# Pacific Tiger Club Newsletter

## ROOTES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### From the President

Our April and May meetings were held at the homes of Max & Kathryn Pahmeier and Greg Oliver respectively. We enjoyed great weather and great food at both homes. Larry Atkisson demonstrated door window channel repair, maintenance and how to adjust them for proper operation. New member Greg Oliver opened up his house for the May meeting and enlisted the help of his sisters to keep us stuffed with gourmet food throughout the afternoon.

In June we were off to the home of Dan and Cindy Kuenzi on Camano Island. Dan met us at Stanwood Auto Parts and led a procession on a thirty minute scenic tour of the island before gathering at their home. They moved some cars out of their spacious garage to allow the setup of tables that were then loaded with delicious food. In addition they rounded up many of their chairs for all to sit and enjoy the feast. While eating we were treated to viewing some of their four wheeled friends…Mazda RX7, Shelby Mustang, GT Tiger, Tiger MKII, GT Series III Alpine…very impressive!

July found us gathering at the home of Kevin and Judy Jewell for a relaxing barbeque. Once again the weather was excellent and the Jewell's kept the hamburgers coming to keep us all indulged, with cake and cookies for desert. Many thanks to all of you for hosting these meetings. These events take more time and energy to put on than most people realize so please remember to thank the members when you see them. We are fortunate to have a club with members who are willing to give of their time and money to put these on. Well done all!!

Our August meeting, ***"Rootes on the Road Again***" is taking us to Hansville and the home of Larry and Linda Atkisson. We will first gather in the Albertson's parking lot in Kingston which is about a ten minute drive from the Kingston ferry dock. We will then proceed on a driving tour to Indian Island and then back to Chateau Atkisson for a barbeque and socializing. Prior to departing on the tour you will be given a short quiz to answer at your leisure with prizes given away later in the afternoon to those with them most correct answers.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP TO THE ATKISSIONS SO THEY KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PROVIDE. PHONE: (360) 638-1998 OR EMAIL: CATKISSON@AOL.COM.

So far the list of attendees includes members from Canada to California, so you won't want to miss the fun and entertainment. Hopefully you all are getting the emails with more details.

The September meeting will be hosted by Bill and Glenda Clemans at their home in Granite Falls with the possibility of a driving tour beforehand. More details will be forthcoming.

*Dunn for now.*

## Secretary's Report

Meeting held at Kevin and Judy Jewell's home in Redmond, WA. Meeting called to order by Dave Dunn 13 July 2013

Membership Report: Budd Bennion reported one new club member, from Issaquah, this month.

Treasury Report: Budd Bennion reported the club had approximately $12,000.00.

**Old Business:**

Budd wanted to remind members to pre-register for the ABFM taking place on July 27th. Work has been delayed a week on the building that was going to be constructed in the parking area, where the Field meet is usually held. That means that the event this year will look pretty much like it always does.

Next year it will be held at St. Edward Park, near Kenmore, WA. Judy Jewell suggested bringing walking shoes, as there is a path (Seminary trail) down to the Lake shore, from St. Edward Park.

There is also a dinner/cocktail party on the evening of July 26th. You must be registered by July 22, to attend, and you need not have a car in the ABFM. It is to be held in the Club Auto Kirkland warehouse. (the secretary uses the word "warehouse" very loosely).

**New business:**

Max Pahmeier reported on the Tigers United event at Big Bear, CA. He told us that they did a good job with the event and everyone had a nice time. He reported that the highway for the road rally was is in very poor shape, but everything else was nice. Max had the opportunity to judge a modified car class while he was there. Max also told us that he could use some more volunteers for Suni. The club thanked Kylie Keyzer, for her work on the websites for Suni, and the PTC. The PTC website is progressing.

Budd commented that he hoped everyone was getting the email reminders that he sends out. He believes that several reminders about the upcoming club meetings help get more members to the meetings and it is easy for him to do.

**Future events discussed:**

August 10th - BBQ and pot luck at the Atkisson home. Plan to meet Larry and Linda at the Starbuck's in the Albertson's store (at highway 104 and Hansville road) at 10 AM. The driving tour will leave for Indian Island between 10:30 and 10:45. Gas is available at the Albertson's shopping center. If you are not going on the driving tour, arrive at the Atkisson's home around 1:00 to 1:30. (37624 Vista Key Drive NE, Hansville, WA 98340).

