

Gear Heads of Whatcom County



March 2016 Newsletter

Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, April 6th 9:00 am at the Hilltop Restaurant. All members are invited to attend.

President's Message

March is here and although the weather is a little windy and rainy we have no room to complain based on weather around the country. Warmer weather and cruising down the back roads can't be far away.

We held our first members meeting of 2016 on Wednesday February 24th at WECU in Ferndale with a very nice turnout of about 50 people and just enough pizza that I think everyone went away with plenty to eat. Thanks to Gary & Bonnie Andersen and Jim & Cherrie Rothenbuhler for supplying the food and beverages. I would also like to thank the many people who helped set up and clean up tables and chairs including Mike Caravagio and Rodney Larson.

We had a very positive meeting and lots of exciting activities are in the works for this year again. Pete Griffin dazzled us with his computer capabilities. Our web site looks great and supports our club image.

We have a wonderful bus trip scheduled to Tacoma to the **LeMay Family Car Collection** at Marymount coming up on **March 12th**. Walt Johnson put this trip together and we currently have 41 people signed up. We have 47 seats on the bus so if you hurry you might still be able to get on board. Just let Walt know as soon as possible. **He must know by this Sunday the 6th**.

I am saddened to say we lost one of our Gear Head members, William "Bill" Ferguson, on February 21st. A service will be held for him on Saturday, March 5th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ferndale, WA at 10:30AM.

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Scott Calkins, President; *Gear Heads of Whatcom County*

LeMay Family Collection Bus Trip

March 12th



\$55.00 per person with a check made out to **Gear Heads WC**

- Send to: Jim Appleby, 1150 E McLeod Rd., Bellingham, WA. 98226

Let Walt Johnson know by phone no later than Sunday night if you are going to sign up. Walt **MUST** let the bus company know how many will be on the bus no later than Monday morning early on the 7th **Walt's number is: (360) 671 - 9637**

We have many wives going as well so it should be a fun trip for all

- *If you pay for a guest we must have the person's name to get them on the bus for insurance reasons and it's the law. So please send names with your check(s) <http://www.lemaymarymount.org/>*

Gear Head Update

It's official, we have 94 returning members for 2016

You can download a complete roster at our Members Only page on our website

www.gearheadswc.com

Editors Message

This issue of our Newsletter, features Walt Johnson's BIO. Thanks Walt.

The goal is to introduce all our members to one another through a short biography of; *Why you like classic cars & trucks? What was your first car? What do you have now that you like the most? What work or changes have you done on your classic?* It doesn't have to include any or all of those suggestions just write something others would like to know as to why you're a Gear Head.

Email me at griffinspc@gmail.com with a short essay and a couple photos. First in first published so it may be awhile before you see yours and if it's really popular I can do more than one a month. **Keep the words to around 150 please.**

Goal for 2016, Rescue Classics



Gear Head Walt Johnson BIO

Born in Bellingham in 1942, I joined the Navy in 1959 serving aboard the USS Yorktown in 1960, 61 & 62. While stationed aboard the Yorktown, both overseas and at home port in Long Beach California, I bought a 1952 Ford and did some customizing (being close to "California Customs" shop).

I received my BHS diploma in 1960. My first high school car was a 1948 Chevy Torpedo Back, which I paid \$65 for, and sold for \$300 when I left Bellingham for the Navy. I detailed cars at Mt. Baker Motors in Bellingham from 1963 until 1970 then to work at Georgia Pacific for 32 years and retired as Stores/Salvage Manager.

When I first got out of the Navy, my love was motorcycles, which I raced flat tracking at Hannegan Speedway and rode in off road competition until I got married and had 3 children, twin girls in 1966 and a boy in 1968. I have had **52** rods, hot rods and collector cars over the years. Was an active member of the Elites in the 60's and am a past president of the "Gear Heads of WC" and still an active Board member. I've included pictures of a few of my cars including my 58 Buick (proving that I was actually young and skinny at one time). I currently drive a 1960 Thunderbird that I have owned for 22 years.

My current wife (Randee) and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary this year.

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58 Buick Special



40 Chev Tudor



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60 T-Bird Hardtop



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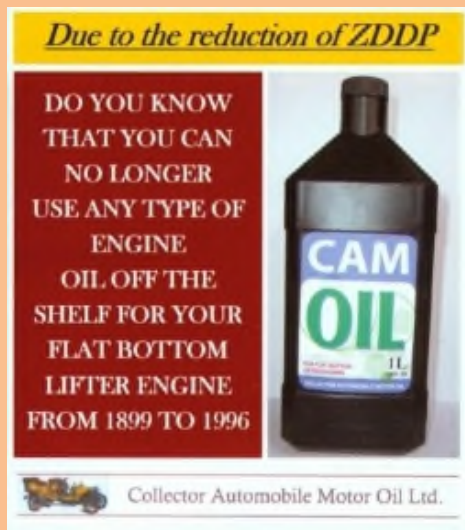
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To all members who may want to sell something or are looking for something please email me photos, descriptions, contact info and anything else at griffinspc@gmail.com it will appear in the next Newsletter. If you don't have email, mail any information you have to;
Pete Griffin 704 W Buena Dr. Lynden, WA 98264

WANTED: I am looking for someone who can work on my 1911 Wanderer. It needs a clutch adjustment, front end alignment to get the wobble out, water pump seals, radiator & hood aligned, and various other small things. Anyone familiar with a Model T should be able to help. Thanks, **Dennis Ordello 360-384-6734**



The Gear Heads of Whatcom County
SUNDAY, JUNE 19th 9am - 3pm
Present Our
2nd Annual Father's Day Car Show

Barbeque
Trophies



Raffles
Classic Rock

Car Registration Fee \$10.00
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