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CPPC members bring home trophies from Mopar Nationals!



By Sitz Sackowitz

On July 9th several CPPC members attended the Cruzin/Car Show portion of the event. The MoPAR Nationals is a drag race, small swap meet and judged cruizin car show. And "It's MoPAR Or No Car!" Dave and Mindy Benfield hosted and 6 other CPPCers with their

old cars met at 2 different locations and drove in together. Mark Childs drove his '67 Plymouth Satellite, Steve Herman drove his '37 rumble seat Roadster, Jim Wheat drove his '26 Dodge coupe, Jake Higginbotham drove his '49 Plymouth business coupe, Jay and Nikki Booher drove their '65 Valiant

convertible, and Dave and Mindy Benfield drove their '63 Valiant convertible.

Our '63 got 2nd place in the "A-Body Stock Plymouth" and Jim's '26 got 2nd place in the "Mopar related" category. Jake's '49 got 1st place in the "Pre 50's" category and Jay and Nikki's '65 Valiant got 2nd place in the "Convertible" category. 4 awards for CPPCers! The swap meet portion appears to be fizzling out....there was only 8 or 10 booths. However, the turn out of cool MoPAR and MoPAR related vehicles was stellar! The Drag Racing was very impressive also. Some of those 3rd gen HEMIs are insanely fast. A great time was had by all, the weather was perfect, and I for one am planning to do it again next year.

No Meeting in July! Picnic on July 30 instead.



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**SHINE UP YOUR CAR –
WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!**

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Minutes of June's membership meeting

By Robin Will

Members of Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club met on June 2, 2023, in the Clackamas Community Club, 15711 SE 90th Ave., Clackamas, OR.

Twenty-one members and guests were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM, and opened with the flag salute.

President Jim Wheat thanked Ann and Jerry Klinger for the snacks we enjoyed before the meeting.

Minutes of the May 23 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Jim repeated the financial report from the most recent meeting: the club is in good financial condition. Any board member can answer questions.

Jim Wheat announced that there would be no formal club meeting in July. Instead, we'll be gathering for a picnic sponsored by Sunnyside Meadows Memory Care, who will supply food and drinks in exchange for a show of members' cars. Jim needs responses by July 15 so Sunnyside Meadows can plan food.

"Guest Speaker" was Jim Wheat, who showed a collection of slides from various road trips, including many vintage gas stations and a few surprise pictures of current CPPC members and activities.

Cruise-In Report: John Cooper reported that we had 213 cars at the event; other reports had counted 205 cars; and it was concluded that some folks had sneaked in without paying. The vendors were happy with the event, and both of them gave us donations. The Lions Club (hamburgers) and the Willamette Methodist Church pie ladies also reported they were happy with sales at the event. The debriefing immediately following the event led to some small adjustments to procedure for next year, but overall the event was well-run and people enjoyed themselves.

Jim Wheat presented John Cooper with a token of CPPC's appreciation for his leadership of the Cruise-In.

Jim Wheat also recognized Donna Bade and Joanne Dixon for their superlative efforts in rounding up sponsors and raffle donations.

Clark Taylor asked how we get and keep the Clackamette Park venue for the cruise-in. Answer: that site is never guaranteed; ap-

plication will begin immediately to secure it for next year; however we have a solid backup agreement with Clackamas Community College for the site behind the new auto shops, in the parking lot under the trees.

Tom Nachand offered some generally positive feedback about the car show.

Joanne Dixon announced that the quilt made from club tee-shirts went for \$170 in the silent auction, and the silent auction netted \$628 overall. Gary Rusher, who floated the idea of a tee-shirt quilt and who gathered the shirts involved, indicated he would be looking around for tee-shirts for next year's quilt.

Mike Bade shared a certificate of thanks from Clackamas Community College and displayed a copy of the thank-you notes that CPPC sends out to sponsors and donors.

