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## President's Ramblings

Good morning fellow old car owners and drivers.

Well, Gayle and I are just back from a wet tour put on by Mike Yeakel and company. We met up at Mike's shop last Saturday morning, leaving for the Lynden Tractor show, along with six other cars. We were allowed to park on the grounds, with a front row seat to watch the parade at the northwest turn of the parade. We even saw Les Gitts driving around in a tractor giving rides to kids. I would like to thank Bill Graham for inviting us to the show and allowing our group to show off the old iron. As usual, Mike won a prize at the show for "most wanted to have in their garage". (Seems to always happen. Must be rigged). At 2p.m., we all got into our cars and drove out of the park, and continued our tour through the farmland of Lynden, over to Blaine, and then down to

Marcia and Mike's cabin on the beach, to eat more food. We did have a little meeting to satisfy our club by-laws and then ate more. Oh, the sun did come out right after we left the show, so not all was lost to the rain. I would think all of us were more than happy to get out and do some touring. Thanks Marcia and Mike Yeakel for setting up the day.

While I am on a tour note, once again, Gayle and I have returned from the Model T National Tour held over in Spokane this year, 5 days of 100 plus miles per day at 100 degrees plus temperatures. Boy, that is not what a Seattle boy can handle! Even Gayle, who loves the sun, was having a little bit of an issue over the temp! Our 1911 Ford Touring, which is somewhat new to us, only having it from Christmas last year, and literally no more than 50 miles under our belts, held up and finished without any problems!

At this point we are trying to have a one-day tour in Sept. And Howard Musolf has graciously said he will try to put one together, so look for more info in the newsletter on that.

Being we have not had very many meetings, or get togethers, I think I have run out of things to comment on, so that's all folks.

Best, I hope everyone stays safe and healthy,

Harold III





## **From the Editor**

There are two additions to the calendar that will interest many of you. The Covered Bridge Tour in Albany, Oregon is on for September 9 – 12, 2021 and the Fall Swap Meet in Monroe is October 9 – 10, 2021 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

I was able to locate an obituary announcement for Jim Beuzenberg.

Steve and I attended the Modoc Small Car Tour in Alturas, California with several members of our Skagit/Snohomish Regional

group, so look closely at the pictures and see who you can spot on page 6. The August meeting was in connection with Vintage Farming Days in Lynden. Pictures are found with the article on page 9 and on the calendar page (PG.5). There was a business meeting and minutes are included on page 8. Member Ken Findlay shared an article that he wrote regarding the Pathfinders Tour. I'll include it in installments.



### **James Maurice Beuzenberg**

February 14, 1934 - June 4, 2021

Bellingham, Washington - James "Jim/Papa" Maurice Beuzenberg, age 87, of Bellingham went home to Heaven Friday June 4, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara (Monroe) Beuzenberg; his sisters, Corky Drost and Joyce Bernard; his sister-in-law, Geneva "Cookie" Matter; his brother-in-law, Ralph Polson; his daughter and son-in-law, Denise Freeman & Neil Freeman; his five grandchildren, Jessica Swanberg, Jeremiah Freeman, Benjamin Freeman, Laura Heyen, and Jacob Freeman, and his 15-great-grandchildren. James loved his wife Barbara, he loved animals (especially German Shepherds) and farm living. He loved old cars and tractors, and he loved driving his

antique cars with friends in various car clubs over the years. A memorial will be planned for later this spring.



# 2020 Calendar – Subject to Change

Please submit calendar updates to Linda Schmidt promptly, as future planning depends on this information.

