



# Cascade Pacific *Plymouth* Club, Inc.

Affiliate of Plymouth Owners Club, Inc.

*Dedicated to the  
Preservation and Restoration of  
Plymouths  
25 years and older*

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## Dennis & Barbara Rice are ready for a "Cruise", in their '51 Plymouth

It was 1992. An Official, at the Reno Hot August Nights, had just denied Dennis and Barbara Rice the opportunity to cruise their 1968 VW convertible in that event. Apparently, their 1968 VW convertible did not fit in with all the "American Iron."

It was then that they decided "to join them." Barbara and Dennis didn't have any particular car in mind except that Dennis wanted a two-door, something from the early 50's. Also, it needed to be in fairly good shape as Dennis, is admittedly "mechanically challenged," and had never attempted to restore a car.

They responded to numerous ads and looked at many Fords and Chevys, but nothing caught their eye. Then, they came upon a '51 Plymouth two-door hardtop. Although they hadn't been looking specifically for a Plymouth, the price negotiated was attractive and the car, except for the exterior and the interior was in good condition. But, hey it would be an investment Dennis told Barbara, so they got it. That was November 1993.

Not having room to store it in the garage, it was parked in the driveway. There it resided for the next few years while Dennis learned by trial and error, to do bodywork. Have you ever straightened a wash board? After getting it straight, he purchased a "how to" paint book, an air compressor, and a paint gun. Now he was ready. He moved the car to a friend's dirty, dusty shed and proceeded to do his first paint job. Being a real novice at painting, he chose an acrylic enamel, single stage paint as he had heard it was very forgiving. It went surprisingly well. Dennis can attest that much of the difference between a good paint



You are likely to see Dennis and Barbara Rice's '51 Plymouth at Classic Car Events

job and a poor one is not the paint application but the hours of effort before and after the paint is sprayed. Following the painting, they had the car upholstered and began enjoying it.

Then this past winter, while repairing a dent in the back of the car, Dennis figured it was a good opportunity to make other changes he wanted. With much help from good friends, and fellow Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club members, Larry Davidson and Dave Williams, they made several customizations to the car. Side trim was removed and holes

filled, exterior door handles were removed and a remote-control door latch system installed, the gas filler pipe was modified to inside the fender and a door installed in the fender, and finally the car was lowered approximately 2" all around. These modifications have helped give the car the mild custom look Dennis sought. Of course, Dennis and Barbara's car, as the cars of most old car enthusiasts, is a work in progress. Further enhancements on the drawing board include splitting the manifold and installing disk brakes.

Following this recent work, Dennis repainted the car--his third paint job. and it is now back on the road again. (Sounds like that could be a good song lyric.)

Barbara and Dennis enjoy driving their ol'blue Plymouth on cruises, to club activities and to car shows. It is a driver. They ask that if you ever see it on a trailer, please call the police. It has been stolen. And, by the way, they still have their VW convertible and drive it to several shows each year.



Dennis Rice, perfecting his painting technique, great job Dennis!

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**Membership:**

Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club, Inc.  
 Membership dues are \$20.00 per calendar year and must hold a current membership to the National Plymouth Club.  
 Membership runs Jan. 1 thru Dec 31.

**Advertising Rates:**

Advertising is free to current Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Members.  
 Advertising Rate for Non- members is:  
 \$10.00 per newsletter.  
 one column by one inch.  
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**CPPC October Meeting Highlights**

Scott Farnsworth, Club Vice-President, presided. Mitch Wall acted as recording Secretary in Vicki Williams' absence. Scott Farnsworth opened the meeting by asking Mitch Wall to read the September Members' Meeting Minutes. Mitch did so and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting minutes of the Regular Membership Meeting in September 2002 were unanimously approved.

Jeff Jolly reported that he had found the Club's banner in his garage.

There was no Treasurer's report as Dennis Rice was absent. Scott Farnsworth then proceeded to solicit committee reports which were as follows:

**Tech Committee** - Duane Luckow reported that the Tech Committee was about to get started again now that Fall had arrived.

**Membership** - Bill Call reported that: membership was now over 130 but he expects to pick up some new members as a result of the Northwest Car Collectors Show.

**East/West Committee** - Tom Nachand was absent. Scott Farnsworth pointed out there would be an article in the October Newsletter regarding the East-West tour.

**Newsletter** - Mike reported the October Newsletter would be mailed tomorrow and he thanked all who contributed articles. Mike indicated he knew which members did not receive membership rosters and he will be getting their rosters to them.

