

Upcoming Events

January 2006

- 5.....Tech Committee Mtg.
10 (Tuesday) Board of Directors Mtg.
Membership/Finance Mtg.
24 (Tuesday) Regular Membership Mtg.

February 2006

- 4 (Saturday) Tech Committee Mtg.
14 (Tuesday) Board of Directors Mtg.
Membership/Finance Mtg.
28 (Tuesday) Regular Membership Mtg.

March 2006

- 4 (Saturday) Tech Committee Mtg.
14 (Tuesday) Board of Directors Mtg.
Membership/Finance Mtg.
28 (Tuesday) Regular Membership Mtg.

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
6:00 PM Finance/Membership Mtg.
7:00 PM Board of Directors

Plymouth Parts/Cars for Sale/Wanted

For Sale:

1936 Plymouth engine. A running take out of my car. Without pan, carb, starter or generator. Includes a later pan. \$25.00 or free to CPPC member. Doug Hendrickson 503 644-1927 or drjlm@coho.net

For Sale:

1936 Plymouth Carter/B&B carburetor and a generator \$25.00 each. Doug Hendrickson 503 644-1927 or drjlm@coho.net

For Sale:

1936 Plymouth right side front door window regulator \$15.00 or free to CPPC member. Doug Hendrickson 503 644-1927 or drjlm@coho.net

Wanted:

For 1934 Plymouth 2 Dr. Sedan: front motor mount, radiator and fender support bracket that holds them together, doors, windshield, headlights, front and rear fenders.
Contact: Allen Piquet 541-567-9245 or piquetat@charter.net
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Address Correction

Please make the following correction to your Membership Roster.

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Plymouths 25 years and older



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Profile of our new CPPC President, Don Hufschmid

Don Hufschmid was elected as President of Cascade Pacific Plymouth for 2006.

Don joined CPPC at the October meeting in 2004. He had talked to Club members at the Club information booth at the NWCC Swap Meet earlier that month and decided to check out the next meeting.

Don says club members were nice to him the minute he walked in the door and he even won a club t-shirt as a door prize at his first meeting. He has rarely missed a meeting since and has been active in the Technical Committee.

Don didn't own a Plymouth at the time he joined the club but he let club members know that he was looking for a Suburban. It wasn't long before Ebay presented two of them to Don and he was the proud owner of a '49 Suburban and a similar parts car.

Don drives his brown Suburban to almost every meeting along with his "partner" Ivy, his black lab who protects the car from prowlers! Right now the Suburban is in the body shop getting some upgrades. Recently Don added a '48 Austin Devon 4D to his garage.

Don was raised in SE Portland and attended St. Peters Grade School and

Madison High School. He currently lives in Jantzen Beach.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. His first car was a '39 Chev 2D Sedan. He says his best car was a '60 Jag XK 150 coupe and his worst car a '62 Rambler American.

Don is getting close to retiring but he currently operates a small used car lot in NE Portland where he sells used cargo vans. He also has a tow truck and hauls cars that are donated to charity.

Don states "the reason I wanted to become Club President was to be able to give my time, energy and knowledge back to the Club for all the enjoyment I have received since associating myself

with such fine people and their cars and companionship."

He states a future goal is to drive his Plymouth Suburban on a two or three thousand mile trip visiting small towns and seeing America through the windshield of his old car. Also in the future he'd like to own a 1939 Plymouth 2D sedan and a 1955 or newer Plymouth station wagon.

So if you've got one of those for sale you may want to contact our new President.

Thanks Don for accepting the office and we look forward to your new ideas for the Club in 2006.

by Vicki Williams



Don Hufschmid and his 1949 Plymouth Suburban

2006 Membership Information/Dues/Rosters/Calendars

There have been no new members of late. At the end of 2005 membership was at 159. That is good news. The bad news is that only 57 members have paid their 2006 dues!

So if you are one of the 102 members who have not sent in your dues yet do so as soon as possible.

We are going to begin working on the new membership roster and the information you submit on your renewal form will be used to update the roster.

You can also pay at the January

meeting if you attend. Also, you don't want to stop receiving this informative newsletter!

We realize the holidays are a hectic time for most people and you probably overlooked sending in your dues so please make that your new year's resolution.

Also, for an additional five dollars you can order the 2006 Club Calendar. The calendar is pre-printed with all club meetings and the events that were known about at the end of the year.

Also, it has great pictures of lots of Plymouths and club activities.

