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PIZZA PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

The pizza party held January 17th was a huge success. There was a good turnout of members, about 37-40 members. The food was good and plentiful.

There was a scavenger hunt. Everyone went around getting other members to sign their name next to one of the descriptions. There were 16 different descriptions ranging from owning the oldest car in the club to being the member the longest to past or present officers, or driving a blue car everyday. It was a way to get members introducing themselves. Bill Rupp was the fastest person to get the scavenger hunt done. He received the car club jacket the belonged to Ken Nesbitt. I believe that Mary Fraser received Peggy Yales club jacket

Martha, our president, announced that on February 15th, there will be a Chocolate Extravaganza party to be held at Jim and Ginger Vetrano's, 4512 W. Yellowstone, Kennewick at 7 p.m. She also mentioned that if you are allergic or don't like chocolate you can bring something

else. After that announcement, she started calling numbers from the tickets that we were given when we first arrived. There were enough prizes for everyone to receive one. While the numbers were being called and the winners were picking out their prizes, Vern displayed a trick using a metal chain and a metal ring. The idea of this trick was to attach (wrap around) to the ring. There were several scattered around the different tables for those who wanted to try it.

After the door prize drawings were done, Martha announced that we need activities for March and April. She was looking for volunteers. Some of the suggestions were as follows: Bring our old cars to a play, Dennis Jackson, is in the play. The play starts last 2 weekends of March and the first weekend in April, another activity could be an antique shop tour and lunch.

Martha is looking into getting name tags for members. She sent a sign up list

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA PARTY

The Chocolate Extravaganza party will be held on February 15, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Jim and Ginger Vetrano's, 4512 W. Yellowstone, Kennewick. The will supply the beverages and tableware. Those attending will need to bring something chocolate. For those who done care for chocolate or are allergic to chocolate

may bring something else. There will be some type of social game. The Vetrano's do this every year. It is always well attended and the activities are fun.

Hope to see all of you there on the 15th of February.

around, so that those who needed name tags could get them. She also stated that if you are planning on going on the June 14th Joseph, OR trip you need to make your hotel reservation early. We will be participating in their car show. The car show consists of hot rods, antique cars and classic cars. There will be a quilt show, book sale and a Pot Luck at a gas station that we are invited to share. There will also be a garage tour. For the reservations you can call the Ponderosa in Enterprise and there is a bed and breakfast in Elgin.

Some one suggest that we go to Republic again.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

For those who have not heard, Vern Shreve had a mild heart attack on the 18th of January. Then on the following Monday, he had 5 by-pass surgery in Spokane. I had heard that he was to be coming home on the 31st of January. Evidently, he has taken a turn for the worst. His throat is swelling, lungs filling with fluid. He's back on IV's. He is restless and fighting everyone. Let us all keep him in our prayers. Also, we might want to offer what ever support we can to Martha as she is having a tough time of it as well.

I will try to keep everyone updated as soon as possible.

Martha and Vern, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

DUES, DUES, DUES

It is now time to get your dues paid for the 2008 year. You can mail your check to Ed Edwards, P. O. Box 4566, West Richland, 99353 or give it to him at the Chocolate Extravaganza 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.

It will be a two day trip. Those participating will be staying in a motel that Henry Ford stayed in. Look for this activity in the summer. Bob Rupp volunteered to organize this event.

Red Rutherford stated that the city of Kennewick is giving us a building for the museum. The museum will have to take care of the water, electric etc.

Martha announced that there is still 60 club emblems for the green jackets. Once you get your green jacket you can talk to Martha about getting an emblem.

A. C. COBRA 1962-1969

The A. C. Cobra came as a result of 2 unrelated decisions. These decisions led to the production of one of the fastest production cars ever built.

The first decision was that Bristol Aeroplane Company stopped the production of the 6 cylinder engine powered that powered the A. C. Ace. The second decision was the ambition of Carroll Shelby, an American driver and co-victor at Le Mans in 1959. He wanted to build a car to his own exacting specifications in terms of power and performance, but using in the main, a production chassis and standard V8 engine and transmission.

Shelby thought the A. C. chassis was excellent. The Ace was very successful in the US 2-litre production sports racing and ran well at Le Mans from 1957-1959. He decided the extra torque and power would best be had by fitting with a large V8. Shelby first used the Ford Fairlane 221 cu in engine and then switched to the Ford 260 cu in derivative. Immediate success with uprating the transmission, wheels and brakes. Arrangements made to make the chassis and the body at the A. C. works in Thames Ditton, then ship

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.

A.C. COBRA 1962-1969

it to Santa Fe Springs for the engine and transmission to be fitted and final modifications.

Cobras were fitted with worm and peg steering, and transverse leaf spring suspension. This made handling at speed precarious. Stopping power was good; disc brakes fitted all around. In 1963 they improved with the rack and pinion steering system instead of the A. C. worm and sector type, and wishbones, and coil springs replaced leaf springs

The top speed was 150 mph, with acceleration figures from 0 to 60 mph in 4.2 second and 0 to 100 mph in 10.8 seconds. "For Le Mans a Cobra entered in 1963, and fitted with a hard top, exceeded 180 mph on the straight.

Due to being made for the race track, Shelby formed a team to exploit the car's potential. Cars placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their class at the Sebring round of World Sports Car Championships, and GT class wins at Daytona, Le Mans and the Nurburgrins. Not satisfied a Ford 427 cu in was put in the Cobra. In 1965 you could order a Cobra with a 345 bhp engine which would accelerate 0-100 mph in 8.5 seconds and have a top speed of 160 mph.

Thames Ditton, things weren't going well due to concentrating all their production facilities on the Cobra since 1963 and the finished product was very remote from the founding firm A.C decided to

build, and market their own version of a Cobra with 345 bhp Ford V8 of 7,016 cc capacity with a body shell designed by Italian coachbuilder Pietro Frua. This vehicle was known as the A. C. 428. It was more refined than the 427 and further developed in 1967. Approximately 80 428 were built, the last in 1973. The original Cobra went out of production in 1969 and was the most sought after car in the 1980's. This led to the introduction of the replicas which were more expensive than the original Cobra.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

10 Willie & Rachel Gould
10 Ken & Myrtle Nesbitt
14 Jim & Ginger Vetrano

BIRTHDAYS

1 Gary Stredwick
1 Judy Oeder
2 Robert Gordon
3 Ludmila Kramer
4 Dixie Gilbert
14 Jim Vetrano
15 Dave Bergum
19 Grace Jackson
27 Lorry Boyce
29 Theora Williams

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*Remember, in life,
sometimes you're the
pigeon and sometimes
the statue*

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UP COMING EVENTS

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| JANUARY | Pizza Meeting , Round Table |
| FEBRUARY | Chocolate Extravaganza |
| MARCH | Old Cars to a Play ? |
| APRIL | Antique Shops, Lunch ? |
| 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 |

FROM THE EDITOR.

If you have any thing for the newsletter you can either send it to me by snail mail at: Cyndy Underwood, 29204 S. 887 PRSE, Kennewick, WA or you can e-mail me at Quilterathart@verizon.net. Also if I can get it by the 20th of the month it would be great as I like to get the newsletter done and in the mail by the first of the month.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Cyndy