



# Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, Inc.

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DEDICATED TO THE  
PRESERVATION & RESTORATION OF ALL  
PLYMOUTH AUTOMOBILES



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## Bades drive 30U Coupe to Orphan Car Show!

By Robin Will

Here's the kind of story we like to tell: a 40-year project, once again getting around under its own power.

That's right: 40 years. Mike Bade bought this 1930 Plymouth 30U as a basket case, for \$100, 40 years ago, and the basket wasn't included.

Mike's first impulse was to make a dragster, he recalls.

The drag-strip dreams faded quickly, and instead, Mike did a low-budget, frame-off restoration. He enjoyed the car in restored form through his last two years at Eastern Washington University, where he met Donna.

Shortly after their marriage in 1979, the '30U developed an engine knock that sounded like big trouble, and Mike put the coupe away until he had time to work on it.

Between career, home, kids, and life in general, there wasn't much time for about 30 years. By that time, the vision had changed again: not a dragster, and not another restoration, but the old coupe sure would make a nice hot rod.

That's how it ended up, with a little



*Ready for her closeup, Mike and Donna Bade's 1930 Plymouth 30U coupe arrived at the Orphan Car Show under her own power on June 24, 2012. Mike bought the coupe as a basket case 40 years ago. The only other 30U coupe in the club belongs to Gary Rusher, and the two are shown together in the meeting announcement box, below left.*

help from his friends in the Plymouth Club. A Dodge Dakota V6 motivates the coupe these days, through an automatic transmission, and there's even air-conditioning.

(There's a full write-up on the car at [CascadePacificPlymouth.org](http://CascadePacificPlymouth.org), and it's linked from the front page at the moment, for those who want details.)

Mike and Donna drove the '30U to the Orphan Car Show on June 24, 2012 – the first time this car has been out of the garage under its own power since about 1979.

There's still work to do, but hey, isn't there always work to do on an old car? The coupe was going in to Mitch Kim's for pinstriping early in July, and we'll be posting fresh pics to the car's web page as work progresses.

### Work on Cruise-In at July 24 CPPC meeting

CPPC's board has not planned a guest speaker for the July 24 meeting – instead, they hope to complete plans for the Cruise-In that's happening on August 18 at Riverview Park in Independence.

This is one of two scheduled fundraisers for the club in 2012. The other one was April's Portland Swap Meet.

CPPC is collaborating with the Central Lions Club on this project, and the two groups are splitting the proceeds. Independence is a great venue for a cruise-in, and this event offers CPPC a chance to extend its influence outside of the Portland area.

Sign-up sheets will be circulating.

**NEXT CPPC MEETING IS  
TUESDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>**



**SHINE UP YOUR CAR  
AND JOIN US!**

# Meeting highlights from June

## CPPC Officers 2012

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Please submit newsletter contributions  
by the 3rd Monday of each month.

### Membership & Dues:

Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, Inc. dues are \$20.00 per calendar year  
Membership runs February 1 through December 31.  
Concurrent membership to the National Plymouth Owners Club is required.  
<http://www.plymouthbulletin.com/members.htm>

### Mailing Address:

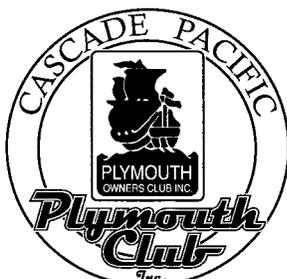
P.O. Box 2988, Clackamas, OR 97015

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### Vendor Rates:

\$25.00 for 11 issues, 3.5" x 2"  
Advertisements should be Plymouth-related services.



*From minutes taken  
by Donna Bade*

Cascade Pacific Plymouth® Club, Inc. met on June 26, 2012, at the Clackamas Community Club at 7:00 p.m. Bob Westphal, President, presided. Donna Bade recorded the minutes.

Fifty-seven people were in attendance. Visitors were Mike Drahota, Charles Nilsen, Ty and Holly Engstrom, Larry Sullivan and Kevin Batey.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Bob Westphal thanked Gerry and Kena Petersen and Barbara Rice for bringing refreshments.

