



# Cascade Pacific *Plymouth*® Club, Inc.

Affiliate of Plymouth® Owners Club, Inc.

*Dedicated to the  
Preservation and Restoration of  
Plymouths  
25 years and older*

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## Rich Von Allmen's 1933 Plymouth Rumble Seat Coupe

Some of Rich Von Allmen's favorite memories are the many miles he spent as a teenager riding in his uncle Rudy's 1933 rumble seat coupe. Rich also remembers as a child riding in the rumble seat as his dad drove to Seaside. When it got too cold riding back there Rich's sister took his place in the open air.

Many years later Rich's uncle Herman purchased the entire estate of uncle Rudy. In September of 1987 Rich purchased that same 1933 Plymouth coupe from Herman. The car had been stored in the basement garage of one of Rudy's buildings in southeast Portland for many years. The license plate still had 1954 tags.

Rich spent several years

working on the car and in May of 1990 he had the old engine running. Shortly after, the Von Allmens purchased the property that had originally belonged to Uncle Rudy including the building where the coupe had been stored all those years. That same building has since been remodeled into a beautiful home. With all the work that had to be done, landscaping and remodeling, the Plymouth re-

storing project had to be put aside.

In October of 2000 Rich turned the Plymouth project over to Custom Automotive Restorations of Portland. The car is being restored body wise to as close to original as possible, but with modern running gear.

Rich will have many more enjoyable memories when his 33 is completed this summer.



Rich Van Allmen's 1933 Plymouth Rumble Seat Coupe (above) pictured at Custom Automotive Restorations of Portland.



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### Membership:

Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, Inc.  
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 Membership runs Jan. 1 thru Dec 31.

### Advertising Rates:

Advertising is free to current Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Members.  
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 one column by one inch.  
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 Advertisements should be kept to Plymouth related services.

## CPPC welcomes Newest Members

Through recent events such as the Portland swap meet and word of mouth the CPPC has seen an increase in membership.

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club:  
**Tony St.Clair of Portland, OR**  
**Donald Ryan of Ariel, WA**

**Mike Brown of Vancouver, WA**  
**Bill Pattison of Brush Prairie, WA**  
**Ernie Wolf of Portland, OR**  
**Steve Lichtenwald of North Vancouver, BC**  
**Don Lutz of Redmond, OR**  
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**Don Zehner of Clarkston, WA**

## CPPC March Meeting Recap

Club president Steve Heaton called the March 26th meeting to order after the members had a chance to chat and admire the Plymouths that had been driven to the meeting. Those present then introduced themselves and told what kind of Plymouth they owned, if any. Scott Farnsworth read the minutes from the February meeting, the minutes were then accepted by the membership.

The committee chairmen then gave their respective reports.

Dennis Rice, club treasurer, stated the treasury had \$8,157. Also that 95 members had paid their yearly dues.

Duanne Luckow reported that the club's vendor list booklet was almost finished and would be available at the swap meet booth in April.

Bill call representing the membership committee stated that there were 3 new mem-

bers for the month.

Tom Nachand speaking for the East-West tour, gave an excellent presentation on his work setting up the beginning stages of our club's participation in the national event.

His first priority will be to determine an acceptable route.

Tom Shepherd of the newsletter committee asked for volunteers to help in writing material for the newsletter.

Activities chairman, Jeff Jolly reported that the club did have 2 booths at the Portland Swap meet and he then passed out a sign up sheet for volunteers to man the booths for the 3 day event.

Bill Call then introduced Member Troy House as our guest speaker. Troy, a retired Master Mechanic for Chrysler gave a presentation on diagnosing engine problems.

Larry Catt then conducted the drawing and awarded the prizes to the lucky ticket holders.

Mike Bade displayed 3 Tee-shirt designs he has created utilizing the Plymouth logo and the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club name. A vote was taken of which design was favored by the club members. At the April meeting we will get the results.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bob Dimick is the lucky drawing winner at the March Meeting

## March Guest Speaker Troy House

The guest speaker at the March 26<sup>th</sup> membership meeting was our own local member, Troy House. Troy started working for Chrysler and Chrysler dealers in 1953. Troy has since retired, but that hasn't stopped him from working on old cars.

Mr. House started his presentation with a discussion of the origination of the internal combustion engine. It started in Germany by some fellows named Daimler and Otto.

