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## President's Column:

I awoke the other day and saw a veritable apparition. I looked outside, and there was this very bright object in the sky that I was not familiar with. I don't know exactly how to describe it since I'm somewhat colorblind, but it was kind of yellow. Being as it was the first day in about a year that it was not raining, I assumed that it could have been a sign of some kind. Well, forget all that, as the rain resumed the next day. But I wonder if it foretold the coming of spring, and the start of a very exciting season of static shows for club members, and the fabulous cars they own. With that said, here is a schedule of the shows we will be participating in this year:

If you receive this newsletter in time, we start with Rodarama. April 1st and 2nd. in the Showplex at the Washington State Fair Event Center. A first for the club, described as a show for very high end street rods and customs, we have been invited to show a small group of our race cars. Come join us, as this looks like a great show for the car lover.

**May 20th. and 21st.** We will be joining Warren Kindle at the Monroe swap meet. All day.

**June 18th.** The annual Shoreline Historical Museum-Warren Kindle car show and inspections. 10am to 4pm. Our biggest turnout of the year, Please plan to attend.

**June 24th.** Finds some of us showing our cars at the Bothell Lutheran Church car show: 18824 103rd. Ave. NE Bothell, WA. 10am to 1pm.

**August 5<sup>th</sup>.** Saturday we join the LaConnor Classic Car and Boat show, one of our favorites; 613 2nd. Ave. LaConnor, WA. 10am to 4pm.

A very limited number of cars will be at the Burgermaster show on hwy. 99 in Everett WA on August 16. We think this is the correct date, and will confirm later. Times to come.

**August 19th.** Another big one. The annual City of Shoreline car show, put on by The Shoreline Historical Museum, at the Sears Store, 155th. & Aurora. 1-am to 3pm---\$15 entry fee.

**Sept. 9th.** The Annual Arlington Airport Reunion Car Show. This show is really big, and several of our members attend each year. I assume the usual show hours of 10am to 3 or 4.

An alternative to the Arlington show, the same day, is The Everett Waterfront Car Show, also tentatively set for Sept. 9th. The usual show hours.

**Sept. 10th.** You can trailer your car directly from Arlington to the Edmonds Classic Car Show. A Sunday show, if you plan to show your car, be prepared to arrive very early!

There is no shortage of opportunities to show that beautiful race car this season. Hope to see you some of these shows.

