## Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Message

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Please submit articles for future newsletters to: vintagecar@comcast.net.

Deadline for the next newsletter is: March 14th

### **Museum Activities**

### Meetings Member/Board meetings.

The third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Service Station.

Education Committee meetings. The next Education meeting: Service Station on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **Coming Events**

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See page 4-5 for a complete

calendar of events.

## Early Christmas Present for NWVC&MM by Doug Nelson

The Museum received an early Christmas present on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It was delivered by twelve elves, using two pick-ups and trailers, instead of sleigh and reindeer. But that's the modern way to bring home a 1917 Stutz Speedster and extra parts. Santa Claus was Albert Ely.

The bright yellow speedster has black fenders, yellow wire wheels, and a massive wooden steering wheel that takes some real muscle to navigate - talk about Armstrong Steering! The body is sparse, with no doors and a tiny monocle windscreen in front of the driver. It is reminiscent of the famous Stutz Bearcat of the early teens, with its large four cylinder engine and transaxle, which combines the transmission with the differential.

The elves met at the Safeway parking lot off Exit 290 near Lake Grove and caravanned to Vancouver, WA where they met Kay Tanner, Al Ely's daughter. Al first made contact with the Museum at the Northwest Collectors' Car

Show in October of this year to inquire about the museum's interest in having this car. It was agreed that the speed-ster and its extra frame and wheels would make a great addition to the museum.

Chief Elf was Don Petersen, who arranged for an inspection and appraisal of the car earlier in the month. As Kay Tanner observed, all of these elves were having too much fun for it to be a 'work party'.

By day's end the speedster was safely resting at the Texaco Station, waiting inspection by museum members.



Loading the 1917 Stutz Speedster

## Stutz Volunteers

Into the trailer

Thanks to the volunteers who helped pick up and transport the 1917 Stutz Speedster.

Mike Bostwick, John Chandler, Ed Weber, Arnie Anderson, Rusty Medearis, and Doug Nelson. Helper Elves recruited by Rusty were Chuck Pavao, Steven Pavao, Little Rusty, Paul Lamm and Daniel Miller.



Cleaning up the Stutz Speedster

### 2006-07 Museum Board Members

Doug Nelson Chairman
Mike Bostwick President
Tom Ruttan Vice President
John Chandler Treasurer
Ferne Hellie Secretary
Tom Kneeland Building Chair

Neil Beutler Special Events Chair
Bert Harrison Collections Manager
Ray Hansen Education Committee

Don Blain Bill Hellie
Mike Larsen Larry Leek
Ed Weber Bud Wright
Bjorn Klingenberg

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The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. We are dedicated to providing educational opportunities about vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles for all ages.

On the web at: http://www.nwcarandcycle.org

The Museum is located in Brooks, Oregon, west of I-5 10 minutes north of Salem - 30 minutes south of Portland

### **New Newsletter Name**

By Al Lake

By now you probably noticed the **new** newsletter name: **The NWVC&M Museum Message**.

There were so many good suggestions for newsletter names that we decided to use all of the suggested newsletter names in the columns of the newsletter. The columns that will be used in the newsletter are:

Service Station events The Vintage Station
Bill Hellie's column From The Toy Box
Board Minutes Running Board

President's column The Museum Steering Wheel

Board Chairman Spokesman

Special columns Museum Minute/Highway Headliner

Plans for the Museum
Recaps
Vintage Visions
Exhaust Notes
Editors column
Promotions
Classified Ads
Member News
Vintage Visions
Exhaust Notes
Museum Headlights
The Drive Shaft
Nuts & Bolts News
Museum Headliner

The suggested names were great. We appreciate the entries.

### A Challenge to the Museum Membership:

Here is a challenge for all Museum members. Take a picture of your vintage car, truck, or motorcycle and send it to me along with something about the reason that you 'like' this car, truck, or motorcycle. Why do you spend the time and money for this old car, truck, or motorcycle. It would be so much less expensive to drive a 'new' car, truck, or motorcycle, right? So tell me, why do you own a vintage car, truck, or motorcycle?

## **Museum Headlights**

By Al Lake

This has been a great year for the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum. The Museum continues to grow. We have had many more opportunities to bring our educational programs about vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles to the people in our community.

This past year we had 13 Board meetings, participated in 6 car shows as a Museum, provided 8 educational seminars, finished the Gazebo, had another great high school car show, a terrific swap meet, and supported the Great Oregon Steam-up with a new feature: a vintage car show. There's a lot more to do. We are

There's a lot more to do. We are in the process of building our museum building. We are continuing our educational programs. We will continue to participate in lots of car shows both as a Museum and individually. But most important is the way we share our love of our vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

We are having fun!!

