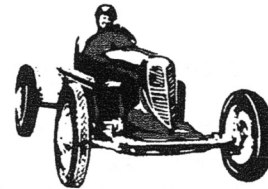


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Issue #4 – 2017

President's Column: Hi gang. Here it is September already, and that's when a young man's fancy turns to---wait for it: That's right; **Banquet.**-More about that later.

As of last Saturday, we completed the scheduled static shows for the year, and I would say they were an unqualified success. We began with the great show at Rodarama in Puyallup which I reported on earlier. Then it was the annual car inspection, Shoreline Historical Museum/Warren Kindle show, another success. Although I was unable to attend this year, several members enjoyed the annual show at the Bothell Lutheran Church, which supports our charity; Hope Link. New this year was an invitation to show some our cars at Dirt Cup at the request of the Skagit Speedway management. We did this on June 17th, featuring the Schlegel Solar, Dan Blair's Solar, Jim Edward's Samco, Carl Larson with his Kurtis Chevy 11, Loren Day's Sky Valley Modified, and Craig Johnson with the Miller/Ford. We were set up right next to the legend, Kevin Olsen, who was there to drive a Focus midget, sell books, t-shirts, jokes, and repair light bulbs. We were joined by several other members, and got to see Dirt Cup, and our cars were a hit with everybody. In fact, the Skagit management asked us to do another show for them, which I will report on later. I was able to attend the annual LaConnor Classic Car and Boat Show on August 5th, with Gary Berg showing the club car, and the always present John Wood with two & ¼ midgets. This year we were joined by Craig Johnson and his Miller Ford and Dave Craver and the Ranger Roadster for the first time. Add in some great cars, even greater wooden boats, and you've got everyone's favorite static show. Thanks to member Don McKeehen for again running interference with the chamber of commerce, and for the annual invite. In fact, they have asked us to bring more cars next year.

Gary Berg, The Woods, Bob Scott and buddy Russ, along with the Schlegel Solar showed midgets and hot rods on August 16th at the Burgermaster in Everett. We've done this for a few years, and it's always a fun show. August 19th saw another big one; Celebrate Shoreline, put on by the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Historical Museum. Kay Schlegel did the music again this year. I was away, pitting for the Ranger Roadster at the Wenatchee Super Oval, a great weekend, with WMRA midgets, Wesco sprinters, West Coast Vintage Racers, and other support classes. I got to help with several teams. August 26th found us at the annual Barbara Nelson car show. We had the Schlegel Solar, John Woods two midgets, Gary Berg with the club car, and Bob Scott with his recently acquired Bently. This little show that we do for the residents is so much fun, and they put on a fabulous barbeque for us. Kay did the music again this year, and Doreen, soon to be 102 years young got into John's caged midget for the third year in a row. What a lady. Pictures to follow.

We wound up our static shows last Saturday at the Arlington Airport show. Again, I wasn't able to be there, but we were represented by Dan Blair's Solar, Carl Larson's Kurtis, Jim Edwards and the Samco, John Wood with his two midgets and quarter midget, Gary Berg with the club car, and Dave Craver showing the Ranger Roadster. I hear it rained off and on, but it was a good show anyway. Earlier I mentioned an invite to another car show from Skagit Racetrack. It was to be held at the Bayview airport. Here I must apologize to Jim Edwards, Dan Blair, Carl Larson and Craig Johnson for the wild goose chase I sent them on, as the show was cancelled for lack of interest, and no one told us. I know it was a long tow, but they reported that they found another car show in Burlington to attend and represent Golden Wheels. Thanks guys!

I have to mention Craig Johnson, who spent a week at the Bonneville Salt Flats with his Miller/Ford. I've been privileged to see youtube video of his runs there. Maybe we can talk Craig into a full report when we resume our Sunday breakfast meetings on October 8th.

I need to point out several people who deserve a great big thank you from the club. At Dirt Cup, we met Jerry Armstrong, who has a long history in Northwest racing. He mentioned that he had photos and historic programs, and was willing to donate them to Golden Wheels, and the Shoreline Historical Museum. This he has done, and it's a treasure. There is a good chance that Jerry will become a Golden Wheels member. Another chance meeting by Kay and I at South Sound Speedway was with Jimmy Gorman, son of famed Johnny Gorman. He too had programs to donate, and they have gone to the museum. Not to be outdone, member Don McKeehen visited me recently and shared a valuable collection of his photography of early racing, to be scanned into our archives. He also donated several nice books on auto racing to the club. My personal thanks go out to Jerry, Jimmy and Don for their generous donations. John Wood brought Ray Cruikshank to Tuesday night dinner last week. I had met Ray at the museum several months ago, and was surprised to see him again. Thanks John. Ray has some interesting history, having raced at the Nobar Ranch, and Seatac Speedway back in the day. I hope Ray decides to join us, and is willing to share more of his stories with members.

