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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND SWINGIN' SUMMER!



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Back for the 14th year, Brad Davis leads the New Horizons Big Band at the 2024 Steam-Up. The band's first performance at the Museum was on the concrete slab in front of the display hall since the front of the building wasn't there yet! The big band swing and jazz music resonates very well with the Steam-Up crowd (and our museum folks too!) and brings back the memories when big band swing was the popular music of the day and we were all much younger. Some of the crowd got up and danced to a few of the favorite dance tunes, including our own Stephen and Connie Miller.

Letter from the President

By Ron Smith, President

As you read this newsletter, the Museum will have already closed for the winter. We will start moving in storage cars as soon as Oct 10th, and we are already close to being full for the season. The speedster program is in full swing and should have 5-10 students this school year. There is still lots to be done around the Museum, and we always need help with cleaning, removing the summer display, as well as moving our cars in place to have them visible, even during the winter. If we do not have delays, the elevator shaft should be done,



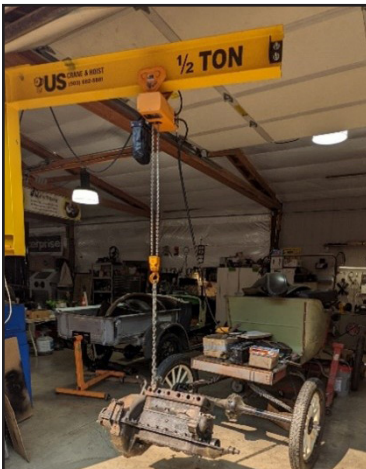
and the openings upstairs and down should be ready. Fingers crossed, maybe even have the installation of the elevator. We still have lots of work to do upstairs before we can use it, but we are making great headway. As the winter starts, I would like to thank everyone that has been a docent, mowed, cleaned, worked on cars, helped with APMA, and done anything else this summer. This has been a record-setting summer regarding visitors, events, car shows, cruise-in's and special events. Way to go everyone!!

Speedster Report

By Gary Dennis

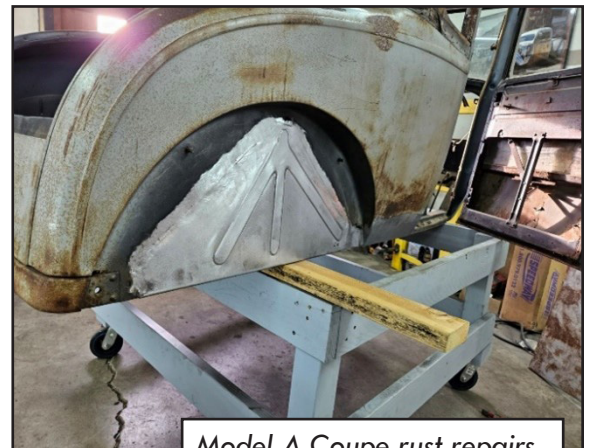
As you might expect, things were pretty quiet in the Speedster Shop during the summer. Work went on in the shop that mostly entailed improvement and organization.

The biggest improvement was the installation of the swingarm crane by Tony Darcy and his crew at US Crane & Hoist. As their final act, they picked a 1,200# concrete load to validate the installation. Nice work guys!



Crane picking up Model T engine for runabout.

The donation of a second media blasting booth is now located beside the current one. We can now load each with different blasting media for different jobs, or two students can work side by side at the same time. Thank you to Keenan Foraker for his gracious donation. We can now load each with different blasting media for different jobs, or two students can work side by side at the same time.



Model A Coupe rust repairs.

Our metal fab/body guy, Daniel Porter, worked on the Model A coupe body at his home garage in August and completed most of the rust repairs. He will construct the cab corners as a class project this fall. Thank you, Daniel.

A group of students from Woodburn Bridge Learning Center toured the shop and will be sending students our way. Two of our students last year were from there.

Mentors met on September 5 to plan the fall term. New this year, Gary will have the assistance of Jeremy Scholz to manage workflow. Classes started September 12. Visits to the shop, when open, are welcome.

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New Board Member Brings New Bling

By Laura Nelson

Newest board member Scott Olson (nephew of founder Doug Nelson) has taken on the role of Marketing and PR chair for the Museum. Scott is a former newspaper publisher and used his talents to create a new brochure for the Museum. Take a look at the full-size version the next time you're at the Museum! Thank you, Scott.



Thank You, Docents!

By Pat Roby

A BIG THANK YOU to all the docents who spent time this summer in the Museum. The opportunity to serve during the Steam-Up weekends, including Steam-Up for kids and the Cruise-In nights, has been truly fun and rewarding. The docents have worked tirelessly during quiet weekends, busy truck shows, and of course our Steam-Up days. We had over 6,000 visitors during the 4 days of Steam-Up. They were all busy.

