



THIS MONTH
May 2008

- Spring Cruise-in
- Minutes
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NEXT MEETING:
SUNDAY May 18, 2008
Regular Monthly Meeting
6:00pm @ Denny's
Wilsonville



Suburban Ford Spring Cruise-in



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

**SEPTEMBER 20 – TOUR TO THE PARK BY THE RIVER.* INVITED BY
CHARTER MEMBERS RUSS AND DALE SCHULTE– HOST CLUB IS ROLLIN’
OLDIES. LOCATION: RIVER PARK, GRANT STREET, LEBANON, OR. 9:00
AM TO 3:00 PM. MORE INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED SOON.
CONTACT: GAYLE IF YOU WANT A NICE SENIC DRIVE TO CENTRAL
WILLEMETTE VALLEY @ (503) 657-5595 OR Email: fredangayle@earthlink.net**

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.**

Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 20 April 2008

President’s Report

President Larry Cockerham brought the general meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Larry introduced guests Rick and Dixie Fisher who came to our meeting tonight driving their 1965 GT-350 clone. They were recommended to us by Brian Bogdon. Larry talked about club events including the Portland Swap Meet that took place this month and will be reported on later. 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 Swap Meet and gave credit to those who had helped man the club booth; David Wahl, Bill Meloy, Lynette Spohn, Larry Cockerham, Bob Parker, Fred Gehring and special thanks to Dan Jones. Gayle mentioned that Dan over the last few years has helped with set up and tear down and has helped a lot with the booth. The next big event for our club is the Suburban Auto Group show in Sandy. Gayle said that she had a few entry forms left for those at tonight’s meeting that still may have an interest in participating in the show. For the tour to Maupin in Eastern Oregon there is new information printed in the newsletter including a time and place for those that want to leave Portland to tour over on Sunday and join the event without staying overnight. Gayle Gehring said that the caterer for the Portland Historics has stepped down, we have a new caterer to work with. Gayle would like to ask the club for a budget for our 30th anniversary celebration for our car club. Gayle said that she is planning on having approximately 100 people attend the event, she will send out a flyer this week asking members to commit to attending.

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Paul Blanchard read the meeting minutes of the SAAC NW 20 March 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.

Treasurer's Report

After last months meeting Ken Walker was able to add to our totals monies from club merchandise sales and membership renewals. The printer has been purchased and under budget.

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.

Track Steward's Report

Mark Pendergrass said that he has been working on putting the track packs together with an able assist from Larry and Lynette. Mark is planning on sending out the track packs about the middle of May. It was recently brought to Mark's attention that we no longer have any club cones for our track day.

Mark went over the expenditures for our track day, itemizing our expenses, most of the increase was with the increased track rental fee. Mark doesn't have a firm price to charge our track day participants yet.

Dan Jones wanted to suggest that we put a notice in the newsletter for volunteers for turn workers. Whether we have hired turn workers or our own volunteer turn workers is contingent upon our insurance. Gayle Gehring will ask our insurance carrier if we need hired turn workers or can we use club volunteers.

National SAAC Rep

Dan said that on SAAC National's website there is an interesting documentation of the law suit between SAAC and Carroll Shelby. There is a lengthy legal document outlining SAAC's law suit in response to Shelby's demand for all of the records that he had loaned SAAC National. Dan said that it pretty well explains where SAAC National is going with their defense. It is worth repeating that nothing will be resolved between Carroll Shelby and SAAC National until it goes to court.

JULY 20TH – FOREST GROVE CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE: PACIFIC UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, FOREST GROVE, OREGON. HOURS 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM. CONTACT: 800-359-2313, OR www.forestgroveconcours.org

JULY 20TH – SAAC N.W. REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M. DENNY'S WILSONVILLE *

AUGUST 2ND – WASHINGTON SAAC AND SAAC NORTHWEST REGION GROUP GET TOGETHER.* VANCLEVE FORD IN MORTON, WA. MORE INFO. TO BE PUBLISHED SOON.

