



# 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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## Vern Griffey is still original owner of 1967 Plymouth

For some, 35 years can be a life time or just the blink of an eye. In April 1967 Lorraine and Vern Griffey ordered a Plymouth Belvedere II. That June they took possession of their new dark metallic blue 4dr with a white vinyl top.

As an employee of Hessel Motors in Gresham since 1958, Vern could buy one new car per year for \$100 over the dealer's cost. For the price of \$2,257 they got a car with a 318 C.I.D. engine, 727-torqueflite transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, cruise control, and an 8 3/4 rear end with a 2.73 ratio. All this and a 5-year, 50,000-mile warranty.

Vern stayed with Hessel Motors, the oldest Chrysler dealership west of the Mississippi, until 1980. During his career he worked as a mechanic, service manager, and as a parts



Vern Griffey's 1967 Plymouth Belvedere II

manager. Through the years Vern took classes through the Master Tech Program earning him the gold plated tools that are his pride and joy.

Now for the best part, the Griffey's still own and drive this car which is maintained in

great condition. Vern kept the sales invoice and the original owner's manual. Vern tells us the spare tire has never been out of the trunk. The only concession to time was having the car recently repainted in the original color.

## How do I get my car featured in the club newsletter,

Each month we look through the membership directory and try to figure out what cars to put into the club newsletter.

This month we are featuring Plymouths from the 60's. It is a random process to try and present a variety of cars from each range of years.

Our goal is to feature member cars which are local as well

as members from out of town.

Reminder to all CPP Club members, to take the time to fill out the "Member Information Form" included in the January of the club newsletter. Also include pictures of your Plymouth, as well as advertisements, postcards and any material which would be interesting in the club newsletter.

### CPPC Newsletter Committee

Other CPPC Members with '60 Plymouths	
Tom Brightbill	64 2drht sport fury
Terry Dahlquist	67 sport fury III conv
Louis [Vern] Griffey	67 belvedere II
Bob Hildebrand	63sp furyconvert 64 fury convert 65 satellite convert [2]
LM Hogeland	66 2dr ht belvedere II
Jerry Klinger	62 sp fury 2dr ht
Don Phelps	66 fury III
Bill Snider	65 belvedere 2dr ht
Al Wilson	65 fury III
Tim Winchell	68 fury convert

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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.  
 Photos accompanying classified ads are \$10.00 per newsletter  
 1 inch buy 1 column (Black and White Only)  
 Discount Rates:  
 Available to long term advertisements.  
 Advertisements should be kept to Plymouth related services.

### Portland Swap Meet Update, volunteers still needed

There will be two adjoining booths with plenty of chairs at the Portland Swap Meet Friday, April 5th through Sunday, April 7th. The swap meet runs from 7:00am - 7:00pm Fri. & Sat. and 8:00am - 1:00pm on Sunday.

One booth will provide membership information to perspective new members and a meeting place for current members. The second booth will be for the sale of donated swap parts and automobilia with sale proceeds going to the club treasury. Easy handling, donated parts are greatly ap-

preciated and can be for any make and model.

Parts will be collected at Bill Call's hobby shop at 6201 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, Oregon on two days: Saturday, March 30th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm and Wednesday, April 3rd between 7:00am and 9:00pm.

Persons wanting further information or wanting to make special arrangements to drop off parts can contact Jeff Jolly at home at: (503) 656-7779 or by e-mail at (jeffj@involved.com).

### February Meeting Recap *by Club Secretary, Vicki Williams.*

46 attended the February 26<sup>th</sup> membership meeting with 32 being club members. The meeting began with member self introductions and then the reading of the minutes of the January meeting.

Club President then announced we were having a special drawing. Using a rigged raffle-drawing ruse, Bill Call won a prize that turned out to be an award for his work in developing the club. Dolores Call was also honored.

