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# The Hub

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## *YOUR CLUB OFFICERS*



- **Next Club Meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at Clarette's.**
- If you have anything to submit, contact me at [tomdeccio@charter.net](mailto:tomdeccio@charter.net)

Our officers for 2019 and beyond! President, Rocky Rodenberg; Co-Vice Presidents, Bob and Marcia Daschofsky; Treasurer, Laura Louise Rosenfelt, and Secretary, Marcie Odom. Help welcome the new officers aboard and be nice to Rocky!!

## *A MESSAGE FROM ED...*

Well, well, well...what the heck is going on around here? It's like Groundhog Day got stuck and has been repeating itself all month long. I, for one, do not appreciate this at all. We are 20-25 degrees below normal. I would expect this in December or January, but not all month long in February! If anyone happens to see that dirty rodent crossing the road, please don't hit the brakes. Punxsutawney Phil needs to be replaced!

Ok, rant is over for now. Hey, if you're interested in doing a little volunteer work, we have an opportunity to make a little cash for the car club by working some events at the WW Fairgrounds. Maggie sent out an e-mail last week talking about an event coming up April 6th where all we have to do is help park cars for 3 hours. If you're interested, contact her or Mike Charlo for details. There will be more info at the meeting on Tuesday.

## CAR TRIVIA...

- In the United States, the average commuter spends over 42 hours a year stuck in traffic. In 1982, the average was 16 hours.
- Although Henry Ford (1863-1947) did not invent the modern car or the assembly line, he was the first to manufacture a car that many middle-class Americans could afford. His introduction of the Model T automobile in 1908 revolutionized transportation and American industry.
- South African BMWs have flamethrowers as an option to prevent car-jackings.
- Toyota is the world's largest car manufacturer. Each day it produces about 13,000 cars. Ferrari, in contrast, produces a maximum of 14.
- Engineers in Germany have created a "Brain Driver," which is a car that can be driven with thoughts alone. A Brain Driver's headset consists of 16 sensors that monitor electric signals from the brain.
- Americans weigh on average 24 pounds more than they did in 1960, which has added up to an additional 39 million gallons of gas consumed annually.
- Passenger cars alone consume 359 million gallons of gas each day just in the United States.
- *Mechanophilia* is a sexual attraction to cars and other mechanical objects. One man, Edward Smith, has admitted to having sex with over 1,000 cars. His current "girlfriend" is a Volkswagen Beetle named "Vanilla."
- As symbols of autonomy, the American car symbolically liberated women before they could vote. Early women drivers, however, were widely scorned by their male counterparts.
- Over 250 million car tires are discarded each year.
- Ralph Teetor (1890-1982) invented an effective cruise control for cars in the 1940s after becoming frustrated with the way his lawyer would speed up and slow down frequently. In addition to being a prolific inventor, he was also blind.
- Electric cars are not new. In fact, in 1900 38% of cars were electric, 40% were steam, and 22% were powered by gasoline.
- The top 5 cars that get tickets in the U.S. are 1) Subaru WRX, 2) Pontiac GTO, 3) Scion FR-S, 4) Toyota Supra, and 5) Subaru Tribeca.
- People who take the public transit systems rather than their cars are, on average, 5 pounds lighter.
- The car company Chevrolet is named after the company's co-founder Louis Chevrolet, a Swiss-born car racer.

Using a cell phone while driving a car increases the chances of an accident by 20 times. Looking at a cell phone for just 5 seconds is like driving down a football field at 55 mph--without looking.

## MARKET PLACE

**\*\* For Sale:** 1965 Ford F250, 300 ci straight 6. Runs great, asking \$2000. if interested, contact David Eaton at 509 520 8454.



**\*\*\* For Sale:** Set of 4 Grand Prix Radials, P235/70R15 on Modern 15x7 Aluminum Rims with center caps. Fits Mopar 5 on 4.5. \$275 (price reduced), contact Dave Taylor if interested at 509 200 9542 or 68satellite@charter.net



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## WHALEN'S WORLD...

Alaska Way Viaduct Test Run Seattle/1958

My brother-in-law Leroy had a AA Dragster. He wanted to do a test run before the weekend. Ideas were passed around between the four of us and Al came up with a bright idea. "Let's make a run down the Alaska Way Viaduct at 3 am." Everyone laughed.

The plan was to have Leroy sitting in his dragster with the push pick-up truck right behind him in the emergency lane of the lower viaduct facing south. Fred was to wait on the north side of the Battery Street tunnel and when there was no traffic coming down the street, Fred would honk his horn three times and that would be the signal to get Leroy started.

When the dragster fired up the sound blasted off the walls and windows of the buildings next to the viaduct. When Leroy put his foot into it, the roar of the straight exhaust sounded like a Titan missile was launched horizontally down the viaduct.

Wow!

Leroy counted to 8 and then shut the dragster down and coasted to the 1<sup>st</sup> avenue off ramp where Denny and I were waiting with the pick-up truck and trailer. We pushed the dragster on the trailer and then hopped into the truck and headed home. When we started up the hill to West Seattle, we looked over and saw a bunch of cop cars running on the lower and upper viaduct looking for us. We started laughing we got away with making the run down the viaduct...

## 1941 PONTIAC TORPEDO DELUXE BUSINESS

By Brian Carlyle and Daylan Gibbard

Working on cars is therapy, whether its cleaning and polishing, sanding and painting, tinkering and making things purr; it's therapy. In the past couple of years I have felt a disconnect with the cars and why I have a passion for them. Despite valiant efforts from Daylan, I had lost the spark. I learned that my uncle was wanting to get rid of things and in this lot was this beautiful black car that Daylan would hug every time I took him up to the shop with me.

It was sometime in the 80s my uncle Gary Carlyle bought this 1941 Pontiac from California. It has been sitting in the barn for 20+ years, and I personally don't remember ever seeing it run. But since Daylan and I are dreamers, we fell in love with the car, and it definitely helped that it was a Pontiac.

Daylan and I struck a deal that if I were to buy the car we would devote all our spare time into getting it running in hopes of making it our business car for weddings and wine tours. So here we are, 2019, and the car is ours. So far we have had the carburetor rebuilt, built new custom spark plug wires, the typical tune up standards. We decided to replace the water pump and all of the hoses. The brake system is ready for a weekend to replace the whole system with new parts and updated shoes. We recently received the new wide white radials from Coker tire and rubber has never smelled so nice! The list goes on and on, but you may be asking yourself "why are they doing all of this stuff before they even take it for a test drive?"

Because, for some reason, this little black car has reignited that spark. I find myself out in my shop working on it day in and day out. Daylan comes over as often as he can and together we spend hours cleaning, replacing, rebuilding and finally brought the car to life. She still has a lot of work ahead of her, but this has been the motivation I've needed to get my spark back and enjoy these money pits again. I think within the next few months you'll see Daylan and I out every weekend doing some slow drags in the 1941 Torpedo and the 1948 Silver Streak! Pontiac Motor Division may be dead, but Daylan and I will do our best to keep the legacy alive!



## **CRUISERS 2019 SCHEDULE**

Meet times are 6:00pm...unless you decide to come at lunch time and stake out your seat! And usually, there is ice cream afterwards! Del???

*Stay tuned for the 2019 cruise schedule, the committee is in the process of finalizing the cruising season schedule...*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

Here are some upcoming car shows and stuff...

I think we are done for the season. If someone has anything, let me know.

\*\* For more information, check the website for links to these cars shows and more.

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