**Activities** - Jeff Jolly reported that: the garage tour had been postponed as there were scheduling issues. (Duane Luckow added it would probably occur early in 2003); that a potluck was planned for the members November Annual Meeting; and that the Albany Swap Meet was coming up. Scott Farnsworth reported he and Jeff Jolly had gone to Wilsonville High School with their cars and given a brief talk about growing up in the 1950's and 60's; and showed their cars to the students.

Upon conclusion of the committee reports, Gary Smurthwaite of Oregon Platting spoke to the members about his business.

The raffle was then conducted and Larry Catt and Linda Farnsworth were winners.

Scott Farnsworth encouraged everyone to come to the Annual Membership Meeting on November 26, 2002 and thanked the Conners for providing the refreshments.

Scott Farnsworth reported that the Board was recommending that the Club's 2003 dues be \$20.



CPPC members share stories before the October member meeting



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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED by the members that the 2003 dues be \$20.

In response to Vern Griffey's question, Scott Farnsworth indicated that Club dues are not prorated for a person who becomes a member mid-year.

Duanne Luckow thanked Les Conner and Bill Call for putting their cars in the Northwest Car Collectors Show.

Larry Catt reported he should have the patches by the November Membership Meeting.

Scott Farnsworth reported that the website has been put on hold.

John Sweeney reported that Restoration Supply Co. of Reno, Nevada does parts only for Plymouths of 1930 or earlier.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

Mitchell C. Wall  
Acting Recording Secretary

**Membership Dues voted on at October Meeting**

CPPC Membership dues for 2003, were established by the membership at the October meeting. The membership voted to keep the annual dues amount to \$20.00 annually.

**Reminder: Membership Dues Deadline**

Reminder to CPPC members your 2003 dues need to be paid by no later than 1/01/03, to remain in good standing as a CPPC member.

**National Membership Dues - Update**

Some of you may have recently received a letter stating you are not currently showing as a member of the National Plymouth Owner's Club. We are finding that some of you really are! It seems the data that the National Club provided us had some of you left out that should have really been there.

If you are receiving your magazine, rest assured you are an active member. Some of you are simply delinquent in renewing your dues. Check your magazine mailing label to see your expiration date. If it has passed you will need to send in the form that was included in your letter.

For those of you who received the letter in error, if you have not already notified the National Club of their error, please let Vicki Williams know and she will have National correct their records.

For those of you who have never joined the National Club you are missing out on a great magazine and it is a requirement of our Club's charter. The good part of this is that National will now have their records straight, at least for the Cascade Pacific Division.

**What do you know about Chroming parts on your Classic Car?**

Gary Smurthwaite from Oregon Plating, was the guest speaker at the October monthly membership meeting.

Oregon Plating is located in southeast Portland. They provide chrome plating services for your classic car needs. They have been in the same location since 1926.

Gary has worked for Oregon Plating for 16 years. The entire operation is a two man operation.

They offer three levels of service; Nice Driver, Show Cars, and Concourse.

According to Gary the process has not changed much over the years.

The parts are first stripped to bare metal or as close as reasonable, with glass beads or sand blasting.

The part is next repaired as needed, sanded and polished.

The part is next put in a tank and coated with a thin layer of copper. Pits and other imperfections are filled with silver solder, sanded and coated with "Copper" again and polished smooth.

Next the part is coated with "Nickel" and finally it is coated with Chrome, which gives it a bluish color.

The Chrome is only 50 millionths of an inch. You might think that the thicker the Chrome

you have the brighter it will get, but the more Chrome you add the duller it gets. More Nickel will give more depth.

You may notice Chrome with brass color on the edges is a common occurrence. It is not a perfect science.

Gary recommends using soft plumbing solder to fill holes in Zinc die cast parts. they may look ok but filling hole with solder helps.

Gary recommends that if you do some of the prep work on your parts, you can save yourself some money. Given him a call when your ready to have parts chromed.

# N.W. Car Collectors Show brings out Plymouth enthusiasts

The N.W. Car Collectors Show held at the Portland Expo Center on Oct. 19 & 20 provided the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club another opportunity to recruit potential members and provide more exposure for the club.

Through the efforts of CPPC member Jerry Klinger the club was able to set up a Club Display and show a couple of our members cars.

Les Conner brought in his 1946 P15 Special Deluxe 4-door Sedan and Bill Call brought his 1942 P14C Original Army Staff Car.

The N.W. Car Collector show draws thousands of car enthusiasts from all over the world.

The members did a lot of talking about our club and our old Plymouths to the hundreds including: Canada, Philippines and Even Sweden.

CPPC members helping to spread the work about our club were: Les Conner, Dan Eaton, Bob Dimick, Mick DeSantis, Charles & Stephanie Willis, Steve Heaton, Larry Catt, Frank Anthony, Jeff and Sandi Farnsworth, Bill Call and Bill Pattison.

