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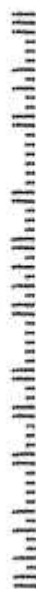
## PRESIDENT'S BACK FIRE

Hey folks, we're beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel! Included in this bulletin are registration information for Heppner, OR Irish Days, Pomeroy and the Walla Walla Whirl Wind Tour in July. Also start planning for our annual spring swap meet Saturday May 5th at the Fair Grounds. We're also tentatively filling all the events we know of for the year. We also are showing some local "bring your car and lets go" type events that may be 2 or 20 cars, but we go somewhere local. Maybe some garage tours or picnics—trips we can do in a day. Just get our cars out and enjoy them. Ted Walters is working on some ideas also.

Finally, I've included articles on gasoline. I grew up in the petroleum business. As a kid I remember when the pipe line reached Pasco and the anonymous, unmarked, gray tankers delivered to almost every station in Prosser. Was all Gas the Same?

As for that Light at the end of the Tunnel. Remember you can't see where you're going, until you turn on your Lights.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 17	Heppner Irish Days (pre register & save \$5)	Roy
April	Southridge Show	
May 7	Club Swap Meet	Dave Underwood
May 12	Columbia Classic Car Show	Downtown Kennewick
June 2	Antique show at Howard Amon	
June 9	Joseph. OR or LeGrande OR	Shreves
June 21-23	Cool Desert Night,	Richland
July 6,7,8	Walla Walla Whirl Wind Tour	
Aug 18	Benton Fair Parade	
Sept 3	Prosser State Day Parade	
Sep	Canadian SelKirk Loop	Pete Jackson
Oct.	One day local tour	Ted & Roy
Nov	Veteran's Day Parade	
Dec	Christmas Party	

## FOR SALE

- 1928 4-door Model A sedan, completely restored, runs excellent, \$9,500 or best offer.
- 1930 2-door Model A coupe, completely restored, runs excellent, \$9,500 or best offer.
- 1960 2-door Nash Metropolitan sports coupe, completely restored, runs excellent, \$7,500 or best offer.
- 1935 Ford V-8 five window coupe, radio and heater, new paint, new wsw tires, new upholstery, 12 volt system, excellent condition. \$31,500 or best offer.
- 1935 Dodge two-door trunk-back sedan, straight six, 6 volt, radio and heater, new paint, new wsw tires, new upholstery, excellent condition, \$11,500 or best offer.

Contact Joe Kuhns, 586-6848 or 947-2425

## JOSEPH DAYS TOUR

The Shreves are planning a tour to Joseph Oregon to participate in Joseph Days. This tour will be June 8th and 9th and maybe the 10th. Those participating in this will be spending the night in Enterprise. The car show begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 9th. During the day there will also be a quilt show and that evening the Old Time Fiddlers will be playing.

It is suggested that if you even think that you might go to make your motel reservations as early as possible due to there only being two reasonable motels in Enterprise. You can make reservations at either the Ponderosa 541-426-3186, 1 bed 2 people \$74.12 including tax or the Wilderness 541-426-4535, 1 bed 2 people \$65.40, 2 bed 2 people \$70.12 with tax.

## Spring Farming Days

Join us for EWAM's Annual Spring Farming days, Saturday, March 31st and Sunday, April 1st. at the Garfield County Fairgrounds which is in Pomeroy, WA. There will be demonstrations, displays, raffles, quilts, food, and friendly family fun.

## Get well Soon

For those who may not yet know. Peggy Yale is having some health issues. At the moment she is in Avalon in Pasco. She may get to go home in a couple of weeks with a care giver. I wish to extend best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**BUFFET DINNER** - 6 - 8 PM at the Elks, 142 N. Main Street.

**ENTERTAINMENT - T-ARISH** - 7:30PM at Heppner Elementary School Gymnasium- Funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, no admission charge. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold.

### Saturday, March 17

**BREAKFAST** - 7 - 10:00AM, \$4.00 ALL YOU CAN EAT St. Patrick's Senior Center.

**MOTORCROSS** - Morrow County Fairgrounds all day. Sign up from 7:30 - 8:00 AM with races beginning at 9:00AM. Sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee. \$5 admission. Ages 5 and under are free. Call 541-422-7559 or 541-676-5583

**SHEEP DOG TRIALS** - Starting at 8:30 AM (all day) at Thompson's Ranch, 3 miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Rd. off of Hwy. 74, between mileposts #41 and #42.

**O'DAYCARE ACTIVITIES 9AM-4PM** - Afghan raffle, Krispy Kream doughnuts, coffee, face painting. All activities to benefit the Heppner Daycare & Preschool. Heritage Land Co., 278 N. Main.

**MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM & FARM EXHIBIT OPEN 11 AM - 5 PM**

**MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS** - 8:30 AM - 4 PM, show and sale at Les Schwab.

**VENDOR'S SQUARE** - All day at the Neighborhood Center across the street from the Library/Museum/City Park.

**KUJIMA COFFEE HOUR** - 10 AM - 12 PM at the Elks Club. Come hear family histories, music, stories and blarney! Enter the **IRISH BROGUE CONTEST** and win cash prizes. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold

**HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY** - Open 11 AM - 3 PM.

**O'SENIOR CENTER** - 11 AM - 1:30 PM. Have a taste of Irish homemade soup and bread, pie and coffee after parade.

**ST. PADDY'S CRUZ-IN** - Parade at noon. Show until 4 PM on Willow Street in Downtown Heppner. Come enjoy Antique and Classic cars during Heppner's Sixth Annual Cruz-In.