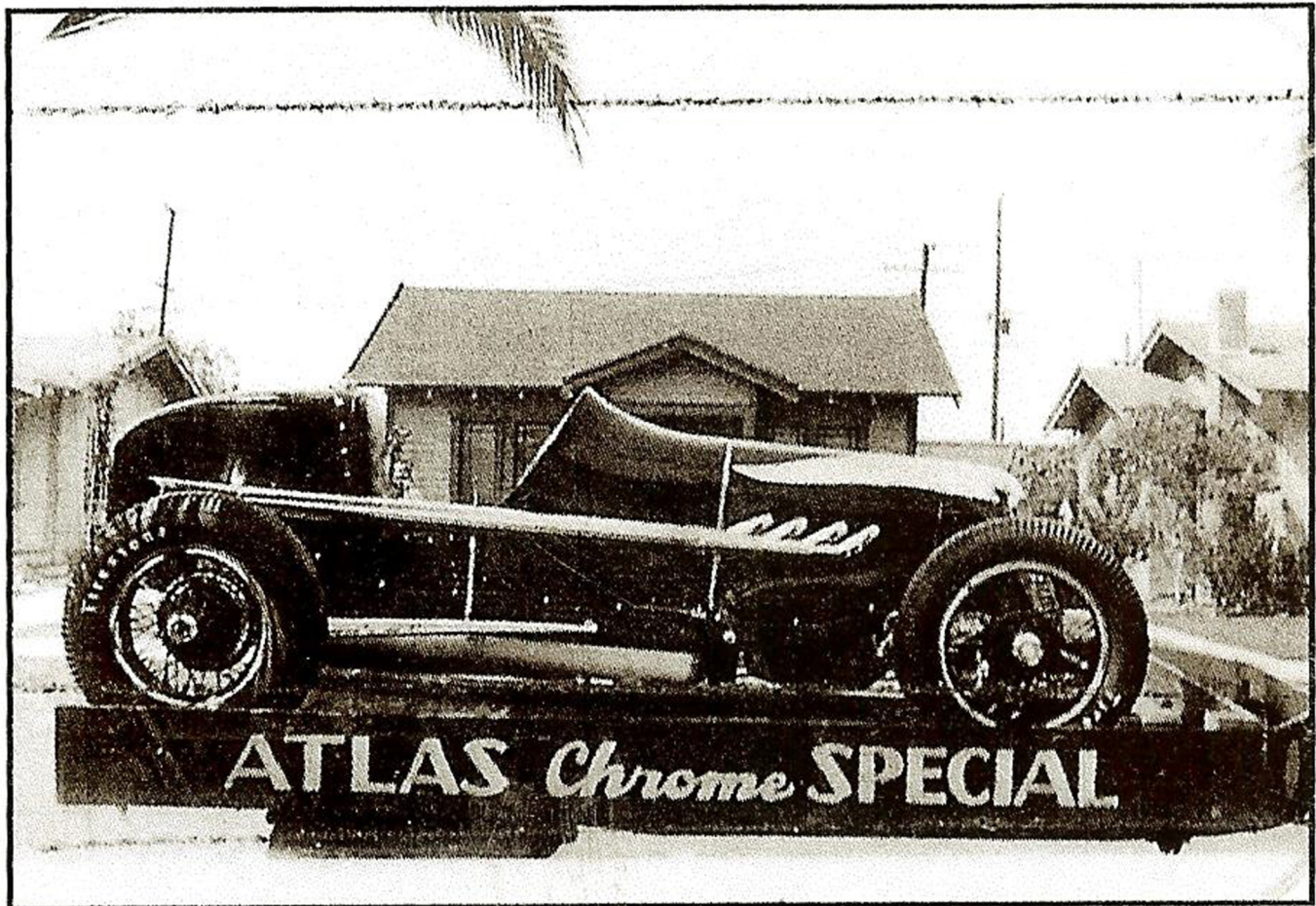
Got a very nice letter from Dave Sweeney, the Treasurer of the Western Racing Association, telling how much he enjoyed the recent article about Del Fanning and the ferocious Ranger, and congratulating us on our 42 years. Dave sends along his annual membership also. In an earlier letter, Dave had taken the time to help us out with a suggestion of including a self-addressed envelope with dues collections. He said that had been a real help to WRA in getting renewals in a timely manner, noting "how similar our clubs are", and noting "we have several common challenges". We adopted that strategy here, and we thank Dave for the suggestion. This made me focus on issues that have long troubled me, like our shrinking membership, as a club of mostly seniors. A club that early in its existence cut off the membership at 1000 because it was getting out of hand. So, I got out my club roster for the year 2000, just 17 years ago, and this exercise always makes sad, noted all the dear friends that are no longer with us. I also counted the number of members we had in California alone, and came up with 29 divided between Northern and Southern California. This included such luminaries as WRA President Walt James. Now we

have Dave, and are very blessed to have him, but it made for much reflection for this old timer. I.E., where are we now, where are we going, and how can we build the membership back to a respectable level? A first step of course is with the above mentioned static shows, where we engage thousands of people, some of whom are old enough to remember the golden age of racing which we represent, or are curious as to how you get into racing history, or even owning a vintage race car. Another goal that has often been discussed, is to work with the various race promoters to put on static shows for their benefit at their race tracks. I have participated in those displays in the past, and they are very productive.

And, it has started already. Member Craig Johnson is the first member this year to display his beautiful new (mystery) race car at the prestigious Portland Roadster Show. Craig made the club proud, and I'm told, may even have come home with a trophy. Congratulations Craig.