[see Bill and Dolores Call honored story]

The committee chairmen gave their respective reports:

Dennis Rice of the finance committee stated there was \$8,015.45 in the treasury with \$60.00 collected in dues that evening.

Duane Lucklow of the Technical committee stated their booklet was being worked on with the hopes of having it completed in time for the Portland Swap Meet.

Membership chairman, John Sweeney stated there were currently 120 members.

Newsletter chairman, Tom Shepherd requested members provide

story ideas for the newsletter.

Jeff Jolly of the Activities committee handed out a sign up sheet for volunteers to man our booths at the Portland Swap Meet.

He would report later about a time and place that parts of any brand could be donated to sell at the meet.

No one was present from the East-West tour.

Lynn McCreery of Parkrose Hardware gave a talk about nuts, bolts and other fasteners. He handed out discount coupons and encouraged everyone to come to Parkrose Hardware and see their massive selection.

Plymouth patches have been ordered based on the sign up sheet from the January meeting. The patches will be mailed to Dennis Rice and he will collect payment for them when they arrive.

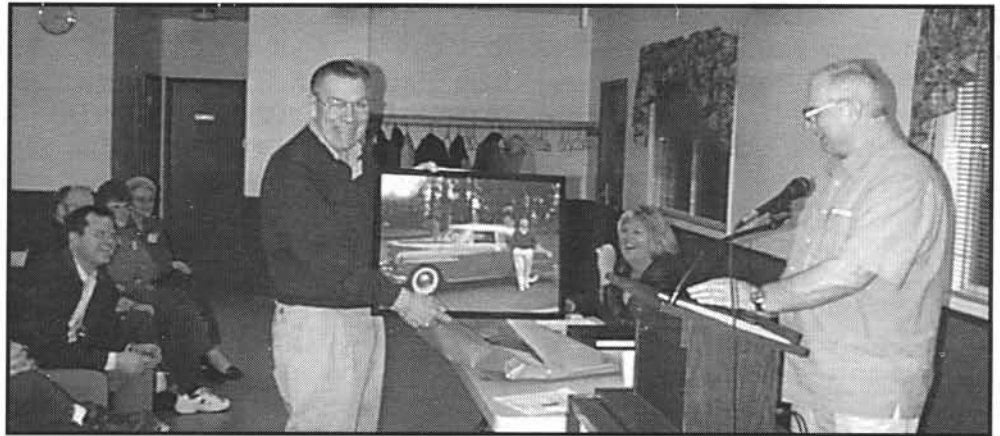
Mike Bade presented some ideas for T-shirts. Some will be made for the people working the booths at the Portland Swap meet.

The meeting was concluded.

## Bill and Dolores Call Award of Recognition from Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club

As the February membership meeting of the Cascade-Pacific Plymouth club began, Club president Steve Heaton announced there would be a special drawing. [Normally a raffle drawing is held at the conclusion of the meeting]. Larry Catt was called up to officiate the drawing of the raffle prize. A ticket stub was drawn and Larry called the number. Bill Call said that matched his ticket number. Bill went to the front and was handed a package which he opened revealing a large, framed photo of himself standing next to his red 50 Plymouth.

Larry Catt gave a brief testimonial on Bill's work in getting the club started and then asked Dolores Call to join Bill up front; Larry then presented



Larry Catt (right) presents two awards to Bill Call (left holding picture) on behalf of the members of the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club during February meeting.

them with an award to show the club membership's sincere appreciation for their "support direction and guidance in the development of Cascade-Pacific Plymouth Club". The award was a handsome acrylic sculpture with the Plymouth logo and a clock in it. The Calls also received a gift certificate to Saylor's Country Kitchen restaurant.

Bill and Dolores, together with a small group of friends and associates were the driving force in creating and establishing our club. Bill's emphasis has always been on getting all members to participate in club activities. Bill's efforts in personally contacting many people about

membership and committee involvement are major reasons for the club's unprecedented success.

