

First motorsports country club in pacific northwest attracting members from across the US

Construction at the site of the country's newest motorsports country club has revved up the number of inquiries into memberships and lot ownership opportunities at Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park from racing enthusiasts across the Pacific Northwest and as far away as Pennsylvania and New York. The \$100 million plus, state-of-the-art, motorsports country club centered around a six-plus mile multi-configuration road course and 1-plus mile kart track will boast one of the largest road racing courses in the country when it opens in 2009.

The first country club in the Pacific Northwest to focus on road racing rather than golf or tennis, PNMP is part of a new generation of private country clubs cropping up all over the country that provide the amenities associated with their predecessors - exclusive memberships, fine dining and luxurious facilities - while offering like minded individuals an opportunity to bond over their love of great cars and speed. *Car and Driver*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes* and *The New York Times* are among the major news sources that have reported on the phenomenal success of this new kind of country club and the growing list of facilities across the country that includes the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, Illinois; Motorsports Ranch in Cresson, Texas; and the Virginia International Raceway in Danville, Virginia.

"Motorsports country clubs have become one of the fastest growing entertainment destinations in the United States. Think country club with a driving course instead of a golf course," said Bill Gardner, a former NASCAR Cup

Championship team owner and commercial real estate developer who is the managing general partner for PNMP. "Instead of taking the afternoon off to play a round of golf, you can head out to our club to exercise your driving abilities in your cars or motorcycles in an environment made for speed." Gardner's DiGard Racing team won 43 NASCAR CUP victories with Darrell Waltrip and Bobby Allison as his drivers, including the 1983 NASCAR WINSTON CUP (now known as the NASCAR SPRINT CUP Series) Championship with Bobby Allison.

"The main attraction is the multi-configuration road course, where our members and their guests can compete on the same kind of track as professional drivers. The road course at Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park will be built to the stringent standards required by professional national and international sanctioning bodies, and will be made available for their road-racing events," continued Gardner. The various unique track configurations of the 6-plus mile road course will facilitate all types of racing, including Formula cars, sports racers, production racers, vintage cars, stock cars, street cars and motorcycles.

A variety of membership opportunities are available, from individual Founder memberships offering special benefits with no lifetime annual dues and the most track time to individual Diamond memberships offering an average of 22 days of track time each month. Corporate, Junior and Go-Kart memberships also are available. The sheer numbers of inquiries from individuals, who live outside of the Pacific Northwest

region, have inspired the addition of a National Founder membership category for those who live further than 600 miles from the club.

PNMP is currently offering a pre-construction discount of 20% off of the initiation fees to the first 50 responders to join in each membership category. Billie Jean Morris, the director of marketing for PNMP encourages prospective members to call or apply online to take advantage of this limited offer. According to Morris, there is no set limit to the number of memberships available in each category. However, as the membership roster grows, the mix will be monitored very carefully to ensure memberships are not oversold.

Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park members will have daily access to the courses, with exceptions only on days when major sanctioned events are running. A portion of the facilities also will be available to rent for corporate team-building activities, clubs or individuals. With Boardman's annual rainfall at only 7-9 inches per year and a moderate climate, PNMP expects to have the facility open year-round. PNMP has approximately 150 quarter-acre lots sited around the road course for purchase and development as garages or luxury garage suites, 40 of which are already under contract. Car enthusiasts also can rent garages on a monthly basis and will be able to rent track owned and high-performance vehicles for a day, or portion of a day, and attend advanced racing/driving school classes. Once the road course and Phase 1 facilities are complete, PNMP will begin construction of the approximately 145,000

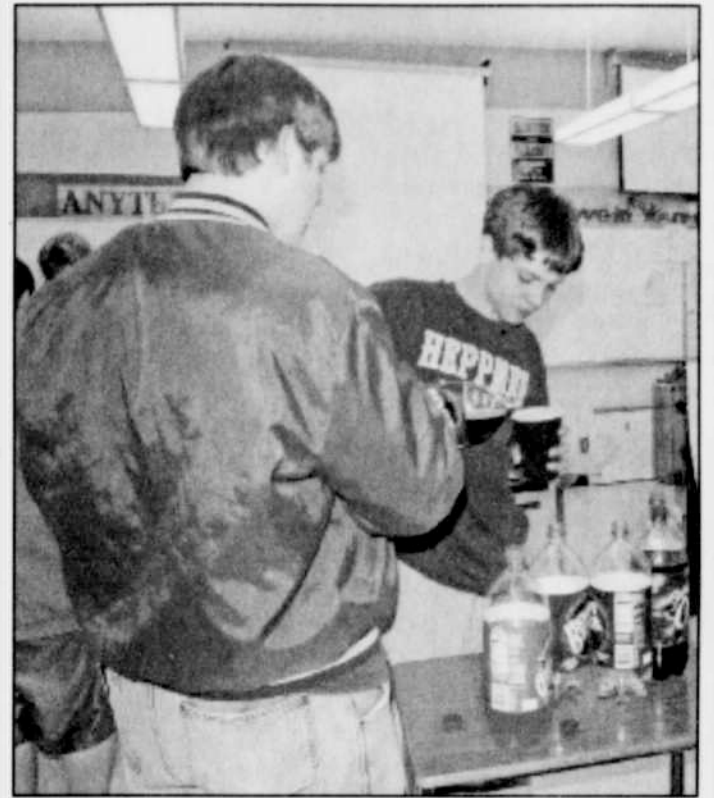
square foot clubhouse with all of the amenities featured at traditional country clubs, guest facilities and grandstands all designed with a Pacific Northwest theme. The site, course segments, and architectural and engineering plans are currently under design.

