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Next Meeting

July 21st, 2002

6:00 pm @ Denny's Wilsonville

## Feature: 65 TVR Griffith



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Track Day Sept. 20th

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**From the Drivers Seat.**

Once again the Vintage races were great! The NASCAR's put on a good show as well as the Shelby's and Tiger's! The Can Am cars Thundered around the track flexing there Big Block muscle! I enjoyed all three days.

Remember: Leave your blood in a blood bank,  
Not on the highway! Drive safely.

**"Dead Line!"**

**Please have articles in by the first week of the month.**

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## **Minutes of the SAAC NW meeting 16; June, 2002**

### Presidents Report

President Larry Cockerham brought the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. Larry expressed his appreciation for everyone that attended tonight's meeting, we have another good turn-out. Larry reported on our club involvement in the Forever Ford show and swap meet in Hillsboro, we didn't win the club participation award, that went to the Galaxie Club. Larry commented on the trophy's won, Dan Jones won for his '67 Shelby, Mark Pendergrass won for his Ford powered TR. Larry talked about our track day, everyone had a good time, thankfully no accidents.

### Vice Presidents Report

Mark Pendergrass mentioned that we can still buy 1965 Mustang convertibles for \$500.00. Mark purchased one with a six cylinder and a three speed, had pictures to show which he passed around. Mark will be going to Cool Desert nights in Tri Cities, also mentioned that most members will be going to the SAAC National Convention in Fontana California. We also have the Historic races coming up on the weekend of July 12, 13 & 14.

### Secretary's Report

In lieu of a newsletter being sent out with the latest minutes, Larry asked Paul Blanchard to read the previous month's meeting minutes. Paul asked if there were any additions or corrections to last month's meeting minutes, there weren't any, the minutes stand as reported.

### Treasurer's Report

Bob Parker gave the treasurer's report. Bob said that the money that we received from our track day covered the expenses plus gave us some net money. Bob mentioned that we have a new member that joined from Hermiston Oregon, he has a 1967 Shelby GT-350, red, wants to drive it and meet and talk with fellow members who have the same type of car. Bob mentioned that we have paid for two spaces at the paddock at California Raceway for the National Convention. Bob said that after paying our bills we have a good treasury.

### National SAAC Rep

Fred talked about the big news coming from Shelby American with the SAAC National Convention to be held at Fontana California, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> 2002.

Fred mentioned that he has information available for all who are interested in attending. Fred talked about the grid in the vintage race, the largest grid ever presented at a National Convention. It looks like some high profile drivers will be in attendance to drive the vintage race, including Jack Shroll, and Boris Said.

Fred gave the itinerary for the people who want to tour down together, we will be starting out on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

### MHRC Report

Paul Blanchard gave the report for the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2002.

MHRC President Tony Chamberlain gave his presentation for the need to keep the ISCA, (International Show Cars of America) as part of the Portland Roadster Show. They provide impartial judging, where every car stands on the basis of it's own merit as well as their ability to provide feature cars. The argument against their involvement was the issue of cost, after discussion it was determined that we receive a lot more in return for the money spent. A vote was taken, all clubs voted to retain ISCA for our Portland Roadster Show. All of our art work for next years show will contain a presentation of the '32 Ford roadster, Whiplash owned by Larry Anderson as well as the

beautiful roadster presented by Roger Tunks. Lael Wedekind gave a good presentation on gifts to be given to participants.

In light of September 11, 2002, the theme for next year is Hot Rodding, the American Dream. The MHRC is doing all right financially, we still need added revenue that will hopefully come after the sale of the MHRC Building. PRS chairman Don Van Dinter talked about the Royal Rosarians show that the MHRC was invited to participate in, we had 33 cars registered, not bad for a first time event. The cost of \$35.00 per car to hear Johnny Limbo and the Lug Nuts, with dinner to be provided (it turned out that all that was served was hamburgers, chips and pop) to many of the participants they felt that the price was high in return for what was received.

