



**THIS MONTH**  
**April 2008**

- ❑ **Larry's Boss 302**
- ❑ **Portland Roadster Show**
- ❑ **Minutes and Events Calendar**

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**SUNDAY April 20,**  
**2008**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**6:00pm @ Denny's**  
**Wilsonville**



Larry's Boss

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SEPTEMBER 21 – SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY’S  
WILSONVILLE \*

**DECEMBER 6 – SAAC N.W. YEAR END BANQUET AT THE RIVERSHORE  
BAR AND GRILL, OREGON CITY, OR.\* - 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.**

**\*BOLD TYPE DENOTES S.A.A.C. NORTHWEST REGION PARTICIPATION;  
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND/OR VOLUNTEER  
SUPPORTING THE CLUBS EFFORTS WHILE CELEBRATING OUR  
THIRTIETH YEAR.**

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**Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 16 March 2008**

### **President's Report**

President Larry Cockerham brought the general meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Larry talked about club merchandise that was brought in to be sold, invited everyone to purchase as much as you would like. Larry talked about the club participation at the Portland Roadster Show and how we were awarded a plaque for the outstanding club display. We won the award because we had 4 cars in our display that were judged and won awards. Larry had his vintage Mustang race car on display as the 5<sup>th</sup> entrant but his car wasn't judged. Larry then turned the meeting over to Gayle Gehring our Vice President for her report.

### **Vice President's Report**

Gayle Gehring talked about the Portland Roadster Show mentioned that we had 8 club members that volunteered to help with the show. Gayle wanted to express special appreciation to Richard Copsey for organizing our display and making phone calls to help encourage participation from club members to come and show their cars. The next big event will be the Portland Swap Meet April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Gayle said that she has some sign up sheets for those who are willing to work at the space, including the names of people that have already signed up to work. The focus of tonight's meeting is to get people to sign up for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Suburban Ford show in Sandy. The deadline to sign up for the show is April the 28<sup>th</sup>. They have room for about 500 to 600 cars, once the space is filled up no more entries will be taken. For the tour to Eastern Oregon to Shaniko that was planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, the Shaniko Hotel has closed it's doors and is now for sale. We now have a date set for the event on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Lodging can be found in Maupin at the Imperial Hotel, we will still do the tour on Sunday for those who would like to come over and join the event without staying overnight.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ken Walker gave the beginning and ending balances of our checking account and our money market accounts, we have a good treasury for our club.

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There are more membership renewals that have come in that will be added in and some expenses brought in tonight that haven't been accounted for in Ken's reading of today's checking account balance.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Paul Blanchard read the meeting minutes of the SAAC NW 18 February 2008 meeting. Paul asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in our newsletter. No corrections were noted the minutes stand as read.

### **MHRC Report**

Richard Copsey was with his car at the Eugene Rod and Custom car show, Paul Blanchard was asked to give the MHRC report. As Alternate rep, Paul gave the MHRC report for the MHRC meeting held on 11 March 2008. Roll call was taken we had 12 of the 13 member clubs present we have a quorum.

Big Don gave the Portland Roadster Show report, said that the vendors were very happy even though the attendance was down. Big Don has been in communication with the National executive for the ISCA (International Show Champions of America) the organization that takes care of our judging and she said that attendance is down at all of their events nationally. The awards ceremony went well with the help of Mike Eitel, Duke Edwards, and Mike Nettlingham, all participants were appreciative at the smoothness of the event.

There was some discussion of converting from a 501-C4 Corporation to a 501- 3C to get more charitable donations. We have an agreement for the 2009 show, but not for the 2010 show. The Convention Center would like to have a two year contract with us, however for 2010 they have rented out C hall which would cause us to use some of the carpeted area in the upstairs portion of A & B halls. This presents problems with plastic having to be put down to prevent any damage from oil spills or other auto fluids, it could potentially cost us quite a bit of money to clean if any soiling were to occur. We are in negotiation at present for the 2010 show since that is unacceptable to us. Big Don would like to get a 5 year contract with Les Schwab, temporarily put on hold. Marlene Miller gave the treasurers report we have enough money to put on the show for next year. Mike Conn made the motion seconded by Bob Miller that we purchase ten stuffed animals for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House. Nominations were taken for officers, nominations will be taken again in April, election in May with the new officers assuming their duties in June.