## September 2021

- Sept. 9-12 The Covered Bridge Tour of the Pacific North West, Presented by the Oregon Pioneer and Western Gaslight 1&2 Cylinder Regional Clubs.  
Contact: Tony Wollesen (404-406-6639) [aawollesen@gmail.com](mailto:aawollesen@gmail.com)
- Sept.11 Lake Chelan Car Club Annual Car Show
- ~~Sept. 16-18 Can-Am in Bellingham. Canceled due to border closure.~~
- Sept. 19 Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose, CA. Hosts: Peder Jorgensen [pederjorgensen@gmail.com] and Allan Greensburg [allangreenb01@gmail.com]
- Sept. 19-23 Nickel Era Touring Registry tour, CoastNET2021, headquartered at the Santa Maria Airport Radisson. Tour Leaders are very experienced Robin and Michelle Onsoien (805) 929-8009
- Sept. 19-24 1 and 2-Cylinder Tour, Lancaster, PA.  
Hosts: Ludwig and LuJean Gocek (610-614-1895)
- Sept. 25 September meeting of Skagit/Snohomish Regional HCCA beginning at 10 AM at the home of Howard Musolf, 8624 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

## October 2021

- Oct. 5-9 AACA National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. [HCCA BBQ at noon on Friday.]
- Oct. 9-10 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Monroe Fall Auto Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds Monroe, WA.
- Oct. 9-12 Hershey Hangover Tour X, Denver, PA. Hosts: Jeff Leshar (610-639-1977) and John McAnlis



Mark and Rinda Shaw with Kelly and Sally Bledsoe at Vintage Farming Days in Lynden.



Ray and Nancy Moore visiting from Arizona.

## **Don't Break Down on a Monday**

We were excited when COVID restrictions were lifted, and we could once again join our vintage car friends on a tour, so recently we packed our 1995 21-Coachman Catalina Class C and loaded our 1921 Model T Ford touring car in our 16-foot cargo trailer (These dimensions will be important.) and headed for northeastern California's Modoc County, where the elevation is about 4,500 feet and the temperature was currently 95 degrees.

At age 25 with 150,000 miles, our RV doesn't owe us much, so when it abruptly stopped IN a fruit checkpoint when entering California, we thought our association was over. Fortunately, Steve coaxed it out of the covered area and off to the side of the road. We are abundantly insured for towing, so I called the number on the card we were given. I pressed "1", gave my phone number, allowed GPS tracking to find me, authorized something else that I didn't understand while I was being redirected through the link for the location finder, and waited on "Hold" for at least twenty minutes. When "Jordan" answered, he asked many of the same questions that I had previously answered, and he sent an email to the "Specialty" department since we needed an RV towed. I was to hang up, and I would get a call back in anywhere from ten minutes to two hours depending on call volume (which the Hold recording told me was High.)

In the meantime, Steve was on his phone locating a repair shop, so we would have an address to give the dispatcher and driver. He also started calling towing companies. Three couldn't help us because they didn't have the equipment available for the RV and a cargo trailer, and one would have someone for us in four hours. We booked him.

We began to think that since we were only forty miles from our destination where there were lots of trucks hauling trailers, maybe one of the vintage car owners would be willing to come and get our trailer, so we would only need a tow for the RV. As we were talking with one such volunteer, he suggested that Steve try to start the engine. That maybe once it cooled off, it might start if the reason it stopped was vapor-lock from heat and low gas (we had a quarter of a tank). Not afraid to give anything a try at this point, he turned the ignition key, and it started!!

Until we had made it all the way to Alturas and had filled up the gas tank, we didn't cancel the four-hour-away tow truck. As we were starting the engine, the "Specialty" dispatcher called me back. I told her what happened and seriously considered making her stay in the line until we arrived at our destination. I did give her feedback on the long wait to speak with someone when one is on the side of the road needing assistance. (I may have even suggested that I was disappointed enough to consider another insurance provider.) She apologized and said that Monday is a very busy day for towing because of the weekend. I didn't understand that rationale, but I assured her that, in the future, I would try to avoid breaking down on a Monday. (Insert eye roll!)

# MODOC Small Car Tour in June

Several members of the Skagit/Snohomish Regional Group were in Alturas, California for the Modoc Small Car Tour in late June. Despite blistering heat, we enjoyed the tour and the camaraderie. It felt good to see friends face-to-face as we sat around the hotel parking lot in the evening shade and caught up after a day of touring. There was lots of brass and a little steam. Thank you, Pat Farrell and Steve Schmidt for sharing your pictures.



