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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those of you who missed the March social meeting at Levey Landing passed up a golden opportunity to tour without the possibility of having your car overheat. Ten eligible cars were on hand for the Touring Treasure Hunt, including the H. H. Franklin Team, dressed as Yetis, or Sherpa guides at the least (this team, A.K.A. Westermeyers, receives the "Ice-Box" award, as they were not only devoid of side curtains, but a top as well). After a grueling contest ending at Sacajawea Park, the winners were picked for their keen eyes (not to mention the luck of the draw!). First place went to the Gilberts (who are those guys?), second to the Ken Nesbitts, and third to the Henrichs. Thanks to the Craig Kelseys and Paul Duchenes for their efforts in organizing the meeting.

I noticed that the Tri-Cities attendance at the Portland Swap Meet nearly equaled that at most of the club meetings. If you had a Ford or Chevy, you were "in like Flint", with '55-'57 Chev parts especially abundant. My impression was that good buys were available in early '50's cars, but older cars were generally over-priced. Dealers I spoke to were all friendly and eager to help; this appeared to be the general tone of the entire meet.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are details on the Columbia Center Show. The Center has accepted our request for \$15 per car this year; let's have a good turnout.

We are considering throwing a free dinner later this year for all club members; this will help us use up some of the excess in our treasury. Any suggestions regarding the type of function are welcome.

See you at Columbia Center.

Jim
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THE COLUMBIA CENTER ANTIQUE CAR SHOW IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10-15th.

NEW CLUB

A new club has been formed in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. It is PHANS--Panhandle Historic Auto Nuts. For more information about PHANS contact Mike Hansen, 923 12th, Couer d'Alene. We wish the club success and many happy hours tinkering, touring and restoring.

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WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS: RICHARD & PHYLLIS MASON, BILL ELAM & MARTY GREGG. Welcome to the club.

Richland Light Opera has made available to the club group rates for their productions. Min. 30 tickets; call 946-0554.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE JUNE ROUND TRIP II TOUR. Check your February Gas Gauge for details or check with any club officer. Registration committee: Bernice Weihermiller, Marlene Kuch, Peggy Yale and Marge Johnson.

TIN LIZZIE--A Letter
A housewife saved all her tin cans for one month and sent them to the Ford factory. A few weeks later she got the following reply: Dear Madam: We have followed your directions completely and so will ship you one Ford car. We are also returning the eight tin cans left over.

Thanks to Bernice W.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 2:00pm at Howard Amon Park in Richland. Since this will be primarily a business meeting, no special activities (eating, driving, or otherwise) are planned. However, please feel free to bring your antique car and join in the probable free-lance post-meeting activities, weather permitting.

COLUMBIA CENTER SHOW

The Antique Car Show this year will be May 10-15th at Columbia Center. We will move in after 9pm on Monday, May 9th, through the vehicle entrance on the south end of the mall. Move out will be after 6pm on Sunday, the 15th.

2nd ANNUAL MUSHROOM HUNT at the 2nd ANNUAL CAMP WOOTEN CAMP-IN

On May 21 and 22 the Lewiston Crankers' Club will have their 2nd Annual Camp Wooten Camp-In and we're invited. The outing will be our 2nd Annual Mushroom Hunt. (If you don't remember last year's Hunt perhaps its because Peggy and Jack Yale were the only hunters. They're determined to give it another shot and will be hosting this year's Mushroom Hunt.)

There are 17 cabins at Camp Wooten; each sleeps 11 people. The Crankers will provide the Saturday evening meal and Sunday morning breakfast. Total cost for meals and use of the cabins should be about \$5 per person--and that's a bargain.

Bring your own sleeping bags and other desired refreshments (libations, etc.).

Call Peggy or Jack at 586-4933 on or before May 14th if you plan to join the fun--Lewiston needs a count for meal preparation. We will meet at the Kennewick State Patrol Office at 9am on May 21 and tour to Camp Wooten.

Remember it can get very cold in the mountains in the afternoons and evenings in May; warm coats and hats may seem unnecessary when you leave the Tri-Cities, but you'll wish you had them when the evening breeze whispers through the pines at Wooten.

