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President's Column: It looks like the wettest period in our regions history may be over with the recent extended dry spell, and that says to me race car and static show season.

We started with a club first at the prestigious Northwest Rodarama, where we displayed 5 of our best, with Jim Edwards Samco, The Wood's turbo VW midget, Dan Blair's beautiful V8/60 Solar, the Schlegel HAL powered Solar, and of course the Craver Ranger Sprinter. This was a huge show, with several hundred of the best classics and street cars anywhere. Our display, with the club banner, and supported by full time vintage racing videos was a real hit with the public and the management. It is hoped that we will be invited back in the future. If you missed the show, Dave Craver was featured in a great Facebook video that you can find by searching "Vintage Sprint Car called The Lone Ranger with owner Dave Craver at the 2017 Rodarama. Look it up, it's great!

Several members attended the annual Monroe swap meet on May 20th & 21st., where the weather blessed us, and I'm told it was very successful.

The next big event, and our biggest static show of the year is the annual Shoreline Historical Museum, combined with the yearly Warren Kindle car inspection show. Every year, I ask that you support this show, even if you can only do one show a year. Please consider bringing your race car, show car, rat rod, mercury, boat, motorcycle, import, little red wagon, or whatever. And, as a board member of the museum, I can report that there is the possibility that this could be the last show at the location for some time, if our planned phase one building project begins in the near future. So please come, with or without a car, see the friends some of you only see once a year, and enjoy the hospitality of our full partner, the Museum. The date is Saturday, June 17th.

New, since the last newsletter, is an opportunity that was presented to us at a recent gathering to honor the life of Dick Wilskey. I had a discussion with Steve Beitler of Skagit Speedway, in which he asked if we would be interested in doing a static show at Dirt Cup. My response was "of course we would". I'm sure I don't have to tell members that Dirt Cup is the most historic race in the Northwest, and along with the annual Outlaws show, their biggest. Dirt Cup runs June 23rd, 24th and 25th. I haven't worked out the day, or days this would be done, as I have to follow up with Steve by June 8th or 9th. In the meantime, I've spoken to several of you about participation, and please, if I have not talked you in person, let me know about your interest by the middle of next week. If it works out, this is too big an opportunity to miss.

The last newsletter had a list of the rest of the static shows for the year. I hope you wrote them on your calendar, and I look forward to seeing you at one or all.

At the recently concluded breakfast, traditionally our last for the year, it was decided to continue to meet informally, through the summer, on our usual second Sunday of the month at Shay's. While not official meetings, it will be a chance for getting together with friends of like interests, and if there is some pressing business, we'll take care of that too.

Much has been made of gaining favor with promoters by offering static shows at their venues. Dirt Cup is the first opportunity. Another opportunity exists at Deming, and possibly South Sound. Let's do it, and do it right!! *Hal*

BIRTHDAYS!! ---- Taking time out in the Merry Month of May to celebrate marking up another year on the calendar of life were; Loren Day, Don McKeehen, Gordon Rivenburg, Kenneth Wood and George Hespe. Getting their chance to show off in their annual candle blowing event in June will be; Anita Volz, Margie Kane, Gerald (Jerry) Robertson, Michael Allan, Carl Larson, E. Jarvis Erickson and Frank Volz. **A Happy Birthday to all and Best Wishes for many more!!!**

Passings: For those that have not heard, the racing community has lost another well known member. Richard "Dick" Wilskey passed away on April 22, 2017. For more than four decades, Dick was involved in Northwest Racing. He raced all over, both as a driver and an owner, oversaw track operations at Grays Harbor Raceway after the death of Fred Brownfield and promoted the NSCS touring sprint car series in 2007 with his daughter Shawna. He was highly respected by competitors and officials alike, and if only as a spectator, Dick was a supporter of the sport and especially Northwest racing until the end. Already a member of the Skagit Speedway Hall of Fame, Dick was inducted into the Elma Auto Racing Hall of Fame in March.

Our condolences to his wife Jan, children Lori, Rick and Shawna, and grand children Christopher, Marcus, Taylor, Jevan and Kyla. Rest In Peace, Mr Wilskey.

Notes from the editor:

Since Barbara Nelson was absent at the last breakfast there are no meeting minutes for posting. From my notes, and sometimes un-reliable memory, Gary Berg gave the treasurers report and Hal & Kay told of their two week trip to California where they took in a race at Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico.

As Hal mentioned, we have a chance of a display and possible track time at Skagit Speedway during Dirt Cup where the Northwest Focus Midget Series will be racing also. A display at Grays Harbor Raceway is also a possibility. I also mentioned we had talked with Paul Lemley and he also is interested in a display, and possibly two, of Golden Wheels cars at Deming Speedway this summer. These displays would be on dates that the Northwest Focus Midget Series is racing.

