



THE PIT STOP



MOSES LAKE CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Steam Cars?

Welcome to a New Year! Rumor has it that at the annual Christmas meeting fun was had by all. Florida was wonderful, warm, and 80 degrees when we left. Imagine our climate shock upon arriving home! Brrrrrrr. My column for the next newsletters will focus on the history of different cars and manufacturers. I hope you find it as informative and interesting as I do.

The Stanley Steamer: Many engineers experimented with steam cars. The most successful were the Stanley brothers. In 1896 they gave up a photographic plate company to build a steamer. For its time it was amazing. But even more amazing were the brothers themselves. Identical twins, they dressed alike and even trimmed their beards alike. Although they refused to advertise their car, their mirror image appearance was more than sufficient to publicize it. Stanley was actually the first really successful automobile corporation in America. By 1899 the business was flourishing and the brothers sold it to Locomobile. But instead of retiring, they built another model, were sued by Locomobile, redesigned the car, and went into business again.

Like many other car makers, the Stanley brothers proved their product by racing tests. It was a good product. It was phenomenally fast. It was dependable. As a matter of fact, the engineers of that time predicted that the car of the future would be steam driven.

The first great triumph of the Stanley Steamer came in 1906. A car with a strange body appeared at Daytona Beach, Florida, in January of that year. It looked like a small boat with a prow front and rear. Actually this was an early attempt at streamlining. The slender, highwheeled vehicle flashed across the sands at a little over 127 mph, setting a new land speed record. It was a great record. Darracq had held the previous record with a speed of 109 mph, made in 1905. Stanley held the record until 1910, when Barney Oldfield drove a Benz only four miles per hour faster.

Stirred by their success, the Stanley brothers returned in 1906 with the same car. They were set for an all-out effort. They tuned the car to a fine edge, and ran the boiler pressure up to an astronomical figure. With Fred Marriott, who had driven the previous year, at the wheel, the machine started down the beach. The speed increased steadily 150, 160, and still climbing. The speedometer now read 197, and the needle showed no sign of easing down. Suddenly the car hit a slight bump, and Nature's laws of aerodynamics took over. The bottom of the car was completely smooth, in fact it functioned as a wing. Marriott and the Stanley became airborne! For about 100 feet the car really flew. Then it landed. A crumpled wreck and a badly injured driver were the result. The speed was necessarily unofficial, but it was not until 1927 that a record car exceeded the pace of that famous run 197 mph, back in 1906!

The Stanleys kept building. They produced many passenger models, which sold quite well to the American public. In 1917, they retired and sold the company, but the Stanley Steamer was not discontinued until 1925. What happened to the steam car? I'll let you know next month!

Dave

Moses Lake Classic Car Club

Dec. 11, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Memories-R-Forever, called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Vice President Brett.

The minutes from our last meeting were approved as printed in our last Newsletter. Barb Shay gave the Treasurers report, \$423.41 paid last month on four bills. A motion was approved to pay the bills on hand.

Vice Pres. Brett requested only important Old/New Business so we could get on to our Christmas party--Karen talked about the 'preliminary' car show registration form handed out. She and Bruce have talked about changing some of the classes and she has talked to Shirt Builders about our 2009 car show T-shirts. Harley updated us on charter member Ivan C. and Gordie suggested our club should consider Christmas gifts for folks at Sunbridge to show our gratitude.

Door prizes were drawn as follows: Ratchet screwdriver set to Rob T., Tire gauge to Glenda and a Tool bag to Sherri. LaDell won car of the month honors and Gordie won \$29 on the 50/50 drawing. The candy contest was judged by Nada and her crew. First place honors went to Sandy Blazer for her Chocolate covered Cherries, second place to Juanita Ottmar for her See's Fudge and third to Myra McCullough for her Pink Cherry Divinity. There was a full table of goodies, enough to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

Meeting adjourned early for the party. Gift drawing was done by numbered tickets. Gifts could change hands two times and many did. Bob M., Tom and Dell seemed to have a knack for picking the gifts that others wanted. Gifts weren't only for or about cars, there were also candles, music, wine and body butter. A fun time was had by all.

Submitted by Bob Kent, Secretary



Gone but Not Forgotten!

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of club member Dennis Ferguson who went to be with his maker on Sunday, December 28, 2008. Our sympathy goes out to his family. He will be missed!

