



The Duster

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ!

Greetings OVAC!

Another annual banquet under our belt along with the extra unwanted notch...oh well, we have a year to get rid of that notch. Talk about a vicious cycle! A big shout out to Bonnie Chrey and her crew for another successful banquet. We had an uptick in attendance this year, which is a good sign for things to come.

A hearty shout out to McCloud's and their staff for putting on a great meal, Andy's been a great partner over the years and we are looking forward to more events hosted by McCloud's.

Spring is fast approaching, so start dusting off the rigs, check tire pressures, battery levels and be ready for that flash cruise that's known to pop out of nowhere!

Signing off...

Don #2



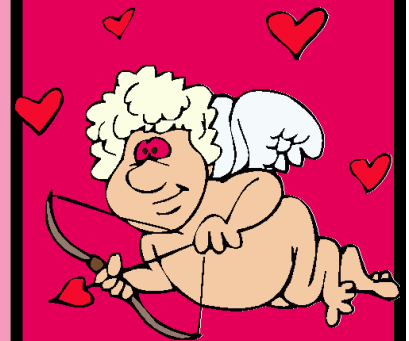
Happy Valentines Day

**FEBRUARY
2025**

**Next Meeting
20 February**

**Family Pancake House
3900 Kitsap Way
Bremerton, WA 98312**

6PM



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OVAC Business

OVAC OWNER's Manual

The Olympic Vintage Auto Club (OVAC) is a non-profit organization, incorporated in Kitsap County, Washington in 1959. The mission of the Club is the preservation and enjoyment of vintage motor vehicles in stock condition.

The address is **OVAC, PO Box 1614, Silverdale, WA 98383**

Vehicles eligible for touring must be thirty (30) or more years old and have no modifications with the following exceptions: (1) modifications or accessories that were available at the time of manufacture; or (2) changes or additions for safety purposes. Ownership of such a vehicle is not a requirement for membership in OVAC.

Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, except for the months of January, August and December.

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Auxiliary Events & Old Cars and Coffee

Coffee—Every Wednesday morning-Envy, Poulsbo, 8:00am

Breakfast—Second and Fourth Thursday of each month
Putters Restaurant, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 9:00am

Old Cars and Coffee-February 1st @ 10am (see below)

Find more updates at <https://www.cruisinkitsap.com>



Old Cars and Coffee



Old Cars and Coffee February 1, 2025

Once again it is time for Old Cars and Coffee!
We will be returning to the Camp Union
Cookhouse at 10 am. This time we have
been invited for a shop tour after our
Breakfast or Coffee.
So come and join us as we talk shop and get
to visit one.

2025 TOURS AND EVENT CALENDAR



**Let's get some
events on the
calendar for 2025!!**

FEBRUARY

1-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
20-Monthly Meeting

JULY

5-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
17-Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

6-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
No Monthly Meeting

MARCH

1-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
20-Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

2-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
No Monthly Meeting

APRIL

5-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
17-Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

6-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
18-Monthly Meeting

MAY

3-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
15-Old Cars and Coffee

OCTOBER

4-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
16-Monthly Meeting
18-OVAC SWAP Meet

JUNE

7-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
19-Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

1-Old Cars and Coffee-10am
20-Monthly Meeting

**Please check with the
tour host for more
information!**



Old Cars and Coffee



A special thanks to Britt and Don for hosting this event.



Typewriter Fever



4 Jan 25

Ok, we now have the first OVAC Event of the 2025 Season in the books.

I really appreciated the fact that Britt and Don volunteered to host the first Old Cars and Coffee event in 2025. However due to rainy sloppy weather we only had one fellow actually show up in an old car (Guess Who). If you have never had the tour of the Typewriter Fever Complex, you have missed a real treat. It is a Typewriter Shop, Museum and doubles as the Bosses Hobby room. A great many amazing things to see in there. Britt made Coffee and provided some Quiche and magically several dozen Donuts arrived. We had over 20 folks turn out on a day when one would be tempted to stay home! Thanks to all who attended and we will be looking forward to the next one.-JB

Cool Car Cruise



Sig Chrey's first car



OVAC Annual Banquet ~ *Jim Barnes*



OVAC
Banquet
2025

OVAC BANQUET - *BONNIE CHREY*

Our banquet on January 14th at McCloud's was a great success! They do a great job with preparing a buffet. We had our party here last year too & returned because it's a good place to host it. Since the restaurant is closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays, we have the full use of the facility.

Our special game, prepared by Britt was Car Bingo! The suspense was building as no one had a bingo after numerous calls. Finally, "bingo" was called out by Bob Arper! He won a gift certificate to the Cloverleaf Bar and Grill.

Our door prize drawings for four restaurant gift cards were won by Sue Bucat, Stan Dailey, Pat Ward & Jack Verhelst, and Don & Britt Feldman. Then we had an extra drawing for a car cleaning kit donated by Jon Lechich. That was won by Ron Muhleman & Carol Bailey.

Our event was finished with a choice of white or chocolate cake that had been decorated with the "Winter Wonderland" theme that was used this year. The table decorations followed this idea too!

Be sure to check out and respond to our survey about next year's banquet. Where would you like it held (it has to hold at least 60 + people)?, what day of the week? Also, what time. We've been holding the banquet as lunchtime setting for many years so people don't have to drive at night.

