



PUGET SOUNDS

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31st Annual Ford Picnic



Under the direction of Garth Mac Donald the 31st Annual Ford Picnic was another great success. Garth and his crew of volunteers even ordered up some nice weather for the occasion. Close to 1000 donations were received which means another generous contribution to a local charity from PSRG.

The annual event has turned into one of the most pleasant and relaxing car shows in the Seattle area. The wide variety of vehicles from custom to classic makes it a great place to take photos, swap stories and spot some old friends.

Garth would like to thank all the club members who gave their time and efforts to make this year's picnic a success – Well Done!

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A Note from the President

Definition of a car guy: A person who not only likes cars, but eats, sleeps and works on cars...Is enthusiastic, helpful, knowledgeable, clever, hard working, determined, and usually a lot of fun to be around. I have just described one of our club members, Bill Templeton. Bill is moving out of our area to the Tri-cities area to be closer to his family. We all wish Bill the best of luck and hope he invites us over soon.



A fat fendered Ford farewell,
Bill Meade

New Ford Books Available

Why not commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Ford Motor Company with one of the excellent new books that have come out this summer? Here are several suggestions:

The Ford Century, by Russ Banham. This is a coffee table-style book with more than 500 full-color and archival images of Henry Ford, his company and the cars of the Ford century. \$40. Available in bookstores and on line booksellers, or through the Ford Collection web site at www.fordcollection.com.

Standard Catalog of Light-duty Ford Trucks 1905-2002 by John Gunnell. This book has original specs, production data, 500-plus photos. Softcover, \$24.95 at Krause Publications, 800-258-0929, or www.krausebooks.com.

The Ford at 100 Commemorative Edition, published by Automotive News on June 16. Softbound, \$25 plus shipping. Order your copy at www.autonews.com/ford100, or by calling 888-446-1422.

Edsel Ford: The Story of Henry Ford's forgotten Son by Henry L. Dominguez. A thoroughly enjoyable study of Edsel's life from the early years to his premature and unfortunate death at a young 49 years old. Hardbound, \$39.95. Order from www.sae.org/bookstore, or by calling 724-776-4970.

Welcome New PSRG Member!

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'32 Ford 5W Coupe

Rick Rawlings
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Kent, WA. 98031
425-313-2681
rickr@lakesideind.com
'46 Ford 1/2 Ton Pickup

Please make these changes:

New email for Bill and Laurie Meade:
meade_6@yahoo.com

Sunshine!

Shelly Muir reports **Bruce Anderson** is doing fine since his bypass surgery.

Upcoming Events

JUNE

- XXX Rootbeer (Lance Lambert Show & Shine, June 22.
- Board Meeting, John & Cyndi Upthegrove's, Wednesday, June 25.
- Tour of the Year to Leavenworth, June 28/29, details to the right.

JULY

- PSRG General Meeting, July 1.
- XXX Rootbeer Mid-Summer Run, July 13.
- 2003 Grand National, Dearborn, MI, July 21-25.
- Board Meeting, Dick & Kay Flynn, July 23.
- XXX Rootbeer Truck/Pickup Show, July 27.

AUGUST

- PSRG Summer Picnic - Tentative, Saturday, August 23. Location **Butch & Sharon Kent's**. Co-ordinator needed.

SEPTEMBER

- Winthrop Antique Car Show, Sept 12-13. **Gary Duff**, for information.

NOVEMBER

- Fall Banquet, November 15 Hart Properties.

June Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 PM at **John** and **Cyndi Upthegrove's** in Burien. **1808 SW 156th Street, telephone: (206) 246 -6354.**

Tour of the Year - June 28/29. All tour participants should meet Saturday (6/28), 8:00 AM at Bellevue Community College parking lot #6 (where the Ford Picnic PSRG corral was). Departure 8:30 AM sharp. Three tour stops are planned before arriving in Leavenworth. First stop will be in Cle Elum, where the owner of the Cle Elum Bakery has a large collection of '34 Fords and other items. There will be two tour stops in Wenatchee; Pangborn Air Field and a car collection. Cost for tour is \$80/member family. Get reservations in soon to **Guy Genereaux** at 206-323-5709. Rooms are going fast! Pre-registration required.

July Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 at **Dick** and **Kay Flynn's**. **1207 NW 73rd Street, telephone: 206-782-0249.**

XXX Rootbeer Drive-In - No, its not an X-rated party, it's the last historic XXX in the US. For a visit to the 50's you are invited to attend the 2003 Car shows. XXX Rootbeer is located at 98 NE Gilman Boulevard in Issaquah, Exit 17 off Hwy 90. Turn east and it is behind ARCO. For more information contact **Eileen Geithman** at 425-255-1799.



The Dermond Roadster Story (and update)

By Mike Dermond

Like many, I have always considered a Deuce Roadster to be the ultimate early Ford. I recently uncovered some interesting history about my '32 Roadster. And perhaps one of you could help fill in some of the blanks in the story.

How many of you have told someone, "If you ever want to sell that car give me a call?" Well, one day out of the blue I received that call. Luckily the timing was such that I could take advantage of this good fortune (I had the money!). After having the critical eye of a well known '32 expert (**Bill Steil**) proclaim it was worth the asking price, the little ex-Hotrod followed us home on a trailer. The outside lines of the doors and quarters were extremely straight, the doors even fit well. The body had never received any collision damage. However rust had taken its toll. I mean major **RUST**, about 8" all the way around the car.