It looks like there was a good time had by all, why don' we let the pictures say the rest.



L-R: Spiro Banos, Charles Willis, Bill Call and Martha Banos. Bill has a way of recruiting new members to the club.



Ron Whiting from B.C. Canada



Scott Farnsworth visits with perspective member Harry Schaffert



Scott Farnsworth and Larry Catt Sandi Jolly and Jeff Jolly.



Frank Anthony and Les Conner's '46 Plymouth



Jerry Klinger



Duane Luckow and Shirley Wilson



L-R: Bob LaGae (visitor), Mick DeSantis, Bob Dimick and Charles Willis



Steve Heaton



Frank Anthony and Larry Catt, recruiting new members



## '30 Plymouth 4-door Sedan, It's a Family Affair, Three Generations of Goss Family

"Traveler Bill" has been out and about visiting with some of the newer members of the CPPC.

This past month "Traveler Bill" (Bill Call) was signing up a new member Mr. Glenn Goss and his wife Wilma.

Glenn and his wife live in Salem, Oregon and own a 1930 Plymouth 4 door Sedan.

Glenn bought his '30 Plymouth in 1969 from the local Pharmacist in Grants Pass, Oregon. Over the years Glenn has done a full restoration. While living in Grants Pass he had some transmission work done, he said he has never had any trouble with the engine. Back in 1970 he was able to locate the original topping material and replaced the rag top.

Then in the early 70's the Goss's moved to Wyoming and Glenn lived there until he retired. After he retired he moved back to Oregon where he and his wife Wilma live today.

Since retiring Glenn has had to redo lots of the restoration again; like the brakes and brake lines. He has redone the wood spoke wheels; carefully disassembling them, boiling them in linseed oil and pressing them back together.

With the help of several friends, four years ago he reupholstered the interior. Trading services to get the '30 painted he helped a friend with electrical work. His friend did the spraying and Glenn rubbed-out the paint between coats. Glenn said he has spent hundreds of hours sanding. Glenn is now 77 years old and said he has just a few more things to do and the restoration will be complete.



Glenn and Wilma Goss with their '30 Plymouth 4-Door Sedan

Glenn has installed a truck rack on the back and has found a truck to fit on it, which he has painted to match the rest of the car. The Car is painted green, black with yellow pinstripes, although it is not the original car color: Glenn said it was probably black. It certainly is striking to see in person.

Glenn has a passion for memorabilia, looking around his garage is full of things of the 30's.

Did I mention there is a twist to this story?

Jason Goss is the youngest member (17years old) of the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club. He is the Grandson of Glenn Goss.



Glenn and Wilma have restored a trunk which will fit on the back of their '30U



Glenn and Wilma's '30 Plymouth is an eye-catcher. I am sure the other CPPC members will look forward to see it in person.

Jason and his family just moved to Grants Pass from Elko, Nevada. Jason has been a CPPC member for many months now. He attended a swap meet and came by the CPPC booth and has been a member since.

Jason, his father and grandfather (Glenn) have been working on the final touches of the restoration of the '30 Plymouth.

Glenn says, when the restoration is complete the '30 will be handed down to Jason to take care of and enjoy.

## In Pursuit of Old Mopars, "Travlin Bill" goes to Brothers, Oregon

A few weeks ago Bill and Dolores Call attended the Redmond, OR Swap Meet where they ran into members Vicki and Dave Williams of Canby, OR. They discussed a warehouse in Brothers, OR which was supposed to have some 250 old Mopar's, so Bill and Dolores decided to check it out.

Brothers is just a dot on the map, about 50 miles East of Bend, with a whopping population of 24 and only a Post Office, Store Stage Stop, Restaurant and Gas Station owned by Steve Dolasky, wife Toma, daughter Mara Hanson and grandson Dylan Hansen (5th grader at Brothers School).



Steve and Toma Dolasky owners of the Brothers Stage Stop.

The Stage Stop has been operating since 1917 when they sold water at 50 cents a barrel. The loaded guns are handy should anyone decide to take something that doesn't belong to them.

Besides being a true western town it is the former home of the well known folklore lady "Klondike Kate". There is a great deal of history in this small legendary town, like Klondike Kate (who was originally from Brothers). She was a notorious dance hall lady of the gold rush days in Dawson, Alaska. Her famous "Fire" dance left the early miners in a daze. You would have to study the history of Deschutes



The Stage Stop Cafe and Old School House in Brothers, Oregon

County to learn more of this amazing County and its people. The old original one room school house is now the City Jail.

