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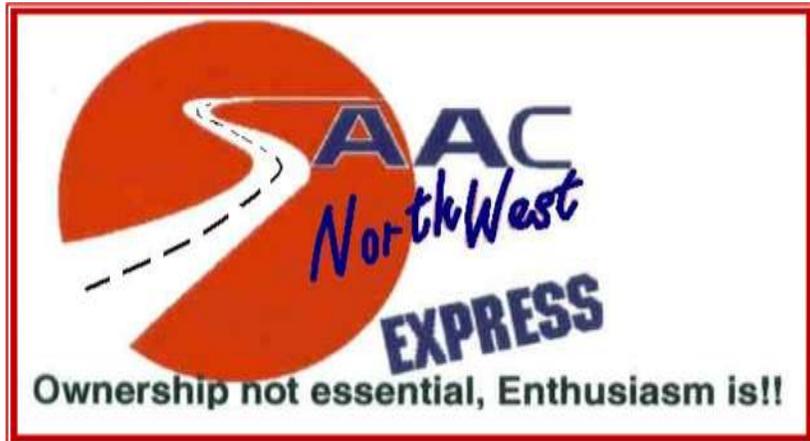
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November 2009

Next club meeting November 15, 2009 at Wilsonville Denny's at 6pm



SAAC NW HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us on **December 5, 2009**, for a good time. The party will be at Weatherford's Grand Lodge, 602 7th Street, Oregon City, OR 97045. It begins at 6:00 pm. More details are in the last club

newsletter. Updates are as follows:

The club will pick up the gratuity and some of the dinner cost to round the cost per person to \$20.00.

**There will be a gift exchange.** Wrap a tool or part that you haven't found a use for but haven't been able to throw away. **We expect some weird stuff**, just make sure it is fairly clean and safe. The format will be similar to the last two years where you can steal someone else's gift.

Please also bring an **unwrapped toy for a needy child**. We turn them over to the Toy and Joy organization for distribution.

I hope you already have this on your calendar, but if you haven't please do it now. It will be great to get everyone together. Our speaker Simon Ostler, owner of Wanker's Corner, will relate some stories about his work for Jensen Motors in England when they were doing prototype work for the Shelby Cobra.

**Please RSVP** and let me know if you are coming, Weatherford's wants to have the best possible preparations done for us.

Bill Meloy, SAACNW Vice President 503 538 8262

Hello WASAAC Members,

Time is approaching for the next WASAAC meeting and it may be a Duesy, even though there will be no Duesenburgs present. The date has been changed, two days forward of the normal meeting date to November 17th, TUESDAY, at Round Table Pizza starting at 7:00 pm. As always, the address and a map are on the WASAAC website, [www.wasaac.org](http://www.wasaac.org).

We are pleased to have two former Shelby American employees join us pre Thanksgiving dinner. First off is Peter and Gayle Brock, they will bring with them their last remaining hardbound books on the Daytona Coupe, CSX2601 which I am told also touches on the Daytona Coupe project as well. You may view this book on Peter's website: [www.bre2.net](http://www.bre2.net). The cost of the book will be close to \$50.00, they will be personally autographed at the meeting. If you would like one of these books and have not told Mark Hovander yet, YOU MUST LET HIM KNOW WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AT [hov@blarg.net](mailto:hov@blarg.net). If you are not able to attend just let Mark know and we will still try to get a book for you. It is another benefit of being a member of this fine club. The other ex Shelby American employee which will be with us at the next meeting is Gordon Chance. Gordon was a GT40 mechanic working on the Mk II 427's for the 1965 Le Mans race, another Mk II for the Daytona 1967 race and finally the Mk IV for the 1967 Le Mans race. With a little arm twisting, we may be able to hear what it was like to be with the Ford GT 40 program at Le Mans. You may find it worthwhile to arrive at the Round Table in Redmond at 6:30 p.m. and order your food at that time, this way it will result in less confusion and interruptions during the gathering. With all the fun stuff aside, the end of the year is getting close and that means the famous WASAAC elections are near. Each year we elect a new President, so far we have had 19 different Presidents over the years, it is just that one of them has ten different personalities. It is time to put this old horse (President) out to pasture. If you would like to be the next WASAAC president, let Dave McDonald know at [DMGT350@aol.com](mailto:DMGT350@aol.com). The President of the club is fairly easy, the job entails draining the treasury for all you can, something the current President has done very well over the past year. Dave will be down under on vacation, using up the rest of our treasury money so he may not return your correspondence until he returns, if he does return. The club could also use an "Event Chairperson" whose job is to plan for a few events during the upcoming 2010 calendar year, please let Mark Hovander know if you are interested, there is no pay for this position, since there are no funds left in the treasury from our last dictatorship.

