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**Gary Peterson**  
Club President

# President's Message

Our Spring activity season is upon us! Our annual Swap Meet was held at the Benton County Fairgrounds on a beautiful day, April 26. While not as profitable as in the past, this event is still a significant source of revenue for the Club's activities. Thanks to Rich and Heather Brookes for their continued leadership in organizing and facilitating this event as well as all of the members who volunteered to make the event a success.

We opened our annual Cars and Coffee season on Saturday, May 2. While there was thunder prior to the event and a passing shower near the end, we had a very good showing of 93 vehicles. Clearly, everyone is eager to get their cars out and to "inspect" those of others. Thanks to those members who staffed this event on behalf of the Club. This event does not happen if we don't have a team to make the necessary arrangements and ensure that the event runs smoothly. Our next Cars and Coffee event is on Saturday, June 6.

The annual membership year for the Club begins on July 1. That is the time when membership dues are collected for the upcoming year. Your membership dues are \$25 per year and may be paid online at [Corvallis Historic Auto Club - Home](#). We congratulate Roy Temes for being the first current member to renew for 2026-27!

The annual membership year coincides with the Club's fiscal year. The CHAC Board is continuing to develop the 2026-27 budget. We hope to have that budget ready for review by the membership at the June 22 membership meeting. With our Car Show at Adair Park not being held until June 20, our budget preparation is not final until the receipts and expenses from that event are factored in.

Finally, as I have mentioned before, July 1 is the date for the installation of the Club Officers for 2026-27. As defined in our Constitution and Bylaws, the Board of Directors of the Corvallis Historic Auto Club consists of President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-large (appointed by the President.) Nominations for Officers for the 2026-27 membership year are now open!

As has been noted many times, the CHAC operated this year without a secretary duly elected by the membership. **This position is critical to the Club's success and will need to be filled.** The Club will be unable to move forward without a secretary to handle duties which include meeting minutes, maintaining the membership roster, monitoring the Club's email account and responding as appropriate, following up on questions or details about Club activities (particularly when planning the Swap Meet and Car Show), maintaining the Club calendar of events, and, reviewing the Club website and providing input on updates and/or

changes. I want to recognize the contributions of Peter Rocco, Sebastian Heiduschke and Chris Hagler in stepping up to take care of many of these tasks this past year. I also want to recognize that other Board members – Janeen Rudd as past president, Dave Snell as treasure and Andy Noble as member-at-large – have been instrumental in our success this past year.

**I**n the original filing to register the CHAC with Oregon’s Secretary of State in 1965, we indicated that our officers would be President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer (combined) and Publicity Chairman. Later, sometime in the 1970’s, we separated the secretary and treasurer positions. The position of vice-president has become “past president” for Board purposes, and we no longer have a publicity chairman. I am not aware of when these positions were formally modified. I wonder, however, if this might not be a time to consider some changes in our elected officers or program structure. For example,

perhaps it is time to bring back a position of publicity chairman to help with our event organization and coordination, as well as publicity for such events. Or maybe, it is a person designated to act as events or activities coordinator. It might mean that we find someone willing to handle the tasks associated with keeping an updated membership list, i.e., a membership secretary. These additional positions would not necessarily be Board-level positions but would take considerable work off the Board to successfully conduct the many activities that our Club members and community desire and have come to expect.

**I** offer the above thoughts as I, for health-related reasons, will be leaving the Board on June 30 and stepping back from CHAC activities. Thank you for the opportunity to have served as Club President this past year.

Gary



**“If all the cars in the United States were placed end-to-end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.”**  
– Doug Larson

# This Month In Automotive History

By Andy Noble

## 1889 - Thomas Midgley Jr. is Born

in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on May 18<sup>th</sup>. While working at General Motors, Midgley was closely involved in the development of leaded gasoline and Freon, both of which are included in Time Magazine's list of "The 50 Worst Inventions." The chemicals have since been banned because of their negative environmental and health effects.



## 1953 - The First Pinewood Derby

is held in Manhattan Beach, California, by Cub Scout pack 280C on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Cubmaster Don Murphy created the derby because his son was too young to participate in a Soap Box Derby. The Boy Scouts of America trademarked Pinewood Derby in 2005.



## 1978 - Saab Introduces the 900

on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Because of emission regulations, 1979 model year 900s were sold in the US with a 115hp fuel-injected engine in Western and Rocky Mountain states, and a 135hp Turbo in other states. Saab 900 production ended with the 1998 model year.

## 2006 - Pixar Studios Releases

the movie Cars on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The movie premiered at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, NC, and became the sixth highest grossing film of 2006. The movie also had the highest-grossing opening weekend for any car-oriented film until being surpassed by the film Fast and Furious in 2009.



## 2013 - Dick Trickle Dies on May

16<sup>th</sup>, at age 71. Although he never won a premier championship race, Trickle was known as the winningest short-track racer ever, with more than 1,200 wins in over 2,200 races.



