

The Phoenix makes rare pubic appearance

The shiny, green truck that stole headlines for setting the world's speed record for diesel trucks at Bonneville Salt Flats in 2004 was the brainchild of two Grants Pass residents, Carl Heap and Bob Slagle.

The famous Phoenix, which roared into history by reaching 272 mph, is making its first public appearance since setting that record at the Josephine County Fair, from August 14-17.

The race in 2004 was the last run and the last public appearance for the Phoenix

until this year's Fair. The public can see the truck up close and view an accompanying display that tells the whole story in the Commercial Building.

"This is a wonderful piece of Grants Pass history to share with the community before it leaves for a museum in Hastings, Minnesota," said Fair Manager Mary Groves. "That speed record still stands."

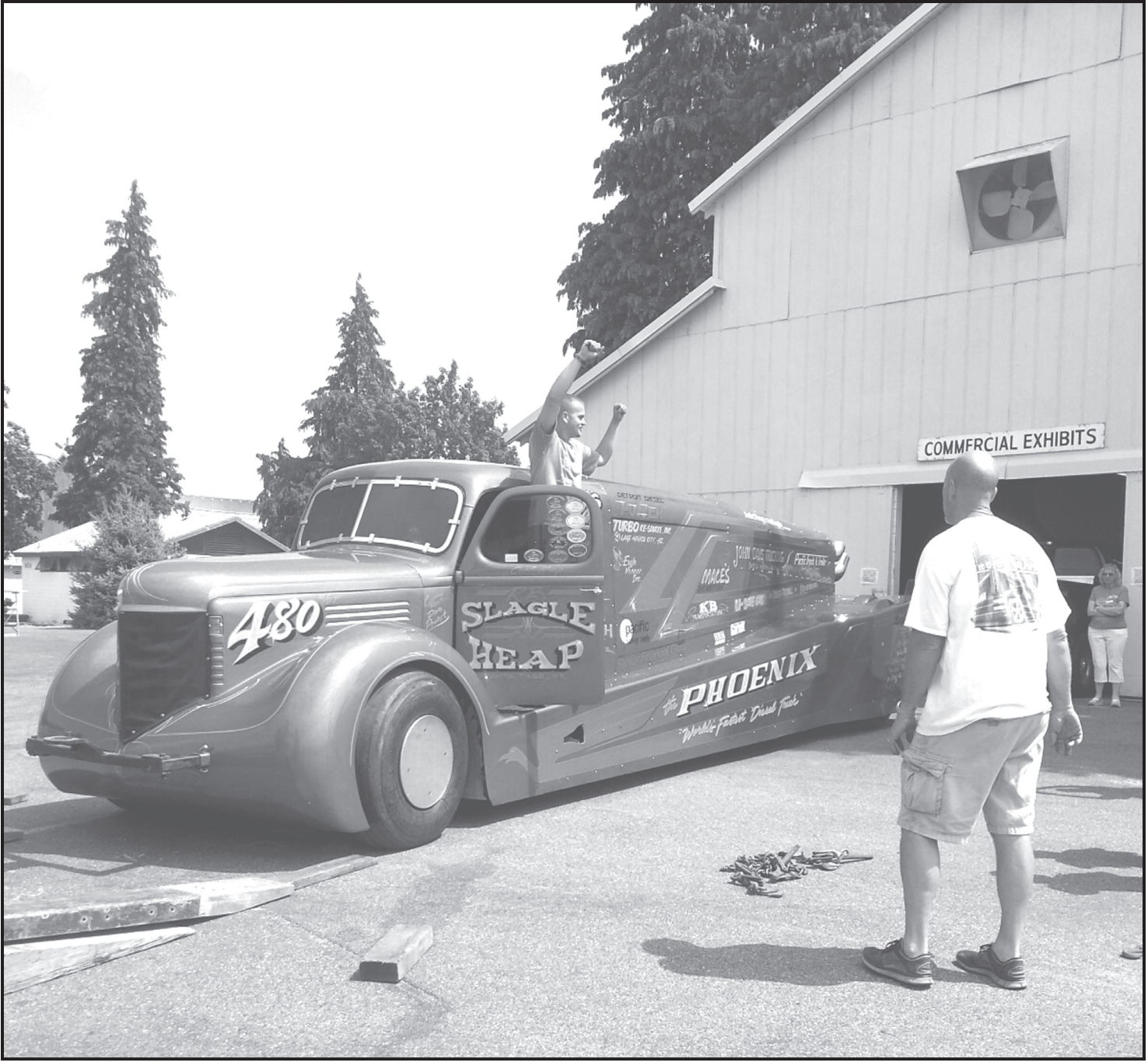
Heap and Slagle spent years perfecting the design, building and rebuilding the Phoenix.

