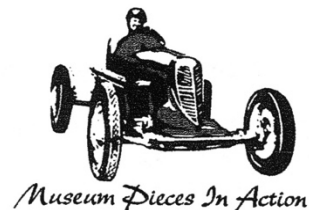


GOLDEN WHEELS

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The Great Northwest gave those of us living in the area a pretty short summer. Despite the lack of a normal amount of warmth and sunshine, Golden Wheels still managed to have a successful season of on track exhibitions. This issue's message from 'The Prez' includes a recap of the last outings, a report on our very nice 2011 Awards Banquet and a heads-up on the 2012 on-track schedule. Enjoy!

President's Column: Rereading the last newsletter, I see we had just two on track sessions left in our season, Wenatchee and South Sound Speedway. Because it was Labor Day weekend when we visited Wenatchee, accommodations were almost impossible. Up stepped Tim and Angie Halliday, who live in Wenatchee, with an arrangement to stay in the large parking lot of their church, the Calvary Crossroads Church. Problem solved. Many thanks go out to Tim and Angie, along with the church, which received a small financial gift from Golden Wheels for their Generosity.

One of the finest racing facilities in the state, the track had scheduled a 200 lap main for superstock class cars as their main event. When 6 cars showed up, and one of those broke, Golden Wheels and West Coast Vintage Racers became the show with our 28 cars (as has happened so often lately). The promoter was so happy with our show she said she'd like to have us back twice next year.

After that, a small contingent of 8 to 10 members continued on to Banks Lake for a week of relaxation. There was a golf match too. I won't go into detail about that.

Next came the season ending trip to South Sound Speedway. As usual, one of our largest turnouts of the year, we had a great test and tune playday on Friday, but got rained out for the Saturday night show. All was not lost though, as 30 to 40 of us traveled to the local casino on Friday night for their seafood buffet. The placed will never be the same.

That brings us to our annual awards banquet, held at Robb's 125th. Street Grill last Saturday. A gala event with about 60 attendees, the food was great, the fellowship even better, the auction a superb success, with the intrepid duo of Day and Volz extracting, er, a, I mean you as a club very generously brought in the sum of \$1054 to benefit the club, and the award winners most deserving.

After dinner, the award program started off with three special appreciation awards to the guys that provide so much support to our on track events, as quad and push truck drivers. Honored with plaques were; Tim Hendrickson, Roger King and Mike Long.

A Golden Wheels tradition is to recognize those new members who compete with us for the first time each year with Rookie of the Year plaques. Surprised to find themselves rookies were, Tim Halliday, Marty Munce and Jerry Wortman. Each has many years of competition behind them, but this is Vintage!

Golden Lady is a GW tradition going to the lady who contributes the most to the club's activities each year, and many time award winner Lenora McMurtry was the recipient. Thanks and recognition are not nearly enough to recognize the contribution this lady brings to the club every year.

When we began to consider Man of the Year for the club, several names came up. Then my wife, Kay, said how about Jack Snyder. Jack has been our flag man, lineup man, and even mentored several of our drivers over the years. He has been completely selfless, always there and giving of

himself in spite of serious health issues. I considered this suggestion no less than a stroke of genius, but how to do it as Jack was not a member of Golden Wheels, though he was a long time member of WCVR. In talking to board member Bob Scott, he said "simple", make him a member. Another stroke of genius! In a survey of board members, it was unanimous that Jack was the man. So the board voted to Give Jack and Bev Snyder Honorary Lifetime memberships to Golden Wheels. I informed Jack of our action and invited him to our banquet, with no mention of the Man of the Year award. We were truly gratified to have Jack and Bev in attendance, and I'm sure the award was a total surprise to Jack.

Last, but not least, was the awarding of membership in Golden Wheels Hall of Fame to one Frankie Volz Sr. Joining the 57 existing members of the H of F, Frankie was recognized for his 54 years of continuous competition, which included competing in virtually every type of race car known, to his trip to the speedway as a crew chief, to his many years of competing and contribution to Golden Wheels. Recognized year after year as the most popular driver whatever he was driving, and wherever he was racing, he started and presided over several organizations over the years.