September 14th - Glenda and Bill Clemans volunteered to hold the meeting at their house. Their house is along the Granite Falls Highway.

October – will be the Annual General Meeting. Griot's Garage and Jim Green's garage facility are being investigated as possible sites.

Meeting was adjourned
Minutes submitted by Jim Clark

## Editor's Report

I would like to apologize for the delay in publishing the newsletter. Kathryn and I have been very involved in dealing with my elderly parents, one recently deceased and the other suffering advanced dementia.

The outset of my family situation is that I won't be able to continue to produce the newsletter and this will be my last one. I simply don't have the time to dedicate to the task.

I anticipate retiring in about 18 months, at which time I would be happy to reconsider.

Mike

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## Laps from the Past

May, 1993: Upcoming meeting will be held during the vintage races at SIR (Pacific Raceway). Tom Bennett seeking helpers for the SNW concours and Jim Leach is likewise working on the Rallye. PTC and the Datsun club co-sponsor an autocross on May 23. SUNI II is coming in late May in Lake Geneva, WI.

May, 1996: The Sunbeam fun wagon (lower case f is correct, and claimed to be the largest selling motor home in the world) is on the cover. Sort of looks like a taco wagon. There is a report on the Law of Physics for British Cars. #3 Law of Momentum and Inertia states "Most simply stated this law is British cars are hard to start, but once you get them going there is no stopping them. Also known as Girling's Law, this explains why most older British sports cars, which still run, need bodywork on their front wings, bonnets and/or front aprons."

June, 1998: PTC shows up at the Friday night Cruise-In at the Lynnwood Burger King. SNW was planned for Southern Oregon as a "laid back" event. Club had announced that there would not be a SNW in 1999, as we would be supporting SUNI III in 1999. This year we won't be participating at the July vintage races as the organizers are requiring advanced reservations and payment. It was felt that this was an unrealistic proposition for most classic car clubs with relatively limited membership and often-finicky cars. Fast forward 20+ years and the car corral usually has over 200 cars, all pre-paid, from a wide variety of car clubs. Bill Sandell's band "The Rootes Group" will perform at the All-Ford Picnic.

May, 2001: Brent Edinger is selling his Series V for $1,000. Engine has less than 1,000 miles, but is out of the car. The club is invited to the Alberta All British. The organizer has promised to pint of his famous home-brewed "Almost Guiness" to anyone from the States that makes the trip. No word about how many pints he furnished or how close it was to well-used crankcase oil.

June, 2004: Over a dozen PTC members attended the Spring Dash which ended at XXX in Issaquah, where the Rootes cars were the "car show". Wayne Pomerville was there with his Toyota powered Alpine. SUNI IV is next month in Park City, Utah. The original Sunbeam Tiger, 1925 land speed record car, is scheduled to make an appearance.

Thanks: Kevin

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# 2013 EVENT CALENDAR

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| Aug 10 | PTC Meeting @ Larry & Linda Atkisson's – see article in this newsletter. |
| Sep 14 | PTC Meeting @ Glenda & Bill Clemans, Granite Falls Hwy. |
| Oct tbd | AGM @ Griot's Garage |

If you know of other events we should be listing, please contact our activity chairs, Larry & Eileen Ingersoll.

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## *Fill 'er Up!*

Story and photo by Dick Sanders

The SOVREN Historics were held under perfect skies July 5-7 at Pacific Raceways. Besides the racing, the next best

spectacle is always the car corral show outside the pits. There were huge turnouts on Saturday by everything from Cobras to Fiats. Although PTC didn't have a club display this year, two Tigers were found parked in the pits: a white Mk IA belonging to club member **John Murray**, the other a dazzling Commodore Blue Mk II previously owned by **Larry & Linda Atkisson**. In the preferred spectator parking section, **Marc Stenchever's** ultra-rare Harrington LeMans was a magnet for anyone passing by.

