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PREZ SEZ

Another fun and successful year has come and gone for the car club and it is time to look forward to the coming year. Our thanks go to Roy Holmes and Ted Walters for their leadership this past year.

I would like to thank you for your votes at our Christmas meeting. I hope the coming year will be enjoyable for all of you. If you have anything special or an idea for the club, please feel free to give me a call or one of the board members to let us know what it is. I will be asking you for your help in hosting and planning a monthly meeting; helping with the swap meet; getting name tags for new members; and working on several other projects we have.

As a group, you have always stepped up to meet any challenge and I know you will be there in our future.

I am looking forward to hearing your ideas and continuing the activities of this great club.

Martha Shreve

CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

The Christmas party was well attended. It was so well attended that Tony Roma's crew had to bring in more tables. The overall the food was good, the camaraderie was great. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

After dinner we had election of offi-

PIZZA PARTY

January's meeting will be a pizza party. It will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Round Table, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland. It is just to the right and in front of Albertson's. Both rooms are reserved so there should be plenty of room and not be crowded in.

On the agenda for the meeting will be Meeting suggestions and hosts. Some of the months that need activities are: March, April and November. So start thinking of ideas and consider hosting and activity. It isn't that hard of thing to do.

Hope to see everyone at the pizza party. Come and have some fun with the rest of us.

cers. Afterward there was a lively gift exchange in which several items were stolen. The two or three most stolen items were 2 different boxes of chocolate, both of them going to Karla & Dennis Jackson, and the other items were car related items.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND NOTES

Plans are in the works for a "Chocolate Extravaganza" at Jim & Ginger Vetrano's in February. Watch for the date and time in the February Gas Gauge.

We are talking to Denny Kehl about going to the car show in Joseph, OR early in June. Since this is so well attended, we will need to make reservations very early. More information on this activity in February.

Dues for 2008 are due to the treasurer, Ed Edwards, real soon. Dues are \$15 per family per year.

They support the newsletter mailings and monthly activities.

For those of you who use computers, Dennis Jackson has a blogspot for the car club at www.yeoldecarclub.blogspot.com. Scan through and leave him a message. There are lots of neat pictures from previous years and events included. So, let's all log on and see if we can overload the system. LOL (laugh out loud)

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes, Dec. 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 at the Hut Restaurant in Pasco. A quorum was present.

The only agenda item was the Jackson proposal to do the Gas Gauge (see minutes of the Nov. 7 meeting). Many issues came up in the open discussion, including cost (color vs. b&w, laser vs. inkjet printing, mailing list clean up, distribution via e-mail vs. post), quality of the publication, and content of the publication. In the end Dennis withdrew his proposal and no decisions were made by the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Vetrano, Secretary

Meeting Minutes, Dec. 12, 2007

The December 12th meeting was the annual membership/Christmas dinner meeting. It was held at Tony Romas Restaurant. The only item of business to come before the meeting was the election of officers for the 2008 calendar year. Following a presentation of a slate by the nominating committee (by Martha Shreeve) and various nominations from the floor, the following officers were elected:

President	Martha Shreeve
Vice President	Bob Rupp
Secretary	Jim Vetrano
Treasurer	Ed Edwards
Board Members at Large	Jack Yale (3 years) John Nelson (1 yr)

DUES, DUES, DUES

It is now time to get your dues paid for the 2008 year. You can either send them to Ed Edwards or better yet come to the January Pizza party and give them to Ed then. If you don't get your dues paid by the end of February you may not be a member anymore and will not be receiving the newsletter anymore.

FOR SALE

1951 Chevrolet, all original, 73,300 actual miles, 4-door sedan, 216 motor, radio, heater, runs excellent, \$8,500.

1953 Oldsmobile 98, a/t, V8, radio heater, all original, 88,400 actual miles, runs excellent, \$8,900/offer.

1919 Studebaker Touring, new paint, upholstery & top, all original w/flathead 6 motor, runs well, Appraised for \$17,000, sacrifice for \$13,500/offer

Contact Joe Kuhns at (509)586-6848 or (509)947-2425 if interested.

BENTLEY MULSANNE

V8-powered Rolls-Royce, & Bentleys were seldom bought for their performance until the turbo-charged Bentley Mulsanne appeared in 1982.

“At the heart of the Mulsanne is Roll-Royce’s massive and lazy 6,750 cc (412 cu in) all-alloy V8. Coming from both banks of cylinders, the exhaust gases are fed at a maximum pressure of 7 psi through a single Garrett AiResearch turbocharger. This feeds pressurized combustion mixture to the engine through a single Solex downdraught carburetor. Although there is no intercooler, there is a sophisticated wastegate control that keeps the turbo spinning, minimizing throttle lag.

The smoothness of the General Motors automatic gearbox along with the engine’s high unboosted natural torque masks any lag that may exist. Although Rolls-Royce doesn’t divulge power outputs for their engines, they admit to a 50% increase for the Mulsanne over its aspirated counterpart. A fair estimate for the Mulsanne would be 300 bhp.

To cope with the extra power the half shafts are stiffened and the steering is strengthened. Unless customers specify sportier settings, the suspension and brakes are left as standard.

“The most apparent difference between the Mulsanne and the Silver Spirit is the radiator grille which is much lower on the Mulsanne than on the Rolls-

Royce version, as well as being painted in body colour as opposed to polished.” With the radiator lower, it lowers the wind resistance significantly. This allows the Mulsanne to reach a top speed of 135 mph. The resilience of the Avon tyres, is a limiting factor on top speed. These tyres in a car of this bulk take an almost merciless pounding at high velocities which is the reason that the turbo boost is restricted. If the turbo boost wasn’t restricted considerably high speeds would doubtless be possible.

“Top speed is one thing; acceleration is another but the Mulsanne excels in this respect too and its time of 7.3 seconds to 60 mph ranks it as one of the fastest accelerating luxury saloons”

All of the information in this article came from the book, *Collectors’ Cars, A Generation of Post-War Classics*. Those in quotation marks are directly from the article. The rest is paraphrase by me.

This type of article will be an ongoing item in the newsletter as space allows. If you have any questions on these articles feel free to call me.

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Wayne & Donna Shreve
5 “Red” & Sally Rutherford
13 Earnie & Judy Oeder
23 Bob & Dolores Mc Clary
28 Bob & Ruth Ilten
31 Jim & Dixie Gilbert

BIRTHDAYS

1 Ed Edwards
2 Martha Varnado
6 Dave Johnson
6 Jack Varnado
9 Marlene Kuch
12 Mary Mokler
14 Terry Shegrud
18 Wayne Williams
22 Mary Fraser
23 Jerry Mokler
28 Walker Young

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UP COMING EVENTS

JANUARY	Pizza Meeting , Round Table
FEBRUARY	Chocolate Extravaganza
MARCH	
APRIL	
MAY	Swap Meet
JUNE	Joseph Days car show
JULY	Pasco Parade and Lunch following
AUGUST	Kennewick Fair Parade w/picnic following
SEPTEMBER	Prosser Parade w/lunch at the Red Barn
OCTOBER	Sauerkraut Making at Shreve's
NOVEMBER	
DECEMBER	Christmas Party & Annual meeting

Let's see if we can get at least one activity for each month. If there is something that you would like to do in a month that already has something planned, go ahead and plan the activity. The only thing that you have to make sure of is that it is not on the same day as the other activity. There is no rule that states there can only be one activity a month. There are members that may not be able to go on the tours but would welcome a get together in town.

I would like to see more people plan activities and or attend more activities. I am planning on trying to get to more of the activities.