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# The Hub

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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 everyone. Where did June go? Wow, this was a fast month! Hope all are doing well. Had lots of car shows this past month and had some good fun, and the attendance at the Friday night cruises has been picking up. Nice to see. Let's get cruisin!

Just a reminder about Tom and Glenda Hargrave's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration on July 20th at the WW Fairgrounds. We'll have a show n shine with our cars, there will be music and a BBQ as well. It runs from 11am-4pm. Glenda says no gifts please. The only presents should be your presence! :) If you'd like, you can donate to Cancer Research instead. Hope to see you all there!

- **Next Club Meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd at Mike Kelcy's house at 1379 Detour Rd.** The club will provide the main course along with water and sodas, the rest is pot luck, so bring some yum-mies. See Maggie Yount's recent e-mail for directions to his house.
- If you have anything to submit, contact me at [tomdeccio@charter.net](mailto:tomdeccio@charter.net)

## MARKET PLACE

**\*\* For Sale:** 1956 Chevy 4 door. Two tone green, original condition, runs great. Contact Jim and Ida Bullock at 509 522 9893 for more information.



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## WHALEN'S WORLD

Seattle/1956 by John Whalen

Most wrecking yards usually had four or five cars out front that were for sale; the prices would range from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The paint would be oxidized and there would be little white cloudy spots in the glass and the tires would be bald. The clutch pedal had to come out all the way up from the floor before it would catch and the front end would wobble if you went over 30 mph.

My first Junker was a \$25.00 dark green 1948 Pontiac two door sedan; it had all of the above features of a Junker. When I got home, I went into the house and got a bucket and put two cups of "Tide" into it and added hot water. With a brush and a box of SOS pads I went out and "washed" the Pontiac. I washed most of the oxidized paint off. Now my car was light green.

I was in the living room watching TV when my father got home from work. "John, why do I have a green driveway?"

"What?"

"Get out there now and clean it up!"

When the rinse water evaporated, the oxidized paint covered most of the driveway. I got a bucket of soapy water and a push broom and went to work on cleaning up the driveway.



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## *THE FUTURE OF THE COLLECTOR-CAR HOBBY*

*“The Future of the Collector-Car Hobby”* By John Kraman, Mecum Auctions  
(Borrowed from America’s Car Museum “Open Road” Spring/Summer 2019 Issue)