**Doug Yip in his Mk II (foreground right) blasts through Turn 9 in pursuit of a Camaro as the Pacific Raceways crowd enjoys the sound of cubic inches in action.**

In racing action, the slack economy continues to knock down the entry list, about 90 cars below its pre-recession peak of 285. The Big Bore Historic class, for cars with lots and lots of cubes, had the biggest grid of the day at about 25 cars, including Doug Yip of North Vancouver, BC in his Mk II Tiger. Doug said his Tiger was running exceptionally well, and he looked strong in Saturday afternoon's race, finishing approximately 10th.

One vintage racer missing from this year's action was the Tiger belonging to **Gerry Loeffler.** At last year's Historics, Gerry turned over driving duties for the final race of the weekend to another long-time Tiger owner, **Gord Houghton** of Surrey, BC. Gord, who has his share of racing laps under his belt, found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time, as Gerry's Tiger uncharacteristically did a snap-spin coming out of Turn 9. The Tiger ended up hitting the wall hard, nose-first. Gord came out of it OK, but only the left rear quarter panel of the Tiger went undamaged. Gord tells me that he has Gerry's Tiger in his garage during repair work and, with a new nose recently added, it should be race-ready for 2014.

**Familiar faces from past Sunbeam Northwest events: from left Steve Hodges, Robin & Gord Houghton, all from Surrey, BC**

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Now on your local magazine rack: The September issue of *Classic Motorsports* is a must-read for anyone interested in Sunbeam racing history. In it you'll find a 10-page feature article on the restoration of the #43 factory Alpine, one of three that competed at the 1962 12 Hours of Sebring. Written by John Webber, well-known Sunbeam restorer Steven Alcala and historian Steve Silverstein provide the history of the race, the laborious sleuthing to locate the car, and the lengthy restoration to make it (vintage) race-ready again.

More sleuthing uncovered several parts unique to #43: handcrafted aluminum door

skins, hood and trunk lid that lightened the Sebring racecar. They were found by Alcala and Silverstein in the possession of an unnamed "Washington state collector," AKA our own **Max Pahmeier** of Snohomish, Wash. The fine bodywork on Max's Series I Alpine was performed by Alcala in trade for the panels.

Also in print: the efforts of TAC, the Tiger Authentication Committee, are extolled in the current issue of *Sports Car Market*. We're fortunate to have a full TAC team in this area, headed by **Larry Atkisson**, for owners and would-be owners who want to know if their Tiger is definitely the real thing.

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It was good to have long-unseen PTC member **Bill Whitmore** at our last two meetings. Bill is taking on a Herculean task this summer: restoring not just his own Series V Alpine, but also his brother John's. And that includes at least one engine rebuild, front suspension, gas tanks and lots of hydraulic work. Whew! Makes me tired just thinking about it!

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Truly on the Road Again: I spent almost two years trying figure out why my Series V was so down on power. It started poorly, ran weak and had no top end. Electrical? Fuel? Electrical? Fuel? Back and forth. I replaced the ignition switch, solenoid, ground strap, switched back from Petronix to points(!), switched to ethanol-free gas, and tore the Strombergs apart countless times. You name it, I tried it.

Finally found the culprits a few weeks ago. Turned out all the grief was self-inflicted. D'oh!! First, the sound insulation I had installed under the new carpets was keeping the gas pedal from going all the way to the floor. Combined with slop in the Stromberg linkage, I was barely at 2/3rds-throttle when I thought it was wide open.

Shortly after that I noticed the ballast resistor that I reinstalled when re-assembling the car. A (dim) light suddenly went on above my head. I had forgotten that I had removed the resistor much earlier when I installed a high-resistance Lucas Sport coil. Result: a very weak spark. Sans a chunk of insulation and the ballast resistor, the Alpine finally runs like in its old, pre-restoration days of seven years ago. Woo-*hoo*!

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**Peek-a-boo!** Spotted on Aurora Ave in north Seattle at British European auto repair. Anyone know who it belongs to?

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A big thanks! to **Kylie Keyzer** for getting the SUNI VI website up and running. On her to-do list: a new-and-improved PTC website. Pacifictigerclub.com, currently inoperative, will soon rise from the ashes.