Bill is still taking an active part in the club, serving on the board of directors and is on the membership committee. Dolores is very active keeping track of arriving correspondence and seeing that it is distributed to the correct club Officer or Director.

2002 began with a new board in place and newly elected officers in charge of the meetings and now Bill is able to take a well-earned seat with the membership where he can relax and enjoy the meeting. Thanks again Bill and Dolores.



Dolores and Bill Call receive Award of Appreciation from CPPC at February meeting.



Bill and Dolores Call's 1950 Plymouth Convertible



## National Plymouth Club East-West Tour

The East-West Tour committee is requesting volunteers and assistance for the club's participation in the National Plymouth Club East - West Tour planned for summer 2003.

The tour, which starts on the East coast, and crosses the country is slated to travel thru Oregon and end at Newport on the central Oregon coast. This will present our club with the opportunity to show our hospitality and club organization. Volunteers can contact Bill Call (503) 698-2301 or e-mail [billsplymouths@aol.com](mailto:billsplymouths@aol.com), Tom Nachand (Lincoln City) at (541) 764-2011 or e-mail [tknach@teleport.com](mailto:tknach@teleport.com) or Jeff Jolly at (503) 656-7779 or by e-mail at [jeffi@involved.com](mailto:jeffi@involved.com).

## Tom and Jennifer Brightbill's '64 Sport Fury,

In the summer of 1994, Tom Brightbill of Oregon city located a complete, but extremely well used 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury in Vancouver [Wa.] Only a week before it had been used in the movie "Mr. Holland's Opus". Tom says "it was able to propel itself home, and that was about it".

It was originally light blue with a 318 engine and an automatic transmission.

The car was stripped down until all that was left in the body were two power window motors and the heater core.

The 318 was replaced with a 440 block, the static compression was lowered to 9.3:1 and electronic ignition installed. Disc brakes along with front and rear sway bars, and urethane bushings were added to help the ride. The rear end is now a '69 limited slip 3.54 [non-tapered axles]. A four-speed transmission replaces the original automatic. All of this was to replicate the hottest factory set up offered by Plymouth in 64, known as the "Max Wedge" and still have a truly street able /drivable car.

## Plymouth's B cars of the 60's, by Vern Griffey

In 1960 Chrysler Corporation went to a unibody frame design and designated the Belvedere and Fury as B bodies. The B body cars became the intermediate size cars for Plymouth and depending upon engine size, transmission and suspension could be either an economical family car or a factory stock racer.

Chrysler's B body autos were the primary representatives for the company in the so-called muscle car market and they performed well on the track and strip.

In 1960 the Valiant had a 170 C.I.D. 6-cylinder standard engine, later in 1962 the 225 C.I.D. was available. From 1963 thru 1966 the 225 C.I.D. 6-cylinder and the 318 C.I.D. were the base engines. Also in 1963 the 383 C.I.D. with a 4-barrel or a 426 C.I.D. with twin 4-barrel carbs became optional.

For the 1964 B cars the 360 C.I.D. was available. and a 426 C.I.D. Hemi with 2-4s was used in factory racers but carried no factory warranty.

The 440 C.I.D engine. became the big block of choice in 1967.

In the early 70s higher insurance rates along with fuel shortages and stricter emissions standards brought the muscle car era to an end.

is definitely a crowd pleaser.

All of the interior surfaces have been painted, plated and re-stored.