Mike Bade summarized the donations of parts and engines from the Call Family, and indicated that some of the funds realized from sales will go to a scholarship in the name of Bill and Dolores Call at Clackamas Community College.

Mike reported on eBay/craigslist sales: somebody bought the entire inventory of Ford parts he had on hand. Mike has about \$9000 (asking price) in parts on eBay right now. He would be happy to have some help with Internet sales.

There were no takers at the Cruise-In for the Eastside Plating gift certificate, so Joanne Dixon auctioned it at the meeting. Mike Bade won the bidding.

Door prizes went to Gary Rusher, Clark Taylor, Mindy Benfield, Jay Booher, Nikki Ticen, and Jake Higginbotham.

Bob Derbyshire won the 50/50 jackpot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

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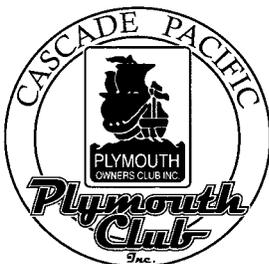
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The Steering Column, A Message from the President

Hello Members and Friends of Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, we wanted warmer weather for car shows and we got it. Recently about eight members and six cars attended the Woodburn Mopar Nationals, the event was very well attended and the weather was perfect. The drag races were fun to watch and there were a few wrecks with engines blowing up and axels breaking. As usual most of the cars were muscle cars as expected, but the CPPC cars came away with four awards and drew lots



of attention from other participants and the general public. Jake Higginbotham's 49 Plymouth with its HEMI engine was a big draw and we had a couple of the oldest cars there which they called Mopar Related. Details of the awards are included in this newsletter.

Our next big event is the annual CPPC Picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 30 and in the last week there was a huge surge of interest and I think we are going to fill the parking lot at Sunnyside Meadows, it's turning into a car show/

picnic. Our gracious host is providing all the food and drinks plus bringing in outside vendors with other special goodies. It will be great to see some new members and friends from other Clubs that have been invited to this event.

Car shows are popping up every weekend and I'm looking forward to seeing More members coming away with awards. Remember - there is no General Membership Meeting this month, we are having our picnic instead, see you in August if not before.

Keep the Sunny side up, Jim

Support diabetes research and enjoy a car show in a country vineyard – what's not to like?

This sounds like fun –a Route 66-themed car show benefiting the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, in a vineyard in the countryside outside of Gaston.

It's Sunday, August 6, from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at Bednarik Vineyards, 9540 SW Lee Road, Gaston, OR.

Registration is \$20 per car, and there will be prizes for selected categories. They'll have a DJ on hand to play music.

There will be some Route 66-themed games and activities, and a café on site will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and corn on the cob.

Gaston is in the Tualatin Valley about 7 miles south of Forest Grove. Get info from Bill and Joy Suchla (in the CPPC directory) or from the vineyard office at 503-985-3100 or 503-936-7720.

Did you move or change your contact information? Don't miss out on anything – please send updates to Pam Ealy at prealy48@gmail.com



July, 2023

July 9th (Sunday) – Woodburn Drags - Mopar Nationals Weekend
- Host: Dave Benfield. See article on page one of this newsletter..

July 17 (Monday) – Luscher Farms in Lake Oswego. More info on page 3 of this newsletter.

July 22 – (Saturday) – Horsepower on the Green, Arrowhead Golf Club, 29301 S. Hwy 213, Molalla. Our friend Denny Finn (Finn's Restoration & Custom) produces this event, with proceeds going to children & families in need during the holidays. \$20 registration, 10:00AM-2:00PM, dash plaques for the first 150 cars.