PTC has had two websites in the past. The .com version languished in an unfinished state for several years. Before that, **Jim Leach** created a full-featured group website on Yahoo, including a members-only forum. Unfortunately, it fell into disuse as some found the Yahoo/PTC sign-up procedure cumbersome and the site a bit clunky to navigate, while others weren't crazy about having to give out personal information to create their own Yahoo account in order to access the PTC site. For the curious, PTC/Yahoo members can still access the group site after a request to the Membership Secretary.

Hopefully the revitalized website will incorporate the best of Jim Leach's site's content on a modern platform.

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Other welcome faces at **Dan & Cindy Kuenzi**'s June PTC meeting were **Roger & Anne Flescher** of Bellingham. Little did we know that just a few weeks earlier Roger had been having more fun with his Tiger than most

owners will have in a lifetime. Roger celebrated Canada's Victoria Day Weekend (May 18-20) by taking part in the Knox Mountain Hill climb in Kelowna, BC. Many of the runs, including Roger's, were well documented by a multi-camera video production crew. Check this link out for the hottest in rip-*roarin'* Tiger racing action . . . and don't forget to crank your desktop speakers up to 11.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=av4zwWoq1RE&NR=1&feature=endscreen

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## PTC May Meeting

The May Pacific Tiger Clubs meeting was held at Greg Oliver's home in Edmond, Wa. It was a beautiful sunny day and great for driving with the top down. We were welcomed by Greg with an offer of a glass of champagne. He had a nice mix of fruit and pastry for a mid morning taste.

Later Greg's sister (a professional photographer) moved the cars around to get individual pictures of each car. Dave finally had to interrupt the driveway conversation to conduct a club meeting. Everyone had a good time.

L-R. Ed Erickson and his Alpine. Greg Oliver our host black hat & shirt, Paul Jelinek Anita & Dave Dunn and Greg's uncle visiting from the east coast (he stayed an extra day, just to see the clubs cars.)

Greg Oliver, our host for PTC May meeting, is in black hat and shirt.

Brent Edinger's green Tiger. Jim Clark's Tiger under construction. (That is Jim in front of his car)

Jim Clark's Tiger, Bill Clemans blue Alpine S-II, & farther back Ed Erickson's Alpine.

Dave Dunn and Brent Edinger looking over Greg Oliver's Tiger.

Ed's green Alpine, Greg's red Tiger & Bill's blue Alpine. Pictures taken from Budd's Hillman Husky.

L-R. Bill Clemans, Greg Oliver, Brent Edinger & Ed Erickson

Thanks: Budd

## June PTC Meeting

June PTC club meeting was held at Dan & Cindy Kuenzi's home on Camano Island. It was a beautiful day with lots of sunshine. Dan met us to take us all on a short tour of Camano Island. The club turn-out was very good with members from as far away as Canada and Yakima. Yes you can drive your cars farther that the grocery store. Also there were members there who's cars were not in driving conditions and were able to partake in the tour and meeting and the great buffet that Cindy had ready for us.

Camano Island getting ready for tour

Dan in red Tiger Mark II getting ready to lead out the group for the Island tour.

Arriving Dan & Cindy's home.

In Dan's garage, Alpine S-III GT, Tiger Mk I GT, 1967 Shelby Mustang 350 GT, 1985 Mazda Rx7 (out of picture), Tiger Mark II (parked out front).

Meeting-- Host Cindy and Dan in foreground.

See you at the next PTC club meeting, Budd Bennion

## VanDusen ABFM May 2013
## Vancouver, BC

I drove up that morning and it rained from Mt. Vernon north to the boarder. The roads were dry from the boarder until after Richmond and then came the light rain. We had light rain, at the gardens, off and on all morning till about 2:00. When the sun broke it was warm and bright. I think if you had something to cover your head and keep the feet dry, you came out pretty good. Going home, I had a 40 minute wait at the border and home by 8PM. There was a black MK1A, B.C. car, in the sale lot with a chrome roll bar. All in all, there was a good turn-out of British cars.

