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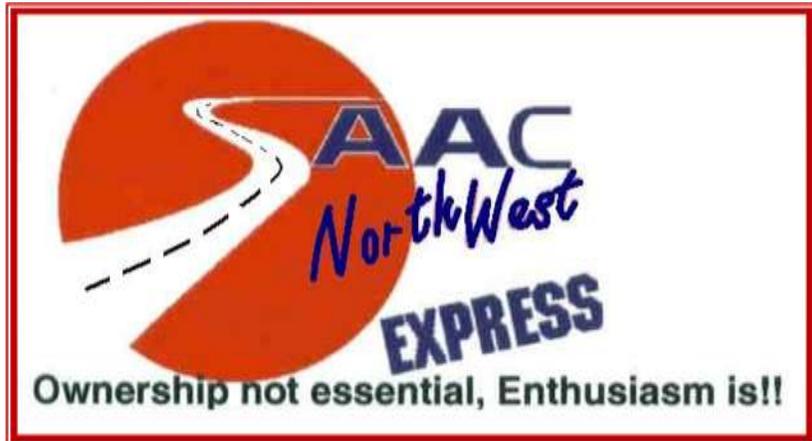
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*Next club meeting February 19th at Wilsonville
Denny's at 6pm*



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From our Members....

Contributed by Larry Cockerham

SWEEP! Ford Goes 1-2-3 In Rolex 24 At Daytona
JAN. 29, 2012

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- Ford scored a podium sweep at the 50th anniversary of the Rolex 24 At Daytona.

Ford's victory came in as dominating a fashion as did the all-Ford win of the 1966 24-hour version of this race, where the Ford GT40 MKII not only scored its first victory in international competition but swept the podium as well.

Michael Shank Racing's A.J. Allmendinger brought the car across the finish line, just minutes after Ryan Dalziel in Starworks Motorsports' second-place, pole-sitting Ford called his boss, Peter Baron, and said, "I've got nothing for him."

The "Best No-Name Team" in the field -- though it had at least one familiar Ford-family name, Michael McDowell -- closed out Ford's podium sweep when Venezuelan Filipe Nasr, never before having driven anything but open-wheel cars, drove a second Michael Shank Racing Ford DP across the line in third place.

"It was a great opportunity for me to be here," reigning European Formula 3 champ Nasr said.

"We had no problems, no accidents. You first have to finish to win, but I do not believe it, that I would come here for the first time and do this well."

Shank and team focused during Saturday's overnight darkest hours just to give their Fords a chance to fight for the title at race end.

"We stressed fuel economy and saving our tires," Shank said.

"Even though it appeared we pushed, our drivers were encouraged to short shift whenever possible."

An emotionally wasted Allmendinger, who'd been in the car for a three-hour closing shift, could hardly talk.

"That Ford motor was the best, most powerful engine I've ever had," Allmendinger said, noting that when anyone challenged him during that final three-hour period, "the engine pulled like no other I've ever had. It was great."

Allmendinger, who'll soon start his 2012 NASCAR stockcar calendar, also had words of praise for each of his teammates, full-season Shank regulars Oswaldo Negri Jr. and John Pew, as well as IndyCar series regular Justin Wilson.

This was Wilson's first race after a 2011-season wreck left him with fractures needing nearly five months to heal.

"We had come so close to winning last year," Wilson recalled.

"A.J. and I were talking, and we knew we had the best team; the best car; and, the best engine. We looked at each other and said, 'so we'll win the 50th next year!' This is surreal to be here."

Dalziel, teamed with Lucas Luhr, Alex Popow, Enzo Potolicchio and Allan McNish, the latter having had a multi-lap, side-to-side battle first with Negri, then Allmendinger.

Though some first-of and mid-race challenges arose from Chevrolet's new Corvette, the brand new car just didn't have longevity, a problem that the carmaker will no doubt work to improve.

However, the fact remains that only one carmaker has entirely swept two different podiums decades apart at North America's premier 24-hour race: Ford.



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On behalf of Portland Public Schools, thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1000.00. Gifts of this significance make an absolute difference in our children's lives as we work daily to make sure each of our young people are learning and growing to their fullest potential.

As you know, Portland Public Schools is a nonprofit municipal corporation; our Tax ID number is 93-6000830. No goods or services were given in exchange for your donation. We trust this information and letter will prove helpful as you maintain records of your donation.

Your financial gift will be put to use helping the student athletes & staff of Roosevelt High School's Womens Basketball Program.

Sincerely,


Charlene Williams
Principal

Cc: Nike Greene
Head Womens Basketball Coach

Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 15 January 2012

President's Report

Bob Parker opened the meeting by announcing that of the remaining club apparel available we have 8 club jackets left. Bob said that they are in sizes large and extra large, no more blue jackets in large size are available.

