

The Radiator Boil-over

From the President

I am going to call this “blog/report/newsletter/communication” the BOIL-OVER in respect for the official newsletter of the CHAC, which does not have an editor at the moment. Amanda needs to put family first, so for now, I , along with some help from Dave Snell have a few things to tell you about: Read on...

We nearly ran out of places to park our guests at the July Cars and Coffee. It was rewarding to see such a wonderful turnout. Thanks to all who help put on a great showing for the Club. I enjoy thanking each driver as he exits and attempt not to miss anyone. This month, I was negligent. I spoke to a few but we had 114 vehicles on the field. In more than one way, I believe I am failing as Superman. I did not display any club signage. Last month I brought our Green Vinyl Sign but forgot July. Guess I was too busy picking up the Club Jackets and remembering to bring such a warm garment with me!

The spectators to our July's Cars and Coffee had a tough time finding a parking space. Stoneybrook came again. They have our show on its calendar for the next few months and will bring residents for a late viewing, around 9:30. Breakfast prevents any earlier arrival on their planning. I explained that we needed to establish a protocol for anyone in a chair. Last month there was a very close call, with some very new paint, on a very nice car. It was decided with the staff that everyone in a wheelchair would have a chaperone and keep an arm length distance from the cars.

Please do not park your vehicle in a Handicap Parking Space at the show. When the Stoneybrook van arrived last month, the three handicap spaces just to the right of the church had vehicles parked in them. As I attempted to help park the shuttle, those main spaces opened up. The driver reversed the van and disgorged a few guests. I was laughing as the gentleman in a black chair made his way directly to the donuts instead of the parking lot!

I'm sure you know that Cary stations himself in the first spot, at the ten-o'clock position of the field. His “raisin counter” at hand, ready for the onslaught of neat, diversified vehicles. His count is our ‘Official’ count. Jim is going to get some new and improved coffee pots as he reported that folks are having trouble with dispensing hot products at the table.

News from the Front

It has been brought to my attention that a disconnect with the public and the Corvallis Historic exists. (I mentioned earlier that I forgot the green sign, my "Band-Aid".) The issue is at our signage that is placed on the curb the week prior to the first Saturday says nothing about the club being involved. New signs (we have two, each facing opposite on Walnut) could cost up to \$550.00 each. Changing out the tea cup graphic with a likeness of our CHAC Mug could remedy this issue less expensively.

In the Meantime, I have bigger fish to fry.

Survey Results

The results from the club survey have been compiled. The results and take-away from your answers will guide the Board in their quest to make this the best club around. Let me first reiterate my personal take on being the president of the CHAC: it has been to be a reflection of the membership, and to oversee The CHAC, in that the corporation complies with the rules and regulations directed by The State of Oregon.

Let me preface the results with another observation: National surveys are pleased with a one-percent response rate. (Yea, I found that to be a surprise too!)

There were nine questionnaires turned in at the June meeting. With the addition of one, e-mailed earlier response, that brings the total of replies to ten. (We have 88 members.) That makes the response rate around ten-eleven percent.

I can show you results two ways: the actual numbers of replies to each of the zero-interest, one, two, three, four and five rating of agreement with the statement [answers] and with a quantitative ranking value (QRV) established for each question. Thanks to Gary Peterson helping me interpret the replies, I can inform you that the information forthcoming is accurate to the best of my ability [disclaimer].

THE MOST positively responded to question was to the issue of Garage and Collection Tours. It was given a QRV score of 48.

Seminars were a close second, scoring a 45.

Again, based on the ranking, Day Trips and Cruises rated the third most positive replies.

Associating with other clubs and Attending area car shows had nearly the same values as members responding that they wished the club so some cruising. An interesting take-away was the number of responders who indicated that they had ZERO interest in either day or overnight cruising.

Saving our Nest Egg was close to a two-to-one margin versus the response to Spending club money.

