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President's Message

Happy August to all! It's already been a busy month and we're only a third of the way through it! D.J. does a great job of keeping us informed of upcoming events. If you know of something of interest that isn't on his list, please let him know.

Cars & Coffee on August 3rd was fantastic. We had a very large turn out and we had several people mention that this was their first visit. They all seemed to be looking forward to our September and October events.

We also spoke with George McClellan, who is involved not only with cars (he has a Hudson Terraplane, two door) but he also restores B17 aircraft. There is a museum up in Salem that sounds like a wonderful day trip. We're working on it.

The main topic of our discussion, though, was his offer to do a drone video of the show. Unfortunately it didn't work and he will be out of town until the October show, but Chris Hagler has kindly stepped up and offered to use his drone to do the same at our September show. We will look forward to viewing the footage, possibly at a meeting or on the website. Bring your car! That's September 7.

Your Board of Directors met on Friday, August 9. Gary Peterson was our guest and he has come up with several ideas to move us forward on the discussions about separating or not separating the car show and swap, changing dates, rearranging fairgrounds usage or completely moving one or the other or both events, possibly somewhere closer to I5. You will hear more about these ideas at the membership meeting on August 26. In the meantime we will be meeting with Rich to get the Swap Meet input.

A quick note regarding the Northwest Art & Air Festival at Timber Linn Park, Albany. I mention this because it happens before our next meeting. This is a huge event with balloon launch (different location than Timber Linn), arts and crafts market, family fun and CAR SHOW. Wynonna will be entertaining. August 23-25. Check out nwartandair.org/program for more info. Parking is \$10.

Next Board of Directors meeting is September 13 if you'd like to attend. Next membership meeting is August 26. Next Cars & Coffee is September 7. See you soon!

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This Month in Automotive History

By Andy Noble

1900 - The Firestone Tire & Rubber

Company is founded by Harvey Firestone in Akron, Ohio, on August 3. Firestone was chosen by Henry Ford in 1906 to supply tires for Ford cars, and is today the sole tire supplier to the IndyCar Series. Though Firestone has been involved in various scandals and massive lawsuits, both before and after being acquired by Bridgestone in 1988, it remains in business, employing more than 33,000 people.



1921 - Pep Auto Supplies is Founded

by four friends who were actually named Maurice (Moe), Manny, Moe (yes, a second Moe) and Jack in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 1. Pep referred to Pep valve grinding compound, a product that they sold. The name was changed to Pep Boys a few years later, and the company went public in 1945. It was acquired by limited partnership Icahn Automotive Group in 2019 for a little over \$1 billion.



1933 - Parnelli Jones is Born on

August 12 in Texarkana, Arkansas. Jones, a professional race car driver and racing team owner, successfully competed in sports, Indy, sprint and midget cars. He was the first driver to qualify for a race at over 150mph, and was the Indy 500 Rookie of the Year along with Bobby Marshman in 1961. Jones' racing team driver Al Unser won the Indy 500 in 1970.



1973 - The Film American Graffiti

is released on August 11. The coming-of-age, car culture comedy/drama, directed by George Lucas, starred Richard Dreyfus, Ron Howard, Cindy Williams, Harrison Ford and Wolfman Jack. The movie received widespread critical approval and box-office success. It was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the National Film Registry in 1995.



2016 - Scion Production Ends on

August 5. The Toyota brand consisted of inexpensive compact vehicles that were marketed to younger buyers, often using offbeat marketing tactics. Annual sales peaked at a little over 170,000 in 2006. More than one million Scions were sold over 14 years.





Cascade High School's 2024 Car Show Draws Hundreds of Entries Near Turner

Story and Photos by Dave Snell

The great weather brought out a big crowd to the May 2024 Cascade Car Show. Over two hundred cars filled all the main parking lots at Cascade High School south of Turner.

Proceeds from this show benefit the senior class activities at the high school. The silent auction in the school lobby included some very nice items like full size stainless BBQs, camping gear, automotive goodies and so on.





This show is a favorite for auto enthusiasts because of the trophies that are awarded. The trophies are hand made automotive-themed metal sculptures created by the Cascade students. Just to see the display of trophies is worth going to this show.

Russ Strohmeyer was there with his DJ music and there were plenty of food cart choices. If you take this show in next year on a sunny day, I recommend bringing a canopy or something to create some shade. The parking lot pavement can get fairly warm. 🏠



But Officer... The Sign Instructed Me To Do a *BURNOUT*



High School High Jinks

Story by D.J. Freeman, Graphics by Andy Noble

When I was in High School, and got my driver's license, my step-dad said I could drive the family '56 Ford wagon only if I paid the extra it cost to put me on the insurance. I found a way to come up with the \$18 every 6 months.