Joanne Dixon introduced Retha Harden, who read a letter she wrote to the membership. She will miss everyone very much when she moves away on July 8.

Bob announced all of the birthdays for July and they stood for applause.

Bob Westphal, introduced the night's guest speaker, Ty Engstrom, a Portland police officer, who spoke about home and personal safety.

Treasurer's Report: Dolores Call reported a balance of \$9201.90 in the Club treasury effective before the evening's requests for reimbursement. The report was approved.

Membership: Materials including a 10 x 10 foot tent and a box of mounted pictures are still missing. If anyone has seen it, please let Robin Will know. The last time it was seen was at the Gresham car show.

Member Care: Lorraine Griffey reported. Bob Westphal has an eye infection. Patty Brost is having radiation every day. Sharon Tiffany and Bruce Kerslake are doing better. Jerry Klinger had cataract surgery and is having trouble with his sciatic nerve. Lee Powell is recovering after a triple bypass, and has appreciated friendship of the club. Lorraine Griffey's fractured shoulder is doing much better. Mindy Benfield said that Dave Williams is doing much better after his stroke, but visitors are still limited and should be scheduled with Vicki.

Mayflower Tours: The Orphan Car

Show was June's Mayflower event. See separate story.

Newsletter/Website: Robin Will thanked the membership for newsletter input. Jerry Dixon has added a list of activities in the upcoming newsletter and website. Robin rewrote the front page of the website to make it friendlier to prospective members. In May there were 441 visitors and so far in June there have been 398 unique visitors to the site.

Club Activities/Events: Sign-up sheets were circulated.

Board Report: Mike Bade reported that club information and membership applications are available for members to distribute at shows and cruise-ins. Robin has packets if you are interested. Please take flyers for our Cruise-In, in Independence, OR to other cruise-ins that you go to. That will help spread the word.

The board is discussing raising dues to \$25.00 a year to help cover our deficit. This could possibly bring in an extra \$600.00 in revenue per year.

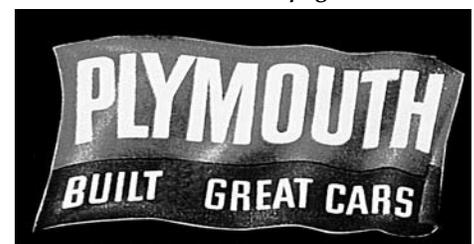
Another cost-cutting measure is emailing the newsletter to save postage, beginning next year. Member input will be solicited.

Cruise-In Lions Club: Gary Rusher passed out a sign-up sheet for work at the upcoming Cruise-In in Independence on August 18. Setup, parking, registration, raffle activities, T-shirt sales, 50/50 drawing, and tear down/cleanup help are all needed. Call Gary if you don't get a chance to sign up.

Technical Committee: There is an organizational meeting at Elmer's in Clackamas on July 7th.

New Business: Joanne Dixon wants everyone to try to get one sponsor for the cruise-in, or a donation. Bring

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# The Steering Column, A Message from the President

Wow! Summer is almost half over! The weather has been as close to perfect as it can get. There are car shows and car related events going on everywhere around us. I daily get notices of another car show somewhere within reach of our members. I just received a flier on an air show/car show at the Hillsboro Airport the first weekend of August.



Your President in company with other club members has already attended five events this month including Beaches, First Friday in Camas, and the Historic Columbia River Tour. Eight or nine July car events will be history by the time you read this. August has at least five shows including our own Lions Cruise on the 18th in Independence, Oregon.

Club members have had a history of giving their all helping with club sponsored events. The Cruise-In committee is expecting that club members will step up as usual and fill various positions needed to make this event special for everyone. There will be signup sheets for this and other up-coming events at the July membership meeting. Some of these events are in need of tour hosts

so feel free to step up and host one of these events.