July 30 (Sunday) – Picnic at Sunnyside Meadows Memory Care, food and drink provided. See article on page 3 of this newsletter.
Host: Jim Wheat

August, 2023

August (tbd) – Mayflowers: Vancouver Waterfront and Officer's Row

August 5 (Saturday) – *Gladstone Car Show - Gladstone, OR

August 6 (Sunday) – Racing for the Cure – Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Gaston, OR – CPPC members Bill & Joy Suchla participate in this event. All proceeds benefit Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

August 19 (Saturday) – Central Lion's Cruise-In - Independence, OR

August 26 (Saturday) – 28th Annual Cutsforth Cruise-In by the Park - Canby, OR

August 27 (Sunday) – *The 5th Annual Car Show and Fundraiser For Gresham Senior Center Sunday 10 am to 2pm at the Gresham Senior Center - 600 NE 8th St.

Car has been parked for four months. Why doesn't the clutch work?

Phil Lapin / Technical Committee

Our 1942 Plymouth had been sitting in the garage since February of this year – about 4 months. The car drove beautifully, right up to when I put it in the garage and shut the engine down. Last week I decided to take the car for a drive – so I started the engine and warmed it up. Then I put the clutch pedal to the floor, and began to shift the transmission into reverse (it had been parked in neutral.) I got a horrid grinding of gears – no way was it going to engage. Then I tried to put it in first gear – same grinding. I shut down the engine. Obviously, something was wrong – but what!

My wife got into the car and worked the clutch pedal, while I looked at all of the linkage under the hood. Everything looked fine, right up to seeing the clutch fork moving properly. The next step was a major head scratching! All I could think of was the possibility of the clutch fork somehow getting out of alignment inside the bell housing. Checking that would mean putting the car up on my lift, crawling underneath and then removing the flywheel dust cover.

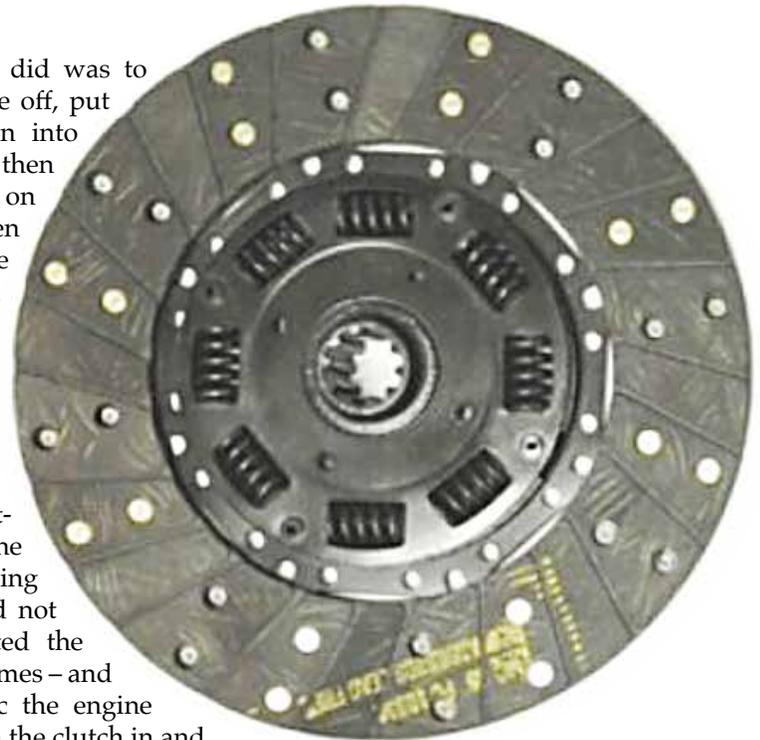
I gave our CPPC member Doug Crawford a call, since he has a vast knowledge of vintage cars. We pretty much agreed that the clutch fork was most likely the issue. But why? It went into the garage just fine in February. I decided to sit on the issue for a couple of days and think. (Not so easy at my age) Then, lying in bed at night, Doug had a thought. We started talking the next day, and he told me of having a “stuck” clutch years earlier. Not the fork, but the actual clutch disk. I did some digging on the Internet, and a few articles and videos came up on stuck clutches. I tried one recommended fix, and it worked!