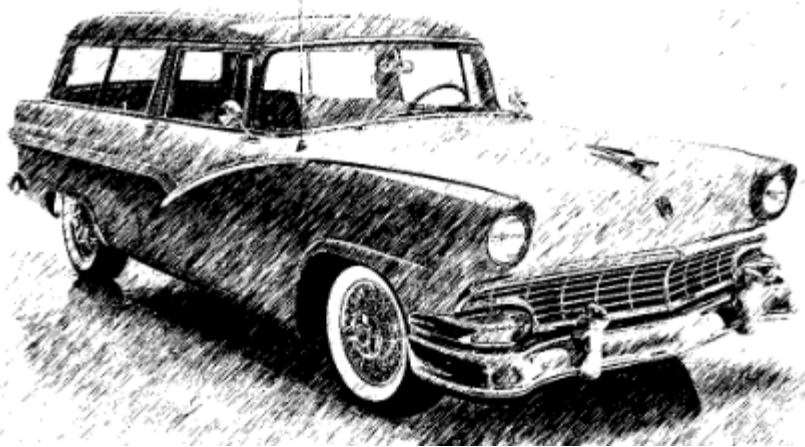
My frugal Step-dad put glass pack mufflers on the wagon. I would fill them with water in town and then leave it in low (Auto Trans). I would run it as fast as I could without blowing up the motor and then let off and it would usually blow everything out of the mufflers, and it would have that cool loud rumble when you let off. Rapping up the pipes downtown would rattle store windows. Got one of my first "Excessive Noise" tickets doing that.

Step-dad could never figure out why the mufflers blew out so quick. I remember one time it got so loud, I stopped by a supermarket and bought a package of steel wool scouring pads. I stuffed them up the tail pipe and it muffled the sound. But when

I did the rev up and let it back off, it shot fiery steel wool pad out the back of the car. That was so cool I did that several more time to show my friends.

Then I found if you were at a traffic light and put it in neutral, revved it up and when the light changed, drop it in low, it would burn out. Well one Friday night downtown burning out, I dropped it into low and heard a loud bang, bang,

bang and then a dragging something sound. Just as I stopped, I heard a metallic sound and then watched the drive line roll out from under the car and to the curb. I blew up the rear universal and, dragging the drive line on the road, it pulled out of the transmission.



I called my Step-dad and said, "Remember that strange noise you were hearing? I found out what it was." That cost me \$7.50 to pay for half the cost of replacing the universal.

So many years later I would be the Police Officer handing out those "Excessive Noise" tickets. 🚔

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



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>



The 1935 Auburn

By Andy Noble

The Auburn Automobile Company began as the Eckhart Carriage Company, which was founded in Auburn, Indiana in 1874.

Auburn produced its first car in 1900, a four-passenger touring model, which was equipped with a 10hp single cylinder engine.

Auburn was later owned by Errett Cord, who partnered with Duesenburg in 1926 and produced the Duesenburg Model J.

Auburn's best-known model was the Auburn Speedster. A total of 887 Speedsters were produced, between 1928 and 1936.

The third and last of the Speedster series was the 851, which came with a 280ci flathead 8 engine and could be ordered with a supercharger. It was rated at 150hp. Auburn test driver Ab Jenkins would go on to break a total of 70 speed records in a 1935 Auburn 851 Speedster.

Errett Cord's trouble with the SEC over stock manipulation, combined with the impact of the Great Depression, spelled the end of Auburn, which ceased production in 1937.

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New 1935 SUPER-CHARGED Models



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An exciting expression of the increasing return to prideful possessions. Auburn's New 150 Horse Power SUPER-CHARGED Speedsters, each carrying a plate certifying it is capable of over 100 Miles per hour. A warranty of vast reserve power in everyday driving! See and drive the distinctive New 1935 Auburn Models.

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Event Calendar

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

Saturday, August 17

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

Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

17th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club Car Show, held on the middle day of the Northwest Art & Air Festival, 9AM
Registration \$25, Admission free
Timber Linn Park, Albany
willamettstudebakers.com

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 28

Hamburgers and Hotrods, 5-7PM
Free, every Wednesday
Corvallis Elks
1400 NW 9th Street, Corvallis

Saturday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 21

Kings Circle Cars and Coffee, 8AM-10AM
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On The Cover: 2003 Mini Cooper

The Mini Cooper (AKA MINI) is a retro-styled small car that is marketed by BMW. The original Mini was an iconic British car from British Motor Corporation, which was sold from 1950 to 2000. Today's Cooper S Mini features a 2.0L, three-cylinder, 201hp turbocharged engine and a 7-speed dual-clutch transmission.

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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.