Here's a good story. A younger guy from work, and his dad, came up for the show. They're TR3 owners in the middle of a restoration. As they approached the boarder, his dad forgot about the 12 gauge in the trunk. Yes, a shotgun. You "gotta" realize, these guys are from Maple Valley or maybe Enumclaw. Anyway, the old man remembered it and they went back to Bellingham, found a locker, and left it there. They didn't get to the gardens until late morning.

Thanks: Brett

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## ABFM at Bellevue.

There was a small turn out for the July 2013 ABFM at Bellevue WA. However when have you or will you ever see three Harrington Alpine's together at the same show. The red 1962 Harrington Alpine LeMans is owned by Mark Stenchever, Seattle, WA. The white 1962 Harrington Alpine is owned by Jerry Logan, Mead WA. This is 1 of 2 known USA Promotional cars. The blue 1964 Harrington Alpine, Series "D" is owned by Buell Ish, Carnation WA.
Note there were more Harrington Alpines here than regular Alpines (2 ea). Also attending were three Tigers and one Saloon. It was a beautiful day and lots of other cars to see. The attendance number I heard was 508.

Buell Ish – Gerry Logan – Mark Stenchever

Budd Bennion

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## SUNI VI

Planning for SUNI VI is well underway. The theme for the event is 'FIFTY YEARS OF THE TIGER'. While the Tiger is the featured car all Rootes cars and drivers are welcome and encouraged to attend. When you arrive you will find ample space to park your tow vehicles and or trailers. Our Rootes vehicles will have their own area to park for the week we are there. Our hotel is the Marriot. We have already signed the contract with the Marriot. They will start taking reservations on June 30th of this year.

The area is bursting with attractions for the whole family, including such things as PIKES PEAK, AIR FORCE ACADEMY along with many driving tours in the area. The auto cross will be held at PPIR race way nearby. The auto cross is held on a large paved area at PPIR. In addition we will be allowed some laps around the track following a pace car so we do not get into too much trouble. We will have a number of distinguished guests that will be spending SUNI time with us. Among those are Rosemary Smith a renowned rally car driver and Graham Robson a noted automotive author who has written books on the Tiger.

Also in attendance will be a number of the historic Tigers including the no 9 Lemans Tiger, the no 192 Targa Floria, the number 74 sports Car Forum Tiger etc. In addition to the final banquet and other meals we are planning a very special Anniversary dinner dedicated to celebrating the Milestone 50th golden anniversary of the Tiger. (If you have a brilliant idea to contribute to the celebration give me a call) For those wanting to add an extra day or so SUNI starts the day after the world famous Pikes Peak International hill climb.

As you can see the planning for SUNI VI is well underway. With the help of the Colorado club we have made significant progress. There are a number of chair and other positions where we need volunteers. SUNI VI web site is: http://WWW.sunnivi.com

I hope to start loading the site with information within a couple of weeks. Remember the date. SUNI VI June 30 thru July 4 2014 Colorado Springs, Co

Web site is **http://www.sunivi.com**
Date is **June 30 thru July 4th, 2014**
For room reservations: The contract room rate

is $99 including a full breakfast. Tax is 9.63 percent. The reservation ph. number is 719-268-4218. Ask for Sunbeam International Car Show for the $99.00 rate.

Max Pahmeier C206-660-8034

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**Subject:** Wild Ride in San Francisco!

I WONDER HOW MANY DAYS OF SHOOTING THIS TOOK AND HOW MANY SETS OF TIRES THEY WENT THROUGH. ALL IN ALL, A FANTASTIC DISPLAY OF HIGH SPEED DRIVING THROUGH THE STREETS OF A VERY FAMOUS CITY.

Amazing that they cleared the streets for this!!!

This will fast become a Bay Area favorite to watch as a 652 hp Ford Focus races, spins and jumps through some of San Francisco's toughest streets in and out of street cars and ends up on a large barge in the Bay going under the Bridge. It's a Ford promo driven by one of the best drivers ever for this type of racing. You will NOT believe what this guy is capable of in SF. You will recognize the landmarks as he zips by, spinning circles and getting great "air" over the steep hills of the city. Just a real fun video to watch for those familiar, or not, with SF.
http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=LuDN2bCIyus&feature=related

Thanks: Kevin

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**We need your help! If you know of any Sunbeam Events, please contact your Activities Co-coordinator and we'll get it in the newsletter.**

**Want to avoid mail delays? Receive your next issue of the PTC Newsletter emailed to you on-line. Contact us at Tiger2@telus.net with your email address**

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## PTC Newsletter: by E-Mail?