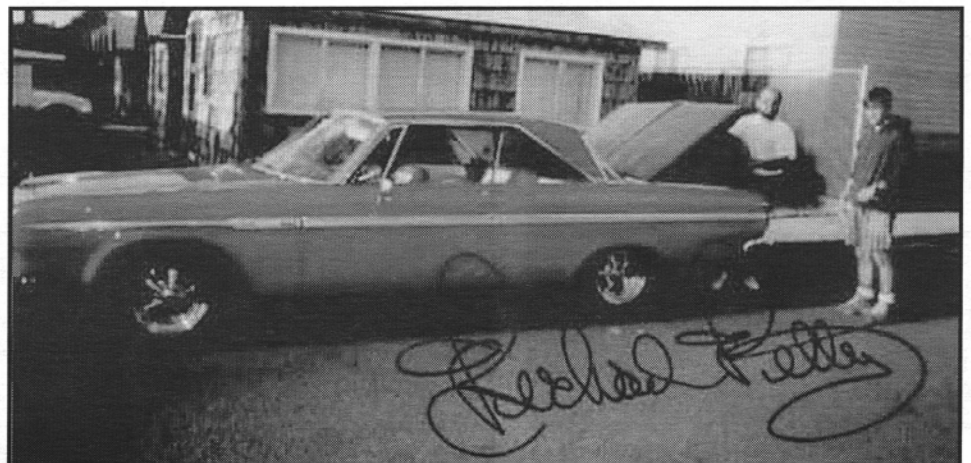
Almost all of the exterior chrome has been replated and the new paint color is red.

Since the summer of 1996 Tom and Jennifer have taken their red Fury to cruise-ins and have received their share of first place awards. Wherever they take their car it is definitely a crowd pleaser.

Their favorite photo shows the Fury with Tom and his son Ian who is in San Diego testing to be-

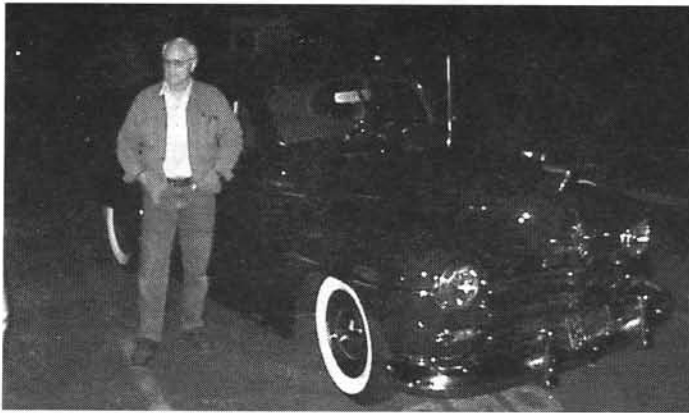
come a Navy SEAL. The picture is autographed by racecar driver Richard Petty. When Richard signed it he commented, "that while it looked great, it was the wrong color". What he was referring to was Petty Blue, the color he made famous in 1964 when he won at Daytona with the first hemi powered Plymouth.

Now whenever Tom is unable to resist it any longer, "it will still set us back in the seats just like the good old days".

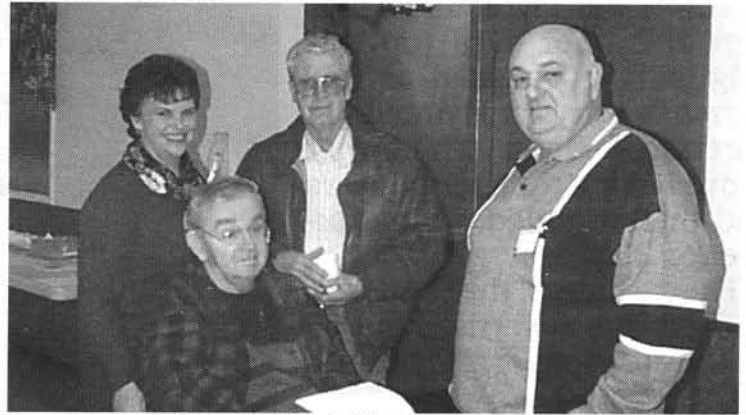


Tom Brightbill and his son Ian, with the Brightbill's 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury. The autograph on photo is that of race car driver, Richard Petty.

