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Cruiz'n News

April 2017

Inside this edition: Calendar, News, Serious Matters by Ray Agen, Classified Ads, Sponsor's Circle, Birthdays, Pictures from Events, Just for Fun, "A" Team...Enjoy!



April Calendar....Happy Easter



- 1 April Fools High School Car Show 10-3 South Albany High School 3705 Columbus St. SE Albany, Oregon 97322 Reg. \$15 Doug 541 990-7338
- 4 **WVSR Club Meeting** Pietros Hawthorne & Market Salem Come early and socialize, Meeting starts at 7pm
- **6-8 Portland International Raceway Swap Meet** 7am-5pm \$7 per day 1940 Victory Blvd. Portland, Or 503 307-5420
- 7 **53rd Annual Portland Swap Meet** 7am-7pm Sun 8am-1pm Portland Expo Center 4060 N Marine Dr. Portland, Or
- 15 Cherry Blossom Poker RunWest Salem Wallery's 9amJeff Foster for more info 503-393-3143-H503-884-1906-cell
- 16 Track Night at PIR 503 307- 5420 cars must be in before 3:30pm
- 19 Carousel Meeting BlondZees 6 pm Everyone Welcome
- 23 Corvallis Swap Meet Linn County Fairgrounds Car Show
 - 25 Officer's Meeting 6 pm BlondZees

Portland Roadster Show...... Dayle Langley, Editor













ITEMS FOR SALE OR WANTED

No items listed this month. If you have items to post or renew, Please contact the editor. Items will be removed if not renewed after three months. Classifieds are free to club members.

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Hope to see you here next month!

Dayle Langley, Newsletter Editor







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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>April</u>



- 1 Bill Watson
- 3 Ernie Lamoureux, Holly Parnell
- 4 Carolyn Walz
- 8 Linda Rader, Linda Spansel
- 10 Breath of the Wind Gonzales, Jim Woodry
- 11 Jon Debban
- 13 Janet Wulfers
- 14 Trina Taylor
- 15 Joyce Rubel
- 16 Jackie Criswell
- 22 Victoria Kruljak
- 24 Paul Geck
- 28 Cindy Hayes, Lizabeth Rogers



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April Sponsor Spotlight is proud to present Batteries NW! I was greeted warmly by office manager Niccole Geck (WVSR club member), and we were quickly joined by Travis Sowers, owner.

Travis and his wife Teresa have been married 31 years, just the same length of time Batteries NW has been in business. They have owned the business for over 4 years.

I have made the mistake in the past of using the name NW Batteries, and have been promptly corrected! In 1998 there was some disagreement with Interstate of Portland over the name, and as time proves, it was changed to Batteries NW. NW Batteries is in Portland. You can get the details from Travis I am sure!

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Travis and Teresa are WVSR club members, but moreover they are generous and make a huge contribution to the community by sponsoring over 25 charities!

The Sowers own a couple of hot rods... 1970 Chevelle SS, and a 1963 Chevy C10

Thank you to a great Batteries NW team!



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Serious Matters.....Ray Agen

I just received this notice in the clubs mail last week and passed it to a few friends to get opinions. Few of you answer my email.

PETI of Oregon is asking for street rodders help. Oregon HB 1847 is proposing new legislation to protect the insects. Each summer, millions of defenseless insects are splattered on the windshields of speeding automobiles, ending their short lives. "These deaths are preventable" says Pete Prozaski, Executive Director of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Insects, or PETI.

PETI claims that technology exists to design air dams on the fronts of automobiles to create enough aerodynamic uplift to deflect insects over and around the automobile safely, without incurring injury or death to the insects. Manufacturers oppose this technology because it adds eight inches to the front of the automobiles, affecting weight distribution and handling. PETI discredits this position, claiming it's the \$125.00 cost per automobile that manufactures don't want to spend.

"We're convinced that once the public understands the serious nature of this situation they will demand that the Legislature pass this Bill to mandate the air dams be installed," Said Prozaski.

The first of this month, PETI kicked off a grass roots public education campaign to win support. Elementary educators around the State have been encouraged to teach 5th and 6th graders that insects are our friends and the word bug is a derogatory term for an insect.

"We must eliminate the word bug from our vocabulary when referencing insects," said Prozaski. "Bug is a slang for Volkswagen and should never be used in reference to insects."

The grass roots campaign has been winning the support of the eastern car clubs in the State and has even been getting support from clubs in western Idaho. PETI plans to have booths set up at major rod runs, car shows, and racing events around the State. They are planning to participate at the Cherry Blossom Poker Run. Press kits are available and consist of educational material. Press releases are also available for clubs online at PETI.org. PETI hopes to educate the public about the process bees, dragon flies, mosquitos and other flying insects use to pollinate which is an integral part of our ecosystem; and what the public can do to stop the killing.

Why automobile enthusiasts? "Auto enthusiasts invest much time, money and pride in their automobiles and do not want defenseless dead insects splatter on the front of their pride and joy," says Prozaski. "Automobile enthusiasts, racer and street rodders in particular are a creative group and may devise new and better methods to prevent this unnecessary slaughter."

Until insect-friendly automobiles are manufactured, the public can help by creating what PETI calls a 'slippery automobile'. This is an auto with a highly waxed slippery surface and highly polished windshield. "While slippery automobiles will not stop the slaughter, they could reduce insect deaths by as much as 50%," says Prozaski. He claims insects striking a slippery automobile are only slightly dazed or stunned as they skirt the surface, then re-enter the air stream. They are not seriously injured or killed and are hearty creatures that recover quickly.

This brings us back to the automobile enthusiast. "They are the leaders in what's accepted as 'cool' in automobiles," said Prozaski. "When other motorists see that you can have a highly polished auto and save so many insects they will do the same."

Side Note: I was talking to a really good friend of mine, I used to hang out with in Alaska, Sloo Flir Pa (a Korean Airline pilot) and he was telling me he has heard of this legislation being pushed up there, too. He said "The Save the Insect campaign is going strong there." He says he's come up with a better way that takes a lot of work out of the wax and polish. "I wax my 1959 Hot Rod Datsun (with Toyota engine) each week and apply Vaseline to the windshield daily."

Ray









Club members gather for breakfast at BlondZees Restaurant before Rod and Sandi Beach's shop tour. Thanks to Jim Palmquist for the pictures.



Willamette Valley Street Rods Flapjack Fundraiser is scheduled for May 6th at the Applebee's Restaurant on Lancaster between 8 am and 10 am. Come enjoy a scrumptious start to your day including pancakes, eggs, sausage, and a beverage with family & friends while also helping us fund our local charity groups. Family Building Blocks, Honoring Heroes, Marion-Polk Food Share, and the Chemeketa Community College Auto Class Scholarship will all benefit by your purchase of a ticket. Call or text Garry at 503 507-5333 with prize donations, questions or to be one of the 10 volunteers I need to help serve. We only have a limited number available so get yours before we run out!

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