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# *THE SUNSET STRIP*

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## **RAMBLINGS FROM DA PREZ**

**By Darrell King**

First of all, thanks to all who attended the February meeting and signed up for committees and also for those who signed up to contact our trophy sponsors. As Bill Trentz, Bill Walters and I can attest to, it is very rewarding to contact the sponsors and give them their Certificates of Appreciation and ask for this year's donation. Thanks also to Jan and Leonard for all the positive guidance they have provided the past several months.

We are still in the process of getting our web site online. It should be up by the time you read this. Remember: [www.SunsetClassicChevys.com](http://www.SunsetClassicChevys.com) We would also like to encourage anybody with a digital camera, to keep it handy for get-togethers. Any club pictures are always nice on the web site.

I have talked with the Houck family, who are the original organizers of the Cruz the Coos. When I mentioned that we had voted to have them be the Grand Marshals of the Cruz, they were excited about the opportunity.

February 18, Eileen and I went to Medford to visit the grandbaby (and her parents). That evening, I had the opportunity to attend the Southern Oregon Rod & Custom Show at the Jackson Co. Expo Park. It is a really nice show that has been held for the past 29 years. I talked with all the people I could about coming to our event. A gentleman, by the name of "Bunny" said to say Hi! to Don with the derby hat. He has attended with his white Model A in the past and will possibly be attending in his newly completed gorgeous '40 Ford convertible.

I talked with the scholarship coordinators at both Marshfield and North Bend High Schools. They were excited about our \$1000 donation to each of their scholarship programs. I will be delivering the checks shortly, along with the application criteria that we all agreed to.

Don Shively is busy arranging pictures of Bob Celli's and our cars to be put together on the tee shirt for this year. What a privilege, thank you! It is quite a trick, as our car is still not together, let alone, painted. You wouldn't believe how hard it is to find a color chip for a 2006 Mercedes C class sport sedan. The color, hmmm, you'll have to wait to see.

Hope to see even more of you at the March 17 meeting. By the way, that is Saint Patty's (or is it Paddy's ?) Day. Don't forget the "Wearin' o' the Green."

***Birthdays***

- March 1 Larry Morgan
- 13 Jim Strickler
- 14 Sherry Hill
- 16 Jack Lopes
- 25 Don Shively
- 31 Judy Tjaarda
- April 1 Grizz Haggard
- 4 Buddy Marsden
- 14 Karole Stevens
- 18 Rita Marsden
- 26 Carla Johnson

***Anniversaries***

- March 9 Don & Carolyn Baronian
- 23 Don & Freda Shively
- 24 Dick & Jeanne Fertig
- April 8 Rick & Greta Slagle
- 15 Darrell & Eileen King

**ALTA & HARRY WILSON HURT**

Harry and Alta Wilson, former members, are recovering from injuries received when their new Dodge pickup truck struck a boulder that had tumbled onto the roadway near Tyee on Saturday, March 4 about 10 p.m. Wilsons were returning from an auction at Rice Hill and were heading toward the coast when they and three other cars were involved in collisions with the massive rocks. A Chevy Blazer was completely smashed, but there were no fatalities according to Carroll Sederlin, who drove to Douglas County to bring Harry home to Hauser while Alta was taken by ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Hospital for treatment of a broken right knee, left ankle, pelvic injuries and airbag bruises. Although Harry was not hospitalized he had about 11 stitches in one leg near his ankle and some cuts in some fingers on his left hand. It was reported that he was feeling bruised and battered from airbag/seatbelt trauma.

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A rental Dodge Durange will give Harry temporary wheels, but a new Dodge Mega-Cab pickup is on the way.

**CARROLL'S 'FEELIN' HOMELESS' ADVENTURE**

Harry had driven Carroll Sederlin to Eugene to drop him off for neck surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital on March 1 and started home before Carroll learned he was at the hospital two days early! Following a two-day stay with a niece in the area, Carroll was again driven to the hospital by his busy niece and 3 of her day-care charges. He was again turned away from his neck surgery after being told they had discovered he had an ulcer condition that would have to be cleared up before the procedure. But, they cauterized the ulcer, kept him overnight before sending him home with his neck discomfort still intact. He was home in time to attend a great Oscar party instead of crashing on the couch for a 10-week recovery time filled with TLC promised by friends, neighbors, and church members. Oh well, there'll be another day, and finally--a surgery!

**HOW TO DO AN OIL CHANGE**

**Oil Change Instructions for Women:**

- 1) Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3000 miles since the last oil change.
- 2) Drink a cup of coffee.
- 3) 15 minutes later, write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

**Money spent:**

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| Oil Change | \$20.00     |
| Coffee     | <u>1.00</u> |
| Total      | \$21.00     |

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**Oil Change Instructions for Men:**

- 1) Wait until Saturday, drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree, write a check for \$50.00.
- 2) Stop by 7 - 11 and buy a case of beer, write a check for \$20, drive home.
- 3) Open a beer and drink it.
- 4) Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
- 5) Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
- 6) In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
- 7) Place drain pan under engine.
- 8) Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
- 9) Give up and use crescent wrench.
- 10) Unscrew drain plug.
- 11) Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process. Cuss.
- 12) Crawl out from under car to wipe hot oil off of face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
- 13) Have another beer while watching oil drain.
- 14) Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
- 15) Give up; crawl under car and hammer a screw-driver through oil filter and twist off.
- 16) Crawl out from under car with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly hide old oil filter among trash in trash can to avoid environmental penalties. Drink a beer.
- 17) Buddy shows up; finish case of beer with him. Decide to finish oil change tomorrow so you can go see his new garage door opener.
- 18) Sunday: Skip church because "I gotta finish the oil change." Drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car. Cleverly dump oil in hole in back yard instead of taking it back to Kragen to recycle.
- 19) Throw kitty litter on oil spilled during step 18.
- 20) Beer? No, drank it all yesterday.
- 21) Walk to 7-11; buy beer.
- 22) Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.