In closing, I have scheduled this year's banquet for Saturday, October 28th, held again this year at the 125th St. Grill in North Seattle. The full story, along with menu is included later in this newsletter. Hope to see you all there. *Hal*

BIRTHDAYS!! ---- We have a lot of birthday greetings this issue, and are starting it off with Hall of Fame member **Rolla Vollstedt**, who turns "**99 YEARS YOUNG!**" this September. **A Very Special Happy Birthday** to you Rolla.

Starting with the Bang Up July celebrants, we have; Teresa Craver, Lenora McMurtry, Gail McClure, Delmar McClure, Jerry Day, Kevin Wood, John Gregg, Dave Laster, Curt Kern, Brian McMurtry, and Dave Laster.

With last August being one of the hottest on record, I'm sure those trying to make their Birthday's really cool were; Mike Adkins, Ralph Zbarsky, Dan Blair, Art Waller, L.D. 'Dud' Burnett, Alan Frame, Jack Corley and Joe Winkler.

September, when Birthday Greetings will come on a wonderful end of summer, or beautiful early fall day, besides Rolla, we have; Joanne Edwards, Ruth Hespe and Virginia Curulla celebrating another special day. **A Happy Birthday to all and Best Wishes for many more!!!**

We have 21 members with no birth month listed, so if you have been missed, and don't see it later in the year, make sure it is on your 2018 renewal so you can be included in the Birthday Best Wishes postings.

Passings: Sadly, the Northwest recently lost two long time and highly regarded members of the racing family. Within the last month, Palmer, WA's Cecil Walker, #49 Sprint, and Steve Dyer, #9A Sprint, of Burnaby, BC joined the racers line-up on the Golden Speedway. Our sympathy and condolences to the family, friends and many fans of Cecil and Steve. Rest In Peace, Gentlemen.

Notes from the editor: Everyone should have the latest Member Roster in their hands by now. If not, please contact me; George Hespe, PO Box 284, Lake Stevens, WA 98258, phone 425-334-5763 and email – firsturn@comcast.net. Hal also has copies and we will get one to you ASAP.

As Hal noted, we had a very good year presenting our cars to the public at several shows around the area. Along with our annual Car Show/Inspection, photos from the Skagit Speedway Dirt Cup outing, the Burgermaster Car Show and Barbars Nelson's annual gathering are posted on the next three pages. "KO" Kevin Olson attended the Dirt Cup Fan Fest and I got a shot of him in Chuck & Barb Evans' Vintage Sprint, the #66 BBQ Special. Yes, the motor is a grill. He also drove the Focus Midget Series #92 in the support show.



+++++ 2017 Golden Wheels Inspection / Car Show +++++



+++++ Skagit Speedway 2017 Dirt Cup Display +++++



+++++ Burgermaster 2017 Show +++++



+++++ Burgermaster 2017 Show +++++



+++++ Barbara Nelson's Show +++++

At almost 102, Doreen tries out the John Wood midget once again at Barbara's annual gathering.



Hope you enjoyed the photos. Next issue we'll get back to some vintage shots along with the banquet.

BANQUET – Yes, it's time for that fun filled evening of **Food, Awards, Silent Auction** items and, the chance to retell those great racing stories with even bigger and better facts and results. It all happens on **October, 28th**. If you are planning to attend the **2017 Golden Wheels Fraternity Banquet** please fill out the information slip on Page 7 with your name and meal selection and return it with your remittance before **October 20th**. Thank You!!

Sunday Morning Breakfasts! It's that time of the year to resume our official monthly Sunday breakfast meetings. With the summer break behind us and a new year of decisions to make, I'm sure there will be plenty to discuss. For new members, or those needing a refresher, meet us at Shay's on Old Hwy 99 & N 160th in Shoreline. The date is **October 8th**, and always on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Running from 8:00 AM till ??, we use the 3 B's format. Breakfast, Business and Big Stories.

As I write this, the rains have returned to the northwest after a very warm and dry summer. With the wet streets and hi-way, I guess it's time to reprogram the driving habits. Not sure slipping and slide jobs are gonna work on hi-ways and by-ways like they do on the track so be safe and, always be sure to.....***Keep Your Wheels Down!!***



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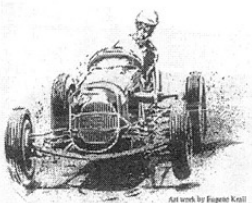
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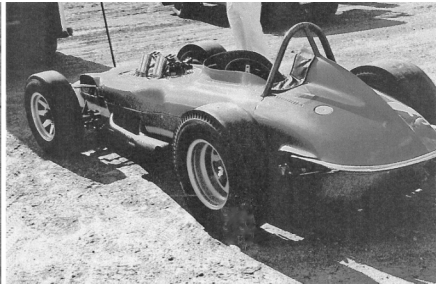
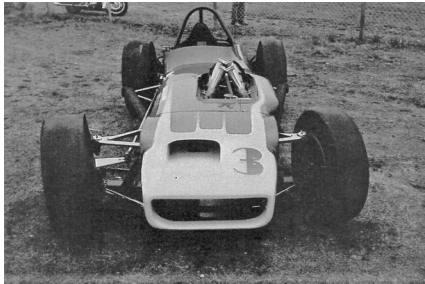
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