The following members gave their time and energy this summer for docent work: Ruth Jarmusz, Jack Adams, Al and Judy Hall, Andy Ottolia, Alan and Eleanor Eyman, Doug Nelson, Karen and Bob Farwell, Jim Cutting, Gary LeMaster, Ron and Cindy Smith, Gary Dennis and Pat Roby, Jeremy Scholz, Stephen and Connie Miller, Frank Gaide, Linda Leek, Ken Evans, Jerry Grulkey, Steve Price, Les Layton, Don Blatchford, Mickey Hatley, Tom and Chris Irwin, Rick Simmons, Martin Harding, Don and Joanne Blain, Nils Olson, Eric Olson, Jan Boldt, Tom Ruttan, Tom Przedwojewski, Matt Hackney, Neil and Kathy Beutler, Dave Koetje, Jim Hupy and Judy Countermine, Michael and Rosemary Bostwick, Frank Cunningham, Tom Popelka and Richard Fife. Thank you.

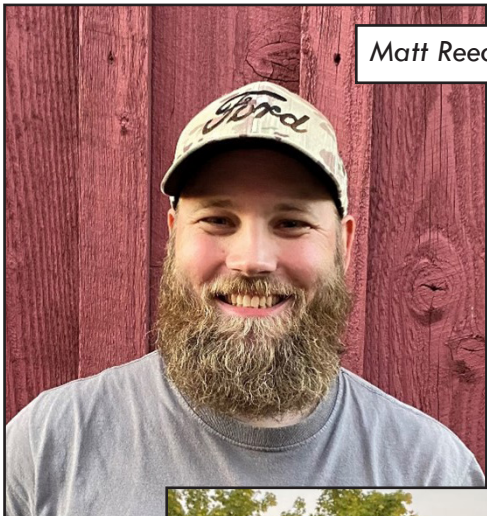
If you are not on my list, please reach out to me and let me know. I apologize for any mistakes, omissions and misspellings.

On a personal note, I appreciate the time given to our museum by these members. I know we have busy lives and the time that these members give is a gift. The faces of our docents and members may not always be remembered by our public, but you are indispensable to the functioning of our museum.

Volunteers of the Quarter: Matt Reed and Steve Massie

By Ron Smith

Matt Reed and Steve Massie both have full time jobs, but still find time to help in the Museum. Matt works for the Salem-Keizer School District in HVAC maintenance, and Steve works in IT for the State of Oregon. Matt has been helping with the Museum's HVAC system as well as giving the bathrooms a much-needed deep cleaning. Both Matt and Steve researched, found, and installed the new cameras in the Museum, and in addition to that, helped run the Wednesday night Cruise-ins and the three large car shows that were held on Chandler Field this summer. Thank you, Matt and Steve!



Matt Reed



Steve Massie

Lifestyles Area a Hit!

By Pat Roby

The Lifestyle area was a hit this year, as it complemented our car and motorcycle displays. Our hard-working docents, Kathy Beutler, Eleanor Eyman, Karen Farwell, Judy Hall, Connie Miller, Joanne Blain and I heard many positive comments about the displays. We also had a successful summer with raffle ticket sales and other miscellaneous items on our sales tables.

Congratulations to the winner of our raffle quilt, Mike Clark, who is a member and lives in Arizona. The name of the quilt is "Scarlet's Garden" and was pieced and quilted by Kay Smith. The material was furnished by Sew N Go, a retreat center in Happy Valley owned by Nancy Fosburgh. Thank you to Nancy and Kay for their efforts.

We are looking forward to next year and what the displays will look like. If you are interested, we will start planning for the next season after the holidays. Additionally, the visitors to our lifestyles area always enjoy the quilt display, so if you have one or more quilts that you would be willing to loan us for the upcoming summer season, please contact me. Also, if you have any items that you would like to donate to Lifestyles, we welcome these year-round. Contact Pat Roby @ 503-705-6015, 503-692-0774 or e-mail at truckgirl51@yahoo.com.

Winter Member Appreciation Lunch

By Doug Nelson

Members are welcome to join us on December 19 for a Member Appreciation Lunch just before our December board meeting. Gather at 11:30 for pizza, and please bring a side dish to share. The board meeting will begin at 2 pm, and all are welcome to stay!



Learn about the Library!

By Ruth Jarmusz and Steven Price

Did you know that our museum has a one-of-a-kind library? The Ferne Hellie Library includes four tall bookcases full of repair manuals. Those are divided into the following sections:

- General repair from 1910 to 2009
- Motorcycles
- Ford vehicles
- General Motors vehicles
- Chrysler vehicles
- Other American vehicles
- Asian vehicles
- European vehicles
- Paint colors
- Parts Lists (including a couple of Hollander interchange manuals).

If your American car was built in the twentieth century, we might even have a repair manual for your car! Our motorcycle repair collection, however, is pitifully small. We need more. If you have any kind of manual which you do not need, we would love to add it to our collection.

There are a couple of interesting items in the library. One is the *Standard Auto Electricians Manual*. This has wiring diagrams for every car built in America during the 1920's – all 166 of them. Another is the *Door Panel Removal Guide: 1991 – 2001 and 2005 – 2009*. These two books would be useful for some of our daily driver cars.

We also have books on the history of cars and motorcycles, as well as books on individual makes. If you need any of this information, we would be happy to copy pages and send them to you.