Thank you so much to those of you who have sent in your forms and added such nice comments about the Club.

Many of you expressed how much you enjoy the newsletter and how wonderful the club members are.

We value all of our members and 2006 looks like a very exciting year for Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club.

by Vicki Williams



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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.

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1 inch buy 1 column (Black and White Only).

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CPPC November Regular Meeting Highlights

There were 77 at the November member meeting. It was the annual meeting and also the annual potluck.

As always members provided lots of delicious food and the club provided ham to go with it. The club house was bursting at the seams. After eating, the annual meeting commenced.

Bill and Jerry Snider had come from Bend for their first meeting and received the long distance award.

Member Care reported that Jeanette Dimick and Karen Ryan were undergoing treatment for cancer and that Don Osiyas was having heart surgery.

Dolores Call reported that there was \$6,927.87 in the Treasury. That was ahead of last year at the same point so fund raising has been very successful.

Vicki Williams gave a report for the Membership/Finance Committee. She reported that the following activities generated the corresponding revenue for the club: 2005 Calendar sales, \$300.00; Mayflower Bazaar, \$350.00; Newsletter Advertising, \$630.00; April Swap Meet, \$854.00; Donations, \$555.00; Car Show, \$2,724.25; 50/50 through October, \$667.00 and the NWCC Show, \$600.00 for a total of \$6,680.25.

Jerry Klinger reported that the Club made \$600.00 from the NWCC show. This is less than has been earned in the past due to less revenue taken in at the show. He says changes will probably be made for future shows to prevent this from happening.

Jerry encouraged members to sign up to host a tour for next year. He passed around a sign up sheet to do that. An overnight tour to Sisters will be planned for sometime in the summer.

Dave Williams reported that the November Tech meeting had been canceled due to inclement weather. The January meeting would be held at his garage. He would be stepping down as cochairman of the Technical Committee but will remain an active member and will be happy to host future meetings at



2005 CPPC Officer Team: L-R: Dave Benfield, Rich VonAllmen, Duane Luckow, Vicki Williams and Dolores Call

his garage.

Lorraine Griffey gave a report on the Mayflower tour to Pottery Distributors and the Architectural Heritage Museum. Lunch was at the Cadillac Café. The December event would be a luncheon at the Albertina Kerr restaurant. It looked like over 20 would be attending.

Mike Bade thanked everyone who had helped him with the newsletter during the past year and asked that people feed him stories about their cars.

The raffle prizes were won by Linda Farnsworth, Patty Brost, John Sweeney and Ken Rose.

A motion was made and seconded to affirm the actions of the Board of Directors for 2005.

Duane Luckow introduced the outgoing board of directors/officers and presented them with gifts for helping him as President for 2005.

He also thanked Jerry Klinger as Activities Chairman and Mike Bade as Newsletter Editor.

Duane was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service.

Elections for the 2006 officers commenced and there were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and accept them as posted in the newsletter. Officers elected were: President, Don Hufschmid; Vice-President, Andy Haugen; Secretary, Vicki Williams; Treasurer, Dolores Call and Member-at-Large, Dave Benfield.

Rob Peterson, our emcee for our car show was invited to the potluck so the club could make a presentation to him thanking him for volunteering his services at the car show. A water color painting of his Camaro was presented to him.



Rob Peterson

Since it was Tim McCarthy's birthday everyone sang him happy birthday.

The 50/50 drawing of \$79.50 was won by Karen Bennett.

Dolores Call collected 2006 membership dues and sold 2006 Club calendars.

by Vicki Williams

Tiny Tips

When the problem with dysfunctional tail or brake lights lies in the contact in the socket, a simple repair can be made if a new part is not available at the time. You can make a new contact by using a brass brake lining rivet. Deepen the pre-drilled hole in the rivet until it is nearer the head.

Chuck the rivet shaft into your drill press or small lathe and dress the edge of head down to the size of the original contact. You don't need to bevel the new smaller head unless you are repairing a dual contact socket because of the twisting action of the dual filament bulbs. I also smooth the head with fine sandpaper and emory cloth. Depending on the length of the rivet shaft, you may wish to shorten it before soldering in the new wire.

Now place the insulating disc on the wire and install a short length of shrink tubing on the wire, pushing it

2006 Meeting Speakers

Most members have expressed that they really like having speakers at the monthly meetings.

