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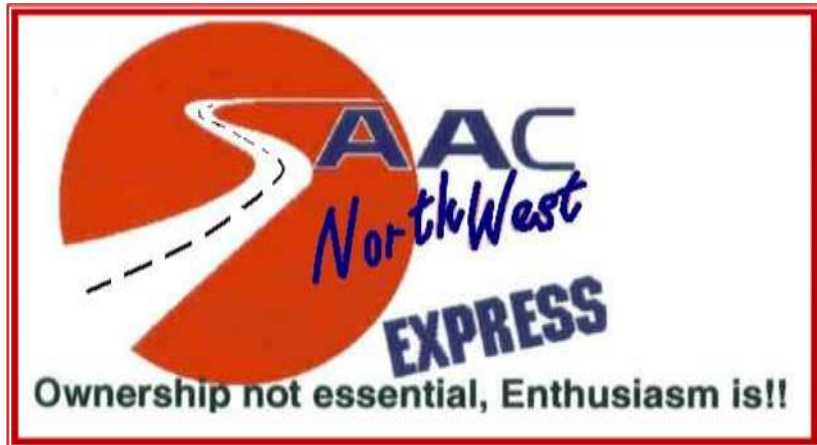
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April 2012

*Next club meeting April 15th, 2012 at Wilsonville
Denny's at 6pm*



SAAC NW at vintage races from early 80's

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

2012 Calendar of events

April

12-14 PIR swap meet, (at the track)

13-15 Portland Swap meet (Expo Center), Meet at Dick's Sporting Goods parking lot at 1:00pm Thursday, April 12th. The Club will have stall to promote the club. There will be some space for member's artifacts. Have a list of your items with desired price and bottom line. All items will be taken to the meet in Dan Jones' white Ford Pick up.

15 Meeting at Denny's

21 or 22 Hood River blossom festival (see article)

May

5 Suburban Auto Group cruise in (see flyer)

5 Portland Transmission gathering (see flyer)

6 Mothers day

7 BMW club track day

20 Meeting at Denny's

25 Lotus club track day

June

2 All Ford swap meet- Hillsboro Fairgrounds

2 LeMay museum tour???

15-17 Rose cup races PIR

17 Meeting at Denny's

23 Oregon Raceway Park track day- Grass Valley OR

July

6-8 Portland historic races

15 Meeting at Denny's

21 Covered Bridge Drive

31 BMW club track day

August

12 All Ford picnic Champoege Park

19 Meeting at Denny's

24-26 NASCAR West races PIR

27 BMW club track day

31 Lotus club track day

September

1-3 ABFM/SOVREN historic races

8-9 End of the World Run- Long Beach WA

10 Track day-Yes! It's on

16 Meeting at Denny's

October

6-7 Maryhill Loops Hillclimb and car show

21 Meeting at Denny's

November

3-4 Audi club track day

18 Meeting Denny's

December

1 Christmas Party

SAAC Northwest

3rd Annual Drive thru the Blossoms

April 21st 2012

Meet at 9:00 AM at Lewis and Clark state Park. Follow I-84 Eastbound to exit 18.

Follow Exit 18/Lewis and Clark state park signs immediately after crossing the Sandy river bridge and follow signs to the park. [Potty available] We will depart the parking lot at 9:30

sharp and follow the old Columbia River Highway and I-84 to Hood River County Visitor Center via Exit 63.[ditto potty] We will have a short meeting there to make sure everybody knows what we're doing and doesn't get lost. The brochure we get has a very good map of the sights and activities along the route. Plan on a lunch stop at the Hood River Inn about 2:00 PM.

Now that we know what will happen if the weather is nice, what will we do if it's not? I have tried to do the above 3 times and have cancelled once and had dreary weather the other 2 times. Early in the season is the worst weather. Not only would we like nice weather but all the little buds need it even more. An enjoyable trip is more likely later in the season. But, all of the activities are in full swing the weekend of April 20-21st so we'll give that a shot. I believe the better time to go this year may be in early May. So... if you are interested in going, please RSVP me at theparkerplace@comcast.net or at 503-698-9492. I will keep everyone informed of what's happening by E-mail. Worst case would be 3or 4 cancellations, so those that really wanted to go could jump into the family bus or go during the week.*

Bob

*Flexibility is the key to indecision





50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COBRA

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JOCHEN MASS & TREVOR LEGATE

Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 18 March 2012

President's Report

Bob Parker opened the meeting and said that he didn't have anything important to announce, then asked for Paul Blanchard to give the Secretary's report.

