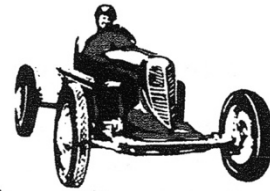


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Museum Pieces In Action

Issue #2 – 2021

President's Message: I'm hurrying this out in hopes it reaches you in time to take advantage of a great opportunity that has come up very recently. Golden Wheels has been invited to show our vintage race cars at the annual World of Outlaws show at Skagit Speedway. Time is short, because the invitation is for their Fan Fest, which is schedule for Sunday, September 5th. We've been there twice before and have been a big hit with fans, and the Outlaw drivers and crews. There was no show last year due to the pandemic.

Of particular importance is for us to provide the best example possible of what Golden Wheels can do, as there is going to be a change in management at the track and we need to make a showing we can be proud of. Much thanks goes out to Steve and Lisa for the invitation again this year, and I hope it continues into the future under the new management, and to member Mike Adkins for making this happen.

We recently completed the annual Warren Kindle/Shoreline Historical Museum show--the first after pandemic event and it was very successful. Just as things are changing at Skagit Speedway, they are changing at the museum, as Vicki Stiles, the museum director is retiring. Vicki has been a very good friend to Golden Wheels, and putting on the show we did was a great way to say thanks for all she's done for us over the years. Here too, we hope this show continues in the future, under the new director.

At the museum show, we had a meeting of the members attending, and the question of when we would feel comfortable to begin meetings again. Two important things came out of that meeting. It was felt that since we hadn't been racing this summer, there was no reason to wait until our usual October date to start meeting again. Some people also asked about changing our monthly meetings to Saturdays, because some members like to attend church on Sundays. So, we are going to start our monthly meetings again on Saturday, September 11th. Hope to see as many of you as possible, for this first meeting after the pandemic.

In the last newsletter, we included a great story called "Mike's Midget" which had been sent to the club by Ed Williams. After reading the story, long time member Jack Corley sent me "The Rest of the Story" about the midget and those associated with it. Jack also had another picture of the midget to go with the story. Thanks Jack for adding your memories to "Mike's Midget."

Hope to see many of you at the Outlaw show, and our first business meet of the year. *Hal*

MIKE'S MIDGET Jack Corley addition to Mike Patterson Midget Story -

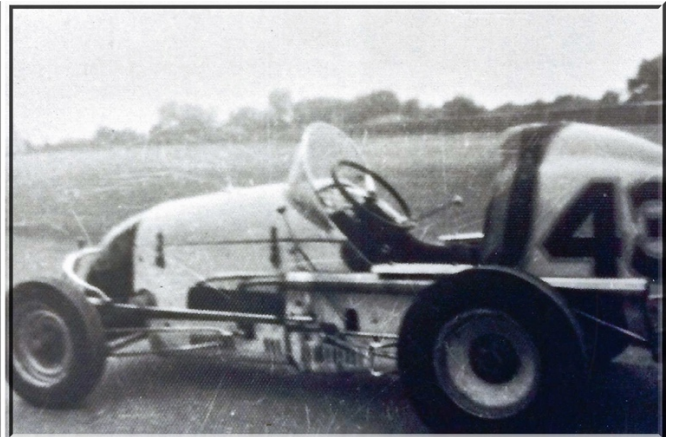
Finally found the one photo I had of the Grant Bushong midget. I got this photo from Grant in the early 60's. It was cream with brown trim. Not sure now where the photo was taken. He never ran the car much. Mike did a great job getting the car back together. Don't know of its whereabouts. I used to stock and talk with Grant while working for the Niehoff Ignition Company. I sold Grant some parts on occasion. I was interested in getting the car out and running again. Made him an offer but he turned it down.

Grant referred to the car as an Eddie Myer car, manufacture of Speed Equipment. Don't remember if it was sponsored or owned by Myer. As I remember it did have Eddie Myer heads and intake manifold, but it was in parts most of the time as Grant was more interested in motorcycles.

The midgets ran the last dirt race at Meridian Speedway, Boise. I believe Grant was in there with the midget. Poor turn out of cars, maybe 16 midgets at the most. Bob Greg had the only Offy there, it was a car from Denver. I was lucky and won the main.

