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# The Hub

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## *YOUR CLUB OFFICERS*



- **Next Club Meeting on Saturday, January 12th at the club party.**
- If you have anything to submit, contact me at [tomdeccio@charter.net](mailto:tomdeccio@charter.net)

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...*

Hi Everyone,

Our club annual party is this coming Saturday, January 12th. Please check your e-mail for details and info to RSVP. See you at the party!!



## CAR FACTS...

- In 2014, over 87 million cars were produced around the world. In China alone, over 14 million cars were manufactured. Japan and Germany rounded out the top three car-producing countries, at over 7 million and 5 million, respectively.
  - Chevrolet introduced the first car radio in 1922, with a huge price tag of \$200. Many safety agencies believed the radio was distracting and sought to ban them from cars.
  - If the odds of dying from all possible causes are 1:1, the odds of dying from a motor vehicle crash in the United States is 1:112.
  - The first speeding ticket was issued in 1902. At this time, most cars could only drive up to 45 mph.
  - The best selling car of all time is the Toyota Corolla, with over 30 million sales since 2009. One Corolla is sold every 40 seconds around the world.
  - The most expensive street-legal car in the world is the Koenigsegg CCXR Trevita, at \$4.8 million. It is literally coated in diamonds. There are just 3 in existence.
  - Hyundai Tucson offers a special "The Walking Dead" edition. It contains a zombie survival kit, in case of an apocalypse.
  - The BMW M5 engine is so quiet that fake engine noises are played through the speakers in order to remind buyers of their cars' performance levels.
  - The first long distance car driver in the world is Bertha Benz (1849-1944), the wife and business partner of automobile inventor Carl Benz.
  - Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Audi, Ducati, and Porsche are all owned by Volkswagen.
  - It is a criminal offense to drive around Russia in a dirty car.
  - There are more cars than people in Los Angeles.
  - Many of Volkswagen's cars are named after various types of wind. For example, The Passat, is German for "trade wind," Polo is German for "polar Winds," and the Jetta means "jet stream."
  - A man in Springfield, Massachusetts drove his 1928 Rolls-Royce Roadster for an impressive 82 years.
  - The first person killed by a car in America was Henry Hale Bliss (1830-1899) in 1899. He was leaving a streetcar in New York City when an electric powered taxicab hit him and crushed his head and chest.
  - The first electric traffic lights were launched in 1927.
  - The first Ford cars made actually had Dodge engines.
  - Airbags move at up to 4500 miles per hour and deploy within 40 milliseconds of a crash. They are designed to deploy at an impact speed of 19 miles per hour.
- The largest speeding fine ever was \$1,000,000. It was given to a Swedish man who was going 180 mph in Switzerland, where fines are proportional to income.

## 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



**\*\*\* Need some upholstery work?** Call Reatta Interiors. [Dennis Chryst](#) is in our club and is the proprietor. Click his name to send him an e-mail, or call him at 541-310-9527. He does custom interiors, street rod interiors, embroidery, specialist, and aviation interiors.



## WHALEN'S WORLD...

Trick or Ticket    Seattle/1957

Denny had just made a right hand turn onto a four-lane highway when a '56 Chevy pulled up alongside us; the Chevy was speeding up and backing off. The driver was waiting for Denny to make his move. We just dropped in a running Dodge V-8 in the 1948 Plymouth and now it was time to see what the Plymouth could do. "Are we clear, John?"

"You're clear, Denny!"

Denny downshifted into 2<sup>nd</sup> gear and the race was on. When Denny shifted into high gear he was a half of a car length ahead of the Chevy and at that time we were going up a long sloping hill. At 80 mph we were about 100 feet from the crest; Denny hit the switch to turn his taillights off, put the clutch in and rode his brakes and the Chevy flew past us over the crest of the hill. (We have been on this hill many times and there was always a state patrol car on the downward slope of the hill.) Denny went over the top at 50 mph; the State Patrol had the '56 Chevy pulled over. It pays to know all of the tricks . . .

## WW CRUISERS ANNUAL PARTY

Happy New Year!!!!

Saturday, January 12th

Our yearly dinner and party is fast approaching and we are looking for more RSVP's (along with choice of entree, prime rib or chicken).

We will be setting up at 9:00am (Milton-Freewater Community Center) and all help would be appreciated. It goes pretty fast when we have many hands on deck.

You may arrive any time after 4:30 pm for the dinner, this should give you time to sign in, pay your dues (\$20), purchase tickets for the wonderful prizes, and pay for the dinner (\$10/each). If possible, try to bring smaller bills to help out our Treasurer. Also 50-50 tickets will be available for purchase.

Prize tickets are \$1.00 each, and 50-50 tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. (such a deal)

A short meeting will be held before dinner, and dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Bank.

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## **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???

*Stay tuned for the 2019 cruise schedule...*

## **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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