- 23) Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
- 24) Remember drain plug from step 11
- 25) Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
- 26) Remember that the used oil is buried in a hole in the back yard, along with drain plug.
- 27) Drink beer.
- 28) Shovel out hole and sift oily mud for drain plug. Re-shovel oily dirt into hole. Steal sand from kids sandbox to cleverly cover oily patch of ground and avoid environmental penalties. Wash drain plug in lawnmower gas.
- 29) Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.
- 30) Drink beer.
- 31) Crawl under car getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with stupid crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame.
- 32) Bang head on floorboards in reaction to No. 31.
- 33) Begin cussing fit.
- 34) Throw stupid crescent wrench.
- 35) Cuss for additional 10 minutes because wrench hit bowling trophy.
- 36) Beer.
- 37) Clean up hands and forehead and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
- 38) Beer.
- 39) Beer.
- 40) Dump in five fresh quarts of oil.
- 41) Beer.
- 42) Lower car from jack stands.
- 43) Accidentally crush remaining case of new motor oil.
- 44) Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during steps 23 - 43.
- 45) Beer.
- 46) Test drive car.
- 47) Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.
- 48) Car gets impounded
- 49) Call loving wife, make bail.
- 50) 12 hours later, get car from impound yard.

**Money spent:**

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| Parts       | \$ 50.00     |
| DUI         | 2500.00      |
| Impound fee | 75.00        |
| Bail        | 1500.00      |
| Beer        | <u>40.00</u> |
| Total       | \$4,165.00   |

**But you know the job was done right!**

## VALENTINE CAR SHOW

by Mid-Coast Mustang/Ford Club

Well, a Ford club may have spear-headed the show, but Chevys owned by SCC Club members won five of the 10 awards! A sixth award went to MARSDENs, members whose Ford has Chev. running gear. DICK & JEANNE FERTIG's '56 Chev won the People's Choice Award. Members of the public, club members, whoever strolled through voted for three favorites.

Other club member winners were:

DON & CAROLYN BARONIAN'S '33 Chevy

WILLY & DONNA SAVEY'S '56 Truck

RON & CARLA JOHNSON'S '68 Chev Camaro

ROGER KARR'S '48 Chevy Convertible

SCC Club members, BUDDY & RITA MARS-

DEN'S '33 Ford was among the top 10, along

with Jack Morgan's '55 Chev truck, Bob

Carter's '65 Mustang FastBack, Clay & Pat

Johnson's '58 Corvette, Tim & Carol Salis-

bury's '67 Mustang.

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## Car Restoration Tip - Don't Just Pull that Tape!

(Copied from The Oil Leaks Gazette, the official newsletter for the Central Oregon Classic Chevy Club, January 2006 issue)

This happens all too often to those of us painting our cars: we mask freshly painted areas of a hood, trunk lid, door, etc. To prevent overspray while painting the other surfaces and then find the tape pulls off some of the paint that it was stuck to. Ouch!

Yes, you should have used special masking tapes that are designed for such applications, but there wasn't any on hand. You took the risk and paid the price! But, isn't there some way to get that 'normal' masking tape off without damaging the nice finish?

Yes, there is, and it's just a few feet away from you. It's a heat gun—or hair dryer if you don't have a heat gun. All you need to do to remove masking tape is to gently (GENTLY!) heat the tape as you pull it away. The adhesive will soften enough to prevent pulling the paint off, leaving just a little film that can be cleaned off with a mild solvent or waxing.

This technique is great for removing tape that's been on surfaces for a long time, too. We've tried it on tape that was wrapped around some parts that had been stored for over 5 years and it came right off!

## **CAR RESTORATION TIP – Ever Punched a Hole in Your Shot Bag?**

Anybody who owns and uses a shot bag for bending metal has done this. You're busy hammering away and suddenly the bag's material splits or get punctured, spilling out all that heavy lead shot. You have to stop the metal work and gather up the messy innards, spend time repairing the bag and then, get back to work.

We learned years ago that as heavy-duty as shot bags are, they can't take the pounding very long without tearing. That's why we always put a scrap piece of leather or heavy vinyl between the bag and the metal piece we're working with. It cushions the bag, and as an added bonus, muffles the noise a bit.

Don't bother covering the entire bag with leather or vinyl. That will just give you a false sense of security and you'll eventually tear through the protective material. Just lay your piece on the bag and keep it handy when the bag is not in use.

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## **Bits and Pieces**

### **ALWAYS WANTED A WOODIE?**

Well, you can memorialize your favorite car forever in myrtlewood! The myrtlewood shop at Woahink Lake, south of Florence, can reproduce your car's image with a laser-burn technique, we hear from Carroll Sederlin. He says they make great-looking myrtlewood plaques from a photo.

### **HEIDE ON A FOUR-WHEELER?**

She wants to know if you know of one for sale. Call **888-4652**.

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

1980 El Camino, 305 V8 automatic. Good paint and pin-striping. Garaged last 20 years. No rust--not a coast car. Run and drives good. \$2800 firm. Phone 541/572-0430.

### **PUPPIES FOR SALE**

Let Lionel know if you're in the market for a cute dachshund pup, male or female, the traditional black/brown or the 'wild boar' color with black stripe down the back. \$300. Call 267-5021. Maxene has photos.

### **'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

## **GET INVOLVED; JOIN THE FUN!**

**Results of an informal survey reveal that club members who get involved have the most fun! Don't let them cheat you out of YOUR fun! Speak up when President King or is it "King" Darrell asks for volunteers!**