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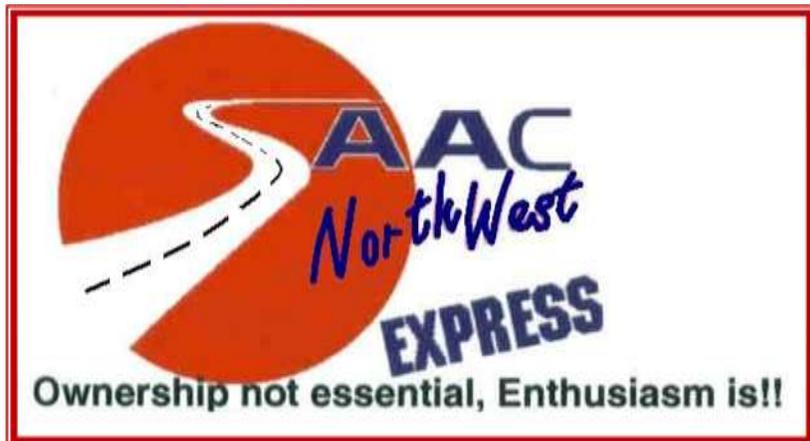
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## June 2011

*Next club meeting June 19, 2011 at*

*Wilsonville Denny's at 6pm*



To submit your stories, pictures and ideas for upcoming newsletters, please email [deprincess64@aol.com](mailto:deprincess64@aol.com) and put SAAC newsletter in the subject line

**THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD  
TO IN 2011...**

June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>- 51<sup>st</sup> Rose Cup  
Races- PIR

June 19<sup>th</sup>- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm  
Wilsonville Denney's

July 1-3rd- Pacific NW Historic  
Races- SIR

July 9-11th- Portland Historic Races-  
PIR

July TBA- Mustang Roundup-  
Bellevue, WA

July 17<sup>th</sup>- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm  
Wilsonville Denney's

**Aug. 7th- All Ford Picnic-  
Champoeg Park, Wilsonville**

**Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>- Seattle SAAC-Cruise**

Aug. 21st- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm  
Wilsonville Denney's

Aug. TBA- Wapato Showdown-  
Gaston

Aug. TBA- SAAC-36th National  
Convention- ????

Sept. 3-5th- Columbia River Classic  
Road Race- PIR

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>-SAAC NW Track Day

Sept. 9-11th- Rod Run to the End of  
the World- Long Beach, WA

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm  
Wilsonville Denney's

Oct. 1-2nd- Maryhill Loops Hill Climb-  
Goldendale, WA

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm  
Wilsonville Denney's

Nov. 20<sup>st</sup>- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm  
Wilsonville Denney's



## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual All Ford Show Winners...

Dan Jones 1st place



Gehring's 1st place- Sunbeam Tiger



Lynette Spohn 1st place- Lightning



Dave Lenartz 2nd place- 57' Ford



Wrangler's club choice went to John  
Bradshaw

Donaho's 1st place- Cougar





## [New dragstrip and road course under development in the Northwest](#)

New dragstrips here in the United States are so rare, they border on nonexistent. With the spread of suburbia and the rising cost of operations, it's all most dragstrip owners can do just to stay open and keep the neighbors and noise regulations at bay. Yet in Washington state, something unusual is happening: a brand-new dragstrip and road course are taking shape.

The two race tracks, together known as the Ridge Motorsports Park, are the brainchildren of Rod and Karen Powell, who live nearby and were looking for a way to invest the money they got from selling their manufacturing business. Rod, a car guy for life, former amateur Porsche racer and current amateur GT1 stock car driver, said what led him and Karen – and their business partner Joe Manke – to envision the motorsports park was the lack of safe track day venues in the Northwest.

Our local tracks have tremendous localized pressures regarding neighbors, noise, environment, the usual. And lots and lots of walls. The tracks when built were in the middle of nowhere, but alas, housing came out to meet them over the years, and now, constant battles. So, we saw a market opening.

We also felt that building a racing facility with two distinct racing surfaces and each having its own paddock would be popular as well. Our tracks, in fact most tracks, combine the dragstrip with the road course, so one user group is always waiting for the other to get off track. Around here, it is the drag racers that have to pay the price, as road course work takes the bulk of any day. I have seen these guys line up for hours just to get a parking spot so they could enjoy their sport, and it made no sense. We want this track to be easy to use, thus desirable to come back to. Building a separate racing surface for our customers just makes good business sense.

We also spent considerable time at Thunderhill in California, and realized, from a business perspective, that a club level track facility could be very successful indeed. For us in the PNW, Thunderhill in Willows CA is somewhat of a mecca, we will drive 10-12 hours one way to run it. Lots of elevation, good pavement, rental garages, etc. Things we lack up here.

Lastly, we wanted environment. The PNW is truly one of the most beautiful places on the planet, and a race facility nestled into the trees (think Spa-Francorchamps) we felt would be a hit.