"The Phoenix took years of work,

lots of money and loads of help from an army of local volunteers," said Carla Heap-Johnson, "This was really a group effort."

Heap-Johnson followed her father and the truck's crew to Bonneville for speed runs.

"It didn't matter what kind of mechanic or driver people were, everyone would come and watch the Phoenix take its run," she said. "It was just that kind of machine."



The Phoenix, at the Josephine County Fair. The first public appearance since it set land speed world's record in 2004. It was the brainchild of two GP residents.

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One of this year's major attractions, in a rare public appearance, is the world famous "Phoenix." The diesel truck which holds the "World Land Speed Record" for diesel trucks, set on the Bonneville Salt Flats at 285.3 mph in 2004, will be on display in the Commercial Building.

In keeping with the traditional country Fair formula, Heck says strong emphasis will be placed on young farmers and their animals. 4H, FFA and Open Class Livestock of all types will be on display, including horses, cows, pigs, sheep, rabbits and poultry.

"The Fair's future is today," Heck said. "Many young people have spent six months or more working hard to prepare and we now have the opportunity to say, 'Good job.'"

Cave Junction resident Shelby Mason, 17, has spent

eight years in Three Rivers Livestock, the Valley's 4-H chapter.

"I raised a Maine Angus cross steer to sell at auction and I'm showing two pigs in the breeding class," Mason said. "This helps me earn money for college."

Mason, who is considering pursuing veterinary science, loves learning more about animals at the Fair, and says she enjoys interacting with new people and trading animal husbandry tips and ideas.

"My parents have instilled in me to always be humble," Mason said. "So whether I win or lose, it doesn't matter, the thing is to learn and have fun."

Half Price Tickets Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon

The Kids Care Fair to hand out backpacks

The Kids Care Fair and backpack giveaway will be in Grants Pass this year. This Kids Fair and backpacks are free to all Josephine County residents. We will not be able to give backpacks away in Cave Junction. This will cause a hardship for many families without transportation.

However, Josephine County Transit has graciously agreed to provide free transportation for parents/guardians and their children to the Kids Care Fair and backpack giveaway.

The Kids Care Fair and backpack program is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 24. We are taking reservation on a first come first served basis for transportation to Grants Pass. The bus will pick up participants at DHS/Illinois Valley Resource Center at 535 E. River Street in Cave Junction. Hours of pick-up and drop-off are contingent of the number of riders. Estimates times are 8:30 a.m. pick up and return at 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. pick-up and -:00 p.m. drop-off (dependent on the number of riders).

Please contact Department of Human Services at (541) 592-4149 ext. 0 to add your name on the list. You may also stop by our office at 535 E. River Street and add your name to the list.

Any child wanting a backpack must be present and parents/guardians must have current ID and proof of residency, such as a power bill in their name.



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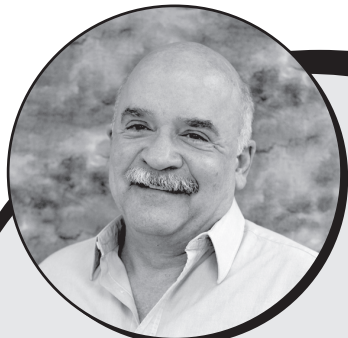
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