Vice Presidents Report

The club trailer has been towed from PIR to Larry Cockerham's house. It has been pressure washed and hand washed, cleaned inside and an inventory taken for track day merchandise that was in the trailer. Mark said that the two pop-up tents are missing along with the radios. The box of leather gloves that we had available for drivers are down to two pairs. The remaining merchandise is the brooms, the vests, signage, the cones and the extinguishers. Apparently whoever broke the lock and went in took only what they could grab and leave with quickly. More about the trailer will be reported under new business.

Secretary's Report

Paul asked for approval of the meeting minutes as reported in the November newsletter and if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes. No additions or corrections were noted it was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Paul then read a letter from Charlene Williams, principal of Roosevelt High School thanking us for our \$1,000 donation to help the Roosevelt High School's Womens Basketball Program. The letter also gave a courtesy copy to Nike Greene, Head Coach of the Womens Basketball team.

Track Steward Doug Buchner presented the club with a framed picture given to us from the Roosevelt High School girls basketball team, it will be a welcome addition to our club memorabilia that we have acquired over the years.

Treasurers Report

Linda Donahoo gave the treasurer's report, for both accounts checking and our CD's. Linda reported on our having a good treasury. Linda said dues are due members can download a membership application from our club website. Linda said that our 990 tax report has been sent in and has been accepted we are in compliance!

Newsletter Editors Report

Lynette wasn't present at tonight's meeting, will be here next month.

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 went to the MHRC meeting on 20 December 2011. Roll call was taken, 13 clubs present with 2 absent.

A guest was introduced, Pamela Butler a young lady with the Foster youth Program who is now with a new organization called Children First for Oregon. There are a lot of foster children that once they reach the age of 18 they are on their own. This is a new organization that is just starting in the Portland Metropolitan area that is dedicated to providing a temporary place for young people to live and stay until they can find a place to live on their own. She is looking for funding since all funding comes from grants and donations.

Enrique Scanlon wasn't present at the meeting but is still dedicated to getting the newsletter out, is asking for articles of interest from all member clubs.

Joyce Johnson known as the "Hot Rod Lady" gave a report on the Toy Run to the new Childrens hospital wing at Legacy Emanuelle Hospital. Joyce said that there were about 70 to 80 cars present from the MHRC membership and that we were able to donate about 14 wardrobe sized containers of toys, approximately 14,000 toys in all. Mike Conn and Dwayne Caseday were on television on the nightly news talking about the event giving us good public exposure for our participation.

One of the club reps who works at the hospital said that February the 8th is the date for the grand opening of the Childrens hospital, we may be asked to help with that event as well.

At the last Portland Roadster Show there were some pinstriped toy wagons done by pinstripers at the show that were to be given to children in need. Dwayne learned of a young child that had cancer, wasn't expected to live past December of last year. Dwayne presented the young man with the wagon, he was delighted to receive it. Dwayne got to know the parents, they are having a very difficult time financially because of the extraordinary medical costs. Dwayne learned that they needed money to prevent eviction from their apartment and that they were behind in their utility bills. Dwayne paid for their utilities out of his own pocket and was asking the MHRC to donate \$990.00 to them so that it was under a \$1,000.00 limit for a club take back to help the family. The response from the reps was very positive a vote was taken \$990.00 was approved. Dwayne also passed the hat, I asked after the meeting how much was collected and he said an additional \$242.00.

Nominations for MHRC officers were taken for the 2012 year and are as follows:

President

1. Mike Eitel

Vice President

1. Bob Miller

Secretary

1. Joyce Johnson

Treasurer

1. Marlene Miller

Sgt. At Arms

1. Jack Daggett

Mike Eitel would like to have some additional Roadster Show meetings, as the date for the Roadster Show approaches, one on January 31st 2012 and one on February the 28th. The 28th is also the date for all volunteers to show up for the free pizza feed at Stark Street Pizza.

Larry Anderson who is in charge of volunteers said that we need more volunteers to help with security especially Sunday night. Larry will have sign up sheets and lists to fill out for the show volunteers available at the January meeting.

Ron Martinolich of the Scale Auto Builders Association said that 5 Council Clubs have donated money for trophies for the model car contest at the Portland Roadster Show, he is near his goal of having all of the trophies sponsored and paid for. Ron talked about the you build it you take it model car contest with the models being 1955 Chevys from IMS.

Dwayne Caseday said that at last months meeting the issue of Gary Coe came up with regard to a Council donation for his districts State of Oregon Senate Seat. The issue was so controversial that Dwayne said that he has taken it off the table.

Dwayne gave the Portland Roadster Show report said that he had a very successful SEMA show in November was able to get 4 new sponsors to sign up.