I then purchased Harvey Lords two Kurtis Ford midgets, Caldwell, ID. Don't think I saw Grant or his midgets after that. Earl Veeder Jr. tried to buy the car at that time, but it was too high priced for him. But he also said it was the Eddie Myer car? Not sure how this was told to him. Jack Corley

On page two you can see the comparison of the car as it is as the Mike Patterson #23 and as it was as the Grant Bushong #43 midget.



The Mike Patterson #23 / Grant Bushong #43 Midget

Since we haven't had any shows for almost 2 years, I am going to fill up a lot of this issue with photos from the Shoreline Historical Museum car show. We had a nice variety for such a short notice and there were several cars I missed as I was late getting there and didn't get any photos until an hour or more after it started. Sorry.



A variety of cars.



Warren Kindle's Beautiful 39 Ford Deluxe.



A nice pair of Oldies.



The Back Row



Dan Blair's #1.



Hal's #99 Solar



Jim Edward's #7 SAMCO Big Car.



Mike Adkin's #17 Modified



Loren Day's #84 Modified



Bob Scott's new Toy.



Kate, an interesting 3 wheeler.



An elderly Volvo 455 Duett.



Steve Albert bought Dan Blair's Solar and restored a 1939 Ford Cab Over to use as a hauler. Golden Wheels Hall of Fame members Jim Edwards and Dave Craver used it as a great background.



Anyone that attended a Sprint Car race in the Northwest 3 decades or more ago will probably recognize the Jim Murphy Push Truck. Evergreen and Skagit Speedways, along with many other tracks had the one of the best in the west when Jim was in the house getting the Sprinters roaring.



#523 has made several shows.



Jimmie Collier's trailer.



A look down the back fence line up.

Wonder how many miles Collier's trailer has carried a race car.



Bob Scott with the owner of the black Chev & a view from the front.



Just looking. Very nice mods.



The #52 Solar



Warren's power plant.



Another view of Kate.



Bob Scott's office away from work



The Club Car #4u and it's Wood, Plastic & Metal motor.



Another view of the SAMCO.



Classic Franklin.



The shows over but we're still catching up.

We hope you enjoyed the photos and brought back some memories. Those that were there enjoyed being able to show their cars, catch up on what happened the last year and a half, meet new people and make some plans for the future. While the show was small compared to those in the past because of the short notice, the feeling was up beat and positive. Thanks to all that participated and we are looking forward to 2022.

BIRTHDAYS!! –Celebrating their birthdays in July were Teresa Craver, Gail McClure, Jerry Day, Delmar McClure, John Gregg, Dave Laster and Curt Kern. Hope you all had a ‘bang up’ time. In August Mike Adkins, Dan Blair, Ralph Zbarsky, Art Waller and Joe Winkler all added another candle to their cake. I’m sure it was a blow-out celebration for all. The ladies own the September birthdays with Ruth Hespe, Joanne Edwards and Virginia Curulla having their celebrations during the month. **Happy Birthday to All and Very Best Wishes** for the coming year!

INFO: Golden Wheels has a new PO Box number. The new address is Golden Wheels, P.O. Box 33832, Seattle, WA 98133.

Dues: With the loss of Jerry Robertson as our membership caretaker, Hal and I hope we have kept up to date with the membership. However, since I am not 100% sure there may be members that have not paid on the mailing list. If you are on and have not paid for 2021 please do so now. Thank you.

Smoke Sand & Rubber Video – We have the Greg Brotherton DVD video of Mel Anthony’s book for sale through Golden Wheels. There will be a special price of \$5 + \$3 P&H for Golden Wheels members.

Yes!!!! Morning Breakfasts are on again!!! But it’s **Saturday Morning Breakfasts** instead of Sunday. As Hal mentioned, we are going to start our monthly meetings again on **Saturday, September 11th**. It will fun to get our “Tall Tales, Big Stories & etc going again as well as getting our ‘Official Items’ in order. Hopefully our Tuesday Dinners will be able to resume also. So Stay Tuned!! Hope to see many of you there!

For the Nostalgia / Historic photo for the newsletter, here’s a shot of Digger Caldwell in the “City of Tacoma” at Langford Speedway in 1948 from the Pike Green Collection.



With many Race Tracks & Related Events now back to a more normal way of business, enjoy that trip to your favorite fun fill destination. Take Care, Be Safe and remember, The best way to get there is always to**Keep Your Wheels Down!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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