Many thanks go out to all of our award winners, and special thanks goes to Gary Berg, our treasurer, who ably assisted with this years banquet and to Jim and Donna Read for our beautiful Banquet Programs. Unfortunately, Jim and Donna were unable to attend due to Jim being ill.

And extra special thanks go to my wife Kay Schlegel for her suggestion of Jack Snyder as Man of the Year, doing most of the shopping for the ladies door prizes, and also for her idea of filling the great racing related center piece bags with a variety of food items that will be donated to the local food bank. Nothing speaks louder about Golden Wheels and it's traditions than our charitable activities.

No banquet wrap up story would be complete without mentioning the following: When banquet reservations went out, I was pleasantly surprised to receive one back from Woodie and Josie Wellwood. The Wellwoods live in Victoria, BC, so it's no small feat for them to attend a banquet, plus it had been three years since we had last had the pleasure of their company.

Now, the "Rest of the Story". Going back to the beginnings of Golden Wheels, we had a very strong contingent in British Columbia. In fact, two of our founders were Canadian by birth. This chapter had been inactive for several years, with the inevitable loss of members over time. Back to Woodie and Josie. They began hauling boxes into the banquet room, and asked me if I had some time to see what they had brought. It turned out to be the remains of the BC chapter. Three boxes contained Golden Wheels hats. Forty five to be exact. An inventory will be included on our web site when the merchandise portion is finished. Another box contained about 100 Golden Wheels certificates of membership, signed by our founder Pike Green and Jan Opperman, for Jan's US CRY youth organization that say; "Has this day qualified among those receiving our highest award, and shall henceforth be known as a Concerned Racer for Youth". Also included was the original B.C. constitution, dated Aug. 22, 1977 along with copies of legal documents supporting the B.C. chapter.

And now, the topper: Woodie brought in a "Samco" head for a flathead, which he presented to me for the Golden Wheels display at the Shoreline Historical Museum. To most Golden Wheels members, I don't have to tell the importance of a Samco head. The note that came with the head said: "This Samco head fit's a W5 Continental. Was bought by Victoria's Johnny Wright in 1939. He sold it after the war to go in a hydroplane". How can you top that? And how can we thank the Wellwoods enough?

In closing, I would like to mention that we have an almost complete on track schedule for next year. To date it reads as follows: 2012 SCHEDULE

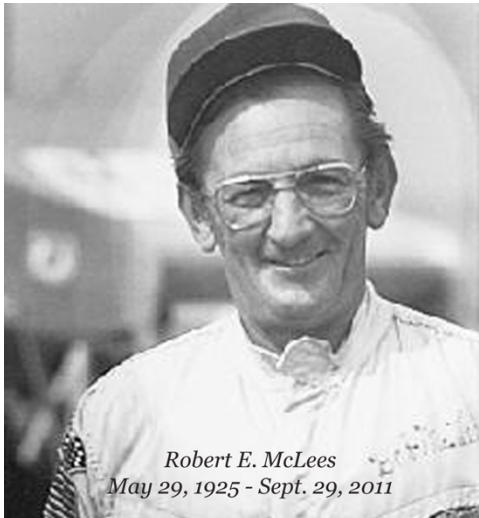
April 29 th .	Arlington, WA (The Plant Farm)	Annual Car Inspection
May 18 th . & 19 th .	Stateline, ID	Asphalt
June 8 th . & 9 th .	Ephrata Raceway Park, WA	Asphalt
June 28 th . & 29 th .	Coos Bay, OR	Dirt

July 6 th . & 7 th .	Cottage Grove, OR	Dirt
July 20 th . & 21 st .	Roseburg, OR (Art Pollard Memorial)	Asphalt
Aug 10 th . & 11 th .	Yakima, WA (could change to a week earlier)	Asphalt
Aug 24 th . & 25 th .	Wenatchee Valley Super Oval, WA	Asphalt
Sept 7 th . & 8 th . or Sept 14 th & 15 th .	Monroe, WA (Tentative date, not firmed up yet)	Asphalt

Thanks Frankie Volz and Marv Price. It's a great schedule, with 8 events, with time between each. Note the scheduling of Coos Bay and Cottage Grove dirt tracks allows those that care to stay in Oregon for the week, and not tow home for their asphalt tires a chance to enjoy a great area of the country. *Hal*

We are all saddened to hear of the passing of Golden Wheels Hall of fame member Robert 'Bob' McLees. A long time midget and sprint racer in the northwest, Bob passed away Sept. 29th, at the age of 86. He was a former WMRA champion from the 60's and WRA driver from the 50's to the late 1970's.