The Tech Committee met on the July 7th and discussed not always using the first Saturday to meet. A large amount of club members are retired and have time during the week to do this. This would make it easier for those who need help with their cars to schedule with the Tech Committee and open up some weekends.

During the last membership meeting there was some controversy about the board changing the bylaws without consulting the membership, and board members being paid. Sec. IX covers changes and amendments to bylaws.

## Plan ahead for 2013 National POC Meet

"Plymouths to Old Pueblo" is the theme of the 2013 Spring Meet for the National Plymouth Owners Club, set for April 11-14, 2013, in Tucson, AZ.

Three days of tours and activities are planned, and in April, a springtime getaway to the desert will look mighty good to rain-drenched Oregonians.

These guys are organized! Info, including registration forms, are already available for download at <http://grandcanyonregionpoc.shutterfly.com>.

[www.scappoosehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.scappoosehistoricalsociety.org)

## What's happening in August ...

- **August 3-4-5 (Friday-Sunday)** Oregon International Air Show, Hillsboro. Air Show & Car Show with about 85,000 people in attendance. Info at [www.oregonairshow.com](http://www.oregonairshow.com)
- **August 4 (Saturday)** – Homer Davenport Days, Flywheels Cruise-In, Silverton. [http://www.silvertonflywheels.org/page\\_master.php?page=Events](http://www.silvertonflywheels.org/page_master.php?page=Events)
- **August 5 (Sunday)** – Columbia River Concours, Vancouver, WA. Info at <http://columbiariverconcours.com/>
- **August 11 (Saturday)** – Sumer Daze 2012 10th Annual Vintage & Specialty Car & Truck Show, in Heritage Park, downtown Scappoose. Info at
- **August 18 (Saturday)** – CPPC & the Independence Lions Club, Cruise-In, Riverside Park, Independence, OR
- **August 19 (Sunday)** – Sunbust All Mopar Show & Swap Meet, Graham, Washington. <http://moparsunlimited.org/sunbust/>
- **August 19 (Sunday)** – "Summer Finally Got Here," concert and car show in Colton, OR at 2:00PM. [www.aspenmeadowband.com](http://www.aspenmeadowband.com) for info and free tickets.
- **August 26 (Saturday)** – Stop & Smell the Roadsters, The Oregon Garden, Silverton. <http://oregongardencarshow.blogspot.com/>

Sec. 7.4 clearly allows the board to appoint other officers. Nothing is called out as to notifying the membership before doing so. As for paid board members, the board suggests that section X be read carefully.

Lastly, there were some of the CPPC calendars sold that showed the incorrect Tuesday for club meetings in August. This error was quickly caught and corrected. In the event you are like me and have one of the incorrect calendars take note; club meetings will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays as always in August.

Happy Touring!  
Bob Westphal

## Honoring Heroes: Still time to sign up for the July 28 run

Honoring Heroes, Inc. is a non-profit organization that supports our brave US military troops, past or present.

We send care packages to troops in the Mid-East; we assist in building homes for returning amputees; and this year we are focusing on returning veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) and their families. 100% of our profits will be used toward the support of our troops.

This year, we are hosting the; "Prison Break Poker Run" on July 28, 2012. Anyone is welcome to attend the event. There will be two classes; motorcycles and other vehicles.

The event will begin and end at the Hitchin' Post in Keizer. Registration begins at 8:30am

Each entry costs \$40.00. Each entry will receive a t-shirt, a food voucher, and tickets for door prizes and voting.

The winners of the "best poker hands" from each class, and the winners of the "fan favorite" voting, will receive custom metal trophies.

There will also be a silent auction of prison artwork.

Please contact us at [2012honoringheroespokerrun@gmail.com](mailto:2012honoringheroespokerrun@gmail.com) for additional information.

# CPPC'S Tech Committee starts Facebook group!

By Robin Will

CPPC's Technical Committee embraced 21st Century technology last week by starting up a Facebook group to facilitate communication.

Marlo Edman proposed the group as a party-line for tech committee question-and-answers, an easy way for the geographically-scattered committee members to keep track of what's going on, who needs help from the committee, and who can best offer that help.

