



# The Duster

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ!

Greetings OVAC members!

We held our first indoor meeting in over a year at McCloud's Grill House in East Bremerton! There were a few bumps getting us in our assigned space, but it all worked out. We discussed the meeting place and the time to hold our meetings. The agreement was to continue meeting at McClouds and to start the meetings about 3:00PM. It starts getting busy and noisy later in the afternoon/evening, so the 3:00PM time is best.

Car events are starting up again. It's certainly nice after the long year we've had. If anyone would like to have a tour, let me know. Sig and I are still putting together another cruise to the North Kitsap area. It's going to happen in June, however, and we will get the info out to members.

Other great news; Bob DeYoung and Bev Lyon contacted me Thursday evening after the meeting. They would like to host a Coming Out Party/Meeting July 15 (this is the normal meeting date, we will just start early) at their lovely home on Mission Lake! We discussed it, and decided to hold a short meeting starting at noon, and then hold our picnic. It will be a bring your own lunch, water and soda provided and dessert. Watch for further details, including a guided trip out there.

Stay safe out there, and happy cruising!

Prez Bonnie



Not for sale. IM gonna fix it one day

Submitted by Ron O'Neil

## JUNE 2021

### Next Meeting

June 17th 2021

McCloud's Grill House  
4111 Wheaton Way  
Bremerton WA 98310

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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can share the job !

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# History OF THE CAR RADIO submitted by Dorothy Sutton

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't.

## Here's the story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset.

It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car.

Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator", a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current.

But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker. Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work –

Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention.

Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME

That first production model was called the 5T71.

Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier.

In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names –

Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest.

Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems:

When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression.

(By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio --

The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna.



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## AUXILIARY EVENTS & NEWS

- Coffee**                      **Every Wednesday morning**  
**Central Market, 7:00am**
- Breakfast**                      **Second Thursday of each month**  
**Family Pancake House, East Bremerton, 9:00am**
- Breakfast**                      **Last Tuesday of each month**  
**Putters Restaurant, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 9:00am**
- Cool Car Cruise**              **The Cool Car Cruise First Tuesday of Each month,**  
**April through September, Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**  
**3:00pm**
- Port Gamble Cruise** **Every Thursday Evening: April through September**  
**Port Gamble, 5:00-7:00pm**
- Bremerton National Airport** **Every Wednesday Night Car Cruise from 4:00pm-**  
**7:00pm**
- Ladies of OVAC Luncheon** **Third Tuesday of each month ~contact Ann Sears**  
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# 2021 TOURS AND EVENT CALENDAR



Let's plan some great tours and events for 2021!

## JUNE

17-Monthly Meeting

10-Crusin' Kitsap Bonnie & Sig

19-Crusin' at the Mall 11 to 2

## JULY

13-Retsil-TBD

15-Monthly Meeting

15-Coming Out Party!-11-2pm

31 Crusin' at the Mall 11 to 2

## AUGUST

No Monthly Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

16-Monthly Meeting

## OCTOBER

21-Monthly Meeting

## NOVEMBER

18-Monthly Meeting

## DECEMBER

NO Monthly Meeting



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
THAT TOUR INFORMATION  
MAY CHANGE!!!**

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE  
TOUR/EVENT HOST BEFORE  
LEAVING HOME**



# History OF THE CAR RADIO *cont'd from page 3*

These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them.

The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression –

Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory.

In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich tire company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores. By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running.

(The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.)

In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios.

In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts.

In 1940 he developed the first handheld two-way radio

-- The Handy-Talkie --for the U. S. Army.

A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II.

In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200.

In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon.

In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone.

Today Motorola is one of the largest cell phone manufacturers in the world.

And it all started with the car radio.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO

the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car?

Elmer Wavering and William Lear, ended up taking very different paths in life.

Wavering stayed with Motorola.

In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention lead to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing.

He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet.

(Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being!

