



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ!**

**Greetings OVAC members!** 

We are certainly in the "dog days" of Summer! A lot of plant watering going on at our place, how about yours?

The Port Orchard Cruz on August 8<sup>th</sup> turned in to a large gathering for OVAC members. There were over 20 cars that came to represent OVAC under Don Feldman's leadership. Many thanks to him for stepping up and hosting this event! Once again, OVAC won the trophy for Best Club Participation . George Mize accepted the trophy for the club. Other winners of individual trophies were John Gilmore, Rob & Melanie Gilmore, Dale and Diane Wilkins, and Rich Koch. We also gave out some OVAC membership forms – we may have new members!

The gathering for Bruce Harlow's memorial celebration brought 22 cars from OVAC. Other clubs represented were the Mercedes and CCCA. We had sunny weather and it was so nice to see the cars lined up again on Bruce's lawn overlooking Hood Canal. His cars were brought down there too. It was great to visit with some folks we haven't seen in a while. After the short memorial service, we had pizza and ice cream sundaes, just like we used to have after The Great Race. This was the event that Bruce hosted for numerous years.

Keep in mind we need to decide on candidates for offices for 2022. My two years as President will be over. As I mentioned at the July meeting, I will run for Secretary. Please be thinking of running for President! If you don't want this position, contact others that you think might be interested.

See you September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM at McClouds in East Bremerton.

**Prez Bonnie** 



### SEPTEMBER 2021

Next Meeting
September 16, 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 SEPTEMBER, August, and December.

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### **Port Orchard Cruise**









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### **AUXILIARY EVENTS & NEWS**

Coffee Every Wednesday morning

Central Market, 7:00am

Breakfast First & third Thursday 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 Every Wednesday Night Car Cruise from 4:00pm-

Airport 7:00pm

Ladies of OVAC Luncheon Third Tuesday of each month ~contact Ann Sears 360-830-4138 angelannie@wavecable.com



### **2021 TOURS AND EVENT CALENDAR**



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

# SEPTEMBER 16-Monthly Meeting 18-Keyportfest 12-4pm 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 BE-FORE LEAVING HOME



### Bruce Harlow—By Jim Barnes

# The Admiral has left the Bridge

s there ever a good day to say goodby to a friend, I think not, however there can be a pleasant day for a solemn event. That is the type of day we had as we bid farewell to Bruce Harlow. It began on a curious note as one of Henry's creations refused to start as, we were leaving the Home Depot parking lot. The hood was raised and when that little engine saw Fred peering in it

started right up. Off we went and with one little short cut we fell in line with around twenty other OVAC cars headed for Vinland.

Once there we met up with folks from the Mercedes Club, Classic Car Club, and others. You could not have asked for better weather as we were able to visit with folks I had not seen it quite some time.

There was quite an array of fine automobiles gathered on the lawn in front of the house. I remember thinking of all the times we sat in our chairs pondering the results of the Great American Race of Kitsap County. This time we would be hearing about some of the things Bruce had accomplished during his life time. He did a great many things for our local community impacting nearly everyone in it.



### Things like:

Ridding us of the ridiculous inter-county Toll Calls. His involvement with Harrison Hospital. Establishment of the Naval Undersea Museum. Creation of the Marine Science Center in Poulsbo.

### Among other things.

He was also an avid supporter of OVAC. As I looked through the roster of past Presidents I noticed that he served two separate two year terms about ten years apart. He was always available to provide practical solutions to those problems that plague organizations from time to time.



After a few stores and testimonials we fell in line for Pizza and later for some Ice Cream. It was hard not to reflect on the trips, tours and memories we had all shared as I pointed the Buick up the hill for one last time.

Yes, the Admiral has left the Bridge.

## The interesting story of the Motorola Chair Side Radio

Admittedly AM Radio is not high on anyone's Dial (pun intended) since that topic would be difficult to dramatize in todays world of seemingly superior entertainment. However, in World War II, Radio was at the forefront of news and entertainment industry and events would unfold that would demonstrate our ability to adapt and be resourceful.

In March of 1942 the newly created War Production Board issued a mandate that effectively ended the manufacture of Civilian Radio Receivers. Those manufacturers were directed to shift their production to support the War effort. A similar edict curtailed the production of automobiles in 1942, there are a few cars produced in 1942 but they are rare and notably different from previous years. Since Car Radios were an optional item, manufacturers like Motorola, were left with a boat load of radios destined for automobiles that were not going to be produced. It's at this point where flexibility and resourcefulness come together to produce the Chair Side Radio.

Traditionally during that period the home Radio set was more like todays entertainment center. It was a relative large piece of stand alone furniture that occupied a predominate place in ones living room. As the popularity of Radio grew and the supply of Radios declined, enterprising manufacturers developed the Chair Side Radio. It was a simple matter to convert that large supply of unused car radios to run on house power and develop simple wooden enclosures to house them in. These units were basically end tables with radios, often with some other form of storage. The Auto Radios had a number of advantages over other radios since they were designed to work



with relative short antennas and often operated long distances from Radio Stations. Since they operated in vehicles they had a great deal of noise immunity built into their designs (noise is a big deal in AM radio) and we're very compact.

I was fortunate to run across one of these Radios that was being restored. Time and advancements in technology have relegated these items to the back burner and they have become some of history's rare treasures.

### **September Opportunities in Poulsbo**



### **Classic Yacht Show**

Fine old motor yachts.

Come view the Yachts at the **Port of Poulsbo** docks. Meet the owners. Learn about it's history and the unique craftsmanship and design of the classic era. Fun & educational for all ages!

11 - 3 PM SATURDAY, SEPT 11TH



### Classic Car Cruise

Fine old (& new) automobiles

The Annual "Cruise through Little Norway". Starts in the Old Albertsons Parking lot, 19561 7th Ave, Poulsbo, 98370 Line up 3-3:30 PM. Cruise starts at 4 PM & traavels through historic downtown & surrounding neighborhoods.

STARTS ABOUT 4 PM SEPT 11TH



### **September Art Walk**

Fine Art, Local Talent

Poulsbo's 2nd Saturday Art Walks are back in full swing. Stroll the galleries, meet artists and enjoy refreshments. It's the perfect way to end the day.

5 - 8 PM SATURDAY SEPT. 11TH

# YACHTS CARS ART Historic Downtown ON STREET CARS ART CARS

### **For Sale**



### 1926 Model T Coupe.

All original with recently rebuilt engine. Manual and Electric start. Turn signals and brake lights. Specialty license plate.

Price.....\$11,995.00 or best offer.

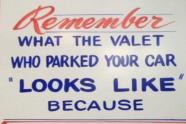
**Contact: Ace Edwards 360.779.2223** 

Please call between 9:00AM- 5:00PM









WE DO NOT HAVE VALET PARKING

### **POSTERS TO THINK ABOUT!**



To get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays ...

Put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the porch. A married man's honest confession :



"I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have..."

### A Collection of Continental Classics submitted by Richard Satter



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**THE DUSTER** 

### A Collection of Continental Classics cont'd



How do you milk sheep?

Bring out a new iPhone and charge \$1000 for it.

we sold longer dipsticks, because his doesn't reach his oil anymore.



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