

Upcoming Events

April 2008

22 (Tues).....Regular Membership Mtg

May 2008

2 (Fri).....Mayflower Tour: The Oregonian

3 (Sat).....Tech Committee Mtg

12 (Tues).....Board of Directors Mtg

14 (Wed).....Newsletter Submissions Due

27 (Tues).....Regular Membership Mtg

June 2008

21 (Sat).....Picnic at Tiffany's, Stevenson, WA

July 2008

26 (Sat).....Shady Dell Train Park Tour,

August 2008

2 (Sat).....Brooks Steam Up Tour

16 (Sat).....Hot Dog-ust Day Cruise In

Regular Membership Meetings:
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

Board of Directors Meetings:
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
Same address, front building.

Membership Committee Meetings:
2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
Elmer's Pancake House, Clackamas

Plymouth Parts and Cars: For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE:

Rear wood wheel spare tire rack for '28-'30 Plymouth sedan. Good condition; not bent. Will not fit a coupe or roadster. Dismantled for shipping; rivet or weld back together. Needs the clip plate that holds the wheel in place (plate is often listed on eBay) \$75.00

Pair of new, never mounted 4.75/5.00X19 Firestone Black Wall Tires. \$50 each

New replacement Running Boards for any '28-'30 Plymouth; made to match originals. \$895/set, includes lower 48 shipping.

Set of three (3) Brake Hoses, originally bought for '30 Plymouth, I think from Roberts. \$25/set

... AND WANTED:

For Plymouth '30U Business Coupe:
Trunk handle and interior latch mechanism; Klaxon 16 horn; seat cushion.

Gary Rusher 503-638-5521
Wilsonville, OR 503-939-9320

FOR SALE

Plymouth Flat-Head Edmonds dual-intake manifold with rebuilt carburetors and air cleaners; Fentons exhaust manifolds. Other parts available for 1946-1948 Plymouths.

Bob Neher 1-530-273-7620

FOR SALE

1949 Chrysler Windsor \$1,200/OBO
Chrome, dash and radio look good; engine unknown; seats no good.
Contact: Bernard 503-650-8135

FOR SALE

1937 Dodge Business Coupe
Contact: Monte Haller 541-265-6173

WANTED:

For 1934 Plymouth, 2 dr sdn. doors;
steering wheel; steering arm; drag link
Allen Piquet 541-567-9245
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See additional For Sale and Wanted Items
on Page 5 of this issue



Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, Inc.

Affiliate of Plymouth Owners Club, Inc. Founded in 2000

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



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April 2008

Swap Meet Profits Exceed Expectations

CPPC has another swap meet under their belt and it was the most successful yet!

On a beautiful and sunny Thursday, April 3 a group of members met at Bill Call's hobby shop and loaded the remainder of items for sale into vehicles and headed out to the meet to set up the booths. Bob Dimick met the group out there with a van full of more items for sale.

The club's booths were in the same location as last year in Hall D facing the west wall. The Club shares their area with Duanne Luckow and Bill Call who sell and promote their own items. The end result is a big U-shaped area with a large open center for members to congregate throughout the meet.

The meet opened at 7:00am on Friday, April 4 and almost like clockwork the skies opened up with rain. This was actually a good thing for CPPC and their indoor booth as it caused everyone to move inside to get out of the rain thus resulting in record Friday sales. Surprisingly, Friday is always the best day for sales at the meet, followed by Saturday with about half of Friday's sales and finally Sunday with just a few sales.

The Club's items were priced to sell. As a result when it came time to pack up on Sunday we only needed one vehicle to haul the stuff away. All CPPC members who volunteered to work in the booth, set up or pack up received free admission to the show. We had about 24 volunteers. Thank you to all those members who helped and promoted CPPC with sample newsletters and membership applications. We started with 50 membership applications and ran out by Sunday. Hopefully this means we will have some new potential members at the next meeting.

The Club was also selling the newly revised Automotive Vendors

List. They were pretty popular and 28 were sold. When all was said and done the Club had taken in \$1,573.15. After paying for some tarps, admissions for volunteers and 2009 stall fees the club netted \$1,383.01, which was about \$573.00 more than any other swap meet in the past.

All the members who donated items for sale deserve a huge thank you. You may no longer have needed what you donated but there were people out there very happy with their finds.