**IRISH PARADE** - 1PM on Main Street. Antique and classic cars welcome.

**O'KIDDIE TRICYCLE RACES** - Right after the parade for 2-5 year olds. Meet at Heritage Land Co., 278 N. Main St. Tricycles will be provided! This event is sponsored by the Heppner Daycare & Preschool.

**CEILI** (pronounced K-Lee) - 2 - 4 PM, upstairs at the Elks. Irish entertainment featuring John Doherty and The Irish Singers, The Chancers, Mulligan Stew and more!

**EWE-DO BINGO** - 2:30 PM. Live sheep activity at the BEO Drive-Way. Sponsor: HHS Cheerleaders.

**TOURS** - 2 - 6 PM. Morrow County Historical Courthouse structure built of blue basalt in 1902.

**O'DUCKY RACE** - 3 PM. Starts at the bridge in front of the Courthouse. Adopt a duck to win a prize of \$10 to \$100. Sponsor: Heppner Colt Football Program.

**ST. PAT'S PIT HAM DINNER & HOMEMADE PIES** - 4 - 7 PM at the St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall at 560 NW Jones Street. Family tickets available.

**BUFFET DINNER** - 6 - 8 PM. Corn, Beef & Cabbage, etc. with music from 9 PM - 2 AM at the Elks.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN FIDDLER'S SHOW** - 6:30PM - Heppner Elementary School Gymnasium. Funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, no admission charge. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold

**LADS & LASSIES TEEN DANCE** - 9 PM - midnight—a drug and alcohol free event for teens at HHS Cafeteria, sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

**ST. PADDY'S CRUZ-IN**  
Heppner, Oregon - March 17, 2007

Heppner's 25<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Celebration, "A Wee Bit O' Ireland" invites you to come and be a part of the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Paddy's Cruz-In.

Assembly of vehicles will begin at 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the northwest entrance to Heppner (former Kinzua Millsite) on Hwy 74. The Cruz-In parade will begin at noon with entries Cruzin through downtown Heppner and into the parking/show area.

Plaque awards will be given for:

**Leprechaun's Choice - Mustang Award - Judges Choice**

Registration is \$10.00 by March 13; \$15.00 on site. Early entries are appreciated. All entries will receive dash plaques. Fax to 541-676-9650 or mail to St. Paddy's Cruz-In, P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836.

**DISCLAIMER**

Sponsors and organizers of the St. Paddy's Cruz-In will accept no liabilities or be responsible for any damage whatsoever during this event or transportation to or from the event. Enter all events at your own risk. Upon entering you release to the St. Paddy's Cruz-In the rights to use your vehicle for any advertising, including but not limited to: Shirts, Caps, Dash Plaques, Trophies, and promotional items without prior written consent or compensation from the City of Heppner St. Patrick's Celebration, Heppner, Oregon, or it's sponsor.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions: Contact Heppner Chamber 541-676-5536 or City of Heppner 541-676-9618. Full schedule of events at [www.heppnerchamber.com](http://www.heppnerchamber.com) or [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net)

# WALLA WALLA HISTORICAL AUTO CLUB

*Fri Night @ Hotel  
B.Q. Picnic*

PRESENTS

AL Colton  
509-529-0509

## THE WALLA WALLA WHIRLWIND TOUR

*80-100 Cars  
participate* *Fr Sat Sun*  
JULY 6, 7, & 8, 2007

COME AND ENJOY FINE CARS, FINE FOOD AND BEVERAGE, AND  
THE FINEST PEOPLE ON EARTH (YOU)

OUR HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE **BEST WESTERN WALLA WALLA SUITES INN**, 7 EAST OAK STREET, WALLA WALLA, PHONE 509-525-4700. QUEEN ROOMS \$75 KING ROOMS \$85. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY (THEY HAVE A VERY LIBERAL CANCELLATION POLICY). OTHER CLOSE BY MOTELS ARE: BUDGET INN 509-529-4410, LA QUINTA INN 509-525-2522, MARCUS WHITMAN HOTEL 509-525-2200, HOWARD JOHNSON EXPRESS INN 509-529-4360, TRAVELODGE 509-529-4940

### THE TOUR INCLUDES:

FRIDAY EVENING PICNIC MEAL AT THE MOTEL (HAMBURGERS,

SAUSAGE, CHIPS, SALADS, BEER, WINE, SODA, ETC.)

