

# The Radiator

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**Gary Peterson**  
Club President

# President's Message

**O**ur 2026 Corvallis Swap Meet is nearly here! It will be held on Sunday, April 26 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The Swap Meet is a significant event for the CHAC each year, as the revenue funds most of the Club's activities for the year.

Thanks to those of you who have signed up for tasks or working at stations to enable this event to take place. There are still positions available if you have not signed up and wish to help at the Swap Meet. Also, a reminder that set-up for the Swap Meet takes place on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 am.

Club members are encouraged to bring their cars to display at the Swap Meet and park in the lot next to the Auditorium where we formerly had the car show. We are not advertising this as a "show", but we know that some visitors may also bring vehicles. These visitors will also be allowed to park in the same location after paying the \$5.00 admission fee at the main gate to the Swap Meet.

**T**his is the last year of the three-year contract agreement which we have with the Benton County Fairgrounds for the use of their facilities. The CHAC Board asked Benton County for a quote on the cost for our event in

2027 using the same space we have for 2026. The quote of \$2520, which we received for 2027, was the exact amount we will pay for 2026. This information was shared at the March 23 CHAC membership meeting. At the time, the consensus of the members present was that we should wait until after this year's event to assess the success of the 2026 event before deciding on 2027.

The CHAC Board of Directors discussed the quote from Benton County at their April 8 Board meeting. It was decided that we should go ahead and pay a deposit to hold the date for April 25, 2027, in order to communicate to vendors at the 2026 event that we plan to hold a 2027 event at the Fairgrounds. We agreed to publish this information on small flyers to provide vendors at this year's event.

The decision to proceed was based in part on the price for the fairgrounds being the same, the need to communicate a date for 2027 and the likelihood that, even with some decline in revenue over the past few years, the Swap Meet is likely to turn a profit for the Club.

**O**n another topic, we have a "Guys and Gals Garage Tour" scheduled for Saturday, May 16, with CHAC member David Stein hosting. More information will be available at our April 27 membership

meeting and via the Club email. We appreciate David's willingness to host this for Club members.

What about other CHAC members hosting garage tours? The last garage tour which the Club had was on June 22, 2024, when Tim Jordan hosted us. I would encourage other members to consider hosting a garage tour, as we don't have any scheduled for the rest of the calendar year.

While you may be thinking that you have already hosted (and thank you for that), if you haven't hosted recently, we would like to visit your garage again! We may have forgotten what your vehicle(s) is/are. Perhaps you have added a vehicle or two. Or maybe you have made some changes or are working on something new.

Most importantly from the Club perspective, this is a time for members to get together informally with each other and talk cars or just visit. I hope

that we can arrange for more Guys and Gals Garage Tours this summer and fall.

**F**inally, we begin our monthly Cars and Coffee events on Saturday, May 2. We hold the events at the Church (Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church) on the first Saturday of the month, May through October. For each event, we have a team of members hosting. For the May 2 event, the team consists of Gary Peterson, Dave Snell, DJ Freeman and Tim Jordan. We know that our Cars and Coffee events are quite popular with the greater Corvallis community. Last year, we averaged 89 vehicles on display for the six sessions.

Thank you for being a member of the Corvallis Historic Auto Club! I look forward to seeing many of you at the Swap Meet on April 26, the CHAC membership meeting on April 27 and at Cars and Coffee on May 2.

Gary



## 2026 Swap Meet

**T**his year's swap meet will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7AM to 3PM at the fair grounds.

Heather Brooks is in charge of the Arena Kitchen for this year's swap meet. She would appreciate it if club members brought baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies, etc.) to the arena kitchen on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> during swap meet set-up hours (9am-noon), and Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00am.

The only restriction is to avoid desserts that include partially-cooked egg (such as a pecan pie).

Questions? Contact Heather at: [hm2mb@hotmail.com](mailto:hm2mb@hotmail.com), or 541-740-3125.

# This Month In Automotive History

By Andy Noble

## 1898 - Peter DePaolo is Born in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 6<sup>th</sup>. DePaolo is considered to be one of the great racers of his generation. He won the 1925 Indianapolis 500, during which he became the first driver to average over 100 MPH. While racing the Berlin AVUS course in 1934, his engine threw two connecting rods, which narrowly missed hitting Adolph Hitler.