Since the track's inception in 2005, the Powells and Manke have located a 173-acre piece of property in Shelton, Washington, not far from the Seattle/Tacoma area (with another 80 acres on option), they've begun clearing the land, and they've cleared the most important hurdle of all: They got their special use permit from the county in April. That means construction of the tracks has already started, and Rod said their goal is to get the track surfaces laid by August 15 for an opening date of September 15.

"All of the user groups typically book a year out, so we will probably do an 'invite only' kind of schedule this fall to keep everyone excited, and schedule dates for 2012," Rod said.

As far as the dragstrip is concerned, it will be a NRHA-regulation 1/4-mile strip, but Rod said no decision has yet been made to have it sanctioned by the NHRA or IHRA. The 2.43-mile, 15-turn road course (with a 2,800-foot straightaway and 500 feet of elevation change) will be designed by Steve Crawford, the main designer for Thunderhill, based on initial designs by [Johannes van Overbeek](#). The first phase of construction will focus on the tracks themselves, while phase two will focus on adding bathrooms, food service facilities, and rental garages.

For more information, visit [RidgeMotorsportsPark.com](http://RidgeMotorsportsPark.com).

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## Portland Roadster Show Winners...

Here is a list of the Best in Class winners:

Dan Jones: '66 Mustang Hertz replica Shelby

Richard Copsey: '95 Mustang Cobra

Dave Wahl: '66 Mustang Shelby- GT 350

There were 9 cars in the show with the Shelby Club:

In addition to the three above:

Mark Pendergrass: '67 Shelby Mustang- GT 350

Larry Cockerham: '70 Boss 302 Mustang

James Hill: '07 Shelby Mustang

Hugh Beck: Early Thunderbird

Bill Coleman: Daytona Coup Cobra Replica

Bob Parker: '64 AC Cobra

A Miss Oregon gave out awards and photos were taken with two other Miss Oregons.

*Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 17 April 2011*

### **President's Report**

Bob Parker opened the meeting and asked for the Secretary's report.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Paul Blanchard asked for approval of the 13 March 2011 minutes as printed in the newsletter. The minutes were approved as printed.

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

Mark Pendergrass and Larry Cockerham weren't present at tonight's meeting their report will be given next month.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Donahoo gave her report read the balances from our checking account and from our money market account. Linda says that we have a good treasury.

### **Newsletter Editors Report**

Lynette gave the newsletter editors report asked if anyone had taken pictures of the Portland Roadster Show. We had 9 club cars at the show, three of our club cars won awards that we know of.

Lynette is always interested in members sending in a one sentence item, such as a cruise-in that you attended, or a car fix that would be of interest to all members, in general something auto related that would be of interest to all members.

### **MHRC Report**

Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard gave the 11 April MHRC meeting report.

PRS show manager Dwayne Caseday said that there will be one scholarship given by Clackamas Community college to a deserving student chosen by the MHRC. Dwayne and the MHRC are in negotiation at this point to determine the actual cost and contribution given by the MHRC.

Dwayne and Mike Conn will be going to the Expo center to negotiate a new agreement for next years show. Dwayne said that they will be asking for free parking for the volunteers for next years show. Dwayne said that they were considering sponsorship to do more to promote the MHRC. One suggestion is to sponsor a jacket for the Salem Roadster Show which is a show that is by invitation only to participants who are given a jacket in lieu of trophies. They were considering having a greater presence for the PRS at the Seaside show as well. They would also like to have a stronger presence at the Beaches Cruise-In.

The good news is that we had 21,200 in attendance at the PRS with 6,126 discount tickets given by Les Schwab, and 1,800 cross show tickets from the gun show. Last years show we had about 12,000 in attendance so it was a marked improvement over last year. As part of the show there were 4 pinstriped childrens wagons that were done by local talent. Mike and Dwayne learned of a 4 year old boy that had some tumors around his brain stem that was in Legacy Emanuelle Hospital that really likes cars. They were able to present him with one of the wagons, he was very pleased. The parents were in real financial need, they were given a check for \$500.00 as well.

Ron Martinolich gave the Scale Auto Builders Report for the show and said that they had 262 entries for the show this year 50 more than last year.

There was an important change to the MHRC by-laws with regard to the Portland Roadster Show Hall of Fame. Paul read the proposed by-law changes and asked for the club members present who are MHRC members to vote on the by-law changes as a club take back. Dan Jones made the motion that we adopt the by-law changes as read it was seconded a vote was taken motion passed.

### **SAAC National Report**

Dan Jones gave the SAAC National Report said that SAAC is looking for pictures and articles on your 1968, 1969 and 1970 Shelby Mustangs. They are in the process of compiling information for the new registry on those cars. The SAAC National Convention will be held at the Virginia International Raceway track on Memorial Day Week-end May 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Dan went on to say that SAAC National on April 1<sup>st</sup> put an article on their website which said that Senator eyes collector cars as an important revenue source. It got a lot of people stirred up, the item spread like wild fire. A week later Rick Kopec President of SAAC National came out with a letter stating that it was an April fools prank. Even so, Dan says that it is still something that we need to be mindful of, watch the possibility of future proposed legislation as it relates to the taxation of the collector car very carefully.

