

GOLDEN WHEELS

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ALERT! SUNDAY BREAKFAST DATE CHANGED! NOW MAY 15TH

Because many of the members that attend the Sunday Breakfast meetings will be attending the season's first outing at Stateline Speedway in Post Falls, ID, your Prez included, it was decided to move the May breakfast from the 8th to the 15th.

President's Column: Our great winter nightmare is over; or so it seemed last Saturday as the sun came out for the first time in recent memory for our annual static car show and inspections. The show, put on by Warren Kindle of Sandblasters Inc. was a huge success by any measure. No one knows what Warren gave up to have the sun come out, but nobody's asking either.

On hand were some 14 midgets; which included Dan Blair's brand new V8/60 Solar, seeing the light of day for the first time. Congratulations Dan, on a beautiful job. Also seen by club members for the first time was the incredible Stanton VW midget of brand new members Marty and Joann Munce. I had not had the privilege of meeting the Munces and it was great to visit with them. Another car that hadn't been seen in years because it was on display at a Harley dealer, John Moser's Kurtis/Drake that he purchased back from them last year. The car is in fabulous condition, with the Drake engine recently redone, and is a welcome addition to our club. I love this car! Rumor has it that Marileen Moser will be getting seat time in the Drake this year.

The long distance award had to go to Bill Blackwell, who towed his #77 V8/60 all the way from his home in Moyie Springs, Idaho. These midgets joined several others; Kurtis Offys, & V8/60s, along with a V8/60 Hillegas, a couple Bensons, and even a Solar with a HAL in it, (Hurriedly put in the day before). Two Jerry Day "RAM" sprinters joined the fun, along with a track roadster, which ironically was also built by Jerry. Bob Scott's midget was sporting a brand new paint job--so new that it hadn't been lettered yet.

New member Fred Honeycutt joined at the show. Fred's currently restoring a 70's sprint/mod. Welcome aboard Fred. During the day, we were joined by a great group of speedsters, that cruised in for a couple hours, to join the fine group of classics, and hot rods that attended.

Having completed our first event of the year, it's now time to plan our first on track outing at the 1/4mile Stateline Id. track on May 6th and 7th. Always well attended, our later than usual date should assure good weather. I was reminded Saturday that at the end of our new rules, a signature is required, that you've read and understand them. One member remembered, and handed me his completed set of rules. If you don't have a set, get hold of me, and I'll fix you up.

On another subject. Well, they've done it again!!!! As if pulling off the East Coast heist of the century wasn't enough, when they bought the Wolf Special Indy car, the famous Engle-Stanco sprinter, the Scio Kurtis/Offy midget now owned by Mel and Dennis Anthony, the Trevis Offy midget thought to be one of only four built, Jerry Day recently learned of another estate available, almost in our own back yard. Again joining up with partner Daryl Hedman they just purchased an estate that included three--count em, three Kurtis midgets. One a V8/60 and two Offys. Two more complete Offy motors and parts to put together another, 2 extra rear ends, one extra Kurtis body, about 30 Halibrand wheels and tires, and more. If you've never seen a brand new Kurtis tail polished to a mirror finish, you're in for a treat. These cars had been in storage for over 20 years. One said to have been a local car belonging to Ray and Leslie Stacy, and driven by Bert Bagley. Researching

one of the other car's chassis numbers indicate it may have been driven by a very famous driver. More on that to come later.

Jerry has agreed to come to our rescheduled breakfast, to be held Sunday, May 15th. And regale us with "The Rest of the Story". This is the second of several reminders in this newsletter, that due to our regular scheduled breakfast falling both on Mother's Day, and the Stateline race weekend, that we moved it to the following week. And remember it will be the last breakfast meeting until October due to the race season. Please plan to attend, because this could be a good one. See you at Stateline! *Hal*

Thanks to Hal for the great report on the Inspection & Car Show. Have to agree Warren Kindle pulled off the weather trick of the month. The only day so blessed with nice weather in a two-week period I believe. Spectator traffic was good all day and from talking with the concession manager at the end of the day, I understand they were close to sold out and money raised for the Gail Jubie Memorial Fund was good. Enjoy a few shots from that great day.



