



OlympicVintageAutos



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ!

Hello OVAC members:

It seems as though Fall is sneaking up on us. It that what they call nipping at our nose or is that just my cat, Bentley, wanting some morning company. Maybe some of both.

Our meeting on the 15th of September was attended by 28 members. After we took care of our regular business, we had reports and requests from our Swap Meet Committee. As many of you know, I helped Jim Fox out with a table for a couple of years in 2017 and 2018- other than that, I'm the really brand-new guy on the block. What a learning process and what an incredible amount of work – including paper and manual. Jim Barnes had prepared work sheets for sign up and when the meeting was adjourned, many members were lined up to volunteer for the spots necessary for a successful event.

Our treasurer, Bob Arper, has reminded that our 2023 membership is payable beginning in October 2022. Please support OVAC and send your membership fees as soon as possible.

So comes to the difficult spot: When I called Casa Mexico to assure the restaurant that indeed we would be there for our monthly meeting, I was informed by Carlos, very sternly, that we did not have a reservation. I was flabbergasted, knowing that I, along with a few members, had stopped to let the waitress know that we would not be meeting there in July or August, but would be there in September. We watched the waitress find the right month to write it in. Carlos was very angry and then said he took it off because we were not welcome. He wasn't making any money because people drank water and ate chips and some were leaving without paying. What???????? After a long angry conversation, he sternly wanted to know how many (I guessed at 25) he agreed to us having a meeting there. I arrived about a half hour early to see what in the world was going on. He absolutely knew it was the "Car Club". He was a little odd acting but I felt at that time, with people coming in, all in good moods, it was better to bite the bullet and then move on next month.

I made a decision as your President, not to be where we weren't welcome. We have a reservation for 3:00 on October 20th at the Westside Pancake House. We will be meeting in the area in the back and I advised the restaurant many of us would be eating. They were excited to have us. Life is too short for strife!

Your Prez,-Pat

October 2022

Next Meeting

October 20, 2022

Location:

Family Pancake House

**3900 Kitsap Way
Bremerton Wa
98312**

3pm



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OVAC Business

OVAC OWNER's Manual

The Olympic Vintage Auto Club (OVAC) is a non-profit organization, incorporated in Kitsap County, Washington in 1959. The mission of the Club is the preservation and enjoyment of vintage motor vehicles in stock condition.

The address is **OVAC, PO Box 1614, Silverdale, WA 98383**

Vehicles eligible for touring must be thirty (30) or more years old and have no modifications with the following exceptions: (1) modifications or accessories that were available at the time of manufacture; or (2) changes or additions for safety purposes. Ownership of such a vehicle is not a requirement for membership in OVAC.

Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, except for the months of January, August, and December.

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2023 Member Dues

We can start accepting your 2023 dues along with any changes you may wish to incorporate into an OVAC Roster since October is when we start accepting dues for the following year. The following have already paid through 2023: Jim & Val Barnes, Hoyt & Sandra Burrows, and Jim Heath.



**Contact Bob Arper for questions!
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William Durant creates General Motors

On September 16, 1908, Buick Motor Company head William Crapo Durant spends \$2,000 to incorporate General Motors in [New Jersey](#). Durant, a high-school dropout, had made his fortune building horse-drawn carriages, and in fact he hated cars—he thought they were noisy, smelly, and dangerous. Nevertheless, the giant company he built would dominate the American auto industry for decades.

In the first years of the 20th century, however, that industry was a mess. There were about 45 different car companies in the United States, most of which sold only a handful of cars each year (and many of which had an unpleasant tendency to take customers' down payments and then go out of business before delivering a completed automobile). Industrialist Benjamin Briscoe called this way of doing business "manufacturing gambling," and he proposed a better idea. To build consumer confidence and drive the weakest car companies out of business, he wanted to consolidate the largest and most reliable manufacturers (Ford, REO, his own Maxwell-Briscoe, and Durant's Buick) into one big company. This idea appealed to Durant (though not to Henry Ford or REO's Ransom E. Olds), who had made his millions in the carriage business just that way. Instead of selling one kind of vehicle to one kind of customer, Durant's company had sold carriages and carts of all kinds, from the utilitarian to the luxurious. But Briscoe wanted to merge all the companies completely into one, while

Durant wanted to build a holding company that would leave its individual parts more or less alone. ("Durant is for states' rights," Briscoe said. "I am for a union.") Durant got his way, and the new GM was the opposite of Ford: Instead of just making one car, like the [Model T](#), it produced a wide variety of cars for a wide variety of buyers. In its first two years, GM cobbled together 30 companies, including 11 automakers like Oldsmobile, Cadillac, and Oakland (which later became Pontiac), some supplier firms, and even an electric company.

