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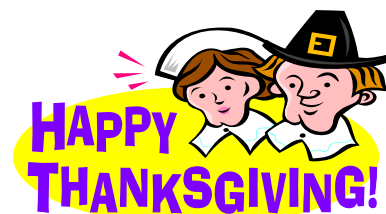
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The CHRISTmas Celebration with Dinner and White Elephant exchange, will start the season for us all.

This year the members have been invited to the home of Don and Lea New to celebrate our CHRISTmas Dinner and The White Elephant exchange. Our gracious hosts will share with us their lovely and comfortable home at 2120 Crimson Ct. We will meet at 6PM for a social hour and then our catered dinner will be served at 7PM. Each person is required to donate \$10.00 towards the meal. The Club will be responsible for the additional expenses. You may bring your own alcoholic beverage as they will not be supplied. There will be door prizes and lots of fun. We do need a head count and check by December 1, 2011. Each person needs to bring a white elephant. Keep cost of white elephant under \$10.00 American. Check your attic, garage and maybe even under the bed, (Please nothing that is still breathing). The idea is to gift wrap any item (a garage sale item, a discard that someone gave you years ago, something unusual and entertaining) and bring it to the party to share.

Official Rules of White Elephant; Each person will be given a number. When your number is called pick a package from the pile of wrapped gifts. Open the gift and show everyone what you have opened. Then you may sit down and the next number will be called. That person has an option to pick a new gift or take your gift. If they take your gift you must surrender it to them. You then will get up and pick another gift. Any gift can only be "Stolen" 2 times. At the end of the program you may trade with anyone who is willing to trade with you.



We wish all of you a very happy thanksgiving. There is so much to be thankful for. We have our country thanks to God and our military, our education, our family, friends, and our freedom.

Lets all be safe during the holiday season. God bless all of you until we meet again.



Jim Winters & Bonnie Biggs

Welcome to our newest members. Jim drives a beautiful 2002 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am WS6, with a 1.81 345 hp, it has a 6 speed manual transmission, mechanical locker, BMR tracking Rods, sub-frame connectors, SLP strut tower braces, GMS Cold air intake. Magna Flow 3" exhaust with dual outlets, drilled and slotted hp brakes stainless break lines.. The 2002 LS1 int the trans am ws6 came with the throttle body maf and intake manifold from the LS6 which increased hp from 325 to 345.

Curtis Smith's driver and show car is a 1966 Cadillac. However, this story is about one of his Previous automobiles. His Grandmother bought this 1957 Buick estate wagon, special series from Phil Hall Buick in Hollywood California in November of 1957. She drove it for many years until she gave it to my wife & I in 1968. It was originally white with a red and white interior. When I was given the car it had 34,000 miles on it. I eventually had it painted a maroon color. Before we moved to Las Vegas in 1973 I had it repainted again and added the white on the sides. I didn't want to sell it when I did and it has been a sore point between my wife and I for the past 38 years. If I could ever find it to get it back I would trade my Cadillac for it. The CEO of Paramount studios tried to find it for me when he used the come to the Desert Inn where I was an Casino boss. They didn't know what they did with it. Diane Keaton drove it in the "The Godfather" movie. It can be seen near the end of the movie when she tries to leave the estate at Lake Tahoe and is made to return to the house. I have had so many cars that if I told how many, people would think I am bragging. It is the one car I want back and would do anything to get it.





Don New Charter member of McMinnville Auto Club

In 1947 Don joined the National Guard in Dallas Texas. He was in the Tank Battalion division, went through several schools for 7 to 8 years and made his way to Master Sergeant. Then he went to Officer candidate school and became a 2nd Lieutenant. In 1957 he applied for entrance to flight school fixed wing in San Marcos, Texas. Following primary and advanced training moved to Fort Wolters, Texas primary Helicopter training, then to Fort Rucker Alabama for advanced helicopter tactics and retired to civil life in 1957-58 solo fix wing/rotary.

