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Live Entertainment at Prestige Senior Living**



President's Message

We now move into the busiest/best time of the Car Show Season. We have so many things coming up and each one calls our name for support and participation. Thanks to all of our members who showed up at the Regency Park Place show on Friday the 14th. I have it on good authority that the residents had a great time and the food was excellent. Our thanks to Linda, Sarah and the entire staff! Same goes for the Prestige West Hills show in May.

D.J. Freeman is leading us to several events, so be sure to watch for his Calling All Cars bulletins. And Rich Brookes will be leading us to the Concours d'Elegance in Forest Grove July 21. Thanks to both leaders. If you want to follow along to this or any other event, please sign up at the next meeting on June 24. And be sure to watch the CHAC online calendar for upcoming events.

Martin Harding has delivered our donation along with a letter of thanks to Search and Rescue. We donated \$1,100. Thanks for getting that done, Martin!

Something we've noticed at the last two meetings is that the attendance sign-in sheet is not making it around to everyone. It would be wonderful if everyone would make a mental note to mark their X each time. We really appreciate the large attendance we are having at our meetings and the great input we are getting. And thanks to Barbie Powell for her help in getting updated info for the upcoming roster. If you've not done so, please give her any new/updated info: name, address, phone(s), email, cars owned, etc.

And now for the hard news ... We talked about the budget shortfall due to the lower attendance at

both the Swap and the Car Show. We are down nearly \$4,000. The Board has discussed this at some length and we've come up with options. We don't like either of the finalists and want to give everyone a head's up for further discussion at the meeting on June 24.

Adjust the Budget. That can be accomplished by:

Option 1: Raise Dues. We are far under what most clubs charge yearly. Yes, we request participation in either the Swap or the Show, but that doesn't save us money. We would hope that members would volunteer anyway. We have heard clubs charging up to \$100 per year. We don't want to go there! \$25 has been discussed at prior meetings; again that won't cover the shortage. \$5.00/month (\$60/year) was discussed. Think about it this way: \$5.00 is about one gallon of high grade gas. Less than your morning Starbucks. Less than a Big Mac. I could go on.

Option 2: Delete activities. This would have to be major. We spent \$2,000 on our overnighter. We spent \$2,000 on our Holiday dinner. There's our \$4,000. Do we want to give those up? Or a combination of smaller events? Please put your thinking caps on and give us ideas. Raising dues is a Board decision according to our Constitution but we truly want your suggestions.

Option 2B: Pay as you go. Instead of the club paying for everything, the club pays a percentage and the member pays the rest. Non-members pay in full. That might include non-member spouses/significant others.

Happy 4th of July!!! Enjoy the events and fireworks!

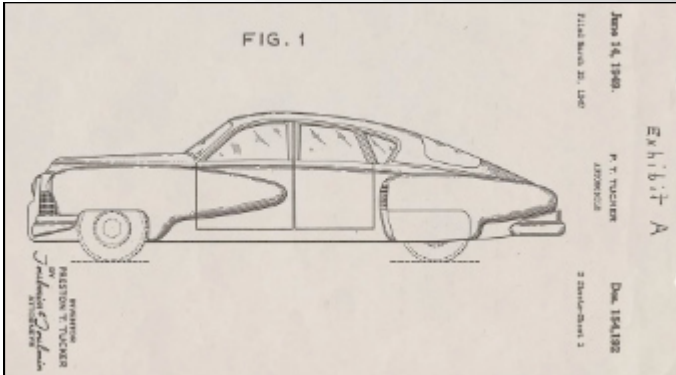
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This Month in Automotive History

By Andy Noble

1906 - The Kissel Motor Car Company

Is founded on June 4 by Louis Kissel. A "KisselKar" won the 1910 Los Angeles to Phoenix "Cactus Derby" road race. The Kissel Gold Bug speedster was popular among celebrities of the 1920s. The company was forced into receivership in the early years of the Great Depression, and was bankrupt in 1931.