So now, it's time to move into spring, move forward, get that race car out of the garage, and prepare for the upcoming show season. I hope to see you at one, some, or all of the above mentioned shows, with a car or as a spectator and supporter of your club. Come to a monthly breakfast meeting, or join us at the weekly Tuesday dinner session. Bring your ideas, we are open to any and all. Best, *Hal*

A message from Hal contained the photo below. It is "The Chrome". The photo was provided by John Wood, Jr. and is one neither Hal nor I have ever seen. A great addition to our collection. Would be interesting if a date and/or location could be found for the photo.



**BIRTHDAYS!!** ---- Don't know if they celebrated like Lions or Lambs, but March birthday celebrants were Marileen Moser, Claudia Laster, Ralph Hunt, Donald Kane Jr., and Richard Nelson. In April it will be Kay Schlegel, Sue Wood, Terry Robertson and Clyde Sullivan celebrating putting another year into the record book. And, we know there's not a fool among them. **A Happy Birthday to all and Best Wishes for many more!!!**

**New Members:** Welcome to new member Dave Sweeney of Monrovia, CA. Dave is the treasurer of the Western Racing Association. Glad to have you joining us Dave. Hope you enjoy the ride.

**Passings:** Sorry to hear member Jim Manning Robertson, son of Gerald and Terry Robertson passed away March 4<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences and sympathy to Jerry and Terry, his family and friends. Rest In Peace, Jim.

Warren Kindle has closed Sandblasters, Inc. I stopped by there this past week and have to say that seeing all the equipment and booths gone was a sad experience for me. I am very happy that Warren will now have the time to do things he has probably wanted to do for years, but I, and I am sure many others also, will really miss dropping in for a hand full of peanuts and a pleasant chat with one really great guy.

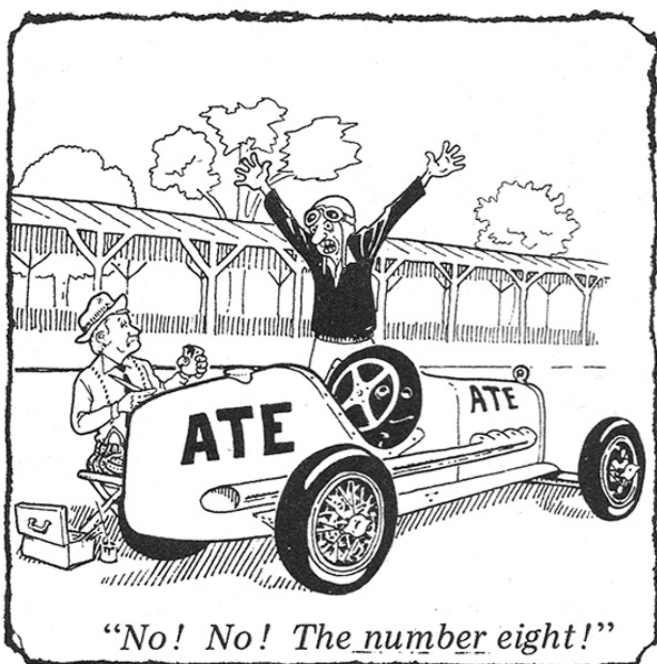
Along with providing quality sandblasting for all kinds of businesses, specialized needs and more, Warren has for many years supported, and sponsored, a huge number of those involved in anything involving motor vehicles. From Custom Cars to ANY kind of Motor Sports, if it rolled on wheels Warren was there to provide a service and help.

His support of Golden Wheels over the years has been above anything expected, and beyond any price tag Golden Wheels could have place on it. **Thank You Warren!** Now get out there and Enjoy Your Retirement.

As Hal has noted in his Prez Column, the 2017 season is upon us and events will be going into the books soon. I noticed that our new member T. Michael Adkins has already participated in the practice session at Monroe, WA's Evergreen Speedway on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He posted some photos on his facebook site, "Sprint Fast, Catch Us If You Can", and I must say his vintage modified looks great. I'll try to get some shots into the newsletter soon.