The question of moving the direction of the club to a charity-based entity and responses to Establishing Scholarships received the most replies to ZERO interest versus the number of replies to the positive end

of those proposed statements. Those indicating they liked the idea of scholarships were twice that of those wanting a club that is a 501-C-3 charity instead of its current social club status.

Diverse Group

As I re-read my own story for typographical errors, I have a new take-away: This club is as diversified as its mission. We accept all cars and car nuts. If you replied to the survey indicating that you wished that the club did more cruising, or held garage tours, please, please step forward and set-up something for the club. Lead a group to Amity next month so we can arrive there as a contingency. Plan a group trip to the Oregon Gardens or the Singing Gardens in Albany. Your president would love to see a gymkhana and a poker run and a time-distance Rally offered to the members (just not on the same weekend). YOU replied. YOU have an interest. The CLUB needs you to make that difference and volunteer a visit to your garage.

With the help of Dave Stein acting to save the club a fee for the picnic shelter, we have secured Sunday, August 20 for a CLUB PICNIC. Philomath "City district" residents have the fee waived for the rental of the shelter. There is an unofficial motion to the Board that we consider a second picnic for the club in addition to the annual Steak Fry. The Board wants to recognize and honor the many volunteers at our Swap and Show this past April.

I'm suggesting we find spots on the September Calendar and have two picnics! We must work around the master of ceremonies vacation schedule as Rich Brookes makes this event what it is. I'm thinking late in the month. This would please David, as he plans his eighth or ninth visit to the Isle of Mann and can't be at the very picnic he helped secure to our calendar.

We meet **Monday, July 24, 2023** for our next regular meeting of the Corvallis Historic Auto Club. Let's see some volunteers step up for some new fun.

It's not fun being a dentist for this club – sometimes it feels like I'm pulling teeth! I don't want to be a disc jockey playing the same old record either. WHO wants a picnic or two?

Hope you had a happy Fourth of July. – Pete Rocco

Shows and Events

July 21 – Hub City Muscle Cars and Classics JDM versus Euro event, Pacific Blvd, Albany

July 22 – Emerald City Shakedown - Springfield – shakedowncarshow.com

July 22 – Evergreen Senior Living Car Show - Eugene - evergreeneug.com

July 24 – CHAC Club meeting - Corvallis

July 29 – Twenty First Brent Strohmeier Memorial Car Show - Sublimity - strocars@wvi.com
August 4 – Downtown Silverton First Friday Cruise - Silverton - 5-8PM
August 5 – CHAC Cars and Coffee - Corvallis
August 5 – Homer Show - Silverton - rcmman80@msn.com
August 12 – Rock of Ages Car Show - McMinnville - carla.rockofages@gmail.com
August 12 – CMAC SK Car Show - Brooks - antiquepowerland.com
August 19 – Meadowlark Senior Living 2nd Ann. Hot August Nights Noon-4:00 Lebanon
August 19 – Lions car show – Independence
August 19 – RT Automotive Annual Car Show - Albany – randfreedom@gmail.com
August 19 – Central Lions Club Cruise In - Independence - centrallionscruisein@gmail.com
August 19 – Springfield Cruise and Car Show - Springfield - springfieldcruise.com
August 26 – Willamette Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club Car Show - Albany - jlass@dswebnet.com
August 26 – Cruising McMinnville - McMinnville - cruisingmcminnville.com
August 28 – CHAC Club Meeting - Corvallis
Sept 1 – Downtown Silverton First Friday Cruise - Silverton 5-8PM
Sept 2 – CHAC Cars And Coffee - Corvallis
Sept 9 – Veteran and First Responders 9/11 Car Show - Mill City - willo1044@yahoo.com
Sept 8-9 – Rods & Rhodies Invitational Car Show - Florence - rodsandrhodies.org
Sept 9 – Antiques In The Street - Albany - albanyantiquemall.com
Sept 16 – Rollin Oldies Fifties in the Fall - Lebanon - 541-619-7319
Sept 23 – Heritage Car Show - Brooks - antiquepowerland.com