John Moser's Kurtis/Drake



Some of the visiting Speedsters



Besides his great Modified, Loren Day owns this beautiful Chevrolet.



Not Hal & Kay's Bumper Car. It's Bob Scott's electric cart with Jaguar hood ornament.



Three old Far.... Guys at John's car.



Dan Blair & his new ride. Looking great.



Our "Mystery Guest"??



And the "Guest's Hot Ride"

And a couple of more very nice cars on display.



A Thank You to Vickie Westberg, who sent the following photos and comments.

Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #1 - Bill Blackwell's friend, Axel Camshaft, talks with passerby Eli who agreed to a photo, by way of a two way radio Bill uses in the background. He bought the car in Beaverton, OR, in 1985 and in poor shape as a retirement project not knowing at the time that it was a rich man's hobby. He used to race mini Indy cars along the I-5 corridor and in central Washington. He first became excited about racing at the age of 10 and like so many others remembers watching Mel Anthony many times driving the #77.

Photo #2 - Like a cookie? Jerry Robertson's cookies looked so perfect I thought they were store bought. "Make them yourself?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "How did you get them all the same size?" said Gail Scott. We thought we had him there. "Oh, I have a scoop I use." They were delicious, but they aren't his specialty. Whenever a certain person in his family has a birthday they don't want a cake, they want his crunchy caramel apple pecan pie. And last but certainly not least is that he does all the cooking at home. What a guy!

Now that the 2011 season is underway there should be event reports available for future newsletters, giving those into words more to dig into. Those of us into the simplicity of photos will hopefully be satisfied by contributions from attendees.

A note for those that like photos - Word has it that the **Golden Wheels Web Site @ www.goldenwheels.org** is closing in on the 500 mark in the number of photos available for viewing. The goal is to double that amount.

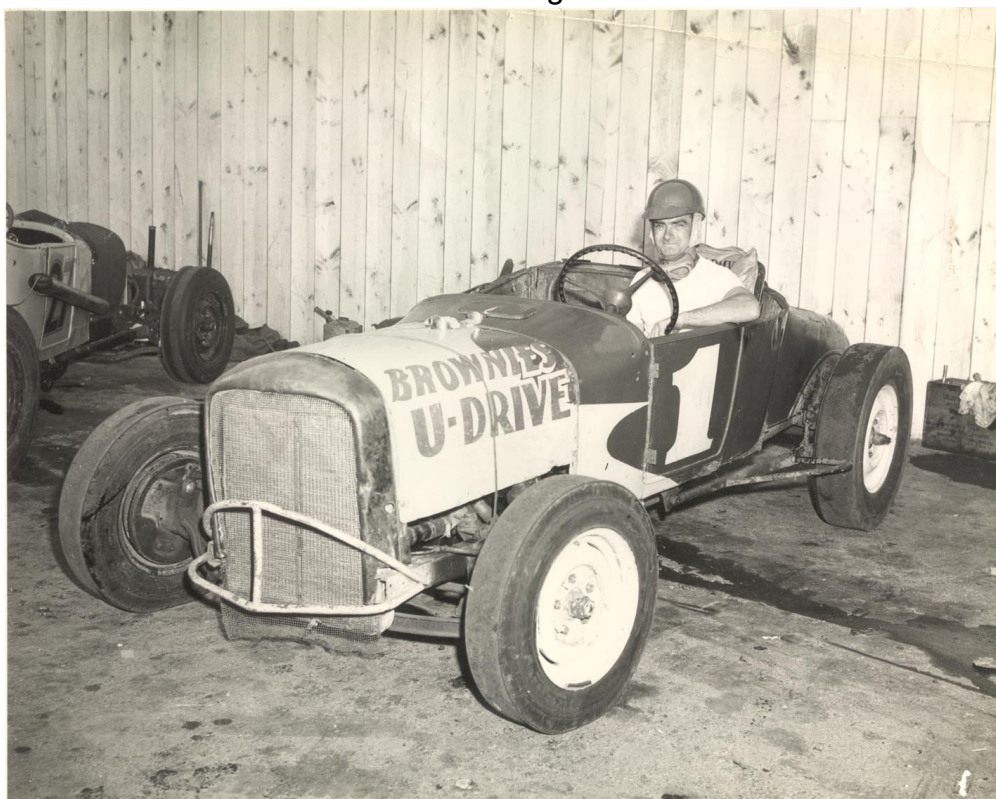
BIRTHDAYS!! Hey, we have them. They are a necessity of life. Celebrate & Enjoy! Members that celebrated a 'Birthday in April', and we know there were 'No Fools' among them, were Kay Schlegel, Sue Wood, Sylvia Robinson, Marge Beilke, Terry Robertson, Richard Aduddell, Tom Hanna and Joe McIntosh. Best Wishes to All and may you have many more!!!

