



## **JANUARY 2011, "THE BLOW-BY" CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR OF FUN**

Here is hoping everyone has had a very "Happy New Year" so far. This is a short news letter to let you know what has been going on.

Our meeting place for January 8th has been changed because Marli's has been closed. The new place for trial is McCools Pub & Grill. The address is 12066 SE Sunnyside Rd. Clackamas, OR. We will still meet at 9:00 a.m. We will try this place to see if it will work for everyone. It is in a shopping center along with Shari's and Safeway. Bring some ideas for an alternate meeting place as well as club activities !!!!!

### **OLD NEWS –**

Good time was had by all at the joint club Christmas Party held at the Big Valley Woods community hall on December 18th. Lots of food, fun gifts and a visit from Elvis.

New officers were selected at our November meeting and are as follows:

President: Jim W.

Vice President: Connie N.

Secretary: Carol C.

Treasure: Sharon J.

Activity Director: Dean H.

Newsletter: Jan H.

## **JIM W. UPDATE –**

Jim's hip replacement operation was on November 30th and was successful. Later on he developed an infection and had to return to the hospital from the recovery center on December 13th and was operated on for the infection. He is now back at the recovery center as of December 30th and doing better.

See you all on the 8th

## **Jan**

**Here's a couple of items of interest. The first is YouTube video that came to me by e-mail... thanks Dave for sending these!**

*If you haven't visited this place when you have been down in Florida, then here is what you have missed. It is not normally open to the public, so you have to go down there as a club having booked an appointment first with John Staluppi at his "Cars of Dreams" museum. It's located in a North Palm Beach strip Mall near Northlake Boulevard on US 1 highway. All money he raises goes to kids "Make a Wish Foundation"..... so just enjoy his collection of cars which, is worth a total of \$12 million with another \$4.5 million worth of buildings and collectibles..... his place is bigger than a football field. He started out working at a GM dealership as a Corvette mechanic.*

*Change it to Full screen mode, and turn the sound on.....Enjoy!*

**Tail Fins and Chrome Features: Cars of Dreams –**

**[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbN\\_BAn55a4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbN_BAn55a4)**

## **WORLD'S RAREST CAR**

This is the car that in 1954 could have "killed" the Corvette.....so, Chevrolet, being GM's big sales and profit Division, campaigned to GM to "kill" this car. When Chevy was coming out with its 6-cyl. sports car with its 2-speed "Powerglide" transmission and side curtains here was a sports car from Olds with a big old V-8 and power windows.

So, GM said no to Oldsmobile on building this car.....

The world's rarest automobile. A 1954 concept Old's Rocket F88 – the only one in existence. (read the story below) John S. Hendricks, (Discovery Communications founder) paid in excess of \$3 million to acquire.

### **1954 Oldsmobile F-88 Convertible Concept Car**

After spending decades as a collection of parts stuffed into wooden crates – the F-88 was reassembled. In 1954 – the F-88 was a Motorama "Dream Car" and was one of only two – or an

unconfirmed possible three ever created. The F-88 seen here is literally the only car left of its kind – and was sold to John and Maureen

Hendricks at the prestigious Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona for an unbelievable \$3,240,000. This acquisition made automotive history and is the “cornerstone” of the Gateway Colorado Automobile Museum in its own special room in a rotating display worthy of the F-88!