What had happened was that the clutch disk had gotten “stuck” against the flywheel face. Perhaps condensation, a bit of rust – whatever – but the end result was a clutch pedal that could do literally nothing. I should note that this issue seems to be a more frequent problem in old tractors that are stored

outdoors.

What I then did was to leave the engine off, put the transmission into a gear, and then push down on the brakes. Then I pushed the clutch pedal to the floor. Next – the critical step: I just touched the starter button VERY BRIEFLY. This put a twisting load on the flywheel. Being in gear, it could not turn. I repeated the procedure 3-4 times – and then like magic the engine started up (with the clutch in and transmission still in gear) The clutch disk had separated from the flywheel because of the repeated stressing. No problem since – everything works as it should. I will hopefully never see that problem again – and most of the readers will never have even heard of it. It is worth remembering though!

A funny aside is that I found a couple of YouTube videos with “fixes” for the same problem, but a crazy and



questionable approach. A jack was placed under the rear of the car and the tires lifted off the ground. The car was then started and the rear wheels were allowed to spin. At that point, they literally twisted the jack handle and let the car wheels drop on a concrete driveway. This put a huge stress on the whole powertrain and broke the clutch loose. What else was damaged in the process is unknown . . .

Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Technical Committee 2023

The committee meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, and other times as they are needed, gladly making house calls where necessary. Call Randy Ealy at 503-864-8111 if you need assistance.

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

Mayflowers view clematis at Luscher Farms; Pearson Air Park/Officers Row is next

By Mindy Benfield

On Monday, July 17, the Mayflowers visited the Luscher Farm in West Linn. The Rogerson Clematis Garden is a big part of the farm. There is always something blooming in the garden and this trip did not disappoint! There are over 1900 plants representing 860 varieties of Clematis growing on the farm. Volunteers do all of the plant maintenance. There are 14 distinct gardens that wrap around the historic Luscher Farmhouse.

After we were finished enjoying the gardens we drove a few miles east to the Linn City Pub where we had a delicious lunch and great conversation.

Next month we plan on going to Vancouver WA to visit the Pearson Air Museum and Officers Row in the Fort Vancouver area. More information about that will be available in the coming weeks.



Mayflower tours usually involve lunch someplace pleasant, and this time it was the Linn City Pub in West Linn, where CPPC members regained their strength after trekking around extensive gardens at Luscher Farm. Next up, sometime in August, Mayflowers will be touring the Pearson Air Museum and Officers Row at Fort Vancouver, WA.

News from Phil and Rose Ann Hall: new cross-country trip in their '54 Belvedere and pics of their "new" convertible

(Dated July 9, 2023)

Y'all,

Rose Ann and I will be leaving on our road trip to Kalamazoo and Delaware this coming Wednesday. We are hoping that the temperatures are tolerable and that the 54 behaves itself. We shall see.

We attended a car show yesterday which was one of many car shows and events here in Roseburg during the week that is the annual Graffiti Week. Quite the thing. The car show we attended had a cutoff of 500 cars. It was a great show. We took our "new" 31 convertible coupe. Folks lavished praise on it, however, we did not take home any prizes.

One very flattering thing: A man came along and looked over our car. Turns out he was a representative of the Salem Roadster Show. We now have a hand delivered invitation to the Salem Roadster Show which is by invitation only. Enough to make my head spin. We are humbled.

Hope all is well with you all and looking forward to seeing you when we get back.

Phil & Rose Ann Hall



The Halls' new ride is a 1931 Plymouth PA convertible with rumble seat and an accessory trunk. 1931 was a landmark year for Plymouth: Walter P. Chrysler spent big money on a re-design as the Great Depression was deepening, and the brand-new design edged out the nearest competitors – the Willys Whippet and the Hudson Essex – for third place in national sales. Plymouth held on to third place in the Low-Priced Three until 1954.

What's the deal with the misspelled hubcap?

It looks a lot like a hubcap for a '32-'33 Plymouth, right?

But not exactly, because when you look a second time, it doesn't say "Plymouth" on it.