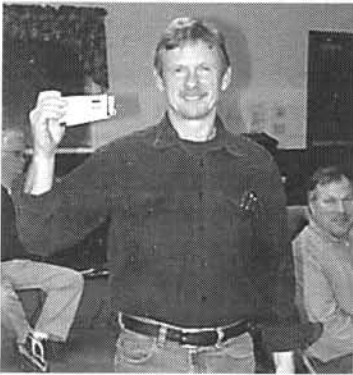
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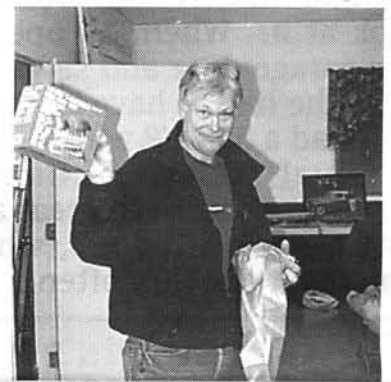
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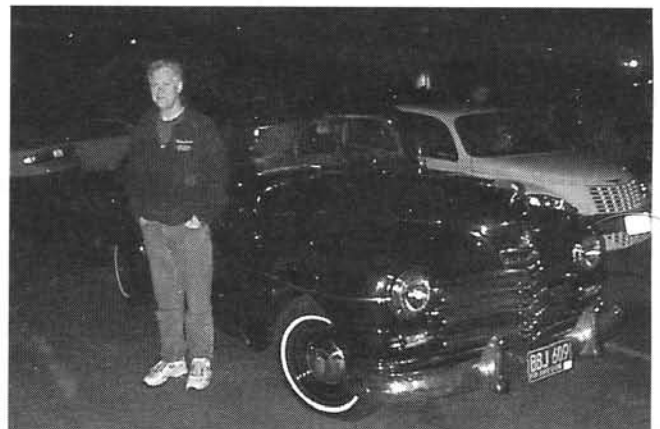
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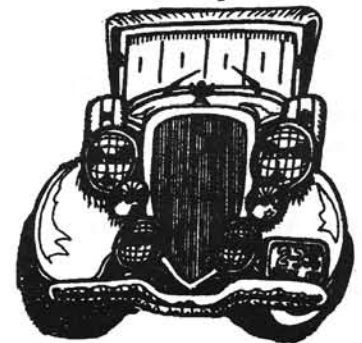
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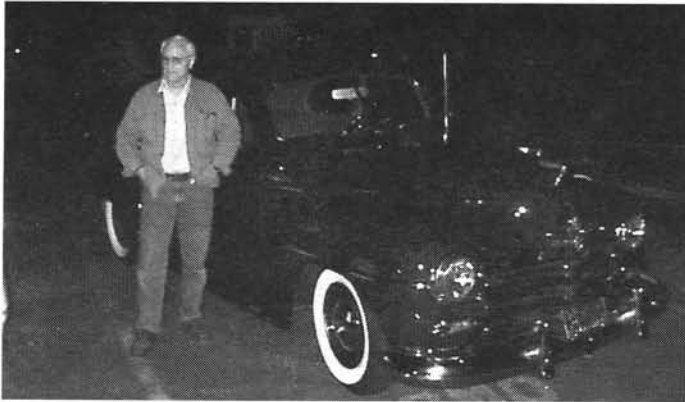
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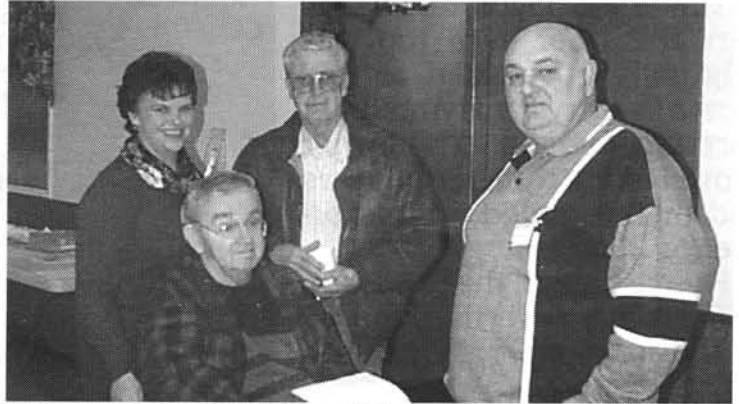
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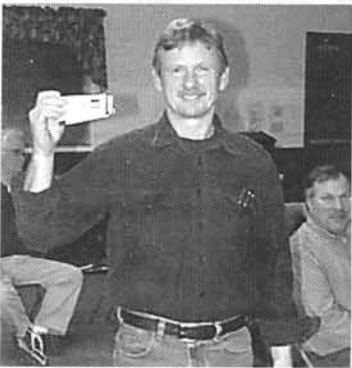
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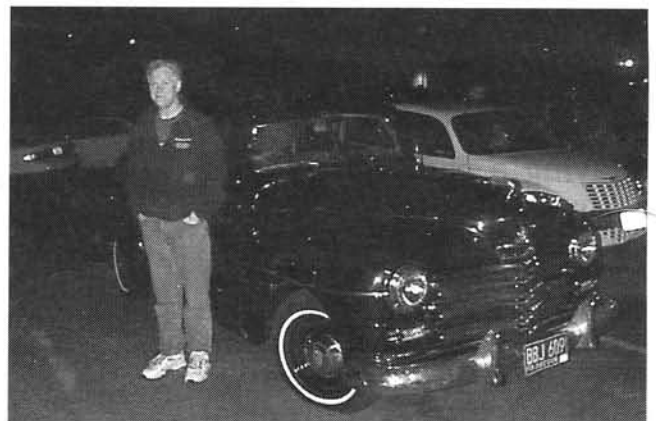
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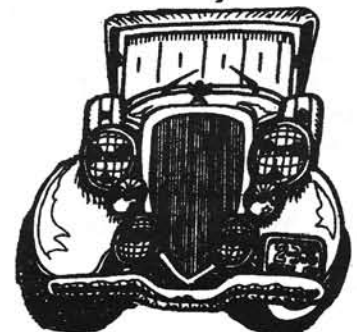
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## Do you know your nuts and bolts, etc.?