Buying all these companies was too expensive for the fledgling GM, and in 1911 the corporation's board forced the spendthrift Durant to quit. He started a new car company with the Chevrolet brothers and was able to buy enough GM stock to regain control of the corporation in 1916, but his profligate ways got the better of him and he was forced out again in 1920. During the Depression, Durant went bankrupt, and he spent his last years managing a bowling alley in Flint.



2022 TOURS AND EVENT CALENDAR



**Some Great events
are happening for
2022!!**

OCTOBER

3-Old Cars and Coffee-10am

15-Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER

1-Old Cars and Coffee-10am

20-Monthly Meeting

21-22-OVAC SWAP Meet

NOVEMBER

5-Old Cars and Coffee-10am

17-Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

3-Old Cars and Coffee-10am

NO Monthly Meeting



More Events

Coffee—Every Wednesday morning-Envy, Poulsbo,
8:00am

Breakfast—Second and Fourth Thursday of each month
Putters Restaurant, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 9:00am

Find more updates at <https://www.cruisinkitsap.com>

Old Cars And Coffee



Who Ovac Members and Prospective Members

Where Established in 1903, the Keyport Mercantile is just about old enough to host this event.

What A gathering of old car folks over a cup of Coffee. With the possibility of a local field trip after.

When The first Saturday September 3 rd. Bring a friend or a prospective member.

RETSIL TOUR -by Jim Barnes

OVAC Retsil tour 2022



Amazing Restoration Shop



A Little delay for some road work.

Retsil



A Great Collection



A Special Thanks to Robert Arper and Sandy Olson for organizing this tour. And Bonnie, Sig and Ron for the pictures and Oliver Hanley for the great car collection.



A classic car giant with a lofty mission: Save car culture

By Brett Berk *The New York Times*

For one Monday in early December, the New York Stock Exchange played the role of vintage car museum.

At one end of Broad Street, outside the exchange, sat a high-roofed and stately 1921 Duesenberg coupe. At the other, a fearsome 1966 Ford GT40 race car. Between them, encased in a glass vitrine, was an imperturbably cheery 1967 Porsche 911S.

Shaking hands by the coffee stand was McKeel Hagerty. The CEO of the classic car insurance company that bears his name, Hagerty was there to ring the opening bell, and celebrate the first day of trading for his newly public company. Later, at a brunch in the Big Board's boardroom, Hagerty wielded a ceremonial gavel and said, "This is only just the beginning."

The origins of Hagerty, the company, are far humbler. It was founded by his parents, Frank and Louise, in 1984, in their basement in Traverse City, Michigan, as a boutique insurer of wooden boats.

In the early 1990s, the company began insuring collectible cars. With Hagerty at the helm, it has become one of the largest indemnifiers of vintage vehicles, with more than 2 million classics on its rolls. The actuarial data necessary to determine repair and replacement costs on these cars has also made it a foremost authority on their valuation.

In recent years, Hagerty has greatly expanded its mission. It has ventured into the editorial realm, releasing boundless automotive coverage on Hagerty.com, as well as YouTube, where it has 1.75 million subscribers. It publishes a monthly car magazine, Hagerty Driver's Club, sent to 1.2 million readers, as well as a semiregular lifestyle publication, Radius, distributed to its top collectors. It purchased Drive Share, a peer-to-peer classic-car rental platform, like Airbnb for vintage vehicles.

It opened a half-dozen vintage car storage and lounge spaces, Garage + Social, around North America where members can gather, and pre-

serve their cars. It acquired the rights to major concours d'elegance for aficionados to show off their collector cars in Amelia Island, Florida, Detroit and Greenwich, Connecticut.