Is this a rare misprint, like a mistake at the Federal Mint that collectors would pay big bucks for?

No, huh-uh.

Aftermarket dealers sold these look-alikes, being careful not to infringe on the copyright from the manufacturer. JC Whitney and Western Auto sold them.

A google search on "misspelled hubcaps" turns up dozens of examples for all makes of cars. .





BODY SHOP & REPAIRS

Pam Ealy has taken over the role of coordinator for CPPC's Member Care. Please keep her up to date about members who need cards, letters, e-mails or phone calls. Contact Pam at 503-864-8111 or via email at prealy@gmail.com. You may also relay messages directly to your newsletter editor: robin@robinwill.com

No news is good news in this particular column.

- Stephanie Willis continues to make progress after her car crash in December.
- Terry Byrnes was walking unassisted at our Cruise-In Down By the Riverside, apparently fully recovered from his knee replacement surgery.
- Gary Rusher is back in circulation after a shoulder replacement surgery.

NUTS & BOLTS: Board meeting highlights

By Robin Will

The Board of Directors of Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club met on July 11, 2023, at Elmer's Restaurant in Clackamas, Oregon.

Present were Dolores Call, Joanne Dixon, Mike Bade, Jake Higginbotham, Jim Wheat, and Robin Will. Robin Will took the minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 11:39AM.

Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Dolores Call's financial report was approved as submitted. There was general discussion about \$5412 in cash Cruise-In receipts, which were turned over to Dolores for deposit. The club remains in excellent financial condition. Ask any board member for details.

Mike Bade reported on a trip to Ana-cortes to pick up some donated parts. He has already sold \$1052.30 from that trip. In other business, one customer bought all of the Ford parts which had been donated by a former CPPC member: fourteen boxes went to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Total shipping cost was \$650; net for CPPC was \$1250.

Jim reported that thirty people and ten cars had signed up for the July 30 club picnic at Sunnyside Meadows.

Jim Wheat reported that everybody won something at the Mopar Nationals

in Woodburn on July 9. Club members caravanned to Woodburn from Tualatin, and were able to park together.

Jake Higginbotham's hot-rodded 1949 Plymouth Business Coupe wins something every time he takes it out of the garage. Jake announced he brought another trophy home, this time from the show in Estacada.

Mike reported an offer of donated parts from Steve Parker, and he hopes to have details soon.

Member-At-Large Joanne Dixon reminded the board that it's time to form a nomination committee and begin the search for new club officers as the

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Susan Yates	1
Mike Bade	2
John Gruenewald	4
Steve Heaton	14
Tom Nachand	16
Bob Derbyshire	19
Jason Rogers	22
Valerie Martin	22
Clark Taylor	25
Annette Wells	26
Bea Whiteman	26
Doris Oldenburg	31

current officers' terms end. Due to the COVID slowdown, all CPPC officers agreed to serve a second term, which is now ending. CPPC members interested in become officers for a two-year term should contact any board member.

Joanne also raised the issue of name badges for new members. Dolores Call has let the matter slide because few members are wearing name badges to meetings, and some members never picked theirs up in the first place. Both Dolores and Mike Bade have collections of name tags waiting to be claimed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.



D.J. and Cynthia Freeman sent this picture of their tomato harvest to date, with a few brags about how, and we quote, "Our garden is saving us a small fortune. Just walk out to the garden an harvest the freshest veggies. Tomatoes alone have save us many trips to the store."



D.J. Freeman writes, "On the 8th Cynthia and I took Baby Blue and did the Mosier Tunnel Tour. This was the this was part of the line-up pre-start."



One of this newsletter's most faithful readers is Mike Morrison, a Texan who has family in Vancouver and gets out this way occasionally. Some day perhaps we'll meet. He sent us this picture of his Plymouths, from a recent article in the Hill Country CAR Culture magazine.



