

# The Radiator

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D.J. Freeman Leads A Mid-March  
Field Trip Adventure  
to Brownsville





## Presidents' Message

**A**nd ... another month has passed and we've only seen a tiny bit of spring. We know - we need the rain, but it's SWAP MEET AND CAR SHOW SEASON and we need better weather! It's coming I'm sure, and about August we'll be wishing for some wetness.

Our Swap Meet and Dust 'em Off Car Show is about two weeks away, as of this writing. We hope you've all signed up to fulfill your obligation to the club, which in turn keeps our yearly dues low. We have a tremendous amount of benefits from those dues. We have had a great response so far, and we hope for a great turn out (and the above mentioned better weather!) Please remember to wear your name badge. It's important for participants to know you're a club member and can answer questions. If you missed the sign up sheet, there will be another opportunity to sign up at the April 22 membership meeting. Don't forget set-up on Saturday, 4/27! We need all hands on deck.

**J**im Knoke has been the Chair Person for the Cars and Coffee for 5 years now and feels that's plenty. He is going to step back from it and he said he is sure that we'll keep it going just fine. We want to thank Jim and Lin for their years of service and maybe this will free them up to do more traveling. We will be looking for another Chair Person to lead the Cars and Coffee with a committee to help things run smoothly. There will be a sign up

sheet at the next Membership meeting on April 22nd. Chris and Sebastian will be handling things with help for the first Cars and Coffee on May 4, 2024.

**O**ur summer calendar is filling up. And it appears that we have become very popular - our name is growing in the valley - with the various groups in the area. We've had invitations from Regency Park Place, Prestige West Hills Senior Living, the Masons, The Manor and from afar, Bay City Cruisers in Newport. More on each of these events as the times get closer. Watch the website and the Radiator for more information. DJ is contemplating ways to provide our members with information on many car shows and is continuing his planning for both day trips and possibly another overnigher.

**G**ood news for those members who are not early risers: Bobbie McNicol has discussed with the Sunday morning breakfast group the idea of moving breakfast to start at 8:00. Hopefully that will allow more people to enjoy this event. Thanks, Bobbie and the other early birds!

So, on we go into our favorite time of the year. Nirvana for the car enthusiast!

Marsha Raymond

Janeen Rudd

# Swap and Show Update

IF YOU can't make the April 22nd Club Meeting, here is a final briefing on the Swap and Show.

- We expect to have the club jackets and new batch of hats delivered by the meeting.
- Name badges are in hand and need to be in yours for the event.
- We expect every member to wear them. Trophies are also in production.
- Posters are up at all auto parts stores in Corvallis and Albany. There are (or should be) flyers on all their counters. Should you visit your favorite store and not see the yellow 1/4 page sheets, let me know so we can replenish the stack.

Remember that this is our biggest revenue generating event of the year and your participation in one form or another is expected of you.

Set up on Saturday will start around 9:00am. I will have any unclaimed Name Badges at the Auditorium (Registration).

The Swap fields get laid out with lime stripes as well as the main parking lot.

We set up tables for the Arena Kitchen and Car Show Registration, hang banners, etc....

Sunday (April 28) at 5:45 AM "all hands on deck" as the gates open for vendor set-up at 6:00am.

Car Show Registration opens at 8:00AM. Show cars may enter at 7:00AM on Sunday, along with the opening of the general public gates.

Club members are welcomed to bring a vehicle to show on Sunday. Club vehicle parking will be along the fence on 53rd.

Daily drivers may park in the gravel lot by the Auditorium, too, but closer to the corner of Reservoir in order to leave room for show vehicles.

- Pete Rocco, Car Show Chairperson



# This Month in Automotive History

## 1927 - Volvo is founded on

April 14. The company's first car was the OV 4, an open carriage, 4-cylinder cabriolet. The automobile part of the company, Volvo Cars, was owned by Ford Motor Corp from 1999 to 2009, and today is owned by Geely Holding Group. The word Volvo is Latin for "I roll".



## 1966 - The final episode of "My

Mother the Car" airs on NBC on April 5. The TV show was about a man who buys a 1928 Porter touring car that turns out to be his reincarnated mother (voiced by Ann Sothern). The show, starring Jerry Van Dyke and Maggie Pierce, lasted one season over a total of 30 episodes.



## 2020 - Stirling Moss dies on April

12 at age 90. Moss, who was born in London, England to racing parents, won his first international race at age 21 in an XK120, winning the 1950 RAC Tourist trophy in Northern Ireland. Active from 1951 to 1961, Moss had 16 wins in 66 starts. Moss retired from racing after a crash put him in a coma for a month, from which he felt he never fully recovered.



## 1947 - Henry Ford dies on April

7 at age 83. Ford founded the Ford Motor Company in 1903, after having dissolved his first car company, the Detroit Automobile Company, in 1901. Ford pioneered the use of soybean-based plastics in his cars and over the course of his life was awarded a total of 161 US patents.



## 1970 - AMC launches the Gremlin

on April 1. The car, which was produced in the US through the 1978 model year, could be ordered with engines ranging from 121ci to 304ci. The car's designer said that he originally sketched the car on an air-sickness bag while on an airline flight.



# Function 4 Junction

## Junction City Car Show and Cruise Likely to Sell Out, So Register Early

By *Dave Snell*

Coming up May 31st and June 1st this year will be the Function 4 Junction Car Show and Cruise. Here is a sampling of my photos from the 2023 show.

If you have never attended, here is the scoop on this event.