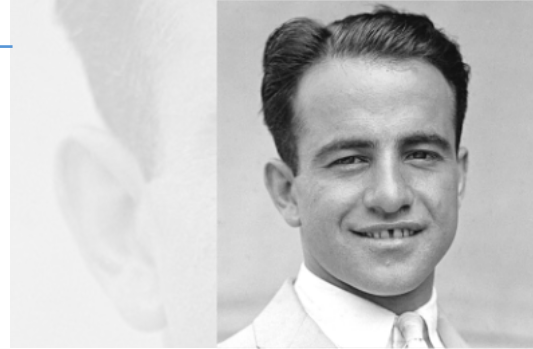
## 1963 - The Inter-American Highway

is officially opened on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It comprises the Central American section of the Pan-American Highway, running from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to Panama City, Panama. Initial aerial surveying began in 1923. Work on the road sped up during WWII, then slowed. The highway was finally finished as a continuous strip of dirt, gravel or asphalt in 1967.



## 2017 - Carlos Ghosn Steps Down

as CEO of Nissan on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ghosn became CEO of Nissan in 2001, making him only the fourth non-Japanese person to lead a Japanese automaker. Under his leadership, Nissan went from a net loss of \$6.46B to a net profit of \$2.7B in his first year.



## 1931 - The Allstate Insurance

Company is founded on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Allstate name originally applied to Sears' brand of car tires, which debuted in the 1927 Sears Catalog. Sears briefly sold an Allstate-branded car, which was based on Kaiser Motors' Henry J model. Allstate became a fully independent company in 1995.



## 1973-JohnDeLoreanAnnounces

on April 2<sup>nd</sup> that he is leaving General Motors. He was responsible for many of GM's most famous models, mostly in the company's Pontiac division. DeLorean's jet-setting lifestyle irritated the executive suite, which led to his departure. He formed the DeLorean Motor Company in 1975.





**G**ary Peterson, the current President of the Corvallis Historic Auto Club, was asked for his thoughts about the CHAC, how he came to be a member, what he appreciates about being a member, the role of the CHAC President and serving on the Board of Directors.

What follows are his answers to questions that should be of interest to all CHAC members.



**You are relatively new to the CHAC. Why did you decide to join?**

I joined the Club in February 2022, following the purchase of a 1950 GMC pickup truck. I joined because I didn't know very much about historic/classic cars, and I needed to connect with folks who could help me both understand what I didn't know and then help educate me. For me, a club focusing on learning about historic cars and their preservation and restoration aligned perfectly with what I wanted.

**What have you most enjoyed about being a member of the CHAC?**

I enjoy the interaction with and getting to know the Club members. When I first joined, I

was immediately welcomed with a personal email from then-President Peter Rocco, Secretary Denis Paquette and Treasurer Tim Jordan. That had an immediate impact in that I felt encouraged and supported. Peter Rocco offered to come help me wash, wax and polish my GMC which had been sitting in the weather for several months. I learned a lot from Peter, and the GMC (nicknamed "Little Red") looked so much better!

Since that time, I have come to really appreciate and enjoy our monthly Cars and Coffee sessions. They are such an important community event (although not without work, as I learned while making 5 gallons of coffee for each event last summer!) with an

opportunity to bring people with varying interests and perspectives on cars together. I look forward to these each month, May through October.

Finally, the variety of presentations by Club members at our membership meetings has been both enjoyable and informative. The fact that these presentations usually are done by our members makes them more meaningful.

### **What do you see as the strengths of the Club?**

I see four distinct strengths for the Club. First, Club membership is not limited to a specific make, model or age of member vehicles. It is open to anyone with an interest in cars. This allows for members with a wide range of backgrounds and understanding of cars, whether they own a classic vehicle or not. We see this consistently at our Cars and Coffee events, where we get everything from very traditional classic cars to newer models, with a motorcycle occasionally showing up.

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Second, the CHAC is community based. We have Corvallis in our registered Club name. This gives us a geographical location and a natural connection to the community. We are active participants in community open houses and displays, including the holiday parade this past December. These are mutually enjoyable activities for both members and the community.

Third, the members of CHAC are an amazing and very close-knit community. The members genuinely care for each other and share what is going on in the lives of others. They have extensive knowledge of historical vehicles and are proud to show them off. The members work hard to support the Club and each other in many ways.

Finally, from a governance perspective, the Club Constitution and Bylaws are well-developed and have stood the test of time. The fact that the Club has existed for 60 years is a testament to the purpose and protocols outlined in the Constitution. While much of the decision-making authority and leadership for the Club resides in the duties of the Board of Directors, the arrangement has worked well for Club.