Marlo is selling Sarah. Marlo Edman bought this 1935 Dodge Brothers KC pickup for \$35 in 1962. He and JulieAnn drove it for years, then parked it until their kids were though school and the truck could be restored. See Sarah's whole story on the Members Cars page of CascadePacificPlymouth.org. It is still driven regularly: Marlo brought Sarah to our Cruise-In Down By the Riverside in June, but it's time for Sarah to go to a new home. Marlo will be fussy about whom he sells to – he doesn't want to see Sarah hot-rodded – and he's asking \$30,000. Phone is 503-936-4624, email is medman@teleport.com.

I have a 1937 plymouth 2 door sedan front seat and an original horn i would like to advertise in your classifieds I would like to ask \$100 for the seat and \$30 for the horn plus shipping. I live in Utah so the seat would have to be picked up locally, thanks John 801-864-6479

I'm lookin for a set of running boards for a 1941 Plymouth sedan delivery. Allan Howard, a270bar@gmail.com

1937 plymouth 2dr sedan parts rear axle complete \$100 front seat good condition \$150 heater\$30 6volt horn \$20 I'm located outside of Salt Lake City Utah call John or text 801 864 6479

For sale – NOS Deck Lid, 1936, fits trunk back sedan, fits Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto. \$400, you must pick it up, West Chester, PA. Carmen Dannunzio, 484-886-6115.

Wanted: 1937-1941 mech parts, P4-P12, engine (original), trans 3 on floor '73, 1941 3 speed on column and small mech parts, 47-41 Plymouth. Want body parts (sheet metal) 1937-41 hoods, front/rear fenders, deck lids, doors, bumpers. Want original jacks & tools, '37-'41. Want factory literature, '-37-'41. Carmen Dannunzio, 484-886-6115.



Looking for an exhaust manifold for a 1948 Plymouth 218 CI..23" block. Bob Hanson, Chandler AZ, 602-809-8424 (See pic)

FOR SALE 2 Plymouth 6 Cylinder Flathead Engines. These are most likely 1940 - 1946 should be the same engine.. 6 Bolt Flywheel - has intake, exhaust. - Located: Ariel, Washington. Good foundation for a rebuild. For more details call, Don Ryan. 360-606-4229 or 360-225-6026



Vintage Magazines! Approx 70 issues of Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Mechanix Illustrated + others. 1930s thru 1950s. \$75 for all! Pickup in Hillsboro. ALL MONEY GOES TO CPPC!!! Email Dan Davis: dandavis1981@yahoo.com

1949 Plymouth P-17 Car Parts for Sale (Note: all parts listed are used take-offs.)

Complete front bench seat (blk leather) \$200.
Gas tank with sending unit, holding stays (no rust) \$150.

Contact Jake Higginbotham. 503-678-1712

For sale – (3) 1938 Plymouth steel wheels for sale 17.5" x 5" – great shape - \$200 (pictures on website) Wanted – 1938 Plymouth Passenger side Headlight bucket. (will take drivers also if you have). Clark Taylor – (360) 921-4636



FOR SALE, 1932 Plymouth P B: I have rebuilt the engine. Also the brakes have been rebuilt. She runs great. All original. My price is \$ 11,000 cdn . With the American dollar being worth more than the Canadian dollar, this is something to consider. jbaileymed@hotmail.com



1948 Plymouth P-15 Special Deluxe: 218 CI flathead 6 , dual exhaust, manual transmission/3 on the tree. Asking \$ 14,800. Located in Gearhart, Oregon Vern Roach 425-318-0464



For sale: 1941 Plymouth with suicide back doors. All original. Original paint with patina. New upholstery including headliner. Nicely done. Running boards professionally done. Rebuilt engine runs good. Located in Kennewick. \$8500 Dennis. 509-366-1311

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For sale, 1939 Ply 2dr Sedan. All stock. Work done on metal restoration. Fresh paint. All body work done. Orig power train plus extra engine & trans. More details on CascadePacificPlymouth.org. \$9,000 OBO. Jake, 503-678-1712.

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