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YOUR CLUB OFFICERS



Our officers for 2019 and beyond! President, Rocky Rodenberg; Co-Vice Presidents, Bob and Marcia Daschofsky; Treasurer, Laura Louise Rosenfelt, and Secretary, Marcie Odom. Help welcome the new officers aboard and be nice to Rocky!!

A MESSAGE FROM ED...

Hey, if you're interested in doing a little volunteer work, we have an opportunity to make a little cash for the car club by working some events at the WW Fairgrounds. Maggie sent out an e-mail last week talking about an event coming up April 6th where all we have to do is help park cars for 3 hours. If you're interested, contact her or Mike Charlo for details. I believe we are still looking for a few more people to help out. There will be more info at the meeting on Tuesday.

Garage Party anyone? I am looking for some consulting and assistance to change the brake pads on my Charger. I've never changed brakes before, and I understand the concept but could use some on hand support. I'm changing to a different brake pad for the front wheels of my car because the Brembo pads are just too dusty! If you have the experience and expertise to help a fellow Cruiser out, please e-mail me or call or text at 509 301 0911.

- **Next Club Meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at Clarette's.**

- If you have anything to submit, contact me at tomdeccio@charter.net

CAR TRIVIA...

- ◆ The name “BMW” stands for Bayerische Motoren Werke, or Bavarian Motor Works.
- ◆ The name “Hyundai” means “the present age” or “modernity” in Korean.
- ◆ The car company Mazda’s name derives from “Ahura Mazda,” the Zoroastrian God of reason and intelligence. The stylized “M” in their logo symbolizes flight toward the future.
- ◆ Before the advent of the car industry, over 15,000 horses were left to rot on the streets of New York every year. Consequently, automobiles were seen as an environmentally friendly alternative.
- ◆ The six stars in the Subaru logo are a reference to Pleiades, a cluster of stars in the constellation Taurus. Subaru is also Taurus’s name in Japanese.
- ◆ Volvo is Latin for “I roll.” Its logo is a circle with an arrow pointing out, which is an ancient chemical symbol for iron. It is also one of the oldest ideograms in Western culture.
- ◆ When Volvo invented the modern three-point seatbelt 50 years ago, they made the patent open and free to all car manufacturers. Seat belts now save over 13,000 lives in the U.S each year.
- ◆ Mercedes’ three-point star in its logo represents its mission to make transportation easier on land, on water, and in the air.
- ◆ The intersecting ovals in the Toyota logo symbolize the trust between Toyota and its customers. The ovals also form the letter “T” for Toyota.
- ◆ Nearly 1.3 million people die in car crashes each year around the world, which equals about 3,287 deaths a day. An additional 20-50 million people are injured or disabled each year.
- ◆ Car crashes rank as the 9th leading cause of death and account for 2.2% of all deaths globally.
- ◆ Over 90% of all road fatalities occur in low and middle-income countries. Ironically, these countries have less than half of the world’s vehicles.
- ◆ Statistics show that there is a 1 in 4 chance that a car accident in the United States involved a cell phone.
- ◆ The Porsche logo features the colors of the German flag, the name of the city where the company is based (Stuttgart), and also depicts an image of a horse to denote power and speed. The word “Stuttgart” literally translates into “stud farm.”
- ◆ Car crashes cost \$518 billion globally and cost individual countries 1-2% of their annual GDP.
- ◆ In the United States, over 37,000 people are killed in road crashes each year, with an additional 2.35 million injured or disabled.
- ◆ BMW had to recall their GPS system model cars. The reason: male German drivers refused to take directions from a female voice.
- ◆ Millions of vertebrate animals are killed--each week--on U.S. roadways.
- ◆ Car insurance companies state that the average driver will get into about 3-4 accidents during their lifetime. In other words, a driver will file a claim for a collision about once every 17.9 years.
- ◆ Famous people who have died in car accidents include Princess Diana (1997), James Dean (1955), Jayne Mansfield (1967), Paul Walker (2013), Jackson Pollock (1956), Grace Kelly (1982), Linda Lovelace (2002), General George Patton (1945), Harry Chapin (1981), and Lisa (Left Eye) Lopes (2002).

MARKET PLACE

**** For Sale:** 1965 Ford F250, 300 ci straight 6. Runs great, asking \$2000. if interested, contact David Eaton at 509 520 8454.



***** For Sale:** Set of 4 Grand Prix Radials, P235/70R15 on Modern 15x7 Aluminum Rims with center caps. Fits Mopar 5 on 4.5. \$275 (price reduced), contact Dave Taylor if interested at 509 200 9542 or 68satellite@charter.net



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WHALEN'S WORLD...

