



“THE BLOW-BY”

MAY 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:
James & Barb J. May 2.

MINUTES

April 16th meeting called to order @9:00 A.M. by Jim W. 17 members present and Lou and Glenda's grandchildren---Samantha and Stanley. No guests present. Last month's minutes were approved by all---Lou 1st, Sharon seconded.

Old business:

All that attended the swap meet at PIR said that there was a good attendance. Lots of vendors—filled the place up. Also, J.C. thanked everyone for his bottle of "medicine" and said it helped him recover quickly!!

New business:

Jan and Dean moved into their new place. Just about settled in. They have a big barn—100x108 and a big work shop—24x36. (Not that Dean has enough stuff to fill it up) Right Dean???

Jan has been very busy moving but said she will try to get the new roster out next month. If there are any changes to your addresses or numbers, make sure you notify her. Also, she would like your birth dates and anniversaries.

Thanks to J.S. for the great article on his truck. It was good to see how things came about. Lou D. has volunteered to do one on his rig for next month. Don't worry folks—your turn is coming. So start thinking how you would like to tell all about your truck. I bet you can hardly wait!! Right?

The club got a nice letter from the Holliday's, with some upcoming events going on over their way. They said we are all welcomed to come over for a visit. Maybe the club could plan a trip over there sometime this summer.

J.S. brought some info on the Sherwood cruise. If we plan on it, he said we would all have to meet very early in order to be able to park together. It is on Sat. June 11th.

Got a call from Charles and Barb. They still want to be members. Just having a hard time trying to get to a meeting on a Saturday. But they are working on it. I understand he is building a slant cab.

Camp Rilea is 4/30/11. Meeting at McDonald's on Yeon @ 6:00 A.M.
Rose City St. Rods are no longer having their Easter egg hunt.
May 15th is The Bomber put on by the Ford's of The 50's.
May 14th, & 15th swap meet at Monroe WA.
May 14th Jim Dandy Cruise IN on Sandy and 100th
July 10th 1st Annual Show and Shoot @ The Portland Gun Club

Next meeting is May 21st at McCools. If anyone has any ideas of another meeting place mention it at the next meeting. Lou D. suggested that one meeting this summer could be at the View Point out by Jim W. Everyone agreed.

Don't forget if you want club hats, sweatshirts, or jackets let Dean H. know. He will be checking on it for us.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M. See you all next month!!!

FROM THE PREZ

It's time once again to produce another version of the Blow-by or at least a section of it. I hope this gives you some information and I truly hope that all members are happy and healthy. Once again there is no particular order my ramblings are listed.

Received a phone call from John Westran a couple of days ago. Madge and John are back in their home in Vancouver for the summer, I guess they like Arizona, 'cause they have going there now for several years. John indicated he would like to get back with us on a regular basis and in general be a part of Henry's. He said that he planned to be at Saturday's meeting. It was good to hear from John and I look forward to his smiling face.

Received a phone call or two from Harvey Stines, our new friend. He stated he was in the hospital for quite a while to "roto-root" out his veins and have some tests run. He is better now and he said he plans to attend our upcoming meetings. I glad to hear he is doing o.k.

News from the north—that the new LeMay's museum is on track for grand opening in 2012. The 165,000 square-foot museum will house the complete LeMay car collection and it will be the largest in the world. When completed, the \$60 million dollar project will attract more than 425,000 visitors annually. The museum is located right next to the Tacoma dome. Follow the LeMay progress at www.lemaymuseum.org. Maybe we can plan a club run up to the museum sometime next summer.

This year's "Bomber Run" (sponsored by Associated Fords of the Fifties), has come and gone. While the club performed with the typical high standards, the weather gods did not co-operate and the attendance was down, still, everybody that attended seemed to have a good time

UPCOMING EVENTS-

June 3-4, Cruise to Lake Chelan, Washington- Contact: Mike Steele at 1-800-424-3526 for details. Or check the web at: www.cruizinchelan.com.

The 34th Annual OSP Car Bike Show-Saturday June 18, 2011 to be held at Oregon State Prison, 2605 State Street, Salem, Oregon. Processing hours are: 7:00 a.m.-9: 30 a.m. and the show runs to 5:00 p.m. Entry fee:\$35.00 dollars, includes T-shirt, DVD, breakfast pastries, BBQ style lunch and beverages all day. Contact: Ray Austin, Salem, Oregon, ph. number: 503-373-2289 for additional information.

Cruise the Gorge, The Dalles, Oregon – August 12-14, Call 541-980-7183 for details.

Jim W.

HOW TO READ A TIRE SIDEWALL

Translate the gibberish on your tire

By Kirk Bell

The typical tire size is expressed something like this: P245/45R17 93H M+S. These numbers and letters can seem Greek, so let's define them one at a time.

P: The first letter stands for the tires intended use. P is the most common and it means passenger. LT stands for Light Truck. And LT tire has a sturdier construction than a P tire, and it can carry a greater load, which we will talk about later.

245: The width of the tire, from sidewall to sidewall, in millimeters. A 245 is 245 millimeters or 24.5 centimeters wide. The tread width is actually somewhat smaller than the tire's actual width.

45: Aspect Ratio. This is the sidewall's height from the inside diameter to the outside diameter. It is expressed as a percentage of the width. A 245/45 is 45 percent as tall as it is wide, making it approximately 110.25 millimeters tall. As aspect ratios decrease, the tire's firmness increases. Smaller aspect ratios, such as 35 or 40 are generally reserved for performance tires on sports cars.

R: The tire's type of construction. R stands for Radial, and all new cars and light trucks today use radials. You may also see B in this spot for Bias Ply. Bias Ply tires were used prior to the mid 1970's.

17: The tire's diameter, which matches the outer diameter of your tires wheels.

93: Load Rating. Load ratings range from 2 to 279 and has corresponding weight associated with it. A93 load rating means that a tire is certified to carry up to 1433 pounds as maximum inflation pressure. If a car weighs 4000 pounds, then each tire handles 1000 pounds with no passengers or cargo aboard. If you intend to tow a heavy boat or trailer, you should buy tires with a higher load rating. This will require some math to figure out the vehicle weight, the trailer weight, and the weight of the load you may carry inside the vehicle while towing. Add it all up, divide by four and make sure your replacement tires have a corresponding load rating.

H: Speed Rating. All passenger tires have a speed rating expressed by a letter. Those letters and the corresponding speeds the tires are capable of are included in this chart:

S: 112 mph

T: 118 mph

U: 124 mph

H: 130 mph

V: 149 mph

W: 168 mph

Y: 186 mph

Z: over 186 mph

A speed rating is really an indication of a tire's ability to dissipate heat to avoid a blowout. Higher speeds mean greater heat buildup. Tires with higher speed ratings are constructed to handle heat better. In general, they also ride harder than tires with lower speed ratings. S-, T-, and U-rated tires are considered regular passenger-car tires. H- and V-ratings are reserved for touring tires, which are generally found on sport sedans. The Z rating is for performance tires found on sport cars.

M+S: Mud and Snow. This is an all-season tire. A summer performance tire would have no designation here.

(This information was taken from www.myride.com)

GOOD EXCUSE FOR SPEEDING

I'm speeding because I have to get there before I forget where I'm going

Keep on truckin

Jan