Lots of Plymouth talk went on and long distance members we never see stopped by to say hello. Allen Tiffany did not locate his stolen instrument panel but the good news is he did locate a couple of replacements. Ken and Philis VanCoelen are the new owners of a soft yellow 1947 P-15 coupe. Look for it at an upcoming meeting.

With the 2008 Swap Meet now behind us it is now time to concentrate on the 4th Annual Hot Dog-ust Day Cruise-In coming up on August 16th. Thanks again everyone for all the help with the Swap Meet.

By Vicki Williams



Dave Williams, above right; Knut Austad and Tom Shepherd, below, recruited new members.



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The CPPC banner stood high above the crowd, helping to draw car lovers in from the rainy outdoor exhibits to our large display of merchandise.

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Please submit your newsletter contributions and ideas by 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Membership:

Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, Inc. dues are \$20.00 per calendar year.

Membership runs January 1 thru December 31.

CPPC Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 2988 Clackamas, OR 97015

Concurrent membership to the

National Plymouth Owners Club is required.

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Advertising Rates:

Advertising is free to current Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Members. 1 column by 1 inch (black and white only)

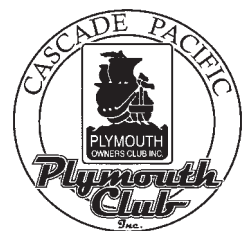
Vendor Rates:

\$25.00 for 11 issues, 3.5" x 2"

Photos accompanying classified ads are

\$10.00 per newsletter

Advertisements should be Plymouth related services



March Membership Meeting Highlights

Dolores Call reported that there was \$10,951.11 in the treasury as of the morning of March 25, 2008.

Cari Catlow read a thank you letter to the Club members from her nephew, Joshua Peterson, an Army Ranger stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. After he was injured in the line of duty the Club paid his membership dues for two years. Pictures of Josh, his family and his 1973 Plymouth Valiant were circulated.

Bill Call announced that the Membership Committee has a new flier ready to distribute inviting new members to the Club.

Duanne Luckow introduced the guest speaker, Karolina Aleksashina, owner of Choice Detailing at 8530 SE Foster Road in Portland.

Sharon Tiffany provided updates for member care. Charlotte Winchell will have surgery on April 8 but is in good spirits. Jimmie Fox's sister in Oklahoma passed away. Josee Stewart contracted the Canadian flu when she visited family there recently and has been quite ill. Gary Rusher has a clean bill of health.

Gary Rusher encouraged discussion about tours for the spring and summer. The Mosier Tunnels tour and Hood River car show are scheduled for September 20 if a member will step for-

ward and organize CPPC's participation. There is a weekly cruise-in in Issaquah, WA and the June 1 event will be an All Mopar Spring Round Up if members are interested. Bill Call said the May tour of Ken Guthrie's garage in Cougar, WA has not yet been scheduled. Bill, John Sweeney and Duanne Luckow have not been able to reach Ken while he has been out of town.

Winners of The Don Hufschmid Quiz were Philis VanCoelen, Dale McLean and Dennis Rice.

John Madden won a framed advertisement for a 1940 Plymouth.

Allen Tiffany said he will have pricing available at the next membership meeting for club sport shirts and T-shirts.

Gary prompted Allen to tell about the recent burglary of his business. Allen had searched for, and finally found, an instrument cluster for his 1937 Plymouth. It had just been refurbished and was in his work truck inside the shop the night the truck and most of the business equipment was stolen. He distributed photographs of the restored instrument cluster to members and asked that they watch for it at swap meets and on Craig's List.

Mike Bade announced that he will be selling his 1930 parts car.

Door prizes were won by Karen Ryan, John Madden, Lorraine Griffey, John Sanford, Stephanie Willis and Mary Eccles.

The 50/50 raffle totaled \$161.00. Dolores Call won the \$80.50.

Welcome, New Members: Jim and Danna Phillips

When Jim and Danna Phillips finally found their 1950 2 Door Special Deluxe in March it immediately directed them to the Plymouth Club: The front plate on the car indicated that the previous owner was a member of the Club. Jim found the National POC on the internet and joined right away.

Jim purchased his first Plymouth, a 1948 2 Door, when he was 16 years old. He and Danna acquired a 1950 2 Door Special in 1964 "and ran its legs off for two years."

Their latest acquisition reportedly runs like a top. Jim says that all of the car's features are original as far as he knows and everything is in working order. His only immediate plans are to maintain and update the mechanical aspects.