AUGUST 2ND – MUSTANG STAMPEDE, BY MUSTANG'S UNLIMITED, VANCOUVER, WA. 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. CONTACT: EARL EDWARDS (360) 604-1932 OR CECE WANKE (360) 256-5009

AUGUST 10TH – OREGON'S 37TH ANNUAL ALL FORD PICNIC – CHAMPOEG STATE PARK – 9:00 AM TO? ADMISSION \$3.00 FOR PARK AND \$5.00 FOR THE PICNIC. CONTACT: TERRY TINDLE @ (503) 472-6556

AUGUST 15 THRU 17 – SAAC-33 (The Traditional National Convention) – Thunderbolt Raceway, Millville, New Jersey. Go to 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** – PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY*. FULL ROAD COURSE ALL DAY WITH FOUR RUN GROUPS. TWENTITH ANNIVERSARY OF SPONSORING OPEN TRACK DAYS. REMINDER CARDS WILL BE SENT OUT TO DUES PAYING MEMBERS AND PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS IN MID-MAY FOR REQUESTING TRACK PACKS. **CONTACT: TRACK**

JUNE 7 - ALL FORD CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET @ WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, HILLSBORO, OREGON 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, for info.: Contact Dave Webster, Email: president@mustang-club.com or Bart Johnson Email: barstang@aol.com

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

***THE ANNIVERSARY FOR SAAC NORTHWEST AT THE SITE
AND THE RACE WHERE THE CLUB FIRST FORMED
THREE DECADES AGO!***

JULY 11-13 – PORTLAND HISTORIC RACES – PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, 8:30 AM TO 6:00 PM. AND, **SPECIAL COMMERATION AFTER THE LAST CHECKERED FLAG FALLS ON STAURDAYS RACE GROUPS.** THE LOCATION: CAR CORRAL FOR SAAC NORTHWEST MEMBERS IN THE INFIELD.* PARTICAPANTS CAN ONLY ACCESS THIS AREA DRIVING CLUB CARS BETWEEN RACE RUN GROUPS. ALL CLUB CARS SHOULD BE PARKED IN THE CORRAL BY 10:00 AM (7-12-08). IF YOU WISH TO WALK TO OUR DISPLAY IT’S ACCESSABLE ALL DAY VIA THE FOOT BRIDGE OVER THE FRONT STRAIGHT AWAY. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ON SPECIAL THREE DAY PASSES FOR CLUB CARS. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WILL HAVE ATTENDING, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT HAVE TICKETS FOR THE RACES. REFER TO SPECIAL FLYER AND FORM THAT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL DUES PAYING MEMBERS EARLY THIS MONTH. **PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO OUR CORRAL COORDINATOR GAYLE GEHRING @ 503-657-5595 OR E-MAIL fredangayle@earthlink.net**

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

MHRC Report

Richard Copsey talked about the attendance at the Portland Roadster Show, it was down from last year. In conversations between big Don Van Dinter, PRS show manager and ISCA we have learned that attendance is down and the number of shows is in decline all across the country. The MHRC is still in discussion with regard to the 2010 show, the conditions as set forth by the Oregon Convention Center are not favorable for us. We are contemplating the possibility of going to a two day show for next year to help improve our revenue stream. Nominations were opened again for MHRC officers this being the final month before the election held in May with the new officers assuming their duties in June.

Distinguished Guest Report

Larry Cockerham introduced Mr. Phil Henny, who was part of Team Shelby while working for Shelby American during the championship years. Mr. Henny has authored books about his experience, one titled Just Call Me Carroll, and another book written about Bob Bondurant titled, Bob Bondurant: America’s Uncrowned World Champion. Mr. Henny was our guest speaker at last years Christmas banquet where he talked about the difficulties that he was having with getting some wrist watches marketed and sold that he had assembled with the Carroll Shelby name on the front and an engraved Cobra on the back. Mr. Henny said that he had a working relationship with Carroll Shelby for over 40 years where he would do things for him on a handshake or by phone with no contracts. About 2 years ago Carroll asked Phil if he would design a wrist watch for him that could be marketed and sold with his name on it for around \$750.00. Mr. Henny agreed that it would be done.

