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# *THE SUNSET STRIP*

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## ***Ramblings From Da Prez***

*Darrell King*

Jan warned me that I would be busy, until the last two weeks, I didn't realize how busy. Leonard and I have been busy talking with our major sponsor about the event and tee shirts. We will hopefully have the Certificates of Appreciation, at the meeting, ready for dispersal to those of you who will be contacting trophy sponsors. Eileen has received a number of registrations so far and sent out the confirmation cards. We are slowly getting everything in the web site, including the calendar, sponsors, event registration and so on. For all the details, we will share them at the meeting on April 21. Remember, we still need people to sign up on several committees. I will keep bringing the signup list until it is full.

I attended the InterClub Council meeting earlier this week. You can tell that it is going to be a busy summer. July and August are booked solid. Here are some of the updates. (Check our calendar for all events and dates.) Marshfield High Band will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car show immediately after the Memorial Day Parade. I would like to see a good turnout at the parade and show. A number of Sunset Chevy Club members are going to the Oregon Mountain Cruise in Joseph, June 8-12. That should be fun. If you are interested in going, check out our web site. The North Bend Jubilee Cruise will be July 15. Some good news, the InterClub has tentatively agreed to have the Scottsburg Picnic again, possibly on July 30. They will need all clubs to participate. August 5 will be the Coquille Fireman's Car Show at Sturdivant Park. Sandblast Rod Run on August 11-13 will welcome any 1966 and older car. As you heard from Denny Galloway at the last meeting, the Rendezvous has been changed from the Gay 90's weekend to August 19.

So, I'm going to grab my calendar and get all the events listed on it now, so I don't over schedule ourselves. It would be really awesome if the Sunset Chevys brought home some "Club Participation" awards.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

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### **Fuel-Saving Tip -**

A new oxygen sensor alone can improve gas mileage by as much as 15 percent, according to AutoZone, a car parts store.

Having tires inflated to the automaker's maximum recommended pressure can improve gas mileage by as much as 6 percent.

Periodic wheel alignments can help improve fuel economy up to 10 percent, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Clean out that trunk, cargo area or pickup bed. Take out unneeded items that only add weight to your vehicle. Extra weight decreases gas mileage. According to AutoZone, every 200 pounds of unnecessary weight shaves one mile per gallon off your fuel mileage.

Well, at the price of gasoline, anything is worth a try!

***Birthdays***

- April 1 Grizz Haggard
  - 4 Buddy Marsden
  - 14 Karole Stevens
  - 18 Rita Marsden
  - 26 Carla Johnson
  - May 3 Denny Galloway
  - 11 Bill Trentz
  - 13 Darrell King
  - 21 Tito Pereira \*
  - 21 Kathy Strickler
  - 23 Don Baronian
  - 28 Alta Wilson \*
  - 29 Beverly Morgan \*
- No longer on membership list, but these are folks we like to remember!

***Anniversaries***

- April 8 Rick & Greta Slagle
- 15 Darrell & Eileen King
- May 6 Gary & Jan Ruppel
- 27 Bob & Emily Bright
- 28 Vern & Karole Stevens

Bits and Pieces from SC Cruisers

Foreign cars is a new classification for the 2006 Rendezvous, according to the S.C. Cruisers Newsletter. And, year limit has been raised to 1976.

The Cruisers' newsletter also noted that watching the Barrett-Jackson Auction was especially fun for Rob Van Slyke this year as his brother and friends were there. His brother, Allen, bought two cars, a '69 Camaro RS SS and a '62 Chevy Del Ray drag car. A friend bought a '35 Studebaker street rod. Like all of us, Rob would like to attend the auction—just to watch.

DENNY & JOANN GALLOWAY, members of both SCChevy Club and SCCruisers, are planning a trip to Holland to visit friends. We understand their meeting is an interesting story. See it elsewhere in this issue.

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*Thank you to members of SCC club for the lovely bouquet and card in memory of my mom!  
Maxene*

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**DUTCH TREAT . . .****By Joann Galloway**

I'll do a short version of the story. There is so much to tell about this couple, you would need a book to print it.

