



## MARCH 2010, "THE BLOW-BY" CELEBRATING OUR 38th YEAR OF FUN

Is it me are would you all agree that time is flat flying. Anyway, it seems that it is time to crank out another edition of the 'ol Blow-by. There was one e-mail update sent to me was from Melodie H., you can read in the new news section.

### **OLD NEWS –**

The meeting last month was at Marli's in Boring, Oregon and we had a good attendance. I counted 14 members present and in addition three family members were there also. These three family members joined Henry's at the meeting. They are John S., (owns a very nice '56 big window), Don & Connie N. and Charles & Barb L., Don and Connie have two 56 pickups and Charles and Barb have a 55. Please welcome the new members to the club and give them all the support they might need. A new roster with their names will be added and sent out by the president Dean.

Items discussed at the meeting were upcoming events, an upcoming trip up the gorge to the air museum in Hood River and a wine tasting venture is also planned. The trip is scheduled for Saturday March 27th, the meeting location is the outlet mall parking lot in Troutdale, Oregon and the departure time is set for 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at Cascade Locks. This is a neat trip and fairly close to home, so be there or be square. Other events discussed were: The Portland Swap Meet, April 7, (P.I. R. only) 8-10th. at both the P.I.R. and the Expo. The following week the Portland Roadster Show. Please see upcoming events section towards the end of the newsletter.

The president reminded the members that club dues are due now, so nag, nag, nag, please contact Sharon if you are in arrears on dues. Thanks !!

### **NEW NEWS –**

Well, it seems that Larry & Melody have had a rather trying time in attempting to retrieve a dog that belongs to Melodie's brother. Apparently, the dog got loose and took off. The effort they put in getting him back is remarkable. The following is in her words and she does a great job in telling the story. Please read.:

Hi Jim, This is Melodie, but I am sending this to you from Larry's new email:<snip>

Hope life is treating you well. Things here have been an adventure. Our PDX house sale closed on 2/16 - Finally! Larry has been here since the 17th and we've been busy. On Feb. 9th I lost my brother's whippet dog "Zachery." I had taken him and my dog to our Alfalfa property 3 or 4 times, but this time I was answering a phone call when I opened the car door and both dogs jumped out. By the time I quit the call, hollered for the dogs, realized I only had one (and shoved her in the front door) and ran to the side of the outbuilding — he was gone! I caught a brief glimpse of his tail as he was chasing "something" — and as a sight hound, all he could see was his intended prey (deaf to my calls!). I called my brother at his new job and told him I'd lost his dog! He came out (suit & tie) and we followed dog tracks calling Zach until dark. I never felt so bad in my life as I drove back to Kelley's house – 20 miles away. This 9 year old dog had never spent a night outside in his life. The temperatures were in the low to mid 20's at night, we had a 5,600 acre BLM recreation area and an additional 40,000 acre Badlands Wilderness adjoining that. We have deer, badgers, coyotes, and cougar in the area along with many ranch dogs who like to hunt the deer and rabbits and we ran across a good selection of all in our hunt for the dog. My sister tracked the dog from sun up to sun down, my brother searched before and after work. Larry came over that day and searched along with his moving buddy for two days. We printed and distributed 400 flyers, placed newspaper ads, called vet clinics, placed online ads with craigslist, lostadog, findfido, and findtoto (a service that sends an automated call to 250 numbers within a 20 mile radius). We went door to door in the big area and met lots of neighbors – all offering to help search or keep an eye out for Zach. I was contacted by the head of the Portland Whippet Rescue organization as well as one in New York (Ah, the power of the internet). They set up a constant update with [whippetworld.com](http://whippetworld.com) and whippet lovers from Vancouver BC to New Zealand followed our search and offered tips. Local sight hound owners brought their dogs out to search, our chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails (who we hadn't yet met) came out and rode for 4 hours on the BLM trails where we had sighted or found tracks. Every couple of days we'd get news of a sighting and we even caught a few glimpses of him ourselves. It was enough to keep us going — he'd survived over a week on his own, so there was hope. I flew 3 hours in a helicopter over the 5,600 acre area with two pilots who proved two extra sets of eyes – no sightings (well, not of the dog). People called daily to keep up on the search, they emailed me, and they sent their kids and spouses out to search. Our PDX Whippet woman got us several radio spots and hooked us up with a couple of animal communicators. I know most of us would laugh that resource off, but they helped us find that dog! On the eighth day I was at the command center, my plucky sis and bro were out on the trail and our great neighbor who had been riding his ATV on the hunt, had let us put a couple of live traps on his property – where the dog seemed to be circling. Zach was working a 3 to 6 mile arch, but we hadn't found new tracks or had a sighting for 2 days. The dog whisperers kept telling us to go to a specific road area about 3 miles east of where the dog had been. Well, I got a call from a rancher who had seen the

dog on the road as he was taking his kids to school the day before. He lived near the road the communicators were telling us to search. This fellow had gone in to the Alfalfa Market Store and saw our posted flyer and called us. I relayed the call to my siblings and they went to meet the rancher and had him take them to where he had seen the dog. Zach had been hanging around an abandoned trailer on the property of a young scruffy space cadet who pointed out the trailer. The dog came when called and home he came...only having lost 5 lbs., pink ears and nose from exposure, and some minor brush scratches on his leg and chest! He was a lot smarter than we gave him credit for. That night he was on the couch in front of a fire, with a full belly, and lots of attention. The temperature outside dropped to 19 — but nobody cared. Happy ending for all, and we now know that Bend is dog lovin' country, people are friendly and willing to help each other and strangers, and we must own the most famous whippet in North America. It's a great story and it's all true! Well, I'll write again and report what we can only hope is tamer news. — Take care, Jimbo -----Melodie

Wow!!

### **ITEMS FOR SALE. BUY TRADE OR BARTER—**

None reported.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS—**

As mentioned above there will be a tour up the gorge on March 27th, Saturday. Meeting time is 8: 00 a.m. at the outlet mall in Troutdale. **A tour of the air museum and a winery or two is planned.**

**Portland Swap Meet** April 7-10, P.I.R. and the Expo Center. Phone 503-678-2100 for additional information.

**Portland Roadster Show** April 16-18. Convention Center, Portland, Oregon.

Phone 503-232-4567 for details.

**Spring Fling** May 23. Sponsored by Puget Sound Limiteds of Northern Washington Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., location: Nile Shrine Center exit 177 off of I-5 \$15 per vehicle, over 50 trophies, door prizes, etc. contact: Paul at 425-670-0946 or mail to Puget Sound Limiteds, 7817 185th Place, S W, Edmonds, Washington 98026

### **NEXT MEETING—**

The meeting for March is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 13th at 9:00a.m. Location: Marli's restaurant in Boring, Oregon. Marli's is located atop the club house at the Boring golf course. Please contact me or Dean if you need directions or help in locating this place.

### **SAD NEWS TO REPORT—**

Sharon J. recently lost her father, I'm sure that we all send our condolences to her and her family.

## **EDITORS RAMBLINGS–**

It was encouraging and refreshing to have three new family members join this last month. I always enjoy talking to new people and listen to them talk about their truck project. It seems that nearly everybody has a project that they are involved in. Cool.

Happy March birthdays to: Judy B., Carol C. and Jesse L.

That's about it for this rendition of the Blow-by

Thanks for your time and attention !!

Jim W.

**Thanks to those who contributed to the newsletter.**