

April 2010

**"Everyman's Car"**  
--- SALES SLOGAN FOR THE

MODEL "D"  
**1910 BRUSH**  
ORIGINAL Y.S. PRICE: **\$485.00**  
2-SPEED GEAR TRAYS.  
1 CYLINDER 10 H.P.  
DOUBLE CHAIN DRIVE

ROAD SPEED = 21 MILES PER HOUR  
(35 M.P.H. POSSIBLE)

ORIGINAL COLOR SCHEME = MAROON AND BLACK  
HELMOLD DAIN THANKS TO BOB BY CORNELL, PACIFIC GROVE, CALIF.

80 INCH W.B.

MFD. BY THE BRUSH RUNABOUT CO.  
212 BALTIMORE AVE. - DETROIT  
(1907 - 1911) (REP. BY THE LIBERTY-BRUSH)

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### 1910 Brush

Some time ago, Bob McConnell, of Pacific Grove, Calif., offered me some pieces of old, unused wallpaper that featured various old cars. It was a pleasant surprise to discover that the wallpaper segments contained reprints of original picture-and-text advertisements for various old cars! The wallpaper pieces contained a much-detailed and lengthy ad for a 1910 Brush.

The Brush was a popular small car in 1910, selling for under \$500. During the first decade of the 20th century, some cars still resembled buggies. In comparison, the Brush had a sporty appearance!

The Brush people claimed their one-cylinder engine was as smooth running as a four, because of "one extra loaded balance gear, driven by a crankshaft

gear." This balance gear was said to eliminate most vibration "... theoretically, in better balance than a four-cylinder motor!"

The Brush was an early car to use a clutch pedal, instead of lever-actuated operation. The axles and frame were made of "oil-treated oak, hickory, and maple." "Spiral" springs were featured at all four corners. Before the mid-1930s, coil-spring suspension was rare indeed!

The tread was fifty-six inches, but sixty inches on cars to be sold in the South. Two oil lanterns were provided on the cowl, and one smaller tail lantern at left rear.

The typical Brush is a two-passenger open runabout, though optional "mother-in-law seats" could be added.

## GAS GAUGE APRIL 2010

Monthly Newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club

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## Irish days in Heppner

### Heppner, A state of mind.



Speaking of a state of mind, I sometimes wonder about this one.

The trip to Heppner was very comfortable in Dick Johanson's late model Cadillac. We cruised into town after passing the Thompson ranch where the sheep dogs were already working their flocks through a maze of barriers. Finding a parking spot behind the senior center was easy. The snow from the previous evening was still melting off the roofs.

We had a hearty breakfast of ham, eggs, toast, and coffee in the senior center. I must say breakfast was top rate. Walking around the main street provided a glimpse of the spirit of the town. Seems everyone is involved. We found a raffle for a

270 rifle, a dollar per chance for a the \$300.00 drawing, the infamous Boot Toss into the wind, and even Live Manikins. The cruise started at 11 am with between 40 and 50 entries and the main parade started at noon. We sampled the candy tossed on the street during



the parade and agreed that the worst of it was from a local politician. The whole town was having a great time and

we joined in the celebration. Did I mention the \$300 drawing was to be held on the second Tuesday of the following week and you had to present to win. Just adding a little Blarney to the story.

*Story and pictures submitted by Jim Ayers*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**April 14th** That's a Wednesday some of us are planing a trip to Hood River to visit a transportation Museum. We will be going in modern cars and leaving after breakfast at Sterling's in Kennewick.



As you can see they have quite a few cars and below quite a few airplanes as well. Should be a fun trip so get up and join us.



### Apr 24

Benton city car show Show & Shine · Vendors · Kids Activities · Food · Entertainment · All this and lots more!

Kiona-Benton City Middle School  
913 Horne Dr., Benton City, WA

Registration	7am
Opens to public	9am
Flag raising	10am
Awards ceremony	2:30 pm

## May 1st

Our annual swap meet at the Fairgrounds. We need some help setting up. If you can help please call Ed Edwards @ 967-9361 or Jim Ayers @ 619-1895.

## May 7th & 8th

Classy Chassy show and shine in downtown Kennewick.



**Historic Downtown Kennewick**  
MAY 7TH & 8TH  
*Friday & Saturday*  
*Friday Night Registration & Poker Run,*  
*starting at Overturf Motors, Columbia Drive*  
*Saturday - Show & Shine • Poker Walk • 50/50 Drawing*  
*Over 40 Trophies for a Variety of Classes!*  
*For Registration or Vendor Information,*  
*Call Tim Dalton at (509) 582-7221*

## May 29th

Benton City All School Reunion Picnic and Car Show

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Community Center, Benton City Park

Car entrants eat for **FREE**

**TROPHYS WILL BE AWARDED**

**BRING YOUR CAR AND HAVE A DAY OF FUN  
AND GOOD FOOD**

Contact: Dick Johanson -- Ph. 627 6740 or 366 1810

## PREZ SEZ

I want to thank Jim Ayers for doing such a great job while Dolly and I were out snow birding to parts unknown.

I was Informed of the great job he did, organizing the pizza party, and Wednesday morning breakfasts, without an amplifier. Among other things, that he accomplished. "Thanks Jim. Only four members of Ye Olde Car Club turned out for the Heppner parade. We were planning on taking our classics but due to the weather conditions, Dick Johanson drove his smooth riding caddy, we had a lot of fun.

At this time the only thing planned In April is the Benton City show n shine on April 24th. We are hoping for a good turn out.

May 1st Is our annual swap meet at the fair grounds. We will need help on Thursday afternoon April 29th to help sit up. Anyone interested contact Jim, Ed or me. We will put you to work and feed you later.

Invite anyone you know to breakfast, who may be Interested In joining the club. We need all the new members, we can get.

See you on Wed.

## Thoughts to ponder

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to change it.

Aging seems to be the only available way to live a long life.

I like men to behave like men, strong and childish

## April Birthdays

2nd	Denny Wellington	17th	Alina Kacyznski
4th	Patricia Smith	19th	Donna Shreve
4th	Sharon Holmes	19th	Dennis Jackson
4th	Denny Kehl	23rd	Delores McClary
5th	Susie Stinsman	28th	Kaye Henson
14th	Floyd Harrow	29th	Denny Wellington
15th	Delora Boob	29th	Paula Stands

## Anniversaries

5th	Pete and Grace Jackson
19th	Dennis and Karla Jackson
19th	Bruce and Susie Stinsman

## ADDITIONAL INFO

Our trip to Nelson BC is coming up sooner than you think. So if you are interested in going, it would be prudent to make reservations for lodging in or around Nelson as soon as possible. If something comes up in the meantime that you can't go, you shouldn't have any trouble canceling the reservation. Call Jim @619-1895 for a list of the accommodations.

Here is a link to their web site, I would advise you to check it out, it is a great site.

<http://www.nelsonroadkings.com/queencitycruise.php>

It looks like, from this picture of last year's show, that it might be a little crowded. So get that decision made and make the reservation.

More details will follow in the news letter as they become available.



## Reader's photos



Jack Yale told several of us that it was time to thin out his collection by selling off some of his cars. He did just that, however a couple of days later this 1932 Caddy shows up. That's not my idea of thinning out a collection.



Our treasurer Ed Edwards wanted to look like a big man so he bought a very small car (Crosley). Actually he bought the car a long time ago and washed it in hot water and it shrunk.