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

Doug Buchner talked about the track days put on by other clubs like the Alpha Club and the BMW club. Doug is interested in seeing what relationship there is between the price to participate in their track days and the inclusion of the cost of membership dues in their club to qualify for a discount. More study is needed with more information to follow.

Doug said that he was able to pass out track packs at the Portland Roadster Show. Doug commented on the new paint scheme that is on our club trailer at PIR, apparently someone tagged it with graffiti. Doug asked Mel at PIR if there is any easy way to take off the paint, no easy way is available. The question was raised as to how anyone could do that since the track is fenced. Doug pointed out that anyone can walk in since the front entrance is designed to keep out cars, anyone could ride a bicycle in as well.

Doug said that he has applied the new tags for the trailer.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Webmaster Rick Sattler wasn't present at tonight's meeting will have a report for us next month. If anyone has any suggestions or comments please let Rick know. Rick is always interested in pictures of a recent auto related event that you may have attended, if you have some neat pictures send them on to him via e-mail.

### **New/Old Business**

Bob Parker talked about the SAAC NW Club Cruise to Maupin, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The all Ford Show will be coming up in June at the Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Bob said that it is a real good event and is encouraging all members to attend.

Secretary Paul Blanchard said that he had received in the mail forms from the State of Oregon for Dan Jones, Larry Cockerham, and Mark Pendergrass to sign for the ability to certify collector /special interest cars. They will be brought to the next meeting.

Bob Parker adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary.



*Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 15 May 2011*

### **President's Report**

Bob Parker opened the meeting and asked for the Secretary's report.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Paul Blanchard talked about upcoming cruise-ins that would be of interest to all members, passed around flyers for the events.

Paul read the meeting minutes for the 17 April 2011 meeting asked for approval of the minutes as read. The minutes were approved as read.

Paul mentioned that member clubs of the MHRC are looking at ways to better communicate with their members and the public, looked at our website and said that it is one of the best websites for the auto hobbyists around. We received compliments from several car clubs including Associated Fords of The Fifties. Thanks to Rick Sattler for your work and great effort in giving us a great website!

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

Before Mark and Larry gave their report Bob Parker wanted to mention that he would like to make the All Ford Show at Hillsboro coming up in June a club tour. Bob said that the second week in September is the date for a cruise-in to the Hood River auto and aviation museum. He received a notice from Dick Roush of the Washington SAAC Car Club that they will have some spaces available for parking at that date and would like us to participate.

Larry Cockerham gave his presentation, talked about the club cruise to Maupin, everyone seemed to have a good time. Larry said that they had a chance to see some beautiful country including some Indians fishing off the rocks for salmon. The tour went to White River Falls for some great scenery. Poker run was a blast, Larry won the low poker hand for \$143.00! After the pot luck they gave away a ton of raffle prizes. There were trips to Shaniko and Grass Valley race track where there was a group from Seattle that was using the track.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Donahoo gave her report read the balances from our checking account and from our money market account. Linda says that we have a good treasury.

Linda said that you need to get your papers and money in for the Historics as that is an event that is coming up soon.

Linda said that she received a letter from the IRS for our tax exempt status, and they said that a minimum No. of club participants for our track day is 75%. From now on all participants will need to join our club. Linda will need to show the IRS

an income and tax statement projection for the next 3 years as to where the money will be coming from to keep our tax free status intact.

### **MHRC Report**

Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard gave the 9 May MHRC meeting report.

Roll call was taken we had 13 clubs present and none absent. Mike Eitel introduced Patrick from the Portland Art Museum display committee who gave a good presentation.

PRS show manager Dwayne Caseday said that the MHRC will have a booth and a car at the Seaside Cruise advertising the Portland Roadster Show.

President Mike Conn asked for a vote on the proposed by-law changes for the Hall of Fame criteria, measure passed unanimously.

Mike Conn talked about the sponsorship of car clubs from a sponsor from the SEMA Show, something that we had talked about previously, it won't happen this year. Les Schwab said the only way that they would do that is if all clubs who currently ask for sponsorship no longer asked.

Ken Crawford talked about a new indoor car show at the Expo Center he handed out registration packets. The new show requires a club deposit and a themed club display, it is designed to replace the old NorthWest Car Collector Show and Swap Meet. The consensus of the members in attendance at tonight's meeting is that we don't participate. There is a reason why the old event is no longer in existence, just wasn't popular enough with attendance to justify the expense and effort for putting the show on.

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It will necessitate the need for a review of our by-laws for a possible change.

Doug talked about the Oregon Trail Road Rally race that is sponsored by Subaru and other companies that will be held at PIR.

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