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This is what a screen side looks. John Nelson says he has one like it. Ever seen it? This one is owned by David Alme of Cork's Pharmacy



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ANOTHER PARADE, ANOTHER AWARD?

Are we great or what?.

The **"States Day Parade"** in Prosser was another successful outing for our club. Not just because we didn't have any break downs as far as I know. but, because we all had a great time. And we won another First Place Award to boot. At last count we had 25 cars show up. We also had some peo-

ple show up that we haven't seen for a while, for some reason or another. Among them was Tim Hubler with his gorgeous Dodge.



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Points to Ponder

FIRST PLACE

.... ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISABLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL....





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Tim was a little distracted that day because of an incident with the City of Pasco concerning his "Killer Dogs".

But that is another story. Ask him about it the next time you see him or call him and he will tell you the saga of Pasco and the "Killer Dogs". I didn't see her but I was told Lenore Jackson showed up. I did get to see and talk to Dale Henson, whom I had never met before. He mentioned to Ed Edwards and Vern Shreve that he had some model T parts to get rid of. Well that is all Vern needed to hear. That also is another story we will get into later in this news letter. We all got there in plenty of time for judging, in fact I think we got there too early. We all met up at the gas station at the Kiona-Benton city exit at 7:30. We took the back road to Prosser and still got there early. Once we got there we lined up in the parking lot to be judged.



Sorry about the picture, it was too early in the morning for me. We can see Wayne Williams's Studebaker truck, Ed Edwards's Mustang, Jeff Todd's Buick, and Jack Yale's Packard. Below is Eldon Reiman's Ford. See, This time no pictures of my car. So there. Sorry, I'm not sure about the car next to it but I think it is Terry Shegrud's 1936 Chev.



The parade Was well attended by Prosserites and very well organized. However the best part was the gathering in the park after the parade.



It is obvious that some one enjoyed it more than anyone else



All in all we had a great outing and I for one am looking forward to the next outing with the great bunch of people in this club!

Start planning now for our trip to Moab Utah in the spring. Most likely some time in May 2002

MORE ON MOAB

A must take side trip from Moab is to the Arches National Park. The park is 5 miles from Moab and to drive the entire park loop takes 1.5 hours. However, if you take time to view all of the spectacular sights you will be able to spend the better part of a whole day on this side trip. A few of the sights you will see are Skyline Arch,



Court house Towers,



and Balanced Rock.



This is going to be great trip!!!! **Plan on being there**



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IMPOTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MOAB TRIP!

Martha Shreve has made some Phone calls about lodging in Moab. She has found one that she thinks will serve our purpose. It has plenty of parking for towing rigs. It also has a swimming pool and Jacuzzi. With the room rent you also get a continental break-fast, which according to Vern is quite hardy. Martha has negotiated a rate reduction from \$80 to \$60 if we rent at least 10 rooms. Since this is the start of their tourist season it is best to make reservations early. Right now is not too early. If you have any questions call Martha Shreve @582-7530 Or Moab Valley Motel @435-259-4419

AN EVENING OF CULTURE

We had a great showing at our night out on the town. We became people of culture when we



brought our classic cars to the opening of the Richland Players version of "You Can't Take It With You"

By the way the play was directed by Red Rutherford's Daughter. We brought our cars to the theater at 6pm. Then a bunch of us went to the Italian restaurant next door for a great dinner. After dinner most of us went to the play. I for one had a good time and think we should do more of these kind of things.



HMM -VERY INTERESTING



MISC CLUB INFO

• Ed Edwards has his name up in lights again . This time for his horse shoe tossing expertise. In Sunnyside on the 14th of Sept he placed third in his category. And on the 15th in Yakima he placed 2nd in his category. Keep up the good work CHAMP

Calendar of events for the month of Oct

- Every Wed morn breakfast at the new IHOP restaurant on Canal Drive. Time 8am. No admission. (ha-ha)
- October Monthly meeting Thur Oct 25th will be held at Gayle Noga's new house in Pasco. To find Gayle's house take the Rd 68 exit of the Freeway an go north to Taylor flats Rd. Take a right on Alder then second drive way on the right. If lost call Gayle at 545-5903
- **2nd of Nov**. the Richland Players is presenting the Play "NIGHT MUST FALL". Among it's star-studded cast is Yours truly. The play is about a murder mystery in which I (your beloved editor) will play the part of a Scotland Yard Inspector. Your presence, although not mandatory, highly desired. Non attendees will be sought out and dealt with.
- **Do you like walnuts** We have been invited to pick walnuts (off the ground not off trees). Oct 20th from 12 to 4pm at 3011 Birch rd in Pasco. Donations will go to the Woman's Resource Center. Wear Grubby clothes and walnut picking gloves. A hay wagon will take you to the orchards. Hot dogs, German sausage, beverages, and smore's will be served. There will be 60 dinosaur eggs hidden with prizes in them. We will Meet at the closed AM-PM gas station on Rd 68 across form the Trac. Bring your old cars, but be advised you will have to drive about 3/4 of a mile on gravel.
- Any time of the month, any thing you think we might have fun doing.