*Great turnout of cars*



*Curved Dash Oldsmobile*



**Stanley driver Pat Farrell, taking lots of pictures.**



*Crank it, Christine!*



## SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL HCCA

August 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by President **Harold Musolf III** at the beach home of **Mike and Marcia Yeakel** in Bellingham.

We wish to thank Mike and Marcia Yeakel for arranging the meeting location, tours and the munchies and beverages. The meal was great, and the views of the sound and mountains were spectacular

Guests Kathy Peterson, Allison Markley, and five members of the Croft family were introduced.

Twenty-five members were present. Members in attendance included: **Kelly and Sally Bledsoe, Tom and Anita Brethauer, Keene and Christine Brewer, Joe and Collen Davies, Dave and Elaine Ellis, Richard and Virginia Frombly, Robb Johnson, Ray Markley, Ray and Nancy Moore, Harold and Gayle Musolf, Howard Musolf, Steve and Linda Schmidt, Mark and Rinda Shaw, and Mike and Marcia Yeakel.**

### MINUTES

The minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. The motion was made by **Elaine Ellis** and seconded by **Ray Markley**.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Robert Monsen** reported a solvent balance in the club's account.

### SUNSHINE REPORT

**Elaine Ellis** reported sending a sympathy card to Barb Beuzenberg upon the death of her husband, Jim.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

### NEW BUSINESS

A motion was entertained and made by **Harold Musolf III** to reimburse the Yeakels \$100.00 for the cost of the meal. It was seconded by **Howard Musolf**. Motion carried.

The Regional meeting and tour for September will be at **Howard Musolf's** at 8624 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258 on September 25, 2021, at 10 AM.

The Monroe Swap meet is October 9 – 10, 2021.

**Elaine Ellis** has clothes from Vicki Markley for sale, and the proceeds will be donated to the Skagit/Snohomish Regional Group. Pictures and sizes will be published in the newsletter or emailed separately.

**Mike Yeakel** suggested that we gather again in August at his home in August 2022 and tour over to the Vintage Farming Days event.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM and members toured back to MYCO to retrieve their trailers.



## VINTAGE FARMING DAYS, AUGUST 7, 2021



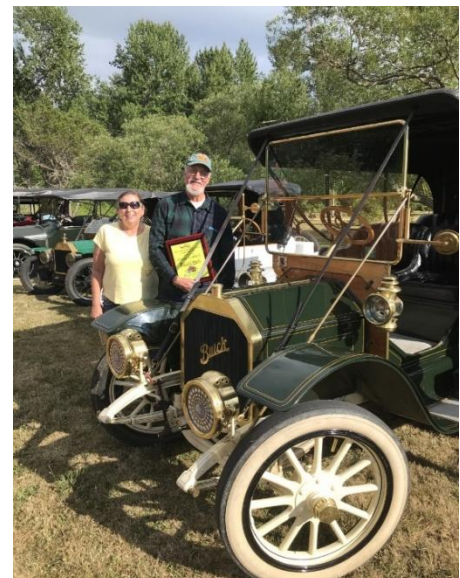
The Skagit/Snohomish Regional HCCA Club was invited to share our brass cars with visitors to the Vintage Farming Days in Lynden. Mike and Marcia Yeakel offered to host a tour and meal in connection with the event. Members from Washington, Oregon, and Arizona gathered at Mike's shop in Bellingham at 9am to park trailers and queue up for a tour over to the event. We encountered a



little rain, but the cars and people weathered it beautifully. Mike and Marcia Yeakel took home the People's Choice Award for their Buick. Around 2pm, Mike led the group back to sunny skies at their Beach House on Lummi Bay for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, burgers, sides, and dessert. We had a short business meeting before Mike led the group back to his shop. (More pictures on page 5.)