Secretary's Report

Paul read the meeting minutes of the 19 February SAAC NW meeting and then asked for approval of the meeting minutes as read. There was one correction that Linda Donahoo wished to make, where I read that the Historics would be at PIR on the 5th, 6th, 7th, and the 8th of July, Linda noted that it would not take place on the 5th of July. With that one correction the minutes were approved as read.

Vice Presidents Report

Ray Clack was in attendance at the Portland Roadster Show wasn't able to be at tonight's meeting will be present next month.

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. A general discussion followed with the question being raised as to whether or not we should be giving more money to charity. It was noted that in addition to the donation that we made to the girls basketball program at Roosevelt High School that in years past we have given to other charitable causes as well.

Newsletter Editors Report

Lynette gave her report said that she needs more articles as well as a calendar of events for the year. Bob Parker said that he would get a calendar of events ready for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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

SAAC National Report

Dan Jones said that he had nothing to report from SAAC National. Dan commented on the fact that there have been numerous reports printed in the hobby press and other publications about the Shelby National Tour. Dan said that there are conflicting dates, no one really knows for sure when some of the events will take place.

Dan gave an update on the club trailer, he and Bob were looking at the electric brakes when they found a short in one of the wires, it was fixed we now have trailer brakes! The trailer is still stored at Dan Jones home for the time being.

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Rick Sattler said that all is well on the web site. Rick is looking for pictures from members for club related activities.

MHRC Report

Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard went to the MHRC meeting on 21 February 2012. Roll call was taken, 15 clubs were present with 1 absent.

Tony Chamberlain and Club member Danny were present at tonight's meeting representing a new car club known as Highway 30 Cruisers. They have submitted their request to join the MHRC. Interestingly Tony is past President of the MHRC and Fords of the 50s. Another club that petitioned for membership is Classic Rides a club represented by Clay Lamb. Clay is the person that makes a lot of the trophies and awards for various car related events and is an avid Mopar enthusiast.

The Mild to Wild car show in Tacoma is no more as of 21 February 2012. It was a show that was by invitation only, Dan Jones had one of his cars in his show. It was held at the Tacoma Dome which got to be too expensive, so it was moved to the Puyallup Fairgrounds, couldn't make it so Willie Forstein chose to close the show. There was another show called Classic Cars that was held at the EXPO Center they are done as well. With all of the show closings the Portland Roadster Show is the only show remaining in the Pacific Northwest.

The Toy Run for the benefit of the Children's hospital will take place in December this year. Mike Conn is looking into getting hats with the MHRC logo on them in answer to requests from members of council clubs.

Dwayne Caseday PRS manager wanted to mention that he had received requests from many car enthusiasts to have a Super Cruise with the proceeds after expenses going to charities. This is something that the MHRC had done in the past, we lost money.

We had a Portland Roadster Show meeting on the 28th of February, MHRC President Mike Eitel invited Gary Coe to speak at our meeting. Gary is running for the State Senate Seat representing the 14th district brought in envelopes for people to fill out and donate a requested \$50.00 per person. It was decided at a prior meeting that the MHRC would not take sides on political issues and donate money to a specific candidate or political party. If individual members living in Gary's district wish to donate to his campaign that is a matter of individual choice.

Old Business

Bob Parker talked about some of the ideas that he has for club cruises including the Mt. Hood blossom festival. The big issue in the past has been the weather.

Another cruise suggestion is the Suburban Ford Cruise in Sandy, we have made an appearance as a club to the cruise-in in the past and have been well received.

The Lemay museum is having their grand opening on the 2nd of June in Tacoma, we could possibly meet with the Washington SAC Club.

Dan Jones mentioned the High Desert Show and Swap Meet in Redmond in Central Oregon near Bend.

Bob Parker mentioned the Swap Meet coming up in April Dan Jones will be there needs more volunteers to help out.

Track Steward's Report

Doug Buchner will have more to report to the club next month.

Bob Parker adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary.

Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 19 February 2012

President's Report

Bob Parker opened the meeting and said the election results would be covered under Old business. Bob then asked for the Vice Presidents report by our new Vice President Ray Clack.