Troy used the analogy of comparing an engine operating to the human body. For both to work efficiently you need several factors to operate properly. They are, an air supply, fuel in the proper amount, electricity, and circulation.

One of Troy's recommendations was for those working on their own vehicles to invest in some simple diagnostic equipment. For owners of 6 volt cars he reminded them to use a heavier battery cable than

those for the 12 volt systems.

Before long, his dissertation turn into a question and answer session as different members sought to utilize Troy's many years of experience with older Mopar engines. Questions relating to ignition and carburation drew the most interest. It seems everyone came away with a little more knowledge.

Troy left us with one more bit of sage advice, referring back to his human body/automobile analogy "don't let your exhaust pipe get clogged".

Troy House was born in Raymondville Missouri in 1927. He spent early years growing up on a large cattle ranch in Dorley, Montana. He became a smoke jumper and entered the 2nd War then in the late 40's. Troy worked in construction in Alaska, where he further trained to be a master mechanic. For the past 45 years Troy worked for Chrysler Corp as Master Mechanic.



Guest Speaker, Troy House (center) answers questions with CPPC members Elaine Murphy (left) and Don Ryan (right) at the March meeting.

## Car Shows & Events

The following list of Portland area events was borrowed from the NorthWest Classic AutoMall.com web site and other sources. This informative web site lists events from Northern California up to B.C. Visit their site, click on "events" for more info about car events in your area.

### April 27, 2002

Auto Swap Meet, Mt. Vernon, WA  
Bethel Boosters 4th Show N Shine,  
Eugene, OR

Cascade Square 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Classic Car show, The Dalles OR  
Cruise to Evergreen Aviation Museum,  
McMinnville, OR

50s Cruise Reunion, Warrenton, OR  
Suburban Auto Group  
Spring Cruise-In, Sandy, OR

### April 28, 2002

36th Annual Corvallis Historic Auto Club  
Swap Meet, Corvallis, OR

### May 4, 2002

Newport Loyalty Days  
Car Show, Newport, OR

### May 9, 2002

Schlotsky's Deli, Salem, Oregon

### May 11, 2002

20th Annual Mothers Day  
Swap Meet, Eugene, OR

20th Annual Spring Classic Auto Exhibit  
& Gathering, Portland, OR

Papas Toys Open House, Cornelius, OR  
May 12, 2002

Chrysler R/T Club,  
Mothers Day Cruise, Camas, WA

### May 18, 2002

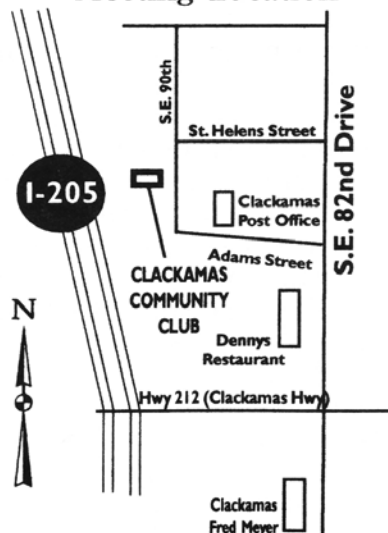
Jim Dandy Cruise In, Portland, OR  
Iris Festival Car Show, Keizer, OR

### May 19, 2002

Winners Motor Sports Bar  
Cruise-In, Portland, OR

Happy Days Cruise In, Milwaukie, OR

### Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Meeting Location



Meetings are held on the  
4th Tuesday of each month at the  
Clackamas Community Club  
15711 SE 90th - Clackamas, OR  
6:30 PM Kick the Tires,  
7:00 PM General Meeting.



**National Plymouth Club East-West Tour, Keep July of 2003 open on your calendars.**

East-West tour committee member, Tom Nachand spoke for his committee at the March meeting. He has started working on the club's portion of the tour's final leg.

Our club will be responsible for the longest and probably most difficult section of the tour's journey from the Atlantic Ocean to our Pacific coast.

Tom's first task is to determine a route that begins at Yellowstone in Wyoming, travels across Idaho and on through Oregon or possibly through parts of Washington.

Of great importance is the first part, leaving Yellowstone. There are several options, going north into Montana and then west to eastern Washington and then south to the Columbia Gorge and on to western Oregon. A second option is to go south and into the lower part of Idaho, to I-80 and into eastern Oregon either to the Gorge or across the middle of the state, perhaps through Bend. There are several possibilities if this option is chosen.