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# The Good Ole Days of Car Travel

Photos submitted by Dorothy



**1935 Pontiac with  
Turquoise Canned Ham**



**1936 Pierce Arrow with  
Travelodge**



**1947 Custom Buick Sedanet  
with Matching Trailer**



**1951 Hudson Commodore  
with matching Trailer**



**1949 Studebaker Pickup with  
Purple Trailer to Match**

**1955 Ford Customline Wagon  
with Shasta Trailer**



# The Good Ole Days of Car Travel



**1952 Buick Riviera Hardtop  
with Matching Trailer**

**1956 Ford Ranch Wagon  
with Teardrop Trailer**



**1959 Chevrolet El Camino  
with Shasta Travel Trailer**

**1959 Chevrolet Impala Hardtop  
with Shasta Travel Trailer**



**1959 Cadillac Sixty with Shasta  
Trailer (Pretty Pink Pair)**



**1962 Ford Cortina with Custom  
Travel Trailer**



# Meeting Minutes

Olympic Vintage Auto Club

Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2021

Held at new McCloud's location inside at 3:00PM – Members Present – 32

Board Members Present: President - Bonnie Chrey, Vice President – Pete Britton, Treasurer – Bob Arper, Secretary – Kathrin Carr Janssen, Art Schick – Past President and Swap Meet Chair.

The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Chrey followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Last Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve them as published in the Duster.

Sunshine Report: Lynn Britton has not had any requests to send cards. No reports about anyone being ill mentioned at the meeting.

Treasurer Report and Web Page; both by Bob Arper. He handed out finance sheet to members prior to meeting, for review. Six or seven members have not paid dues so they will be dropped. He has paid the fee for Duster publication of \$77.55. He mentioned that he had made a donation of \$50 in Bruce Harlow's name to Kitsap Mental Health. This is the organization chosen by the Harlow family. A thank you was received by Kitsap Mental Health.

He has paid the club insurance. We no longer have a separate Vendor account, all monies have been placed in general account. There are two checks refunded to vendors that were not cashed. They are no longer valid after 6 mo. If Dana Lerma, our Vendor manager, hears from these people, she will notify Bob to issue another check. This was voted on and approved.

Web page – He will update to say meeting location and time. If there are other notifications/updates needed please contact him.

Old Business – Bonnie and Sig are working on the Viking Voyage to the North Kitsap area. Either June 10 or 17 (Thursdays are the dates being planned). It's still a work in progress!

We discussed location and time of future meetings. It was decided to continue holding meetings at McClouds at the 3:00PM time. If we hold the meeting later, it will start getting noisy in the building.

Swap Meet – Art Schick has nothing to report. Dana Lerma cannot find a contact number for the Rodeo Drive-In. Ron Muhleman said he has a number and will let her know. Pete is trying to contact the P.O. Airport president, but has not been successful.

New business – We have been invited to a cruise at the Kitsap Mall by Kenda Moreno, who is with Cornerstone Home Lending. The dates are both Saturdays, June 19, and July 31 . From 11 to 2. Important to note, there is no charge, however it is a fundraiser for CK Food Bank, so please bring something to donate.

Ron reported that Retsil Veterans Home would like to have us there, possibly July 13. He has been talking to spokesperson there, Tammy. It is not known if it will be just a drive thru, or we will actually stop there and meet with the residents.

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## Meeting Minutes *cont'd*

He also reported on various cruises that are starting up again; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month at McClouds Restaurant starting at 3PM, Wednesday's at the Airport starting at 3PM. Food is available at food truck. Thursday's at Port Gamble at 4PM. The Port Orchard Eagles are starting a car gathering on Thursday nights from 5 – 8PM. They will start having food in a couple of weeks. There is also the Friday night cruise in downtown Bremerton, every other Friday. The next is May 28. Port Orchard is planning to cruise the opposite Friday's. Get on his email list so you can see the particulars.

### Other announcements:

Ted Austin reminded all of breakfast at Putters Restaurant the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00AM. They need a count of how many to expect because of staffing. He passed around a sign-up sheet. The first breakfast held on April 27 was successful, two tables of OVAC members!

Ann Sears reported on status of Ladies Lunch. Still not able to meet at this time due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully this can start again in a few months.

Motion to adjourn at 4:00PM. Moved and seconded.

Next meeting; June 17 at McClouds at 3:00PM.

## COMING OUT PARTY!!

# Coming Out Party!!

Thursday, July 15th

11:00-2:00pm

**At Bob DeYoung and Bev Lyon's home:**

3280 N. Mission Rd W,  
Bremerton, WA 98312

**MEETING FIRST, FUN AND FOOD AFTERWARD!**

- ◆ **BRING; PICNIC LUNCH, CHAIRS, FISHING POLES, SWIMSUITS**
- ◆ **WATER, SODA, AND DESSERT PROVIDED.**

**CONTACT THE CHREY'S, 360-308-0011 (HOME), 360-710-3146  
(SIG'S CELL) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CARAVAN**





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