Here's a list of the On Track Exhibition Events scheduled for 2011. I have also placed the schedule at the bottom of page 7 for those that would like to clip it out to carry with them.

May 6-7	Stateline Speedway - Post Falls, ID	¼ Mile Pavement
May 20-21	Meridian Speedway - Meridian, ID (All sprints and midgets)	¼ Mile Pavement
Jun 10-11	Ephrata Raceway Park - Ephrata, WA	¼ Mile Pavement
Jun 24-25	Cottage Grove Speedway - Cottage Grove, OR	¼ Mile Dirt
Jul 1-2	Coos Bay, OR	¼ Mile Dirt
Jul 15-16	Meridian Speedway - Meridian, ID (Sprint car invitational w/USAC - Caged sprints only)	¼ Mile Pavement
Jul 22-23	Douglas Country Speedway - Roseburg, OR (Art Pollard Memorial)	¾ Mile Pavement
Aug 12-13	Yakima Speedway - Yakima, WA	½ Mile Pavement
Sep 1-2	Wenatchee Valley Super Oval East Wenatche, WA	¼ Mile Pavement
Sep 16-17	South Sound Speedway - Tenino, WA	¾ Mile Pavement

REMINDER!..... SUNDAY BREAKFAST NOW MAY 15TH for those that can make it.

A shot of Art (Shorty) Scoville from the Golden Days to close out this quickly thrown together newsletter to announce the Breakfast Change.



Now, on your way to Breakfast on May 15th be sure that you.....
*Keep Your Wheels Down!!!*

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For Sale: Rail Frame Midget. Early 97c.i. Offy #213. Franklin Steering, Hilborn Injection, Halibrand rear end, 12" Halibrand Wheels. 25K **Brian McMurtry** 425 350-0999

For Sale: Midget offset Bennett quick change housing w / side plate & rear covers. 4.44 to 1 Ford ring & pinion. Used Franklin 10 spline gear sets #7-8-9-23 special-35-41. **Also:** Midget Race Car - 1930's vintage. Looks like a Solar. Lots of LA Calif. history. No Engine or gear box. Contact: **Jack Corley** 360 NE 20th Dr., Gresham, OR 97030 Phone: 503-667-1725

For Sale: 1971 Bob Trostle midget. Very rare as only three (3) were built. Has new Chevy II engine, new tail & nose and chrome plating. Torsion rear, leaf spring front suspension. Car was in process of restoration. Death in family forces sale. \$11,000. Contact: **Sam** at 480-830-8883.

For Sale: '74 Edmunds-Kane Midget. 6 sets gears, 12 wheels, Chevy II, Halibrand & spare parts. \$16,000 w / open trailer or \$20,000 w / 2008 14' enclosed trailer. Call: 360-387-4696

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Random shots from the Pike Green Collection

