Year-Old Relics

By Andy Ottolia, who is not a 100-year-old relic

Lots of brass era relics adorned the entrance to the Museum during Steam Up. Thousands of visitors showed up this year in the perfect weather to enjoy the park.



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)

Doug Nelson's Phaeton Takes First at Concours D'Elegance

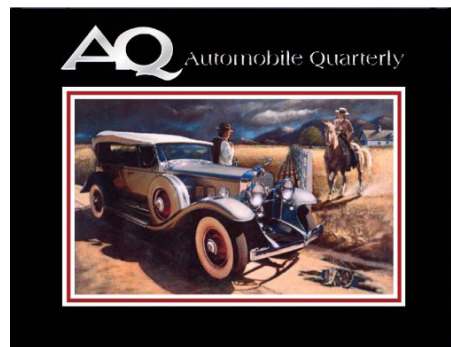
By Andy Ottolia



Museum founding member Doug Nelson won a coveted "First in Class" award at the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance on July 16. This 1929 Ford Model A 2-door Phaeton is very rare and meticulously restored. Congratulations, Doug!

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Issues of Automobile Quarterly



ONLY Volumes 40-52
For: Completing our set at
Fern Hellie Library.

Contact Ruth Jarmusz

Cutsforth's 29th Annual Cruise-In Still Cruisin'

By Tom Winterrowd

The NWVCMM was well represented at this Car Show. Canby's Waite Park downtown was covered with 840 Collector Autos. Many colors, body variations and horsepower were on view for this record turnout.

Ron Smith, Alan Eyman and Tom Winterrowd talked up the cars and our museum's mission with dozens of folks walking the show streets. One more example of volunteers promoting the Museum.

Our presentation of vehicles was a 1940's Dodge Woodie, a 1989 Citroen 2CV and a 2008 Mustang GT Convertible.

Board Welcomes Jim Cutting

We are pleased to accept Jim Cutting's nomination to be on the NWVCMM Board of Directors. Jim's commitment to the Museum and his inherent expertise is another step forward in our mission. Welcome, Jim!

British Cars and Bikes for Miles...er, Kilometers

Photos and story by Andy Ottolia

One of the most iconic events in our area is the British Field Meet at Portland International Raceway. It is probably the biggest multi-day British car and bike gathering and celebration in America and is on its 46th year. There is vintage racing, as well as many fun activities. The meet is generally the 2nd weekend in September. Don't miss it next year!

If you wanted a sports car in the late 40s and early 50s this was it. This 1947 MG TC is credited with being the first real sport's car available in America predating the new Corvette by 7 years.



Museum member John Quilter was there sharing his 1960 Morris convertible with show visitors.



Lots of Land Rovers of all shapes sizes and years. Interesting fact 90% of these were unrestored.



Even a buried Land Rover was present to amuse spectators!



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The NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle 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

Oct. 4 Model T Club 6:30
Oct. 5 Corvette Club 6:30
Oct. 10 Oregon Tractor Pullers 4-8 pm
Oct. 19 Board Meeting 2 pm at Nelson Building

Nov. 12 Model A Club Meeting
Nov. 18 Early Ford Club Meeting
Nov. 16 Board Meeting 2 pm at Nelson Building
Nov. 1 Model T Club Meeting 6:30
Nov. 2 Corvette Meeting 6:30
Nov. 14 Oregon Tractors Pullers 4-8 pm
Nov. 15 Early Ford Club 4-8 pm

Dec. 2 CAMC Christmas Party
Dec. 3 Movie Night at the Museum 1 pm (see flyer, page 6)
Dec. 8-10, 15-17, 22-23: Holiday Sparkle at Powerland
Dec. 21 NO Board Meeting

SPEEDSTER CLASS:

October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14

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!