Vice Presidents Report

Ray Clack gave the Vice Presidents report and gave a presentation of possible tours for this year. Ray talked about the Hood River Blossom run, a possible run to the LeMay Museum opening in the first week of June. Brian Bogdon talked about the Mary Hill, Hill climb. Doug Buchner talked about the Oregon Rally with the tour originating from PIR.

Secretary's Report

Paul asked for approval of the meeting minutes as reported in the January 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 Don Alexander member of SAAC NW who is now residing in Sparks Nevada and is the director of the Great Western Race Series being held at the Reno-Fernley Raceway in Reno Nevada. A copy of Don's letter will be included in the March newsletter.

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 that the Portland Historic Races will be held at PIR on July 5, 6, 7 & 8 this year.

Newsletter Editors Report

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Mike Conn talked about the Hall Of Fame Criteria said that they want to have the best of the best available for eligibility into the Hall Of Fame. They will be looking for cars that have won top awards at other shows.

Larry Maynard said the High School Challenge is moving forward.

The executive board hasn't reached a decision yet on a donation to the new organization as mentioned last month, Children First for Oregon.

Ron Martinolich said that the model car contest will be bigger than ever this year. Ron has all of the trophies sponsored this year.

Dwayne Caseday PRS show manager said that we are going with black plastic chain in place of the yellow rope for the car displays. While it is expensive the thought is that we will gather up the cut pieces after the show and have them stored so that they will be ready for use again next year.

The Portland Roadster Show volunteer sign up sheet was sent around for everyone present at tonight's meeting who wishes to volunteer for the show can do so.

Elections results for MHRC officers for 2012 were announced and are as follows:

President

Vice President

1. Mike Eitel

1. Bob Miller

Secretary

1. Joyce Johnson

Treasurer

1. Marlene Miller

Sgt. At Arms

1. Jack Daggett

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 SAAC National has new people that are involved with the organization, a lot of new staff.

Track Steward's Report

Doug Buchner said that we have the opportunity for two track days at PIR this year. Doug mentioned that Mel one of the managers at PIR advised that there won't be any discounts this year.

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Rick Sattler said that he is looking for pictures from members for club related activities. Rick mentioned that all is well on the web site.

Old Business

Bob Parker said that he wanted to clean up the election of officers for 2012.

A ballot was sent out in the mail with the election results to be reported at the February meeting they are as follows:

President

1. Bob Parker

Vice President

1. Ray Clack

Secretary

1. Paul Blanchard

Treasurer

1, Linda Donahoo

Newsletter Editor

1. Lynette Spohn

MHRC Rep

1. Dave Lennartz

Steward

1. Paul Blanchard

MHRC alternate Rep

1. Doug Buchner

Track

Webmaster

SAAC National Rep

1. Rick Sattler

1. Dan Jones

New Business

Dave Lennartz offered his opinion on the Russo & Steele Auto Auction in Scottsdale Arizona where he had his 1957 Ford for sale. Dave said that he would give a detailed account for the newsletter.

Dan Jones said that he now has the club trailer at his home, he will put a tarp over it and it can be stored at his home temporarily.

Dave Lennartz said that it could be stored at his home where it would be stored out of the weather. Dave said that he doesn't have any means for towing the trailer at present. Dan Jones felt that whoever tows the trailer should be reimbursed for expenses. A general discussion followed, many members suggested that we sell the big trailer and purchase a smaller one.

The consensus of opinion among members at tonight's meeting is that we keep our track day for now. It was suggested that we not have our track day on Monday.

Brian Bogdon suggested that since we don't have the membership in our club to help put on and participate in track days as we did in the 90's that all interested members participate in other clubs track days. That would be a viable alternative for many of our club members if we no longer wished to have a club track day.

Bob Parker talked about the Portland Swap Meet, is our space at the swap meet something as a club that we wish to continue to have?

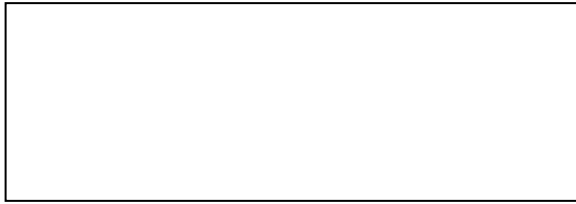
At tonight's meeting it was decided that we keep the booth to promote the club where we could have available newsletters, membership applications and possibly track packs. Several members said that they would help man the booth this year.

Dan Jones mentioned that we would not have club participation at the Portland Roadster Show this year.

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

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary.





"Coming soon to a bridge near you..."