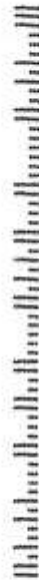


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ST. PATRICK'S DAY WE BIT OF IRELAND MARCH 18TH TOUR

As usual the weather was unpredictable on March 18th but 14 hardy people in 8 cars took off for Heppner for the Wee Bit of Ireland celebration. We met on 27th Ave in the parking lot and started the day with donuts. Somehow the coffee didn't wind up in the trunk of a car, but there was a Starbucks and McDonald's close by.

We stopped in Hermiston for the leaders to have breakfast. Everyone else had breakfast at home so they just had coffee.

We arrived in Heppner about 10:20 a.m. and found the staging area for the Cruz In. Everyone signed in and then inspected the other cars. We paraded into town and parked along one street so that people could come by and look at them.

Everyone went their own way to look over the town, get something to eat or listen to some Irish music.

Door prizes were given to Dave Underwood, Jim Vetrano, Bob McClary, and Vern Shreve.

We were joined during the day by Gordon and Julie Matthews in their modern car and Jack and Peggy Yale in their 1940 Mercury.

As people got ready to go home they found some others who were also ready and they joined together to head into the black rain clouds. Some of us even managed to get into a rainstorm. Rain X works great on the windshield when your wipers don't work!

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The Prez Sez:

Hi all,

By the time this gets to everyone, the April 1st tour will be over and hopefully it all went fine.

We'll be needing some volunteers to help out at the annual swap meet so let me know if you are willing to help. I'll put you in contact with the right person to sign you up!

With the swap meet coming up we don't have a lot going on for April. The one exception is Thursday, April 13th. Bring your old car to the Kennewick Senior Citizen Center and have lunch at the center. Be sure to let them know if you are coming for lunch that day. I recommend that you call them a couple of days in advance. Afterwards we'll tour the East Benton County Historical Museum. The cars will be on display in their parking lot.

Probably the set-up for the swap meet will be on Thursday, May 4th.

Enjoy the beginning of spring weather!

Fred

Save Our Studebaker

Jim V will be moving his Studebaker from the basement up to the street level garage on Thursday, April 6th at 11 a.m. Come help and watch the fun (4512 W. Yellowstone, Kennewick). Take side bets on whether it goes through the doors and/or whether it ends up in the irrigation canal. Bring jacks, chains, lawn chairs, shoe-horns, or anything else you think might be helpful. A successful move will be celebrated with liquid refreshment furnished by Jim. An unsuccessful move will be followed by a period of grief. Jim V.

Pizza Party and Hobby Night

Every one started gathering at the Kingspoint School and Westside Church of Christ at 6:15. Those that brought items of their hobby began setting them up, while those who didn't bring examples of their hobby looked around and visited with each other.

The several different pizzas were good. There were a couple of different salads and there were many different desserts ranging from pies and cakes to a variety of chocolate cheesecakes. There was more visiting while everyone was eating.

After dinner there was a semi short meeting. It was called to order by the president Fred Fraser. He announced the April 1st tour to Sunnyside, meeting at the park and ride by the Conoco in Benton City at 9 a.m. with lunch at the Burger Ranch, seeing the museum and doing the Darigold plant. He also reminded us about Terry Shegrud putting on the East Benton County Historical tour. Those participating need to bring old cars, that the cars will be on display in the parking lot (street), then we will be walking across the street to the Senior Citizens Center for lunch (need to call them on Tuesday to let them know). This event will be April 13th. Bob McClary announced that the swap meet was on schedule and to see him if you are willing to volunteer for setup or other duties on Saturday. Fred Wattenburg is staying on the city regarding the museum. It was brought up that Red Rutherford has 2 cars in storage without insurance. These cars have been donated to the museum. The museum committee will be after Wednesday breakfast to start getting this type of situation sorted out. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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There were a variety of hobbies. Fred Fraser has an interest in antique cameras while Fred Wattenberg is an artist. Dr. Klipper brought antique guns, bullets, casings, and shot gun shells. Vern Shreve displayed his collection of antique tools. Karla Jackson displayed her altered and sketch books, while Denny showed his woodworking skills. Jane Armstrong displayed her antique purses. Russ and Jane Armstrong also have an interest in antique kerosene lamps. Jan Underwood brought a crochet blanket. And your truly hung a small quilt show after spending the day at TRAC hang quilts for the Tri-Cities Quilter's Guild that was held on March 24th and 25th.

This event was very nice and enjoyable. It was a great idea. Even though we all have an interest in old cars it is interesting to see what other interests members have.

SWAP MEET TIME AGAIN

The swap meet will be May 6th and as before we will need some volunteers to help with various functions such as:

- Oversee the registration table, and recruit some helpers.
- Oversee the indoor layout, and recruit some helpers.
- Oversee the pad layout, and recruit some helpers.
- Oversee the donation box, and recruit some helpers.
- Oversee the Friday night security, see that someone is there.

The field layout will be done a little different this year (covered). We will need someone to handle the dinner Thursday after the set up. The layout will be done Thursday evening starting about 5 P.M. Keep all this in mind when you decide whether or not you can help, and let us know if you can help with the swap meet. We will be discussing this at the monthly meeting and at Wednesday breakfast. Don't forget or I will come recruiting.

Thanks, Dave and Bob

Retarded grandparents

This is priceless! (this was actually reported by a teacher). After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but in it, they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out.

They go cruising in their golf carts.

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night: Early Birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the in the doll house.

Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

Submitted by Carolyn Shreve