Last year was challenging in getting speakers for every meeting. Bill Call and John Sweeney have agreed to partner this year in getting good speakers for our meetings but they can use help from the membership.

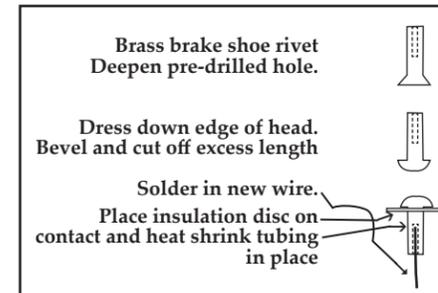
If you know someone you think would make a good speaker, let Bill or John know.

The topic doesn't necessarily need to be automotive related. Also, we suspect there are many of our own members who have interesting topics they may want to share with the membership.

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If you have a question for the Technical Committee, please call one of the above. We will do all we can to help you with your car. NOTE: Keep this list in a handy place for the future.



up against the disc and contact head and heat shrink it in place. This keeps the contact head from protruding when the light bulb is removed and prevents and possibility of electrical shorts. You now have a good connection that may even be better than the original.

by Pat Brost



Outgoing CPPC Present Duane Luckow, displays Plaque presented at the Annual Membership Potluck for his efforts as the 2005 CPPC President

Perhaps you have tips on restoring an old car from personal experience, the "don't do what I did" talk or you've taken an interesting trip somewhere, the "what I did on my summer vacation" talk or you have an interesting hobby or collection you would like to share.

Whatever, it might be please feel free to contact Bill or John and arrange for a talk at one of the meetings.

by Vicki Williams

Safety First: January 2006

You are about to start to work on your car. This car has not had any work done on it for some 25 years, as it has been in storage all this time.

But when you noticed that the existing battery would not produce any electricity. It is dead as a door nail. What procedure will we take from this point forward to restore this car?

One can start most anyplace from bumper to bumper, and no doubt, there are going to be some rusty bolts along the way, after all, it has been driven many miles and the last time it was driven, there was mud caked to the undercarriage, then you knew right away that this stuff had to go before you can find the nuts and bolts.

That means there has to be a steam cleaner business somewhere to make this project more suitable to work on.

Is the car drivable? This is something you will have to check. But first, you will have to have a new battery.

So, off to the local Auto Parts Store you go. They just happen to have the battery you wanted. Now you are back home. How are we going to mount this New Battery? Before you set that New Battery in place, REMEMBER ONE THING! What is the POLARITY of this vehicle? Does it have a Negative or Positive Grounding system? Make SURE that YOU know for a fact of the Polarity! OK, now that you KNOW that your Old Plymouth of the early 50's and back is Positive ground. You will connect your new battery in such manner.

WHY does it matter if you install it one way or the other? SAFETY!

If you connect the battery backwards from its Polarity, the charging from the Generator will be backwards and will cause the battery to overheat and could explode. Not only that, it can cause other electrical parts to be damaged.

Now, before installing your new battery, connect it to a battery charger to have a fully charged battery when you attempt to start the engine.

REMEMBER THIS: Do NOT "Overcharge" that battery! A battery which is overcharged can explode, at that time battery ACID will fly in all directions, and if anyone is standing close by is subject to get hurt one way or another.

By Jimmie Fox

Mayflowers visit/shop Southwest Portland

On December 8, 2005 the Mayflowers rounded out their year of activities with a holiday lunch at the Albertina Kerr Nursery on N.E. 21st between Glisan and Flanders.

Twenty-one sat down for lunch after checking out the three shops on site. We were all delighted to have Don and Karen Ryan attend since Karen had been undergoing cancer treatment. You could barely recognize Don with his full beard.

The Albertina Kerr home outgrew its original site in SW Portland in 1921 and opened a new Georgian style building at its present site providing child care and adoption services until 1967 when state regulations forced its closure.

Retha Harden's best friend's niece had actually lived at the Kerr Nursery so Retha and her sister-in-law who had come with her for lunch got to tour part of the old nursery area.

After years of planning, fundraising and remodeling the building reopened in May of 1981 as the Kerr Nursery housing three volunteer-run businesses: Albertina's Restaurant, Kerr's Economy Jar (an antique and collectible marketplace) and a Gift Shop. The Kerr Thrift Shop was soon added.

The Mayflower group had a great time prowling the shops and as usual many members came out with shopping bags full of treasures.

One of the highlights of the wonderful multi-course lunch was a fashion show put on by the volunteers

showcasing holiday clothing from the Thrift Shop.

