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PRESIDENT'S BACK FIRE

Where in h... is my Car Club bulletin? Well I warned everyone due to family obligations and a trip to California I'd be a little behind. So I'm sorry but hopefully I can stay in tune now.

I did make it back for the Annual Swap meet and it was a big success. The attendance was good, the vendors were pleased and the club made over \$3,000.00. The best part for me was the large enthusiastic turn out from the club membership to set up, man the gate, and tear down. Kudos to all of you! A special Thank You to Dave Underwood who led the pack! However, Dave tells us it is his Last Swap Meet as chairman.

The board has made the swap meet an emphasis and we will be appointing a steering committee to make recommendations on how to do next year's meet. We will be calling upon some new people to serve on the swap meet force. But we have a lot of good club members who know how to get it done. It's time we gave them some help.

Another successful event was our Garage Tour. We had a good turnout of members and made it to six collections. Our Thanks to our hosts: Ed Edwards, Dave Underwood, Jim Stafford, Jack Yale, Joe Kuhns and Terry Shegrud. The new

Members were truly impressed. We have some marvelous collections in our club.

Also my thanks to my board and especially Ted Walters, our V. P. for the help I've received during the past few months, your help and counsel is greatly appreciated.

Well, I've got to get out to the garage and driveway. "Cool Desert Nites" is this weekend and I entered three cars. Now; which ones to take and where to start with the clean up. Back up to eight cars and I promised the wife I'd get down to five or six. After 49 years I doubt she believes me anymore. Remember, If you can't find any place to park, it's probably time to sell off...or buy a place with more parking. Hmmmmmm. Give me a call if you have extra space... Ha Ha.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 18	Benton Fair Parade
Sept 3	Prosser State Day Parade
Sep	Moses Lake tour
Oct.	Walnut Gathering
Nov	Veteran's Day Parade
Dec	Christmas Party

BENTON COUNTY FAIR PARADE

It's that time of year again. Time to decide which car to take to the fair parade, then clean and buff it to make it sparkle. This year the parade is the 18th of August. Those who wish to participate in the parade needs to be there between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. The meeting place is the same as the last few years, by Kennewick High School. As usual, after the parade we will be going over to Bob Mc Clary's for the Annual Fried Chicken Dinner. Bob's address is 5624 W. 8th Ave., Kennewick. Everyone is invited, so please plan on attending. The only thing you need to bring is yourself as the club provides everything for the dinner.

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- 1) On September 7th will be the tour at The Manor at Canyon Lakes. It is a Friday and will be in the afternoon. The time will be announced in the next newsletter.
- 2) October 6th there will be walnut gathering. Look for details in future newsletters.
- 3) October 13th will be a fall foliage tour to Wallowa. This event will include a train ride in which lunch will be included. The cost of the train ride and lunch will most likely be around \$55. More information in future newsletters.

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Have you ever had one of those moments where you just wanted to forget all this playing-with-old-cars stuff? I love old tin, working on it and cruisin' in it, which is why I'm doing what I do; but the last couple of weeks have had me thinking seriously about finding some other form of transportation. The automobile and I haven't been seeing eye-to-eye lately.

It's not that I have any shortage of cars, so when something goes wrong I can generally find another to

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use while I figure out what's wrong with the other. That was until a couple of weeks ago when my '63 T-bird started making a lot of noise while cruising along the interstate on my way to work. This car has low miles and has been sitting a lot the last few years, so I halfway expected some things to start happening once it started getting some miles put on it. I had it towed to work to avoid any possible additional damage. My initial reaction always seems to be preparing for the worst-case scenario. I started thinking it was most likely the transmission or the torque converter giving out. So I, of course, started thinking about how I was going to modify it while I had it torn apart. There was no need to fix the Cruise-O-Matic, so I would have to figure out how to install an overdrive transmission that could possibly help the 390FE make a gallon of gas go a little further. No time for it now, I left it downstairs at our office until I could find some time to take a closer look at it.

I then started driving one of my other almost-40-year-old cars, the '69 Ranchero. That was until a few days later, when it suddenly developed a very noticeable ticking sound from the engine. This one had also been sitting quite a bit over the last 20

years, so I hoped it was just a sticky lifter. I parked it until I could find the time to change the oil and check it out further.

So on to Plan C: driving my 200,000-mile import backup car until I could get the time to check out the other two. This one generally never lets me down; that is until this week when the Check Engine light started coming on and the engine started running really rough.

With everything needing some attention, I tore myself away from the house remodel to go get some oil and a filter, and dragged the jack and jackstands out to service the Ranchero. A few pumps on the jack and the seal blew, leaking hydraulic fluid on the driveway. Good thing I couldn't pick up the 60-pound jack because it

might've ended up in my neighbor's pool. I then had to track down my other jack and, once I found it, the pad/cradle was missing. I figured it was no huge deal—I'd just swap the one from the broken jack and I'd be in business. Of course you should know by now the hole wasn't big enough to accept the other piece.

At this point, I'd just about had it with automobiles. I was done—I was ready to sell everything and get another hobby. I put everything away and just walked away from it for a few days.


With a new jack and a fresh perspective, I serviced the Ranchero and found that one of the rocker arms had jumped off the valve stem. A quick fix and it was back on the road. I then proceeded to give it a thorough wash, and my original appreciation for it was back once I was done.


The T-bird also looks like it should be a quick fix. Upon closer inspection, the noise sounds like it's coming from the front of the engine, most likely the alternator. As soon as I get a few minutes, I'll remove the belts and see if the noise goes away. With any good luck, which I've been a little short of lately, that'll be all it is.


I doubt I'll learn my lesson from all this. I'll still play with old cars and argue that they are much better than new ones. Just make sure to have a couple so you have some backup when one temporarily fails. *Mac*


GRAND OPENING


The car club has been invited to attend the Grand Opening of Giggles Gluten Free Bakery and Deli on Saturday, August 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. It is a new business that is owned by one of our members, Scott and Gayle Noga. It would be great if some came with their cars to help make this grand opening fun. It would also show support for one of our Club members. The bakery and deli is located at 227 Symons St. It is in the Uptown shopping center on the north end. Parking the cars will have to be on the George Washington side and at the north end of the parking lot. The deli has the ability to make sandwiches with regular bread or with gluten free bread. We look forward to seeing you.





 Editor's note. For those of you who have articles to be placed
 


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