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### 1925 Wills Sainte Claire B-68

The Wills Sainte Claire was the illustrious brainchild of C. H. (Childe Harold) Wills, founder of Wills Sainte Claire, Inc. in 1921.

Wills was a brilliant metallurgist who made use of special molybdenum steel alloys in much of his new car! The early Wills Sainte Claires were V-8s, and a six joined the line at the start of the 1925 season.

This illustrated 1925 model looks a good three years ahead of its time! The 1926 Wills Sainte Claires looked similar, except for having a taller radiator, smooth-topped full-crown fenders, etc. All Wills Sainte Claire automobiles had disc wheels and a rear-mounted spare.

The B-68 series included a two-door Victoria Coupe, which had a profile similar to this unusual four-door

brougham (except for the difference in number of side doors).

Before he'd gone on his own in the 1920s, Wills was a chief engineer and metallurgist for Henry Ford. Wills was a wealthy man when he resigned from Ford; he was not only able to establish a fine, new automobile factory, but he also built an up-to-date "company town" for his employees in Marysville, causing that town's population to leap from about 150 to a thriving 4,000-plus almost at once!

In 1975, a survey among Wills Sainte Claire fans turned up some eighty-four cars, and a list of eighty of these (and the names of their owners) was published. Three 1921 models remained; twenty-three 1922s; six 1923s; six 1924s; sixteen 1925s; and twenty-six 1926 models. None of the final 1927 models appeared on the list.

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### Monthly Newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club

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### Visit to Canyon lakes Manor

The car club was invited to two event on June 19. The first was sponsored by Roy Holmes as support for the proposed transportation museum. It started early in the morning with a little liquid sunshine.

Attendance was high for the event. I counted over 11 Ye Olde Car Club vehicles at the Howard Amon Park event. We had to leave around 11:30 am, before the awards were announced, so as to attend the Canyon Lakes event. Thanks Roy.

It appeared that everyone from Howard Amon Park came to the Canyon Lakes event plus many more. Must have been over 25 rigs there. The circular drive had a double ring of vehicles of all discriptions. There was even a vintage flatbed truck with an even older truck on it. Many old friends shook hands and told stories of recent and old times. Lunch was served, Hot Dogs, Beans, Potato Salad, and BEER! There was an ice cream chaser with cake as desert. Of course this had nothing to do with the volume of cars that turn out. Our members aren't attracted to FOOD!

This is the second year that I have attended both of these events. I have to say they were both very enjoyable. We'll have to try for three in a row.

This "T" to the left is completely original, the picture to the right is a bird's nest in the cowl Light. To the lower right is Wayne Williams' "T"



Ed Edwards' 52 ? Below high level discussions, Lower left some table decorations



## What's Happening

August will be loaded with events starting on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> there will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show and Shine for Hunger at Columbia Park from 11am-4pm.

Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, GESA Federal Credit Union from 11am-3pm, we will need at least ten (10) cars for this event.

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Grandview Show and Shine from 10am-4pm and entrance fee is \$10.00.

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo Parade. Judging for this event will begin at 8:15 am with the parade beginning at 10:00 am. Afterwards, there will be lunch at the home of Bob and Dolores McClary.

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Bickleton Car Show from 10am-4pm and entrance fee is \$10.00.

It looks like a full schedule for the month of August, so to stay informed please continue to come to the Wednesday morning breakfast meetings at Sterling's for any updates to the schedule.

As always, bring a neighbor or friend or any car buff, the more the merrier!!

I called your house the other day and was told you were down at your favorite biker bar. I

wasn't sure where that was, but was told I wouldn't have trouble finding. It.. Sure enough I drove a couple blocks and there it was ....



## Parade and Picnic

This years 4th of July Parade had a great turn out, at last count 15



cars, and more to show up at the picnic at Jim Sterling's

home later This year Jim & Laura Sterling invited us to their house after the parade for a catered meal, and what a meal it was. They served us chicken ,Sausages, burgers, corn on the cob, fruit, chips , salsa, drinks, you name it and they had it.



They did all of the work and we just sat around enjoying the weather and the view.



As you can see from the pictures we had quite a showing at the Sterling's Jim's cars are on the next page.



This is Jim's Caddy and his Auburn Boat tail. Laura's Little Blue T'Bird was in the repair shop getting new universal joints installed.

On the next page you can see the award we won at the 4th of July Parade in Pasco.



## Aug Birthdays

1st	Ray Benson	23rd	Edris Shegrud
17th	Carolyn Shreve	24th	Rick Rickard
22nd	Gayle Noga	26th	Delores Benson
22nd	Odetta Linden	27th	Judy McGarity

## Anniversaries

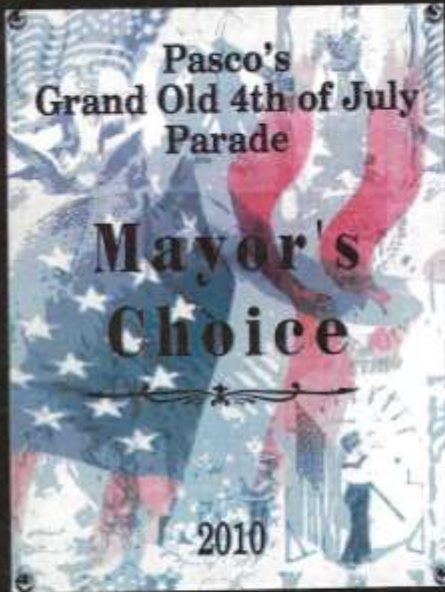
6th	Ward and Denise Moberg
8th	Fred and Mary Fraser
9th	Phil and Dolly Prather
29th	Dwight and Lorreta Underwood

## Thoughts to ponder

**It is an iron law of History that power passes from debtor to creditor**

**It is part of the American character to consider nothing as desperate**

Thomas Jefferson



So not only did we have a fun time at the parade and some great food and socializing at the Sterling's, but we won an award too. It wasn't all fun and games we had some problems too. I got my car stuck in between gears and Pete Jackson had the same problem, and I think it was Phil Prather that had a dead battery.. But all in all it was a great day.

### Prez Sez

Wow! It is already August, how time flies! July was a great month for the car club. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, we had a very large turnout for the Grand Ole 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Pasco. Afterwards, we all went to Jim Sterling's beautiful home for a great lunch. We also took home the Mayor's Choice award.

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we had a great lunch and music at the Tri-City Retirement Inn and many cars showed up for the event.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, four (4) cars showed up at the Richland Wynwood Care Center and we had good time having lunch, ice cream and lots of great conversation.

### Reader's photos



Maiden voyage of Tom and Laura's 1938 Lesalle coupe was to drive it from Benton City to our Wednesday morning breakfast at Sterling's in Kennewick. All went well, but the trip was very hard on the nervous system of the Beavers.

Do you recognize these people?? They are Dwight and loretta Underwood, Dave Underwood's brother and sister in law. They live in lacy Washington and are active in a car club up there as well as in our club Below is a picture of his 1940 Plymouth. That is Dwight standing front of it holding the award he won for best of the 40's