1949 - Preston Tucker is Granted

a U.S. design patent for the Tucker 48 on June 14. Tucker's patent was separate from the patent that his former designer, George Lawson, had been awarded a year earlier for the Tucker Torpedo prototype. Preston Tucker also held a patent for a collapsible steering column design, and multiple patents on a motorized gun turret.

1962 - The Beach Boys Song 409

is released on June 4. The song, about a car equipped with a 409ci engine, was first released on the B-side of their song Surfin' Safari. The song was number 76 for one week on the Billboard Hot 100. The Chevrolet 409 engine was first offered in Chevy's 1962 model year Impala SS, Bel Air and Biscayne.



1972 - The National Institute for

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is founded on June 12. The non-profit group certifies professionals and shops in the automotive repair and service industry. Certification is offered in the United States and parts of Canada. As of 2018, over 247,000 professionals have been certified.

1996 - The Final Ford Bronco

fifth generation rolls off the assembly line. The Bronco, first offered in 1965, was originally Ford's answer to the Jeep CJ-5 and the International Harvester Scout. The Bronco was re-launched with the sixth generation in 2021, as both a mid-size two-door and full-size four-door SUV.





Early-Season BBQ at Prestige Senior Living

Club Members Treated to Food and Entertainment

Story and Photos by D.J. Freeman

Prestige Senior Living of Corvallis invited club members to a free barbecue on May 25. We showed up with 14 cars and a fire truck. We had a great time talking cars. The Hotdogs and Hamburgers were excellent. The club has been invited back next year to make this an annual event. 🏠







Sport Sedan Seating, Tailor-Made

Pete's Impala Gets New Clothes

Story By Pete Rocco. Photos by Pete Rocco, Mark Wygant and D.J. Freeman

I finally sprung open my change purse and invested in new seats for my Impala. "Dot" has been in my family since new, inheriting the 1964 Sport Sedan thirty years ago this coming September.

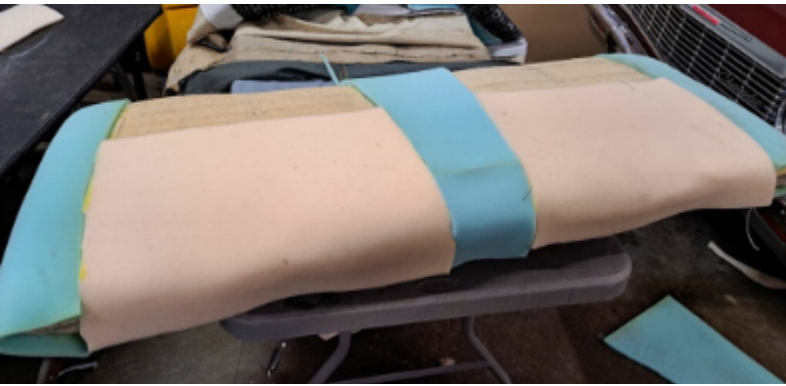


Pete's Impala - front and rear seats removed

I had always wished to fix the torn front seat (it's a bench seat -- the Sport Sedan model is a "B" Pillar-less 4 Door). The front drivers side was thread-bare in places. My Great Aunt and Uncle drove it a bit, I got the car with only 53,000 miles on the OD. Aunt Dorothy was a large woman. I named the car after her.

I had first priced material by the yard when I acquired Dot. I had actually found SMS Fabrics years ago, when we were living back in Connecticut. SMS is out of Portland, OR and the factory makes reproduction seat material for my model (along with a gazillion others). You may remember an offer to tour their world headquarters in Portland a while back. Prices for a yard of fabric tripled over the past 25-30 years. Anyway, I digress.

I had Mark Wygant, owner of Premiere Upholstery in Albany take care of me. Mark did a fabulous job. Club members may remember his name as a long-



Extra lumbar support was added.

time sponsor, judge and presenter at our Dust 'em Off Car Shows.

Mark knows I suffer from back issues and took it to heart – or to the workbench actually. All the cushions in both the front and rear were pulled off their frames and redone. Mark added extra lumbar support to the front, and BOY did that put a smile on my face when I got to take it out for a ride after Dot's very short stay last month in Mark's Second Street shop. 📸



The finished front bench looks fabulous in Mark's shop, just prior to installation.