Dwayne said that NAPA has asked to have booth space at our show, are willing to pay full price but they don't wish to be a sponsor. A well known Portland Roadster Builder Lonnie Gilbertson built the car with the P40 Flying Tiger shark teeth logo on the nose and is known as Runamucca. The car has been sold to Jerry Logan of Bushwhackers a business he owns in Saint Johns.

Dwayne said that he and Mike Conn will be going to meet with John Buck who is the manager of the Sacramento Show and the Grand National Show at the Grand National show being held this month. Present at the meeting will be the show manager for the Boise Show and together with the Portland Roadster Show all four shows will purchase the full back page of advertising in color for all of the major hobby magazines. This will happen for the 2013 shows which also includes the ISCA points participants which should help us get more quality cars for our show.

Scheduled guest that will appear at our show this year will be George Barris, John D'Agostino, Gene Winfield and Darrell Starbird.

SAAC National Report

Dan Jones talked about the National Convention coming up at Watkins Glen on June 7-12, 2012. SAAC National is planning on celebrating the 45th anniversary of the 1967 Shelby Mustang at the Convention. Dan reported that Team Shelby will be present at many events all across the country with their trailer rigs in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cobra. Shelby plans on being at the Nor-Cal Mini-Nats as well as other events. Dan said that Team Shelby is planning on having something taking place at Las Vegas in March, no details as of yet. Dan said that SAAC National has new people that are involved with the organization, a lot of new staff.

Track Steward's Report

Doug Buchner talked about going to Roosevelt High School in the Kenton neighborhood where he attended a basketball game and presented our club donation at halftime. Doug used the opportunity to give some information about our car club and the reasons behind the donation. Doug said that he was warmly received, our donation was much appreciated.

Doug said that he has submitted our request for track dates to PIR, September 10th is the preferred date of choice. Doug said that he is contemplating having specific tasks for groups of people to perform at the track day so things won't be so hectic for him.

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Rick Sattler wasn't present at tonight's meeting will have a report for us next month. Rick would still like to have pictures from members for club related activities.

Old Business

Bob Parker said that he wanted to clean up the election of officers for 2012. There will be a ballot that will go out in the mail, members can vote and send it back by mail or bring it to the next meeting in February.

Gayle Gehring mentioned that we need to file our Corporation papers which are due on December 7th. They also ask that we have our elections behind the date of filing it should have been completed in November. Gayle said that she took the initiative to file the report along with the check, it has been cashed but it is an issue that we need to think about for the future.

New Business

Ann Clack said that Carroll Shelby now has a page on Facebook for those that want to sign up, a lot of pictures and some neat comments.

Bob said that Larry and Mark have the club trailer in good shape, now we need to find a place to store it. Bob wanted to open up for discussion what should we as a club do to keep the trailer or as another option sell it.

Larry Cockerham suggested that we sell the trailer to a go-karting club for example that could use it as is. If we were to sell it on the open market we may need to remove all of the specialized cabinets and modifications that are currently in the trailer. Gayle Gehring talked about the importance of having the trailer for our track day as it is the best vehicle to provide track essentials. If we no longer keep the trailer do we need to continue having track day?

Doug Buchner suggested that if we don't have our own track day there are at least 4 other hobby interest clubs that will allow you the opportunity to drive at PIR. Larry Cockerham mentioned some painful truths, which are that as a club our membership is in decline and there isn't an interest on the part of younger generations. Larry said that we need to do more to encourage younger people to join and we need to work to overcome some stereotypes that people have of our club citing our statement "Ownership isn't essential, enthusiasm is!"

There are some maintenance issues as well, the white gel coat is going away it needs to be repainted, the electric brakes don't work and need to be fixed. The doors are delaminating from the plywood as well, largely from storing it outside. It is a trailer that should be stored inside, current prices for commercial storage is in excess of \$100.00/month. Larry said that the club trailer that is currently at his home needs to be moved. Mark Pendergrass said that he would be willing to store it outside at his home until a decision regarding the trailer can be made by a majority of the membership.

Dan Jones brought up the issue of the Portland Swap Meet, is our space at the swap meet something as a club that we wish to continue to have?

Dan suggested that we move the date of our annual Christmas banquet a month or two to September or October before the busy times of Thanksgiving and Christmas. That would require us to hold our election for officers sooner as well. It was also suggested that the annual banquet could be held in January, what do you as a member think?

Gayle Gehring mentioned that the April Swap Meet has announced that part of the Expo Center venue has been taken over by the Cirque de Solei during the 2012 Swap Meet. The 7000 area of the Expo Center will be occupied by the Circus during the swap meet. Parking is already a problem without the Circus.

Doug Babcock said that we need to include the discussion with regard to the club trailer printed in the club newsletter and then wait for feedback to learn of the consensus of opinion from the majority of the members. Then we could formulate some questions with regard to the trailer so that it could be brought to a vote.

Bob Parker adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary.