Here's a tip: if you ever need high quality evening wear, mens or womens, check out the Kerr Thrift Shop. They had a large selection of beautiful things at extremely inexpensive prices.

It seems Joyce Catt was in the market for something spectacular to wear to a holiday party she attends every year so the models provided special attention to our table- at least until Larry got a little too helpful in removing clothing from one model's ensemble!

Larry and Joyce were heading over to the Thrift Store after lunch to check out the other outfits.

Lorraine Griffey who heads the Mayflower Committee handed out wrapped Christmas ornaments for everyone at lunch.

Thanks to Mindy Benfield for setting up the lunch arrangements. It was a great gathering!

The Mayflowers will be having a planning session for 2006 activities on January 16th. As it will be too late to get that information into the newsletter, call Lorraine if you are interested in the February tour. It will be announced at the January 24th meeting.

There have been some very exciting suggestions for the upcoming year so please join us and if you have any ideas of your own please let Lorraine know.

By Vicki Williams

Here is a list of the Plymouth Model numbers.

1928 Model Q	1938 P5 Business/Roadking	Model names came in to use in 1951.
1929 Model U	1938 P6 Deluxe	
1930 Model 30U	1939 P7 Roadking	
1931-32 Model PA	1939 P8 Deluxe	
1932 Model PB	1940 P9 Roadking	
1933 PC	1940 P10 Deluxe	
1933 PCXX	1941 P11 "Plymouth"	
1933 PD Deluxe	1941 P11D Deluxe	
1934 PE Deluxe	1941 P12 Special Deluxe	
1934 PF Six	1942 P14S Deluxe	
1934 PF Special Six	1942 P14C Special Deluxe	
1934 PG Business	1946-48 (Early 49) P15S Deluxe	
1935 PJ - code was used on both Business & Deluxe models	1946-48 (Early 49) P15C Special Deluxe	
1936 P1 Business	1949 P17 Deluxe (111" wheelbase)	
1936 P2 Deluxe	1949 P18 Deluxe (118.5" wheelbase)	
1937 P3 Business	1949 P18 Special Deluxe	
1937 P4 Deluxe	1950 P19 Deluxe (111" wb)	
	1950 P20 Deluxe (118.5" wb)	
	1950 P20 Special Deluxe	

In MOST years, the engine number started with the same model designation. For some reason, in 1937, all engines had a P4 designation, even in P3 Business models.

Likewise, there were no P17 or P19 engine codes in 1949-50.

The 1942 and 1946-48 engine codes began with either P14 or P15, with no "C" or "S" designation.

by Jimmie Fox

CPPC Member Care

Scott Farnsworth's mother passed away just before Christmas. Our sympathies go out to Scott and Linda and their family.

Harriet Sweeney has been under the weather but John is reportedly taking good care of her. We hope to see her at a meeting real soon.

Don Osias underwent some heart procedures recently and is now feeling much better. He lives up near Chehalis, Washington but still attends many meetings.

Vickie Shepherd has stabilized after some surgery and has enjoyed time with family and friends at home.

Jeanette Dimick and Karen Ryan both are undergoing cancer treatment and report they are doing well, despite bouts of fatigue. They have even managed to schedule a treatment together once a week.

Karen and Don Ryan attended the Mayflower lunch in December and Jeanette probably would have been there too but she and Bob were in Hawaii celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary! You go girls!

Here's to a healthy new year for all our members.

by Vicki Williams

Belated January Birthdays

Happy January birthdays to the following members:

David Martin - 3rd
Ron Gall - 3rd
Doug Barr - 4th
Karen Bennett - 5th
Jerry Klinger - 7th
Carol Rice - 12th
Bill Call - 17th (NUMBER 80!)
J.R. Hill - 26th
Kathie Bicknell - 27th
Joann Morgan - 30th
Steve Parker - someday this month!
And any others who have not reported their birthday!

By Vicki Williams

The Steering Column, A Message from the President

It's quit raining, it's 2006, and it's time for the Plymouth folks to come out and play!

Thank you for electing me president, I will do my very best to make this year fun, entertaining, and good fellowship for all members.

We're off to a great new year for the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club with lots of activities available for members to become involved in and active with your wonderful old cars. We have tours planned, our annual cruise-in at Hagan's in Oregon City, two swap meets, our monthly club meetings where members bring their cars for the show and shine before the meetings, programs and lively conversation. Bring

your cars, your smiles, and enjoy the camaraderie of this great organization.