Do you wish you got your newsletter earlier? Well, we can solve that very easily. If you are willing to receive your newsletter via email, we can probably save at least a week in the time it takes for you to get the newsletter. That week is what it takes us to print the newsletter, collate, and mail. Sound good? Simply confirm with our newsletter editors your current email address to: (tiger2@telus.net). Not only will you get the info earlier, but you will help the club control our costs.

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## Cobra compared to Tiger

Click here: Cobra 427 - Classic Car Auction | Hagerty Articles

Thanks: Jim

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**Bugatti Veyron is latest addition to Dubai Police supercar fleet**
http://www.thenational.ae/news/uae-news/bugatti-veyron-is-latest-addition-to-dubai-police-supercar-fleet

Thanks: Kathryn

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# Profile your car!

We would like to have a profile of your car, even if everyone knows who you are. Please email your profile to Mike & Kathryn. New to the PTC, Let us know the details, as we would like to do a feature article on your car!

**We want to hear your great stories! Do you have a great story to share? Send us the details with your photos. Let us know!**

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This is an excerpt from the Summer 2013 Moss Motoring magazine. The entire issue was dedicated to "Ladies take the Lead" containing an article "Drive like a Girl" and this, clipped from "Women of Influence", featuring 6 different women drivers two of whom were Sunbeam Rootes drivers.

**SHEILA VAN DAMM**

The "First Lady" of the Sunbeam team, not long after the end of World War II, who not only got a lot of publicity for her driving, but also as the director of her family's Windmill Theater in London's Soho district, a very popular revue with comics and nudes, which had the distinction of staying open every night of the war, even through all the Battle of Britain raids by Hitler's Luftwaffe. Another rather famous name in the Sunbeam team was Mary Handley Page, from the family who was responsible for building many of the UK's aircraft in aviation's earlier years.

**ROSEMARY SMITH**

One of the Rootes Groups most successful Ladies. Born in Dublin and initially keen to be a fashion designer, Rosemary started out as a navigator on club rallies, but soon proved that, while she wasn't too good at map reading, she was an excellent driver. Well suited to the factory PR department's love of a good looking blond at the wheel of their rally cars, her best successes seem to have come in Hillman Imps. One of the smallest cars on the rally scene, and like Pat Moss' successes with the Mini, she too, won the Dutch 'Tulip' Rally. In Rosemary's long career she raced a number of other cars, and finished best lady on the Marathon London to Sydney event, and tenth overall in an Austin Maxi on the second of that decade's Marathons from London to Mexico.

The others were Nancy Mitchell - BMC, Christabel Carlisle - Mini, Anne Hall - UK Ford, Jean Denton - MG.

Thanks: Bob

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## August PTC Meeting

Meet at Albertson's, HWY 104 & Hansville Road just a few miles up from the Kingston ferry dock, at 10:00 – 10:15 AM. Leave for driving tour 10:30 – 10:45 AM to Indian Island/Marrowstone Island. Starbuck's inside Albertson's. Make sure your gas tank is full. Gas available at Albertson's shopping center.

**Ferries that you need to be on.**

**From Edmonds to Kingston:** You will need to catch the **8:50 AM** ferry.

**From Seattle to Bainbridge Island:** You will need to catch the **8:45 AM** ferry. Albertson's is approximately 30 minutes from the ferry terminal on Bainbridge Island.

***REMEMBER:*** This is summertime and the ferries are very busy. You need to arrive 30-45 minutes before the actual sailing time------ So you won't "Miss the Boat".

You can always drive around via the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. From the bridge you are about an hour + from Albertson's parking lot.

*****If you are not going on the tour----arrive at our place (37624 Vista Key Drive NE, Hansville, WA 98340) between 1:00 – 1:30 PM.

***Please bring your fold up car chairs.***

Please **R.S.V.P** by Tuesday **August 6, 2013.** We need a head count as will be placing an order for food. E-mail: catkisson@aol.com or 360 638-1998. If you have any questions give us a call.

