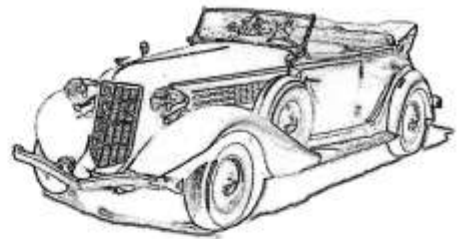


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Harold LeMay Dies



Harold LeMay, owner of one of the world's largest private car collections, has died at age 81.

During his life, Mr. LeMay, of Parkland, collected nearly 1,400 vintage automobiles, from old Chevys to English double-decker buses, and kept them in 58 buildings across five states. He died of heart failure Saturday (Nov. 4) at St. Clare hospital in Lakewood.

Mr. LeMay founded Pierce County Refuse in 1943 and built it into LeMay Enterprises, the largest private trash-removal company in Washington state and the 10th largest in the country.

Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole remembered Mr. LeMay as a man who usually wore a plain T-shirt and jeans and could often be seen working on a car.

"Harold was a wonderful, kind, unassuming man who loved his family and his cars — in that order," Ebersole said.

Once a year, Mr. LeMay would open his collection to the public. Even without advertising, the event would draw 10,000 people.

Mr. LeMay's family has started a non-profit corporation to begin raising money for a proposed \$75 million museum for his collection. They hope to open the museum within five years.

"The LeMay collection is a gem in the crown of American automobile history and has the potential to become the most complete and exciting automotive history experience in the world," said Molly Carsten, curator of the Museum of Transportation in St. Louis.

Mr. LeMay owned more than 300 Chevrolets and more than 300 Cadillacs, as well as Fords, Packards, Hudsons, Rolls-Royces, Fraziers, motorcycles, ambulances and limousines. Most of the vehicles are from the 1920s through the 1960s.

His family has not publicly stated how much the collection is worth.

Mr. LeMay also sold cars — six of them, he always said. But he felt so badly about it that he bought three of them back.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Nancy; seven children; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

(Article copied from Seattle PI)

We have a card for his widow that we would like to have as many of the members as possible sign. Please call our editor Dennis Jackson at 547-0916 to make arrangements to sign.

More info will follow in January's newsletter. ☺

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 15th at the Country Gentleman located at 300 North Ely in Kennewick. The dinner will be partially hosted by Ye Olde Car Club.

There will be a Chinese gift exchange with a set limit of \$10.

The menu is : Baked Pit Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Festive Jello, Rolls, Apple/Cherry/Berry/Pumpkin/Mincemeat Pies, Coffee, Iced Tea, Punch, Hot Tea, or Soft Drinks.

We need to have members RSVP by Friday, December 8th. Please call Gary Stredwick to RSVP (586-9676). ☺





Vern Says!

While crossing the Cable Bridge, looking at the water, a thought came to me — Just how much water do those salmon need?



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 4th Judy Bergum
- 5th Dwight Underwood
- 5th Karla Jackson
- 9th Barbara Harrow
- 10th Fred Fraser
- 16th Sherrie Boob
- 18th Dick Fuller
- 18th Lorraine Williams
- 19th Bob Ilton
- 20th Ed Smith
- 22nd Bruce Stinsman
- 23rd Bob Rupp
- 30th Larry Andrews

Anniversaries

- 3rd John & Elaine Kutrowski
- 25th Ed & Lorretta Smith
- ? Ray & Delores Benson

Our records may not be up to date! Let us know if you or your spouse have a birthday or anniversary in January.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those we missed in December. ☺

Automobile Trivia

This is a new column for the newsletter. If you think you have the correct answer call the editor. Leave your name, answer, and the time you called. If more than one person has the correct answer the time of the call will be the tie breaker. The prize for getting the most correct answers will be a free breakfast at Sandy's Kitchen on Wednesday.

December's Questions

- When was the first auto insurance policy purchased and in what city?
- When was the first Grand Prix race and what was the top speed?
- What was the first US car manufactured in any quantity?
- What was the first year to have one million or more cars registered?
- When did the Chev bow tie emblem first appear?

We did not have any winners last month. In fact the editor did not even get one call. Come on we can do better than that.