Some of the considerations Tom's committee will need to address are the number of participants and the age and reliability of their vehicles. Much of the trip will be on mountainous terrain, which could be a hardship for the older small engine cars. Much of southern Idaho is desert like, putting a strain on cooling systems in the hot summer weather.

The large distance between towns could present a problem for refueling. Locating food outlets, restrooms, and towing or other services will be essential for a safe and pleasant experience for our eastern guests.

Some of the unknown factors might be, how much time is available to the drivers to get across this entire segment, how much time will they want to spend taking side trips or stopping at various sites and locations? As we know from living here, there is

always something to look at, no matter where you are.

Tom has been exploring different sources for information and will keep us posted on his

committee's progress.

Tom can be contacted in Lincoln City at 541-764-2011 or tknach@teleport.com

**1933 Plymouths popular amongst CPPC Members**

Our club now has nine members who own 1933 Plymouths. The 33's were the turning point for Walter Chrysler in Plymouths. It started with the flat head six craze for Plymouth, which was practically the same engine through 1959 and the primary engine until the V-8 was introduced in 1955.

In 1933 we had the early Model PC and then mid-year the PD, which had the same engine, but a re-designed front grille shell and was 5" longer. The 33 is

sought after by street rodders, as the racy roof line looks as though it's been cut down.

The 1933 and 1934's with their all steel bodies have been seen in many factory films where the cars have been purposely rolled over, pushed back on 4 wheels and then demonstrated to show that all the doors still opened and shut.

This year is so well represented in our club that we will devote a second issue to this model.

**Frank and Linda Anthony 1933 Plymouth Coupe**

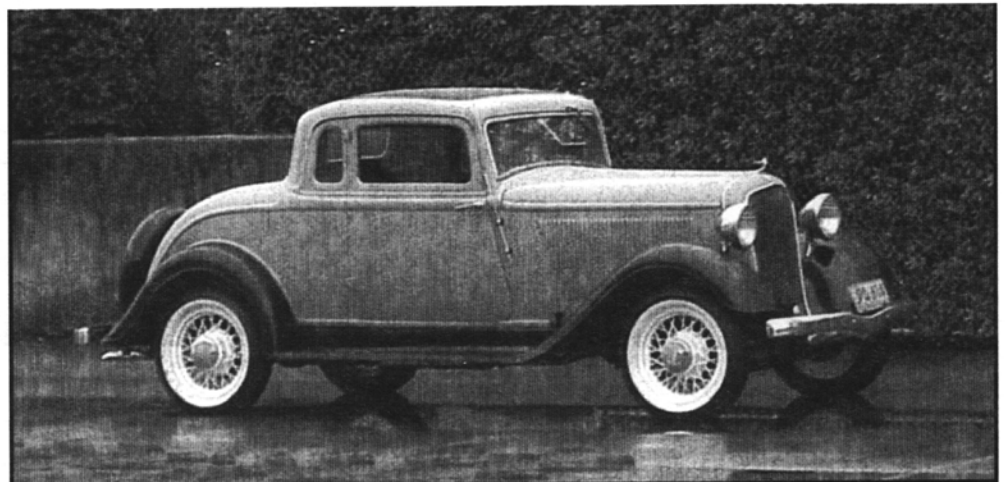
When Frank Anthony was eight or nine years old in the fifties, he would play in his grandfather's dark blue 34 Plymouth coupe and pretend it was his.

Classic cars have been a part of Frank's life since he was 21. He has owned; 39 Dodge, 34 Ford, 30 Chevy Coupe, 40 Chevy Delivery, 34 Hudson, 34 Studebaker, 34 Terrapin, 35 Terrapin and now a proud Ply-

mouth owner.

Frank always wanted a car like his grandfather's so when he saw a 1933 Plymouth coupe at Memory Lane Motors he knew he had to have it. Frank and Linda bought the car about two and a half years ago.

They spend a lot of time working on their coupe and feel very lucky to have found just the right one.