Construction of Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park marks the first phase of Master-Planned Motorsports destination complex to be built on 5,000-plus acres in Boardman over the next 10 years that, when complete, will also include a 1/4-mile drag strip, a 5/8-mile asphalt oval, a 2-plus mile off-road course, a 3/8-mile clay oval and ultimately a high-banked, super speedway designed to potentially accommodate premier oval-racing sanctioned events, with an 80,000 + seat grandstand, luxury and garage suites, a fan zone infield area, and club seating.

The Master-Planned complex includes development of the Columbia riverfront adjacent to the site, a car museum, marina complex, RV villages and campgrounds, golf course, a water and amusement park, a convention center, hotels, motels, retail centers and restaurants, and an industrial area.

Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park is located at 2 Marine Drive in Boardman, Oregon, about 2 hours east of Portland, and is easily accessible from the entire Pacific Northwest on Interstate 84, by rail, water and air. For more information about the Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park or membership or garage suite lot purchase, contact Billie Jean Morris, Director of marketing at 541.481.7000, bjmorris@pnwmotorsportspark.com, www.pnwmotorsportspark.com.

Heppner students celebrate test scores with root beer float parties.



The junior high and 9th and 10th grade high school students received a treat Thursday March 20th. Those who passed the TESA Language Arts test with a score of 231 for 8th grade, or 236 for high school, raised their previous score by six points, or exceeded these tests were invited to a root beer float party. Mr. Browning held his root beer float in the cafeteria during the junior high lunch. Mrs. Collins held her root beer float party in her room during the high school lunch. It was estimated that over 60 kids were invited to attend. "It was awesome," commented students. Many kids said that their friends who didn't quite make it were going to try harder next time and pass so that they could come to the next one. "This is a great way to reward kids for their well deserved, academic effort," said Mrs. Collins. "Kids respond well to extrinsic motivation," Mr. Browning stated. The next TESA testing round for language arts will be early May. -Photos by Autumn Morgan

Daugherty receives lifetime achievement award

One of Eastern Oregon University's dedicated leaders has been recognized for his nearly 30-year career in higher education.

Mike Daugherty, dean of students and former director of residence life at EOU, is the recipient of the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers. The award recognizes Daugherty's contributions throughout his career as a student housing professional, leader and mentor.

Daugherty received the award at a recent conference of the NWACUHO held in Vancouver, Wash. Institutions from Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Alberta and British Columbia are members of the association.

"Mike has dedicated his life to students and their success," Stephen Jenkins wrote in a letter to the NWACUHO, nominating Daugherty for the award. "Mike represents the best parts of what it means to be a housing professional and educator."

Jenkins took over the position of director of residence life when Daugherty retired in 2006. Words of support also came from Dixie Lund, EOU president, and others who have worked closely with Daugherty over the years.

"The fact that he (Mike) was willing to return to full-time employment

from a comfortable retired life is evidence of his commitment to students and to their success," Lund wrote in her letter of nomination.



Mike Daugherty

Daugherty rejoined the university family last August as interim vice president for student affairs. During implementation of EOU's Repositioning Plan, Daugherty's position evolved into the current dean of students.

"I was surprised, deeply honored, and very humbled by being named as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the NWACUHO," Daugherty said. "Working with college students has enriched my life and I have been blessed with having outstanding mentors

and colleagues throughout my professional life. I have many to thank and much to appreciate."

During his tenure at EOU, Daugherty served as interim dean of student affairs, oversaw the construction of three new residence halls, and taught and mentored hundreds of student leaders through the residence life program.

Daugherty is also a 1974 Eastern graduate. He founded EOU's Outdoor Program while still a student and the program continues to thrive, providing classes, training and equipment to students to enjoy and explore the natural environment.

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Upcoming performances announced by Ione High Drama classes

The Ione High School drama classes are presenting two one-act plays on Wednesday, April 9th, at 6 p.m. on the stage in the Ione Community School's cafeteria. The Speech and Debate Team will be serving dinner in the cafeteria prior to the performance at 5:30 p.m.

"That's Acute Bunny," starring Mikey Raible and Alex Carlson, will be performed at 6 p.m. This outrageously funny comedy also showcases the talents of Teonna Vandever, Tiana Camarillo, Marly Pfingsten, Mayra Verduzco, Matt Hams, Katy Arnspiger, Gunner Jessen, and Bora Moon (and one very funny costume).

"Snowee White and the Seven Chicks," starring Tanner Rietmann and Tori Heagy, will be staged following the first play and a short intermission. This witty slapstick further highlights the comedic talents of Luke Bradfield, Sarah Stillman, Mary Mae Gates, Alex Rietmann, Beth Morter, Ronney Wilson, Clay Morter, Camilo Acosta, and Patrick Lee (and several funny costumes).

The drama classes invite everyone in the community to come and eat some delicious food and, especially, to watch their well-rehearsed plays. Donations are will be welcomed at the door, to be used in future drama class endeavors.

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