*Keene and Christine Brewer*



*Mike and Marcia Yeakel with People's Choice Award*

## Pathfinders National Parks Transcontinental Tour by Ken Findlay

Editor's Note: I asked Ken to share with us how he navigated the border closing because I knew that many were curious. Here is his response followed by Part 1 of his adventure.

I get asked the border question all the time! Contrary to what Dave Ellis claims we did not run the border at midnight!!! We've always been able to fly into the US from Canada but not able to drive in. We did have to get a Covid test 72 hours prior which we passed of course. We flew into Phoenix through San Francisco from Vancouver. Our airport was very empty with only 2 flights showing for departure. We went through US security there and when they asked what we were doing we said it was a holiday driving vacation. US Customs was fine with that. For some unknown and unwritten reason, the cars couldn't be shipped out until we had actually entered the US. We had to get a broker involved with that to get the correct forms done and submitted. The shipper was a local hotshot guy here who transports cars across the border every day, so it wasn't a big deal to him. We flew out on the Saturday a week before the tour started and the cars left Canada on the Monday. They arrived in Phoenix Wednesday afternoon. We spent that time before the tour in a lovely, rented house with a great pool. It was hot and we needed it. We also used the time to visit with HCCA members Ron and Sherry Schroeder. Wonderful people. They helped out with storage for 2 other tour cars that unexpectedly arrived early and needed a garage for a few days. It was a great adventure.

It was in early 2019 that Dan and Samantha Findlay started planning the Pathfinders National Parks Transcontinental Tour. The original idea was to start in Scottsdale Arizona, visit the major National Parks all the way up to Idaho, cross the border into Canada, see Banff and Lake Louise and then end up in Coeur D'Alene. Covid brought an abrupt change to that. With the US/Canada border closed, the route was changed at the last minute to do a loop through Washington and still end up in Coeur D'Alene. Total mileage would be 3234 miles. May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 was the tour of a lifetime for 14 cars and their owners.

Most of the cars arrived on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Camelback Resort where we were staying. They came from all over the continent including Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois, Utah, New York and British Columbia. It was an impressive group of cars and enthusiasts. We were lucky to have Kimberley Shadduck along as she is a professional photographer and also a great Rolls driver. That would come in handy later in the tour.

We left Scottsdale early in the morning to avoid the 105F heat that would hit later in the



Scottsdale



day. Over the next 3 weeks our drives would take us to The Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, and a host of other interesting places. The roads were mainly quiet secondary highways with little traffic and beautiful scenery. There were lots of switchbacks to test the cars with and lots of hills too. We drove to our highest elevation of the tour, 10577 ft, on the way to Bryce Canyon. This was a particularly interesting day as we had to drive through the unlit, 1.1 mile long, Mt. Carmel tunnel, built in the 1930's. The temperature remained around 100F, and this caused many of the cars to overheat on the hills. Even the Silver Ghosts needed to water up at times.



*Overheated Premier*

Day 9 was the day when we had our first major breakdown of the tour.

Unfortunately, it was our 1914 Premier. In spite of a new radiator and water pump, it had been overheating for much of the run. In Richfield Utah I had to remove the exhaust manifold to replace the blown-out gaskets. We discovered some drops of water in the rear exhaust port. A crack was found between the water jacket and the exhaust port. I expect it had been there for many years as overheating had been a constant issue with this car. Block sealer was added as a possible temporary fix but the next day proved the problem wasn't going to go away. In Park

City, after 1124 miles, it was time to park the Premier and continue on in a rental car. Park City was also time for the ladies night out, an exotic cooking class! They were

picked up in a limo and whisked away for an entertaining evening learning some new culinary skills. It was a nice change of pace and enjoyed by all. Meanwhile the guys were left behind to fend for themselves. The next day another car suffered a major issue. This time it was the 11 Rolls Silver Ghost of Tim and Pia Sierra. Starting up from a traffic stop the output shaft in the transmission sheared off rendering the car inoperable. Haggerty's was a sponsor of the tour and provided the needed towing to get the Rolls moved. Luckily Kay and Cam Sidwell, on the tour with their newly restored 1912 Peerless, had a place in nearby Morgan, Utah. The Premier and the Rolls were left there. Cam opened up his amazing brass car collection for the tour to see. It was great.