Please click the link to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/dz1FBACbQs17TG7q8>



2025 Banquet



The First Car in Washington

If bicycles were a boon to 1890s city dwellers, the automobile did the same to the nth degree in the 20th century. Few technologies have transformed modern cities as much as the car, changing our perceptions of space and time. New cities like Seattle rapidly accommodated the car, but the transition wasn't easy – nor has been the outcome.

Washington's first automobile arrived in Seattle in July of 1900, when businessman Ralph S. Hopkins spent five months driving his Woods Electric motor car from Chicago to the west coast. Hopkins paid \$500 for an early electric car – a motorized buggy that ran on a battery. Long before the Prius and the Leaf brought them back into style, the Woods Motor Vehicle Company was also an experimenter with hybrid vehicles.

That first car still exists, by the way, in storage at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma.

Autos were expensive in those early days: Some could be had for as little as \$1,000, but a 1901 Mercedes would set you back \$12,450 – nearly \$340,000 in today's dollars. It could go an astonishing 50 miles an hour, though in frontier Seattle it would have been almost useless: The roads were too rough and the hills too steep for that kind of speed.

"When automobiles first came into use," reported the Seattle Star in 1901, "it was argued that they would never be generally used in this city on account of the steep grades." But they soon proved more than a match for the slopes.

Unlike the bicycle, historian Peter Hugill writes, "The automobile was 'sweat-free' and, because it was expensive, its ownership was a far better mark of distinction." And distinction was important: Ralph Hopkins bought his car to "make a showing" for his girlfriend.

A 1919 letter to the Seattle Times Society Editor, would later reminisce: "Remember when the first automobile entered Seattle and Ralph Hopkins, the proud possessor, was the lion of the hour. How popular he was with the girls; and how elated when a girl would exclaim that she had had an automobile ride."

Hopkins and his Woods Electric were soon joined by others as the Seattle car craze took off, driven by unprecedented new Klondike boom wealth. George W. Carmack, whose gold strike launched the 1898 rush, became an early Seattle auto owner. In 1902, he drove his steam-powered Locomobile from Seattle to San Francisco with his wife Marguerite, a trip that made local headlines.

Perhaps Carmack was sold by a test drive like that taken by the Seattle Times' Sporting Editor. During one demonstration ride, he and the Locomobile dealer zipped up Second Ave., leaving dogs and bikes in their wake, turned on Pike St. to First Ave., then went to Queen Anne where they backed up, went up hill, and did turns demonstrating the vehicle's maneuverability. They raced downhill toward Ballard, then swung back to downtown where "we could wave our hands to passing acquaintances with all the grace of a bloated bond broker on an afternoon's outing."

The exhilarating ride left the writer pondering the future: "Is

the horse about to be exterminated? Is the time coming when man can so bottle up a bit of steam and steel, that the present ways of living will be numbered among the arts now lost and forgotten?" Those who tried the new automobile couldn't help but see the future differently, and it was a future that was coming rapidly.

In 1901, a year after the first local car arrived, ads for the Bon Marche promised that Santa Claus would arrive at the store Christmas Eve steering a brand new automobile because, Santa confided, "his best reindeer has broken his leg."

The Times editor's account of his Locomobile ride was more than just fun though. It also foreshadowed the problems Seattle would come to have with cars. In passing, he wrote of running over a pesky dog, which was "spread out over several square feet of the state of Washington." He and the dealer sped away.

The canine's callous treatment suggests that, even in the beginning, interesting class and power dynamics were playing out. Cars were fast, heavy and could do damage, driven by the city's adventurous elite chauffeurs – from playboys to "bloated bond brokers." (At the time, the term "chauffeur" referred to any auto driver, not simply a hired one. They were also frequently called "Autoists" or "Automobilists" and one newspaper even referred to a speeding driver as a "knight of the gaseous chug-chug.")

It was also evident early on that automobiles changed the mindset of their operators. The advent of the car made it possible for individuals to go as fast as trains, without the benefit of tracks. They could dodge and careen through urban traffic with a godlike power.

"There is something in the feeling that overcomes one when he gets up in his high car, and knows that, by the slightest touch, he can go like the wind," a 1906 Seattle Times editorial explained, "which deprives the ordinary man of all sense of judgment and caution." Being interrupted from that reverie by reality, the piece continued, produces a sense of disgust for anyone – traffic cops, pedestrians, pets – spoiling "the beautiful dream."

Something about cars produced a sense of entitlement and other-worldly privilege among drivers; something often still apparent on the streets even now.





OVAC MEMBERSHIP FORM

OVAC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

APPLICATION DATE			
MEMBER NAME			
	LAST	FIRST	SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER
MAILING ADDRESS			
HOME/CELL PHONE	/		
EMAIL			

MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

1. FILL IN ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS FORM
2. RETURN THIS SHEET WITH DUES PAYMENT. (\$25)
3. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OVAC
4. MAIL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP FORM TO **OVAC OLYMPIC VINTAGE AUTO CLUB
P. O. Box 1614, SILVERDALE, WA 98383**

5. CHECK ONE:

I WANT TO RECEIVE *THE DUSTER* VIA EMAIL

I WANT TO RECEIVE *THE DUSTER* VIA US MAIL

6. TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____

LIST YOUR ANTIQUE, VINTAGE, SPECIAL INTEREST &/OR COLLECTOR CARS >30 YEARS OLD

YEAR, MAKE MODEL	YEAR, MAKE, MODEL
1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10
11	12
13	14
15	16
17	18
19	20

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE OVAC TOURING GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE

(SPELL NAME)

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