Jim and Danna live in Molalla. His profession is refurbishing antique wood cook stoves.

2008 Refreshments Schedule

(Mmmm, what is it this month?)

April	Ken & Philis VanCoelen
May	Don & Karen Ryan
June	Les & Nancy Conner
July	Larry & Joyce Catt
August	Hot Dog-ust Night
September	Jerry & Joanne Dixon
October	Mike & Donna Bade
November	Annual Potluck

Please coordinate with Dennis and Jeanne Mowery, Refreshments Chair, regarding access and supplies.

April Tech Crew in Awe of Duanne's Craft; Jimmie, Marlo Benefit

What a bargain it is to be in the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club! Great meetings, rubbing elbows with fellow enthusiasts, kicking tires of each other's fine old cars and trucks, cruise-ins, outings, and if you go to the tech meetings you can even get your project worked on by experts...for FREE.

Saturday April 12, was a perfectly beautiful day to be out doing what you love to do. Fourteen of us (see list at the end of this article) were treated to an amazing demonstration of automotive steel shaping at Duanne Luckow's garage. Any who were so inclined were invited to try their hand at helping Duanne replace a rusted out section of Jimmie Fox's spare tire well. Jimmie's '72 Plymouth Fury Custom Suburban Station Wagon looked pretty sharp except for the big hole in the back end where the spare sits hidden beneath the hinged floor.

After making a paper pattern of the section of metal to be replaced, Duanne cut a piece of flat 18 gauge stock with his "nibbler" and then demonstrated the use of an awesome array of equipment that would make a body-man's head spin. The highlight of his demo was his Yoder Power Hammer. This 2 1/2 ton behemoth has chucks the size of grapefruits and has 120 lbs of striking force at up to 1200 strokes per minute. Duanne says that this piece of equipment was built in 1942 and was used to fabricate wing tips for WWII fighter planes.

With the Yoder and a smaller power hammer Duanne was able to beat that yard square of sheet metal to perfectly conform to the contours of Jimmie's spare cavity. And with nearly the precision of a dentist, Duanne and Ken VanCoelen filled the hole using a plasma cutter and arc welder.

Then while Ken was welding and grinding, Duanne also demonstrated some of the finer art of bodywork. Marlo Edman had brought in two small bumper bolt covers from his '35 Dodge Brothers Pickup that had some dings in them. Duanne's skillful hammering and filing put them back into their original shape in short order. One of the tools he used was an ingenious spring-hinged pick hammer that he had designed and made himself.

Jimmie and Marlo left with the satisfaction of progress made on their vehicles, and the others all agreed that they had learned a lot about metal work and what a valuable resource they had in the members of CPPC like Duanne. Others who enjoyed April's Saturday morning tech meeting included: Ray Dunn

and his son Steve, Don Ryan, Russ Ashley, Bill Marble, Ken VanCoelen, John Madden, Dennis Fisher, Knut Austad, Tom Shepherd., Duanne Luckow, and Jerry Genter, who will probably become our newest member at the next monthly club meeting.

By Marlo Edman



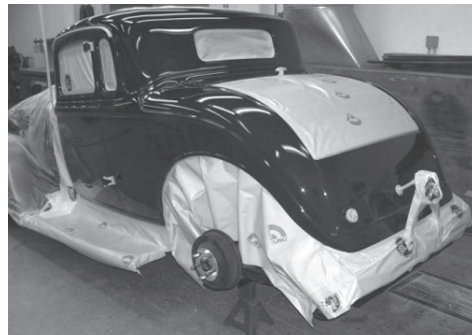
How many CPPC members does it take to install a spare wheel well? The job certainly doesn't look easy. The Tech Committee had its own name for the "surgical procedure."



Russ Ashley shows Marlo Edman pictures of his latest project while Duanne Luckow applies his skills. See the article on page 5 updating Russ' progress.



John Sweeney helps Duanne Luckow punch holes in the newly fabricated spare wheel well.



The third time had better be the last time for Rich VonAllmen's 1933 PC 2 Door Rumble Seat Coupe.



Tech Talk With The Fox



MAIN BEARING NOISE

Possible causes:

1. Loose vibration damper or crank pulley.
2. Low oil pressure.
3. Insufficient oil supply.
4. Excessive bearing clearance.
5. Loose flywheel or torque converter.
6. Excessive end play.
7. Crankshaft journals out-of-round.