Hope to see you all there,  
Mark and Dave

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*Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 18 October 2009....*

### **President's Report**

President Steve Thomas brought the general meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Steve asked for the Club Secretary's Meeting Minutes for the SAAC NW Meeting on 20 September 2009.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Paul Blanchard read the meeting minutes of the SAAC NW 20 September 2009 meeting. Paul asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in our newsletter.

Paul received a phone call from Trent Campbell with regard to a paragraph that was written in the minutes as follows:

"Dan Jones talked about a new feature that will be present at the Beaches Cruise-In at PIR during the summer. Trent Campbell who puts on the Portland Transmission Warehouse Show will be having some various vendors present at the show. He will have Keith Cannutt of Horse Shoe Rustorations there along with Dan Jones. There will be a total of 10 to 15 shops that will be represented offering their services for everything from body and paint to upholstery and other services."

Trent & John Bradshaw wanted it understood that Trent is involved in helping with the parking at the Portland Transmission Warehouse show only and not in putting on the show. John Bradshaw is responsible for the show and wanted to make it clear that the Portland Transmission Warehouse Show is always "free" and that there are no vendors present.

While I was making reference to the Beaches Cruise-In it could have been worded better, hopefully this clarifies the roles of responsibility for the above named parties.

### **MHRC Report**

Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard gave the MHRC report for the 13 October meeting. Roll call was taken with 15 clubs present and 1 absent, we have a quorum. The by-laws need to be updated Paul Blanchard and Konnie Van Dinter will be working on updating them. There was a question on the music being played at the show and royalties that need to be paid to ASCAP. Since we are a non profit organization we can play all of the music we want, with no royalties. Duane Caseday show manager and Mike Conn came back from a trip back east and said that they have received commitments from several participants. Mike Conn made the announcement that he would like to start a junior MHRC for all young people from the age of 18 to 29. They have 3 people willing to help with the establishment of the organization, Ken Crawford, Big Don Van Dinter, and Gary Carver. Ken Crawford went to a Tattoo Convention at the Portland Expo enter where he had some of the American Grafitti cars on display. He went to the show with nice shiny arms with no tattoos and many of the artists said, "Come on over here!"

Ken said that the participants were pretty nice people and that they were interested in coming to our show.

Mike Conn mentioned that the manager of the Gun and Knife Show held at the Expo Center would like to have some of our cars put on display at their show to help generate interest as well.

Mike Eitel has a verbal commitment from Katie Harmon Past Miss America from Oregon to come to our 2010 show.

It was also noted that Candy Clark and the Wolfman would like to attend the Portland Roadster Show again next year, they were from the Movie American Grafitti.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Donahoo, our treasurer gave the treasurer's report. Linda mentioned that we still need to pay some bills for our track day.

After expenses are subtracted out we still have a good treasury.

### **Track Steward's Report**

Mark Pendergrass gave the track steward's report. Mark said that he participated with the Alfa Romeo car club today. Mark said that there were approximately 30 cars present, in talking with their track steward Mark said that he suggested that we combine track day with our two clubs. They had a mixture of cars maybe half a dozen Alfa's and the rest were other Marques. Since they have similar problems with their track days as our club they are all for combining the two clubs for track day. Mark said that he will keep us posted as things develop.

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

Bill Meloy wanted to talk about the annual Christmas Banquet which will be held at the Weatherford Commons in Oregon City on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Bill said that we have a guest speaker, Mr. Simon Ostler who worked with Jensen Motors in England before the Shelby's were built in America. Some of the prototypes for Shelby were built by Jensen before they were built by Shelby American. Bill will work with Mr. Ostler to put together an interesting slide show. Bill had a suggestion for the raffle, he thought that we all have tools that we don't know what they are for, thought we could exchange them and parts in a white elephant exchange. We can also bring an unwrapped toy for children as we have done in the past. Bill would like to have each club member pay for their own dinner at \$20.00 per person with the club picking up the gratuity and any additional expense. A motion was made and seconded a vote was taken the motion passed.

### **Newsletter Editors Report**

Lynette Spohn thanked everyone for sending information to her, she now has additional information that she can put in our newsletter.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Webmaster Rick Sattler wasn't present at tonight's meeting will give us a good report next month.

### **National SAAC Rep**

Dan Jones said that the SAAC National Registry for the 1965, 1966 and 1967 Shelby Mustangs are in process and if you own one of the cars you need to get your updates in to them as soon as possible. If you would like a photo of your car put in the registry send it in to the National Registry online with Attn. to Rick Kopec.