We do a lot of Auto Repair for our doctor and his family, and always told them, that when they had a wreck, to just tow it out here, to save all the hassle. One day, we got 4 phone calls from the doctor's wife, regarding a Dutch couple that rolled their camper van up on the Powers highway. Since everything they owned was in the van, they didn't want to put it in storage. So we finally told Susie to have it towed here and bring the couple out and we would put them up in our motor home, until they could decide what to do. After hanging up, I thought, "What am I doing?" I don't even know what type of people they are. Susie brought them out and they both were very upset and confused as to what to do. Come to find out, they had been coming to the states for 6 months every year for the past 14 years. They knew a lot of people in LA area, but no one up here. To make a long story short, they ended up staying with us for 3 months and we helped them get through everything. They are such a wonderful couple, we didn't charge them anything for staying here. Johanna cooked dinner every night for us and of course kept the fridge in the shop stocked with beer and wine. Happy hour was every day at 4pm and we had a lot of people coming up to meet them and visit. We felt like we had known them forever.

The next year, they came up, along with 3 other couples, friends of theirs down south. They stayed with us for 2 months and after all the others left, we were having dinner and they gave us a card to read. They had written a thank you to us for all that we had done for them. Inside was money for airline tickets to Holland for the following Spring. Of course, I cried. We never in this world expected something like that. So we took the trip 2 years ago for a month and were treated like a king & queen. They even sent us on a tour to Paris for

a week, and on a yacht doing the canal for a week. It was heaven. We didn't stay home but maybe 2 days the whole time we were there. They took us everywhere We even got to see a real car show, with American cars included and a Ford museum of old cars bought from the United States. Pretty neat. And of course all the Holland fields and a beautiful park something like Shore Acres, but 10 times bigger. Took all day to go through it. Just beautiful.

Last year when they were here, Johanna gave me money for airline tickets again to come over in April. It's to be a surprise for her husband, Cees, for their 40th wedding anniversary. We will be staying for another month. Two more couples are coming from LA area the last 2 weeks and we are renting a yacht that sleeps 14 people and tour the canals in southern Holland this time. I will write more when we get back.

This couple is unbelievable. They are so honest and loving and we have become great friends. Every year they come to visit once or twice during their trip. Just wish they weren't so far away. We stay in contact all the time. So see, it pays to be nice to people and help others.

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**FOOD, FRIENDS, and FUN!**

Judy and Leonard Deel hosted SCC Club members at their lovely home on April 1 to watch the Barrett-Jackson Car auction from Florida. The guys sat in the family room, ate, ate, ate and watched the auction. The women sat in the living room with the sound on the TV sound muted, ate, talked, talked, talked. What a great day, great hosts, great food. Oh yeah, great auction.

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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE Mary A. Fullerton

An item in the South Coast Cruisers newsletter noting the January death of Mary Fullerton, a former Cruiser member, reminded me that she and her husband were so instrumental in igniting the interest of many in classic cars. Sonny & Yvonne Bower ('41 Chev sedan) actually invited us to our first Charlie's Cruise, an informal gathering of old car buffs who met weekly at The Hop (now The Stock Pot). Mary twisted arms for the 50/50 drawing, used the cruise share to benefit T.H.E. House and spearheaded a great holiday dinner for regular cruisers. And, each time we met, we drove somewhere for dinner together. That's where I remember first meeting Jim and Kathy Strickler, Bill and Judy Walters, Carroll and Colleen Sederlin with baby Connor and others. Charlie and Mary hosted annual always-to-be-remembered Christmas parties at their home that Mary decked out with a huge collection of decorations; Charlie donned a Santa outfit to distribute gifts and we ate until we felt as though we were bursting. Those were good times and Mary will be greatly missed. Charlie moved his shop, Charlie's Truck Repair, to larger quarters at 1131 S. Broadway in Coos Bay some time ago from the smaller one across from Hanson's Animal Hospital where Mary used to keep books for the shop and provide a drop off place for gifts to/from our secret sweeties! Yep, those were the good ol' days and we'll miss Mary!

