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Issue #1 – 2017

Greetings, Salutations, a Happy 2017 and more. I had planned on having the first issue of the year in the mail by the end of January, but as they say, “The best laid plans”.....

President’s Column: Welcome to the new year. It’s a great time to reflect on where we’ve been, and where we are going.

This year, we begin our 42nd year as a club. That’s a very long time, and longer than most clubs like ours. Over the years, we’ve wrung up a lot of history of our members, their careers and racing in the great Pacific Northwest. Much of that history is on our Web site, and more is being added to our Facebook page all the time. I encourage to you take advantage of what’s there for your enjoyment, including the latest from George Hespe; “Pike’s Place”, which you can find on Facebook.

Looking forward, one area we will be focusing on this is year is increasing our membership. We have made a very good start along those lines already, as you will see later in this newsletter. We plan to be more aggressive at our static shows, and I hope to have a schedule of those shows by the next newsletter. I will tease you a little by saying there is the possibility of some very special events in the near future.

I’m including in this newsletter the most recent on track events calendar from West Coast Vintage Racers. West Coast has a very aggressive schedule of 10 or 11 races this year for those that want to run their cars. As was the case last year, you must be a member of West Coast to run their events. Membership documents, which include an application, Personal Medication Form, Annual Release and Waiver of Liability, and Rules & Regulations forms are available on their Web site.

Any on track events for Golden Wheels only cars will be forthcoming.

Membership renewals have been coming in but have slowed recently. If you have not renewed yet, please consider sitting down and writing that check as soon as possible. Your membership is what allows Golden Wheels to do the charitable work we were formed to do, and such things as helping injured racers and their families, and our annual scholarship program.

In closing I want to thank Teresa Craver for her hard work and creativity on the Web site and Facebook page, George Hespe for his tireless work on the newsletter and keeping us informed and a special thanks to Virginia Latta Curulla. In a recent meeting with Vicki Stiles and I, Virginia, shared her years and years of research into her relatives early racing careers, and those of car owner Jean Ramano with both The Shoreline Historical Museum, and Golden Wheels. And what an historical character he was in the early part of the 20th. century. Thanks Virginia, what a treasure. Also, Art Waller has been out there looking for static show opportunities. Thanks to you all. *Hal*

As Hal mentioned, something new for the 2017 is the start of “Pike’s Place”. It is on FaceBook now, and the



Lee Ewell Collection

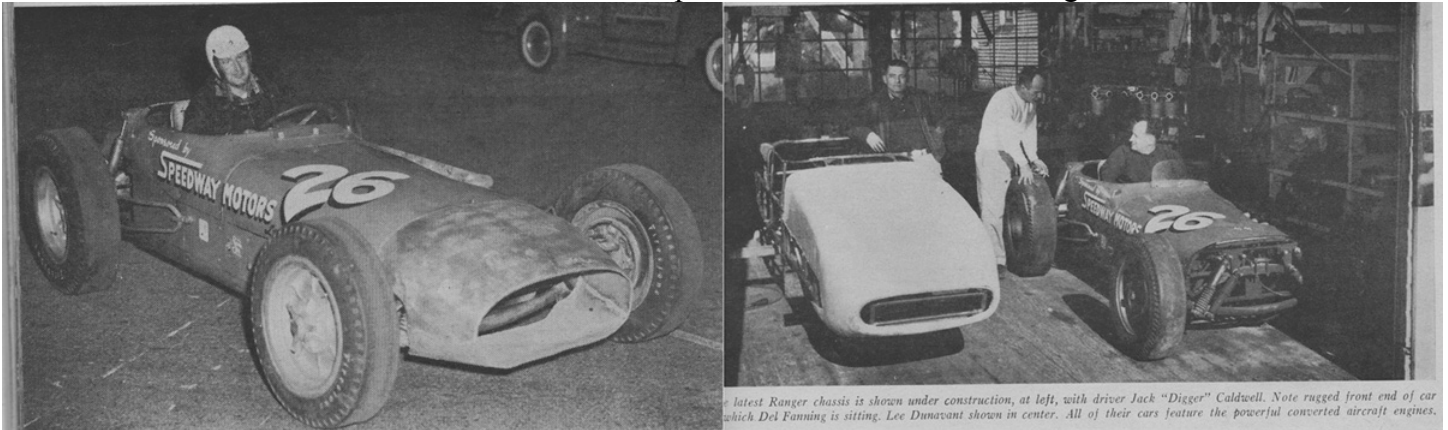
Del Fanning in #16 Ranger

web site in the future. Featuring photos, clippings and other information taken from the Pike Green Collection we received after his passing, "Pike's Place" will be updated regularly. Check it out.