Unfortunately times have changed with Amy Boylan as current President of Shelby American. She has made it clear that any licensing agreement will now cost a considerable amount of money to be able to market and sell anything with the Carroll Shelby name attached to it. In the meantime Carroll made an agreement with an Italian watch company, it is a big watch with a CS logo and with two yellow stripes on it being marketed for \$5,500! The company paid Carroll \$1,000,000 for the privilege of being able to market and sell the watch with his name on it. Carroll advised Phil that if you can match that I will go with you! Phil said that he could not afford to do that, consequently he is willing to sell the few

watches he has left, the white faced ones for \$250 and the black faced ones for \$300. Phil said that the Cobra is still held in high esteem in Europe with an enormous following.

Webmaster's Report

Ray Clack asked if we should still continue to promote the children's foundation on our website or should we wait until after the suit is settled? Ray is still working on the site would like to post more pictures of events that members have attended, if you have some good pictures e-mail them to Ray.

Old Business

Dave Lennartz has some extra club participant dash plaques from the 2003 Historics asked if anyone would like to have one if they didn't receive theirs at the event. Fred Gehring said that one of the folding tables from the equipment trailer is missing, does anyone know of its whereabouts?

Dan Jones asked what happened to the orange cones from our equipment trailer? It was mentioned that the Kensler's from Tacoma Washington had loaned the cones to the club and wanted them back. Brian Bogdon wanted them for use at the autocross events at South Sound Speedway.

The club will look into acquiring more cones. New Business Gayle Gehring would like to have a budget for the 30th anniversary club celebration at the Portland Historics. Ken Walker made the motion to have a \$1,500 ceiling as a budget to use for the 30th anniversary club celebration.

The motion was seconded by Don Knapp, a vote was taken, motion passed.

Bill Stephens said that the Lotus Club has invited us to participate in their open track day on the 26th of May, Memorial Day. Contact Mark Viscof at (503)-641-7693 if you are interested.

Fred Gehring said that he received an e-mail from Dr. Mark Hovander it is a go for us to meet with Washington SAAC on August the 2nd. We will meet at Van Cleve Ford in Morton Washington, later tour to Mossy Rock county park, details will be coming at a later date.

Fred said that it wasn't decided yet as to whether or not Allen Grant will have his open house in light of the fact that he is restoring his Lola Mark 6, the forerunner to the Ford-GT 40.

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

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*

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

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 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.****



Dave Lennartz was presented the Bent Lemans Rod award for his “Adventures in Trailer Towing.” Dave was towing the club trailer at the Portland Swap Meet and having the tongue come off the ball on the trailer hitch. Fortunately for Dave there was no damage done. Then there was the trailer incident in Utah at the SAAC National Convention. It seems that Dave was helping some members move their Mustangs for a photo shoot at the track. The spot at the track was at a golf cart lane below the clubhouse, it was a narrow lane with a small gate. Dave had driven through the gate several times, the last time he had some “clearance problems” with towing the trailer, did some damage to the gate, ouch!

Paul Blanchard made the motion that we give Mr. Phil Henny honorary membership in SAAC NW, motion seconded by Dan Jones. A vote was taken, motion passed.

Fred Gehring asked if any of the members present knew of the whereabouts of a past SAAC NW member Ken Olds. Apparently a new owner of Kens GT-350 is looking for some information on the past ownership of the car and would like to talk with him. If you know how to contact Ken have him get in touch with Fred Gehring.