Went to work for Southern Airways as a flight instructor maintenance tech. He was later approached by Hiller Helicopters to join their flight department at Palo Alto California. At Hiller Helicopters he did flight tests, student training and sales assistant. 1962 he was mobilized to Fort Rucker Alabama during the Cuban crisis. The division was demobilized and he returned to Palo Alto to rejoin Hiller Air Craft. 1965 the factory was moved to the east coast and Don took the NW Region Sales manager position where he marketed and sold FH 1100, 12E and SL4 Helicopters. 1969 He went to work at Evergreen Aviation and was Vice President Market and Sales. He stayed there until 1982 and formed Aero Planning Inc. International. He retired in 2002, after buying, selling and leasing helicopters. Since retirement he has been involved in old cars, taking care of his home and rentals. Don and Lea were married in 1950 and are still happily married. They have three wonderful sons, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



Mike Irwin US 56 411 531 US Army. Drafted in 1965 Infantry. Basic Training/Advanced Infantry Training, Ft. Ord, California. May 1966, Troop Ship to Vietnam from Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. 6th Army, 11B20, Lt. Weapons infantry. Stationed at Long Bin/Bien Hoa, Vietnam USARPAC. Infantry. MP drove Gun jeep with M-60 mounted on pedestal, guarded University of Saigon, Bien Hoa Airport and RMKLB Construction Co. Active duty 21 months. Early out to return to school at Highline College and Flight Training.



Jim Winters Joined the Navy in 1959, went to boot camp in San Diego, California and then Radioman A School, graduated in September of 1969. He was sent to Naval Station Adak, Alaska for one year, while there he flew as a radioman aboard Navy P2-V Neptune patrolling the Bearing sea over to the Soviet boundaries. He left there in October 1969, met his wife while on leave. He flew over to the Philippines where he caught the USS Yorktown CVS-10. He was a 3rd Class Petty Officer then so he served as a section leader. In July of 1962 he married his wife. He re-enlisted in July of 1963 and served for two more years on the Yorktown during that time he did 2 combat cruises in Vietnam. In October 1965 he was transferred to shore duty at a Naval Reserve Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado. He spent 18 months there as an instructor and recruiter. In 1968 he was transferred to the USS Oriskany CVA-34 where he served two more combat tours to Vietnam. He was Honorably discharged July 1969m as a RM1 E-6. He worked as an independent trucker until 1998, when he had a bout with cancer and could not drive anymore. He worked as a universal staff person for the local high school district until 2004 when he retired to take care of his wife after she suffered a massive stroke. He moved to McMinnville in 2005 after selling his home in California.

Captain Colin Armstrong, U S Navy (Retired).

Colin was raised in McMinnville, Oregon, and graduated from McMinnville High School in 1941.

Received a BS degree in Business Administration from Linfield College in 1951 and a BS degree in Aerological Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate school in 1954.

He entered Naval flight training in 1943 and was commissioned an Ensign in 1945. He was in the Naval Service for 38 years and retired in 1972.

He served in Blue Bomber and Attack squadrons on aircraft carriers.

After his post Graduate school training his duty was 2 years as a pilot, then 2 years as meteorologist and oceanographer aboard amphibious task force staffs or other major staffs.

In 1955-56 he spent both summers in the Arctic Ocean with 70 supply ships forecasting the ice and weather for the construction of the distant early warning radar line, a radar station every 50 miles across Alaska and Canada.

In 1957-58, he was operations Officer of an attack squadron during the Chinese, Quemoy-Matsu Islands stand off. On that cruise he also dropped a nuclear test bomb after a 10 hour low level, over water flight.

In 1966-68, Colin was the seventh fleet staff, Meteorologist. The staff was responsible for all carrier and other ship operations in Vietnam and the Western Pacific Ocean.

From 1968-72, he was assistant Commander for Operations of the Naval Weather Service Command in Washington, DC. He did trouble shooting for all of the Command's fleet weather centrals and facilities as well as units at all Naval Air Stations.

After retirement, he was a Yamhill County Commissioner for 8 years. He said he liked the work and employees but not the politics. He enjoyed serving Yamhill County and is currently on the McMinnville Airport Commission, a Board member of the Rotary Club Foundation, Yamhill County Foundation and many veteran's organizations. Colin has been a volunteer and a member of the Evergreen Air Museum for 14 years. He drew plans and help construct the new museum's first two store units. He is currently the volunteer day Captain on Tuesdays and Chairman of Board of Captains. Colin and his wife, Milly Lou, have three children and four grandchildren. Daughter, Laura Gay, two sons, Dan and Douglas. Son, Dan is also a retired Navy Flier.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you want more information please contact
 Northwest Car Events:
www.upfrontimages.com. Check it out, it has
 all the car shows, swap meets, etc., in the
 Pacific Northwest.

November 19, 2011 Albany Swap Meet.
[Www.olderide.com/events/5638337.html](http://www.olderide.com/events/5638337.html).
 Several of us will be going. Call Ray for time
 and place to meet. 503-680-3116

December 1, final head count for the
 Christmas celebration.