This is part of the Tech Committee's ongoing mission to get every car in the club up and on the road.

Marlo Edman instigated the group and created it on Facebook, and he'll explain it if you give him a call.

The group is private, which means you'll need an invitation from a current group member to get in.

"Private," in this case, does not mean exclusive. Find Marlo, or Robin, or Mike Bade, or Gary Rusher – the group is growing as I write – and we'll invite you in, no problem.

Once you're in, you'll get an email message when any other member posts something, and you'll be able to get onto Facebook and add your two cents worth – or not.

## Order your car's build sheet from Chrysler museum site

Jerry Dixon shared a resource for MOPAR owners: Chrysler Historical Services offers owners manuals, factory photographs, and build sheets for most of the cars Chrysler has ever made.

Records go back to 1915, and include predecessor brands including Rambler, Nash, Hudson, and Willys-Overland along with the whole Chrysler Corporation lineup.

Expect to pay \$25 for a duplicate owner or service manual, \$25-\$45 for the build sheet for your car.

In addition to the items you can order, there is a large web-based archive of heritage information.

It's all explained on the website of the Walter P. Chrysler Museum,

<http://wpchryslermuseum.org/page.aspx?pid=400>

This appears to be an ideal way to involve all of the committee members in a discussion without multiple phone calls or emails, and to spread the joy so the same guys don't constantly get all of the questions, or do all of the work.

**Here is Chuck's report on the last Tech Committee meeting:**

By Chuck Willis

In attendance for our tech meeting at Elmers on 82nd drive in Clackamas were Chuck Willis, Marlo Edman, Tim McCarthy and Jerry Dixon.

We had discussions on how to generate more interest in the tech committee/projects.

Marlo suggested a page on facebook with questions and answers, etc. (*See related story.*)

We also discussed the removal of exhaust manifolds and studs, a lot of good ideas on what to do.

Would really like to see more club participation and a lot more ideas. We have been communicating with Jeff Miller about his upcoming brake

project as soon as he gets all his parts gathered the tech committee will make a date to assist in assembly and the final check list to get his brakes up and working.

Once again, thank you to the folks who traveled far to participate in our monthly tech meeting.

## Govier is world authority on MOPAR fender tags

If you're doing serious research on your 1962-1974 Mopar product, you'll want to remember the name Galen Govier if you don't already know it.

Govier is the acknowledged authority on the decoding of MOPAR VIN, fender tag, and Broadcast Sheet information for all Mopar products.

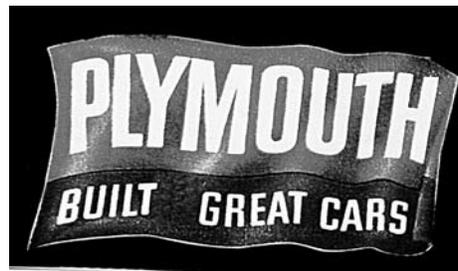
His business, Galen's Tag Services, and he reproduces rusty or missing fender tags for 1962-74 Dodge, Plymouth, and Chrysler products.

He has written 8 books on identifying cars and parts, serial number decoding, production figures and sales codes.

Jerry Dixon has his decoder book for 1966 to 1968 models, and is willing to assist any of our members decoding their cars.

The GTS website is encyclopedic: Take a look at

<http://www.gvgovier.com/>



## Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Technical Committee 2012

The committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

Please call Chuck Willis for meeting information.

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Bob Dimick	360-885-1113	bjdimick@q.com, Brush Prairie, WA
Jerry Dixon	360-607-7628	jojoe@teleport.com, Vancouver, WA
Marlo Edman	503-287-3753	medman@teleport.com Portland, OR
Tim McCarthy	503-620-8438	timmccart@aol.com Tigard, OR
David Pollock	250-743-4859	dnpollock@shaw.ca Shawnigan Lake, BC
Dennis Mowery	503-663-1204	jenmowery@aol.com, Boring, OR
Philip Post	541-535-1860	harrigerj@charter.net Talent, OR
Dennis Rice	503-393-7231	blue51plymouth@comcast.net Keizer, OR
Gary Rusher	503-939-9320	chiefgr@hotmail.com, Wilsonville, OR
Bob Westphal	360-334-6037	bobwestphal@hotmail.com, Vancouver, WA
Tim Winchell	(h) 503-792-4813	(c) 503-989-5765, Portland, OR

If you have a question for the Technical Committee, please call one of the above.