## The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Message

View this newsletter in color on the Museum website at <a href="http://www.nwcarandcycle.org/newsletter">http://www.nwcarandcycle.org/newsletter</a>

### The Running Board Minutes by Ferne Hellie

Meetings open to all members.

### September 19, 2007 Meeting

Attending:
Bill Barnell
Marty Boehme
Mike Bostwick\*
Bev Chandler
John Chandler\*
Burt Edwards
Craig Hannum
Bert Harrison\*
Bill Hellie\*
Ferne Hellie
Al Lake

Rusty Medearis
Doug Nelson\*
Carl Nordstrom
Tom Ruttan\*
George Standish
Dorene Standish
Len Saunders
Ed Weber\*
Roger White
Bud Wright\*
\*Denotes a Board
Member

Mike Bostwick announced that the rock trim on the Gazebo was finished and thanks were given to all who helped Doug Nelson. The old rock trim around the station was sealed also.

Doug Nelson reported the museum will get involved with the state mandated graduation requirements for high school students to explore and give an indepth report on a career. This will strengthen our education program and involvement with the community. Charitable organizations respond to this kind of plan and are not interested in building a space for hobbyists to store their cars. We are fortunate to have teachers in our membership who will help design our program. Carlotta Arnold, who is a mainstay of our High School Car Shows, is a Career Resource specialist at Sprague High School and she will help outline our program.

Ferne Hellie reported that the Grant Committee is reworking our

grant request to Murdock to build the larger section of the main museum first.

John Chandler reported we now have sold 369 bricks, more people have paid their dues, and the balance in the building fund is growing. We have received \$35,850 for trusses, and more is pledged.

John Chandler attended the Site meeting for APMA and mentioned all equipment on the grounds is being inventoried, if you have an old tractor on the grounds you need to let them know. Plans are in the works for an electronic reader board with high visibility to let the public know we are here. Doug Delano will chair the Steam Up next year. Tom Ruttan announced that Ken Edmiston will present a seminar on Indian motorcycles on November 17. Gene Walker will talk on the history of Harleys on Febru-

Al Lake will be contacting all high school newspapers in the area to tell them about our high school car show.

### November 21, 2007 Meeting

Attending:
Bill Barnell
Mike Bostwick\*
John W. Chandler\*
Ray Hansen
Bert Harrison\*
Bill Hellie\*
Ferne Hellie
Tom Ruttan\*
Burt Edwards

Tom Kneeland\*
Al Lake
Don Lauinger
Rusty Medearis
Doug Nelson\*
Bud Wright\*
Stephen Zielinski
\*Denotes a Board
Member

Tom Ruttan and Ray Hansen reported that over 50 people had attended the seminar—due in part by good publicity in the *StatesmanJournal*.

Doug Nelson and Tom Kneeland reported that the State Fire Marshall has ruled that no new buildings - of any size - will be constructed at Powerland until an acceptable fire protection system is in place. This affects all museums. Charlie Philpot, Doug Delano, Tom Kneeland and other members of APMA are working on plans to complete this system as soon as possible. We will dig a well capable of pumping 1,500 gallons per minute, and connect 8 fire plugs around the grounds with piping. Contact Tom Kneeland for material donations Doug Nelson announced that we will reprint our brochure and add a Calendar insert. Get the 2008 calendar ready for the insert and for the Newsletter and Website. John Chandler reported that we have sold 373 bricks so far – only 27 short of our goal of 400. Doug Nelson asked for a membership secretary to help Ferne Hellie with her duties.

Ray Hansen presented us with an Education Committee 2008 Activity Calendar.

Mike Bostwick proposed a new By-Law Addition concerning the distribution of funds received in the annual swap meets. In thirds: Swap Meet Operations, a Museum Maintenance Fund, and an Endowment Fund.

# Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is a group of people who are interested in vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

The Museum is an entirely volunteer, membership-owned educational museum open to people of all ages, with or without a vehicle. Come find out about vintage cars and motorcycles.

Get more information at: <a href="http://www.nwcarandcycle.org">http://www.nwcarandcycle.org</a>

### **Museum Store**

Museum decal \$5
Baseball cap \$10
T-shirt (Museum name) \$12
Sweatshirt \$20
Suede leather Jacket \$175
Call (503) 399-0647 to order.

