

Turning back time at Wheels and Waves

Annual Seaside event showcases vintage cars

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SEASIDE – For three days, Seaside’s downtown corridor felt like a 1950s flashback.

Spectators ogled at brightly-colored Chevys, Pontiacs and Plymouths lining Broadway, as others swing-danced and hand-jived to rock ‘n’ roll classics in front of Dundee’s.

But the flashback was actually this year’s Seaside Downtown Development Association’s Wheels and Waves event, known for showcasing cars made in 1965 or earlier. This year, more than 200 cars registered to participate in a number of slow cruises through town.

While many of the hot rods were models from the 1940s and ‘50s, some reached all the way back to 1915.

Ted and Pam Lively, both from Warrenton, sat dressed in the correct period dress of bowler hats and petticoats next to their 1915 Ford Model T. As locals, the two have attended the show as spectators for many years, but this was the first year they chose to enter a car themselves.

“If we’re going to make a spectacle of ourselves, we might as well do it all,” Ted Lively said, pointing to his costume.

The Livelys found the now glistening, black Model T in rusty, faded condition in a bedroom of a home in Pendleton about a year and a half ago. The owner stored it there for years before deciding to sell it to the couple, which Ted figured was because “she probably wanted her bedroom back.”

His love for Model T’s are rooted strongly in family memories. Growing up, the first car he drove was a Ford Model A, and he has fond memories of working on them with his brother and dad.



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More than 200 vintage vehicles and their owners showed up over the weekend in downtown Seaside for the annual Wheels and Waves event, which showcases cars made before 1965.

“I love driving them. Model T’s are as simple as simple can be,” Ted said.

With a Model T, there is no need to worry about any type of generator or complicated electrical wiring, but refinishing one can be a challenge. Almost everything is crank operated, and sometimes it takes months to find increasingly rare parts — like a kerosene taillight or tires — for a car that is the last model to be legally classified as a “horseless carriage,” Ted said.

But after months of work, the two got the car running well enough to putter down U.S. Highway 101 to the car show at the car’s maximum speed: 35 mph.

Almost every aspect of the vehicle has been restored as authentically as it would have been in 1915, except for the noticeably modern iPhone mount on the windshield. The 1915 model never included a speedometer, so the Livelys use a speedometer app on their phones to suffice.

Coast Guard calls off search for man who fell at Oswald West

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ocean below where he had apparently fallen, according to the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard on Sunday night suspended a search for a Canadian man who reportedly fell off an 800-foot cliff near Devil’s Cauldron in Oswald West State Park.

The 51-year-old British Columbia man’s wife said she witnessed the fall on Sunday. One of the man’s shoes and his backpack were found by search crews in the

“Suspending a search is one of the hardest decisions we ever have to make,”

Mark Dobney, command duty officer, Sector Columbia River, said in a statement. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this tragic and trying time.”

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