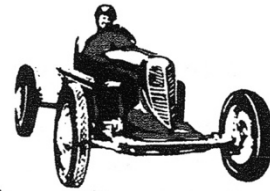


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President's Message: Well here it is nearing the end of the year, and ordinarily I would recap the year's activities. Unfortunately this year didn't have a lot of highlights due to covid and a lack of on tract activity, so this will be brief. My highlights were; the annual static show at the Shoreline Historical Museum, which was very successful this year, and our static appearances at Dirt Cup and the World of Outlaws shows at Skagit Speedway. The latter two were extremely successful and should bode well for our future with the new management at Skagit.

We are looking forward to picking up the pace in the coming year, with better car counts and a number of projects coming to completion. More cars mean more shows! And there are exciting events that are already being worked on for the new year. As details are just being formulated, I'll have more to say about that hopefully in the next newsletter.

For those of you that haven't taken advantage, this is a reminder that our monthly meetings are back on at the fabulous Shays Restaurant. We recently changed our meeting day from the second Sunday of the month **to the second Saturday** of the month. Discussions are also ongoing about starting up our weekly dinner BS sessions, but we may need to change from our traditional Tuesdays. More to come.

I heard recently that long time member Bill Blackwell has been going through some health related issues, and I'd bet that Bill would love to hear from those of you that know him well, and I'm sure he would appreciate a card from members. Bill's address is: P.O. Box 324 Moyie Springs, ID 83845.

A gentle reminder to save a little of that after Christmas money as dues season will begin after the 1st of the year.

For now, Kay and I want to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And, I look forward to seeing you in the New Year. *Hal*

NOTES: Thanks for the update on club happenings, Hal. I'm glad to see the monthly breakfasts back and appreciate those that have attended. Really enjoy the camaraderie and catching up on happenings and hope more will join in the fun as we go into the new year.

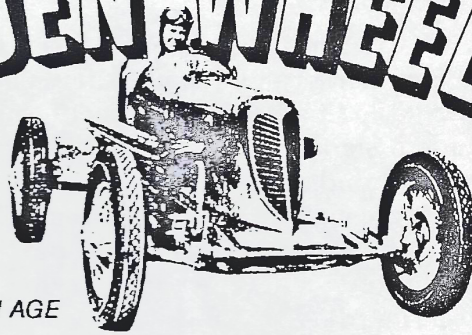
As I did last year, I am cheating on putting the newsletter together by going back 25 years and reprinting parts of the 1996 December newsletter after some cutting, pasting and rearranging. The original 1996 issue will be posted to the Golden Wheels facebook page.

BIRTHDAYS!! –Celebrating their (hopefully not scary) birthdays in October were; Sharon Osborn-Ryan, Bob Scott, Brian Pratt and Richard N. Phillips. Giving thanks for another year in November were; Barbara Nelson, Vicki Westberg, Lynn Beckett and William “Bill” Bowers. Getting an extra round of gifts in December are; Hershel McGriff, Jack Kuehn, Jim Edwards, John W. Wood, Jr. and Dave Sweeney. **Happy Birthday to All and Very Best Wishes for the coming year!**

Reminders: As Hal said “it's 2022 dues time” so please send yours in soon. And the new Golden Wheels address is P.O. Box 33832, Seattle, WA 98133.

Wishing everyone a “Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year” our usual reminder to **Keep Your Wheels Down!!!** is amended to **Keep Your Sleigh Runners Down!!!!!!**

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Seasons Greetings

December 1996

Greetings! Now that you made it through Thanksgiving, it's time to make all those preparations for Christmas. Did I say Christmas? That means it's checkered flag month for 1996 already.

The November breakfast had a pretty good turn out with 27 attending the morning gathering. We had a couple of guests, Jack Halley and Bernie Melton, that some of you may know or remember. Hopefully they had such a good time that they will join with us as members in 1997. Dan Blair, always on the ball, came up with the idea of putting together a Golden Wheels Calendar for 1997. After some discussion it was decided to give it a try. So, Dan and I are in the process of putting together a collection of photos for a 12 month production. We are trying to get as many cars as possible in the production, hopefully two cars per month, which will allow us to include cars from past years along with those that ran in 1996. The calendar will feature 12 - 8x11 color prints, a cover with the Golden Wheels Logo, and it will come to you at a cost of \$20 each. This will cover printing costs and, we hope, put a buck (\$) or two into the coffers. Secretary John Nelson says that if you send in \$35 with your dues, instead of the usual \$15, he will see that you get a 1997 Golden Wheels Calendar.

Dan Blair also mentioned that there is a possibility of running a two day show in the Spokane area next season. He is also going to look into a possible trip to Roseburg next year as they have expressed interest in having us join them on their old-timers night.