**THREE DAY PASSES AND HOW MANY FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WILL HAVE ATTENDING. PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO OUR CORRAL COORDINATOR GAYLE GEHRING @ 503-657-5595 OR E-MAIL [fredangayle@earthlink.net](mailto:fredangayle@earthlink.net)**

JULY 20TH – HILLTOP CRUISE-IN AT DANIELSONS MARKETPLACE, OREGON CITY, OR. 11 AM TO 4 PM. CONTACT: 503-222-MHMF

**JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> – SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY'S WILSONVILLE \***

JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> – FOREST GROVE CONCOURS, AT PACIFIC UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, FOREST GROVE, OREGON

**AUGUST 2ND – PROPOSED WASHINGTON SAAC AND SAAC NORTHWEST REGION GROUP GET TOGETHER.\* INFO. TO BE PUBLISHED SOON.**

AUGUST 15 THRU 17 – SAAC-33 (The Traditional National Convention) – Thunderbolt Raceway, Millville, New Jersey. Go to [www.saac.com](http://www.saac.com) for more info.

**AUGUST 17 – SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY'S WILSONVILLE**

AUGUST 30- SEPTEMBER 1 – ALL BRITISH FIELD MEET & COLUMBIA RIVER CLASSIC HISTORIC RACES BOTH @ P.I.R.

**SEPTEMBER 2 – S.A.A.C. N.W. HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVERS' EDUCATION (P.I.R.)\* FULL ROAD COURSE ALL DAY. TWENTITH ANNIVERSARY OF SPONSORING OPEN TRACK DAYS. CONTACT: TRACK STEWARD MARK PENDERGRASS @ 503-662-4395 OR E-MAIL [mpendy@dishmail.net](mailto:mpendy@dishmail.net)**

SEPTEMBER 5-7 – END OF THE WORLD CRUISE (LONGBEACH, WA.)

**SEPTEMBER 20 – TOUR TO A CAR SHOW IN THE PARK\* – (LEBANON, OR.) MORE INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED SOON.**

MAY 30- JUNE 1 - ROSE CUP RACES @ P.I.R.

JUNE 7 - ALL FORD CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET @ WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, HILLSBORO, OREGON

*THE BIG ROAD TOUR FOR THE YEAR!*

JUNE 7TH THRU 8TH –TOUR, POKER RUN (DAVE MILLIGAN TROPHY EVENT) AND BAR-B-Q WITH OVER NIGHT STAY ON SATURDAY (6-7-08) IN CENTRAL OREGON.\* TOURING TO MAUPIN THEN TO ASHWOOD WITH A STOP IN THE RESTORED GHOST TOWN OF SHANIKO, OREGON. STAGING AND DEPARTURE SITE FOR THE EVENT WILL BE THE SAFEWAY PARKING LOT 37601 HWY. 26 SANDY, OREGON. WE SHOULD ROLL OUT OF THERE AT 10:00 AM TRAVELING AS A GROUP OVER MOUNT HOOD TO SUNNY MAUPIN. MAIN MOTEL FOR ACCOMODATIONS ON SATURDAY IS THE IMPERIAL LODGE (WITH FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE) RIGHT NEXT TO THE DESCHUTES RIVER. VISIT THE WEB SITE: <http://www.deschutesriver.com/> PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO ROAD TOUR COORDINATOR RICK YOUNG @ 503-663-2143 E-MAIL - [r.young@Starband.net](mailto:r.young@Starband.net) HE NEEDS TO KNOW YOUR INTENT FOR OVER NIGHT STAY AND/OR BARBECUE LUNCH. A SHORT RIVER RAFTING DIVERSION IS ALSO IN HIS PLANS. THERE'S GOOD BACK UP MOTELS ON HIS LIST VERY CLOSE TO THE IMPERIAL LODGE IN CASE IT'S FULL. **IF YOU CRASH THE PARTY YOU MAY HAVE TO KILL YOUR OWN CHICKEN.**

JUNE 15 – SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY'S WILSONVILLE\*

JULY 4-6 – PACIFIC N.W. HISTORIC RACES (KENT, WA.) PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CAR CORRAL. CONTACT: BILL HARDRATH OF S.O.V.R.E.N. @ 206-227-9426 [bhardrath@nwrfa.org](mailto:bhardrath@nwrfa.org)

JULY 11-13 – PORTLAND HISTORIC RACES (@ P.I.R.) AND SPECIAL THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT THE CAR CORRAL FOR SAAC NORTHWEST MEMBERS.\* PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ON SPECIAL

### Track Steward's Report

Mark Pendergrass said that he didn't have anything new to report.

Larry Cockerham wanted to put forth the suggestion that to get more club participation that we give club members a discount on their track day fees if they perform duty at the track. It was decided that we give Mark and Ed the opportunity to review the suggestion and report back to us later.

### Webmaster's Report

Ray Clack said that he has some new pictures that he will post.

