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PRESIDENT'S BACK FIRE

April/May 07 (I/m combining two months because I will be out of town.)



"Get Ready" our Biggest event of the year is coming: Our Annual Club Swap Meet May 5th. Set up will be Thursday, May 3rd

about 4 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. We need maximum turn out to help layout the Vendor spaces. If you desire to rent a space the fee is \$15, and you need to contact Ed Edwards at 967-9361. Dave Underwood is once again the "Point Man", 627-2820. Dave and Ed need people to man the gate Friday and Saturday. Please help.

I would like to organize a "Garage Tour" for Saturday, May 26th. Myself and Ted Walters will be approaching folks with good and varied collections. Volunteer hosts are welcomed. These are fun events and allow maximum participation. Then we can see what our fellow members are doing or not doing.

I've been looking at a fogged up windshield trying to figure what the club wants; well...to clean up the fog: Turn on the Defroster... lets go swap and garage tour. Have a Hoot!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5	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	

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 Elgin, Oregon. 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.

Due to the hotels in Enterprise being full, those who are planning to participate in this need to right away make their reservations at the one in Elgin. This hotel is small, only 8 or 9 rooms available as of April 2nd. They are NOT holding any open for us. **You need to call NOW for reservations!** The motel is Stampede Inn, 51 S. 7th Ave., Elgin, OR 97827 and the phone number is 541-437-2441. Their web site: www.stampedeinn.com. Their rates are as follows:

- 1 person/1 bed \$45 per night
- 2 people/1 bed \$50 per night
- 2 people/2 beds \$55 per night
- 3 people/2 beds \$60 per night
- 4 people/2 beds \$65 per night

SWAP MEET

As you know, it is time for our annual swap meet. We need lots of volunteer help on Thursday for set up and Friday and Saturday. Please show up on Thursday at 4 p.m. to help with laying out the vendor spots. The more volunteers that we have the faster that it gets done. We also feed the volunteers so maybe the wives could call Martha Shreve to volunteer help on the food side of things. You can call Martha at 582-7530. To volunteer for the other days you can call Dave Underwood at 627-2820.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I am working on the roster for this year. Many of you have not sent me the membership form that was in either November or December's newsletter. If you haven't done it yet, please send it to me right away. I would like to make sure that the roster has all the correct information. I will have that master roster at the swap meet, so if you are there one of the days please check it to make sure that it is correct. I would like to be able to put it in the June's newsletter.

The other thing that I want to pass on to you is that I have a new e-mail address. It is quilterathart@verizon.net.

I would like to invite you to send me things either by mail or e-mail that you think might be of interest to our other members.

Automotive verbiology

The muscle car hobby, actually the automotive hobby in general, has generated or adopted a lot of descriptive words, some of which a non-enthusiast most likely wouldn't understand.

When the necessity to describe something uniquely automotive occurs, someone in the hobby will rise to the occasion and... make something up. Restomod and Restified come to mind. It really isn't any more complicated than that. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on how you interpret these terms, each of us can arrive at a definition that suits our particular descriptive needs. How I define a term may be very different from your definition, and this can actually lead to problems.

So, in order to clear the exhaust fumes in the future, I'm going to select several terms that have huge implications pertaining to buying, selling, vehicle condition, restoration and more. Remember, these are my interpretations of each term and you might not agree with me, so don't write a bunch of letters to the editor because I wrote them.

Let's look at some terms commonly used in the hobby that allow for a lot of leeway in their definitions.

• **COLLECTIBLE:** Who decided what or which vehicles should be designated a collectible? I'm sure the National Society of Automotive Historians has some ground rules, because every society has to have rules, but it seems to me that anyone who has owned any vehicle 10 years or more has their own collectible! Owning more than one example of the same brand for that long definitely qualifies it as a collectible, in a small collection. So if it's a 1919 Model T or a '65 Rambler, it has qualified to be a collectible by someone. Consequently, it stands to reason that every old car that someone

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owns is a collectible, so don't be fooled by for sale ads that try to put a vehicle on the collectible pedestal, it ain't necessarily so!