Well, it looks like ten of our members managed to stave off that yearly celebration called BIRTHDAY for eleven months. So, for the last time in 1996 let's stand up and give the following a Birthday Ovation. Puffin' at the candles are Hazel Benson, Mike Patterson, Don Christain, John Nelson, Erick Lieder, Dick Manny, Jim Edwards, Hershel McGriff, Jim Edwards and Dick Martin. Happy December Birthdays to you all.

'Ace' Snoball
Ice Racer.



Was nice to see member Hershel McGriff putting the pedal to the metal at NASCAR's race in Suzuka, Japan, as I watched the race on Nov. 24th. Was a pretty good race, especially the battle the last couple of laps between Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon for second place. You had to see it. Unfortunately for Hershel, his motor went south (or what ever direction they go in Japan) on the 23rd lap, ending his run early in the race. Loong tow for so few laps, right?

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Was perusing a copy of CruZin' magazine last week and noticed a sharp looking V8-60 powered midget owned by a Sam Parker of Oregon. A few pages later there was another photo of the car, this time at member Jack Corley's swap meet. Now, I'm wondering, how come Mr. Corley doesn't have Mr. Parker signed up as a member and cruzin' the ovals with Golden Wheels in his beautiful silver #19 midget?

For those of you that like crusin' on the water, I understand Al Todd's Cruise Line will be setting up special cruises and fishing trips in his newly purchased 24 footer. When can we start making reservations, Al? Actually, I believe Al intends to spend some time on the waters of Puget Sound with his lovely wife Mary. By the way, Mary, we have missed seeing you at the breakfasts lately.

The Al Coutts #7 'Samco' has returned to Washington from Victoria, B.C. It will now make its base of operations in Elma, WA at the home of Don and Beverly Brown. The car was built by Jack Benson. I would expect we will see Don doing laps in the Yellow #7 next year in our exhibitions. I also understand that the Joe Mash car for sale in the want ads was also built by Benson but was lengthened by Joe.

I have a copy of "Roaring Lizzies: Model T Ford Racing in Alberta, 1941 to 1951", written by Kelly Buziak, in hand thanks to Don Radbruch. A very interesting little book. It's available for \$4.95 plus shipping. More info in the 4 sale page.

I have been corresponding with Dan Fleisher of WRA and we will be working on making contact with other clubs to exchange information and newsletters.

A note to those that have the \$25 ads. Several of you are nearing the end of your year. We have already received renewals, and will take Your Renewal or New Ad.

Want to pass on some info that I received from Dick Fredell. If you would like to be on the mailing list for the 2nd National Vintage Meet in Belleville in 1998, you can do so by sending \$3.00 (to help cover costs) to Lee Cook, 3010 Saddlewood Drive, Bonita, CA, 91902.

I owe an apology to Bill Thomas. He sent me a note a while back saying he was in need of a sprint car tail. I mentioned it to some fellow members, but failed to get it on the 4 Sale page. It's there now, and if you can help out Bill give him a call.

Am sad to have to report the death of Tom Carstens. Our condolences to his family. Along with Tom, let's have a silent moment for Joe McKay, Joe Mash, Bill Sidelman, Sr., Natalie Deahl and By Wandler, who all received the final checkered in 1996.

The 1997 Dues slips are inclosed. Please fill out and return. Dues should be paid by January 1997.

Breakfast is this Sunday, December 8th, at the Plaza Broiler. Don't forget your contribution for Northwest Harvest. For those that can't make the breakfast, how about dropping off a donation at the local food bank in your area. It'll help someone out and make You feel good as you go into 'The New Year'.

May you all have a Merry and Happy Christmas and may 1997 be the Best Year Ever for you.