Kathy Strickler remembers that if anyone could be called a lady it was Mary Fullerton. She was always kind and gentle, Kathy noted, and she loved her family, animals, and gardening.

**A celebration of Mary's life will be at the family home at 62927 Isthmus Heights Road on April 15 at 1:00. Please call Tammy Trost at 297-0800 or Charlie At 267-2577 if coming!**

**Car Restoration Tip - Welding Safety is no Accident! (Copied from The Oil Leaks Gazette, the official newsletter for the Central Oregon Classic Chevy Cub, January 2006 issue)**

Anyone who has used a welder knows that large amounts of sparks fly everywhere. They can easily ignite clothing (C'mon, who hasn't had a shirt sleeve or pants cuff start smoldering?) and flammable objects on the floor. Little molten beads of metal bounce all over the place and can easily go unnoticed while one's face is being shielded by the welding goggles or mask.

Two things to minimize the chance of a fire—first, wear old military shirts or jump suits made of Nomex, a fire-retardant material. The clothing has hundred of little burn marks to prove how useful it has been over the years, by the way, and can be bought at any surplus store or over the Internet.

Second, get into a little 'ritual' when leaving the garage after welding. Once you've closed the door, turn off the lights and walk around the inside looking for signs of smoldering paper or cloth. It's amazing how easy it is to see the glow of a smoldering item when the lights are off. Have you ever seen something burning, you ask? Yes, several times over the years we've found a shred of paper, plastic or cloth on the floor. The fire might never have spread anyway, but who wants to take the risk?

Of course, keep fire extinguishers in several places around the garage in case of disaster. There's also a phone extension in the garage. You never know . . .



## QUOTED FROM QUARTER INCH DRIVE

Quarter Inch Drive is the quarterly newsletter for friends and graduates of Tom Hull's shop programs. Tom Hull directs/instructs the industrial technology program at Marshfield High School. He was a speaker at SCC Club last year and impressed members with description of the program, its benefit to students, and his ebullient personality. We've been exchanging newsletters for awhile and here's a reprint of one of his "Tips from the Field."

### FUEL PROBLEMS

For years, engineers designed increasingly complex carburetors to provide the fuel needs for internal combustion engines, adding systems to solve problem. Not enough fuel to start the car? Add a choke system. Not enough fuel at high speeds? Add a power system. Not enough fuel at low speeds? Add an idle system. Not enough fuel during take-off? Add an acceleration system. Compounding complications confounded mechanics.

Now that virtually every engine is electronically fuel injected, new but simpler sets of fuel problem skills are needed. Dave Schenck says, "check fuel pressure first." Since injectors control fuel volume with "on-time," high pump pressure makes for rich mix while low pressure means lean mix. If pump pressure is low, check pressure regulator by pinching off return line. If pressure comes up, look for bad regulator. While your gauge is on the rail, check fuel volume flow. Use a stethoscope and listen at each injector for the clicking sound of a working unit.

The most common fuel problems today, according to Dave? MAP and MAF sensor failure. The computer which controls the injectors relies on information obtained from sensors . . . And wrong information means wrong decisions. A quick scanner check usually picks up the bad sensor, and with a few turns of the wrench, you're back on the road.

**(Dave has been a faithful mechanical mentor to Tom Hull for 20 years. He owns and operates an automotive repair and machine shop so popular that he is always 3 weeks behind.)**

### **Bits and Pieces**

#### HEIDE ON A FOUR-WHEELER?

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#### EL CAMINO FOR SALE (by Bob and Emily Bright)

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#### FEMALE DACHSHUND PUPPY FOR SALE

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#### '50 CHEV 4-door POWER GLIDE FOR SALE - \$3200

New tires, needs glass, some rust, '55 engine, needs interior work and chrome. Susan 756-1610