• **RARE:** This is one of my all-time favorites! "One of only 24 made" is a double-edged sword. It could be they only made 24 because only 24 people wanted them when they were new, and maybe nobody wants them now. Ugly then; just as ugly today. There are hundreds of muscle machines that qualify to be tagged rare, but in my opinion it needs to be one of two. I own one, you own the other. Now that's rare!

• **REBUILT:** This one can get you into a lot of trouble. The ad reads "rebuilt engine and transmission," but what is rebuilt? Was the engine completely disassembled and every part machined, honed, balanced and replaced, or does it mean rings, bearings, gaskets and down the road? Was it rebuilt by a professional, or by you with an assembly manual in the garage? New transmission seals don't qualify for a transmission rebuild in my opinion, but there are many folks out there in enthusiastville who might think so. Adding stop leak to your radiator isn't having it repaired, so beware of rebuilt stuff without receipts to prove what was done and when.

• **DRIVER:** When a muscle car is called a driver, or a 10-footer, troubles-a-brewin.' Years ago, I saw a car in Detroit which was driving down Woodward Avenue with such a large rust hole in one of the quarter panels that I could see the bald spare in the trunk. It was a driver. I've seen sheetmetal with so much body filler that the cracks were half an inch thick and the waves look like a stormy day on Lake Michigan. It was a driver. I've seen floorboards so rusted through you had to put a plank on the floor to have a place to rest your feet. That was a driver. Obviously, you get the point. A driver is a vehicle, regardless of condition, that still moves under its own power, it doesn't always mean the nut behind the wheel.

• **ORIGINAL:** Unless a vehicle has been sealed in a vacuum bubble since it rolled off the assembly line, chances are it's not original. If you repair a dent and retouch the paint, if you replace that cracked windshield or re-plate a rumped bumper, technically your car is no longer original. Once you start replacing parts like the exhaust system, water pump, alternator, etc., the car is not original. Granted, there are very low-mileage, totally original cars out there, but they are the extreme exception and usually part of a collection, probably never to see the light of day again.

• **DETAILED:** There's a lot of leeway in this word. To some, vacuuming the interior and squirting down the engine compartment is detailing. To others, it's an every nut, bolt and washer process. Detailing, to me, is having everything inside, outside, under and over looking as it did when it was first manufactured. Good exterior detailing is not only having the paint brilliant, but also finding no wax build up in the crevices or emblems. Attention to detail is paramount. However, seeing "completely detailed" in an ad doesn't necessarily mean completely detailed according to your standards. Remember, one man's treasure is another man's trash!

• **CONCOURS:** This is a state of restoration most of us can only dream of. It's the most beautiful restoration you'll ever see, and unfortunately, these cars are normally not driven regularly, if at all. Most are referred to as trailer queens! Concours quality is a lofty goal, and one that might just ruin the fun of owning the vehicle if you truly love to drive it.

You might agree with my definitions or not, but that's what makes this hobby great: the ability to look at everything differently and not write letters! ✦



Event is open to all vehicles *Historical vehicles too*

Classy Chassis



Show & Shine

Friday and Saturday
 May 11th & 12th, 2007
 Downtown Kennewick, WA

*Registration & Poker Run Friday Night
 starting at Overturf Motors Columbia Drive*

*Saturday Show N Shine
 Poker Walk - 50/50 Drawing*

Over 40 Trophies for a variety of classes

For Registration or Vendor Information
 Call Tim Dalton at 582-7221 • tdalton@downtownkennewick.org
 \$20 per car

Editor's note. For those of you who have articles to be placed in the newsletter, can you please get them to me either by e-mail (quilterathart@verizon.net), or by phone (509-628-3611) or mail, 29204 S 887 PRSE, Kennewick, WA 99352 by the 20th of each month. This way I can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thanks, Cyndy Underwood

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- 4. Sharon Holmes
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- 7. Royce Martin
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- 12. Dale Burt
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