We will do all we can to help you with your car. NOTE: Keep this List handy for future use.

# Big club turnout, lots of awards, at the Orphan Car Show

By Robin Will

Judging by attendance, CPPC likes the Orphan Car Show more and more as time goes by.

Every year, more of us show up at the event.

It's an easy show to like. Clackamette Park is an extended riverside meadow, with big cottonwood trees, perfect for relaxing on a sunny day.

The host club is friendly, and the cars are extraordinary. We saw vehicles we hadn't seen for a long time, if ever: a couple of Willys products, a Cord, a Checker, a Vale, a Crosley pickup, and several handsome Studebaker trucks, among others.

The buzz was mostly about the three DeSoto wagons, huge cars by today's standards but not really big for the 1950s. What are odds that you'll see even one 1955-56 DeSoto wagon, let alone three of them at the same gathering?

The voting was by people's choice, and the people chose the yellow-and-black 1956 DeSoto wagon as Best of Show.

Quite a few CPPC cars took home awards, as well.

Tom Nachand's 1933 PD Convertible and the Rushers' 1930U Coupe took #1 and #2, respectively, in the 1930-1939 category.

Don Ryan's chop-top 1948 Club Coupe took #3 in the 1940-1949 class, and the Rices' 1951 Belvedere was voted #3 in the 1950-1954 category.

Dixons' 1967 Barracuda took the #1 spot in the 1965-1969 class.



Above: Some – but not all – of the CPPC members in attendance at the Orphan Car Show held still for long enough to get their picture taken. We had quite a crowd at the event. Below, left, Dave & Mindy Benfield's 1963 Valiant convertible; right, Dennis & Barb Rice's 1951 Belvedere. Bottom left, Don Hufschmid's "new" 1950 Special Deluxe, and Dennis & Jeannie Mowery's 1948 Special Deluxe.



What are the odds? A pair of 1955 Desoto Firedome wagons. One is red, white & black. The other is black, white & red. But a yellow and black 1956 Firedome wagon went home with Best of Show.



## MAYFLOWERS

The Mayflowers' entire purpose is to get out and visit interesting people and places in the Pacific Northwest. Everyone is free to join in.

**July and August** – for now, enjoy the summer  
**September 12** – Tualatin River Natl Wildlife Reserve and lunch

**October 10** – Contemporary Craft Museum, Henry's Pub lunch

**November 7** – Hoover-Minthorn House in Newberg, lunch

**December TBA** – lunch at Albertina Kerrs



## BODY SHOP & REPAIRS

Please keep Lorraine Griffey updated about club members who need cards, letters, or phone calls. That's [lorrainegriffey@yahoo.com](mailto:lorrainegriffey@yahoo.com), or 503-666-2222.

Good news these days as Dave Williams heads home after a couple of weeks in RIO at Good Samaritan Hospital. There is plenty of physical and occupational therapy ahead, but it sounds like he's doing remarkably well. I know Vicki and Dave both really appreciate all the support from our members. Let's keep it going for them.

Lee Powell is also on the mend. His strength is returning slowly after the triple-bypass surgery, and then the blood clot but he said he feels much better. Now if we can convince him to hitch a ride to a CPPC meeting...

Patty Brost has a couple more radiation treatments scheduled, which is rough after getting some bad burns from the last treatment. Still, Pat and Patty joined the Mosier Tunnel Tour on July 14 although Pat got a horrible toothache and wound up in Urgent Care. Perhaps we should give them The Timex Award – they take a lickin' and keep on tickin'. As many of you may know, the Brost's daughter-in-law, Wendy, was fighting a brain tumor this past year. Tim took family leave to care for her until she passed away May 31. They are an amazing family.