Did you ever wonder what those little lines on the head of a bolt were for? They're not for decoration, according to Lynn McCreery of Parkrose Hardware. Lynn was the guest speaker at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

According to Lynn, bolts come in three different grades. A bolt with no marking on the head indicates a **Grade 2** bolt, which is good for general Fastening. A bolt with 3 lines on the head indicates a **Grade 5** strength bolt, which is good for general fastening and some torqued applications. A bolt head with 6 lines indicate a **Grade 8** bolt which can be used for applications requiring high strength and maximum torque values, such as cylinder head bolts. Charts are available with strengths and torque capabilities for each grade.

Parkrose Hardware is at 10625 N.E. Sandy Blvd they have 35,000 square ft. of extensive inventory of fasteners [bolt and nuts] along with plenty of other hardware items, such as pins, springs,

helicoils, rubber buttons, hose clamps, shim stock, washers, e-clips, roll pins, rivets, threaded stock and screws made of both steel and stainless steel. They also have a selection of metric in stainless steel.

Lynn says they can also thread bolts all the way to the head, while you wait if the need arises. You can buy together with others and buy things by the box to get a 30% to 45% savings.

They have a special order department, so they can help you find exactly what you need. They pride themselves on catering to "Car Restoration People".

You can call Lynn 6:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday-Friday at Parkrose Hardware; 503-256-3103. He can answer any questions about fasteners., or visit them on the web:

[www.ParkroseHardware.com](http://www.ParkroseHardware.com)

After 20 years he has gathered a lot of knowledge on his Favorite subject. For those out of the Portland area he can ship items via UPS anywhere.