Newsletter Editor Larry Cockerham said that we really need a volunteer to help put the newsletter together, if anyone has an interest please let Larry know.

Jeff Riggs is still looking for articles & pictures to be put in the newsletter, they can be sent via E-mail to jeffr@solidnet.com. Jeff said that he is still looking for a replacement newsletter editor, if anyone has an interest please volunteer.

SAAC NW Webmaster Rick Sattler wasn't present at tonight's meeting, would like all members who have an interest to send him suggestions and information about how we can make the website better.

Track Steward's Report Ed Neiger talked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> track day for the year coming up on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Ed said that he has not received any registrations for the event, to date there wasn't that much interest. In light of the upcoming National Event just a few days after track day it was suggested that we should cancel the June 28<sup>th</sup> track day for this year. A general discussion followed as to the pros and cons for keeping the track day. Gayle Gehring made the motion that we cancel the track day, motion seconded, a vote was taken, motion passed.

Ed Neiger will call the track and let them know that we won't be having our track day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June this year, and will also call K & K Insurance to let them know that we won't have a need for our insurance coverage for this date.

There was a general discussion about security for our event, and the need to have better communication between security and our people in charge to allow guests to be permitted to enter.

Old Business Ray Clack talked about the upcoming Historics, said that he was going to pick up the tickets tomorrow, for all members that haven't already signed up write a check for \$35.00 for participation, make the check out to SAAC NW and give it to our treasurer Bob Parker.

Larry mentioned that we had received a nice framed letter of appreciation for our participation in the charitable fund raiser through the purchase of Teddy Bears for the Ronald McDonald House sponsored by Avon through the MHRC. Avon gave us a nice box of raffle prizes which were raffled off at tonight's meeting.

Gayle Gehring talked about our annual Christmas Banquet which will be held this year at Lakeside Gardens on Saturday, December the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have two entrees, a choice of either steak or fish. They make a special effort to cater to clubs in a private setting.

New Business Bob Parker gave a presentation with regard to the acceptance of our check for two spaces at the paddock at California Raceway for our club members to use at the National Convention. There was some concern with regard to tax laws. The key wording is will the space be made available for an individual for private gain from the club? If so, club funds are not to be used for that purpose. If the paddock is to be used by all members who attend the convention for general use including car storage, displaying our club banner, a place for members to go and get out of the sun, a place for refreshment etc. then it is OK. It was brought up at last months meeting that we purchase two spaces, all members present at the meeting voted their approval.

Brent Soo Hoo gave a presentation on the need for our club to provide him with a video camera so

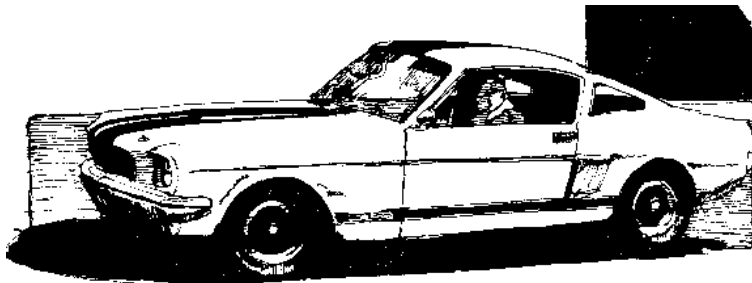
that he could shoot video of the National Convention for possible re-sale to club members. Dave Lennartz made the offer to Brent that he would be willing to let Brent use his video camera that he wished to purchase for his own use. Brent would be able to video the event as well as being able to give Dave some instruction on the use of the camera. Done Deal, how cool is that? Thank you Dave and Brent!

Dave Lennartz gave us another great presentation on many of the die cast models that are currently available on the Shelby Marque as well as other cars of general interest.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary

## "Cruz the Coos" Sept. 21st & 22nd



Sept. 21st and 22nd there is a car show in Coos Bay, Oregon that the Shelby Club just might enjoy. The Sunset Classic Chevy Club is very excited about the possibility of the Mustangs showing up. Larry and I spent a weekend down there talking to their club members and some motels in town to get discount rates on out of town clubs. So far the best available

would be the Red Lion at 58.00 a night plus tax.