## D.J. Freeman leads the way as club members venture out on the Salem Auto Council's Cherry Blossom Drive and Poker Run.

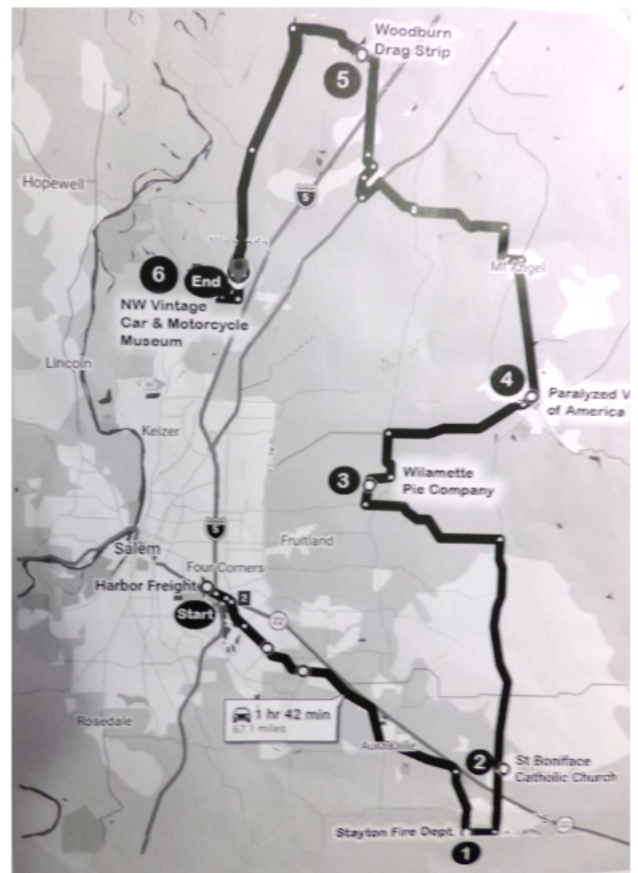
*Story by D.J. Freeman, photos by D.J. Freeman and Pete Rocco*

It was a bright and sunny day when we set sail for a two-hour tour. Our group consisted of me in my '38 Plymouth, Dave Snell and his first mate Zach in Dave's '72 Chevy C10 pickup, Mike Hoffman in his '68 AMX, and Pete Rocco and his wife, Patty, in their '64 Impala.

We arrived in Salem on time and received maps of the course we were to navigate. To my surprise, this was not a short 5 stops around Salem. It was a two-hour drive according to Google, if you didn't stop anywhere.

We all made it to the 1st stop, the Stayton Fire Department. After chatting and Dave and Mike had returned from scavenging the town for food, we were off to the 2nd stop. That was when my Plymouth did the usual tour thing and wouldn't start.

Dave gave me a jump and we were off to the second stop, St. Boniface Church. At the church





Dave gave me another jump and we headed to the 3rd stop, The Willamette Pie Co.

Another jump and we headed to the 4th stop. That's when the Plymouth ran like it was almost out of gas. (It was a longer trip than I had planned for, and Pete also needed gas.)

Near the 4th stop in Silverton, Pete and I gassed up. Pete said they needed to head home for now, and then there were 3.

**A**fter the gas station, the Plymouth ran like the timing was off, it was jumping and bucking and backfiring. Then one big backfire blew out the back of the muffler. A straight pipe was too loud to continue.

I made it back to the gas station where Mike and Dave were waiting for me. I explained my problem and that I planned to call AAA for a ride home. And then there were 2. Dave and Mike completed the run. They got some food at the last stop, Powerland.

As they say, I came home "On the Hook". I plan to let the Plymouth think about what it has done before I tackle its problem.

And that's the story of the crew that set sail for a 2 hour-tour, that ended up more like 8 hours. 🏠





**Story and photos by Andy Noble**

It was going to take more than a little pre-dawn thunder and lightning to keep people away from the Corvallis Historic Auto Club's Cars & Coffee 2026 season opener. Even a few early morning bursts of rain were not enough to deter a full 93 drivers from bringing their rides to our monthly event.

The parking lot of the Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church filled quickly with all manner of vehicles, everything from a Ford Model A to a Ferrari 360,



and a lot of really cool stuff in between. Attendance was so good that we opened up the lawn area, which the church graciously allows us to use to handle overflow.

Many thanks to club members DJ Freeman, Dave Snell, LaDonna Cooper, Mike Hoffman, George Taylor and this month's team-lead Gary Peterson for expertly handling the coffee and donut sales.

Our new airpots made brewing and serving coffee much easier for the team to keep up with demand, which nearly outstripped what we had on hand! ☕



Ads run for two months with photos, then four months with text only or until canceled, whichever comes first.

