



“THE BLOW-BY”

APRIL 2011

HENRY'S HALF-TONS MEETS ON THE SECOND
SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9:00AM

Officers are:

President: Jim W.
Secretary: Carol C.
Activity Director: Dean H.

Vice President: Conni N.
Treasurer: Sharon J.
Newsletter: Jan H.

FROM THE PREZ-

We are well into April and it's time to get another newsletter out. Speaking of the newsletter, I want to commend Jan H. and Donna I. for doing a great job on newsletter good job Ladies !!!

My rambling's today are not necessarily in any particular order, just basic information that I want to pass along to other club members. At the risk of duplicating some of Jan's info, I guess I will charge into it.

Bill Lyman has informed me that he has sold his condo in Ridgefield, WA. and is moving to Sedro Wooley, WA to live with his son. I for one, will really miss Bill, but I understand why he is making the change. Maybe we can get together now and then. As soon as I have his address, phone number, etc. I will pass this information to the rest of the club members. Bill is one fine gentleman. !!!!

Dean & Jan H. have purchased a place near Redland on Bradley road. I'm sure that they will be putting their address, phone numbers, etc. I believe that Jan working on an updated club roster, so if you have moved, changed e-mails, deleted your house phone, etc. please send the updated information.

Yours truly got his fat fendered Ford painted and re-pinstriped and gold leafed recently. Now, if I had the money, motivation I would like to do several other major changes to "big red." Changes like the rest of the air conditioning, rear fuel tank, etc.

Jim C. had a tumor removed from his head recently, he seems to be doing great. The tumor was benign, thank goodness. Jim should be ready to cruise soon !! Good going Jim.

Wes Oster & little brother and Bob Noble are recruiting heavily for people to accompany them on the cross country trip to the Nationals in Tennessee in May. Please call Wes at 503-873-2573 or 503-949-2060 if interested.

FOR SALE- 1965 Ford Thunderbird. This beauty is red with white interior. Many new parts installed the last few years, all receipts available. Has under 100,000 miles on it. Asking price: \$9,995, contact Dave Jimmerfield for additional information. Ph. numbers: 503-630-3488 or 503-706-2372.

April 30th, May 1st, Cruise to Camp Rilea near Warrenton, Oregon. The event is to be held on Saturday the 30th and many members are staying overnight in Garibaldi. On Sunday the 1st, the gang is traveling to Tillamook to tour the blimp hangar. If interested in a fun weekend, contact Sharon J. for additional details, such as departure time, location "hook up" and motel information. This is a fun event and the show is held in beautiful Camp Rilea, near Warrenton.. Oh, the trip home will find that some people are going to stop at a casino.

That's about it from the Prez for this time around. See ya at the April 16th meeting, 9:00 a.m. at McCools bar and grill, 122nd & Sunnyside Avenue
Jimbo

Minutes

March 12th meeting called to order @ 9:05 A.M. by Jim W. 13 members present.
No guests.

No minutes from Feb. meeting. Secretary was not present.

Sharon gave treasures report and that those who have not paid their dues. Please do at this time. Also stated that Jim W. needs to meet with her to get his name put on the account.

Old news: Connie went to the Whistle Stop to talk to Charles and Barb to see why they haven't been to any meetings for awhile. They have been busy working week-ends, but will try to make some meetings.

New news: Carol told all that Jim was getting along good since his surgery. Also J.D. had a surgery, and told us that he is doing great.

Does anyone have a suggestion on a new meeting place, or is everyone okay to keep it at McCools?

Jan would like to feature a club member truck every month in our newsletter. Since volunteers are scarce she will draw a name each month and call them so they can get her a little info on their truck. If you have a picture or two, get them to her, too. J.D. kindly offered to do it for the month of April. Thanks to him for getting things rolling. Jan also said there will be a new roster soon, and if you would please get her info on you birthdays and anniversaries.