2008 NWVC&M Museum Calendar		
January		
January 12	Mild to Wild Motorsports Swap & Show, Albany Fairgrounds 541-926-8911	
January 16	Board/Member meeting Service Station 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
*January 29-31	Northwest Ag & APMA Antique Ag Equipment Show Portland Expo Center 541-766-1825.	
February		
*February 2	Oregon Garden Indoor Car Show, Silverton. Doug Nelson's Cord Westchester and Bjorn Klingenberg's MG TC will be there. This will be a first showing for both cars.	
February 8	Education Committee, Service Station 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
*February 9-10	Salem Roadster Show, held at Oregon State Fairgrounds. 541.928.3149, 503.363.0442. An invitational show.	
*Feb 15-17	Portland Rod & Custom Show, Portland Expo Center. This is a large colorful show featuring local and out-of-state cars, trucks, and motorcycles.	
February 20	Board/Member meeting, Service Station 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
February 23	"Motorcycles" – Gene Walker, Service Station, 10-12 am. Free educational presentation.	
*Feb 29-Mar 2	52 <sup>nd</sup> Original Portland Roadster Show, Convention Center	
March		
March 8	Harley Davidson Show, Oregon Garden	
March 15-16	Almost Spring Swap Meet and Vintage car show, Puyallup, WA	
March 19	Board/Member meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm	
April		
April 3-6	PIR Auto Swap Meet, Racetrack 503-307-5420, Portland.	
*April 4-6	44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Portland Swap Meet, Expo Center 503-678-2100, Portland. Contact John Chandler for volunteer assignments.	
April 11	Education Committee, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
April 16	Board/Member meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
April 26	"Model T's" – Bert Harrison, Service Station, 10-12 am. Free educational presentation.	
April 27	43 <sup>rd</sup> Historic Corvallis Swap Meet, Benton County Fairgrounds	
April 27	All British Autojumble, Club, "T" MG, Montgomery Park, Portland	
May		
May 9	Education Committee, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
May 17	Keizer Iris Festival Parade	
May 17-18	2008 Vintage Ride and Show, sponsored by Oregon Vintage Motorcyclist's. Vintage motorcycles ride on Saturday July 17th in the general area of Corvallis toward the Coast range.	
May 18	Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis	
May 21	Board/Member meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members.	
May 31	Eugene Swap Meet, 541-689-5370	
June		
June 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual High School Show & Shine Car Show, Museum Grounds 10 – 3 pm. 503-390-7576	
June 1	Rickreall Swap Meet, Polk County Fair Grounds, 7 am.	
June 7	PNW Import Ford Meet, Washington County Fairgrounds, Hillsboro.	
June 8	Slant 6 Club Spring Meet, Antique Powerland 503-581-2230	
*June 14	Cruisin' Sherwood Classic & Custom Car Show 503-625-7800, Sherwood, OR	
June 15	35 <sup>th</sup> Salem Swap Meet, Chemeketa Community College	
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Board/Member meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members. 21st Salem Cruise-in, Obsolete Fleet Chevys, Antique Powerland 503-585-5441 \*June 21

June 18

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November

\*October 18-19

November 7 Education Committee Meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm

November 15 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Albany Indoor Swap Meet, Linn Co. Fairgrounds, Albany, OR November 19 Board/Member meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members.

30<sup>th</sup> Northwest Car Collectors Car Show & Swap Meet, Portland Expo Center

December

December 17 Board/Member meeting, Service Station, 6:30 pm. Open to all members.

<sup>\*</sup> Museum booth set up and operating. Volunteers needed.

## Carlotta Arnold Wins Crystal Apple

By Al Lake

This fall the Salem-Keizer School District and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce held the 11th annual Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony.

Hundreds of community members and businesses came together to honor educators that go above and beyond the call of duty to educate children. Of the fifty-five members of the Salem-Keizer School District staff who were nominated for this award, twelve were selected.

Museum member and vintage car enthusiast Carlotta Arnold was awarded a Crystal Apple for her tireless efforts for the students at Sprague High School.



Congratulations Carlotta!!

### **US Auto Museums**

by Sue Lake

## Elizabethtown, Kentucky Cars of Yesteryear Museum

This museum is located on the car lot of Swopes Fords at 1100 North Dixie Avenue in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.



1920 Model T Ford

There are approximately 50 antique cars in this private collection. Among the restored vintage automobiles displayed in the museum are such luxury cars from the 1920s and '30s as Packards, Pierce Arrows, Hupmobiles, and a 1939 Rolls Royce. Also many Fords and Chevrolets. Cars on display from later decades include several '60s Chevrolet Impalas, a 1956 Ford Thunderbird, and a 1961 Metropolitan. Admission is free.

http://www.swopemuseum.com/

## The Spokesman

by Doug Nelson

Powerland is coming of age. more buildings are on the drawing board or ready to build. The State Fire Marshall's job is to see that buildings and people are protected. The Marshall and the folks at Powerland, working together, have come up with a plan for fire protection at Powerland. A well must be drilled that will produce 1,500 gallons per minute and a system of fire hydrants placed around the 62 acre grounds will be necessary to deliver the water. In the meantime no new building permits will be issued.

