JANUARY 2010

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MEETINGS:
First Tuesday of every month at Shawn O’Donnell’s in Everett.
(128th St. exit from I-5, and go East about 1 block)

Meeting time is 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

A 10% Club discount is being offered at Dwayne Lane’s in the Parts Department.
(If you own your own business, and would like to offer a discount to club members, please contact me by e-mail.)

EDITOR’S CORNER:

Hey everyone, I can’t believe that it’s 2010 already. Didn’t we just celebrate the new Millennium? It sure doesn’t feel like another 10 years has skidded past.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends, and you didn’t celebrate too much on New Year’s Eve.

We had our first general meeting for January at Shawn O’Donnell’s, and I’m happy to say, we had a great turn out. Even Dan Hiatt was able to attend, since our meetings are now handicap accessible. It’s been a long time since Dan was able to come to a meeting, even though he’s been an active member for many years. Welcome back Dan.

The last of the end of year awards was handed out at the meeting, except one, so I can now give you the list of winners.

Favorite Car: Dave Peterson
Most Active: Nancy Sabol
Best Kept Car: Bill Byrum
Most Improved: Bob & Sharon Kropp
Hard Luck: Nick Douglas
Mopar Person of Year: Dave Haberkom
Hirsch-Rettig: Ray Guardiano
PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS:

Hi Mopar Fans,

We had our first meeting at Shawn O’Donnell’s on Jan. 5th. It went well, except for some parking problems. I’ll find out where we can park, and let you know. We had about 30 members in attendance. I would like to see more next time.

We need some activities for February, like maybe club bowling.

I want to thank Dave Haberkorn for having the first show meeting at his house. The meal was great, and we had a good turn out of members there.

The next general meeting is February 2, 2010, at Shawn O'Donnell’s at 7:30pm. Come early so you can have dinner.

I will see you there.

Your Prez.

Eldon

MINUTES BY MINUTE:

Mopar General Meeting - Jan. 5, 2010

Called to order at 7:30p.m.

Secretary read minutes from last meeting.

Vice President Carter said he had a flyer about a place that does stainless steel custom headers and also on some type of racing in Burlington.

Treasurer Bill Dunn reported $1930.21 in the treasury. He also said that we donated $100 to the VOA.

Sgt. at Arms Dave Peterson said he had $70 to split in the 50/50 raffle. He also has other items to raffle off as well.

Membership Director Lynn Dota said we have 36 members so far. She also said she would like everyone to recruit new members and also try and get some of the old members back in the club. She has the welcome cards to give to potential members or to put on any old Mopars you may see.

Newsletter Editor Nancy Sabol said the newsletter went out on time and she hopes everyone gets it this time. She also reminded everyone that the deadline for articles is still the 15th of the month. Ray Guardiano will have the feature car in Jan.

Show Chairman Dave Haberkorn reminded everyone that the next Show meeting will be at his house on Jan. 9 at 12:00. He will be cooking hot dogs and burgers. Please bring your own drink. He also reported we have $4734.20 in the show fund. In addition, he said we need to get more sponsors for the trophies this year.

The principal of Mariner complimented the club on the show last year and said if needed he thinks he could provide some volunteers for this years show.

President Eldon Smith still wants to put together another club outing like the hockey game we attended last year. He suggested another hockey game or bowling. If there is anything anyone else thinks we might like to do, contact any of the staff members.

The end of year awards were given out at the Christmas party and the winners are;

Best Kept Car: Bill Dunn
Most Active Member: Nancy Sabol
Favorite Car: Dave Peterson
Most Improved Car: Bob Kropp
Hard Luck Award: Nick Douglas
Person of the Year Award: Dave Haberkom
The Hirsch-Rettig Award went to Ray Guardiano.

My congratulations to all the winners.

We had Dan Hiatt at the meeting tonight since we now have handicap access. It was great to finally see you at a meeting Dan. Hope to see you at many more.

Carol Rush won the 50/50 raffle.