Answers to last months trivia questions

- Who built the first engine crank and in what year? **James Watt in 1782**
- In what year did the first toll roads open, and in what states? **1792 in Pennsylvania and Connecticut**
- Who invented the spark plug, and in what year? **Jean Lenoir in 1860.**
- What car was the first car offered for sale, and in what year? **The Benz in 1887.**
- What was the name of the first production motor vehicle in the U.S., and in what year? **The Duryea in 1896.** ☺

Web Site

We'd like the club web site to be a useful tool for club members. If you have any favorite links, we'd like to hear about them! We'll be including a "Links" page on the site and need your input. The links page will include links to various car models, restoration sites, car part suppliers and any other sites you want to add.

Please call (627-4609) or email (james.yount@lauby.com) the web master with your ideas! ☺

Thoughts to Ponder

You are richer if you have laughed, given or, forgiven today.

Officers

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Martha Shreve	582-7530
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Bud Williams	547-6916
Jim Mokler	735-2942

Officers Chosen

Well, we elected officers for the new year. We have some new blood in three spots:



President,
Bob McClary

President, Bob McClary — Don't let that smile fool you, Bob has some pretty aggressive ideas about what direction our club should be moving.

Vice President, Gayle Noga — She is not only pretty, but smart too. Talk to her about her ideas to make the club the kind of club we know it can be.

Secretary, Dennis Jackson — Dennis is also the infamous newsletter Editor. Can't say too much about him.

Newsletter Layout, Mary Anne Lauby — Isn't she doing a great job? Just wait until you see some of the great things she has in store for the news letter.

Web Master, Jim Yount — We always save the best for last — Jim is web site editor and chief engineer for Gray Dog Engineering. He has our club site up and running at www.lauby.com/YOCC. Be sure to type in YOCC in all caps! Call him with your ideas about the web site.

Old reliable Wayne Williams has been reelected as treasurer. Send him your dues early for next year and blow his mind. ☺



Vice President
Gayle Noga



Secretary,
Dennis Jackson



Layout,
Mary Anne Lauby



Web Editor,
Jim Yount

"One of the great discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do. Most of the bars we beat against are in ourselves — we put them there, and we can take them down." — Henry Ford

Monthly Activity

December Gary & Mercedes
Stredwick

2001 Activities

January	Open
February	Open
March	Open
April	Swap Meet Dave Underwood
May	Cindy Underwood
June	Open
July	Open
August	Jack Yale
September	Open
October	Open
November	Open
December	Open

Please plan an activity and pick a month. Also check with our new V.P. Gayle Noga (943-0836) for help with planning. ☺

Miscellaneous

Year 2000 Club Roster — You should have all received your 2000 roster. If you didn't, or if you need more copies, please call Dennis Jackson at 547-0916 -- we have extras.

Newsletter Items — Please call the new editor, Denny Jackson at 547-0916 or dkdenkar@aol.com, with anything you want to share with the club. Like stories or experiences with your classic cars; trips you've have taken in your cars; pictures from shows you've have been to; short trips you might like the club to take; new sources of restoration supplies or services; or any thing you think might be of interest. ☺

Nostalgia Nook

Does anyone remember this trip? Do you have any thing to add? Any stories that you remember about the trip that you would like to share? ☺

From the Corvallis, Oregon Gazette-Times, Saturday, June 22, 1968.

Philomath was an overnight stop Thursday for the Tri-City, Wash. Ye Olde Car Club, as the group neared its final leg of a 1000-mile, week-long journey.

Ranging from a 1913 model T, owned by Peter Winters of Ephrata, to a 1934 Buick sedan, the 12-car caravan left Pasco last Saturday and reached Philomath with only one serious breakdown, according to Bob Graves, club president and driver of a 1926 Dodge touring car.

Centralia, Illwaco, Seaside and Newport were other stops along the way, Graves said, for the 27-person party.

After a tour through Larson Lumber Company, the entourage left Friday for Portland via the Westside highway. In Portland the group will participate in a two-day meeting of vintage automobile organization. ☺

Ye Olde Car Club Stops At Philomath



The Peter Winters of Ephrata, Wash pose with their 1913 Model T Sportster. The couple was part of a 12-car caravan from pasco, Wash, which toured the northwest this week.