*1912 Peerless*

One of the highlights of the many places we stayed was The Kodiak Mountain Resort in Afton WY. This was a great spot as everyone had their own log cabin to stay in. Only a year old, it was amazing. In the lodge that evening the tour provided a Mexican dinner that was a treat.



Kodiak Mountain Resort, Afton, WY

Next stop, Yellowstone National Park. Our drive took us through Grand Teton Park and then on to Yellowstone. We were supposed to stay for 2 days at the Lodge in Yellowstone but at the last minute all the reservations were cancelled due to Covid. Some quick scrambling by Samantha and Dan found accommodations

for all, 30 miles away at West Yellowstone. We had a day off here to give our group plenty of time to see the sites.



I should mention that some of the cars had been having a few issues along the way. Peter and Rita's 11 Locomobile had broken a few rear hub bolts. This was fixed in the hotel parking lot. Andy and Madeleine's 14 Lozier had been overheating and required a few stops every day for water. The wood wheels were heard complaining too! The 1917 Pierce of Bob and Jackie



had a few different issues going on. The starter gave trouble day one. A fuel delivery problem occurred a few times causing vapour lock in the extreme heat. The magneto was being very difficult necessitating a push start in the mornings. There were a couple of flat tires to deal with as well. Not to be out done, Angie and Jeff's 1911 Thomas was breaking spokes on the recently re-spoked wire wheels. One of the spares was sacrificing good spokes for the rest of the wheels as required. As well the tires were wearing very



quickly, and they had numerous flats. Marion Haines's 1912 Lohr Six had fan problems which Marion overcame. He was also seen in the parking lot working on the bent tie rod one evening.



1908 Silver Ghost

Still on the road and giving very little trouble was the newly restored 1912 Peerless 6/60 of Kay and Cam's, John Dolan's 08 Silver Ghost, Steve and Kim's 14 Silver Ghost,



1915 Mercer

Dave and Candy's 14 Simplex D 50hp, Dave and Kimberly's 25 Silver Ghost, Mike and Cynthia's 13 Silver Ghost and Dan and Samantha's 15 Mercer.

The next few days took us to White Sulphur Springs Montana and then on to Glacier National Park Montana. This was our longest drive of the tour at 256 miles. In addition, there were strong winds coming in off the mountains making driving more difficult. Our welcomed stay that night was at the Great Bear Lodge in St Mary's Village. The "Going to the Sun Road" was snowed in when the tour started 2 weeks earlier but had just opened when we arrived. Reservations were required to drive it and a few cars did. Miles driven so far on tour were 1979.

A few days later we had the opportunity to visit the Stonehenge Aviation Museum which opened up just for our group. The museum is on 1500 acres and consists of a private collection of air worthy Warbirds from all years. In addition, there is a full-size re-creation of Stonehenge on the property! After, we continued on to our destination for the day, Sand Point Idaho. We stayed at the Lodge, on the waterfront in a beautiful setting. The restaurant opened up just for us. We had a wonderful meal on the deck enjoying the great view and great weather. This was the end of the tour for Cam and Kay Sidwell and the 12 Peerless as Cam had to return to work. For John Dolan and his 08 Rolls it was the same story. He had to return to New York. We missed them both for the rest of the tour.



## **Classifieds:**

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Steve Hammatt Mount Vernon WA

Email: [gsteve@hammatt.com](mailto:gsteve@hammatt.com)

or phone 360-661-6060.



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Call Glenn Slack at 503-694-8488.



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### **Wanted:**

1931 Plymouth model PA.

Elliott Fletcher, Email: [epjaf@broadstripe.net](mailto:epjaf@broadstripe.net), Or phone 206 226 1903 cell.



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