Bills ultimate goal was to locate the stash of 300 lost Mopars. Charles and Norma Kee, had built a large building and was going to open a Museum, but it didn't work out. They live about 1/4 mile from town in a double wide mobile home.

After Chuck sold his business the Redmond Cable Co., he dedicated his time to looking at old cars no one else wanted. He

would pick them up at auctions, car lots or wherever and dump them out in the open. Chuck and Norma Kee are now down to 250 as 50 of the cars recently went to Sweden.

Bill was able to get a look at the stash of cars and take a few photos. The weather had turned cold during the visit so the trip was cut short. They will be going back to Brothers again when the weather is better, to further investigate the Mopars and to find out how many Plymouths are available.



Part of Charles and Norma Key's impressive Mopar Collection of, near Brothers, Oregon





## Ten Commandments for car Collectors

**Rule 1:** Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for thy wife's modern iron.

**Rule 2:** Thou Shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.

**Rule 3:** Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more.

**Rule 4:** Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.

**Rule 5:** Thou shalt not despise thy neighbors Edsel, nor his Studebaker, nor even his 1949 Nash.

**Rule 6:** Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of the Portland Swap Meet.

**Rule 7:** Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going out to look at another car.

**Rule 8:** Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest project, at least not all at the same time.

**Rule 9:** Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars; thou shalt not store cars in the attic.

**Rule 10:** Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas!

by Larry Catt...  
adapted from [lee@wheelman.com](mailto:lee@wheelman.com)

## CPPC Members' Cars Update

In the August 2002 Club Roster, we list 192 Plymouths owned by 132 members. Happily our club has grown! As of October 2001, we had 113 members and 157 Plymouths from years 1928 (the first Plymouth) through 1976 (25 years old is the minimum age recognized by our national POC). Our cars/pickups are in these age groups:

1 each year: '29, '59, '61, '62, '63, '70, '76  
 2 each year: '28, '42, '53, '54, '55, '73  
 3 each year: '34, '46, '52, '57, '64, '66, '68, 69  
 4 each year: '30, '36, '37, '40, '67  
 5 each year: '31  
 6 each year: '51, '56, '65  
 7 each year: '35, '38, '39  
 9 each year: '41, '47  
 10 each year: '32  
 11 each year: '33, '49  
 16 each year: '50  
 19 each year: '48

A review of the roster also shows that we are geographically pretty spread out, and reside these locations: California 4, Canada 6, Idaho 1, Nevada 1, New Jersey 1, Oregon 81, Washington 38

Our "long distance" member is Mr. Stan Nickerson, a long time Chrysler-product fan in Nova Scotia. *by Larry Catt*

## CPPC Member Care

Jim Thorkildson is recovering well after surgery last month to repair an old injury. He says he feels better than he has in a long time!

We offer our condolences to Keith Grendahl and his family, at the loss of Keith's father, who died last month after a long battle with cancer.

Jim Molker of Kennewick, Washington. One of the our original members passed away on Oct. 22, leaving his wife, Janet, several children and grandson.

Jim was very active in his community. Jim owned his own business until he retired in 1987. He was a founding member of Tri-Cities Cancer Center Men's Club, director for the East Benton County Historical Society and served as the director of the Kennewick General Hospital Foundation and belonged to the Kiwanis Club of Kennewick.

He always stepped forward with ideas to help our Club and wrote and contributed several articles for our early newsletters. He was active on our membership committee.

His wife Janet said he always regretted not being able to attend any of our meetings, but was planning to make a trip down in his '50 4-door called "Frannee". Jim will be truly missed by all.



Jim Molkers '50 Plymouth 4-Door

### Upcoming Events

#### November 2002

8 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
26 ..... Regular Club Meeting

#### January 2003

14 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
28 ..... Regular Club Meeting

#### February 2003

11 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
25 ..... Regular Club Meeting

Meetings are held on the  
4th Tuesday of each month at the  
Clackamas Community Club  
15711 SE 90th - Clackamas, OR  
6:30 PM Kick the Tires,  
7:00 PM General Meeting.

### Plymouth Parts/Cars for Sale/Wanted

#### For Sale

1939 Plymouth 2dr. Business Coupe. Stock running gear, 6 cyl., 3 speed, runs good. Repainted blue. Needs interior work. Dave Lemke PH: 541-564-8909 in Hermiston, OR

#### For Sale

A Pair of 1937 Plymouth coupes. \$1,500.00 for both. John Tucker PH: 360-247-5054

#### For Sale

Car Dollies \$34.50 each or Set of 4 for \$120.00. These are great, Powder Coated. 1000 lb. capacity. F.O.B. Bill Calls shop in Milwaukie, OR PH: 503-784-7589



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