The weekend is in conjunction with their Bay Area Fun Festival so the town will be full of vendors and arts and crafts booths.

Saturday they have a poker run and Saturday night is "Cruz the Coos" where they block off the streets in town just for the cruisers and they will limit them to 500 cars. Even if your car isn't set up for cruising it is fun to watch the other cars, they have two radio stations set up at opposite ends of town to broadcast it.

Sunday is the "Show and Shine" which is held out at Shore Acres Park. It is a beautiful setting over looking the Ocean. In the past they have had poker walks through the botanical gardens out there and they have raffles, music and a bb-que for donations.

I would love to see a good turn out for this event (since I was very involved with this club before moving to the Portland area). it is a nice road trip and a fun social event. We have registration forms for all that are interested so get in touch with Larry or I and we will also bring some to the next club meeting. Thanks, Karen

# Getting Lost in the Wine Country

Driving towards Sherwood, we eagerly anticipated Ruth and Keith's celebrated Spring Fling Wine Thing. The sun was trying hard to pry through the mid May grey as we arrived at Les Schwab's for the rendezvous. Sixty's Shelby Mustangs, Cobra's, and various other vintage sports cars and classics rolled in and lined up as we milled around waiting for the infamous instructions and 'emergency packet'. The excitement was in the air.



I remember last time Mike and I decided to over achieve on the score by getting all the clues right, which we mostly did, but ended up arriving conspicuously last. However this year it would be different. We decided that faster and sloppier would work just fine. Of course James Boscole had used the opposite approach, go like the blazes, to heck with the clues, and arrive first. And he arrived so early that Keith was still setting up the grill. James said he'd be taking it easier this year. I think its called reversion to the mean.

We gathered up by Keith's truck and he explained that there were two different sets of instructions so we wouldn't all be going the same way. Great!

What that means is that you might see someone heading the other way and it doesn't necessarily mean you're lost. It just plants the seeds of doubt. But that's okay, because this year we knew we wouldn't get lost. Nope, we were determined and we were prepared. We even brought our own clipboard and pencil.

Of course missing a clue puts you on the slippery slope towards missing the next turn and inevitably getting lost. So we rubbernecked down the road looking for clues. We swore that it wouldn't happen, but it did...we got lost twice! Okay, three times if you count that little back track to the forestry exhibit. Among all of signs and twisty back country roads a memorable highlight was the chocolate chip cookies handed out by Mark and Nancy at their check point. My humble suggestion for next year would be double rations.

After innumerable cryptic clues and many telephone poles counted we finally arrived at our destination, the Coleman Vineyard, a small family owned winery in a very picturesque setting with vineyards slopping away to the west overlooking a valley. The twenty or so cars, from Bob's 289 Cobra to Larry's beautiful black 55 Chevy BelAir parked in a line at the top of the slope above the vines. It was a perfect setting for drinking wine and inspecting the cars.

Randy Coleman, a former electrical contractor recently quit his day job to devote himself full time to the winery business along with his wife Kim, a former chiropractor. They hosted us to a bottle and barrel tasting of their wines. The first releases of



their 1999 estate grown Pinot Gris and Pinot Noirs were served with a variety of crackers and sharp cheddar.



The Pinot Gris was a crisp ripe fruity white wine that drunk well by it self and would be great with sea foods, poultry, or pork with baked apples. Since all Randy's Pinot Noir grapes are grown on the same slope and microclimate he ferments them in small batches with four different yeasts strains in a variety of French oak barrels and then blends them to achieve the taste and complexity he desires. Randy also sells his grapes to Willakenzie Estate Winery which features Coleman as a designated single vineyard, bottled unfined and unfiltered. Both wines were excellent and appropriate companions for Keith's grill top cuisine!