The future of the collector-car hobby is an oft-discussed topic, with many predicting its demise in the years to come. As someone who is embroiled in the hobby on a daily basis in every facet of my life— as an employee of the world’s largest collector car auction company and as a collector myself—I have to state with conviction that such a prediction couldn’t be further from the truth. While I will freely admit that the market for these cars will greatly change with time, as any market does, its demise is nowhere in sight. While it has been the Baby Boomer generation that has been fueling the collector-car market for the past decade or so, we are seeing a new generation of enthusiasts beginning to show interest. As this new group of collectors reaches a point where they are comfortably affording their mortgages and other daily life expenses, and disposable income is becoming a reality, these people are starting to turn to new avenues of interest that bring them personal enjoyment and allow them a place to invest their money while indulging in the things they could never before afford. If that scenario sounds familiar, it’s because it should. The Baby Boomers began snapping up cars for nostalgic reasons as soon as they could afford to, and now a new generation is beginning to do the same. The market is essentially a cycle, and we’re just now on the heels of a notable shift. Over the next five to 10 years, I expect that we’ll see some substantial growth in the demand and appreciation for cars of the 1980s and ‘90s, while the vehicles from the ‘50s through the ‘70s will likely remain fairly stable. I don’t see the older vehicles falling out of favor completely, as there are plenty of people who do and will continue to appreciate them as fine works of art, beyond just the call of nostalgia. In 20 years, it’s the cars that are most popular today that will be big in the collector market. That includes the exotic and performance imports as well as the modern muscle cars such as the Chevrolet Camaros, the Ford Mustangs and the Dodge Challengers. With self-driving cars and battery-powered cars entering the world in a big way, there has been some speculation about the future of the traditional gas-powered engines we love and cherish. While it’s certainly a valid point of discussion, I fully expect that our vast and healthy community of collector-car enthusiasts will continue to champion the use and availability of gas or alternative fuels. Even if that use someday becomes strictly for what will then be classified as “vintage” vehicles, I have full confidence that it will be continuously available to those of us involved in the hobby. Nevertheless, the cost, support and availability of suitable fuels and even parts will continue to play a role in the enjoyment of collector cars, especially vintage ones, and those that will fall into that category in the future. Today, the aftermarket is alive and well, producing parts no longer available from the original manufacturers. I see no reason why this segment of the market wouldn’t continue to operate into the future, even evolving to cater to the collector cars of the coming years as well. In fact, as many of these new technologies find their way into vehicles, there are plenty of people out there who will lament the changes and loss of tradition—it is those folks who will help keep these vehicles’ legacies alive through the car-collecting hobby. Car clubs and educational organizations also play a profound role in keeping the hobby alive and well, and these groups continue to grow and evolve. First, there is the social aspect of like-minded folks sharing a common interest and coming together through involvement with these organizations. By coming together with a joint interest at the forefront of their minds, members are able to freely share the knowledge that is required for proper maintenance and operation of collector vehicles, as well as ideas about the future of the hobby and historical facts and nuances that make these cars important to us. These clubs and organizations are also perfectly positioned to carry on the passion and enthusiasm of the members to the next generation; this has been happening with success for the past 70 years or so. In the years to come, it’s going to be more important than ever to sustain educational facilities to train individuals on the care and maintenance of these vehicles. With each passing year, little pieces of history and tradition and knowledge about these vintage vehicles are lost, so we must strive to continue fostering the skills and understanding in members of future generations. Qualified techs are potentially reaching the point of an extreme shortage, so the word must get out that many great-paying and rewarding careers are waiting. Continued welcoming and sharing of why we love cars is the main objective we all share within the enthusiast community. The younger groups are very receptive to learning and hearing about cars from the past, but we should strive to stay aware of the evolution of the modern-era automobiles combined with the significance and allure of older cars. Showcasing and encouraging younger fans should really be the primary goal of clubs, shows and museums. The basic concept of sharing interests should continue, but educational opportunities must improve. High schools have eliminated much of the vocational training that, in the past, played a pivotal role by providing fundamentals for the mechanically minded. Perhaps ultimately, that will be the primary responsibility and role of dedicated organizations in encouraging future generations to carry on the torch.

## **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???

Now for the cruise schedule!

### **July**

- 5th McDonald's/Isaacs Ave (on the patio)
- 12th Del Taco
- 19th Burger Hut-Milton Freewater
- 26th Lion's Park/College Place (bring your car and something to eat)

### **August**

- 2nd DQ in Milton Freewater
- 9th Jack in the Box
- 16th Tony's Sub Shop (get subs then park in Green Park lot)
- 23rd Fast Eddie's
- 30th Subway/College Place

## **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

Here are some upcoming car shows and stuff...

- \* July 4th - 4th of July Cruz-in - Ione, OR
- \* July 13th - Saturday - Hermiston Classics car show, McKenzie Park, Hermiston, OR
- \* July 13th - Saturday - Rise and Shine Car show, Columbia Park, Kennewick - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1560724907392631/>
- \* July 20th - Saturday - Tom and Glenda Hargrave's 50th Anniversary BBQ, Car Show, Music - RSVP by July 1st - 509 930 9801 or 509 930 7181 Walla Walla Fairgrounds 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - No gifts please, but donations to Cancer Research gladly accepted
- \* July 19 - 21 - Grande Ronde-A-View Car show, LaGrande, OR
- \* July 27th - Saturday - Annual Open Hot Wheels car show - Nine Mile Falls, WA
- \* July 27th - Saturday - Irrigon Oregon Watermelon Festival car show
- \* Aug 10th - Saturday - Cruise the Gorge, The Dalles, Oregon
- \* Aug 17th - Saturday - Milton Freewater Festival Car Show, Milton Freewater, OR
- \* Aug 18th - Sunday - Wheatland Village Show and Shine - 11-1
- \* Aug 22-24 - Hot August Nights - Lewiston, ID -
- \* Aug 25th - Sunday - Show and Shine for Hunger, Columbia Park - Kennewick
- \*\* For more information, check the website for links to these cars shows and more.

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