Jerry Klinger says cataract surgery was a breeze. It turns out, however, that the back and leg pains he had at the last meeting mean he needs a hip replacement as soon as it can be scheduled.

Our best wishes to these members and others we haven't heard about. Let me hear from you - Lorraine Griffey, [lorrainegriffey@yahoo.com](mailto:lorrainegriffey@yahoo.com), 503-666-2222.

## NUTS & BOLTS: Board meeting highlights

*From minutes taken  
by Joanne Dixon*

The Board of Directors of Cascade Pacific Plymouth® Club met July 10, 2012 at approximately 12:45 p.m. at Bill's Place, 16111 SE 106th Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015.

Present were the following Board Members: Bob Westphal, Mike Bade, Joanne Dixon; Jerry Dixon, Dolores Call, and Robin Will. Bill Call also attended. Joanne Dixon recorded the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Bade.

The minutes from the June 12, 2012 Board meeting were signed and will be approved at the July Membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dolores Call reported \$9,125.04 was in the treasury as of July 10, 2012.

- Old Business: The process of

amending the Bylaws was reviewed and all recent actions are fully covered by the current Bylaws without amendment. The Board will next compare our Bylaws with the POC National Bylaws and see if there are any potential conflicts.

- Guest Speaker: We will forego a speaker for the July membership meeting, and concentrate on finalizing plans for the Aug 18th Cruise-in.

- Past Activities: Some one-time and recurring activities in the Vancouver-Camas area were discussed, and will become part of Jerry Dixon's master list and placed on the website as appropriate.

- Upcoming Activities: Bob Westphal is going to attend the Columbia River Historic tour on July 14th, and will act as host if more members plan on going. Robin will email the membership to see who might be interest-

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lee Powell	1
Mike Bade	2
John Gruenewald	4
Michael Sieg	4
Peggy Madden	5
Margie Fisher	6
Neil Standal	7
Ruth Herz	11
Andrea Budnick	13
Traci Galan	13
Steve Heaton	14
Greg Johnson	18
Diane Hildebrand	20
Barbara Crocker	21
Shirley Thorkildson	22
John Madden	28
Cindy McNatt	29

## REFRESHMENTS

### JULY

Pat and Patty Brost

### AUGUST

Hot Dogust Day  
Club provides hot dogs, etc.

### SEPTEMBER

Jerry and Joanne Dixon

### OCTOBER

Gary and Vera Rusher

### NOVEMBER

Potluck

December: No Meeting

ed. Jerry Dixon reported that the next designated event will be the Concours d'Elegance July 15th, so far we have only one signup. The Roberson Mopar Show on July 21st is being hosted by the Rices. The night of the 21st is also the Vancouver Cruisin the Gut event. The Woodburn Mopar Nationals are July 22nd and is being hosted by the

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Benfield's Next is the Holmer Dav-enport Days at Silverton on Aug 4th, hosted by the Westphal's. Details are available on the website.

- Member Care: Mike Bade got a email from Vicki Williams. She and Dave appreciate all the cards and well wishes, and at this time have every-thing well in hand.

- Other Business: Mike Bade is sending Cruise-in flyers to our mem-bers down south for them to pass out at local events. Jerry Dixon suggested we add our cruise-in sponsors list to our website to help thank them for their support, and we get the added ben-efit of increased traffic on our website. Robin will make the sponsors list addi-tion. The next meeting with the Lions Club will be July 19, 2012.

- Membership Committee: For next meeting, Jerry Dixon will have a list of events where membership activity could be worthwhile. Robin will pre-pare more new membership folders and have them available at the next meeting.

- Website: Robin wants to bring the Members Cars page up to date. Mem-bers may send him pictures and in-formation about their cars if they like. He has started featuring a club mem-ber's car on the front page of the web-site each month. In July it was Brian Samore's 1948 Special Deluxe.