Since Barbara Nelson was absent at the March breakfast there are no meeting minutes for posting. There was quite a bit of discussion on ways to get out the word on Golden Wheels and bring in new members.

Golden Wheels will again be involved with the Northwest Focus Midget Series and one idea is to have static shows at tracks where they are running. The NW Focus Midget Series and the tracks will be contacted to see if this can be done. Mike Adkins has graciously promoted Golden Wheels on his site and hopefully this will help light a fire in some of the former racers that ran at Sky Valley, Skagit, Elma and other tracks in the 60's and early 70's. The focus was mainly on getting more of our cars shown where they were raced in the past, as well as at the car shows and events we do now.



It has been nice to see that the Golden Wheels Facebook site is drawing quite a bit of interest from non-Golden Wheels members. Just checked and there have been 140 views in the last week. I have noticed several new names of people liking new postings and the site along with the members. Also have heard good things about the new web site. Thanks again, Teresa.

Thought a little bit of humor might help get those of us in the NW that have seen nothing but rain for the last six months in a better mood for the summer events. I'm sure our resident letterer and number painter, Dan Blair, will appreciate this oldie.

If you need a bit of work on your car, give Dan a call. He still get's his brushes wet once in a while I understand.

These photos have been placed on our web and facebook sites. I thought that they should also be available for those members not on line, as Swede was a well known Northwest driver.

Pike Green Collection

## RACE CRASH KILLS LINDSKOG

1946

HOLLYWOOD, June 28. —(AP)—Crashing into the south wall while traveling at a better than mile-a-minute clip, Einar (Swede) Lindskog, 30 years old, one of the West's best known midget-auto drivers, was injured fatally at Gilmore Stadium last night.

Lindskog was dead when an ambulance reached Hollywood Receiving Hospital. Physicians said internal injuries apparently were responsible.

Lindskog piled up on the second of his three qualifying laps. He had just circled the quarter-mile oval in 14.78 seconds, fastest time of the season here. He was alone on the track at the time, and only a handful of the 18,500 spectators who later filled the stadium were on hand.

Lindskog came south from Seattle—he was born and educated in the Ballard district—in 1939. He raced at the old Atlantic Speedway, meanwhile working at an aircraft plant.

The racer joined the Army in 1942, and as a staff sergeant survived the Iwo Jima battle and other Pacific engagements.



**SWEDE LINDSKOG**  
*Dies in speedway mishap*

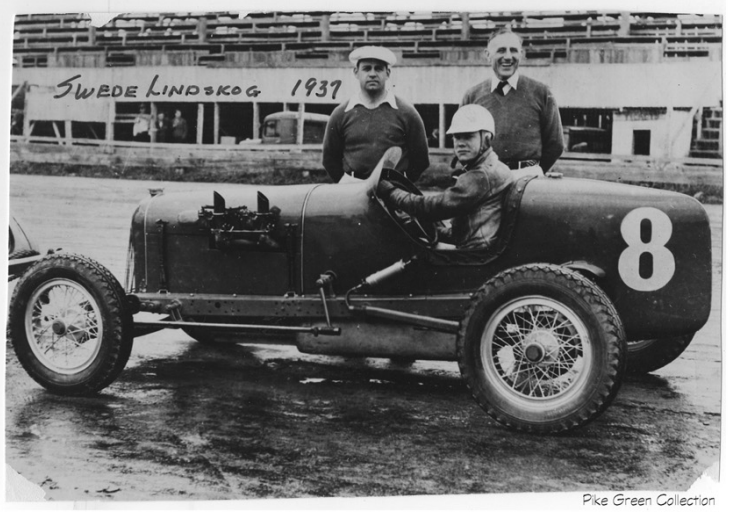
*Some information and photos of Northwest driver Swede Lindskog*



*Swede Lindskog 1936. Probably the Gresham Speedbowl - Portland.*



*Swede Lindskog 1936. No additional info. Track looks like possibly Yakima Fairgrounds.*