Digging through the archives for things of historical interest to include in this issue, and looking through the Lee Elwell album for some shots of the past, I found a photo of Del Fanning in his Ranger. With Dave Craver and Jerry Day having brought the Ranger era back into the

spotlight with their beautiful creation, decided to include the photo of Del's car this month. Sent a copy off to Dave for any additional information he might have and received two additional photos and the following: "Del built this car at the same time that he built the Dunavant #44 about 1960. As far as I know, Del owned the car. I believe this is the car that he won one of the 50 lap heats at Vacaville with. That was a mile and a 1/4 track and Chuck Hulse won a heat and Roger McClusky won the other. Here are two pictures of the Dunavant car and Del's car. The Dunavant car was the car I bought from Bob Mecum".

In the photos from Dave (below) the caption below right photo reads – "latest Ranger chassis is shown, at left, with driver Jack 'Digger' Caldwell. Note rugged front end of car I which Del Fanning is sitting. Lee Dunavant. shown in center. All of these cars feature powerful converted aircraft engines".



Looking for a few more images from the past, I chose the Lee Elwell collection to browse through. Lee made The first few pages provided some interesting shots from the early years of Golden Wheels. One shows gathering of members for Zeke Zeiglers retirement party in 1981.



Back - Paul Glabe, George Cuthill, Orvil Trulson, Garl Lucas, Tony West, Jack Benson. Middle – Curley Steves. Front – Lee Elwell, Bud Green, Zeke Zeigler, Al Comstock

Lee notes in 2002 only 3 members, Trulson, Lucas and himself still living. Now Lee and Trulson are gone also.

Some more... Inside the GW shop on 4th south in Seattle w/John Raplee, Pike and John Dalby. Pike working on the Wee Stinker by the old shop. Tony West in #33 at Spanaway and the SAMCO



On track at Skagit Speedway in 1998 are Dale Duffield #3, Jerry Day #16 and ?? in the Collier Machine Roadster. George Todd in Al Todd #81+5, Ron Douglas in #1 And John Ross in #84.



Something else new in 2017 is the addition of an internet version of the newsletter. The on line issue layout may vary slightly because of a new color letterhead and the need to arrange content to fit the pages, but all information will be the same and color photos will also be an added benefit. For all members that have provided their email addresses, the on line version may be in your email boxes soon after or possibly before

your snail mail issue arrives. We realize not everyone has access to the internet and some may prefer the printed version, so pick your choice and we will do as you wish. If you prefer on line editions please let us know, and we thank you for lowering our mailing costs.

Minutes of Golden Wheels Meeting, Jan. 8, 2017: The meeting was called to order January 8th at 9:00 AM. There was a moment of silence for those no longer with us.

Since President Hal Schlegel and some other members were out of town on a parts search, Treasurer Gary Berg presided over the meeting. His first business was to give the treasurer's report. This was approved as read.

There were two new attendee's, hopefully interested in membership. They were Mike Atkins and Fred Dahl.

Jim Edwards explained he was working with a Dave Craver on possibly getting Tenino for us to appear on occasion. There seems to be a question as to who is running the track. It was claimed we needed at least 6 cars and should have 8 to make a show. Also, those that said they would come, should show up. It would be a Saturday show. Monroe still races on Saturday, but WRA is done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 in order for members to have additional time for visiting.
Barbara Nelson

BIRTHDAYS!! ---- Every year Gary Berg starts off the birthday list by virtue of being born January 1st. Joining him with January birthdays are: Glenda Allan-Young, Laura Churchill, Diane Haga, Warren Kindle, Hal Schlegel, Dave Craver, Pete Samuelson, William Blackwell, Allen Follett, Eric Haga and Tim Robertson. In February we have Gerry McLees, James Read and Gaylon Stewart notching another lap completed in the great race. **A Happy Birthday to all and Best Wishes for many more!!!**

New Members: Welcome to new member T. Michael 'Mike' Adkins. Mike is a long time racer, former official with WESCO and owns the #17 Sky Valley vintage modified. Mike also has a facebook page, 'Sprint Fast, Catch Us If You Can', and I'm looking forward to having Mike involved in Golden Wheels.

Welcome back to Golden Wheels our newest member, Bobby McLees. If the name sounds familiar, that's because he's the son of GW Hall of Fame Member Bob McLees, and the nephew of GW Hall of Fame member Gerry McLees. Growing up in the sport of open wheel racing, there are few who know the people and the history of our sport more than Bobby. Owner of The Pied Piper Pub in Kent, he sponsors racers, hosts an annual racers reunion and, according to 'The Prez', makes the best hamburgers you'll ever eat.

Passings: We have received word that Josie Wellwood, widow of Ronald 'Woody' Wellwood passed away September 10th, shortly after Woody's passing in June. Both Woody and Josie were long time members of, and contributors to, Golden Wheels. Rest In Peace Josie.

This 'n' That: The Elma Auto Racing Hall of Fame will be holding their annual induction on March 18th. The 2017 inductees are Al Lytle, Arie Callaghan, Bruce & Corinne Williams, Dick Wilskey, and Golden Wheels member Dick Aduddell. Congratulations to All!

