

# Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Message

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## Museum Activities

### Member/Board meetings.

The third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Service Station. Meetings are July 15, August 19, and September 16.

### The Great Oregon Steam-Up

Celebrating 150 Years of Oregon Industry July 25th & 26th and August 1st & 2nd

### 2010 High School Car Show

Dan Judy has agreed to be the chairman of the 2010 High School Show n' Shine Car show. He will announce the date and other details at a later time. Let Dan know if you will help.



## Phase 1 of the Museum by Doug Nelson

On June 6<sup>th</sup> our Museum secured the building permit to construct the 10,000 square foot Phase #1. Construction began on the following Monday morning and the building will be ready by Steam-Up.

Thank you to all of the museum members and friends who have

contributed time and money. We would like to extend a special thank you to the M.J. Murdock Trust for the \$100,000 grant. Their belief in our museum has made this building project a reality.

We will soon have another building we can all be proud of.



Photo by Ed Weber



These pictures were taken on June 7th and 8th. The Museum is going up very quickly.

See page 5 for a biography about Jack Murdock.

Photo by Burt Edwards

## 2008-10 Museum Board Members

Doug Nelson	Mike Bostwick
John Chandler	Tom Ruttan
Don Blain	Ray Hansen
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## Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

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

## 6th Annual High School Car Show By Jack Gerstkemper

*The following is an excerpt from an article I wrote for the monthly newsletter of the Buick Club of America's Portland Area Chapter. Thank you for promoting the vintage car hobby to Oregon's youth by hosting the high school car show. You folks are simply outstanding. - Jack Gerstkemper - member, Buick Club of America and NWVC&MM.*

Old Car People often complain about the lack of youth in the vintage car hobby. The Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum is doing something about that. The High School Show and Shine Car Show is held at the close of each school year at the Museum's facility on the grounds of Antique Powerland in Brooks, Oregon. Local high school students show their cars and vote for trophy winners in 20 different categories. Only high school kids are allowed to vote. Museum members organize the event, but the show is all about the kids and their cars. Pretty cool.

The Portland Area Chapter of the BCA sponsored one of the twenty trophies: an award for the Best General Motors Car. We were delighted when the students voted Genetta Bennett's bright red 1972

Buick Skylark as their winner for "Best GM". Genetta joined several other high school women showing their cars. A high school woman with a lime green Plymouth Duster won the Best Mopar award. High school chicks with hot cars. Very cool.

Six Buicks from Portland drove down for the show. Salem-area Buicks joined us to make a sizable Buick presence. Among the side shows at the event was the opportunity to ride a two-wheeled Segway through an obstacle course of bright red traffic cones. Some of us did better than others. What was a Segway doing at a high school car show? Duh. They're high school kids. Segways are cool.

The Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum is a non-profit organization with several projects for local high school students. The

tion work. High school kids building a Model T Speedster. Very cool.

Student involvement in the vintage car hobby is just one of the programs at the Museum. They have a 1920's era Texaco service station and have broken ground on a replica of a 1940's era car dealership. There's lots of enthusiasm for this Museum and it's not just local enthusiasm. The Murdock Trust recently awarded the museum a \$100,000 grant that allowed the Museum to start construction of the vintage auto dealership. Help the kids and people help you. Pretty cool.

The members of the museum are a great group. What kind of people are they? Here's an example: There is one award at the High School Show and Shine given to adults who bring cars to show. One award for one fortunate adult. All the other awards go to high school students. The adult award is a people's choice award. Everyone is allowed to vote for the People's Choice Award. The 2009 People's Choice Award was won by Jim Billing for his newly completed "Ol' Skool Bus". Way cool.



