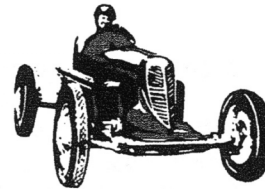


GOLDEN WHEELS

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President's Column: Hello all. I'm a little later than I wanted to be with the end of the year newsletter, but the need for the board to conduct some business that could be reported here made that necessary; more on that later.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. I hope that you and your family had a wonderful time, and are enjoying those endless turkey sandwiches. I want to take this opportunity for Kay and me to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The annual banquet and awards ceremony has come and gone, and by the feedback from those attending, everyone had a great time. We had a super silent auction, which generated some \$800.00 to the club treasury, fueled by generous donations by members, and dare I say Jerry Robertson's incredible pies. Thanks to everyone who made this happen, including Art and Vicki's great table decorations again this year, and Gary Berg's steadiness in handling the auction results.

Although there were not a lot of awards to pass out this year, due mainly to the lack of on-track time, the traditional awards went those most deserving. This year's Golden Lady award went to Vicki Stiles, Executive Director of the Shoreline Historical Museum. The museum has been a full partner of this club for over 20 years, and under honorary member Vicki's direction, has been our best friend for all these years by providing a permanent display of our memorabilia, and hosting our annual museum static show, and now our annual Warren Kindle safety inspection show.

Man of the Year honors went to George Hesper, our newsletter editor, and all around computer guru. A charter member of Golden Wheels, George has won before. He is my right hand man, also my left hand man, as I'm left handed, and his contributions to the club are second to none. Congratulations to Vicki and George.

Following this, Jim Edwards introduced an unexpected award, and by what I'm sure must have been a monstrous error on someone's part, gave it to me! It read in part; "Man of the Decade Presented to Hal Schlegel In gratitude for 10 years as our president". It said more, but I'm too humbled to go on. Thanks Jim for the kind words that came with the award, and my sincere thanks to the unknown person who thought this one up.

We have some real doers in this club, and here I want to mention three who are working tirelessly to find track time for our cars. Mike Adkins, Craig Johnson and Jim Edwards have pulled out all the stops, and working together are making great progress. Good luck guys, and as I write this, it looks very good for the coming year.

In the beginning, I mentioned some action by the board. It was due to a discussion during the business meeting at the banquet that our dues were no longer keeping up with our expenses due to our aging membership. As an example, RIP Rolla Vollstedt, Hall of Fame member who passed away recently. A motion from the floor was passed, raising our dues from the \$25.00 individual/\$35.00 for a couple, which had been in place for as long as anyone could remember, to \$40.00/\$50.00. In a follow-up meeting of available board members, it was pointed out the dues structure was a board issue. Further, a strict reading of the by-laws indicated that the motion was not in compliance. It was also felt that the increase was too drastic, and that a large portion of the membership is not local, do not belong to the club to participate in regular activities, and their major benefit is getting a newsletter. This led to a feeling that we stood to lose more members than the dues increase would generate. So, a new motion was passed by the board, with a more gentle increase in dues for 2018 to \$30.00 individual, \$40.00 for a couple. But we built in a something special: If you renew your dues for 2018 by December 31st. of this year, your dues will still be \$25 individual/\$35.00 couple. January 1st, 2018 the dues go up. So our hope is that you will consider getting your membership renewal in early. As always, a membership renewal form is included with this newsletter.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. *Hal*

New Members: Please welcome new members Bill Somers of Bayview, ID and Ramon Cruikshank of Edmonds, WA. Bill has recently purchased the Carl Larson Kurtis Kraft copy midget. Ramon bought the Homer Norman owned home built #16 driven by Mel Anthony in 1948. He raced at several tracks in the NW for 3 years until drafted.

Welcome Bill & Ramon. We hope you enjoy the ride with Golden Wheels.

Please make these additions/changes to your roster.

Add: Glenda Allan-Young, PO Box 1072, Ferndale, WA 98248 Ph: 360-201-3245

Add: Bill Somers, PO Box 246, Bayview, ID 83803 Ph: 208-683-2553

Add: Ramon Cruikshank, 546 Alder St. #302, Edmonds, WA 98020-3441 Ph: 425-776-7376

Change: Richard N. Phillips, 13716 Lake City Way NE Apt 520, Seattle, WA 98125 PH: 206-495-2391

Glenda Allan-Young was inadvertently omitted from the list, Bill is a new member, Ramon is a new member, Richard moved.

BIRTHDAYS!! ---- Starting with October, celebrants in the Trick or Treat month were; Sharon Osborn-Ryan, Brian Pratt, Richard Phillips, Bob Scott and Chuck Rude. We have Barbara Nelson, Vicki Westberg, Lynn Beckett and Donna Read celebrating in the Thanksgiving month. Closing out the year in the Christmas month are December birthday celebrators Deanna Williams, Carla Stewart, Barbara Robertson, Hershel McGriff, Jim Edwards, John Wood, Jr. Jack Kuehn and Richard Leighty.