Name That Car!



OK youse guys. Da Boss wants ta know why youse ain't sent him nutin' to put in da paper! Ya! And a nudder thing, read dem trivia questions an com up wid some answers!

November Meeting Minutes

Gary Stredwick called the meeting to order at 7:06. Jim Mokler and Martha Shreve were the nominating committee. The nominees are as follows:

President: Bob McClary
Vice Pres.: Gayle Noga
Secretary: Dennis Jackson
Treasurer: Wayne Williams

Board of Directors:

Jack Yale, Bud Williams,
Jim Mokler and Gary Stredwick
Ed: Dennis Jackson
Lay out : Mary Anne Lauby
Web Editor: Jim Yount

The slate of nominees was accepted, voted and passed. There will be a bio of each officer due into the newsletter. The new officers need to see Dennis Jackson for a photo.

Bob McClary would like to know about the situation with the swap meet treasury -- whether there are reports given and how it works. A discussion followed. Dave Underwood stated that he believes that as swap meet chair, he's tried to keep the club informed about the money/expenses involved with the swap meet. It was mentioned that several years ago there were celebrations after the swap meet in which it was brought out how the swap meet went.

Gary Stredwick asked if anyone had read the by-laws or the constitution. He also said they are available for those who might want

to read them. He also has a case full of the additions to the by-laws. It was suggested that we have a committee to look into combining all the additions and to see if we need to do any changes. It was decided to wait and see what our new president wants to do.

It was asked if anyone knew how much money we as a club can have in the bank. Because our non-profit status it is believed that we can only keep an amount that will keep the club going for the next year. Dave Underwood stated that the swap meet usually makes \$2,000, and spends \$2,000. He also stated that there is a cushion of \$6,000. There was a suggestion to form a committee to check out the amount that is allowed in the bank. Jim Mokler knows of a CPA who might be able to answer any questions regarding what we are allowed to do and how much money we can have.

Dennis Jackson suggested that we have an entertainment/tour committee. Jim Mokler would like us to continue bring cars to the retirement homes. The residents enjoy seeing the cars. It was also brought out that once we get tour/entertainment planned how do we get people to participate. The vice president will be the tour coordinator. Vern Shreve and Ed Edwards volunteered to help. Vern would like to see the club get involved with the fair, such as driving the trams. Vern will chair with Ed helping.

Next month's activity is planned and everything is set. The activity

will be our annual Christmas party on December 15th at 6:15 at the Country Gentleman. There will be a Chinese gift exchange with a set limit of \$10. The menu is : Baked Pit Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Green Salad with dressing, Fruit Salad, Festive Jello, Rolls and Butter, Apple/Cherry/Berry/Pumpkin/Mincemeat Pies, Coffee, Iced Tea, Punch, Hot Tea, or Soft Drinks.

It was suggested that a sheet be passed around at November's meeting for sign ups for next year's months activities. Jack Yale will do August and Cindy will do May and will probably be a tour to Moses Lake for their car show. Martha suggested a garage tour during the cherry blossoms. Dave Underwood will do the Swap Meet in April.

Saturday is Veterans Day if want to see it or participate you need to be there at 9:00 at Flat Top Park in West Richland. Vern mentioned that he is working on a car tour to Moab Utah. Moab would be home base with side trips throughout the area. It would probably be either in May or September/October. You could either drive or trailer the car of your choice. It is approximately a 2 day drive.

A motioned was made and moved to close the meeting. The motion was approved. ☺

"If you think you can or you think you can't, you will ALWAYS be right."
— Henry Ford

Calendar of Events

- Dec 3rd Cruz for Tots, Yelm, WA Call 360-458-3142 for more information.
- Dec 15th Christmas Party — Country Gentleman. 300 North Ely, Kennewick. 6 p.m. 15th \$ 9.50 Per Person
Please RSVP by Dec the 8th 586-9676 We will have a gift with a limit of \$10, Except for the gift for the editor. You can spend a whole lot more on that one. Guys bring guy gifts and gals bring gal gifts.
- Dec 17th Winter Cruise, Gresham, OR Call (503) 642-9513 for more information.



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