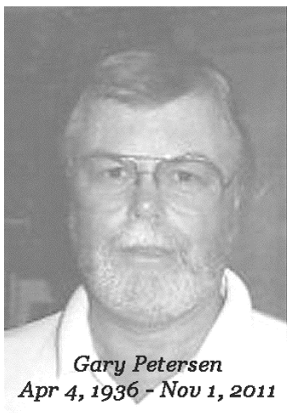
He is survived by his wife Charlaine, son Bob (Teresa) McLees Jr., daughter Patti Roselle, stepchildren Susan (Randy) Larsen, David (Susan) Mayfield and Vicki (Tony) Talbot, brothers Gerry (Donna) McLees and Jim McLees, as well as several grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There were no services at his request. Please donate in his memory to the American Lung Association.



Robert E. McLees
May 29, 1925 - Sept. 29, 2011



Our condolences to his wife Charlaine, his family, and many friends. Rest In Peace, Bob.



Gary Petersen
Apr 4, 1936 - Nov 1, 2011

Regretfully, I must also report the passing of former member Gary Petersen. Gary was a long time active member of Golden Wheels and was instrumental in the formation of West Coast Vintage Racers. He had been in ill health for some time.

Gary's active involvement in racing was long, starting at age 16 when he tore up his father's 1939 Chevy to built his first race car. He competed into his 70's, racing at many of the tracks from Southern California to Canada.

His long active involvement with vintage racing on the west coast, and especially the North West, he will be greatly missed by many.

The owner of Petersen Auction Group, Gary has been honored with many awards for his help in raising money for charities with his auction skills.

Our sympathy to his wife Lynne Petersen, children Karen, Doug (Lori), Dan (Holly), and Kim (Ted) and his extended family and friends.

Rest In Peace, Gary.

As Hal stated in his message, our 2011 banquet was a very successful and fun filled evening. Below are some photos from the evening. And, a "Thank You" to photographer Marshall Autry for his contributions.



Hall of Fame - Frank Volz



Man of the Year - Jack Snyder



Golden Lady - Lenora McMurtry



GOLDEN WHEELS 2011 AWARDS BANQUET



Looking back I do not believe new members have been listed since the first issue of 2011. So, let me introduce you to our latest: John and Marge Beilke of Puyallup, WA, Mike Long of Salem, OR, Tim and Angie Halliday of East Wenatchee, WA, Jerry and Linda Wortman from Big Sky, MT, Bud Smola of Washougal, WA and as Hal mentioned in his column, Jack and Bev Snyder of Portland, OR. Welcome all!! We hope you enjoy the ride with Golden Wheels for many years to come.

Welcome back also, Howard White of Cassel, CA.

Nice to see Warren Kindle as one of the 2011 inductees into the Northsound Racing Hall of Fame. Northsound Racing is a radio program (1380 AM) that is centered on racing in the northwest and has weekly broadcasts during the racing season. A well deserved recognition for a man that has helped so many over the years in all forms of motor sports and automotive programs. Way To Go, Warren!!

Anita Volz passed on the information that Kenny Van Blargen is home and doing just great. He would love to hear from his racing family. Kenny's address is: 41 12th St., Paso Robles CA 93446. Home phone: 805-238-5572. Cell phone: 805-423-1751. Give him a call.

BIRTHDAYS!! ----- They are something we can never have to many of. As we went into fall in September, tacking on another birthday this year were: Ruth Hespe, Virginia Curulla, Joanne Edwards, Janis Day, Rolla Vollstedt and Donald Kearney.