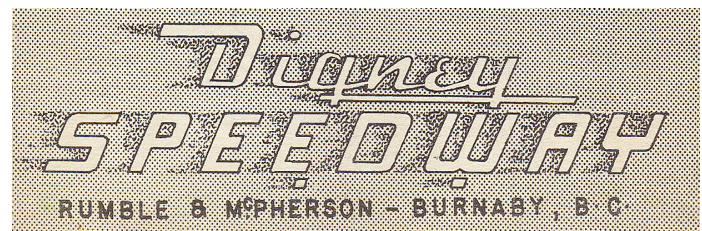
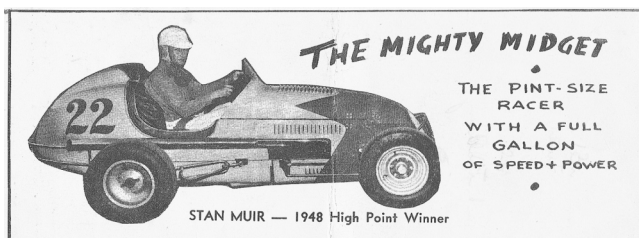
Along with the discussion on the displays was talk about the inspection/car show and continuing the Sunday gatherings over the summer.

As it was Mothers Day, attendance was down a bit. The meeting ran from 9:00 AM to 9:55 AM.

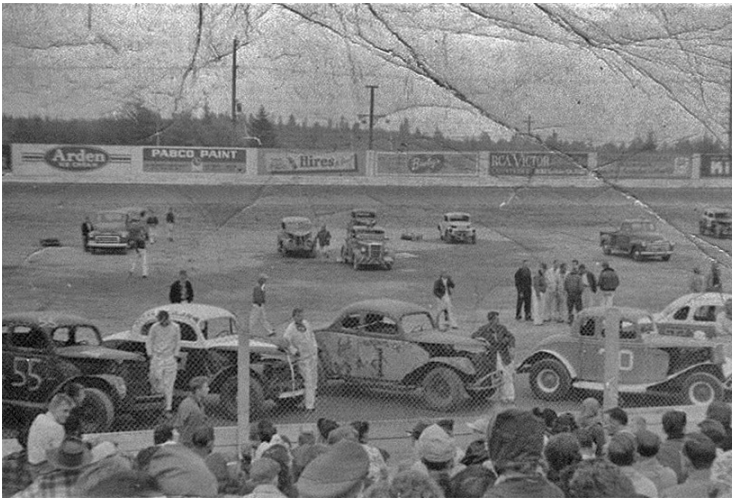
I am asking for a little help from the members. I have been able to resurrect my old computer program that I used in the layout of past membership rosters. This means a new Golden Wheels Membership Roster is in layout process. One thing I am finding is that while I have current names and addresses, phone numbers and email addresses have changed for many. There are a few members that I have no phone/email info about at all. The last roster was published in 2010. New members since then are probably up to date, but I would appreciate receiving any changes made since 2010, or your joining date. Any changes in Spouse/SO status would be appreciated also. If you wish not to have phone/email info published, that is fine.

Information & updates can be sent to the following; George Hespe, PO Box 284, Lake Stevens, WA 98258, email – fristurn@comcast.net or phone 425-334-5763. I will forward all info to Membership Director Jerry Robertson so this can be done as easy as possible for all.

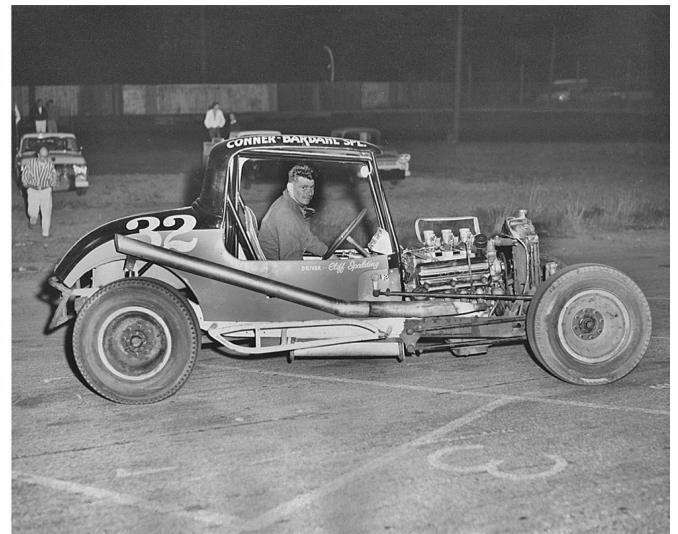
Please contact me with the information as soon as possible as I would like to have the new roster at the printers by the first week in July. Thank You! Thank You!