Funeral services were held January 3, in Moses Lake.



Dennis
Ferguson's
1962 Mercury

Remembering E.C. Chuck Robinson

Edward Charles (Chuck) Robinson died December 19, 2008, in Longview, WA, at the age of 85.

In 1951, Chuck moved from Longview, WA, to Moses Lake where he was a farmer and a rural mail carrier. After retiring from the Post Office in 1980, he was able to spend more time on his hobby of restoring antique cars. He restored more than 50 cars and took part in many tours and car shows.

Chuck was a founding member of the Moses Lake Classic Car Club and was a life time member. He was an enthusiastic participant in life, and will be missed by family and friends alike. No services are planned at this time.



NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 8, 2009

TIME: 6:00 P.M DINNER

7:00 P.M MEETING

LOCATION: MEMORIES ARE FOREVER

MENU: COOK'S CHOICE

DESSERT: COOK'S CHOICE

(Menu and dessert choice unknown at time of printing.)

Just For Fun!

(See back page for answers.)

What car manufacturer received an endorsement from the American Physical Therapists Association?

- A. Cadillac B. BMW
C. Mercedes Benz D. Lexus

Each year the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) releases reports on all types of automotive information. They track what vehicles are most likely to be stolen or broken in to. The question is; What vehicle for 1999 was or is taken top honors as the Choice of Thieves?

- A. BMW 7 Series B. Buick Century
C. Acura Integra D. Range Rover

Did you know that in the Code of Federal Regulations it's illegal for US citizens to have contact with certain vehicles? The question is; What type of vehicle or driver's of that vehicle is it illegal for a US citizen to have contact with?

- A. Extraterrestrial vehicles and/or driver.
B. Cuban vehicles (Cords) and/or driver.
C. Iranian vehicles and/or drivers.
D. Iraqi vehicles (not camels) and/or driver.



December Car of the Month

LaDell & Bernie's 1970 Chevrolet Malibu

This Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu Sport Coupe was purchased by my father, Gene Yada, in Tekoa WA, May 12, 1970. It came with a 300 hp Turbo-Fire 350 V-8, Turbo-Hydra-matic 350, positraction rear end, 4 barrel carburetor, 2.73 ratio rear axles, power steering and brakes, and deluxe wheel covers.

I have owned the Malibu since Dad signed it over to me in August of 2003. This car is well documented as I have the original invoice, build sheet, copy of original title, Pre-Delivery Service checklist, new vehicle Warranty and owner protection plan with Protect-o-Plate. This car has the original engine and running gear. It was repainted in 2002.

The picture of the car was taken in May 2008. In the background of this picture, "Dorsey Chevrolet" can be seen on the side of the building. The Dorsey Chevrolet dealership is no longer in business but the building remains and remind us of the era when new car dealerships were prosperous in small towns.

An original, all stock, "Malibu" is a FUN car to have and to drive! Chevy fans appreciate this 39 year old Classic that is just as GREAT today as when it was brand new in 1970!

Just For Fun Answers...

The American Physical Therapists Association thought that a car seat which adapts to your body deserved some consideration. The seat uses a series of 10 air cells that measure internal pressure and with that information a processor makes adjustments so that the seat will promote blood flow and reduce muscle fatigue.

"A. Cadillac"

It is no surprise that the trendiest vehicles are the choice of thieves.

"D. Range Rover"

On a loss index with all vehicles starting at 100, the Land Rover Range Rover has Auto Theft popularity rating of a whopping 1253 on the Auto Theft index. What car, coming in at 10 on the Auto Theft index, is least likely to be stolen from your driveway? "B. Buick Century" You can leave the keys in the car with a full tank of gas and not worry, it'll still be there in the morning.

The Code of Federal Regulations, to state it mildly is a work of art. What some people think of to make a law of is amazing.

"A. Extraterrestrial vehicles and/or driver."

Yessiree you'll be in big trouble with the US government if they catch you in contact with a space car!

BUY-N-SELL 1958 Chevrolet Impalla

Owned since high school. In original, excellent condition. Has continental kit, spare tire. A real show stopper and winner. Asking \$35,000.00. Illness forces sale. (509) 762-6087, Joe.

A picture of the car can be seen on the club website by clicking on "Buy Sell Trade" link or copy the following link to access the page directly:
http://moseslakeclassiccarclub.com/_wsn/page9.html

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