Photo by Al Lake

Museum's Model T Speedster Project was also on display. Students at Roberts High School in Salem OR are building a Model T Speedster as a project. Work on the "T" is done at Bert Harrison's shop under the mentorship of museum members who guide the students through the restoration and fabrica-



Photo by Sue Lake



Photo by Al Lake

## 2009 High School Car Show Sponsors

Please show your gratitude to the 2009 High School Car Show Sponsors. Tell them **THANKS!**

 <b>Pentastar</b>	 <b>Joe Guerra</b>	 <b>Willamette Valley Model T Club</b>	 <b>ALL Computer Consulting</b>
 <b>Maaco</b>	 <a href="http://www.hifimonkeys.com">www.hifimonkeys.com</a> <b>Hear No Evil Hi-Fi</b>	 <b>Bob's OK Tires</b>	 <b>Certified Automotive Repair</b>
 <b>Cascade Tire</b>	 <b>Campbell Orthodontics</b>	 <b>Keizer Collision Center</b>	 <b>Pacific Sanitation</b>
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## Museum Minute: US Auto Museums

by Sue Lake

### Ogden, Utah The Browning-Kimball Car Museum

The museum is located at 25<sup>th</sup> and Wall Avenue in Ogden at Union Station. The museum has a small collection of cars including a 1901 single cylinder Oldsmobile to a 1930 16-cylinder Cadillac, an 1899 Oldsmobile Quadracycle, a 1906 Stanley Steamer, 1909 Stearns, 1911 Knox, 1926 Lincoln, 1929 Packard, and a 1932 Lincoln. Docents guide the tours.



<http://theunionstation.org/carmuseum.html>

Union Station also contains the Utah State Railroad Museum featuring a Wattis-Dumke Model Railroad, and the John M. Browning Firearms Museum.

## People's Choice Award by Al Lake

Someone was crazy enough to create a hot rod out of an old school bus. He brought it to the right place; the 6th Annual High School Car Show. The perfect place for a hopped up school bus. After all, these are high school students! When was the last time you rode on a school bus? HIGH SCHOOL!!

Jim Billings won the only ADULT trophy at the Car Show, the People's Choice with his Ol' Skool Bus.



## Best of Show Award by Al Lake

This year the Best of Show Award was won by Dalton Carter of Century High School. Dalton is shown below with his award winning 1967 Camaro.



## Museum Choice Award by Al Lake

This year the Museum Choice Award was won by Adolfo Aldana of Sprague High School. Adolfo is shown below with his very impressive white Nissan Titan



## The Car Show by Al Lake

This year's High School Car Show was fantastic.



## Jack Murdock by Al Lake

Jack Murdock was born in Portland, Oregon, on August 15, 1917. After graduating from Franklin High School, he chose to purchase a shop for the sale and service of radios and electrical appliances. He began a long-term working relationship with his technician, Howard Vollum, which resulted in the pair becoming principal co-founders of Tektronix in 1946 in Beaverton. Jack served as Vice President and General Manager of Tektronix. In

1960 he was elected Chairman of the Board, a position he held until his death on May 16, 1971. Tektronix, Inc., with headquarters in Wilsonville, Oregon, has become one of the world's prominent electronic instrumentation companies and a major employer in Oregon. Since the establishment of the Murdock Trust on June 30, 1975, the focus has been on grantmaking efforts in the five states of the Pa-

cific Northwest: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. An emphasis in grantmaking has been in higher education, scientific research and development, human social services, health care, and the arts. The Trust is one of the only foundations headquartered in the Pacific Northwest that regularly awards grants in this five-state region. We are grateful to the Murdock Trust for their \$100,000 grant to the Museum.

## Museum Headlights: 6th Annual High School Car Show By Al Lake

On May 30th of this year the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum held the 6th Annual High School Show & Shine Car Show. This is a great Car Show because of the students, the volunteers, the car clubs who participate, and the sponsors.

This year's Car Show was a very good car show. The weather was fantastic, we had lots and lots of cars, and we had more visitors than we've ever had. We also had a group of volunteers who did a superb job.

The sponsors we had are shown on page 3. They are a good group of people. I was amazed at the donation by Hear No Evil of their raffle income. They did an audio check on all of the student vehicles, presented 3 trophies, and gave us over \$200 in raffle money. Thank you.

We had the Wooden Nickel back again this year, providing their excellent food. Thank you.

