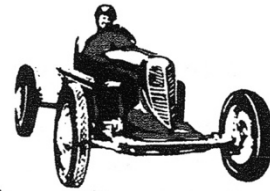


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Issue #3 – 2019

**President's Column:** Well, it's over. It was fun, but summer came, and in a few days it will be fall. With fall right around the corner, it's back to our monthly business meetings starting on Sunday, October 13th. at Shay's. I reviewed what I said in the last newsletter, and I see I made a mistake and said the meetings started on September 8th. My bad. I didn't hear that anyone made the mistake of believing me, so I guess nobody showed up to an empty room. If you did, I apologize.

In some ways, it was a great summer, in spite of having no Shoreline Historical Museum, Warren Kindle annual car show and inspections due to the construction of the new archival facility at the museum. I'm sure that we will be back next year, and the show will be better than ever.

I'm going to try to do a year in review from memory. Don't laugh! On June 22nd., the club was again invited to do a static display at the prestigious Dirt Cup at Skagit Speedway. I brought the Solar, while Dan Blair had his Kurtis copy, Jim Edwards brought the Samco big car, Loren Day was there with his Sky Valley modified and Mike Adkins brought his "Old Hotrod" sprinter/modified. The track surprised us by asking if we would like a little track time during the event. When I got up off the floor, I said yes! So, Jim and Loren made us proud by showing the fans what it was like back in the day. Between the static display, and the laps, we were a huge hit. So much so, that we got invited to do it again at the World of Outlaws show in August. More on that later. On June 22nd., Gary Berg represented the club at the annual Bothell Lutheran Church car show that supports our charity; Hope Link. Thanks Gary! Then, on July 14th., we were invited to Deming Speedway for an on-track show, as a result our static display there the year before. My records show that Dan Blair, Jim Edwards, Craig Johnson, Loren Day and Mike Adkins attended. Craig and Dan had engine difficulties, so it was up to Jim, Loren and Mike to thrill the fans, and they did.

I'm sad to say that no one attended the annual LaConner Classic Boat and Car show this year, which was held on August 3rd. We have attended this show for several years, always with a strong display, but could not put it together this year. I made our apologies to the Chamber in hopes that we will be invited back in the future. August 14th., the club was represented at the annual Burgermaster car show. I believe we were represented by Gary Berg, John Wood, Warren Kindle and Bob Scott.

Celebrate Shoreline car show, hosted by the Shoreline Historical Museum was held on August 17th. Gary Berg was there, along with John Wood, Bob Scott and Jim Edwards. I did the music and announcing.

On August 23rd. we had an on-track show, again at Deming Speedway. Jim Edwards, Dan Blair, Craig Johnson and Mike Adkins were there, with Jim and Craig having it out on the track with their pre-war cars.

The surprise of the year had to be an invitation following Dirt Cup to do another static display at the World of Outlaws show on August 31st. at Skagit Speedway. A first for the club, we gladly excepted. We were well represented, as I was able to get away with the #14 Solar. Dan Blair had his beautiful #1 Kurtis copy midget, along with Loren Day's modified, Mike Adkins modified/sprinter, and a real bonus, as Mike McTaggart and Dave Craver brought out Mike's almost finished Leffler copy sprinter built for him by Dixon Helgeson in Spokane. In fact, Mike and Dave Craver put the engine in the car on Wednesday of that week. The car is beautiful, and it was the first time the car had seen the light of day. It is a great addition to the club and will be even more so when it is joined by Mike's midget, which is in progress.

The final event of the year was the Arlington Drag Strip and Reunion car show on Sept. 8th. Attended this year only by Gary Berg, thanks again Gary for representing the club.

Good things are happening for Golden Wheels, as evidenced by what I reported above. We have already been invited back to next year's Dirt Cup, and I expect that some of the cars that weren't running this year (ours included) will be ready to run next year. In the meantime, we'll see you at Shay's when we renew our schedule of monthly breakfast meetings. See you there. *Ha*

P.S. I hope those of you that are tuned to your computers from time to time will take a look at our Facebook page. Originally set up for us by Teresa Craver (who we owe huge thanks to), you will see how many people are coming to the page and enjoying it. When you do, you will see the photography of the ever present George Hesse. George, and his trusty camera, can be counted on to attend almost all of our events and leave a lasting history of the event for all to see. I want to take this opportunity to thank George for all he does for this club, from documenting our events, to producing our newsletter and the many untold functions he performs for us. From me, and from all the members of Golden Wheels, **Thanks George.**

Thanks for the very kind words, Hal. I must admit that when it came to the coverage of the car shows this year, I fell short. I missed the Bothell Lutheran Church, Burgermaster, Celebrate Shoreline and Arlington Drag Strip and Reunion shows due to some conflicting plans and a complete memory failure on one. Since Gary Berg is the man that makes them all, I think he needs to start carrying a camera to document our appearances at the shows. I'd like to add my 'Thank You' to Gary for getting the Club Car out to so many events.

