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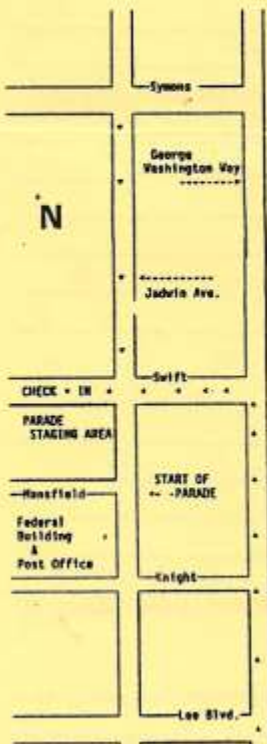
APRIL 1993

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 24 6:00 pm
 Torchlight Parade, Richland
- April 29 5:00 pm
 "Staking of the stalls"
- May 1 TC SWAP MEET
- May 22-23 7:00 am
 Tour to Joseph, Ore.
- June 19-26
 Grand Circle Tour

TORCHLIGHT PARADE

Hanford's 50th Anniversary "Torchlight Parade" is Saturday, April 24. Everyone is invited to attend. Check in and lineup with the parade starting at 8:00 pm. The staging area is the parking lot north of the Federal Building.



50TH ANNIVERSARY
 Torchlight
 Parade
 Staging Area

April 24, 1993
 8 pm
 Richland, Washington

"STAKING OUT THE STALLS"

The Annual Ritual of staking out the stalls will occur at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 29 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Lets have a good turnout. Bring your heavy hammer. Jack Yale is again the big kahodona.

Hamburgers will be available courtesy of our president, Martha Shreve. Hear! Hear!

BAKER CITY TOUR

In 1843 a wagon train of 900 immigrants was the first to make the trek over the Oregon Trail. Wagons often broke down sometimes losing wheels.

In March of 1993 Cork tried to re-enact the immigrant's trip. The left front wheel fell off his Packard, on the back roads of Oregon, in route to visit the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center near Baker City.

Saturday evening our group enjoyed visiting Clyde Linscott and seeing his one hundred plus Model "A" collection. If the early settlers had come in Model A's, Clyde would probably have their old cars.

The tour was organized by Ed and Loretta Smith and Lee and Loretta Jackson.

Thank you Smith's and Jackson's for a fun tour.

Prez Says . . .

The first tour of the year was declared a great success by those attending. If you like me, were unable to attend there are lots of plans in the works for future events.

Dave Underwood is in charge of the parade to be held in Richland on April 24. Please call him and let him know. If you decide at the last minuted to come that's ok too.

The annual swap meet is almost here. Your volunteer help will be needed to make this a success. We will be at the fairgournds at 5 pm on Thursday, April 29 to mark the areas. See you there! Pete Jackson is doing a great job organizing the swap meet. Call him at 783-3317 to let him know how you would like to help.

A week-long circle tour is being planned by Cork for June 19-26. Be sure to mark your calendar for these dates.

Cork has been working on the new membership roster and has contacted everyone to bring everything up to date. It will be ready soon.

We think it will be a fun spring and summer so come and join us.

Vern sez . . .

"The reason for pyramids is that is the only way to stack rocks."

Prepare for May!!!!

Here we go again! A May "Mini Circle Tour" visiting historic Joseph, Oregon, May 22 & 23. We leave CBC Parking Lot, Pasco at 7: AM and arrive (hopefully) in Enterprise about noonish. We'll be staying at the Ponderosa Motel. (Single Queen Bed Room for 2 is \$42. Two Queens for 2 is \$44. Two Queens for 4 \$52.) This is next to the best reataurant in town . . . Toma's.

We will be scheduled for a 2 hour Art Gallery and Foundry Tour at \$3.50 a head if 20 or more, and \$5.00 if 19 or less. Following that, there are many other things to do.: A Museum; Famous Dave Manuel's Art Gallery; Jillion Little Shops featuring antiqes and crafts.

Wallowa Lake, only a mile away, can be visited and if enough interest, we can schedule a mini, mini tour around the area, late in afternoon on Sat., possibly another Sunday Morning. We would head for home in early afternoon.

I encourage all who think they want to go, to call The Ponderosa VERY SOON (503) 426-3186 and reserve a room (they only have 25). Please call Dave Underwood at 627-2820 by April 20th so we will have an idea how many to schedule for.

Again . . . call and make your own reservations - We've made ours. If you wait too long or they're full, there are two more in Enterprise: Wilderness Inn, (503) 426-4535; Melody Ranch (503) 426-4022.

Dave Underwood
627-2820
by April 20

overdrive

COVA is an acronym for a new organization whose presence on the car collecting and restoring scene is long overdue. It stands for Council of Vehicle Associations and came into existence on October 17 in Chicago when 39 concerned people met to try and create a nationwide organization which will protect and preserve car collectors' rights and interests at local, state, and national levels.

The meeting had been inspired by government proposals currently taking shape in the United States. The most prominent among these have been the so-called "clunker bills" rumbling around Congress, but regulations on federally mandated air quality goals from the EPA also loom large on the horizon.

COVA believes (and SIA agrees) that the statistics being bandied about by government regarding the amount of mileage racked up by pre-1983 cars is way off base. The Feds reckon annual mileage on such cars at 10,000-12,000 per year. When's the last time you heard of a '29 Studebaker or a curved dash Olds covering that amount of ground in 12 months? COVA statistics put annual mileage of old, vintage, antique, and pioneer cars at an annual rate of about one tenth of the government claims. Again, we would agree with this and encourage, particularly, those selling old-car insurance to share their annual mileage stats and averages with COVA to help them prove their assertion.

You can help, too, by responding to COVA's nationwide survey of collectible vehicles. Simply use or copy the form below and mail or fax to the address noted. It's the least you can do to help a group which is trying to preserve your cars and your right to enjoy them without government penalty, restriction, or interference. Thanks for your help and participation.

DWB

1. How many collector vehicles do you currently own? _____
2. What percentage of the restoration work do you do yourself? _____
3. On average, how much money do you spend annually on a restoration project?

4. On average, how many suppliers do you work with on an annual basis? _____
5. To what vehicle associations, clubs, etc.. do you belong? _____
6. How many miles per year do you drive each of your collector vehicles? _____

Your name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone Number _____
FAX Number _____

Mail to Council of Vehicle Associations, 10400 Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465 or FAX to (708) 598-4888.