Gayle Gehring made the comment that there is some controversy over the promotion of the Carroll Shelby Childrens foundation on our website. The concern is that a large portion of the proceeds that have come in to the foundation aren't going to the benefit of the foundation and the children.

This is something that can be discussed and decided on at a later date, there are some members who believe that the charitable cause is a worthy one.

### Newsletter Editors Report

Lynette Spohn said thank you to Fred Gehring for his article and pictures for this months newsletter. Lynette asked the membership for more articles like Fred's to be put in the newsletter. Ed (don't ask me about my starter motor that fell out on the track) Neiger would be a good candidate for an article about his car and all of his trials and tribulations.

### National SAAC Rep

Dan Jones said that he doesn't have anything new to report on SAAC National. Dan said that SAAC National does have a new website that is of interest to all members. Nothing will be resolved between Carroll Shelby and SAAC National until it goes to court.

## New Business

Fred Gehring asked our track Steward if he had a new e-mail address for the benefit of our track day participants. Mark said that he did, along with a new satellite dish service that will be a lot faster. Mark's new e-mail address will be published Soon.

## Old Business

Dan Jones raised the issue of the upcoming big Portland Swap Meet at the Expo Center. Gayle said that she would take care of the club banner and the club display.

Dave Lennartz asked about bringing items to the booth for sale, where would be a good place to meet for delivery of sale items?

Gayle said that at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday people could meet at GI Joes parking lot with their parts for sale. Look for Gayle Gehring, Dan Jones or Larry Cockerham, they will be there to help with your items for sale.

## Other Neat Stuff

Dave Lennartz talked about some neat die cast models that he brought in. GMP has produced two new releases, one is a Carroll Shelby figure and the other is a 427 SOHC motor with quite a bit of detail. Hot wheels classics also have some neat models as well. Richard Copsey made it back from the car show in Eugene where he won first place with his Cobra Mustang. Congratulations Richard!  
For all of the members that didn't attend tonight's meeting you missed out on a nice raffle!

With no further business to come before the membership, President Larry Cockerham adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary

## S.A.A.C. NORTHWEST REGION 2008 EVENT CALENDAR

### ATTENTION S.A.A.C. NORTHWEST MEMBERS!

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> - SATURDAY THE SUBURBAN AUTO GROUP SHOW IS OUR MAIN EVENT FOR THAT MONTH; PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO PRE-STAGE COORDINATOR – VICE PRES. GAYLE GEHRING @ 503-657-5595 ON INTENT TO PARK AND DISPLAY WITH SAACNW GROUP. WE NEED AN ESTIMATE ON THE NUMBER OF SHOW STALLS WE'LL TAKE UP AT THE FORD STORE. WE WILL MEET AT THE SAFEWAY STORE PARKING LOT IN SANDY, OREGON ON HWY 26 AT 7A.M. AND TOUR TO THE SHOW AT 7:30 A.M.; WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION, WRITE IN S.A.A.C. NORTHWEST REGION AS YOUR CLUB AFFILIATION; LET'S GO FOR THE CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARD; WE HAVE NOT DONE THIS IN QUITE A WHILE.**

APRIL 3-6 - AUTO SWAP MEET (@ P.I.R.)

APRIL 4-6 - PORTLAND AUTO SWAP MEET- (@EXPO CENTER) SAAC N.W. INDOOR VENDOR AND INFO. BOOTH \* Contact: Gayle Gehring @ 503-657-5595 – E-MAIL – [fredangayle@earthlink.net](mailto:fredangayle@earthlink.net)

APRIL 20 - SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY'S WILSONVILLE\*

MAY 3 - SUBURBAN AUTO GROUP SPRING CRUISE IN - SAAC N.W. CAR SHOW (AS A GROUP) AT THE FORD STORE IN SANDY, OREGON (HOME OF THE TRUNK MONKEY) \*CONTACT GAYLE GEHRING @ 503-657-5595 OR EMAIL [fredangayle@earthlink.net](mailto:fredangayle@earthlink.net)

MAY 10 – PORTLAND TRANSMISSION SHOW – S.E. 11TH AND CLAY ST. – 7 AM TO 11 AM – CONTACT: JOHN BRADSHAW @ 503-636-0041 OR E-MAIL – [John@Portlandtrans.com](mailto:John@Portlandtrans.com)