Doug Delano, Truck Museum board chairman and member of our museum, is in charge of this project. The completion of this water delivery system will mean that our museum will be able to have a fire sprinkler system when we construct our new building. This is a good thing, and will

have longterm benefits for Powerland and the 14 associate museums.



## Museum Headliner—Sleuths aim to solve 8,300 mysteries Team researches who is buried in Pioneer Cemetery

Taken from the November 7, 2007 Statesman Journal by Schellene Clendenin

Ferne Hellie is the NWVC&M Museum secretary. At one time or another she has taken care of just about everything associated with the Museum.

She was featured in a Statesman Journal article on November 7th, 2007 with the title above. Ferne is a historian for Friends of the Pioneer Cemetery. Ferne and her

friends have made it their goal to map the more than 8,300 burial sites in the Pioneer Cemetery. They are passionate about the thousands of hours they've collectively put into research.

Ferne is also passionate about the NWVC&M Museum. And we are the benefactors of her energy and enthusiasm.



## **Exhaust Notes—Update on Building Fund**

by Doug Nelson

Your Board of Directors has authorized the plan to build the easterly 100' x 100' portion of our main museum building primarily because it appears to be financially doable at this time. It is also physically possible because of the way the footings, foundation, and slab have been constructed. The completion of this portion of the building will give us a usable building in which to display vehicles, promote education, and hold social events.

In the future, as fundraising allows, the front 60' x 100' two story section may be easily added.

This plan will take an estimated \$235,000. Bids include the steel structure, doors, lighting, and an overhead fire sprinkler system for the 10,000 square foot section.

At this time, the building

fund has \$51,000 of the

needed funds. This is a

direct result of the Step Forward and Challenge programs. Several members have stepped forward with \$10,000 donations, and others with lesser amounts. Several car clubs have been approached to donate and these clubs are considering such donations. A major foundation is being asked for a grant for \$100,000, and other grants are being applied for, now that we have a definite target in building size and dollar amount.

The paver stone program is still in effect although the matching portion is no longer available because of the passing of our



anonymous donor. His contribution of \$45,000 to the building fund was greatly appreciated and enabled us to 'pour the floor.' Please consider purchasing a paver stone to be placed at the front of the main building upon completion of the second phase. The \$125 (6"x 12") or the \$250 (12" x 12") all goes into the building fund, except the \$25 or \$50 we reserve for the cost of the stone. This is an important part of our building fund and one that is available to all members and friends of the museum. Remember, we are a 501 (c) (3) taxexempt non-profit and any amount donated to the museum has benefited tax implications for the donor. (For more information see your tax preparer.) Another way to fund the construction of our new building is to donate cars, motorcycles, or other

items to the museum to be sold

by the museum, the money going

## Volunteer of the Quarter by Bjorn Klingenberg

### **Tom Ruttan**

Tom Ruttan has been qualified as Volunteer of the Quarter ever since he signed on as Museum VP. Most of us board members are happily retired but Tom is still holding his job at Intel. Yet, he manages to put in more time and effort for the museum project than most. He has admirably conducted the board meetings when our President has been absent and most importantly has taken the lead in organizing several very well attended technical sessions at the service station on behalf of the Education Committee. Tom has also been a key to the success of the car and motorcycle show this past summer as well as pitching in at the swap meet at Powerland. Yet to be enjoyed and brought to bear on our project is Tom's musical talent. He is a renowned bass player and active in no less than three orchestras, two symphony orchestras, and one jazz big band. He has offered to bring one or the other to perform at selected events next year at our campus using the new gazebo to its full capacity and glamour. Tom has two years left before his planned re-



to the building fund.

tirement from Intel and once released from his corporate duties watch him move real mountains for the museum.

Thanks Tom!

## From the Toy Box By Chip Hellie

This little (6" long) tin lithographed clockwork Touring car was made by the Bing Brothers of Nuremberg Germany. This particular toy was most likely sold by the Bing Corp. of New York City. John Bing established a Bing import showroom in New York City around 1924. You can tell approximately what year it was made

by the style of logo imprinted on the toy. This toy has a 'B' rotated to the right falling onto the letter 'W', with "Germany" written beneath. This logo was used from 1923

to 1934. The Depression wiped out the company and it closed its doors in 1933 after being in business since 1866. They were one of the largest toy manufacturers in the world. It is very unusual to find the figures still with the car. The young lady is being driven by her chauffeur. They are cast in lead (and would be recalled today)!



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