Will use photos from the summer to fill space in this issue. For those that check out the GW Facebook site, the photos will mostly be reruns. Sorry again that I have no static only show shots. Starting off the photos from our summer outings are shots from the 2019 Skagit Speedway Dirt Cup show. Following will be the two outings at Deming Speedway and the World of Outlaws at Skagit Speedway.

### “2019 Dirt Cup at Skagit Speedway”



Fans enjoying the display at the entrance gate area.



Following the pre-race display, Dan & Hal moved their cars into the spectator area inside the entrance gates while Jim and Loren were pushed into the pits to prepare for some on track laps during the race program.



Loren Day #84 and Jim Edwards #7 taking some laps at Dirt Cup.

“July 14<sup>th</sup> at Deming Speedway”



Dan Blair's #1 midget and Craig Johnson's Miller-Ford #877 on display.



Loren Day and Mike Adkins waiting to go and on the track.



Loren's #84 and Mike's #17 looking good in front of the crowd.



Jim Edwards getting the push off and pumping up the pressure on track.

## “World of Outlaws. At Skagit Speedway”



Cars on display at “Fan Fest” prior to the races.



Loren Day #84 - Dan Blair #1 - Jim Edwards #7 (above). Loren – Jim – Mike Adkins #17(below).



**BIRTHDAYS!! ---- BIRTHDAYS!! ----** It’s time to catch up with all the birthdays that were celebrated over the summer. Starting with July, we hope the following members had a Bang Up time even if they weren’t born on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Lighting up the cakes for another year were Gail McClure, Lenora McMurtry, Curt Kern, Delmar McClure, Brian McMurtry, Dave Lester and Kevin Wood. Our Hot August celebrants include Dan Blair, Jack Corley, Mike Adkins, Art Waller, Ralph Zbarsky, L.D. ‘Dud’ Burnett and Joe Winkler. As summer fades and autumn arrives in blazing reds & golds, September’s Colors belong to the ladies as Ruth Hespe, Joanne Edwards and Virginia Curulla.---- **Happy Birthday to All and Best Wishes** for the coming year!

**Sunday Morning Breakfasts!!!** .... They’re Back!! Sunday Morning Breakfasts start up again **October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Hope to see you all again Bright & Early (8:00 AM or there about) as we resume our ‘Official Items’, Tall Tales, Big Stories & etc. gatherings. **Tuesday Dinners:** Yup, still on around 4:00PM till ??? Come and join in the fun.

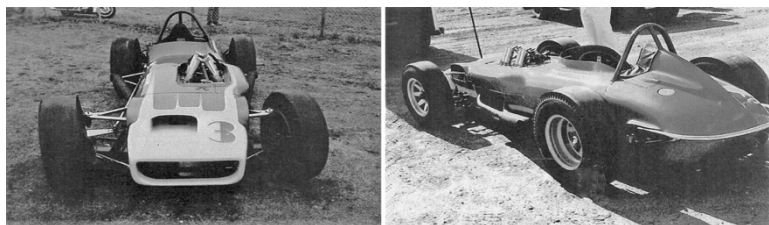
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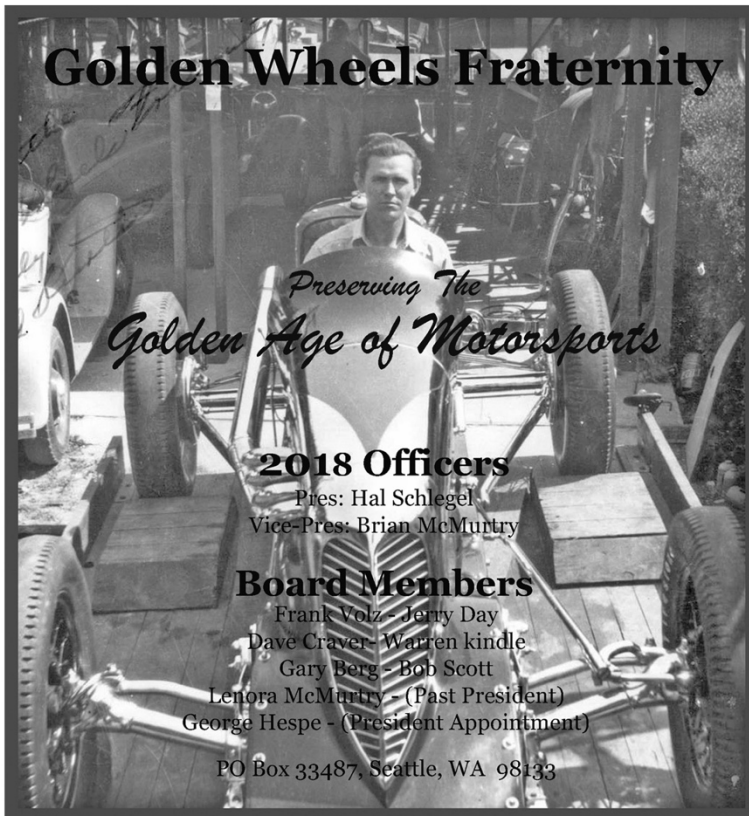
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