MAY 18 – HAPPY DAYS CRUISE IN AT “THE BOMBER” – MILWAUKIE, OR. 11 AM TO 3 PM. CONTACT: JIM @ 503-760-0395

MAY 18 - SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY'S WILSONVILLE\*



Roadster Show continued

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## Larry's Blue Boss



In 1983 We had a club member named Don Strong and Don's Club car was a 1970 Medium Blue Boss 302 that he had taken all apart for a restoration. Well Don got in way over his head on the Boss and the restoration.. Don and I became real good friends and one day he offered me the Blue Boss so he could buy a new 1983 Red Mustang convertible.. First time a Mustang convertible had been offed from FORD in

over 10 years so Don just had to have one. Well as the story went I bought The Blue Boss 302 from Don and he got the New Red Mustang Convertible, but he has been kicking himself ever since.. He sold me the blue Boss for \$3500.00 with the Motor all rebuilt and on a engine stand.. At the time I already had the Orange Boss 302 and my 67' Shelby G.T. 500 and a Cougar Convertible and some other cars. So you can see I needed another car and a project at that time when I got the Blue Boss 302 pictured here.

Well I went through a divorce and ended up selling the Cougar Convertible and restored the Boss with the sell of it and a couple of other deals I had made.. Like a 74' Corvette that I had bought.. Anyway the Boss restoration wasn't a slam dunk as it took me about 7 years to complete.. I had a hobby body shop at the time with a buddy named Hugh Beck and we were restoring all types of vintage cars. When I had the money there was no space in the shop and when there was a place to work on it I had no money.. Isn't that the way it goes. Well Hugh and I finally got the time and space to do the car.. It was taken down as far as you can take a car apart and striped to bare metal top side and bottom inside out.. The Boss had NO rust what so ever anywhere and only had a hand full of body filler in the car when it was done.. I only remember one dent in the lower rocker where Don had run it up over some







railroad tracks at work and hit the steering box and lower rocker and put a dent in it.. Don worked for the railroad at Union Station in down town Portland.. A New steering box was all that was needed to get Don back on the road so he never fixed the little dent in the rocker.

Well Hugh Beck painted the car and I put it back together and the rest is history.. I have heard some real good stories about the cars use to run drugs to and from the coast from

Portland before Don got it. The car once pulled a ski boat and had a hitch on it when Don's roommate owned it. Boy I wouldn't had wanted to do that knowing how the car is and drives, but it happened..



When the car got done I took it and the Orange Boss to SAAC #17 in Portland where both car took a 3rd place in there class. I didn't feel bad about losing to a concourse Boss 429 and a Boss 351 because I had heard that they were in there cars over a \$100K apiece and were trailer queens while I had driven my Boss there and was in it all of about \$13K in ole' Blue.



The Blue Boss 302 has never been a trailer queen and I have driven it Down to Northern California to Sears Point Raceway to go with the club to the Mollie Stone Vintage Race.. Over the years I have done some Club events with the car, but I have a problem of having to many cars to drive them all.. The Blue Boss is almost as nice as the day I finished it in 1991. The reason that you don't see me driving it much is because it is stored in the back of

my shop and I have a hard time in getting it out to drive and putting it back in its corner.. With the Orange Boss stored in front of the door and my new Group II race car and Lynette's 68' coupe I just don't have the time to get the Blue car out so it has been put on the back burner for now. Right now I know it needs a new battery and I found a rebuilt factory tach to replace the burnt out one in the dash I need to put in. But other than that and changing the oil it is ready to go. Who knows I might bring it out this summer to surprise everyone.. APRIL FOOLS!!



## **PORTLAND ROADSTER SHOW 2008**

HERE ARE THE S.A.A.C. NORTHWEST MEMBERS WHO SPENT THEIR TIME EITHER WORKING THE ROADSTER SHOW, SHOWING THEIR CARS, OR BOTH.

**DAN JONES** - MOVE IN AT BACK DOOR AND PARKING CARS

**LARRY COCKERHAM** - SECURITY, MOVE OUT AT BACK DOOR, AND DISPLAYED A CAR

**BILL MELOY** - WORKED AND ENTERED A CAR

**MARK PENDERGRASS** - MOVE OUT AT BACK DOOR, SECURITY, AND ENTERED A CAR

**ANN CLACK** - SOUVENIR BOOTH

**RAY CLACK** - SECURITY

**RANDY McEVERS** - ENTERED A CAR

**DAVID WAHL** - ENTERED A CAR

**JOHN BRADSHAW** - ENTERED A CAR

**ME** - SHOW OFFICE

*AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST - **RICHARD COPSEY** WHO ORGANIZED THE DISPLAY, WORKED ALL FOUR DAYS, AND ENTERED A CAR.*

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING THIS SHOW A REAL SUCCESS! IN ADDITION TO ALL JUDGED CARS BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE, THE CLUB WAS GIVEN A BEST CLUB DISPLAY AWARD!

A HARDY THANKS ONCE AGAIN,

**GAYLE GEHRING**, VICE PRESIDENT S.A.A.C. NORTHWEST