

Vernonia car fanciers have family fun while helping community

Cherry hot rods with chrome galore and shiny paint jobs come to mind when people think of car clubs, but the Vernonia club, Nehalem Valley Speed and Beauty, puts the shine on more than their vehicles.

The club is marking its second year as a contributor

boree Cruise-in go into the community, Bernal said, there are no secret steak dinner funds or new paint jobs purchased.

Nehalem Valley Speed and Beauty's cruise-in quickly became a major event during Jamboree. In its second year, 208 cars participated, 54

the coast or southwest Washington—you may even say that all roads lead to Vernonia and home again.

Vernonia's central location provides an opportunity to host cruises throughout the year, bringing many consumers who would not otherwise eat at local restaurants,



Everybody had fun at the Jamboree Cruise-in in August, while Nehalem Valley Speed & Beauty club earned money for community projects.

to the community, both financially and with volunteer time, in two programs that are relied on heavily during the winter months—Vernonia Cares and Toy & Joy.

Club President Curt Bernal emphasizes that the organization's goals are to offer activities which the whole family may participate in and enjoy, to support the annual Friendship Jamboree and generate funds that will be used to aid the community. All proceeds from the club's annual Jam-

more than in the first cruise-in. Bernal feels the response is very positive since there are conflicting cruise-ins during the weekend of the Jamboree.

The '94 cruise-in brought participants from as far as Yakima, Wash. This year 25 trophies were awarded.

Clubs that have attended Jamboree are pleased with the cruise as well as with the community. The location lends itself to a convenient one-day loop from Portland,

or buy gasoline and groceries here.

Bernal emphasizes that the group is functional year around and that the future holds many possibilities for both the club and Vernonia.

N. V. S. B. hopes to soon make the Jamboree cruise-in a two-day event, offering dances and other family entertainment for the cruisers and, in addition, coordinate cruises for some time other than Jamboree weekend.



The Toy & Joy program benefited from a check presented to Joe Thornton by Curt Bernal, president of the Nehalem

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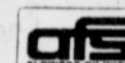
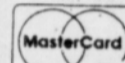
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