December 3, 2011 Ed Banke's Machine Shop,
 10:00 am to 1:00pm. Meet at the first
 Presbyterian Church parking lot 9:30am depart
 for Carlton. Lunch at Zippys in Yamhill at
 12:00 noon.

December 15, 2011 6:00 pm Christmas
 celebration at Don & Lea's home, 2120
 Crimson Ct. McMinnville Oregon 97128 6:00
 pm Social hour (BYOB) 7:00pm dinner.
 8:00pm gift exchange, each person to bring a
 White Elephant gift for our lively exchange.

Cost is \$10.00 per person to be paid by
 December 1, 2011 to confirm head count for
 catered meal.

Next board meeting:

First Thursday of every Month

December 1, 2011 @ 6:00 pm
 734 NE Baker St McMinnville, Oregon 97128

Next club meeting

Don & Lea's 2120 Crimson Ct
 McMinnville, Oregon 97128

Third Thursday of this Month only. Normally the
 Second Thursday of each Month.

This December 15, 2011 @ 6:00 pm is our annual
 Christmas party.

Classifieds:

**1967 Buick special for sale. Original V-8 300 cu .in
 & 2-speed power-glide transmission. Original
 wheels & hubcaps. Vehicle currently has 350 cu-in
 V-8 & 3 speed automatic transmission. Good buy
 \$5,500.00. Contact Chris at: 503-435-9474 or
 email: dr_duck@comcast.net Check out our web
 site for a picture of this beautiful car.**



What did you do today for freedom?
 What can I do tomorrow that will save the lives of
 the men and women to help them win the war?
 We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have
 died in vain. Remember December 7 & September 11.

What in God's name have we let happen?
 Political correctness (or "re-education") happened.

Lack of God's name happened!

Lack of personal responsibility happened!

Lack of personal integrity and honesty happened!

Lack of respect and loyalty to our country happened!

Lack of being an American happened!

Did all these things die along with the common sense?

**FOR ONE I AM STILL PROUD TO BE AN
 AMERICAN!**

Our club expresses our appreciation to our sponsors and supporters and asks you, our club members, to patronize our sponsors, the ones who make our events possible.

Without them we could not put on our clubs events or make our donation to the "Free Community Dinner" held each Saturday night for the hungry and lonely families in our community, & Rock of Ages Retirement Center. We also support the wounded Warrior Program for our service men and women who are injured while serving our country.

We can use items for raffles and handouts for our car show participants. Our car shows draw from 75 to 150 participating cars with more than twice that many spectators.

Major Event Sponsor: \$250.00 or more, list on our Website and Monthly Newsletter. Your Banner will be on display at our two major car shows.

Valley View Retirement Village
15600 SW Rock of Ages Rd.
McMinnville, OR 97128

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As you open your pockets for the next natural disaster. Please keep these facts in mind.

The American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans salary for the year was \$651.957 plus expenses.

The United Way President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375.000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits.

UNICEF CEO Carl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k per month plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.

The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year plus housing for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.



The American Legion National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help veterans and their families and youth!

The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!



No further comment is necessary

If you could fit the entire population of the world into a village consisting of 100 people maintaining the proportions of all the people living on earth, that village would consist of:

57 Asians

21 Europeans

14 Americans (North-Central-South

8 Africans

There would be: 52 women 48 men

39 Caucasians' and 70 non-Caucasians'

89 Heterosexual and 11 homo sexual

6 people would possess 59% of the wealth and they would all come from the USA.

80 would live in poverty 70 would be illiterate.

50 would suffer from hunger and malnutrition. 1 would be dying and 1 would be being born. 1 would own a computer. 1 (yes one) would have a university degree.

But, consider the following:

If you woke up this morning in good health, you have more luck than one million people, who won't live through the week. If you have never experienced the horror of war, the solitude of prison, the pain of torture, were so close to death from starvation you are better off than 500 million people.

If you can go to your place of worship without fear that someone will assault or kill you, then you are luckier than 3 billion people. If you have a full fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are wealthier than 75% of the worlds population.

If you currently have money in the bank, in your wallet and a few coins in your purse you are one of 8 of the privileged few among the 100 people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married you are a rare individual.

If someone sent you this message, you're extremely lucky. Because someone is thinking of you and because you don't compromise one of those 2 billion people who can't read.

AND SO?

Work like you don't need the money

Love like nobody has ever hurt you

Dance like nobody is watching

Sing like nobody is listening

Live as if this was a paradise on earth.

And apart from that, simply have a nice day...