And through its nonprofit Hagerty Driver's Foundation, the company organizes events to promote the collector-car hobby. In collaboration with the Interior Department, the foundation also nominates additions to the National Historic Vehicle Register — a designation for notable cars in American history and culture, akin to the National Register of Historic Places.

Hagerty went public via a SPAC, or special-purpose acquisition company, raising roughly \$265 million in the process with a goal of expanding. So, what are Hagerty's ambitions now? And why did it need to become a publicly traded company in order to achieve them?

"The purpose of the company is to save driving and car culture," Hagerty said flatly, as we piloted a zippy, Hagerty-insured 1972 BMW 2002 tii toward the tip of lower Manhattan. "If we're going to save car culture, we have to make investments outside of the core business, and really help create a whole ecosystem." Achieving this lofty goal required hundreds of millions of dollars in additional investment, he said: "That would have been tough for us to afford just as a private company."

The market values Hagerty at roughly \$3.1 billion. And the scale of its proliferating ecosystem has raised some suspicion in the hobby. "Someone said to me, 'We hope they don't Hagertize everything,'" said Ken Gross, a veteran automotive writer, top-tier concours judge and museum curator.

This apprehension revolves mainly around homogenization: "People are concerned that there's a danger that they may all become alike. Looking at economies of scale, and business efficiencies and such," Gross said. "Something that had been run by enthusiasts now being run by a company beholden to shareholders."

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The Hagerty family retains 52% of the business, but Hagerty accepts this criticism. “I think that’s fair, given that the fun car world has never had a bigger brand. And we’re doing a lot of stuff,” he said, feathering the BMW’s gas pedal to prevent a stall as we idled on Canal Street. “I can’t get angry about people doubting us. We just have to show up and say, come and experience it for yourself, and I bet you’ll like it better than you expected.”

Invigorating younger generations is particularly important: In order to maintain interest in old cars, new enthusiasts must supplement the aging population that has long constituted the hobby’s core. Such a shift is already underway. The last two years “were interesting years, because for the first time, more than 50% of our new customers were born after 1965, so Gen X-ers and millennials,” Hagerty said.

Hagerty discussed toppling barriers — like removing velvet ropes from around cars at concours and letting young children get in and honk the horn. He called for more regular youth programming. He championed “a much friendlier attitude toward video games” as an on-ramp for initial engagement. And he discussed expanding the national workshops that Hagerty already hosts: to expose young people to old cars, to teach them to drive a manual transmission, and to provide scholarships for driver’s education.

He even has plans for the not-so-distant future, when gasoline-powered vehicles may (and perhaps should) be more anomalous.

“I’m a fan of some of these thoughtful electric conversions of classic cars. And if the only reason some next-generation classic car owner will buy a car is if it has an electric drivetrain, my view is, ‘Great,’” he said as we approached the stock exchange again. “So, I could see us exploring that very deeply, and figuring out, are there partnerships to be had, and what we should do to be a bigger player in that space.”

As we completed our drive and discussion, he reiterated his mission to “save driving.” But he explained that this mantra was not meant as a

combative slogan for facing down incursions like congestion pricing, or driverless cars. “I’m not envisioning us as some kind of NRA of the car world,” he said. “I like the love and joy and fun of the automobile. I’m not about, ‘Fight us for this right.’ That may be for someone else. But that’s not my jam.”

Outside experts agreed with this assessment of Hagerty’s vocation. “They encourage driving. Their tag lines all the time are, ‘Drive your cars,’” Gross said. “In some ways, you think, that’s a little strange for an insurance company. You think they’d want you to drive as little as possible to minimize the risk.” He laughed.

Hagerty said he sincerely wants to help people find the pleasure in “the experiential sides” of the automobile, those organized around adventure, preservation, culture and legacy. “I think that if we can help steward along the reasons that people drive and love cars, other than to get from Point A to Point B, then we win.”