Our club is made up of very fine people, and by volunteering for committees and activities you can have twice as much Plymouth fun.

Please feel free to call me with your suggestions and input for the club - 503-577-7899.

Thanks,

Don Hufschmid,
2006 CPPC President



What's In Store For 2006? Many Activities, Events and Challenges

2006 looks to be an exciting year for Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club.

Jerry Klinger has agreed to continue as Activities Chairman.

Although no tours have been formally planned at this time a couple of suggestions have been proposed.

One is an overnight tour to the Sisters area sometime in the summer. Hopefully, this will get some of our central and eastern Oregon members involved.

Another possible tour is an airplane themed tour to the Tillamook Air Museum and the Spruce Goose with a stop at Spirit Mountain Casino being planned by Dave and Mindy Benfield.

CPPC member Dan Corrigan is involved with the LeMay Museum in Washington and he has offered to arrange for the Club to tour there if interested.

Dave and Vicki Williams would like to do a tour of the Mt. St. Helens area, the drive up there can be gorgeous and some of the visitor centers are well worth seeing.

If you have any ideas or suggestions and would like to host a tour or picnic, let Jerry Klinger know.

You may have to wait a little while to contact him as he and Ann are in Australia and New Zealand until the end of January.

In the past our members have done wonderful jobs of setting up tours and picnics and I am sure 2006 will be no exception.

The next big event for the Club will be the Portland Swap Meet, April 7, 8 and 9th. The Technical Committee will be coordinating the sale of parts as one of our major fund raisers. Last year we made over \$800.00.

The parts supply obviously has dwindled so members are asked to clean out their work spaces and donate any parts they may no longer need.

The club will have two stalls attached to two other stalls that Duanne Luckow and Bill Call will have. Members will also be asked to sign up for two hour duty slots to help sell parts and promote the Plymouth Club.

To arrange to donate parts contact Jimmie Fox and any of the Technical Committee members. Once the swap meet is completed the emphasis will be on the Club's car show that was extremely successful last year.

The Club made over \$2,700 at the 2005 show. Dave and Vicki Williams have agreed to coordinate the show

again this year. The Oregon City Hagen Food and Pharmacy has agreed to partner with us indefinitely and the date for the show is Saturday, August 19th.

We had 93 registered cars for our first show and we anticipate more cars this year as this date does not conflict with some of the big shows that were held the same day as our first show.

We will be asking members to go out and solicit sponsors and get prizes donated for the raffle. Over 50 Club members participated the day of the show and everyone had a great time. The Club really made a name for themselves.

So, if you weren't involved last year make it a point to get involved this year. To those of you that worked so hard last year, keep up the good work. We couldn't have done it without you.

The final major event schedule for 2006 is the Northwest Car Collector's car show and swap meet. The Club will be putting on a display again this year to an Alice and Wonderland theme.

The 2005 show was the Club's first display entry and the Club did very well, placing third out of 32 entries.

So we have a lot to live up to! As you can see it looks to be a very exciting year.

None of it can be accomplished without everyone pulling together. So please get involved!

by Vicki Williams



Part of the 2006 CPPC Officer Team: L-R: Dave Benfield, Don Hufschmid, Vicki Williams and Dolores Call. Not Present Andrew Haugen.

Ever hear of the Plymouth Utes?

Here's an interesting web page for those of you who are interested in something a little different: www.roadkillontheweb.com. This site is an "automotive oddity" website and shows you some of the unusual automotive inventions that have turned up over the years, like record players, a steering wheel that dispenses cigarettes and other unusual accessories.

But most interesting to those of us in the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club is the feature on "Utes" or "coupe utilities", the general term for trucks in Australia, where they were manufactured (maybe Jerry Klinger is having one shipped home from his recent vacation there!).

The story goes that during the depression bankers were not willing to loan money to farmers unless it was to purchase items that their farm would profit from. So that meant they could only borrow money to buy a truck or Ute as they were called in Australia.

Supposedly in 1933 a farmer's wife wrote to Ford Australia asking why they couldn't make a car that could be driven to church on Sunday and to haul hogs to market on Monday.

In 1934 the first Coupe Utility was offered to the Australian car buyers. In 1935 General Motors and Chrysler followed suite and they became a regular part of the Australian farming lifestyle.