The volunteers who helped were:

Arnie Anderson  
Carlotta Arnold  
Dale Arnold

Cassie Bellby  
John Chandler  
Bev Chandler  
Lisa Gettig  
Greg Gettig  
Bert Harrison  
Lucy Harrison  
Bill Hellie  
Dan Judy  
Al Lake  
Sue Lake  
Ann Sowerby  
Annie Statin  
Stacy McEwen  
Julie Miller  
Karen Pfau  
Ed Weber  
Stephen Ziegenhagle  
Kent Ziegenhagle  
Susan Ziegenhagle

One of the primary purposes of the NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is to provide educational opportunities. The High School Car Show is educational **AND** fun!

For a complete list of the statistics about the Car Show see Car Show Tallies, on page 7.

Many thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who make this Car Show possible and to the students who make this show worthwhile and fun.



Photo by Sue Lake

## Dues Were Due In June By John Chandler

### General Member Dues:

Annual individual

\$35 or family \$50

Founding Member Dues

\$185

(\$150 one time building fund contribution and \$35 annual membership).

All Founding Members receive one logo T-shirt and cap.

### Sponsoring Member Dues:

(All Sponsoring Members receive one year paid membership, one logo T-shirt, cap and jacket, a donor paver stone and appropriate recognition.

Copper: \$500 to \$999

Bronze: \$1,000 to \$4,999

Silver: \$5,000 to \$9,999

Gold: \$10,000 to \$19,000

Platinum \$20,000 and up

The Museum has a 501 ( c ) (3) non-profit status. Your donation is tax deductible.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so **now**.

Make checks payable to:

NWVC&M Museum

Send to:

NWVC&M Museum

P.O. Box 15

Salem, OR 97308-0015

The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is located at Antique Powerland on Brooklake Rd. (Exit 263 from I-5), west of I-5 10 minutes north of Salem - 30 minutes south of Portland. Come take a look.

Thank you!

## Volunteers are needed

by Doug Nelson

Museum members and friends have the opportunity to help on the construction of the "west" wall of the 10,000 square foot Museum. This building will be Phase #1. We will be sheeting this wall with "Hardie" board and period wood windows. The "west" wall will eventually become an "interior" wall when the second phase is added in the future. This will give us the period 1940's look to our museum at that time. Please contact Doug Nelson (503-399-0647) or Tom Kneeland (503-873-6245). This building project will take place from early to mid-July.

**View this newsletter in color at the Museum Website:**  
**[www.nwcarandcycle.org](http://www.nwcarandcycle.org)**

## The Steering Column: Notes from the President By Mike Bostwick

It is time to start celebrating at the Museum. We have started to put the main building up. With your help and a grant from the Murdock Trust we have part of our building. Thank you to everyone that helped make this possible.

But this is not the end; we still need additional funds to reach our goal of a completed Museum Building. I know that times are hard but if you have a few extra dollars think about contributing to the Museum.

If you missed the High School Car Show on May 30<sup>th</sup> you missed a great event. It has grown each year and with the great weather we had a wonderful turnout from both the students and from people who came to show their cars. Thanks to the Museum members who volunteered at the car show. One important group we need to thank is the sponsors. Please patronize their businesses and thank them.

The Swap Meet & Car Show is still growing. Come Sunday July 12 as a vendor or as a buyer. It's small

and lots of fun and there are lots of things to buy. One of the fun things to do is the Barbeque Dinner on Saturday night for the vendors and Museum members. It is a great time for members to come out to see what is happening at the Museum. All the proceeds from the Dinner and Swap Meet are divided between the Museum maintenance, the endowment fund and the Swap Meet for next year.

The Model T Speedster Program with Roberts High School Students is finished and was a great success. The Museum and the Mentors received an award from the Salem School Board. The students learned a great deal and were very proud of the car. We hope to build a shop building soon to give the program a permanent site to work and to store the speedsters and spare parts. We still need more parts so if you have any Model T parts, the Museum could use the parts for next year's program. I wish to thank all the Museum Men-

tors who helped the students and let them use their shops.

**We need Volunteers.** Throughout the year members of the museum spend time at the Station and at other events promoting the museum.

Please think about how you can get involved and help the museum grow and improve to benefit you and the community.