A Happy Birthday to all and Best Wishes for many more!!! Celebrate!

Passings: Golden Wheels Fraternity is saddened to hear that the Northwest racing community has lost yet another member. Ronald "Ron" Douglas of Victoria, BC passed away on October 2, 2017.

As a member, Ron was involved with and participated in Golden Wheels events and exhibitions for many years with his beautiful #1 GMC powered Vintage Sprint Car. A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 14th.

Our condolences and sympathy go out to Ron's family and friends. Rest In Peace, Ron.

We are also saddened to hear that Northwest legend Rolla Vollstedt passed on October 22, 2017 at 99 years of age. Rolla had a long and extensive racing history, much of it with Len Sutton in the Northwest and the Indy 500. Rolla was an innovator, being one of the first to run a rear engine, Offy powered Indy car. Also, he was one of the first to play with aerodynamics, using a wing to create down force and better grip. Always one to give a young rookie talent a chance, he broke the gender barrier by having the first woman, Janet Guthrie qualify for the Indy 500 in 1977.

Preceded in death by his wife, Irene; and siblings, Arvella, Estelle and Lyle, survivors are sons Kurt (Jennifer) and Bruce (Debbie); and grandchildren, Nick, Zack, and Melanie. Private burial was Oct. 31, 2017 with full military honors.

Our condolences and sympathy to Rolla's family and many friends. Rest In Peace, Rolla.

Before we get into two pages of banquet photos here's a couple of Pike Green's brother Bud Green from the time we seek to preserve.



Golden Wheels Pike Green Collection

The 2017 Golden Wheels Banquet was held October 28th at the 125th Grill in Shoreline, WA. The annual banquet seems to be the one place where some members will see others for the only time during the year. It was great seeing Don "Pete" and Beth Samuelson up from Elbe, WA and Frankie and Anita Volz making the trek across the cascades from Mead, WA. The 'catch up' and 'remember when' conversations were great to participate in, or just listen to, through out the evening. A good time had by all I believe.



"Man of the Decade" – Hal Schlegel



"Golden Lady" – Vicki Stiles



"Man of the Year" – George Hespe



Gary Berg gives annual treasurers report.



Terry and Jerry Robertson with Barbara Nelson



Craig Johnson with Angie and Warren Kindle

Prez Hal Schlegel presides over the required annual meeting as members listen.



Art Waller passed on some memories of Rolla Vollstedt and Don McKeehen thanked the club for it's support of the LaConner Classic Boat & Car show. Jerry Day showed up wearing the same suit he wore to the 1969 WARA Awards Banquet. Frankie Volz just had to have a photo with the dapper Jerry.



After dinner and formalities it was time to resume socializing. And what do old racers do at times like this? The last photo pretty well sums up the answer to that question. Racin' Tales.



Minutes of Golden Wheels Meeting: October 8th, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 9:00 by President Hal Schlegel. There was then a moment of silence for those no longer with us. Gary Berg gave the Treasurer's report and it was approved as read. Hal showed a showed a great picture of Indy winner in 1946, and a signed picture of Jimmy Bryan This was donated to us. Ed Williams also brought a very old Gold Panning trophy.

The banquet date was discussed, October 28th, and we were asked to get our reservations in very soon with dinner choice.

There was a discussion about next year's on track schedule. It seems Republic is very interested. The problem is the distance, unless we could get another location also in that area. The meeting of WARPA is next month. Focus cars ended their season in Chico. It was said, the Frame Sisters would like to run with us. It seems that Evergreen will run rain or shine and the schedule is set accordingly.

Golden Wheels has acquired a number of new collections and beginning next week scanning to disk will start. Volunteers are needed. Frankie Volz has a new car from the Chuck Herring collection. There was further discussion about the cars and Hal had a film to show.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00. Barbara Nelson.

Golden Wheels Meeting: November 12th, 2017

Because Barbara Nelson could not attend the November Breakfast Meeting, there are no minutes for that date. There was discussion on several subjects including the banquet, workshop for going through collections and archives, upcoming officers election and on track plans for 2018.

Sunday Morning Breakfasts: Our Sunday Morning Breakfast gatherings have restarted with full house attendance, a great way to head into the new year. Meeting at Shay's on Old Hwy 99 & N 160th in Shoreline, the next breakfast will be **December 10th**. Come and join us as we enjoy the 3 B's, Breakfast, Business and Big Stories.

Don't forget, You can renew your membership at the current \$25/\$35 rate if you send it in before the first of the year. New rates of \$30/\$40 go into effect in 2018. Renewal form is on the next page.

We wouldn't want you to finish off the year with problems like those in the photos below. So to be safe while out and about, please be careful and always be sure to.....



Golden Wheels Fraternity Collection

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

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.....

Happy New Year.....

Fantastic Holiday Season.....

.....and a Great 2018!!!