The Board of Directors wish to thank the club for the splendid dinner at the Water Works in Portland. Several topics were discussed at the board meeting that followed, but the only decision reached was to

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move the meeting to Victoria Station. The transfer was made after Buzz O'Connor reattached his car's front bumper. If anyone should find a small block of wood in the Water Works parking lot please return it to Buzz--its part of the bumper assembly.

After the meeting adjourned Martins floated about town dancing until dawn, the Kelseys and Buzz retired for the evening and the Duchenes and Gilberts spent several hours looking for Highway 99E and Interstates 280 and 5.

THE MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE	WANTED
1940 GMC 1/2 ton PU 95% complete Many extra parts, some NOS Needs complete restoration \$800 Dennis Johnson, Rt.2, Box 236, Poulsbo, Wash. 98370, PH697-1165 The Duster, Bremerton	FENDER skirt for '48 BUICK super 2 dr conv. 4-4126 Wenatchee Valley
1928 CHEV truck, 1 ton, 95% com- plete, needs restoration. Best offer 1-509-457-4878 Yakity Yak	GRAVEL GAURD and parking light lens for '51 Chrysler New Yorker 3-7407 Wenatchee Valley
1924 DODGE Touring body, frame, engine & trans. Bob Southard 503-639-3702 The Duster--Bremerton	HEADLIGHT LENS for '37 PLYMOUTH Sedan. '35-38 FORD, DODGE or CHEV delivery truck in fair to good condition 3-7407 Russ Jones Wenatchee Valley
Tandem Axle TRAILER \$600 Rafe Anders, P.O. Box 879, Jackson- ville, Ore. 1-899-1875 Portland Gas Leak	Four 32x4 tires and tubes, new or used (prefer used). Gene McKay 487-7921 Hassie
1913 BUICK Model 25 touring Good solid car, Don Short 445 W. 6th, Junction City, Ore. 97448 PH998-3021 Portland Gas Leak	32x4 tires, used (anything that holds air) Doug Heilamn, 5205 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, Wash. 1-966-338 Yakity Yak/Duster
1926 "T" Roadster PU, 1926 "T" Roadster, 1913 BUICK Touring Model 31 6 pass. (ready to tour), 1917 STUDEBAKER 7 pass. Touring, 4 cylinder (ready to tour), R. G. Little, 2002, Simpson Lane, Yakima, Wash. 98901 1-509-453-2815 Yakity Yak	Pair of SIDE LIGHTS for '23 "T" John Irvine 636-2011 Portland Gas Leak
The following cars are for sale in an estate in Kansas; 1899 LOCOMOBILE, 1907 REO, 1909 CAR- TER, 1909 STANLEY, 1913 HUDSON, 1938 CADILLAC-16 cyl. Contact Art Ebert for info, 5605 Maple, Mission, Kansas 66202 Tel. 913-432-2695 Vintage Vapors/Portland Gas Leak	OVERHEAD VALVE set up for "T" Pre- fer Frontenac but would consider all. Les Johnson, 1790 Wilson, Eugene, Ore. 343-0554 Touring Tribune/Portland Gas Leak
2 front home-made FENDERS for a "T" speedster, L.S. Thomas 1-509-697-7947 Yakity Yak	Any parts or literature for 1929 GARDNER. Have 1930 Gardner parts car. Write needs. Leonard Knudson 1310 Honey suckle, Medford, Ore. 97501 PH779-9046 Piston Ping/Portland Gas Leak
1929 FORD "A" truck, 3/4 com- plete, Russ Duffield 1-509- 452-4418 Yakity Yak	Any parts to fit 1910 Stevens Dur- yea ModelAA Touring. Jay Shaffer, 115 Almond, Apt. F, Medford, Ore. 97501 PH779-7960 Piston Ping/Portland Gas Leak
	VELIE parts, Doug Heilman, 5205 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, Wa. 98908 Yakity Yak
	1958 CHEVY convertible. 1-509-457- 4878 Yakima Yakity Yak
	2 21" Model "A" Wheels, Lou Shee- ley 1-509-966-2827 Yakity Yak