It seems that from 1954-1984 this car sat out in the rain at the wrecking yard next to the airport between Montesano and Hoquiam. Locals called the place Airport Auto Wrecking. The owner at that time refused to sell (or fix) it because if he ever sold the car, he would have to give half the money to his ex-wife. So he chose to let it rot. This person was **Bennie Smith**. After Bennie's death a friend of mine, **Jeff LaBreck**, purchased the car from his estate. I bought the car from Jeff when he decided to go with a Wescott fiberglass body instead of fixing the steel original. The *really* interesting thing I then found out is that Bennie Smith bought this car from **James H. Cantrell** from *Ballard* on August 8, 1954.

Between the time the car was a shiny new green Deluxe Roadster and 1954, Cantrell bought the car. I suspect he was the one who made it into a Hotrod. The car had a chopped windshield and top irons, filled cowl vent, blanked off dashboard, super ugly tubular shock mounts that poke up through the rear floor, and round 52 Pontiac taillights, but the factory rumble lid was retained. The car appears always to

have kept a flathead for a motor. Do any of you remember this car around Ballard or the Seattle area? I went to the library and searched old phone books to see where Cantrell lived. I discovered that he lived in lower Ballard around 50th and 6th NW - "Frogtown" to you old timers.

My plans for the car are to put it back together as a Hotrod with a built flathead. I do not have the parts or money to restore it to original but I will not do anything that would preclude that in the future.

Fast forward to 2003.

Club member **Chuck Pinckney** grew up in the Hoquiam-Aberdeen area and knows many people who knew Bennie Smith and his car. None have been able to find a picture.

With lots of work and hammer welding (and money!) I have been able to reassemble and paint the car. Warren at Sandblasters Inc. cleaned the metal, and **Dave Tatom** built the '59 series engine for me. On May 6th 2002, while working on the car I broke my right arm. That set the progress back several months. Then, on May 10th 2003, I took my first ride in a 32 roadster-driving my own! I put 4 miles on it and with **Gary Duff's** help got it timed. By the time you read this, if the weather was good, I will have driven it to our picnic. I still need to get the top made and the side panels upholstered but it has come a *long* way. You can see this has not been an easy project for me!

Some facts about the car as it is today: The windshield frame is chopped 2", the engine is a 1939 Merc block, 3 5/16" bore, 4" Merc crank, Edelbrock heads



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*Roadster as it appeared
when purchased in 1984.*

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and 2 x 2 intake, Stromberg 97s, Mallory point type ignition, lightened flywheel, Tatom headers and stainless steel exhaust system, '39 transmission with '41 Lincoln Zephyr gears, '40 banjo rear end with 3.54 gears but modified axle housings that use 9" Ford axles, bearings and brakes, dropped '32 front axle with disk brakes. I choose Halibrand wheels. While I wanted to have a '50's hotrod look I was unwilling to carry that to the extreme of using sub standard brakes, steering and tires. I retained the '52 Pontiac taillights. Major work done by others: Sandblasting at Sandblasters Inc, engine by Tatom, pinstriping by **Dick Erickson**, tuck and roll by Deb **Odinrider**. I have had help from many club members, especially Bill Steil and Gary Duff but I have done most of the work myself.



The Finished Product!

Sighted at the Ford Picnic!



Behind the Scenes at the Swap Meet



Where do you suppose he parks his tractor?



Bob Scott and Carol Sue Woodard discuss the quality of the Kettlecorn.



I could swear I left my truck right here.



The sign says it all....



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Three unsung heroes dining in Swap Meet elegance.

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL GROUP #18 is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of 1932 to 1953 FORD MOTOR COMPANY vehicles. Owning an Early Ford is not a prerequisite to join the club, merely a desire to be around them is sufficient. **All Regional members are required to be members of the National parent organization, THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA.** This entitles members to receive the bi-monthly V-8 TIMES magazine and participate in the election process of National Board Officers. National individual membership is \$30. Joint membership is \$32 per year. Send dues to: Early Ford V-8 Club, P. O. Box 2122, San Leandro, CA 94577-2122. **Puget Sounds** is a monthly newsletter published by the Puget Sound Regional Chapter. It is a free publication for current members and advertisers and contains calendar information, technical advice, parts exchange data and reviews of club-sponsored events and outings. General meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month at the National Guard Armory, 1600 West Armory Way, Seattle, WA. Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month (except Nov. and Dec.) at various locations indicated in the newsletter calendar. Annual Regional club dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for couples. Send dues to: Guy Genereaux, 2217 Everett Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98102-4139. Correspondence may be directed to **Puget Sounds**, P.O. Box 835, Seahurst, WA 98062.

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1935	Ford	Dick Foster	360 683-6519	1950	Ford	Bruce Goodrich	206 284-0771
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For Sale - Engine Parts: Crank, rods, pistons, valves, guides, lifters, camshaft all out of my '39 Merc 81T engine. All standard size, some wear. Rods look good. Crank worn about .005 on rod journals. These are big end full-floating rods similar to a 59 A-B engine. \$150 obo for all. **Tom Dailey 425-485-9050.**

For Sale -4 – 600 x 16 Firestone w/w tires with tubes. \$30.00 each, w/w somewhat worn but tires could be used as b/w. 70% tread. **Tom Bewley. 206-365-4956.**

Looking for water pumps, '49 - '53. Need cores. **Gary Duff 206-284-1613.**

Pat Lasense, 425-337-2018, knows of running gear of '50 truck, and **Dick Jauch, 360-387-1580,** has pictures from recent rip, available project cars. He also knows of car haulers if anyone needs car transported.

For Sale- Former member **Randy Gassling** has 6 cyl truck for sale. For information call **Mike Dermond, 425-745-8877.**