Guest Speaker, Lynn McCreery of Parkrose Hardware answers questions about fasteners with CPPC members Rich VonAllmen, Dave Williams, and John Sanford at the February meeting.

## 2002 National Plymouth Summer Meet

The Tall Pines Region of the Plymouth Owners Club will be hosting the annual summer event in North Central Minnesota, August 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

Grand Rapids, Minnesota is the meet location. Group rates and room reservations are available.

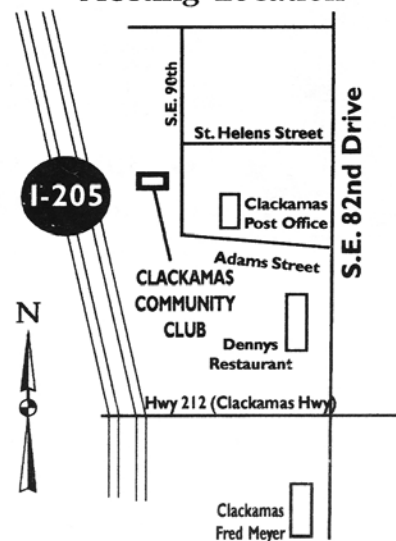
We have info and signup sheets or you can contact the hosts direct. Carl Wegner 218-326-5965 or Don Rohweder at [www.tallpinesplymouth@yahoo.com](mailto:www.tallpinesplymouth@yahoo.com)

### Dept. of Corrections

The monthly Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

The '47 P-15 coupe featured in the February issue is owned by Dave and Vicki Williams.

### Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club Meeting Location



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.

## Upcoming Events

### March

- 1-3.....46th Portland Roadster Show  
*Oregon Convention Center*  
12 .....**Board of Directors Meeting**  
26 ..... **Regular Club Meeting**  
Troy House, Guest Speaker  
"Diagnosing Engine Problems"  
*Master Mechanic for Plymouth,*  
*CPPC Member Lives in Milwaukie, OR*

### April

- 9 ..... **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5,6, & 7 ..... Portland Swap Meet  
*Portland Expo Center*  
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## Plymouth Parts/Cars for Sale/Wanted

### Wanted

**1937 Chrysler/DeSoto**  
Overdrive transmission, as complete  
as possible. E-Mail: tknach@teleport.com  
Tom Nachand Ph:503-764-2011

### Wanted

**1964 Sports Fury**  
Service Manuals - Parts List Book -  
Operators Manual - Spinner Hub Caps  
& Trim Parts  
Larry Janecke Ph:780-672-7529  
4209 S. Ave., Camrose AB.

### For Sale

**1933 P.C. Engine**  
[ran in 1995] \$200.00  
**(2) 1933 Transmissions -**  
1 good \$100.00, 1 needs low gear -  
\$50.00  
Set of 5 "Wood" spoke wheels, wood  
and metal restored w/4-600 x 16  
Sears wide-white wall tires [new]  
\$600.00 Misc. springs, steering gear,  
master cylinder and assorted parts.  
Price negotiable.  
Rich Von Allmen Ph:503-762-7857  
5500 S.E. 139 th - Portland OR 97236  
E-Mail: lilirichvon@c.s.com

### For Sale

**1947 Plymouth Woodie Wagon**  
Sheet metal pretty good, but bad  
wood. Most wood there for templates.  
Top wood could probably be used.  
Save it from the burn pile. \$2,200.00.  
*Reese E. Gullickson Ph:503-550-4574*  
*P.O. Box 1179, Newberg, OR 97123*

### Wanted

**46-48 Brake and switch mounting**  
tee [has bracket built on tee body]  
*Russ 503-666-5913*

### For Sale

**55 Belvedere Wagon 4dr,**  
Needs total restoration, \$750.00  
Tom Shepherd 503-658-4366 or  
tjsves@yahoo.com



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