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FOR SALE

Restored 1926 "T" Coupe, Dr. Sheimo, Gig Harbor PH858-9272
Tin Lizzie Times

Old screw-on hubcap collection, some radiator mascots, old car literature & antique license plates. Gerry Robinson, 924-6417
Hassie

1946 PLYMOUTH 4 dr sedan, complete and easily restored. John Prindle PH928-1691
Hassie

About 30 old car radios--all kinds. Berges Hart, 928-1569
Hassie

1926 CHEV 4 dr Landau, good condition, all original, best offer. Call anytime, Craigmont, Idaho PH1-208-924-5261
Lewiston Crankers

Single axle TRAILER for Model T \$350. Contact Rodger Hein, Rt.3 Davenport, Wash. 99122
Lewiston Crankers

'26-'27 T front and rear FENDERS & RUNNING BOARDS, good shape. \$200 for above. With real good nearly complete body & all for \$350. Roly Weinhandl 466-1676 or Jim Patterson 466-0714, Spokane
Lewiston Crankers

WANTED

21" wire wheels for Model "A", Don Whiting 1-509-962-9114 Ellensburg Yakity Yak

FOR SALE

1948 DODGE Club Cpe., Ahsahka, Ida stop at Tavern--they will direct you. Lewiston Crankers

1947 FORD flathead V8 engine complete, Ford factory rebuilt, good running condition \$100, Bill Heinrich, Box 117, Weippe, Ida
Lewiston Crankers

Early CHEV, running gear 1923, fr frame, axles & wheels \$75. Also late teens or early 20's running gear, touring body parts & fenders for Mitchell axles. frame, springs \$200 Eugene LeFebre, 916 Bryden, Lewiston
Lewiston Crankers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BUZZ O'CONNOR

In next month's Gas Gauge . . . a fine article about Franklins from The Running Board, Sioux Falls, SD courtesy Nancy and Dale Westermeyer, and a little info about the Westermeyers and their cars.

NO KENNEWICK SWAP MEET THIS YEAR

ANATOMY of an OLD CAR NUT

by Dave Johnson

How do you get started in this hobby anyway? At the Portland Swap Meet this year I overheard a lady flea market vendor explaining to a middle-aged man just how an old car is restored. If he is like many of the rest of us, he was about to be stung by the OLD CAR BUG. The after effects are seldom fatal, but the process can become habit-forming.

In my own case I had an interest in cars that went back to high school days. I went to vocational school half days and took auto repair for four years along with regular high school studies. The bite from the OLD CAR BUG really didn't occur until about six years ago even though I had owned a number of cars that are now considered "Special Interest cars."

The sting happened when a "dyed in the wool" old car nut came to work in my office. First it was a swap meet and then a number of sessions helping "dyed in the wool" work on his '37 Buick. Pretty soon there was no turning back. I had to have my own old car.

Starting into the hobby I decided to buy a car that wouldn't be an overwhelming project. The car was a '40 Chevrolet coupe in running condition that needed a little TLC. I found out rather quickly that TLC means time, labor, and C-A-S-H. The car turned out fine and it became a reliable go-to-work machine that I drove over 10,000 miles before selling it nine months after date of purchase. No, I didn't

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make any money on it, but the lessons learned were invaluable. Buy wisely! Take your time! Look at lots of cars. AND the Old Car Hobby is like many other areas of endeavor. There are talkers & there are doers. Learn to discriminate between the two.

After six years which included trips to Hershey and a string of old cars which have come and gone, there are still a lot of old cars that I'd like to own. Some are of no interest to other Old Car Nuts, but that's not important. I hope to own some of them anyway.

Editor's note: Marge and Dave Johnson moved to Richland two and a half years ago from Newport News, Virginia. While in Newport News Dave was secretary and then president of a newly formed early Ford V8 club. They joined Ye Olde Car Club in April of 1975.

They have five children; Richard, Tom, Beth, Brian and Leslie. Dave works at Westinghouse-Hanford. Both sing in the choir at Richland Lutheran. Marge works with the Literacy Council and she enjoys sewing, especially hand-work.