Librarian Ruth Jarmusz and volunteer Steve Price in front of the repair manual section of the Museum's library.

Treat Your Vehicle to a Cozy, Warm, and Safe Winter

By Tom Ruttan

Do you have the age-old problem most collectors have, not enough space for all your cars and motorcycles? Do you need space this winter to work on that special project? Are you hesitating to buy that collector vehicle because of lack of space? Do you wish to take your vehicle off the road in winter weather to protect it?

Well, the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum has the solution for all these problems. We offer secure, dry, heated storage for one or more of your special vehicles to free up needed shop or garage space for the winter.

At \$475 per car (\$100 per motorcycle) from October 15 through April 1. You will not find a better storage deal for your special vehicle. Remember, this is a secure, dry, heated storage that insures the best and safest storage outcome. Since the income from the winter storage program helps to pay our operating costs, you will be making an important contribution to the Museum.

Contact Tom Ruttan at (503) 621-8943 or tgruttan@gmail.com for more info and to make a reservation.



DONATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORM



Mail this form, along with your payment, to:

Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
PO Box 15
Salem, OR 97308-0015

Questions? Call Ron Smith at 503-931-7879 or nwvcmpres@gmail.com

Name _____

Occupation (current or past) _____

Spouse/significant other _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone numbers (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

_____ **DONATION** in the amount of \$ _____

Membership levels:

- _____ **SPECIAL 3 years for \$100**
- _____ Standard membership, \$40 a year
- _____ Club membership \$200 for first year, \$100 each year after
- _____ Lifetime membership, \$10,000 (*one-time fee, includes family*)

Tell us about your vehicle(s) and interests:

- I would prefer to receive all correspondence via email
- Contact me regarding volunteer opportunities

*The Museum also accepts cars and motorcycles to display and to sell.
These donations are used to help build the endowment fund that will help support the Museum in the future.*

*The Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Thank you!*

Classic Cars Shine at 2024 Forest Grove Concours D'Elegance

By Andy Ottolia

The 2024 Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance, held on July 21, featured an impressive array of over three hundred vintage and classic automobiles displayed on the scenic grounds of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. This 50th edition of the event attracted car enthusiasts from across the Pacific Northwest, including members of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, who were thrilled by the quality and diversity of vehicles.

Celebrating 60 years of Ford Mustang, this '64 convertible won the "Best in Class" award. Museum member Dave Charvet, seen here, was show's MC..



pre-war luxury vehicles to modern classics. Featured categories included 100 Years of Chrysler, 60 Years of the Ford Mustang, and a special Porsche Outlaw class showcasing modified 356 and 911 models.

Museum members had a fantastic time engaging with the displays and admiring the detailed craftsmanship of the Art of Gandini class, which highlighted iconic designs by Marcello Gandini, such as the Lamborghini Miura. The event also offered live music, a beer garden, and a wine pavilion, making it a full-day experience of automotive beauty and local culture.

This event is regarded as Oregon's top car show and a must see for all gear heads. Next year's show will be July 20, 2025. Don't miss it, see you there!



Marcello Gandini designed this 1969 Lamborghini Miura. Its original owner was the Shah of Iran.

The prestigious Best in Show award went to a stunning 1929 Mercedes-Benz 680 S Barker Tourer, owned by Bruce McCaw from Bellevue, WA, which impressed judges with its exceptional restoration and historical significance. Other class winners spanned various categories, celebrating everything from



Chrysler Corporation celebrated its 100th Birthday and this stunning 1932 Imperial was a testament to its beauty and quality.



A very impressive 1928 Mercedes Benz 680s tourer was crowned "Best in Show."



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER

- 2 Model T Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 3 Corvette Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 8 Oregon Tractor Pull meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 10 Willamette Model A Club mtg, 6 – 8 pm
- 16 Early Ford Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 17 NWVCMM Board Meeting, 2 – 4 pm

NOVEMBER

- 6 Model T Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 7 Corvette Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 12 Oregon Tractor Pull meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 14 Willamette Model A Club mtg, 6 – 8 pm
- 20 Early Ford Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 21 NWVCMM Board Meeting, 2 – 4 pm

DECEMBER

- 4 Model T Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 5 Corvette Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 6-8 Holiday Sparkle
Antique Powerland, 4 pm – 8 pm
- 7 CAMC Christmas Party, 4 pm – 10 pm
- 10 Oregon Tractor Pull meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 12 Willamette Model A Club mtg, 6 – 8 pm
- 13-15 Holiday Sparkle
Antique Powerland, 4 pm – 8 pm
- 18 Early Ford Club meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 19 NWVCMM Member Lunch 11:30
NWVCMM Board Meeting, 2 – 4 pm
- 20-22 Holiday Sparkle
Antique Powerland, 4 pm – 8 pm

ALL EVENTS ARE IN THE NELSON BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

WEEKLY WORK DAYS are Thursdays from 9 am – 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to come help.

**MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS are the 3rd Thursday of each month, 2 pm at the Nelson Exhibit Hall.
Everyone is welcome!**