As Hal mentioned, here is the West Coast Vintage Racers **2017 Preliminary** Schedule for those interested.

(Schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be posted via Facebook and the WCVR website.)

April 28 and 29: Shasta Speedway, Anderson, California: Pavement, Racing both days, track open both days. No specific practice day has been confirmed **YET**. Camping at track.

May 5 and 6: Roseburg Speedway, Roseburg, OR Pavement. Friday practice \$20/car, \$2/person to cover EMT and insurance. Camping at track.

June 8 (practice) 9 and 10, Western Speedway, Victoria Canada, Pavement. Camping at Fun for All RV Park next to track.

June 23 (practice), 24th, Stateline Speedway, Sneva Memorial, Stateline Idaho. Pavement. Camping at track.

July 7 (practice to be announced) 8th, South Sound Speedway, Tenino, WA. Pavement. Camping to be determined.

July 21 (practice) 22, Speedway, Kalispell, Montana. Pavement. Camping at track.

August 18 (practice) 19, Wenatchee Valley Super Oval, Wenatchee, WA. Pavement. Camping at track.

August 24 (practice) 25 and 26th, Penticton Speedway, Penticton, Canada. Pavement. Camping at track.
 September 1 (practice) and 2nd, Coos Bay Speedway, Coos Bay, Oregon. Dirt.
 September 21 (practice) 22 and 23, Meridian Speedway, Meridian Idaho. Pavement. Camping at track.
 October 5 and 6, Shasta California. Pavement. Track open both days. Camping at track.

Anyone that knew Johnny Dalby will not be a bit surprised at the article on the right. I have no info on date, city, newspaper and don't know who provided the clipping. I do thank them though for their contribution to history and giving us all a humorous look back in time.

Maybe Mr. Dalby was in a hurry to make it to the track below?



Fined For Speeding When Testing Car

J. R. Dalby, a motor mechanic, who told the city police court that he had often exceeded the speed limit—30 miles per hour—in testing cars on the city streets, was fined \$50 or five days in jail this morning by justice of the peace J. R. Saunders when found guilty on a dangerous driving charge laid against him Aug. 11.

Accused was out making such a test on a car, to find out if the front wheels still shimmied at around 42 miles an hour on Pandora Avenue and northeast on Fort Street around the busy traffic period of noon hour Monday when Constable Aldon Appleton took chase in his police vehicle.

The constable said accused was traveling at a high rate of speed passing Stanley Avenue. The policeman estimated Dalby passed about a dozen cars, did not come to a complete stop at the junction before turning left on Fort Street. "I traveled between 60 and 70 during the period of a mile of the chase, but I was gaining. However, I paced him at one period for two blocks and he was traveling around 55 m.p.h."

The defendant denied passing a dozen cars, maintaining he had only passed one. He admitted to driving as high as 45 miles an hour in the city in his tests and said he did not exceed that on this occasion.

Please welcome our newest advertiser, Bobby McLee's Pied Piper Pub in Kent, WA. Please support Bobby and all of our fine sponsors.

Don't forget to join in the 2nd Sunday of the Month Golden Wheels Breakfast at Shay's on Old Hwy 99 & N 160th. Running from 8:00 AM till ??, take part in the 3 B's. Breakfast, Business and Big Stories. A guaranteed good time. See you the 12th.

Lastly, a Big Reminder to all that it's annual dues time. For those that have yet to renew their membership we have included a self addressed envelope. There was supposed to be one in the last issue and the two responsible for not getting that done apologize for the in-convenience. The Renewal Slip is now on the Buy/Sell/Find/Trade page. Please update your 2017 membership form so we have your latest information. Thank You.

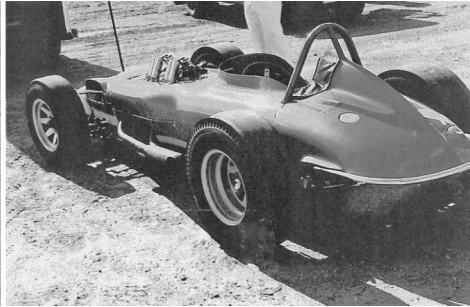
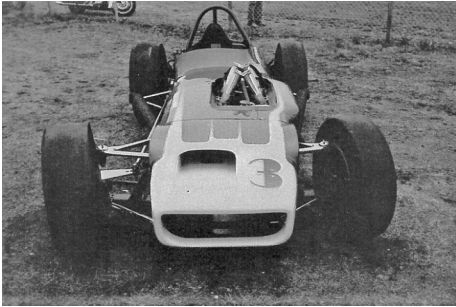
Hope everyone is using their winter down time to prep for a fine season of fun in 2017. Just don't get in too big a hurry and remember to finish you first have to.....

.....**Keep Your Wheels Down!!!**

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