



“THE BLOW-BY” OCTOBER 2011

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

Officers are:

President: Jim W.

Vice President: Conni N.

Secretary:

Treasure: Sharon J.

Activity Director: Dean H.

Newsletter: Jan H.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY GOES OUT TO:
Jarrod & Erin

From The Prez:

Golly, just like that we are heading into winter and that means that the rod runs, cruise-ins are winding down and it's time to stock up on wood for the stove and get ready to do that upgrade on your truck you have been putting off.

Let's see, um, activities for the last month or so include the following:

September 17th, a club run to Mount St. Helens. We met at Gee Creek and caravanned up I-5 to Castle Rock. While it was a bit wet, I think everybody that went had a good time. Club turnout was good considering the weather conditions. Thanks to Dean H. for his efforts in putting together the event. Thanks to everybody who contributed.

September 24th, the twenty fifth Macleay cruise-in. The weather was great and the event was a success as usual. The Flywheels work hard at making this event a great fun time. It was good to see Wes and Bob and gang again. It was great talking to Kevin Purdue (a long time customer), and checking out his beautiful '55 which is back on the road. Don and Conni showed up with

their '56 big window. There were almost 200 vehicles at the event; a good time was had by all.

The annual Canby swap meet was last weekend and the event had a great turn out, particularly considering the economy. This event is put on by Rose City Street Rods, the Nomad Club and by Fords of the Fifties car clubs. Again, this is a well organized, well managed event and it goes without saying that a lot of volunteer work made all that possible.

As we head into another year we need to consider that new officers will need to help run the club. So, please give this some thought and voice your selection for the people who will represent Henry's for 2012. Nominations are requested at the October 15th meeting. The club needs your help and support, so please step forward and offer to contribute.

On a personal note, I would like to mention that I feel that I let the club down this last year. While I have not lost any enthusiasm for this club and I feel that you the members are my friend(s), I simply did not have the energy and drive to lead the club the way I used to do, or the way I feel it should be. I was honored to be voted in as president last year, but because of my health, I could not really focus on the issues at hand and assist Dean H. in planning activities and meetings, etc. as I should have. It wasn't until mid-summer that I felt that I was at least partially back to normal. I feel that I let the club down (and myself), and I think Henry's suffered because of it. I will admit that I feel it's time for somebody else to step up and run the club. I have either been president, newsletter editor or both for most the twenty years as a member of Henry's. I know there are many qualified members of Henry's who can do a great job as president, secretary, treasurer, activities director etc. Speaking for myself and only for myself, is time for a change and let someone with new ideas and fresh sense of direction take over the reins of running the club.

As we wind down the year and vote for officers for 2012, I want to personally thank the officers we have had for 2011, you are the best and are very much appreciated by me.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15th, at Mc Cools bar and grill located at 122nd and Sunnyside road. The time is set for 9:00 a.m.

Stay tuned for the trucker of the year award to be announced at the November meeting. This is something I feel strongly about and I will make the decision on who should receive the award.

Once again, Henry's has been fortunate enough to invited to the Fords of the Fifties annual Christmas party. The party is to be held at the same location as the last few years: Big Valley Woods Mobile Home Park located off Highway 211 approximately half way between Eagle Creek and Sandy. The date and time to be announced in the next issue of the Blow-By.

Jim W., President Henry's Half Tons Limited

PS. Thanks for your time and attention and support !!!!!

The Mount St. Helens cruise started out with typical Northwest weather. "RAIN" and it continued most of the day. There were some breaks along the way. Our first stop was at the Oak Tree for breakfast. We met up with Jarrod, Erin and son. They brought along some friends that have a neat F-100 pickup. Their names are Migel and Lori Salinas and their son Lorenzo. Migel

and his brother restored the 1956 pickup in 2006. It has a 2004 F-150 engine, transmission, and transfer case, all computerized. It sits on a mid 70's Chevy Blazer chassis.

We stopped at the Learning center but it was closed for the season. The gift shop was open so some shopping was done. The view of the destruction from the water and debris was unbelievable. Last stop was a Johnson Ridge Observatory. There was a lot to look at and the clouds sort of went away for pictures.

A long the way going and coming back there were lots of thumbs up from passing cars and a lot of interest in our pickups at every place we stopped.

THIS MONTHS CHUCKLE

Johnny and his wife went to the State Fair every year. Every year Johnny would say, "I'd like to ride in that demolition derby." And every year his wife would say, "I know Jonny, but the demo derby ride costs a hundred dollars, and a hundred dollars is a hundred dollars." This one year Johnny and his wife went to the fair and Johnny Said, "I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that demo car this year I may never get another chance." A driver heard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal, I'll take you both for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word "I'll charge you. Johnny and his wife agree and into the car they go. The driver does all kinds of crashes and bangs, but not a word is heard. The driver turns to Johnny, "I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't." Johnny replied, "Well I was going to say something when my wife fell out of the car but a hundred dollars is a hundred dollars.

Keep on truckin
Jan
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