Gross concurred with this plan. “I don’t know how many companies there are that take the long way around. And that’s what Hagerty is doing here. They’re not only selling insurance. They’re trying to make sure that the reason you need that insurance is viable and fun, and lots of people are doing it,” he said. “As a business strategy, it’s pretty smart.”

Happy Halloween!



Quilcene Fair/Parade/Car Show - *By Bonnie Chrey*

Saturday, OCTOBER 17, was a pleasant & sunny day. Bob Arper had sent out the invitation OVAC received to attend the show, so those of us with email received it. Somehow, we did not mention it at the OVAC meeting! Even with that, 7 OVAC cars made the trek.

The community parade was fun to watch, all 2 or 3 blocks of it! Robert Brill joined the parade and showed off his DeLorean. Lots of clapping and cheering for it. Next year, if the weather cooperates, OVAC should consider making this a tour and joining the parade. Afterwards, you just go back to join the car show.

Those of us that were there; Sig & Bonnie Chrey, Rich & Taffy Satter, Bob & Karen Loid, Glen & Debra Davis, Robert Brill, Ron O'Neill, and Jim K. (a newer member with an early 30's pickup who joined during the Port Orchard Cruz).

Karen was looking out for the club, she handed out our Swap Meet flyers!

The Best of Show award went to Robert Brill and his DeLorean!

It was a good day all around, the only disappointment for me was there was no coffee available by a vendor! Sig went to the close-by restaurant to get me a cup (behind someone else buying 8 cups!).



Betty Johnson

October 6, 1922 - May 28, 2022

Betty Jean Johnson 99, of Silverdale passed away on Saturday May 28th at Fieldstone Memory Care in Silverdale. She had dementia and had recently been sick with covid.

Born in Seattle she graduated from Cleveland High School in 1942 and went on to Edison Vocational school for a short time. She married Wincel Johnson in 1965 celebrating 57 years together last January.

Betty was an only child so her extended family and friends were very important to her. She and Wincel joined OVAC in 1979 being only one of the many clubs she was involved with. She made many life long friends that she cherished through the years.

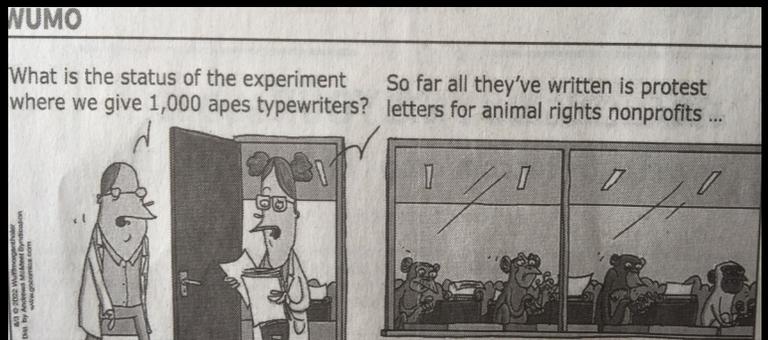
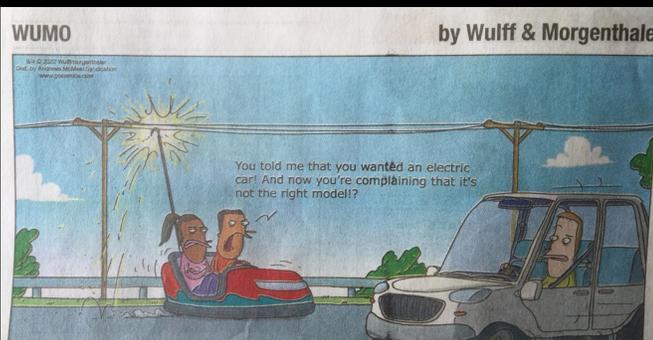
Betty was always busy making things and expanding her knowledge with puzzles and games. Her hands and mind were never idle even for a moment.

Another important part of her life was the many animals she had throughout her life. She always had at least one in her lap most of the time.

Some of the most thrilling times in her life was when she saw Charles Lindberg in 1926 when he came to Seattle. In the 4th grade Thomas A. Edison visited her classroom shortly before he died. Her class also got to tour the Constitution "Old Ironsides" on her last tour back to Boston.