- Newsletter: Robin will start send-ing the Newsletters to other POC re-gions by email this month to save post-age.

- Club Store: Mike and Donna Bade will have current store items at this months membership meeting. Mike is checking with Allen Tiffany about em-broidery for our hats and jackets. The window clings, flags, and license plate frames are still in the works.

- New Business: In response to an online solicitation, the possibility of selling vendor links on our website was discussed. It doesn't seem to be a good idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

## 1960 Plymouth XNR – one of one

(Excerpted from Hemmings.com)

This one-off concept car, Virgil Exner Sr.'s 1960 Plymouth XNR – will cross the block in August at RM's Monterey auction.

Designed and built to explore the idea of a driver-centric automobile, the XNR could carry two people, but Exner – inspired in part by contemporary Indy cars – meant it to be primarily a single-person vehicle, leading to its se-verely asymmetric shape. The driver's seat sat higher than the passenger's, and the hood-scoop, gauge cluster, windshield, headrest and stabilizer fin all occupied the driver's side of the car in a tip of the hat to the excesses of the jet age.

Some of these styling cues, serious-ly toned down, ended up on the 1962 Plymouth and Dodge designs by Ex-ner, which were created in 1957 after he recovered from the heart attack that sidelined him during the design of the 1961 cars.

Appropriately, Exner – then Chrysler's vice president of styling –



chose to power the XNR with a 170-cu. in. slant-six engine built to NASCAR specifications with a Hyper-pak intake manifold, four-barrel carburetor, port-ed cylinder head, high-performance camshaft, and split exhaust.

To get a short, sporting wheelbase, he chose to base the XNR on Plym-outh's new Valiant chassis, upon which Ghia then draped a body made entirely of steel. In initial tests by Chrysler, the XNR hit 146 MPH.

Exner wanted the car for himself, but due to import restrictions, it was shipped back to Ghia after it complet-ed the American show circuit, and was sold privately, ending up in hiding in Beirut for most of Lebanon's 15-year civil war. The car was unseen for near-ly 50 years.

The current owner performed a two-year restoration on the XNR before de-buting it at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in March, 2011 and show-ing it in the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance last August.



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goody bag items and raffle prizes to next membership meeting. So far there are 11 of the 13 trophies with sponsors already filled.

Lorraine Griffey raised a concern about the board changing the bylaws without the membership approval, and about paid members on the board of directors. Bob Westphal promised the board would take up the question at its next meeting.

Cari Catlow brought up participa-tion of the club.

Don Hufschmidt stated that the club should be spending more on its mem-bers.

Mike Bade responded that the club is in deficit each month, which is why

we need to find a way to make some money.

Don Hufschmidt told the group that if you need a car shipped anywhere in the United States, he will contact a shipper for you. He will also help you on title work of your car.

Car Quiz: Mike Bade, Bruce Ker-slake and Mike Drahota were winners of the night's questions.

Raffle: Winners of the raffle prizes were Marlo Edman, Joyce Catt, Joanne Dixon and Cari Catlow.

50/50: Dennis Rice won the \$66.50 share of the 50/50 collection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### July, 2012

- 10 (Tuesday).....Board Meeting
- 14 (Saturday) ..... Roberson's All-Mopar Show, Salem, OR
- 22 (Sunday)..... Mopar Nationals at Woodburn Drag Strip, cruise-in & swap meet
- 24 (Tuesday)..... Membership Meeting
- 26-29 .....NW Regional WPC Meet, Keizer, OR, with Brooks Steam-Up

### August, 2012

- 14 (Tuesday).....Board Meeting
- 18 (Saturday)..... **Cruise-In, with Central Lions Club in Independence, OR**
- 28 (Tuesday).....Membership Meeting

### September, 2012

- 11 (Tuesday).....Board Meeting
- 12 (Wednesday).....Mayflowers, Tualatin River Nat'l Wildlife Reserve, lunch
- 25 (Tuesday).....Membership Meeting

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 4th Tuesday of each month at the  
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