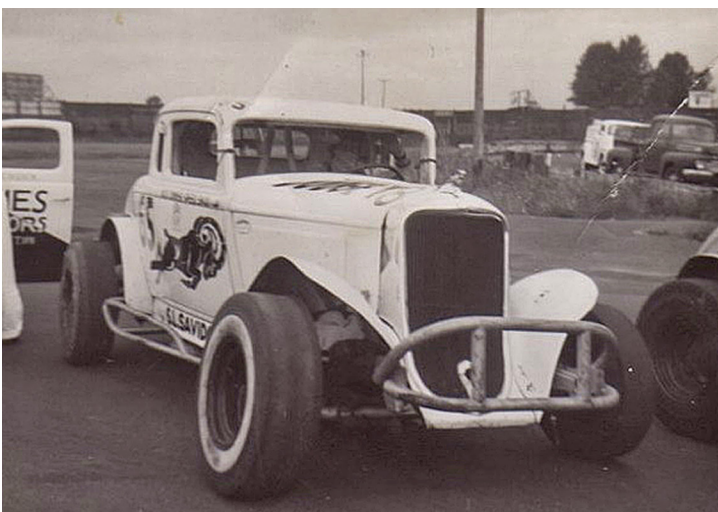
Here are a few photos taken at Aurora Speedway from the Jack Conner collection. Don't have any dates and notations are from info provided on photos. Additional info always accepted and appreciated.



(Left) Front stretch pre-race lineup at Aurora Speedway. (Right) Aurora Speedway racing view from stands. After fire that destroyed original stands.



(Left) Aurora Speedway in pits #65 Bardahl Sprint, #? Midget, #32 Hard top. (Right) June 30, 1958 Cliff Spalding in J.Conner #32 Bardahl Special Hard Top Aurora Speedway. Photo JB Meier



(Left) Jack Conner's #65 Red Ram. Portland? Jantzen Beach? (Right) Aurora Speedway hard Tops #86, #95 #65 Conner. Looks like Jack was a bit impatient, maybe?

Looking through the archives, I came across some Canadian Programs scanned a decade ago. This little bit came from a Shearing's Speedway 1953 issue.

EDITORIAL . . .

The Birth of a Speedway

Shearing's Speedway, one of the few racing tracks in Canada, got its start during the latter summer months of 1952, when the three Shearing brothers turned a dream into a reality.

There were many skeptics who said it couldn't be done. It would be impossible to build a track in that wilderness, they said.

Well, it was fortunate for us racing fans that the Shearing boys paid no heed to these pessimists and instead rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

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Finally the word went out that all was ready for the first race and the happiest bunch of guys, other than the Shearing brothers, were the drivers. Most of them idle since the Langford Speedway closed, these boys were champing at the bit along with the newcomers, anxious to climb behind a wheel once again and treat the fans and themselves to mile-a-minute thrills.

We fans and drivers alike thank you Shearing boys for bringing back big-time racing to the Island and are grateful for your having the skill and know-how of turning a dream into a reality.

While attendance at the Mothers Day Sunday gathering on the 14th was a bit shy, as mentioned last month turnouts at the breakfasts have been very good. It was decided, as Hal mentioned, that as we did last year we will again have an informal version of the 2nd Sunday of the Month Golden Wheels Breakfast through the summer if attendance stays up. Sooooo, see you at Shay's for the summer version of the 3 B's. Breakfast, Big Stories and Bigger Yet Stories. A guaranteed good time. Hope to see you June 11th.

Again, it's the Annual Warren Kindle Golden Wheels Inspection and Car Show, **Saturday, June 17th**. You will find it on the NW corner of N 185th St. & Linden Ave. at the Shoreline Historical Museum.

As a special reminder boost, page 5 is a solid sheet of photos from the 2007 Inspection at the Marysville Waterfront Park. No space on the page for info, but you'll notice at the top is the man that has made these shows a happening for Golden Wheels, Warren Kindle, taking a break in front of his '39 Ford Deluxe. The next photo over is the race-car Edsel Ford presented to his son William Ford on his 11th birthday. Don't miss the 2017 version. **See you there!!!**

Like we've said before, and will continue to repeat..... no matter where you're going, or when you're going there, always be sure to

Keep Your Wheels Down!!!

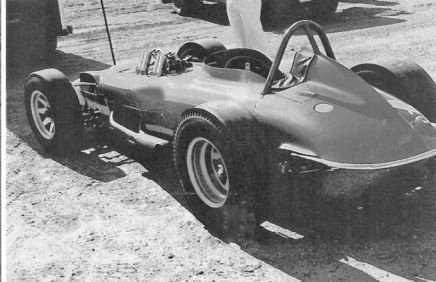


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