This year, as an alternative to burgers and brauts, grill master Keith served up a fabulous barbequed pork loin accompanied with baked beans, potato salad, green salad, chips, and three kinds of brownies. As the sun broke through the clouds, we had a leisurely lunch and memorable afternoon overlooking the red hills of Dundee. After Nancy and Ruth read the answers to the clues and handed out the awards, we said goodbye to the Canutt's and the Coleman's and headed home. The Spring Fling Wine Thing is a special event that we really enjoy and the fifth was the best yet. Thanks Keith and Ruth!



Bill Edwards

# 1965 TVR Griffith

## Series 400 #36

In the early sixties, a fellow named Jack Griffith was racing a small block Cobra. His street car was a TVR Grantura MKIII. During a test day at the track, Jack set a new track record with his Cobra. His mechanic was having lunch with him, they both looked at the Cobra, the TVR and then at each other and decided to try the running gear from the Cobra in the TVR. That same day



they set another new track record with the TVR. This was the start of Griffith. Jack bought all of the TVR production for 1965 and started to make the Griffith series 200. He made about 200 or so, then he made the series 400. There were only 59 made when a dock

strike put him out of business.

This car is #36. The original owner bought it to drag race. He set the AHRA record in his class. Then the second owner came along. He bought the car for street use. With 4:89 gears it only got





2,400 miles put on it. The third owner bought it and another, #46 and did not drive either one very much at all. The #46 car was sold a few months ago with 60,000 miles on it. The #36 car is between 2,400 and 2,500 original miles! The car is now being put back into street trim. These cars are quite fast with 0-60 times in less than 3 1/2 seconds and 0-100 and back to 0 in 1/2 second

quicker than a big block Cobra. The car weighs in below 1,500 lbs. (est. curb weight from owners manual.) The stock engine is a 306 HP 289 Cobra Hi-Po. The transmission is a top loader and the rear diff. is a Salisbury unit. These cars have 4 wheel independent suspension, tube steel space frame and fiberglass body.

I am looking forward to some open



track days and a ton of fun on our highways!

Happy motoring,  
Brian Riggs

# **We Have Moved!**



## **Rose City Mustang**

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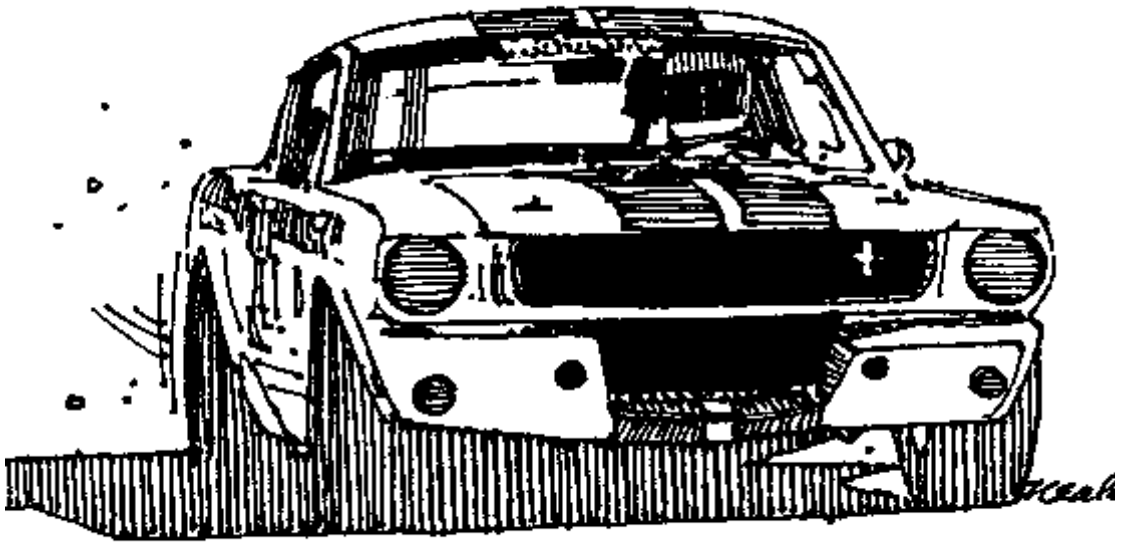
**521 NE 74th Ave.**