EXCESSIVE OIL CONSUMPTION

Possible causes:

1. Oil leaks.
2. Cracked valve stem oil shields.
3. Excessive valve stem to guide clearance.
4. Worn, scuffed, or broken rings.
5. Rings tight or stuck in grooves.

6. Excessive side clearance between rings and grooves.
7. Compression rings installed upside down.
8. Clogged oil ring slots.
9. Excessive cylinder bore taper and/or out-of-round.
10. Improper seating of rings during break-in.
11. Improper cylinder bore honing.
12. Cylinder drain-back holes clogged.

OIL PRESSURE DROP

Possible causes:

1. Low oil level.
2. Thin or diluted oil.
3. Oil pump relief valve stuck.
4. Excessive bearing clearance.
5. Worn parts in oil pump.
6. Oil pump suction tube bent or not aligned.
7. Air leak into oiling system.

April Safety Tip: Antifreeze Precautions

Is it time to change that antifreeze, or to drain that radiator for some reason, like changing out a water hose, or thermostat, freeze plug on an engine? What ever the reason for draining that antifreeze, there are some safety precautions to take. **DO NOT SPILL IT ON THE FLOOR.**

1. What does this stuff called antifreeze have to do with the car? Antifreeze does exactly what it says it will do: "ANTI" freeze keeps the coolant from freezing during the cold weather days.

2. What is so dangerous about antifreeze? Antifreeze has a sweet taste to it. **DO NOT TRY TASTING IT JUST TO FIND OUT IF IT IS SWEET OR NOT! TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!**

Here is what will happen if you do not get medical attention immediately after drinking or just tasting antifreeze: The Undertaker will pay you a visit for the first and last time. Antifreeze enters your liver and damages it, and without your liver you will DIE.

3. **KEEP ANTIFREEZE AWAY FROM YOUR CHILDREN AND PETS.**

There just is not enough time left to get medical attention to save them. If you do spill antifreeze, wash the surfaces down with soap and water, then rinse completely. *Compiled By Jimmie Fox*

Paint Bubbles Plague Rich's '33 PC

Back in 2005, an older woman at a cruise in, who claimed to be the wife of the best car painter in Portland pointed out to me a bubble in my paint where the top meets the main body of the car.

I took the car back to the people who did all the work on the Plymouth and the owner said "We will fix it for free." They repainted most of the body again after stripping it down to bare metal.

Last year, I noticed a bubble again in the same area and then two more

showed up. Back again to the car shop. "We will make it good," they said. The painter who had prepared and painted the bubbles the first time is no longer employed there. Now, an employee with 25 years experience is stripping it down again and explained to me what has to be done and how.

I took some pictures to show the Plymouth getting prepared for Paint Job # 3. I sure hope it gets done correctly this time. *By Rich VonAllmen*

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If you have a question for the Technical Committee, please call one of the above. We will do all we can to help you with your car. NOTE: Keep this list in a handy place for the future.

The Steering Column, A Message from the President

Too bad wishing doesn't get us very far. I wish the weather would stay like this for the whole summer. For those of you that haven't figured it out yet, I am writing this on Saturday, and the temperature out under my carport is 78 degrees. What a great day to be out riding around in a nice old Plymouth. I just saw a nice late 1940s vintage convertible in Canby with four people and the top down. Fun, fun, fun. I wish my '30 was done. But then again it is spring in the Willamette Valley and the weather man says maybe snow in the foot hills by Tuesday.

We have a great summer scheduled, culminating in a tour to Washington. George Haley from Federal Way is working to set up a tour which will include a stop at the Harold LeMay Museum. Can you believe a collection of over 300 cars, and trucks, not to mention all the other memorabilia? Mark September 13 and 14 on your calendar NOW.

We just completed the most successful Swap Meet ever. Check out the full report by Vicki in another part of this Newsletter. Great job by everyone. Remember to set aside some of your unused, not needed goodies for next year. Maybe we can even do more.

I missed the Tech Committee meeting today, but I am sure they had an informative session at Duanne's and there should be a report elsewhere.

CHALLENGE ISSUED - As we saw at the last meeting it is fun to share with other club members about what we do and what our projects are and their stage of development. It would also be nice to have that info in writing. I challenge every member (YES, YOU!) to write a short story or informational piece about their cars or project. If we could get the basics we will have someone contact you, and fill in the rest if needed. Send your info, and maybe some pictures to Marlo. See the first of his series of articles on page 5 about Russ Ashley's project.