Classifieds - For Sale By Owner

Janeen Rudd has this 1962 Oldsmobile for sale:

Fully restored original. Drives like a dream.

Fully loaded with almost every option available in 1962! Power top, power windows. Air conditioning blows cold. A true cruiser. \$23,000.

Call Janeen if you have any questions. 541-601-8792



Roy Temes has the following cars for sale:

1985 Pontiac Fiero GT - \$12,000

19,000 miles, manual trans., Silver/Grey
Excellent condition

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/930342938466135>



1977 Oldsmobile Toronado - \$10,000

88,000 miles, auto trans., White/Blue
Very good condition

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/375713268581235>



2000 Jaguar XK8 Convertible - \$8,500

58,240 miles, auto trans., Silver/Black
Very good condition

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/388065090492074>



Classifieds - For Sale By Owner

Sue Probus has this 1968 Ford LTD for sale: \$20,000

390 V8, C6 transmission, both completely rebuilt.
Fewer than 3,000 miles on rebuild. 143K on odometer.

Rebuilt suspension and new exhaust.

Power steering and AM radio.

Family-owned since new, purchased in Albany from
Nissen Ford, which also repainted the car in 1975.

Garaged since new, collision-free.

Phone or text: (541) 248-7392



The 1929 Peerless Six-61

By Andy Noble

It's often said that in business, timing is everything. A perfect, if unfortunate, example of that adage is the Peerless Six-61.

The Peerless Motor Car Corporation was founded in Cleveland, Ohio in 1900. With its first car in 1902, the company pioneered what eventually became the standard vehicle configuration of a front-mounted engine driving the rear wheels via a driveshaft.

As the company grew, Peerless successfully focused more and more on luxury models. The company was first to equip its vehicles with electric lights in 1911 and electric starters in 1913. It produced its first V8 in 1915 in a move to compete with Cadillac.

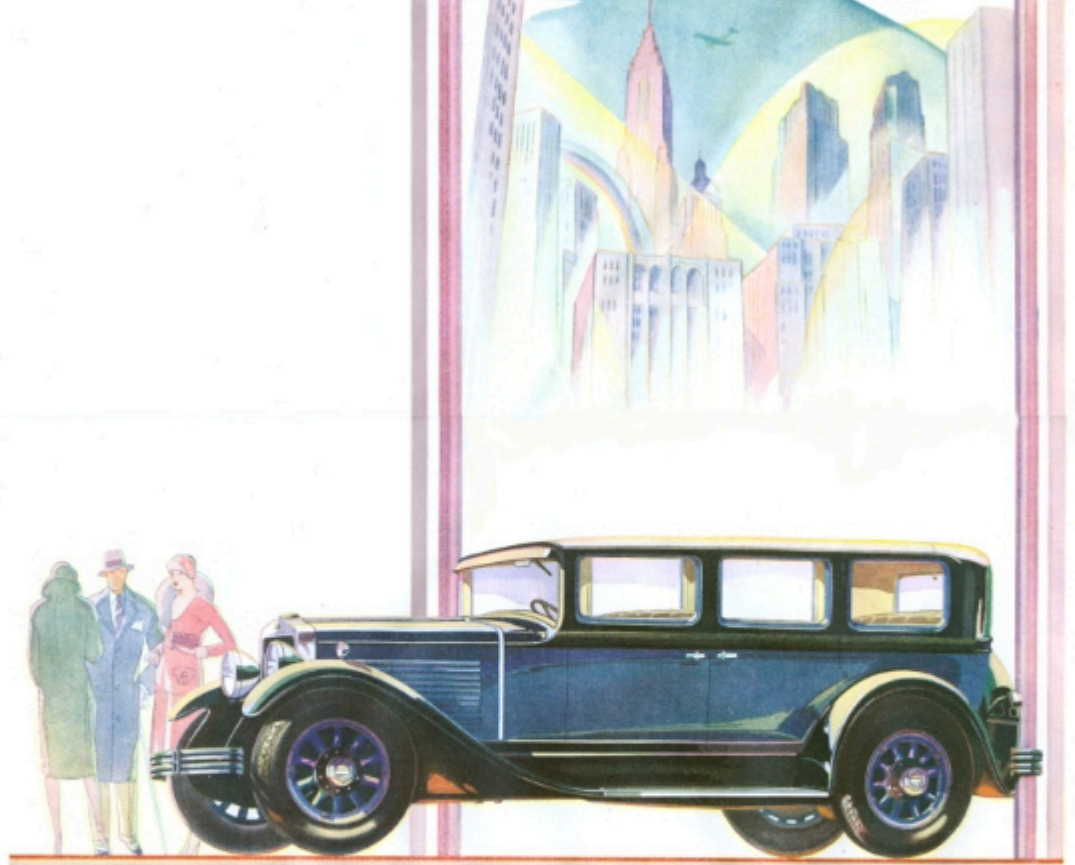
The entire Peerless line was redesigned in 1929, which included the introduction of the Six-61. It also coincided with the beginning of the Great Depression. The company attempted to focus on those who remained wealthy, but ultimately ceased production in 1931. The company was inactive until it began brewing Carling Black Label beer after the end of Prohibition.