Betty is survived by her husband, Wincel, 2 sons, 2 daughters 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 aunt and uncle, 2 cousins, 1son, and 3 grandsons.

There will be a celebration of her life in October on what would have been her 100th birthday. Internment will be at Mt. View Cemetery in Silverdale. Donations may be made to the Vashon Heritage Museum. Please visit the on-line Memorial from Tuell-McKee Funeral Home.



OVAC MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2022

Meeting held at Casa Mexico, Keyport, at 3:00PM.

Board members present: Pat Ward – President, Pete Britton – Vice President, Bob Arper – Treasurer & Web Master, Bonnie Chrey – Secretary.

Members in attendance; 28

Meeting called to order by President Pat Ward. She asked that we extend our thank you to Carlos of Casa Mexico for allowing us to meet here. She also reminded everyone that if they order a drink, to pay for it at that time.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed her announcement.

There were no new members or guests present.

Sunshine Report – George reported that Dorothy Sutton is in hospice care. When he talked to her husband Del, he reported that she is doing quite well.

Bonnie reported that Greg Brown's wife Anne has passed away. It was decided to have Lynn (as Sunshine chairman) send a sympathy card to him.

Last meeting minutes (from July) – a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published in the Duster. Motion carried.

Treasurers report; Bob reported that the full amount for the swap meet needs to be paid to the Parks Dept 30 days prior to event (this will be next week), then afterwards (within 7 days) a final accounting is done and they let us know if more is owed. Bob projected the financial sheet on an overhead screen while he talked about the various columns so all could see them. Motion made/seconded/approved to accept the report as presented.

Web report – no reporting done at this meeting.

Swap Meet – Jim Barnes reported that county requirements have been met, the insurance form filled out and given to them. There is still a COVID form to send in, it just states that we will follow whatever the state requirements are at that time. When we find a food truck to set up at the site (possibly Ron Muhleman will make some contacts), we will need to pass on their name to the county fire marshal. Discussed again the set up times; 7:30 starts the layout process in the Presidents Hall. This takes about 2 hrs. Vendors will have from noon until 7PM for doing their set-up. (Or if layout is done early, they can start their process). Dana and Pat will have a pop up tent out in front to sign the vendors in. Event on Saturday will start at 7:30 AM for OVAC and Vendors. Opens to the public at 8:00AM.

Jim had sign up sheets for indicating where and when a person wants to work. George (traffic control) wants to be sure people sign up for traffic control, as it's important to monitor the doors in the building so people don't "sneak in". It was also mentioned that we have to have the building cleaned up and ready to leave by 10PM, so we need volunteers to help with that.

New Business – Bonnie said if OVAC wants a banquet in January, the reserving/planning of the event needs to take place. The membership asked that we again have our event at the Bremerton Elks.

Motion made/seconded/carried to have Bonnie work with Britt on an event. Motion to adjourn at 3:45. Seconded and approved.

Next meeting will be October 20 at 3:00PM (day before Swap Meet starts!)





OVAC Membership/Renewal Form

OVAC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

APPLICATION DATE			
MEMBER NAME			
	LAST	FIRST	SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER
MAILING ADDRESS			
HOME/CELL PHONE	/		
EMAIL			

MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

1. FILL IN ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS FORM
2. RETURN THIS SHEET WITH DUES PAYMENT. (\$25)
3. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OVAC
4. MAIL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP FORM TO **OVAC OLYMPIC VINTAGE AUTO CLUB**
P. O. Box 1614, SILVERDALE, WA 98383

5. CHECK ONE:

I WANT TO RECEIVE *THE DUSTER* VIA EMAIL

I WANT TO RECEIVE *THE DUSTER* VIA US MAIL

6. TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____

LIST YOUR ANTIQUE, VINTAGE, SPECIAL INTEREST &/OR COLLECTOR CARS >30 YEARS OLD

YEAR, MAKE MODEL	YEAR, MAKE, MODEL
1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
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15	16
17	18
19	20

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND WILL COMPLY WITH
THE OVAC TOURING GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE

(SPELL NAME)

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