The next Staff meeting will be Jan. 26 and the next General meeting will be Feb. 2 both at Shawn O'Donnells.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

Welcome to the New (Car Show) Year. We are slowly getting up off the mat from last year’s activities and are turning our attention to 2010. As we can imagine, there will be many events forthcoming- shows both local and distant, swap meets, cruise-ins and whatever. Our mailbox is not yet yielding much in the way of show announcements and the Good Guy Calendar is not yet ready, or at least I have not been able to locate one.

But February will produce the Corvette and High Performance Swap meet in early February followed in a couple of weeks by the Early Bird. Both of these are at the Puyallup fairgrounds. Hopefully, by the time of the next general meeting, I will have some more definite info.

In the meantime, we can occupy our time with some indoors car entertainment by watching Barrett Jackson if it is still running by the time you get this newsletter. Seing our car values depress most certainly will be informative!

MOPAR MESSENGER REVISITED:

This is a new addition to your newsletter. Every month, I will print an article that was taken from a previous Mopar Messenger, beginning with the first Messenger that was sent out in 1987. These articles have been submitted by Dave Oz, who has saved all his old copies of the newsletter,
since it was first produced. We hope you enjoy these trips down memory lane. This first installment is from August 1987.

MEMBERSHIP:

This is just to let you all know, that the February newsletter will be the last one you will receive, if you have not renewed your club membership by 2/28/10. So don’t procrastinate, make sure you renew your membership so you won’t miss out on this exciting newsletter, and all the other benefits that come to you as a paid up club member.

Nancy & Lynn

EVENT COORDINATOR:

Show Account Balance: 4734.29

Staff Website Design meeting

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 6:30 PM
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Outreach Center - Olympic Room
12810 35th Ave SE
Everett, WA. 98208

Just North of 132nd on left hand side, electronic readerboard in front. meeting site is the large building at the rear of the property.

Report

Thanks to all volunteers who attended the January planning meeting. Still plenty of room for the rest of you folks to join in!

Shawn O’Donnell’s has signed on to be the host restaurant for our event. In addition they will assist in sponsoring some of our trophy classes.

Shawn is a car enthusiast who attended our show last year as a spectator. Many of us have showed up for his Saturday night cruise in’s in the Summer. We look forward to working with him on some publicity opportunities for the show.

Let’s return his support by having a good turnout at our monthly meetings -come early and grab some good food and drink!

We had a minor snafu with the artwork as it was discovered that this is NOT the 30th Show but the 29th. Luckily the T-shirts were not printed and the artwork has been corrected.

Remember to keep soliciting sponsors for the event as you go about your regular business. This may be our best show ever and folks may want to be associated with it!

Next Show Meeting will be at Debbie and Dave Petersons - watch for date and time announcement soon.

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FEATURE CAR: submitted by Ray Guardiano

1965 Plymouth Valiant Signet FACTORY Formula S - 4 speed. I, Ray Guardiano, have to be crazy to admit to owning this particular car. 3 DIFFERENT TIMES in the past 20 years! I have documentation to back up it’s authenticity of this wild Valiant having left the factory as a never offered (except just this one time) Formula S Valiant. It was specifically built for a high ranking Boeing exec (who had something to do with the Boeing 737 program...though I do not know what.) who was knowledgeable of the performance and handling of the 1965 Barracuda Formula S...
cars......however he did not care for large rear windows on the Barracuda’s. Apparently he was good friends with the President of the Chrysler/Plymouth dealership, S.L. Savidge in Seattle - Mr. Sam Savidge, and sought him out to order this car. Mr. Bill Stephens wanted the following: 1965 Valiant Signet, white exterior, red bucket seat interior, power steering, AM radio, power drum brakes, black vinyl roof, Formula S package to include: HiPo 273 4-barrel (with engine dress up), 4-speed, in dash tachometer, HD suspension, 7-1/4" SureGrip, wider 14x5-1/2" steel wheels, special 14" wheelcovers, special large diameter single exhaust with chrome square tipped resonator AND Formula S badging on the sides of both front fenders. Mr Savidge himself wrote up the order and placed it with the factory. The factory advised Mr. Savidge that they COULD NOT build a Valiant with the Formula S package as they requested, "...it is NOT offered...if your customer wants the Formula S package, he will have to order a Barracuda!". Well, Mr Savidge then sent his request to the head of Dealer-Customer Relations at Chrysler at the time and let them know that Mr. Stephens was a high ranking individual at Boeing and that Chrysler needs to build this Valiant as per his request...VERY SOON!! Through the chain of command at Chrysler, heads rolled and this 1 of 1, Formula S Valiant was born. Mr. Stephens had such clout that Boeing flew he and his wife back to Detroit to drive the car back to Seattle aboard a Boeing 737 test flight!! On the back of the owners manual, Mr. Stephens wrote down all the flaws & problems he experienced with the car on the trip back to Seattle. The car has had 9 owners the past 45 years....with me owning 3 times!! Bruce Herbig and I first saw this car over 30 years ago at a Walter P. Chrysler club meeting....little did I know I’d be a caretaker of it 3 times!! One last thing, personalized license plates were not offered in Washington State until 1974 or 1975, but Mr. Stephens again had such clout that the Department of Licensing issued him the 1965 Washington plate it STILL wears: "AOK 737" ......how about that for clout!!! Yes, the car is for sale...best offer, swap or trade. Ray Guardiano - chargeray@aol.com
SPECIAL INTEREST: It’s about a 1978 full size Chrysler 4 door putting ALOT of power!