*Swede Lindskog - 1937. No additional info with photo.*

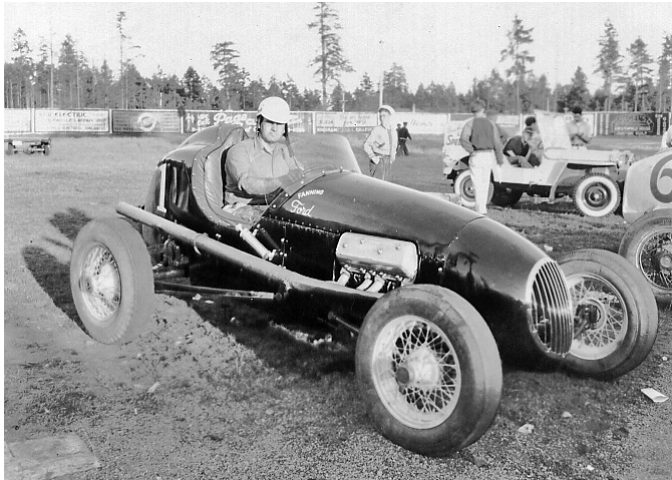


*Swede Lindskog - 1938. Swede with Tony West, Jack Spalding and Bert Bloomgren at Langford Speedway.*



*Swede Lindskog - 1941. At Gilmore Stadium, where he would lose his life in a tragic accident 5 years later.*

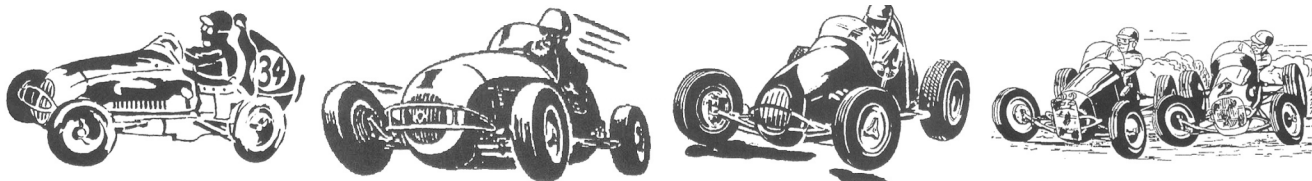
Several years ago, Jim Chini, noted race photographer out of California, sent me several photos for Golden Wheels' use. They are ID-ed only by driver names and look to all be at Langford, I believe. I'm sure our Canadian Historian Brian Pratt will be able to correct me and make additions to the information. From top left are: Del Fanning, Digger Caldwell, Roy Vincent and Vern Bruce.



Hope to see good turnouts at our upcoming outings and fingers crossed that Mother Nature will smile on us through out 2017.

Turnouts at the breakfasts have been very good so don't forget to join in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Hope to see you April 9<sup>th</sup>.

With the season gearing up and members hitting the road to the tracks, shows and elsewhere, it's probably time for that on or off the track reminder.....***Keep Your Wheels Down!!!***

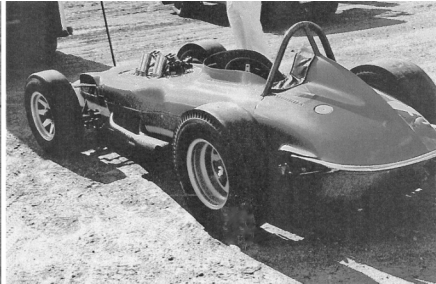
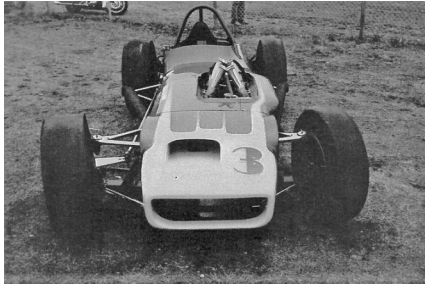


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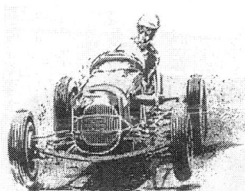
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