### **What concerns do you have about the Club?**

Just as our vehicles are aging, so, too, does our membership. As a result, while we are quite comfortable with the social aspects of Club membership and enjoy getting together, we may not be quite as excited about the planning and work that goes into our events – Cars and Coffee, Swap Meet, Car Show- as well as serving on the board of directors. It is important to continue to bring in newer members to the Club to assist and support these activities as some of our more seasoned folks step back.

Bringing in new members is also important to the governance and leadership of the Club. Several of our most active members have already served as Board members and are hesitant to do so again at this time.

### **What do you see as strategies for outreach to potential new members who might also have interest in serving on the Board?**

These are really two questions. We have been quite successful in gaining additional members through our membership tables at Cars and Coffee, the Swap Meet and the Car Show. I think that in 2025, we picked up the names of over 20 new members who paid dues, either at the event or online.

Unfortunately, for about half of these new members, we did not collect an email address to contact them and send them our newsletter or any Club information. For these folks, they paid to join but received nothing from us, either via email or in person to acknowledge and welcome them to membership (like I was when I first joined.) We **must** do a better job of getting contact information for our new members, whether they join online or at our events, so that we can reach out to them.

As a strategy for outreach to new or potential members, I think that the Club should consider a “membership committee”. It would formalize the responsibilities for recruiting, tracking and contacting new members in an organized fashion, which does not currently exist. Placing these responsibilities on a membership committee would free up the members of the Board from such tasks and allow them to perform their more traditional duties.

The second question about promoting an interest in serving on the Board also requires some intentionality on our part. We need to make sure that we inform our members annually of the need for Board members. We need to clearly communicate the roles and responsibilities of each of the officers. The existing officers should identify other members with experience and potential to serve on the Board and reach out to them to encourage their participation on the Board.

Finally, for those serving on the Board, especially those who are relatively new to the CHAC, we need to support them in a collegial and supportive way as they learn what is expected of them.

### **Why did you decide to serve as CHAC President?**

I have over 30 years of experience in leadership and in the administration of various organizations and entities. I felt that I could bring some of this experience and knowledge to the CHAC, particularly at a time when others were not interested in serving as President.

### **What have you enjoyed most about being CHAC President?**

Being the CHAC President has broadened my perspective, not only on cars and Club activities, but also how I can best support the Club and use my skills and experience to help the Club thrive. I have really enjoyed getting to know some of the Club members and officers at a deeper level than I would have otherwise. I have also really appreciated that others have stepped up to help fill the void with the Club not having an “officially elected” secretary.

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### **What has been the biggest surprise as CHAC President?**

The biggest surprise for me is how much of the functioning of the CHAC depends on the President. I initially thought that the primary role of the President would be to preside at membership and board meetings, but the range of responsibilities is much more than that.

The Club Bylaws basically state that the President shall perform the working duties of the Club. I have interpreted this to mean that any Club action or activity which requires a decision will need a recommendation or decision from the Club President, subject to the approval by the rest of the CHAC Board of Directors.

The second surprise was how important the Corvallis Historic Auto Club is to the greater Corvallis Community. We get multiple requests for our members to bring their cars to various activities throughout the year, from retirement and care facilities to Halloween to supporting local high schools to the Holiday Parade through downtown Corvallis.

The Club has a well-deserved reputation that our members will bring their cars to community events and actively participate. Our participation in such events not only gives us a chance to “show off” our vehicles but also to demonstrate our commitment to the Community.

### **What has been the biggest challenge as CHAC President?**

The initial challenge was to just learn the responsibilities of the position. I spent a lot of time learning from members from past CHAC Boards, learning about my role in helping to facilitate the various Club activities, and thinking about how to make membership more meaningful and engaging. The next challenge was figuring out what the Club secretary would normally do and then finding ways to get those tasks done. I was, in effect, learning two roles at once.

### **To what extent is the Club’s existence at risk from a lack of future leadership, i.e. members willing to serve on the Board?**

The Bylaws of the CHAC state that the Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Club. Other than electing a Board of Directors and amending the Bylaws or Constitution, the membership has little direct involvement in the working operation of the Club. Without a

full Board of Directors, working together to meet the needs and interests of Club members, I do not see the Club as able to operate effectively long term.

Operating this past year without a duly elected secretary has been moderately successful because others have stepped up in many ways to assist. However, not having a full Board is, in my opinion, unsustainable going forward. It puts too much pressure on the existing officers while, at the same time, allowing them more influence over the direction of the Club than is healthy for the organization.