Frank and Linda Anthony's 1933 Plymouth PD Coupe

## Ripley's '34 Plymouth, Mark continues his fathers interest for Plymouths

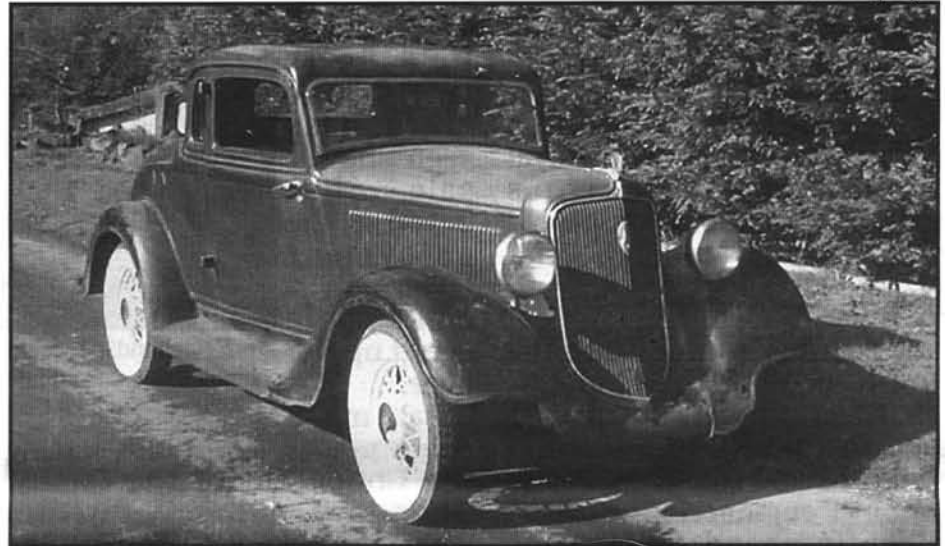
In 1966 my father bought for \$50.00 a 1934 Plymouth business coupe from an older lady who was no longer driving it. My dad has had a lot of Plymouths and for some reason this car always was around. For as long as I can remember this car sat in the garage. When we lived in Seattle it was stored in the basement and he would drive it every once in a while. I guess when you have a wife and two kids a business coupe is not very practical.

In 1978 my mom and dad sold all of their cars (1928 Plymouth Q roadster, 1931 Plymouth PA roadster, 1966 Plymouth valiant conv, and some other miscellaneous cars of different makes and models from 1928 to 1969). They sold these cars to buy some property that was my Great Grandfathers and has been in the family since 1941. Thru all this,

the little 34 Plymouth was still there. At one point dad started to do some brake work and never finished and there the car sat for 17 years. My Dad was active in a lot of different car clubs during those years and could have sold the Plymouth but he didn't. In August of 2001, we pulled the Ply-

mouth out of the garage to get it running. So that he could enjoy the little car again. In September of the same year my father passed away of cancer and I inherited the little 34 Plymouth. I am currently restoring the car so that I to can enjoy what my father enjoyed. I have always loved this car.

*Mark Ripley*



Mark Ripley's 1934 Plymouth Coupe

## Harry and Judie Ebbert's 1933 Plymouth 4-door PD Sedan

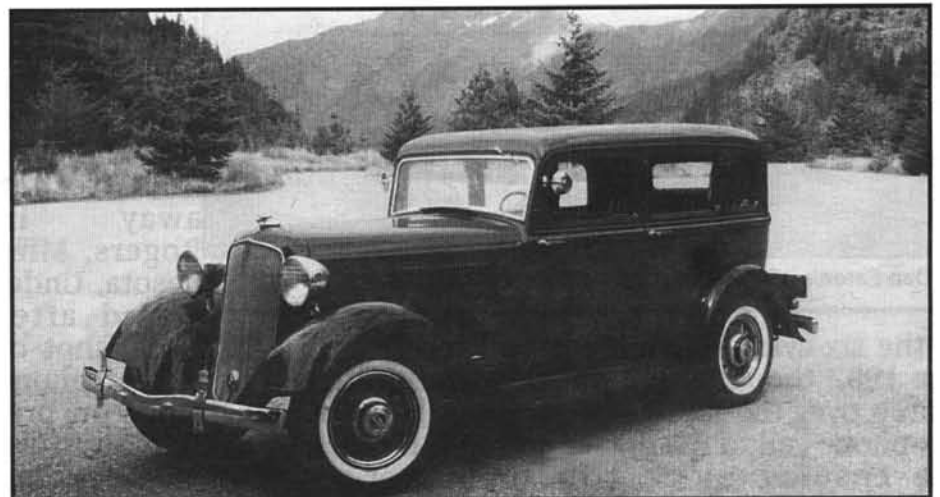
66,000 miles, bone stock and original. That is how Harry Ebbert of Olalla Washington describes his 1933 4-door PD sedan when he became it's owner.