West Seattle High School 56/57/58

Broken Muffler Bearing

Roger had the best penmanship of any of us, therefore he was the one selected to forge the signatures of our parents on excuse when we skipped school.

We could have only so many doctor or dentist appointments a month. We had to come up with some new excuses. Miss Fickel worked in the Principal's office and we would hand her our excuse and she would fill out a slip that would allow us back into class.

We figured Miss Fickel didn't know anything about cars. The true test came when I handed her my excuse about my broken muffler bearing. She said to me, "I hope it wasn't too expensive to fix, John!" "No, Miss Fickel, but it took me most of the day to replace it!"

The excuse passed the test!

The car nuts came up with some creative excuses: lost axle key, spinning connecting rods, and the list went on and on. Miss Fickel never had a clue...

THE SPIRIT OF CRUISIN'

As the cruise season begins and we pull the cars out of storage, we clear our schedules and plan our trips and car shows. During this time we can sometimes forget what it means to be in a car family. You see, a car family is like any other family: some fight, some become best friends, and others enjoy having friendly competitions with each other. But the true spirit of cruising can be forgotten in the shadows.

A while back, we had a fellow cruiser sell his car at the Portland swap meet but hadn't planned what would happen if it sold! His dilemma was no way to get home after the sale! He called car club members he knew had gone to the show in hopes that he could catch a ride home with someone because, honestly, it's a long walk from Portland to Walla Walla. After a series of playing phone tag, I was notified of the situation but had even already left town. After a quick discussion with my parents (I was riding with them) the decision to turn around and head back to the expo center to pick him up was made. We had only just left, and were at most 10 miles out of town but nonetheless, we can't leave a fellow cruiser behind.

The thing I enjoy about that other car club I'm a part of (the Walla Walla Sweet A's,) and the Model A adventures, is the philosophy "you're only as strong as your weakest car." Now, I realize some people have cars that were born for the track and perform very well, where others struggle to maintain speeds of 65 mph. No matter what you drive, or how much power you have, the group is never complete until everyone arrives. I look back to a summer when we were coming back from Prescott and a Cruiser broke down on the side of the road. All of the other cars went flying by, waving, and never stopped to see if everyone was ok. Before too long, the two slow moving Model A's caught up to the broken down car and pulled over to help. As the rest of the group shot past us everyone was sure that it was that rickety old Ford that had broken down when in reality it was a car nearly 30 years newer that was dead (actually out of gas!).

The spirit of cruising - it's something to which we seldom pay attention. You see, Cruising isn't just about driving somewhere, enjoying some food, giving each other a bad time and then driving home. Cruising, to me, is taking time, enjoying the things around you, the scenery, the other cars, and enjoying that fine piece of machinery that we have all invested lots of money and time into. So, this cruise season I want to challenge everyone to remember the "spirit of cruising" and enjoy the beauty around us that we are so lucky to enjoy. And remember, you're only as strong as your weakest car.

Enjoy the cruise season!

Daylan Gibbard

CRUISERS 2019 SCHEDULE

Meet times are 6:00pm...unless you decide to come at lunch time and stake out your seat! And usually, there is ice cream afterwards! Del???

Something new! I thought we could try something new this season, Cars and Caffeine. Our first Cars and Caffeine event will be Saturday morning, April 20th at Hot Mama's at 9am. It's just meant to bring the cars down for a mini show n shine, have some coffee and shoot the breeze for an hour or two. I think it'll be fun. If the weather isn't cooperating, bring your regular car and we can still have coffee and jabber about cars. I think it'll be fun. I have 2 more scheduled in May at the same location since it is the only coffee shop that has good parking and plenty of seating inside and outside. If people like it, we will schedule 2 a month for the rest of the cruising season. So let me know what you think!

Now for the cruise schedule!

April

April 5 Mi Pueblito at the Walla Walla Town Center

April 12 The Brik

April 19 La Casita

APRIL 20 CARS AND CAFFEINE @ HOT MAMA'S

April 26 Golden Village in Milton Freewater

May

*May 3 Tiki Teriyaki/Mamma Mia's (plan on eating outside) ** just read that Mamma Mia's is moving to Main Street to Old Woopem up space)*

May 10 Mr Ed's

May 17 Arby's

May 24 Mod Pizza (plan on eating outside with your car)

May 31 Jimmy John's (plan on eating outside with your car)

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Here are some upcoming car shows and stuff...

I think we are done for the season. If someone has anything, let me know.

** For more information, check the website for links to these cars shows and more.

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