In 1957 the American car public was finally offered a similar car when Ford motor company of North America offered the Ranchero and in 1959 Chevrolet followed with the ElCamino. Chrysler Corporation never really did offer a Coupe Utility type vehicle to the American public until 1980 with the Rampage.

The web page owner, who does not identify himself, is the owner of two 1956 Utes, one a DeSoto and one a Plymouth that he bought from a collector in Australia. He states they are almost non-existent



1956 Plymouth UTE

Thanks from Jeanette and Karen

As you know from reading this newsletter, Jeanette Dimick and Karen Ryan have been undergoing treatment for cancer.

Ironically they were both diagnosed almost at the same time. It is nice they have each other while undergoing this segment of their lives. They have even been able to schedule one treatment a week together.

Many members from the club have been very supportive of them both.

From Karen Ryan -

"Dear Plymouth and Mayflower members, Thank you for the plant and all your prayers and thoughts. I am feeling good again. I appreciate your phone calls and your friendship. You all are the nicest group of people I've ever been associated with. Thank you also for all the delicious food.

Love, Karen"

Some members have undergone the same experience and have been able to be sounding boards for the two of them.

Members of the Mayflowers sent them both plants when they were first diagnosed and took food to Karen and Don after her surgery.

The following are excerpts from thank you letters they each sent to the Club in appreciation for the support they have received:

From Jeanette Dimick -

"CPPC members - thank you for the cards and phone calls and the flower planter from the Mayflower friends. All very much appreciated - especially days I don't feel as well as others, it's amazing how a positive moment helps. Keep the good thoughts coming.

In friendship, Jeanette Dimick"

here in the states. They only made 676 1956-58 Plymouth Utes (numbers aren't available on other year models).

It wasn't much more to ship two than one vehicle so that's why he decided to buy both. He stated his plan was to sell the Plymouth after he restored the DeSoto.

Since this web page has not been updated since 2000 that Plymouth may be for sale by now. Since these vehicles were used as utilitarian vehicles they do not have radios, clocks, power steering, power brakes, turn signals or pretty much any accessory - sounds a lot like some of our American Plymouths!

The Plymouth Ute does have an overdrive on its 3 speed flat head six. The V-8 was not available until 1959 on the Chrysler Wayfarer Ute. Most of the Utes have gone to the Australian crushers or rusted away in the bush. That is why you rarely see them here.

One of the main differences in the Australian Plymouth is that they are right hand drive and the headlights are right shift bulbs, when the high beams are engaged the light shifts up and to the right instead of to the left



like we are used to.

The tires were 16 inch for extra ground clearance. The grill is an Australian production unit that looks like some of the early 50s Desoto units that are so loved by customizers.

When you look at a picture of the 1956 Plymouth Ute it looks like a 1954 American Plymouth. That is because when Chrysler Corporation was done with the tooling for the 1954 Plymouth it was sent to Chrysler Australia and put back into service. The only tooling that was sent to Australia was for the four door sedan body and that was what they produced in 1955.

There were several other mechanical differences you can read on the website. So check out this website. Maybe you will be the first in the Club to drive a Ute to a meeting!

by Vicki Williams

November Annual Holiday Potluck attracts Members old and new

On November 22nd the regular member meeting was the annual holiday potluck for the Plymouth Club.

We had 77 hungry people in attendance, including Bill and Jerry Snider all the way from Bend for their first meeting.

As always, the food was plentiful, varied and delicious. The Club provided a ham, cooked to perfection by Linda Farnsworth.

Sue Nilsen coordinated the potluck again this year and had lots of help from many other members in setting up, decorating and presenting the food.

The leftover Christmas cans from the Mayflower bazaar last year were filled with greens and decorated every table. The Community Club had done their usual festive decorating job of the hall complete with Christmas tree.

Vicki Williams had made ornaments for the tree, each a picture of a club member's car with the member's name

on the back.

Since this was the ANNUAL meeting it was not all fun and games.

After eating, the regular business meeting commenced and new officers were elected and old officers thanked for their service.

Duanne Luckow was presented with a plaque complete with removable gavel for his service as the 2005 President.

Duanne also presented his officers gifts for their service with him in 2005. New officers are: President; Don Huffschmid; Vice-President, Andy Haugen; Secretary, Vicki Williams; Treasurer, Dolores Call and Member-At-Large, Dave Benfield.

Don and Andy are new to the board and we wish them much success in 2006 and appreciate their willingness to serve.

by Vicki Williams