Come to Powerland and to the Museum at the Texaco sign to see what has happened so far. Look on the web site

[www.nwcarandcycle.org](http://www.nwcarandcycle.org) for the latest information on the museum. Thank you for being a Member or Friend of the Museum and for supporting the Museum.

If you have any question or comments for me or the board please call or email.

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## **\$10,000 Donation from VCCA** By Al Lake

On March 18th the Columbia Region VCCA, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, donated \$10,000 to the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum to aid in the completion of the Museum's main building. The donation was made to help the Museum purchase the roof trusses.



Photo by Ed Weber

This building will be 100' by 100' and will be our showplace for our collections of cars, trucks, motorcycles, memorabilia, and other items.

Thank you for your support!

## **Steam Up Concert** By Tom Ruttan

Mark the date of August 1, 2009 on your Social Calendar. Museum Vice President, Tom Ruttan, and members of the Portland Oregon nineteen-piece Big Swing Band will be performing at the museum's Gazebo and show field. The time will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. during our car and motorcycle display.

Museum members and friends and the public who attend the Steam-Up on August 1 will be treated to this free concert. Donations to the band to help defray expenses are welcome. Bring a picnic basket and blanket and dine while you listen or dance to the music. Food is available from vendors at the Steam-Up. Pop-up tents and lawn chairs are okay.

The day cost per adult to attend the Steam-Up is \$8.00 and parking is free on the front lot. Museum members who sign up in advance can get in free if they are volunteering to help with hosting at the Texaco Service Station and at our new museum building. Individuals who display vehicles are also eligible for two free tickets to Steam-Up. The rules are: you must drive or trailer a vintage vehicle; you must arrive by 9:30 a.m. and; you must agree to leave the vehicle on display till 3:30 p.m. because your vehicle will be part of the show.

This concert is our way of participating in the Steam-Up and hopefully will become a traditional part of the Steam-Up in the future.

Please plan to attend this concert!

## **Call to Volunteer** by Mike Bostwick

- **To take minutes at the Board Meetings.**
- **Maintenance Director** - coordinate and direct maintenance of the building and campus
- **Scheduler for Volunteers.**

## **Car Show Tallies** by Al Lake

At this year's Car Show:

- 27 students showed cars or trucks
- 13 high schools were represented
  - McKay - 7
  - Sprague - 5
  - Silverton - 3
  - South Salem - 2
  - Benson - 2
  - Century - 1
  - Corvallis - 1
  - Echo - 1
  - Gervais - 1
  - Jefferson - 1
  - McNary - 1
  - North Salem - 1
  - West Salem - 1
- 56 'adult' cars were shown
- 16 car clubs were represented
  - Portland Buick Club - 6
  - Capital Area Mustangs - 4
  - Bent 8 - 3

## **Speedster Mentors** By Al Lake

The Model T Speedster Mentors are:

Bert Harrison	Ed Weber
Don Blain	Ron Hill
Doug Nelson	Jack Kinney
Jay Clark	Blair Wasson
Bill Zorner	Chris Feskins
Mike Schlag	Ken Logan

Each of the Mentors should feel proud that he has helped a group of high school students build a Model T Speedster. The students undoubtedly feel success from completing this project. Our hope is that this project will generate more successes in the students' lives.

## An Outstanding Volunteer By Al Lake

An award was given to Bert and Lucy Harrison at the High School Car Show. Bert has been a Mentor for the Model T Speedster program and has provided shop space to store and

work on the Model T Speedster. Between his knowledge, his equipment, and his shop, he has made the Model T Speedster Project successful!



Photo by Sue Lake

## Fifth Museum Swap Meet By Mike Bostwick

This Swap Meet will be a little different this year because part of our building will be up. We started construction of the 100 x 100 foot part of our main Museum building in the first week of June so the Swap Meet would be a great time to come to Antique Powerland in Brooks and take a look at what has happened. There is a wonderful barbeque dinner for only \$17.00 on Saturday night July 11th (deadline for the reservations for the dinner is Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>), which would be a good time to visit and take a look at the new building.

If the dinner is not for you then come to Antique Powerland on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> for the Swap Meet. The Swap Meet is growing each year.

For more information call Don Petersen at 503-246-6939 or check the NWVC&MM web site.

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