Celebrating during the scary month of October were; Paul Day, John Moser, Bob Scott, Neil McLeod, Brian Pratt, Richard Phillips and Chuck Rude

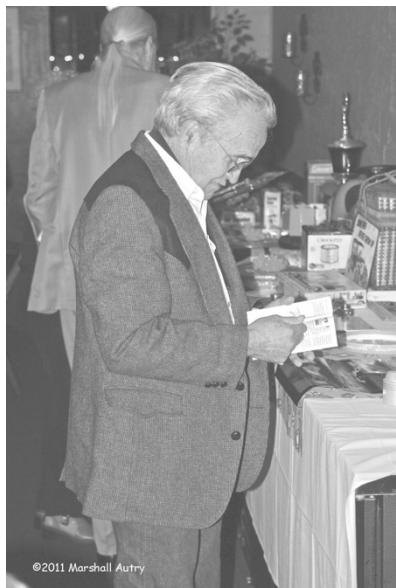
It will be Barbara Nelson, Donna Read, Vicki Westberg, Ross Fontes, Chuck Haring, Al Slinker, Don Shervey and Marvin Price doing Cake and Turkey in the month of November.

May you all have many more! **Happy Birthday & Best Wishes!!**

A reminder not to miss our monthly Sunday Breakfasts and Tuesday Dinners held at Shay's Restaurant on Old Hwy 99 & 160th Street in Shoreline. Second Sunday of the month for the breakfasts. Around 9:00 AM, or earlier if you wish some extra bench racing time. Next one is November the 13th. Dinners usually start between 4:30 to 5:00 and go till everyone is out of tales to tell. Good times at both.

I'm sure there was more I was suppose to include, but since I can't remember I'll add in more shots from the banquet and let the Prez clue me in on my omissions when he gets his copy.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season and please*Keep Your Wheels Down!!!*



Art Day peruses some auction items.



Intrepid Rookies – Tim Halliday (l) and Marty Munce (r).

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Wanted: Wing to fit Mid-60's super modified, just like those shown in the photos in issue #3. Any help appreciated! Thanks.
NEW AD Ralph-(604) 733-4955 (Vancouver BC) email: zedeng@shaw.ca **NEW AD**

For Sale: 1953 Kurtis Copy Midget. Powered by New "Drake" Water-cooled Harley, Spring front, cross-torsion rear. New HD orange paint, lots of chrome. 4- New pavement 12" tires. 1- 5.50X12 on 6" wide wheel. 1- 5.00X12 on 5" wide wheel. 3- 4.50X4 1/2 wide wheels. 2 wheel rear Halibrand Brakes. \$25,000.00

For Sale: New Bell Helmet - K1 2010 Never worn - Black Size SMALL = \$350.00

For Sale: 2002 Chev Silverado Extend-cab Pick-up w/Canopy. 2 wheel-drive. 348 V-8 eng. Removable Push-board. \$10,000.00
For more info on car, helmet & truck call **John @ 360 668 9785 or 206-499-1986**

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.

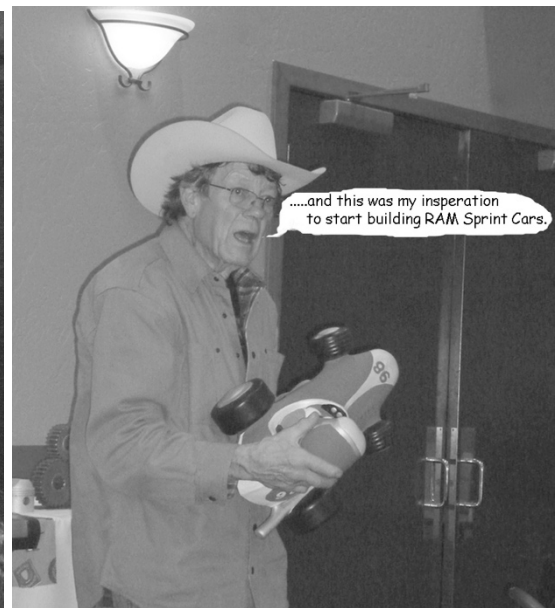
For Sale: '74 Edmunds-Kane Midget. 6 sets gears, 12 wheels, Chevy II, Halibrand & spare parts. \$16,000 w / open trailer or \$20,000 w / 2008 14' enclosed trailer. Call: 360-387-4696

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