SATURDAY LUNCH ON TOUR AND EVENING BARBECUE

EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY LUNCH ON TOUR AND BANQUET

COST WILL BE \$65 FOR CAR & DRIVER AND \$55 FOR EACH PASSENGER

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

AL COLTON 509-529-0509, OR 509-301-3333

*SAT 1st Day: Wind Mills, Apple Packing Plant,  
SUN 2nd Day: Carl Sehn & Co Car Collection*

# ENTRY FORM

**WALLA WALLA WHIRLWIND TOUR  
JULY 6, 7, & 8, 2007**

Driver Name \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Year, Make, Model of Car \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

## TOUR COSTS

Car & Driver.....\$65 \_\_\_\_\_ 65

\_\_\_ Passengers.....\$55ea \_\_\_\_\_ amount \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WAHAC. Send to:

WAHAC, C/O Al Colton  
2782 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Please bring folding chairs, if possible. Let us know if you have special dietary needs.  
Any questions about the tour, call Al Colton at 509-529-0509 or 509-301-3333.

## What a gas!

**What ever happened to all of the** lore that was such a part of this hobby? You know what I'm talking about. We all grew up hearing statements like Chrysler products do not start in the rain, Fords rust out, a Cadillac is a Chevy with a fancy interior, do not tell the parts guy you have a Lincoln because he will charge you more, tell him it is a Mercury instead. My all-time favorite is, do not buy gas in Canada because it will turn your carburetor red. In addition, almost everyone had a friend of a relative who had a cousin who purchased a new car that somehow left the factory with an experimental carburetor that got 50 mpg. Unbeknownst to them the dealer switched it at the first oil change. The car never turned more than 10 mpg afterwards. Sounds like black helicopters and Big Oil along with a dash of Roswell and Area 51 to me. But it did make for interesting listening and a good catalyst for a conspiracy.

Wives' tales such as these are not popular now and even with the price of gasoline, there is not much discussion about it. The fuel of choice in America has been relegated to another unemotional commodity that we consume as part of our daily activities. Maybe that is because many of us give no thought to the unleaded gasoline we fill the tanks of our muscle cars with.

There are a few aspects of gasoline that need to be understood. Since there is not a refinery on every street corner, oil companies purchase what is known as "base product" from each other. As an example, most of the refined gasoline in your area may come from one facility even though it is sold as different brands. What makes gasoline brand specific is the additive package that is blended into the base product. This is usually done at the distribution depot.

Is there a difference between name- and off-brand gasoline? The simple answer is yes. Federal regulations require that all gasoline in the United States contain a deposit control (DC) additive. The lowest additive concentration to pass all of the EPA required tests is called the LAC level. The Clean Air Act of 1990 required that as of January 1, 1995, all gasoline in the United States contain additives to prevent the accumulation of deposits in engines and the fuel systems. The act provided no definition of additives or deposits and no guidelines as to which parts of the fuel system to be considered. The EPA had some experience on which to base this ambiguity because since 1992, all gasoline sold in California was required to contain deposit control additives which were certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

As with the CARB requirements, the EPA proposal defines additive performance by requiring certification of additives in a port fuel injector (PFI) keep-clean test and the intake valve deposit (IVD) test, using fuels with at least LAC specifications.

The PFI keep-clean test used the turbocharged 2.2-liter Chrysler engine. Under the EPA's proposal, 10,000 miles must be accumulated on a vehicle using repetitions of a standard test cycle comprising of 15 minutes at 55 mph, followed by a 45-minute shutdown heat-soak period. After the test cycle was completed, the fuel injector could not experience a flow restriction of greater than 5 percent.

As a result, name-brand fuel generally provides better deposit control for the piston crown and intake valve on older engines than cheaper gasoline with minimal additives. In addition, fuel such as Chevron with Techron uses DC additives that are more effective, have fewer side effects, or are mixed at much higher levels. When it comes to gasoline, there is a reason why unbranded fuel is cheaper.

DC additives are not to be confused with octane. This term describes the fuel's ability to resist combustion through

pressure and heat and wait for the arcing of the spark plug. Higher-octane fuel can withstand a greater level of temperature and pressure without auto-igniting.

In most parts of the country, street gasoline is being diluted with 10 percent ethanol, a grain alcohol derivative. This is done as an emission reduction measure and replaces methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE). Ethanol has approximately 27 percent less energy per gallon than pure gasoline. Though gasoline's energy content will vary with density, an average value of 115,000 btu per gallon at 60 degrees F is considered commercially acceptable. The same gasoline with 10 percent ethanol by volume has only 111,100 btus, or a 3.4 percent reduction in energy. It must be noted that these are average values and the specific gravity of the fuel is allowed to vary from 0.720 to 0.780 and still be legal.

Modern pump gas has oxygenates added to it that also decrease the heating value. Oxygenates have a lower heating value than hydrocarbons on either a unit-weight or unit-volume basis. The decrease depends on the amount and identities of oxygenates involved. In practical terms, your muscle car and everyday ride will produce less power and go a shorter distance on a gallon of fuel of lower density. This is often blamed on the lower-rated pump octane, which in actual terms is not as poor as many think and explains how older engines run successfully on today's fuel. The rating is an average of the Research and Motor Octane. Many in the industry state it equates to 98 or 99 octane using the test procedures of the 1960s. Today's fuel costs more, makes less power and you can not go as far on a gallon.

Is that a black helicopter I hear over my office? 🚁

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