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THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

March 2, 1929

PEERLESS



A Car That Challenges Comparison

COMPARE the Six-61 point for point with any low-priced car you know. ¶ Compare its mechanical details—its size, comfort, beauty, performance. Make any test you wish. Try its power—speed—pick-up. ¶ Then you will realize why it cost the Peerless Management over a million dollars to develop this one model. ¶ You will understand why—in a single week—more orders were received for the Six-61 alone, than the Peerless factory ever produced in an entire year.

PEERLESS MOTOR CAR CORPORATION, - Cleveland, Ohio



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Event Calendar

Below is a partial list of upcoming events. See an updated list on our website calendar: corvallishistoricautoclub.org.

Friday, June 21
Covered Bridge Cafe Cars and Coffee, 8:00AM
Free, Every Friday
510 N. 3rd Avenue, Stayton

Sunday, June 23
Albany Cars and Coffee
10:00AM
Free, Every Sunday
1393 Clay Street, SE

Monday, June 24
C.H.A.C. Membership Meeting,
7:00-8:30PM
Shepherd of The Valley
Lutheran Church
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

Thursday, July 4
23rd Annual Monmouth July 4th
Car Show, 9AM to 2PM
Main Street Park, Monmouth
Registration \$15, Spectators free
monmouthcarshow@yahoo.com

Saturday, July 8
CHAC Cars and Coffee, 8AM
Shepherd of The Valley
Lutheran Church
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis
Admission free

On The Cover: 1932 Austin 7

The Austin Motor Car Company was founded in England in 1905. Initially focusing on large cars, the smaller "Baby Austin" was produced from 1923 to 1939 and became one of the most popular cars that were produced for the British market. The car was sold with a 747cc, 10.5hp thermosiphon-cooled four-cylinder engine.

Friday, July 12
The Filling Station Car Show and Open House, 3PM to 6PM
990 S. 2nd St., Lebanon
Admission Free
fillingstation.com

Saturday, July 13
Philomath 27th Classic Car Show
9AM-3PM
Philomath City Park
Registration \$25
philomathclassiccarshow.com

Sunday, July 14
Springhill North Albany Car Show, 8AM-3PM
Bryant Park, 801 Bryant Way SW
Registration \$25, Admission free
dafaller@comcast.net

Saturday, July 20
Kings Circle Cars and Coffee
8AM-10AM
Kings Circle Church
2110 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis
Admission free
kingscircle.church

Saturday, August 24
17th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club Car Show, 8AM
Timber Linn Park, Albany
Registration \$25, Admission free
willamettstudebakers.com

Tell Us Your Stories:

We're always looking for content. Tell your fellow members about your first or favorite car, the one that got away, a hard-to-find part that you sourced, made or refurbished, a memorable road trip, your personal tips for storing your car for the winter, or something else.