### **What are your thoughts about the make-up of the CHAC Board for 2026-27?**

The Club Constitution indicates that the term of the officers shall be for one year. The past two Presidents, Peter Rocco and Janeen Rudd, along with Secretaries Denis Paquette and Chris

Hagler, and Treasurers Tim Jordan and Sebastian Heiduschke, each served two terms. This has provided the Club with considerable continuity and stability over the past four years.

It would be advantageous if the current Board members (me, Dave Snell, Andy Noble, Janeen

Rudd) were to continue for another year. However, that should not be expected, as personal situations and decisions can affect what individuals do at any given time. Further, not having a Club secretary as a contributing team member this past year has placed additional duties on the current officers. In other words, they may be “tired” and need a break. In short, I think that the Club needs to recruit a new slate of officers for the Club year which begins on July 1. 🏠

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

## For Sale By Owner

John Dietz is selling Earle Greig's 1948 Buick for \$33,500.

- 1948 Buick Super Convertible body
- Engine/chassis from 1975 Chrysler New Yorker
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- Air conditioning

Call or text John for Earle and Vangie Greig, 310-871-4613. Email: [jfdietzmusic@gmail.com](mailto:jfdietzmusic@gmail.com).

## 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.




## Which one's the Scout?



**1** is. It's sporting the SCOUT vinyl cab top. (And that makes it a sporty pickup.) **2** is. It's equipped with the SCOUT steel TRAVEL-TOP. (Just the thing for light delivery work around town. Or for traveling from town to town.) **3** is. It's wearing the SCOUT steel cab top. (Recommended for winter duty north of the Mason-Dixon Line. So is a heater.) **4** is. It's outfitted with the SCOUT vinyl TRAVEL-TOP. (Add bucket seats and an upholstered back seat and you have a jaunty little wagon.) **And 5** is, too. Even though it doesn't

have any kind of a top. And the windshield's folded forward. (Which means it's a SCOUT stripped down for fun.) Well, now that you know that each is a SCOUT—which one are you going to buy?

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## The 1964 International Scout

By Andy Noble

**I**nternational Harvester Company introduced the Scout 80 in 1961 as a competitor to the Jeep CJ. It was sold for the 1961-1980 model years.

Development began in 1958. With CJ sales volume being low, the potential market size for a four-wheel-drive recreational vehicle could only be guessed at. The original plan was to make the Scout's body panels out of plastic, but they were changed to steel panels due to high costs. The total development cycle was a very short 24 months.

Sales of the Scout 80 continued through 1965. They came equipped with a 152ci inline-four engine. The Scout 800 was introduced in 1966 and was sold through 1971. The 800 included several improvements, including bucket seats and an optional 196ci engine. The subsequent 800A and 800B models saw further refinements.

**T**he second-generation version was the Scout II, which was sold from 1971 to 1980. A greater number of engines were made available, up to a 392ci V8.

International experimented with various Scout II versions (minivans, station wagons, dune buggies, etc.) but they were scrapped due to a lack of funds to continue any Scout production. The final Scout II was produced on October 21, 1980.

## CHAC Officers

**President:**

Gary Peterson

**Past President:**

Janeen Rudd

**Treasurer:**

Dave Snell

**Secretary:**

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**Board Member-at-Large:**

Andy Noble

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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/>

**Sunday, April 26**

Corvallis Swap Meet, 7AM

Benton County Fairgrounds

110 53<sup>rd</sup> St, CorvallisQuestions: [corvallishistoricautoclub@gmail.com](mailto:corvallishistoricautoclub@gmail.com)
**Monday, April 27**

C.H.A.C. Membership Meeting, 7:00-8:30PM

Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church

2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

**Saturday, May 2**

C.H.A.C. Cars &amp; Coffee, 8:00-10:00AM

First Saturday of the month, May through October

Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church

2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

**Friday - Saturday, May 8-9**

Salem Classic Car Auction

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Jackman Long Building

2330 17th St NE, Salem

Questions: (888) 330-0749 or <https://www.motorsportauctiongroup.com>
**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

**Monday, May 25**

C.H.A.C. Membership Meeting, 7:00-8:30PM

Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church

2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

**On The Cover: WW Roadster**

*Wonder Woman is famous for owning an invisible airplane. Lesser known is her invisible car. As her initial mode of transportation, it was a bit of a dud. Due to a supply chain snafu, engineers specified that the car's radiator be made of aluminum, rather than the more advanced, and more transparent, see-less steel. The rest, as they say, is herstory.*

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