In Closing

A nice raffle was held, some neat magazines were given away that had some great information on the T-10 four speed transmission. 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 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary



“Spring Cruise-in”
May 3rd, Sandy Suburban Ford

The day started out looking okay at 5 am for the first weekend of May. Roads were dry and traffic was light...Could it be everyone was home in their nice warm beds!

We all waited for the “SUN” to come out, instead we got the usual Oregon weather...the temperature dropped, rain and hail came our way in the afternoon.



Those were the days...Wow...\$1.63 for a gallon of gas!



(Cruise-in Continued)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Rob Senekal, who was an original GT40 fabricator for Carroll Shelby, will be in attendance at our May 18th meeting. If we can get the right equipment for a digital slide show, he has some interesting photos to share. Rob is in town for a limited time as he is working on Allen Grant's Lola (one of three in the world), and it would be good to have him talk about some of his experiences with the team. Please try to make this one!

Gayle Gehring



The day wasn't a total loss...Fred and Gail won the \$500.00 door prize and Mark won the "Biggest bag of kettle corn I've ever seen. (It took up the whole back end of his Shelby).

Thank you to all that braved the weather and supported the first club event of the year!



IN REMEMBRANCE

Gary Kadrmas, a S.A.A.C. Northwest member, former Vice President, and long time Cobra owner, died from cancer on Monday May 5, 2008. Gary was most remembered by challenging a local T.V. station to a drag race between his "Ford" convertible, and their news chopper. When the news crew showed up at P.I.R., they found the car was a black 289 Shelby Cobra - drag race prepared. The helicopter won by a "nose". Gary is survived by his wife, Vicki, a stepson, stepdaughter, sister, brother, and four grand children. Remembrances can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Gayle Gehring

MEMORIES OF GARY

Another famous incident happened after a club meeting in which Gary Kadrmas (Cobra owner that let me drive his car so I reciprocated) and Larry Cockerham (Crazy Larry). Larry had just purchased a 67 GT500 and challenged us on the way home on I-205 (before the Glen Jackson Bridge, no traffic) Gary asked should we? I said just don't push it over 6,000 RPM, it's a tired old original engine. Just then Larry jumped all over the GT500. Steam started pouring out the vents in the hood and sparks were flying out from under the car and then started to turn toward us! Gary grabbed 3rd gear and got on the shoulder as the 500 passed behind us. I looked out the back and saw the headlights reappear and disappear three times before stopping. We went down to Sunnyside and back to Foster to return to pick up the pieces. Larry's GT500 was facing the wrong way in the center meridian and not a scratch on it. Turns out when Larry's C6 downshifted it snapped the water pump shaft resulting in the fan cutting the lower radiator hose, transmission cooling lines and tearing into the radiator. He hit the brakes when his

windshield was covered with the mixture and spun in the stuff. What a wild ride! When his car was safely put away at Burwell's Ford Specialty, I told Larry "when you race a GT350, it'll cost you \$350.00!"

Ken Walker, 5S377

One thing Ken left out of this story was the fire trucks and Oregon State Police that showed up..They had a report that there was a car on its top and on fire. If it wasn't for Gary I would still be in jail.. I told the cop that I had just left a club meeting and we were all driving home when a cat jumped out in front of me. Well my buddy Gary walk down the hiway with the officer and tried to convince him that nothing was going on before the accident. As they walked down the road they looked at my skid marks to see if I had hit a cat. Well as luck would have it there was a old dead cat right in the middle of my skid marks so the officer didn't take me to jail. This was hard for the cop because after he and Gary got back I ask to use his flash light to see what had broke. When I pop the hood on the GT500 and the cop looked at that 428 & duel 4's he ask if I was sure that I wasn't blowing out the carbon in her was I.. Oh NO officer...

This story happened over 25 years ago when Gary, Ken and I were in our 30's.. Gary was a great friend right up to the end and he never gave up in his illness on the cars he loved.

Crazy Larry
SAAC N.W. President