Harry and Judie purchased the sedan in the summer of 1997 from a good friend who had bought the car from a doctor in Bremerton Washington. It had been stored in the basement since the doctor bought it from a young man who had been drafted for Vietnam. Harry believes the young man had purchased the car from the original owner.

The car had been painted many years ago. After some basic repairs, tweaking and spiffing up, the 4 door sedan

was ready to go. In 2000 the Ebberts upgraded their PD a little with a 1940 engine, an overdrive transmission and a 1952 Plymouth steering box. What a difference that made!

The Plymouth has been very reliable and is their main driver. Harry and Judie are looking forward to attending a meeting this summer. We hope they drive their Plymouth down.



Harry and Judie Ebbert's 1933 Plymouth 4 -door Sedan , Photo near Mt. Baker, WA

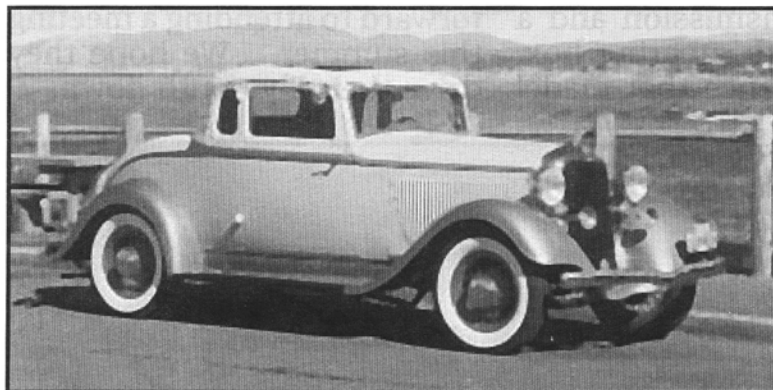
## Brothers In-Law share interest in Plymouths

Two club members, Dan Eaton and Tom Nachand, have more than their family relationship in common. They also share a fondness for 1933 Plymouths.

Several years ago, Tom was paging through a national car magazine and spotted a thumb sized picture of a stock 1933 P D Coupe. Having enjoyed '30's coupes of all makes throughout his driving career, he liked the styling but knew next to nothing about early Plymouths.

Years earlier he had owned a daily driver '39 Chrysler Royal Coupe and in one of life's errors traded it straight across for a beautiful 1923 Model T. That marriage lasted four years and fifty miles.

Not wanting to duplicate the primitiveness of the Model T, Tom investigated the reliability/road worthiness of the 1933 Plymouths and found that early Plymouth engineering was significantly ahead of its time when compared to the competition. Standard hydraulic brakes, hardened rod bearings, and "Floating Power" rubber motor mounts jumped out in the research. The long history



Dan Eaton's 1933 PD Business Coupe near Depot Bay, Oregon

of the six-cylinder engine from late 1932 though 1959 put the search over the top.

A phone call to the owner and the ensuing quick trip to Kennewick, Washington

brought the Plymouth into the family. A couple of years later during a major career change, Tom and his wife Kris, moved to the beach.

The P D Coupe made the trip, too. A year later Tom commented to

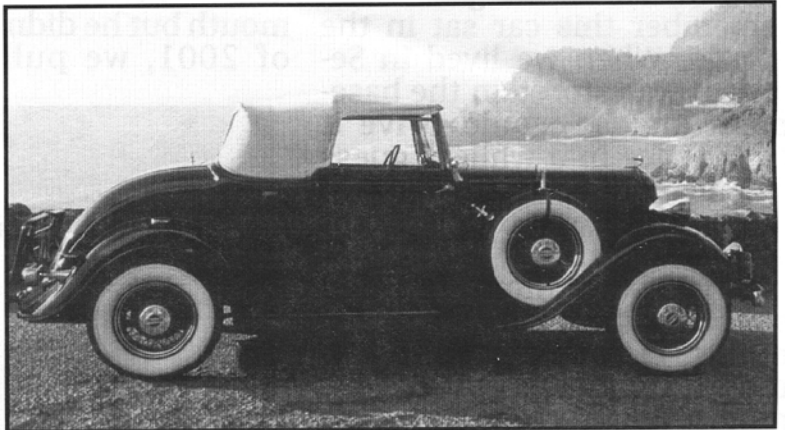
brother-in-law Dan that he'd like to find a convertible. He'd never seen one for sale but based on the enjoyment level, only a convertible could up the ante.