Also you all know Richard P. lost his wife Susan a few weeks back. Our hearts and prayers go out to him. He said that there will be a memorial service for her on Sat. April 9th at 1:00 P.M. at Cornelius Lutheran Church. He will get us more info.

Up coming cruises suggested were:

Trip to the Naked Winery

Easter egg hunt put on by Rose City St. Rods

Camp Rilea on 4/20

Cruise to The Dalles

Sherwood Car Show

Cruzin With the Cops in Aug. (to be held at Canby this year)

Portland Transmission 5/7

Wes and Bob (Flywheels) want to know if anyone is interested to cruise to Tenn. If interested contact Jim W.

Truck updates:

Jim W. had some painting done and pin stripping.

J.D. widened fenders, intermittent wipers, and had a picture of the awesome work done to his dash.

Bill L. sold his condo and will be moving up to live with his son. Sure will miss that guy. Hope he comes down for a visit.

Next meeting @ McCools on 4/16 at 9:00 A.M. Anyone wanting club hats and jackets contact Jim W.

John S. Sent an interesting cruise coming up June 11th Cruisin' Sherwood. It is presented by Sherwood Chamber of Commerce. A copy of the information will be at the meeting.

John Springgay's Truck

The very first [pickup truck](#) I ever owned was in 1971. I purchased a 1956 F-100 small window, with a nail head Buick motor and vacuum wipers. You all know how much I loved those vacuum wipers..... Well, over time I fell completely in love with the old mid fifty [Ford trucks](#). The next ten years I still had the original trunk, now with a 302 and top-loader 4 speed and electric wipers, a 56 big window truck with a 429 C6 comb, plus a chromed out parts truck. As life and family dynamics changed, I sold everything to one gentleman. I saw the big window in the Portland Roadster show the next year. It was painted in a two tone color combination, a tan cab and bed, with dark brown fenders, and still had the 429 motor.

Fast forward to a Sunday in early August 2008. Sitting behind the old keyboard, I typed in 1956 F-100's for sale and then clicked [Google Search](#). At the very top of the monitor appeared a Portland [Craigslist](#) add with pictures. The advertisement was from Classic Memories Motor Cars in Milwaukie. I called Classic Memories Monday morning and talked with a fella named Wade. Wade said the truck was already sold to a guy in [Texas](#). I asked Wade to take my name and phone number, just incase things changed. Wade said OK, but, I have never lost a sale on a car like this one. About three or four weeks later I received a phone call from of all people, Wade. He said the guy in Texas was a Chevy only guy, and just could not bring himself to buy a Ford. He then wanted to know if I was still interested, I said yes. By early to mid September the truck was in my garage. The truck was mostly stock, it has a [1992 302 Ford](#) roller motor with FMX automatic trans. The dash had been modified and suspension was lowered and updated stock Ford parts. At that time I did not know the truck was soon to be my retirement project.

As we all know stock 50's trucks do not drive like modern day cars and trucks. So began an old, and life long passion. With an oil change, engine tune-up, Master Power power brakes and new [brake lines](#), a new fuel system from the [gas tank](#) all the way up to and including new Holley [electric fuel pump](#), [Summit Racing](#) carburetor, a home made air cleaner, Classic Performance Products front disc brakes, and a lot of rewiring (so much standing on my old head, rewiring). Reinstalled a stock bezel and gauges, from Jimbo's, and rebuilt by Abbott Instrument Restorations in SW Portland. A new wiper system (can't get away from those darn wipers) by Pacific Western Design with intermittent wipe switch and the wiper motor under the dash. This winter the [running boards](#) were molded to fit the newly widened rear fenders and a custom dash insert for above the glove box by A and M Deluxe Customs in Cornelius OR.

Future plans include 4R70W overdrive transmission, IFS with [rack and pinion](#) and a 351W motor.

But the best part of owning a collector car is all the great people you get to know, in and outside of our obsession!

John~





I would like to thank John for his great truck article I really appreciated it.
Keep on truckin,

Jan
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