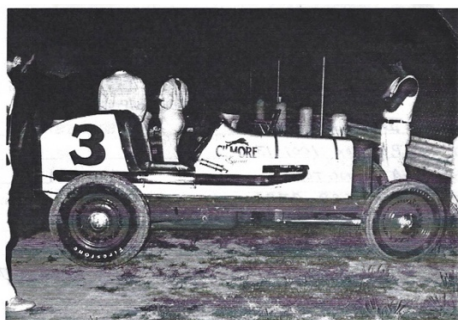
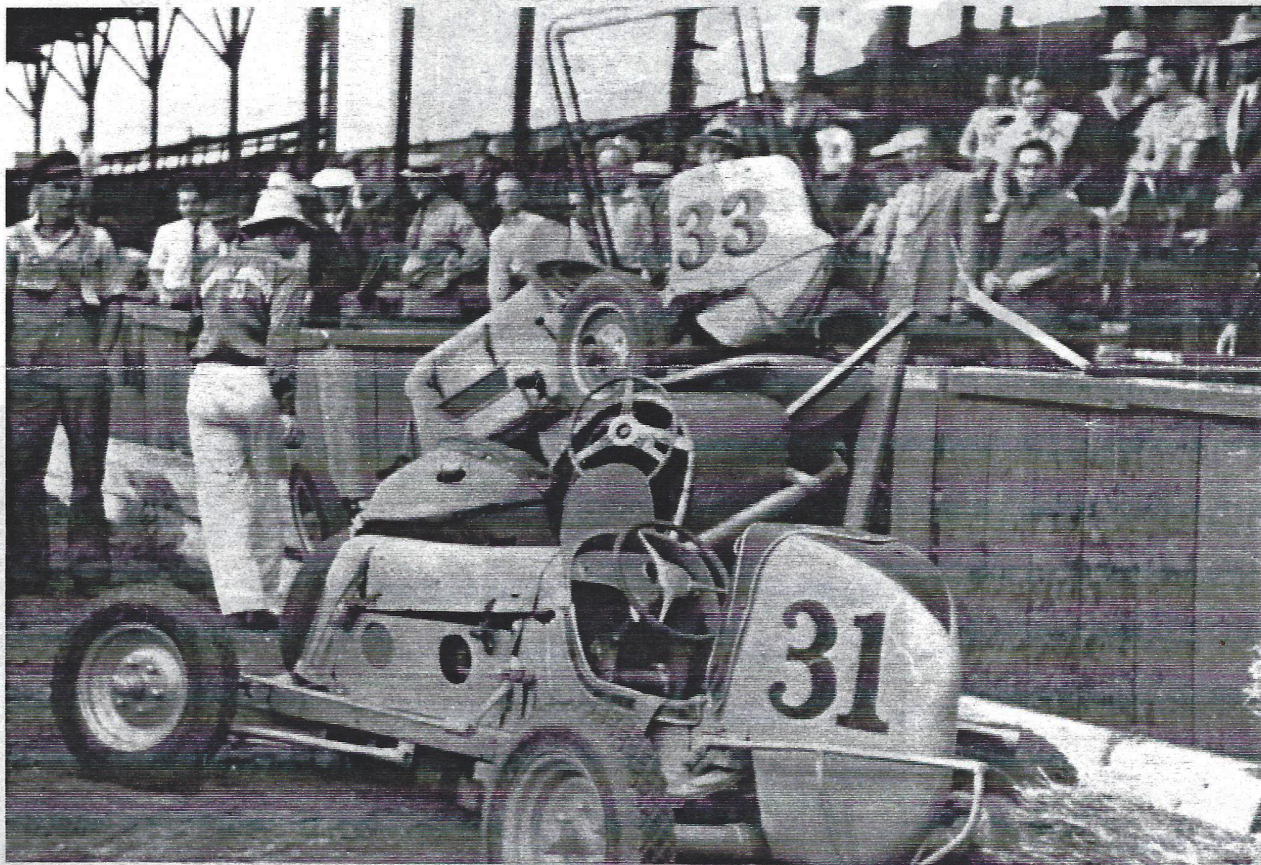
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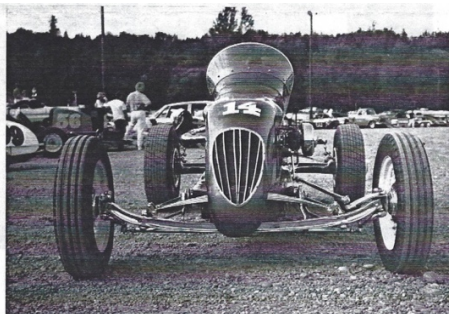
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Another photo from the Digney Collection provided by Don Radbruch. Looks like they have been "Stackin' 'Em High" for a lot of years. No names or date on the photo. Track - Aurora? Sure, we'll take any info you have on the photo.



Dan Blair's #3 at Skagit Speedway 1987.

Jack Benson's #14 at Evergreen Speedway 1992



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4-Sale: #56 Sprint Car. Model 'C' engine, Winfield aluminum head & cam. Fresh paint. misc. goodies. Very faithful car for past 7 years. Price \$10,800. With trailer \$14,800.

Contact Shirley Mash Phone: 360-683-2373

Wanted: Sprint Car Tail in good or fixable condition. Contact Bill Thomas, P.O. Box 1798, Elma, Wa 98541 Ph. 360-482-5184

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For Sale: Quick Change Midget Gears. All Sizes. \$35.00 a Set. Contact - Harry Stryker, Sr. Phone 509-649-3251

**4 Sale: Homer Norman's WMRA #55/1 Offy
 Contact Jack Conner - Phone: 206-363-8694**

For Sale: Studebaker Champ Big Car, Edmunds head, Offy manifold, Winfield S-R carb. Wire wheels w/safety hubs, Franklin steering, Halibrand center section, spare engine, wheels & tires. Like new trailer. \$9,500 OBO.

Contact J.V. Gray 28038 - 131st Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031 Phone: 206-631-3741



Wanted: Franklin Steering Gearbox. Martus water pump & Aluminum timing gear cover for V8-60. Stock oil pump for 1940 V8-60.

Contact: Dan Blair, 21404 13th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98148. Phone 206-244-1441 or 206-878-7242 (evenings)

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FOR SALE: Note - I have removed some history information. Contact Pete or email me for complete list and additional photo.



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