There is renewed interest in membership. It's the weather. I have had several emails about persons showing interest in joining. If you know of someone with an older Plymouth let them know about our club and that we would like to have them as members.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on April 22nd. Maybe we can get a nice turnout of cars to display.

Gary Rusher
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Military Member Thanks CPPC for Support, Friendship

Dear CPPC Members,

Hello, my name is Joshua Peterson. Most of you do not know me first-hand and would most likely not recognize me if we were to meet face-to-face; but I can almost guarantee that just about all of you have heard a story or two from some very distinguishable (and lovable) people that frequent the monthly meetings and pretty much all of the events. These people that have pulled at your ear from time-to-time for the last few years are Vern and Lorraine Griffey and Cari Catlow, and they are my grandparents and aunt.

I would like to give all of you a long overdue "Thank You" for the very thoughtful gift that you extended to me with the two-year paid membership to the CPPC. I cannot tell you how much it is appreciated by me and by many other service members when an organization, such as this one, honors/rewards the patriotism of a soldier.

Before I was stationed at 2nd Ranger Battalion in Ft. Lewis, WA, I was a college student at Portland State University (that was a bit short-lived) and a resident of Gresham, OR. During that time I would drive my metallic blue 1973 Plymouth Valiant to class, to the Home Depot for work and then to Grama and Grandpa's place for breakfast, lunch and

dinner. This beautiful piece of fine American craftsmanship was a very special gift to me on my 15th birthday. The original owner was my great-great-aunt who passed possession of it to my grandparents to later give to me. This is an amazing gift to receive on one's 15th no matter what the history of the car or the person.

This was especially important to me since I have always had a fondness for the Mopar world. I learned to appreciate the beauty and class of the Plymouth car during the summer vacations that I spent at my grandparents' place. While I was there it was a requirement that at least one day we drive their 1967 Plymouth Belvedere around town. Eventually I was old enough to pull the car out of the garage to give it a good two hour bath, and drive it back into the garage. Needless to say that car got suspiciously dirty during that one week of the summer.

That is what developed my love for Plymouth model cars and in turn made the Valiant an even greater gift to this 15 year old boy. About a year and a half later I was at a junkyard in Sandy looking for a couple parts for the Valiant. The owner of the yard told me about a local club that was dedicated to the love of Plymouth craftsmanship. I told

my grandfather about this club, he sought out the information for CPPC and joined. From here on out all of you probably know the rest.....

I am currently living in Roy, WA with my wife Anya and one-year old son Lucian as I continue my service to this fine country of ours as a Squad Leader with 2nd Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Our hopes are to move back to the Gresham area in the next couple of years at the end of my current enlistment. At that point I hope to attain a job as a law enforcement officer with Portland Police Bureau or Gresham Police Department.

I look forward to attending the CPPC meetings and getting to know all of you for myself. Again let me take the opportunity to thank all of you for your support and prayers for this soldier and his family; and I thank you for the love, kindness, support and friendship that you have given my family members that are there with you at your events and meetings.

Sincerely,

SSG Joshua J. Peterson

Happy April Birthday Wishes
to the following members:

Allen Faltus ~ 3rd
 Jeanne Mowery ~ 4th
 Allen Piquet ~ 5th
 Elizabeth Daniels ~ 5th
 Kathy McLean ~ 6th
 Gary Petersen ~ 10th
 Frank McNatt ~ 12th
 Sandi King Jolly ~ 13th
 Cliff Kleman ~ 18th
 Loren Bennett ~ 20th
 Ann Klinger ~ 21st
 Paul Henrichsen ~ 21st
 Retha Harden ~ 21st
 Mick DeSantis ~ 22nd
 SherryReifschneider ~ 22nd
 Scott Johnson ~ 27th
 Ben Neumayer ~ 30th

And to any others who prefer to
celebrate anonymously



Body Shop and Repairs aka Member Care

This month has been very quiet regarding member care, so we'll assume most of our members are doing well. Just a reminder: if you or you know of a member who could use some encouragement or is "on the sick list," fire me off an email at sleatiffany@gorge.net.