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will be the Shelby Convention in Las Vegas. It is a lot of fun, there will be a caravan from Gardena California where Shelby has his engine shop over to Las Vegas. It is expensive but is still an opportunity to see some of the old Shelby people as well as Shelby friends from the past.

For the SAAC National Convention that will be held on May 6, 7 & 8, 2010 at Willow Springs, California, no convention hotels have been selected as of yet.

If you need garage space to rent go on the web site for Willow Springs and reserve your garage space as soon as possible.

Dan Jones wanted to raise the issue of club members who wanted to get special interest license plates. Dan said that in the past it was easy as a club member for him to fill out the forms for a member, pay the fee and send it in. Now the application needs to be approved by an established listed organization. Dan said that for us to become listed we need to send in our charter along with our by-laws and get approval from four clubs who can certify that we are who we say we are.

### **New Business**

Jim and Joyce Hill went to the Columbia Crest Winery tour in Patterson Washington and won first place in the 2006 to 2010 Shelby coupe convertible class with their Shelby Mustang.

Steve Thomas adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary

## **Officer Nominations**

### **President**

1. Steve Thomas
2. Brian Bogdon
3. Mark Pendergrass

### **Vice President**

1. Jim Hill
2. Bill Meloy
3. Doug Buchner

### **Secretary**

1. Paul Blanchard

### **Treasurer**

1. Linda Donahoo

### **Newsletter Editor**

1. Lynette Spohn

### **Web Master**

1. Rick Sattler

### **SAAC National Rep**

1. Dan Jones

### **Track Steward**

1. Fred Gehring
2. Brian Bogdon
3. Mark Pendergrass

4. Larry Cockerham

5. Bill Meloy

### **MHRC Rep**

1. Dave Lennartz

### **Alternate MHRC Rep**

1. Paul Blanchard



All nominees will need to decline before or at the next meeting, or notify us by letter that you wish to decline

## *Tips from our members....*

### "ONE BITE"

Building a new house and shop on 15 acres of dry (and formerly) farm land I have a wide variety of critters and bugs. Mice are always a problem and I've tried several different styles of traps, but the mice seem to be able to pick away the bait without setting off the trap. Even when I use peanut butter – they still steal my bait.

I tried D-Con mouse poison which seems to be the common remedy but found that it wasn't very effective. Then I discovered a product called "One Bite" which is usually sold at farm suppliers. The stuff is light brown and come in hard chunks – but the mice love this stuff! They've even try to drag it back to their dens. Whatever this stuff does to a mouse – they always go outside to die so I haven't had a problem with dead, rotting critters inside the building. Farmers in this area use it in their barns and swear by it. It's not the cheapest mouse poison, but seems to be the most effective, and that's worth it. The cost pales in comparison to damage a mouse can cause to auto upholstery.

If there is a problem with moles which tunnel just under the surface. Find their holes and sprinkles a bunch of lime down the hole and around the outside. Lime is available at Home Depot is usually less than \$10 for a 50 lb. bag which is enough to last a lifetime. As the critters go in and out of their holes, they get lime on their paws and then lick it off. It burns their mouth and esophagus so they can't eat. They may also work for other tunneling rodents – but I haven't tried to verify that.

Hope this is worth printing, and useful to the club members.

Bob

Hoping some of you can shed light on my situation. My 65 Mustang, which has a 331cid motor, has been running crappy the last couple of weeks. Sort of sounds and feels like a 7-cyl. I decided to check compression and the results are as follows: all cylinders read 190 to 200psi except #2, which most of the time reads 60-70psi. Interestingly, depending on the location of the valves(?), the reading will jump immediately to 120 to 150psi at the first click of the starter. This only happens occasionally; most times it's in the 60-70psi range. I put a little oil in the cylinder thru the spark plug hole, but that didn't raise the number. All the plugs look like the motor is running rich, which it always has, a little.

My thoughts are that there's a burned or stuck valve or lifter. The cam is a hydraulic roller from Comp Cams. I haven't pulled the

head(s) yet to confirm. Any thoughts would be welcome.

Thanks,  
Ron  
Wheeler

There's also the matchbook test. Fold open the matchbook at the tailpipe. If it sucks the cover in towards the pipe it's an exhaust valve.  
-- Bob

Try doing a leak down test. If it's a intake valve you will hear a hiss through the carb. If it's rings or ? you will hear a hiss through the breathers and if it's a exhaust valve you will hear the hiss from the exhaust. Happy hunting.  
-- Dave

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