Dan made some noises about not letting the Coupe out of the family. Then miraculously, within weeks a 1933 P D Convertible Coupe turned up in Hemmings Magazine. As fast as Tom reacted, it still wasn't fast enough. The car had already been sold and moved out of South Dakota.

A couple of months later (October 1998) another ad appeared. Tom investigated and found that it was the same auto but with a higher price tag and was now farther away in Rogers, Minnesota. Undeterred after

receiving a 4"X6" snapshot of the vehicle, a couple of phone calls to this seller, then the previous owner, and finally to a former co-worker now residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota to get

a hands on look, a deal was struck. The 1933 P D Convertible Coupe was delivered to Gleneden Beach a couple of days before Thanksgiving 1998. A month earlier Brother-In-Law Dan and wife Jerri did



Tom Nachand's 1933 PD Convertible Coupe at Heceta Head enroute home from winning Best-of-Show from among 300 competitors at Winchester Bay's Cool Coastal Nights Show & Shine last August

keep the Coupe in the family by purchasing it and driving it back to Milwaukie, Oregon.

True to form both 1933 Plymouths have been extremely reliable and both have been highly successful at show & shines up and down the Willamette Valley and along the coast.

Tom's next great adventure is the Plymouth 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary East-West Tour. He hopes to make the entire trip from Plymouth, Massachusetts to Newport, Oregon. Presently, Troy House is looking over the vehicle in preparation for the tour.

Since the purchase of the Convertible Coupe in October 1998, Tom has yet to see another for sale. The Plymouth Owners Club Registry lists 18 P D Convertibles and 26 P D Business Coupes. Although in excess of 35,000 of these models were built (4596 Convertibles / 30728 Business Coupes) only a small fraction are accounted for.



# Portland Swap Meet is big success, Awa Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club

A partly cloudy morning seemed a good start for the 2002 April Portland Swap meet. However the northwest rain couldn't resist an inviting target. By noon the wet stuff was falling on those brave enough to stay outside to shop at the hundreds of booths set up on the asphalt around the Expo buildings.

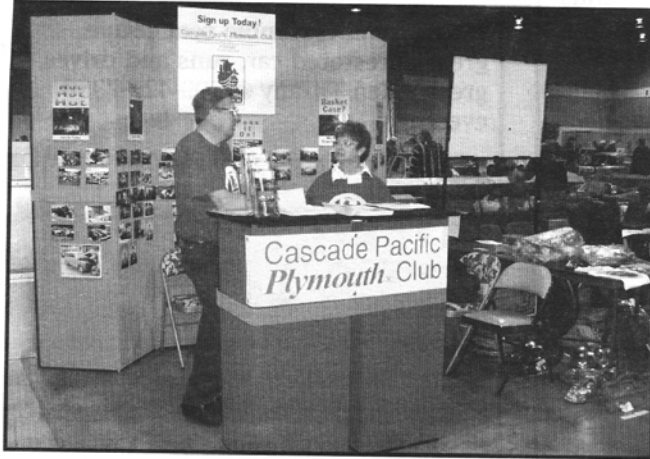
Cascade-Pacific club members are a clever bunch; the club's booths were wisely located inside building D. You could tell how hard the rain was just by the increase in the numbers of shoppers in the aisle where the club's booths were located

There were so many inquiries' about our club on Friday that the members working the

hood ornaments, owner's manuals, several unidentified items and plenty of the miscellaneous category items were

find parts and services for our non-Ford and Chevrolet vehicles. The membership booth sold 75 of these comprehensive lists for \$1.00 each..