It's a two day event, starting with car show registration for Saturday's show on Friday afternoon, followed by a cruise up and down Ivy Street (Hwy99) in the evening.

The Friday cruise is open to show participants and anyone else who wants to cruise. During the





cruises, Ivy Street is closed off for cruisers, while Highway 99 traffic is diverted through side streets west of town.

The car show on Saturday is held throughout the downtown side streets east of Ivy Street. Registration begins early in the morning but I would suggest you pre-register online or in person on Friday prior to Saturday because the event sells out.



Be sure to get to the show registration early AM on Saturday to pick up your packet and get a spot in the show. There will be no spots left by the time the show starts. Around 5PM the show ends and the cruise begins. This time, the cruise is for show participants only.



This is a popular event with the locals. The sidewalks on both sides of Ivy street will be

packed with people standing and sitting in chairs while watching the parade of cars. 📸



# Brownsville Field Trip

## Club Members Visit the Linn County Historical Museum

By D.J. Freeman

The 16<sup>th</sup> of March was a bright and sunny day. The Corvallis Historic Auto Club members assembled in the Corvallis Safeway parking lot to begin the first club tour of 2024. There was as usual a lot of chatting prior to leaving on the tour. Each paid member of the club was giving \$10 for lunch.

A few minutes after 10am we were off like a herd of turtles. Cynthia and I, in our '37 Plymouth "Brownie" led the way. Out Hwy 34 to Peoria Rd and then south to the turn off to Halsey. Sometimes Brownie can be a little fussy. So, at the 4 way stop in the middle of Halsey, Brownie decided it was time to rest.







She refused to start and caused quite a traffic jam. Many of the club member gave suggestions on how to get Brownie going but she would have nothing of this. One of the local people of Halsey arrived with a forklift and an offer to tow Brownie. That was too embarrassing and I declined the offer. Then a Linn County Deputy Sheriff arrived and started directing traffic. At this point I agree to let the club members push Brownie across the intersection and into a gravel lot behind a nearby grocery store.

I then requested the assistance of club member Martin Harding to take over leading the tour to Brownsville. Martin agreed to lead and I got the group together for photo. It wasn't long after everyone left that Brownie decided it was time to go again. Cynthia and I caught up with the club in Brownsville. After touring the Museum we walked around the corner to Randy's Main Street Coffee Shop for lunch. Those who ate lunch at Randy's found the food was good and there was more time to chat while we ate on the patio

After lunch everyone was on their own to spend the rest of the day sight seeing in a town known for the filming of the movie "Stand By Me". Cynthia and I would like to thank all the club members who joined us for this Cruise. 📷



# Honda Hush Tech

Honda has announced an option in its cars that will effectively quiet many annoying sounds.

The Honda Ultra Quiet Sonic Hub (HUSH) works in a similar way to noise-canceling headphone technology. It uses inverse sound waves to cancel out sounds that many drivers find to be irritating.

The system includes pre-programmed recognition of common distracting phrases, including “Are we there yet?” and “I would have gone the other way”, rendering them inaudible. It can also mute your navigation system if it’s telling you to turn around when you know better.

The system is a popular item on April Fool’s Day.

## Classifieds - For Sale By Owner

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>



# BRUSH \$500 RUNABOUT



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**Brush Runabout Co.,** 25 Baltimore Ave., Detroit.

## The 1910 Brush

During the club's recent outing to Brownsville, I saw a 1909 Brush automobile in the Linn County Historical Museum, and decided to learn more about it.

Sold as the "Everyman's Car," Brush cars used hardwoods for the frames, axles and wheels. Instead of employing a differential, the rear axle would disengage one wheel when making a turn. The engine was a single-cylinder, water cooled four-stroke, which drove the rear axle via a chain.

A Brush was the third car to ever make it to the top of Pikes Peak under its own power, in 1908. Another was the first to be driven across the Australian continent, in 1912.

This ad is from the Brush Runabout Company, the follow-on to the Brush Motor Car Company, which existed from 1909 to 1910. The company then merged with Maxwell-Briscoe, Stoddard-Dayton and others to form the United States Motor Company (USMC), which went out of business in 1913.

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The Corvallis Historic Auto Club, a nonprofit organization, was organized over 57 YEARS AGO in Corvallis, Oregon for the encouragement of interest in historical cars, their preservation & restoration, the extension of knowledge concerning them, & related activities.

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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).

**Friday, April 19**

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

**Sunday, April 21**

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

**Monday, April 22**

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

**Saturday, April 27**

Function 4 Junction Swap Meet, 8-4:30  
12th & Ivy, Junction City  
Admission free, [function4junction.com](http://function4junction.com), (541) 554-5809

**Sunday, April 28**

CHAC Swap Meet and Dust 'em Off Car Show  
Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 SW 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Benton County  
Admission \$5, [corvallishistoricautoclub.org](http://corvallishistoricautoclub.org), (541) 754-8889

**Saturday, May 4**

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

**Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Linn Co. Lamb and Wool Fair Car Show  
Main Street, Scio, [www.lambfair.com](http://www.lambfair.com)  
Register by May 1 to save on registration fees

**On The Cover: Chevy Apache Tell Us Your Stories:**

*The 1959 Chevrolet Apache was the last model year of what had started as the Task Force line, a redesign that included the first truck wrap-around windshield. Available engines ranged from the 235ci Thriftmaster inline-six to the 348ci Loadmaster V8. The Apache line was replaced by the C/K series for the 1960 model year.*

*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.*