## For Sale By Owner

1956 Nash Metropolitan for Sale (Dan Croft):

- \$14,500
- Beautifully restored inside and out
- Starts and runs great; it's a lot of fun to drive

- 1.5L Series A engine with 3-speed transmission
- New tires, shocks, battery, and u-joints
- Recent mechanical inspection report available
- email: [dancroft@comcast.net](mailto:dancroft@comcast.net)



## Wanted

I am looking for a driver's vent window (glass and the mounting hardware) for a 1950-51 Ford 2dr or 4dr sedan. 1949 has a small difference but may also work.  
Call Roger Marier, 541-926-6195.

## Musical Day-Trippin'

Club member Janeen Rudd noted that fellow member Gregg Gorthy plays in a band called Tin Can Alley.

The band is made up of three-to-seven members, with drums, bass, vocalist, banjo, ukulele, and tenor guitar. You might even see a horn player or two, and another vocalist, not to mention older percussion instruments

such as bones, spoons, washboard and tambourine!

Below is a list of upcoming dates where the band will be playing, which would make for fun club day trips. Janeen plans to send emails out to the club about planned outings, but members can also contact her about interest in specific dates: [jaglad48@gmail.com](mailto:jaglad48@gmail.com).

**Sunday, June 7 from 3:00-5:00pm**

Ankeny Vineyard,  
2565 Riverside Dr., S., Salem

**Sunday, July 5 from 2:00-4:00pm**

Lumos Wine Co.,  
24000 Cardwell Hill Dr., Philomath

**Monday, July 13 from 6:00-8:00pm**

Drift Inn,  
124 US-101, Yachats

**Sunday, August 2 from 3:00-5:00pm**

Ankeny Vineyard  
2565 Riverside Dr., S., Salem

**Saturday, August 15 from 2:00-4:00pm**

Lumos Wine Co.  
24000 Cardwell Hill Dr., Philomath

**Saturday, August 22 from 2:00-4:00pm**

Brownsville Pioneer Days,  
Special Instruments event

**Sunday, September 27 from 3:00-5:00pm**

Ankeny Vineyard  
2565 Riverside Dr., S. Salem

## The 1918 Stanley Steam Car

By Andy Noble

The Stanley Motor Carriage Company was founded by twins Francis and Freelan Stanley in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1902.

Before founding their company, the Stanleys produced their first car in 1897, and produced the most cars of any US automaker in 1898 and 1899, at 200 units. They sold the rights to their early design to Locomobile before founding their company.

The Stanley Steam Car generated power from a boiler that was initially mounted under the seat, then later moved to the front of the vehicle. The boiler, which was heated with a vaporizing gas or kerosene burner, drove a side-by-side two-cylinder engine. The boiler was protected from excessive pressure by safety valves. No Stanley boiler is known to have ever exploded.

In 1906, a Stanley Steamer set the world record for the fastest mile by car; 28.2 seconds, a record that stood until 1911. In 1917, Stanley produced over 500 cars.

After Francis died in a car crash in 1918, his brother Freelan sold his interests in the company. Technological stagnation, along with continued improvements in internal combustion engines and vehicles, meant that better cars than Stanleys were available for less. The Stanley factory closed in 1924.

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The Corvallis Historic Auto Club, a nonprofit organization, was incorporated on November 22, 1965 in Corvallis, Oregon for the encouragement of interest in historical cars, their preservation & restoration, the extension of knowledge concerning them, & related activities. **Now, all cars are welcomed.**

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# Event Calendar

Below is a partial list of upcoming events. See an updated list on our website calendar: [corvallishistoricautoclub.org](http://corvallishistoricautoclub.org), and check out the list at Salem Auto Club Council: <https://salemautoclubcouncil.org/>

**Monday, May 25**

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

**Saturday, June 6**

C.H.A.C. Cars & Coffee, 8:00-10:00AM  
First Saturday of the month, May through October  
Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church  
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

**Saturday, June 13**

Show & Shine Car Show & Swap Meet  
Oregon State Fairgrounds  
2330 17th St NE, Salem  
Questions: (503) 362-7998 or email: [tristatpva@tristatepva.org](mailto:tristatpva@tristatepva.org)

**Saturday, June 20**

Corvallis Cruise-in Car Show, 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Free admission and parking, \$20 per show vehicle  
Adair County Park  
7295 NE Arnold Avenue, Corvallis  
Questions: 503-784-2047

**Saturday, June 20**

Kings Circle Cars & Coffee, 8:00AM-10:00PM  
Third Saturday of the month, May through September  
Kings Circle Church  
2110 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis

**Monday, June 22**

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

**On The Cover: Land Rover Stage 1 Tell Us Your Stories:**

*British Leyland sold the Land Rover Series III for the 1971-1985 model years. Available engines included both gas and Diesel, with the 3.5L gas engine having the largest displacement. The Stage 1 was the only Series III model with permanent 4WD. Approximately 440,000 Series III were built, with factory sales in North America ending in 1974.*

*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.*