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**DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND EMAIL? HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE AND SEND YOUR CHANGES TO BUDD OR THE EDITOR.**

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The Montana Ford car club ask if we would post in our newsletter their car show. A Sunbeam Tiger class will be included.

**Aug 30- Sept 2, 2013 Bozeman Montana,**
Bridger Mountain Pony Car Club
www.**fordmt**.com/

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In the event that you are trying to find "real" gas in the northwest, Jim has found an interesting link
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Rootes Motors Inc., 42-32, 21st Street, Long Island City, New York.
Rootes Motors Inc., 2525, Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, 9.

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Thanks: Budd

## Tech Tip

### Bulletproof Garage Flooring

Last year we install some G-Floor Raceday Peel and Stick floor tiles in a staffer's garage to see if it was better than the paint and epoxy that had failed under the repeated abuse delivered by the small steel wheels on our engine dollies and hoist. We were skeptical, as we should have been, about the ability of the vinyl to stay flat of the floor and not buckle or rip when we pushed a 600-pound blower engine across its surface.

After six months, it has proven impossible to buckle or move the tile, and we have tried. We've loaded and unloaded several engines using the hoist and pushed numerous engines around on their cheap steel dollies. We've dropped tools, spilled oil and gasoline, and let the dog in the garage when it rained. The surface has remained easy to clean (mud being the hardest to remove for some reason), and none of the chemicals or animals let a stain. Since we installed the product BLT has introduced a coating that claims to seal the floor, providing additional stain protection.

It took most of a weekend to empty the garage and lay down the tiles, which were ready to be used immediately. The street cars with high-mileage tires were tires were no problem, but when we parked a '23Model T with new recapped pie-crust slicks in the garage for a week, it left two small contact patch stains that seem to be permanent. The coating would have prevented that. Overall we think this is the toughest floor covering we have ever tried. It comes in colors, too.
**How much**: $81.80 for a 12x12 garage; up to 165.60 for 24x24.
**Learn more**: Better Life Technology; 913-894-0403; BLTLLC.com CAR CRAFT mag.

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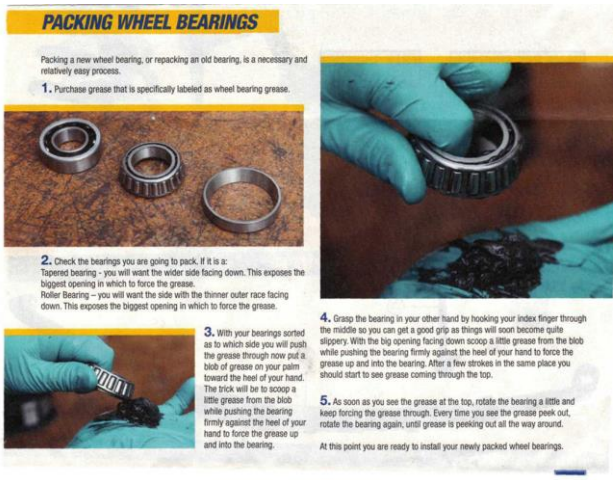
## Tech Tip #2



The one tip to pick up here is the orientation of the bearing when filling it with grease.

Thanks: Bob

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## Autocross Opportunity

Jeff & Donna Mang have traveled from B.C. to Shelton for the last two autocross events put on by the local Corvette association. This is the same Shelton Airport location and the same people that helped us with the Sunbeam Northwest autocross event in 2011 & 2012, so you know it is pretty good. In June, we had a vehicle breakdown in the stop box that caused us to only get 7 runs. At the July event, everyone got 8 runs. That number of runs just isn't possible at most events. There are two more events scheduled at Shelton this year, Aug 11, and Sept 15. If you are interested, please get in touch with Kevin Jewell, 425.885.0103 or kevinandjudy@isomedia.com and he will get you set up with registration etc. Cost is $45. We do have a caravan leaving the Eastside early Sunday morning picking up people along I-405 or SR-167. We then meet for breakfast in Shelton for some trash talk before heading to the airport.

Thanks: Kevin

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