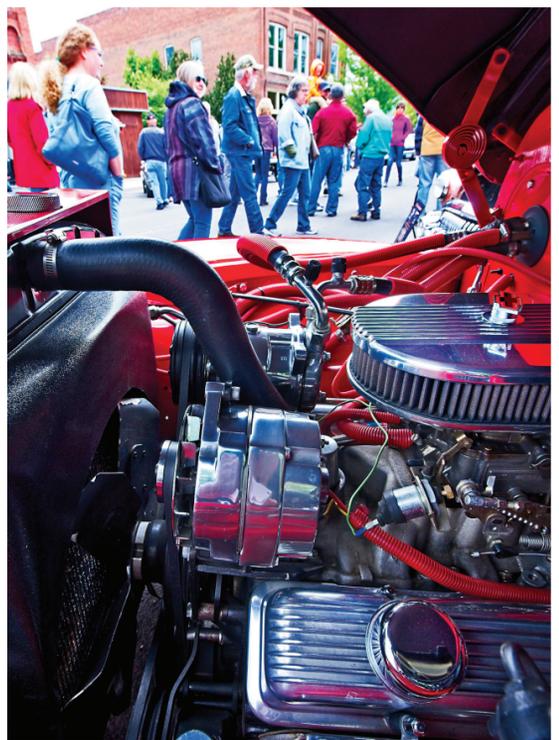




This 1938 Chevy hotrod is owned by Harrison Bowlds of The Dalles, Oregon



A 1949 Chevy 3100 pickup owned by Bret and Rhonda Paulson of Lewiston, Idaho, sports a 350 Crate engine with plenty of chrome. It also boasts rack and pinion steering from a 1989 T-bird, a 1991 Camaro rear end, and a DeSoto rear bumper.

Oregon Mountain Cruise car show lights up Joseph

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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On a day of rain, clouds, and finally, sunshine, the 30th annual Oregon Mountain Cruise hot rod, antique, and classic car show lit up Joseph's Main Street with a display of more than 200 vehicles, all polished to perfection. They came from as far away as Tucson, Arizona, and as close as Black Marble Lane. But their owners, and the visitors who swarmed Main Street

on Saturday, June 8th, all had one thing in common: a fascination with gasoline engines and the vehicles they power.

The oldest cars in the show included Ralph Swineheart's lovingly restored Model Ts. They were parked next to Lew and Carol Baynes immaculate 1936 Packard 1404 coupe convertible, just up the road from Joe Stangel's meticulously restored 1933 Chrysler cabriolet. Both the Packard and Chrysler restoration



Packard owner Rich Hayden snaps a photo of the hood ornament a 1936 Packard 1404 coupe, owned by Lew and Carol Baynes.

seconds," of this mutt-of-a-vehicle now and my dad's 95. Prob-



The 383 engine in Dominic Nation's 1972 Chevy Nova turns out 518 horsepower, and takes the vehicle from 0 to 122 mph in 11.8 seconds.

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included many parts that were specially fabricated and machined in Stangel's shop in Enterprise. A number of hotrods were conversions of older cars, including Jim Percy's gleaming, candy-apple red 1934 Ford Tudor sedan, Harrison Bowlds metallic teal-blue 1938 Chevy 2-door sedan, and Tammy Cook's bright red 1926 Ford 2 door sedan.

Hot rods and super fast cars included a 1972 Chevy Nova 'rod customized by Dominic Nation, of Middleton, Idaho. Its dual-carbed 383 Stroker Chevy engine provided 518 horsepower to the wheels, delivering 530 ft-lb of torque. "She can do a quarter-mile in 11.8

WINNERS AT OREGON MOUNTAIN CRUISE SHOW

Selected First Prize Winners of the Oregon Mountain Cruise show:

Hot Rod: 1932 Ford Roadster, black. Troy and Terina Adams, Hayden, ID.

Modified/Custom car: 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, green. Steve and Jackie Smith, Caldwell, ID

Modified/Custom truck: 1948 Chevrolet, green. Scot Duncan, Boise, ID.

Classic restored car: 1933 Chrysler Cabriolet, yellow. Joe Stangel, Enterprise, OR

Classic Restored truck: 1963 Chevrolet 1/2 ton, blue. Gary Unze, Bend, OR

Unrestored car/truck: 1967

Ford Desoto, firesweep. Lee and Lorna Swenger, Baker City, OR

Sports Car: 1962 Austin Healy, blue and white. Guy and Darlene Blakeslee, Boise, ID

Moonshine Hauler: 1962 Ford L110 pickup red & rust. Robert and Kathy Hoover, Lewiston, ID

Nation said. "Speed at the end of the quarter in 122 mph. She gets around 7 miles per gallon of premium."

Most intriguing vehicle, or perhaps most tongue-in-cheek entries included Gene Taylor's "RatRod" - a hybrid of a Chevrolet pickup frame, 1947 Ford cab, and Cadillac engine. The pickup box on the back

was emblazoned with "Asotin Café: Burgers, fries and shakes." It also bore a phone number that seemed abbreviated: CH3-6211. "That was part of the original sign on the original Asotin Café," Taylor said. "I grew up there, and my grandparents and then my parents ran the place. It closed a long time ago. My mom's 93

ably not going to re-open." The vehicle that provided the most fun was the "Flintstones" car, built on the frame of a 1972 Harley Davidson golf cart. "We put it together mostly so that kids would have something to do that was fun," said builder Jim Washam, of Lewiston, Idaho. "Kids come to these shows with their family and they are told they can't touch anything, sit in anything, or really, do anything. So we built his so they could sit in it, turn the wheel, and even blow the horn." Which they did. A lot.

Toe-tapping live music by the Senders, a band centered in Moscow, Idaho, kept the mood as light as the afternoon sun and the brightly colored cars, all of which were works of automotive art. One man who was admiring a gleaming engine noted, "When all the cars are electric, car shows aren't going to be this much fun anymore."

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