- It might be a 4-door, but at least it’s a hard-top!!!!!!!
(There’s a 440 lurking under that 6-71...)
And somehow, I’m just not sure if there’s words for something like this...Though there
is this sort-of unexplainable Beater Brunch vibe coming off of it!

Please put out a rush APB for any one that might have Spring Round Up pix from the 2009, 2008, 2007 or 2006 show. Need them for the new web sit them to Tuesday’s regular meeting.

Thanks.
Dave Oz

THE WEB SITE IS BACK!!!! MoPars Unlimited - Seattle Chapter

Please check out the new web site and tell us what you think. What else do we need on it to make it great? All ideas will be considered, so no matter how small you think your idea might be, let us know. It might be just what we are looking for.

Dave is looking for pictures of current club members to put on the web site. Please include your name and the year, make & model of your car with the picture.

Contact Dave Oz or Nancy Sabol with your ideas. The staff will be discussing it next week at the monthly staff meeting.

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IN THE NEWS:

Puget Park Drive-In theater closing to make way for Swedish emergency room

It was the last place in Snohomish County where you could watch a movie through your windshield.

Sunday, January 31, 2010 AOL: NSabol
Puget Park Drive-In, Snohomish County’s last drive-in theater, won’t even get a final curtain call.

It opened in 1971, the year “The French Connection” and “The Last Picture Show” were nominated for Academy Awards.

When it was shuttered last fall, after a triple showing of “Nine,” “The Proposal” and “District 9,” the drive-in was fated never to open again. The land intersection of I-5 and 128th Street SE in south Everett, was just too valuable.

News of Swedish Health Services of Seattle opening a $30 million stand-alone emergency room at the spot overshadowed the loss of the landmark way of life for many Snohomish County residents.

The three-story building is expected to be constructed near the spot where the theater’s red-and-blue snack bar now sits. Construction could begin next month.

The drive-in was a throwback, and for many customers that was part of its charm.

“The drive-in is like a dinosaur. … A lot of kids don’t know what one is,” said Cherl Redenius of Arlington who grew up in a house just west of the d

“Especially today, with other media options and ways to watch movies, on the iPhone or iPod, Netflix and Blockbusters, DVRs and downloading, why want to go sit in the cold of their car?” she asked.

For all the practical reasons for not seeing a movie in a drive-in, you do lose out on a unique movie-watching experience.

“There’s something to be said for that experience, sitting outside and listening (to the movie) through a fuzzy speaker,” she said.

Gene Goosman, who grew up in Mountlake Terrace and now lives in Mukilteo, said one of his best memories was taking his family to the theater in his motor home in the late 1970s.

“It was during the gas crunch time,” he said. “Gas was hard to get.”

So they put a crib in the motor home for the baby. He and laid his 2-year-old son along the motor home’s long dashboard.

“We pretended we were on vacation,” Goosman said. “It was like taking your living room to the movies.”