Jeff Jolly, Activities Chairman says, "We want to thank all those members who generously volunteered their services in the CPP Club information and part sales booths along with those who donated parts and automobillia items to sell at the meet. We also want to

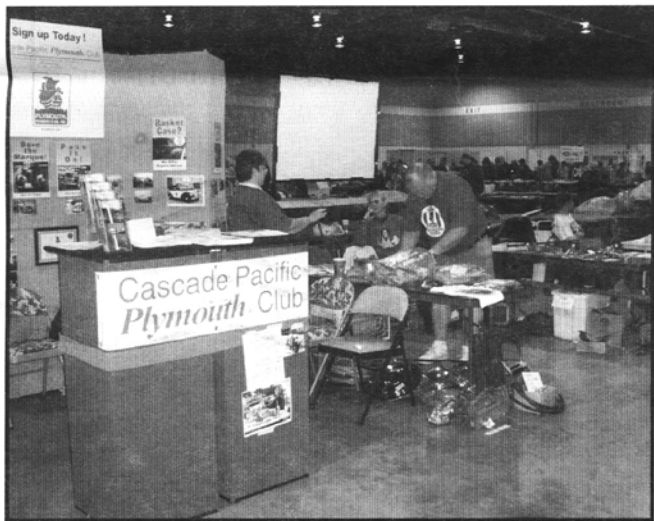


Scott Farnsworth and Barbara Rice await potential new members at the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Booth, Portland Swap Meet

sold. At least 3 flat head engines, a full set of Dodge truck wheels and tires, a complete Plymouth dashboard and a spare tire cover were up for sale. The parts booth earned \$426 for the club treasury.

thank the Tech Committee for publishing the Vendor List, which was a popular seller among members and non-members alike. Thanks to your participation and efforts, the club earned a total of \$613 for the club treasury! Next year a committee coordinated effort in a larger club booth is planned."

We also would like to thank all the members from out of the Portland area that stopped by the booths to say hello. This was a rare opportunity to meet our out of town members face to face. We hope to see you again next year.



booth ran out of membership packets.

Saturday and Sunday the weather was much better for those outside. Inside, at the booth, our volunteers were still actively signing new members and passing out information about the organization.

A booth set up next to the membership booth was busy selling parts and related items that were donated by members. Hubcaps, wheel covers,

in a field 1.5 miles above the Y, past Natchez Washington on Highway 410. If you are in the area, go have a look.

The membership booth signed up 4 new members, renewed 1 and passed out approximately two dozen applications to potential new members.

The club technical committee created a vendor list to help Plymouth owners



CPPC Plymouth Club members gather by the parts booth at the Portland Swap Meet

### Upcoming Events

#### April

- 9 ..... Board of Directors Meeting
- 5,6, & 7 ..... Portland Swap Meet  
*Portland Expo Center*
- 23 ..... Regular Club Meeting  
Steve Olsen, Guest Speaker  
"Alignment Problems Older Cars"  
*Manager of The Line Up Shop,  
South East Portland, OR*

#### May

- 14 ..... Board of Directors
- 28 ..... Regular Club Meeting

#### June

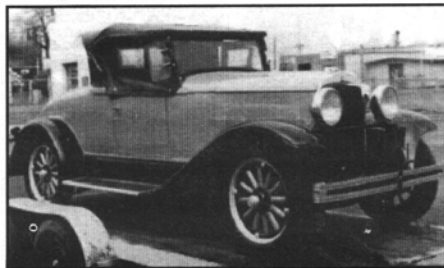
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### Plymouth Parts/Cars for Sale/Wanted

1935 Plymouth engine & trans make offer, Jack Gossett @541-459-4602

1928 Model Q rumble seat coupe, great unrestored car, runs and drives great, Allen Tiffany @ 509-427-7350 evenings



1929 Model Q Rumble Seat Coupe

1947 Plymouth 6 cyl engine, Proff. Rebuilt in 1980's, never run, \$600, Roger @503-362-8744

50 Plymouth parts, grilles new rubber, business coupe body, Larry Johnston@541-967-8539 Albany

6 PB 18" wire wheels \$250, Brad Harley @ 503-652-0922

1927 Chrysler 4 cyl engine, \$free, Ken Roberts 503-638-1201

1954 Chrysler Winsor 6 cyl motor, \$200. Auto trans for same engine,\$50, 66,000 miles on both. Dennis Castor @ 503 851-6640

Rallye wheels, [4] mopar 14x6" on 4 1/2 bolt pattern, with rings and centers, \$250, Tom @503-658-4366 or [tjsves@yahoo.com](mailto:tjsves@yahoo.com)

1939 DeSoto 6 cyl \$125 call Bill @ 503 698-2301



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