The Johnsons have a 1931 Model "A" Ford coupe and a 1953 Ford 4 door sedan. They are among the more active members of the club.

 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 24 YE OLDE CAR CLUB BUSINESS MEETING, HOWARD AMON PARK 2pm
- 24 Corvallis Swap Meet
- 24 Centralia-Chehalis Coming Out
- 30 Swap Meet at Cloverdale, B.C. Canada

MAY*

- 1 Seattle-Tacoma Breakfast Tour--Anton's
- 10-15 COLUMBIA CENTER ANTIQUE CAR SHOW--Cars go into the mall shortly after 9pm on the 9th
- 13-14 Olympia Swap Meet
- 21-22 2nd ANNUAL MUSHROOM HUNT at the 2nd ANNUAL CAMP WOOTEN CAMP-IN
- 21-22 Ford Swap Meet--Seattle Center
- 22 Roseburg, Oregon Swap Meet
- 20-23 Chiliwack B.C. Tour

JUNE

- 3-5 YE OLDE CAR CLUB'S ROUND TUIT II TOUR, TRI-CITIES, WASHINGTON
- 5 Centralia-Chehalis Sunday Drivers Tour
- 23-25 Reno Swap Meet

JULY**

- 1 International Tour--Edmonton, Alberta
- 9-10 Spokane Swap Meet
- 15-17 Sea-Tac HCCA Red Carpet Tour
- 16 SW Washington Swap Meet--Vancouver
- 15-17 Cowlitz County Three Day Tour, Longview
- 23-24 Bremerton Swap Meet
- 24 Concourse de Elegance, Village Green, Cottage Grove, Oregon
- 30 Tacoma Model T Tour--10th Annual
- 31 Concours, Forest Grove, Oregon

AUGUST

- 5-7 Portland HCCA Annual Tour
- 13 Olympia Tour
- 19-20 Northwest Chevrolet meet
- 13-14 Longview Swap Meet
- 28 Eugene Swap Meet

ADD TO THE ABOVE CALENDAR

- * MAY 1--Swap Meet sponsored by Bitterroot Valley Chapter of Montana Pioneer and Classic Auto Club, Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Hamilton, Mont., Info: Art Blade, SE 609 Fish Hatchery Rd., Hamilton, Mont. 59840 PH 406-363-3227 Admission, 50¢

- **JULY 27-30--Pacific N.W. Regional Model A Tour, Inn of the 7th Mountain

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK OUT OF TOWN DATES AND PLACES WITH THE SPONSORING CLUB BEFORE ATTENDING A FUNCTION.

The following is condensed from "Legislative Observer" by Al Newman in ANTIQUE MOTOR NEWS magazine.

Californians are running into tremendous opposition on proposed changes in a storage bill. However the toughest storage bill was passed in Wichita, Kansas in 1968; "This law gave local authorities broad police powers to force removal of exposed junk vehicles from private property. This covered all vehicles wrecked, partially dismantled, or inoperative. Anyone found with such a vehicle in EXPOSED view, was given 10 days to move it away, or put it inside, or he would face a maximum fine of \$500 and/or up to a year in jail." Instead of only watching state legislatures we need to know about proposals affecting our hobby on a smaller scale, also. Remember any city council (county too) can pass a city law much the same as the Kansas law.

Florida antique car owners have a serious problem due to a 1976 law that subjects horseless carriage and antique cars to mandatory inspection. The inspectors and the owners are confused. The older cars cannot be tested in the same way as modern ones. Some owners have received citations because their cars wouldn't pass tests, others have been given approval stickers simply because the inspectors didn't know how to test the cars and others have been ignored by the inspectors.

Georgia has a proposed bill which would require persons regularly selling merchandise (old car parts, too) to obtain the name, address, social security number and other ID from buyers AND sellers. The records must be maintained for three years and they are open to inspection by the police. The key word is REGULARLY; for occasional transactions no records are necessary. BUT how often is OCCASIONAL?

Are there any car related developments on the home front or is the Northwest safe for the moment? Does anyone know if "we" have a lobbyist in Olympia?



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