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**Come see us soon.**

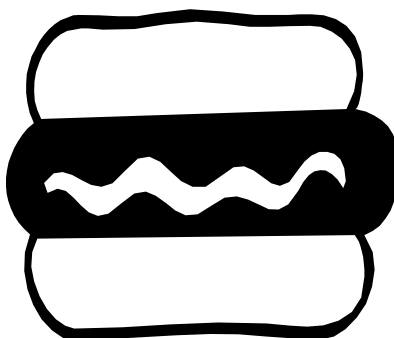
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**When: August 17 2002**

**Time: 10:00 am**

**Departure: 10:30 am**

**Contact**

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**Horseshoe Rust-er-ations 503-620-3459**

# Events for 2002

## Month

## Event

## Contact

### **July**

4th	SAAC 27 Fontana, California	
12th-14th	Portland Historic Races P.I.R.	
20th	Mt. To the Sea Rally	Cascade Sports Car Club
27th	Mustang Stampede @ Clark Collage	

### **August**

9th-11th	Cruise the Gorge, The Dallas, Or.	
15th-18th	Sunbeams Northwest, Kelso, Wa.	
16th		
31st-Sept. 1st	All British Field Meet @ P.I.R.	
31st-Sept. 1st	N.W. Hop Cruise-In, Clark County Fairgrounds	

### **September**

7th-8th	End of the World Cruise, Ocean Park, Wa.	
7th	Oregon High Desert Swap Meet, @ the fairgrounds in Redmond, Or.	
20th	SAAC NW Open Track @ P.I.R.	Ed 503-481-4395
21st	Cruz the Coos	Karen 503 852-6311
28th-29th	Maryhill Loops Hill Climb and Car Show Goldendale, Wa.	

### **October**

6th	Columbia Crest Mustang Show, Patterson, Wa.	
18th	Friday Night Road Rally, Portland, Or.	Cascade Sports Car Club
19th-20th	N.W. Car Collector Swap Meet and Show @ Portland Expo.	

### **November**

2nd	Ghouls Gamble Rally	Cascade Sports Car Club
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Contact Bill Kubeck, 2335 NW Thurman, Portland, OR. 97210 (503) 243-1938. 10% discount on all parts new & used excluding special order items.

### Tom Jones Motorcars

Contact: Tom Jones, 2820 W. Highland Ave., Redmond, OR. 97756: (541) 548-0633. email: [tmjones@transport.com](mailto:tmjones@transport.com) 10% discount on custom & mustang parts

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Contact: Tim Schnell. 1506 NE Lombard, Portland, OR. 97211  
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Contact: Ray Mason. 250 Queen SE, Albany, OR. (541) 926-5383. 10% discount on parts & service.

### Engine Parts Distributing, Inc.

Contact: Pete Agalzoff. 6635 N Baltimore, Portland, OR. 97203. (800) 289-3373 or (503) 289-3373. 20% discount on engine kits and jobber

# Classifieds

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**Wanted: 1- 235-60-14 raised outline letter Goodyear Tire -1/2 or better tread.  
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**For Sale 86 Mustang uni-body only-SVO, rear body panels excellent. \$250.00 or best offer.  
Also have for sale an 8" 67 Mustang rear end 3:55 open gears, \$450.00 is complete.  
Brian (360) 425-4017.**

**For Sale: 427 (out to 454 CI) side oiler, (Inglese) Webers, Dove heads, other good stuff:  
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(ready to run) fresh 390 can go with car. \$17,500 with 427, \$8500 with 390 (you install). Dave  
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Came out of a F250 4X4. Would make a good combination with the 429. 800.00. BOTH FOR  
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