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## PREZ SEZ

I would like to thank everyone for your kindness, prayers, thoughts and well wishes during the trying times of the last month. Words cannot convey how much you are all appreciated.

The February Chocolate Extravaganza at the Vetrano's was well attended and everyone hopefully got their fill of the decadent treats.

Fred Frazier is organizing a tour of antique stores for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Check this newsletter for further details from Fred.

We are looking forward to going to the "And Then There Were None" put on by the Richland Players at their theater, 608 The Parkway. Our own Dennis Jackson has a role in the play. We are scheduled to go on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to the 2:00 PM matinee. Get your own tickets and drive your old cars over.

We are still working on plans for the swap meet the first weekend in May. We are looking for lots of volunteers. Contact Ed Edwards at 967-9361 to secure your job and time slot. I will need people to be in charge of different areas. I will be on vacation in New Zealand during the swap meet. So, **your HELP is greatly needed.**

## CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA PARTY HIGHLIGHTS.

The Chocolate Extravaganza Party, held on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> was well attended. There were approximately 30 members in attendance. It was nice to see Martha out and about..

There was a good selection of chocolate items to choose from. There were brownies, no bake cookies, white and dark chocolate fudge, a type of chocolate cake, and even some type of chocolate ice cream cake thing. Then there were those of us who tried to do the healthy things and brought grapes and veggies and there was even a fat free and sugar free pudding parfaits.

There was plenty of time for visiting before and after 2 games. One of the games was to guess how many candy kisses were in a small vase. The second game was a matching game where you had to match the political figures with the name of their spouse. Every body had a good time.

## FYI

In this newsletter you will find a flyer/ registration form for a car show event at the Timbers in Richland. It is in this newsletter as some members have shown an interest in it.

## TO THOSE WHOM I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
Be Happy that I have had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love each have shown  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories in your heart.

I will not be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be  
near, and if you listen with your heart,  
You will hear all my love around you soft  
and clear.

Then, when you must come this way alone  
I will greet you with a smile and a Welcome  
Home.

This was on the back of the program for Ver-  
nal Shreve's memorial service.

## FOR SALE

1951 Chevrolet, all original, 73,300 actual miles, 4-door se-  
dan, 216 motor, radio, heater, runs excellent, \$8,500.

1953 Oldsmobile 98, a/t, V8, radio heater, all original,  
88,400 actual miles, runs excellent, \$8,900/offer.

1919 Studebaker Touring, new paint, upholstery & top, all  
original w/flathead 6 motor, runs well, Appraised for  
\$17,000, sacrifice for \$13,500/offer

Contact Joe Kuhns at (509)586-6848 or (509)947-2425 if  
interested.

## ANTIQUE TOUR

Since April has a couple of people gone on long trips  
and we will be out of town the first full week of April, we  
decided to move the antique store tour to the end of  
March. This will be on Sat. the 29th. So we will meet at  
the east end of Columbia Park in the boat launch parking  
area. We'll plan to leave the lot at 9:30 a.m. and travel  
through the park on Columbia Park Drive to Queensgate.  
We'll go to Bombing Range Road to West Richland and  
travel on Van Geisen to George Washington Way and stop  
in Uptown. There are several antique malls in that area.  
After looking around a bit, we'll eat lunch at a local res-  
taurant. Please RSVP to Fred Fraser so I can arrange with  
the restaurant as far as numbers who will need places to  
sit. You can call and talk/leave a message for me at 946-  
9850. Please let me know at least a week in advance.

## Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues

**Dues are now past due. If you haven't paid them  
yet there is still time to pay them so that you can  
still get the newsletter. Dues are \$15. You can ei-  
ther give a check to Ed Edwards at the Wednesday  
breakfast or mail it to Ed Edwards at: P.O. Box  
4566, West Richland, WA 99353. If for some rea-  
son you don't remember if you have paid them you  
can call Ed and he will be able to tell you one way  
or another.**

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# ALPHA ROMEO GIULIETTA SPYDER 1954 -1962

The Giulietta was introduced in 1954. It was a sensational step since it was Alpha's first mass-produced small car and the first "shopping" car that had a twin overhead camshaft. The original 1,290 cc power unit was so successful they were able to increase it to 1,600, to 1,800 and eventually to 2,000 cc which powered most of the Alpha Rome range.

They came in 4-door and 2-door coup and open topped Spyder versions designed by Bertone. Pininfarina and Zagato also built models, the latter scored in a number of competitions. The Giulietta models were superseded by the larger engined Giulia in 1962.

The engine was a classic Alpha twin-overhead camshaft 4-cylinder unit. It featured a light alloy cylinder head and crankcase. The 74 x75 mm bore and stroke had a total displacement of 1,290 cc producing a power output of 90 bhp at 6,500 rpm from two twin-choke Weber carburetors. The maximum torque was 12 kgm at 4,500 rpm.

All models used a single dry-plate clutch to connect the engine to the 4 speed synchromesh manual gear box. It was mounted in unit with the in-line engine. Drive was through rear wheels via a two-piece prop-shaft and a hypoid bevel live rear axle mounted

on coil springs, radius arms and an A-bracket. Independent front suspension had coil springs and wishbones combined with an anti-roll bar.

The body was a monocoque pressed-steel body-chassis unit. It had a 239 cm wheelbase. The front track of 129 cm and a slightly narrower rear track of 127 cm. The length 393 cm and the weight 895 kg.

Overall, the influence of the successful Giulietta Range was enormous. Although the Alpha Romeo continued to lose money, it wasn't the fault of the cars as they did much towards putting the company on a sounder financial foot.

When production ceased, there were 3,500 Sprint GT and Veloce Giuliettas built, including 14,300 Spyders, plus 2,907 of the faster Spyder Veloce models. Because relatively few Spyders were built and even less exported a good specimen is a considerable investment potential for a collector, apart from the pleasure derived from owning and driving the taut-handling classic. This car can still hold its own in terms of performance against many of the far newer cars.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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5 Jeff & Judy Todd  
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29 Wayne & Lorraine Williams  
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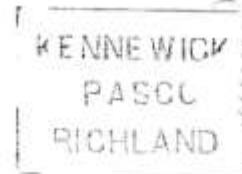
## BIRTHDAYS

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12 Eric Tchemitcheff  
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12 Patti Ybarra  
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25 Lenora Jackson  
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## UP COMING EVENTS

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| MARCH     | Old Cars to a Play<br>Antique Tour       |
| APRIL     |  |
| MAY       | Swap Meet                                |
| JUNE      | Joseph Days car show                     |
| JULY      | Pasco Parade and Lunch following         |
| AUGUST    | Kennewick Fair Parade w/picnic following |
| SEPTEMBER | Prosser Parade w/lunch at the Red Barn   |
| OCTOBER   | Sauerkraut Making at Shreve's            |
| NOVEMBER  |  |
| DECEMBER  | Christmas Party & Annual meeting         |

### FROM THE EDITOR.

If you have any thing for the newsletter you can either send it to me by snail mail at: Cyndy Underwood, 29204 S. 887 PRSE, Kennewick, WA 99338 or you can e-mail me at [quilterathart@verizon.net](mailto:quilterathart@verizon.net). Also if I can get it by the 20th of the month it would be great as I like to get the newsletter done and in the mail by the first of the month.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Cyndy