



**THIS MONTH**  
***September 2009***

- ❑ August Minutes
- ❑ Calendar of Events

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**SUNDAY September 20th, 2009**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**6:00pm @ Denny's Wilsonville**



Beach Cruise Poker Run 2009



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## ***SAAC NW EVENT CALENDAR...***

Sept 11,12,13th- End of The World Rod Run (Longbeach,WA)

**Sept 20th- SAAC NW Club Meeting  
6pm Wilsonville Denny's**

Sept 26,27th- Maryhill Loops Hill Climb (Goldendale, Wa)

**Oct 18th- SAAC NW Club Meeting  
6pm Wilsonville Denny's**

**Nov 15th- SAAC NW Club Meeting  
6pm Wilsonville Denny's**

Dec ?- Holiday Banquet

*Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 16 August 2009*

### **President's Report**



President Steve Thomas brought the general meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Steve said that we had a terrific track day with no incidences and that track steward Mark Pendergrass did a great job. Steve wanted to complement all those that had helped make the track day one of the best.

Steve asked for the Club Secretary's report for the SAAC NW Meeting on 19 July 2009.

### **Secretary's Report**



Secretary Paul Blanchard read the meeting minutes of the SAAC NW 19 July 2009 meeting. Paul asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in our newsletter. With no corrections to the minutes the minutes stand as read.

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

Bill Meloy said that he will sign us up for the Weatherford Commons this next week for our annual Christmas Banquet to be held in Oregon City. Bill then asked Doug Buchner for a brief report on the tour to the Oregon Coast. Doug said that he went to a print shop with a Cobra logo that was then taped to a magnetic backing. Doug felt that we could put the logo on our cars whenever we went out



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on a club tour. For the Coast tour Doug said that we had eleven cars on the tour, drove through some nice curved roads. Several members joined the tour at various stops along the way. Doug said that we had lunch at the Pelican Brew Pub in Pacific City, good conversation along with some picture taking. Doug said that it was about 65 degrees with no wind, just a perfect day he enjoyed it so much that he might put the tour together again.



### **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Donahoo, our treasurer gave the beginning and ending balances of our checking account and our money market accounts. Linda mention that we need to have more participation for our upcoming track day we only have about 5 people signed up as of the date of today's meeting. For the present we have a good treasury.

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### **National SAAC Rep**

Dan Jones said that the National Convention that was held recently hasn't been reported on as of yet, so he doesn't know how it went. Dan mentioned that he had received a notice from a gentleman that is interested in putting together a data base of information on convertibles for use as parade cars for the Portland Rose Festival. He would like a 4 X 8



picture of your car and pertinent information so that they can contact you for participation.

### **Newsletter Editors Report**

Lynette Spohn thanked everyone for their contributions to the monthly newsletter and asked for more articles. Lynette asked Doug Buckner for some pictures of the club tour to the Oregon Coast. Doug said that he would collect the pictures that he had taken as well as

*It's time to start thinking about nominations of new officers, here's a place to jot down your picks!*

### **President**

- 1)
- 2)

### **Vice-President**

- 1)
- 2)

### **Secretary**

- 1)
- 2)

### **Treasurer**

- 1)
- 2)

### **Newsletter Editor**

- 1)
- 2)

### **Nat'l Rep**

- 1)
- 2)

### **Track Stewart**

- 1)
- 2)



## New social event

I mentioned at the last meeting that there were many new faces ...at least to me...at the Maupin Cruise and I suggested a social event that several other civic and auto clubs do on a monthly basis. I'm a track junkie so I love the HPDE events, car tours, and the general meeting. But I'm sure there are some of us who may not fit into the aforementioned categories and would like a different venue of activity. Thus...I'm suggesting the Club consider having a monthly "Dinner Club". A specific day of the month would be chosen...i.e.....last Thursday of month....a member would suggest an eating establishment, and they or a dinner coordinator would contact the choice to confirm their acceptance of our Club members visit. We would try to have a separate eating area from the regular crowd but not a necessity. Each individual would choose their own menu items and pay their own bill. Hopefully we would sit next to someone we don't know and thus expand our knowledge of each other. If you like this idea let me know at the next meeting or call 503-653-9080 to voice your thoughts. All ideas are welcomed. Happy eating!

Some from other members and forward them on to Lynette.

### Webmaster's Report



Webmaster Rick Sattler thanked Larry and Lynette for all of the new pictures that he had received for inclusion on the picture page. Rick said that he is still looking for more pictures, if you have any pictures that you would like to put up on the site that you have taken at one of the club events please send them to Rick. It was noted that we are linked to approximately 800 web sites though Yahoo, giving us a lot of exposure to auto enthusiasts.

### MHRC Report



Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard gave the MHRC report for the 11 August meeting. Paul wasn't able to attend the meeting, checked with big Don VanDinter with Associated Fords of the 50's Car Club. Roll call was taken 11 clubs were present 9 absent we have a quorum. Meeting minutes were read for July.

on board.

For the 2011 show we will be at the Portland Expo Center.

Nothing new to report on the Portable Dyno that had been promised to the MHRC.

## Track Steward's Report

Larry Cockerham gave the track steward's report for Mark Pendergrass. Larry wanted to have more participation from volunteers who aren't going to be driving. Larry said that he needed more people to tech cars as they come in. Corner workers are also needed. A general discussion followed about the catered lunches for the volunteer workers, we will be doing something a little different for this track day.



### OLD & Unfinished Business

Linda Donahoo mentioned that Barry Schnittger from Corvallis Oregon has joined our club. Barry has 4 Sunbeam Tigers a 1964, two 1965's and a 1966 and a Ford SHO.

### New Business

Mark Pendergrass won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Colvin Ford car show in McMinnville with his 1967 GT-350. Dick Donahoo mentioned that there was a gentleman who has a collection of 4 door Lincoln convertibles for every year that were made. As each one of his grand kids turns 25 he gives one to them, he has already given one away.

*Steve Thomas adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 P.M.*

*Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary*

## Slop in your Steering wheel?

Well I have been dealing with 1-1/4" free play in my 1970 GT500 for many years and finally I figured where it was coming from. After all the normal alignment adjustments and new components such as upper and lower ball joints, struts, powers steering control valve and grommets etc. It seemed the steering box needed a little adjustment so I adjusted the steering box until the car failed to return to center after a corner. Backing off on the adjustment for proper wheel return I was right back to a poor handling car.

The alignment specialist said this is an old car with old technology, that is as good as it will get! Well recently I poured some 90 weight into the steering box only to see the oil was on the garage floor an hour later. Okay the seals were shot but what about the rest of it? After pulling the box out I felt the gears turn and they were like gravel. Okay maybe not that bad but close. After doing an internet search I found a company in Washington ST that could rebuild the box for 236.00 with a 24 hour turn around guaranteed. They refaced the gears and replaced the bearing and seals. Then set up the adjustments according to the specs from the factory. All of this for 236.00 seemed like the cheapest thing I have done on this car in a long time. So I shipped of the steering box (fixed rate) 15.00 USPS and a few days later it returned home. NICE I also learned that 90 weight oil is not the correct lubricant. It requires a special oil/pasty stuff that is not as thick as grease or as thin as oil. That's why you ask around when you're out of your element like I was there!

Bottom line the car drives 100% better. Now when the tires follow the road you feel it right away in the steering wheel and can correct it before you look like a drunk driver. I attract enough attention from cops and a loose front end is just more then I need. If you have tried all the normal fix'its to your car and want a little more control, I suggest you look at the steering box. Red Head Steering 1 888 741-0159 They were honest and I have zero affiliation with them or their company. Two thumbs up

Rick Young