Drive-ins are closing because they take up a lot of land and you need to have a lot of customers for the business to make money, said David Schooler, president of Sterling Reality Organization Co. in Bellevue, which until recently owned Puget Park.

His SRO company, which included the Grand Cinemas at Alderwood, was once the largest theater exhibitor in Washington, he said.

The company’s businesses also included a Longview drive-in, which closed about 15 years ago.

“A lot of people got upset,” Schooler said. “There was protest in downtown Longview. More people were in the protest than had been going to the r

The company thought about having some sort of goodbye showing at Puget Park, “but if you run it in the winter, nobody’s going to come,” Schoole probably not.”

Bobbi Rayes, who managed the drive-in since 1993, said that even as the season closed last year, she still hoped a way would be found to reopen it

The drive-in operated from May to September, offering double features. It was also the home to a swap meet, which operated on weekends from April and was managed by her sister, Lorna Combs.

Overall, Rayes has worked for SRO for more than two decades, following her parents in the theater business. “I’ve been very blessed. It’s been a wonderful opportunity,” she said. “There’s not a whole lot of people who did what their parents did for the same company.”

The drive-in could draw 600 or more cars a night. Over the years, the theater switched from speakers that hung from the edge of rolled-up car winds to the movie’s dialogue broadcast on a local FM signal so it could be picked up on car radios.

Hundreds of teens, including her own two children, had summer jobs at the theater.

Of all the films she’s seen over the years, she rates Johnny Depp in the various “Pirates” movies and the Transformers movies among her favorites

“It’s really hard; this has been in my family for a long time,” she said.

“It’s just such as fun place. It’s so sad.”

HUMOR FIX:

Police say that the gang usually is comprised of four members, one adult and three younger ones. While the three younger ones, all appearing sweet and innocent, divert their “mark” (or intended target) with a show of friendliness, the fourth -- the eldest -- sneaks in from behind the person’s back to expertly rifle through his or her pocket or purse for any valuables.

Be on the alert!!! See the attached photo from a recent attack that was captured on film...
CLASSIFIED ADS:

Subject: Free Ads for Mopar Club Members

Now that my “parts for sale” site, www.classiccarpartsclassifieds.com, is up and fully functional, I would like to extend an offer of FREE ads to all Mopar club members. This is an opportunity for the Mopar club community to select a primary location for owners to look for those hard to find parts, without the feeding frenzy we find on eBay. You can list parts and attach multiple pictures in one ad. All parts must fit the Make and Model stated in the ad heading. You can submit multiple free ads and this offer also includes free ad renewal option if your parts do not sell.

We are not making a general announcement about this offer so we are hoping that you will help us by notifying your membership via your meetings, newsletter and web site.

This offer expires December 31, 2009.

The procedure is easy. Simply follow the steps as if you were submitting an ad and you were paying for it. Set the text of the ad and upload your pictures. Fill in the contact information and recheck all of your information. Completely disregard the coupon section that asks for a code for special pricing. At the bottom of the “Ad Verification” page, you will see two options, PayPal and Mail. Select Mail. This sends the ad directly to us. The next window is an invoice that you are supposed to print out and send to us with your payment. Print this invoice out but keep it as your record of your ad. If there are any questions about the ad, we need the ad ID number as a reference. At that point, click on “contact us” and send us an email with the words ”Mopar Club Free Ad” in the title line. You will receive an email from us to confirm your email address. When you respond to verify your email address, we will post your free ad on our site.

That’s it and it’s that simple. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: Custom Photo Rugs

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Thanks
Greg Melvin (Owner)
Custom Photo Rugs

For sale 1974 Dodge truck, 360/auto, canopy, dual exhaust, standard cab that has been replaced with a an 85 cab, box and fenders have been replaced with 1993 dodge sheet metal, it is currently licensed and ready for camping or hauling, Needs paint.

Contact Doug Taylor: 206-368-2903

STORAGE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT:

Fully enclosed carport can store up to three (3) cars. Can rent one (1) or all three (3). Located in Snohomish. Rental fee will be negotiable.

Contact Jim Sabol for details, at: 425-422-6861

From: Peter Banman

Looking to buy:


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Thanks

Peter

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