Readers Corner

These articles are submitted by readers

TRIP TO BAKER CITY - August 23, 2001

Russ and Jane Armstrong and **Gil and Odetta Linden** from Yakima had talked about taking a mini tour with our old cars for several years. We finally had the opportunity, so on Sunday August 20, we headed for Baker City, Oregon. We trailered our Model-T and the Linden's their 1915 Dodge.

We arrived Sunday about noon. While checking into our motel, I looked at the rack with brochures about things to do and found one on the Leo Alder house. It was only open Thursday - Sunday and was to close that day at 2:00 p.m. We took our luggage into our room, unloaded our cars and headed for this beautifully restored Victorian house. It was build in 1890 in the Italianate-style. The Adler family moved in when Leo was 5 years old. He lived there until he died in 1993 at the age of 98. He never married and when he died he left the house and the bulk of his \$20 million estate to support the Leo Adler Community Fund, which awards annual scholarships to graduates of Baker County and Powder Valley High Schools, and the Leo Adler Foundation, which supports community projects. Mr. Adler was a people person and wanted to do something for the community he loved.

Mr. Adler began selling magazines when he was 9 years old and continued selling magazines for 72 years. He owned a 7-state business empire with 2,000 magazine outlets selling more than 3 million magazines a year.

Because the same family had lived in the house for most of its existence, furniture, glassware, clothing etc. was still there. Unfortunately because of the lack of

a foundation, the house was sagging badly when the city took possession. Five ladies, one of whom was our guide, spent hours restoring the house to it's former glory. Many discarded items were found stored in boxes upstairs. The upstairs still had it's original wallpaper despite the fact the house had sunk several feet. The restorers were able to repair the wallpaper and it was in remarkably good condition for it's age.

After the house tour, we decided to take a ride to see the countryside. We ended up in Haines. Ate dinner at the Haines steakhouse. Very good meal.

Monday we drove to Sumpter Valley to see the restored train. It is only open for rides on weekends but is still interesting to see. Then we drove on into Sumpter to see the Dredge which was used for mining gold from 1913-1924 and 1935-1954. The dredge was responsible for over 6 miles of tailings that can be seen throughout the valley. The dredge weighed about 1,240 tons. The 72 one-ton buckets, containing 10 cubic feet of material would dump 25 buckets per minute.

The 250 hp. bucket line motor was powered by a 12-mile, 23,000 volt electric line from a portable substation. Three thousand gallons of water per minute were supplied by two 10-inch and one 6-inch pump. This water, along with six 24-inch jigs and sluice boxes were used for gold recovery. The dredge produced \$4.5 million in gold at the price of \$35 per ounce.

Since there are several ghost towns in the area, we drove to one named Granite. The scenery on the way was gorgeous. There are actually several people living in Granite. We ate lunch in a log building which was a combination store/restaurant, talked to a miner. We toured the cemetery,

More readers corner

looking at the old gravestones. I like to imagine what kind of people they were and how they might have lived by the engravings on the markers.

Tuesday we visited the Oregon Trail Regional Museum. It is located in the old Natatorium. The lower level was a swimming pool with a ballroom in the upper level. It was the location of much of Baker City socializing in it's heyday. They have a very interesting collection of turn-of-the century items, including a Wippet and a Dodge, also a large rock collection.

Wednesday we visited the Interpretive Center on Flagstaff Hill. We were very fortunate to be there on a day when Michael "Bad Hand" Terry was giving a presentation on the Plains Indians. He is a Seminole Indian but a historian of this area of Indian history. He neither glorified nor demeaned the Indian role in our Western history and was very interesting. I bought his book if anyone is interested in reading it. lots of pictures. He had lots and lots of Indian artifacts, headdresses, buffalo robes, saddles, stirrups, etc. He spoke for 3 hours and was not at all boring. I was amazed when I looked at my watch and saw how long we had been in the auditorium.

We also spent time just driving around town looking at the historic buildings, many have been restored. We ate some good food, had most of our breakfasts at Sumpter Junction. We ate one lunch at the restored Geiser Hotel, a dinner at The Telephone Company, ice cream at Charlie's. Did some antiquing. Everyplace we went we were greeted with "I've seen you around town" or "so & so told me they had talked to you". Everyone was really friendly. We visited with several people who had old cars they were working on and one fellow who was building a railroad in his front yard.

The weather was wonderful, not too hot, not too cold, just right. We spent our evenings playing games such as Chicken Foot, Zonk, and Baltimore Rummy.

Thursday we headed for home just as the weather was turning cloudy and rainy.

Thanks to Jane Armstrong for her submission to Readers Corner This is the kind of things I would like to have you send . It does not have to be current event, it can be history. The newer members would get a big kick out of hearing about some of your experiences on trips with the club



Dedicated to Having fun with the past

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