Yours truly, Lorraine Griffey, Susan Yates and a few others are fighting the battle of the current ugly virus that takes, I understand, about 5-6 weeks to get over. Care to share any tricks to get rid of it sooner?

Bill Call is under the weather and has our sympathy and genuine condolences for losing two very close friends over a 48 hour period.

Vera Rusher has 11 stitches in her right hand, middle finger after a difference of opinion with some steps.

On the upside, Liliane VonAllmen is making slow but steady progress in healing from shoulder surgery on April 3rd. Rich and she would appreciate a few calls and maybe even a visit. Liliane is still in a lot of pain.

John Sweeney has our good thoughts as he faces hernia surgery on April 24. "Hang in there, ol' buddy," would be the expression he would say if it were one of us. John has been a dedicated membership com-

mittee member/chair since the club was organized and is known for his warm welcome and smile at meetings and events. He is a wonderful ambassador.

As you know, I believe in humor and would like to share this with you. For me, it is funny no matter how many times I hear or read it. Here's my version:

Returning from a Plymouth club outing, a man was shocked to find the house ransacked and burglarized. He telephoned the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio, and a K-9 unit, patrolling nearby, was the first to respond. As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the man ran out of the front door, shook his head in disbelief, and moaned, "I came home to find all my possessions stolen; I call the police and what do they do? They send out a blind policeman!"

Have a great month and see you at the next meeting, Tuesday, April 22.

By Sharon Tiffany

*Drive your classic
Plymouth to the
next CPPC meeting*

Mayflower Tour Reveals Multiple Facets of NW Portland History

On the chilly, overcast Wednesday, April 9th, the Mayflower group of thirteen met at the Old Town Pizza entrance for a Portland Underground Tour. We all expected to explore the underground. However, our guide Natalie took us down NW Davis Street to hop on the MAX, go a couple of stops to NW Oak. There we learned about the history of many old buildings, the northwest river area and the shanghai stories of Portland.

The area was established in the 1850's with Mr. Pettygrove & Mr. Lovejoy initially funding the building. Flooding was common. In fact the big flood of 1894 went up to where Pioneer Square is now. Water levels reached the second stories of the buildings of the lower blocks.

By 1900 steamships were docking in Portland on a regular basis. We were told that Portland is the biggest inland port in the nation.

The first building we went into was on the corner of SW 1st & Oak where

there are many historical pictures. We went downstairs to see bricked-up passageways that once connected down to the river and to other businesses. There were pictures of the Ku Klux Klan in their attire with the elected politicians. Prejudice was strong against Catholics and Chinese, however, there was a very large Japan Town. We heard the stories about the wartime internment and how the local Japanese Americans were treated. We went through the Japanese American Historical Memorial site, which is north of the Burnside Bridge and was established in 1990. We continued back through the area to view the architecture including the cast iron buildings, the Liberty Brewery, Skidmore Fountain, and the rejuvenated White Stag building that became home to University of Oregon classes this spring.

In the New Market Theater block we learned the history of China Town and viewed glassed memora-

bilias of the opium dens. Few Chinese businesses remain these days, as the restaurants and bars are moving to SE 82nd Street. An interesting stop was at Don & Louis Oyster Bar where there are many historical pictures and a glassed area where you can see down into a vast area below.

We ended back at Old Town Pizza, and went downstairs into the dark remembrance of the shanghai days of Portland. We ended the day with a good lunch upstairs at Old Town Pizza. Thanks to Pat and Patty Brost for a good day!

The next Mayflower tour will be held on Friday, May 2nd with a tour of The Oregonian, which is being arranged by Dale McLean who worked there for many years. A signup sheet will be available at the meeting. If you can't be there please call Lorraine Griffey at 503-666-2222 to be included. It should be an interesting tour.

By Lorraine Griffey

Plymouth Parts & Cars:

For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE

1952 Plymouth 4 door 'original car'; Untouched, no mods; runs and drives; \$4,000 OBO. Feel free to call with any questions or to see the car.

Tony 503-631-4735 evenings
If no answer, please leave a message.

FOR SALE

1931 Plymouth Coupe Parts

Radiator; very good, does not leak	\$50
Front axle/springs, converted to disc; 4-1/2 bolt pattern complete hub-to-hub	\$250
Steering column complete	
w/all levers, working switch	\$200
Rear springs	\$100
Gas tank with sender, cap. No leaks	\$100
Spare tire mount assembly	\$400
Premium windshield frame	
w/all hardware	\$250
Original door and back glass	
for patterns - Make Offer	
Seat assembly, new spring,	
package tray & storage	\$300
Clutch & brake pedal assembly,	
new pads	\$75
Running boards	\$250
Window regulators	\$30 each
Door latches	\$30 each
Original horn	\$25
All 4 shocks	\$25 each
All parts subject to reasonable offer.	
Ron Arant 360-943-079	
Olympia, WA	

FOR SALE

1955 Plymouth Plaza 4-door
Parts car; towable; in Tacoma, WA.
Ed Corrigan 253-535-6407

WANTED:

Pair of headlight stands with mounting holes for trumpet horns on a 1933 Plymouth P.D. 4 Dr. Sedan; original or reproduction. Also looking for a hand-crank. Don Bagley 203-386-9122

FOR SALE

Four (4) 15" Cordoba Wheels, \$40
Jimmie Fox 503-774-3441

FOR SALE

1946 - 1948 Plymouth parts, U-Haul:
Convertible Front Seat - also fits Coupe.....\$400
Stock Spindles.....\$50
Front Brakes - Drums, shoes, Cylinders (excellent cond.).....\$100
Rear end - complete w/brakes, and Overdrive Ratio.....\$200
Front Shocks.....\$10
6 volt Starter & Generator.....\$20
6 Volt Horn Regulator.....\$5
6 Volt Coil.....\$5
John Chase 360-665-6102
Ocean Park, WA

"Please be patient, I'm a work in progress..."

Russ Ashley's Accidental Restoration on '40 Ford Progresses, But '40 Plymouth is Still Daily Driver

This will be the beginning of what I hope will be a regular column in our monthly newsletter. A few of us have talked about how good it would be if the general membership were better informed about what each other is working on. So starting now I would like to tell stories about projects you are working on and what progress you have recently made.

For starters, let's hear about Russ Ashley's '40 Ford Two Door Standard. Don't get excited now, Russ still proudly drives his '48 Plymouth Coupe as a daily driver when he is at his place on the coast! But he is really pumped right now about the progress being made on his '40 F.

When he bought it a while back, it had only 48,000 miles on the odometer and it looked and ran great. But last June, during a senior moment, he scraped the roof paint on his partially raised garage door—oops! Well as luck would have it Russ took the car

to the Haskins' Superior Body Shop in Gresham and the boys there fell in love with the old two door because the closer they looked the more they realized what fine condition the car was really in. They pleaded, and convinced Russ to let them strip it down to the frame and do a first class restoration on it.

Russ is scrambling these days to keep up with the need to locate items for the car to match the pace of the Haskins' work. But he is up to it in enthusiasm, if not money, and it looks like the job will be done in the next few months. Way to go, Russ—but it'll never be quite as lovable as your old Plymouth!

Please e-mail, write, or call me with the scoop on what progress you are making on your car or truck:

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Police Cruisers, Public Service Members To Be Focus of April Membership Meeting

Scott Johnson, a Portland Police Officer and owner of a beautiful award winning 1971 Road Runner, will be our featured speaker on the 22nd. Scott tried to make it to our last meeting, got within a mile of the meeting and the Road Runner broke down. Good old AAA hauled them home.

Scott will talk about his career as a police officer.

Our other members of police and fire departments will be at the April 22nd meeting: Jerry Klinger, Bob Dimick, Richard VonAllmen, D.J. Freeman and Mel Nilsen.

Everyone, come visit with our public service veterans and hear Scott tell what our police and fire departments do for us every day.

Dave Houch, a reinstated Plymouth Club member, will bring his restored 1969 Belvedere to the April 22nd meeting. Dave, a retired Portland Police Officer, had a solid career.

Dave's sister, Portland Police Homicide Detective Susan C. Hill, was killed in 1997 while on TWA Flight 800 that crashed near Long Island, NY due to a flawed fuel system.



Dave Houch and his cruiser will be at the April 22 membership meeting.

"I obtained my Portland Police Plymouth Belvedere from my sister's partner in the Homicide Detail, Retired Detective Dave Simpson. My Plymouth has been restored in my sister's name and will always belong to a Portland police officer. Currently, my vehicle will pass to my brother-in-law, a retired PPB officer and bomb tech, upon my ultimate demise." Hopefully, that will not be in the near future.

By Bill Call