

President's Message - September 2021

Our streak of hot and dry weather continued (mostly) through the past month which has made for some nice driving weather for our club events this summer.

Club meeting & Events: Our August general membership meeting is planned for Wally's Drive-In in Buckley Washington on August 28th. We have 20 cars signed up for the event and look forward to enjoying a nice drive, good food and a short general meeting.

We held our second annual Mount Baker drive on August 6th. The weather wasn't quite as cooperative, with a little drizzle the night before and a bit of rain at the start with 9 cars participating. The final mile to Artist's point at the top isn't yet open so the tour stopped at Heather Meadows Visitor Center.

for pictures and some scenic walking trails.

We also ran our second annual Port Townsend drive on Saturday, August 21st with a dozen cars. The weather was overcast with possible rain showers, but we managed to dodge any precipitation. The Port Townsend event is organized by Mike Gleeson and has proven very popular. I want to encourage any club member that has a favorite drive to contact Marv Scott or Kevin Jewell our activities coordinators who can work with you to help coordinate and schedule a driving event. The drives can be simple short notice Flash drives that require minimal planning to more complex tours with stops at local attractions and restaurants. Marv and Kevin have lots of experience planning club events and can help guide you through the process and coordinate communication with club members.

We continue to add new members and as of the last board meeting, we had 304 members with 13 new members joining in the past couple of months. This is first time in my experience in the club has over 300 members. Its great to see so many new faces joining the club.

For those new members and long-time members, we have several opportunities to volunteer to help operate the club. The club is run by volunteers, and we always need people with energy and ideas of new and interesting activities. We need someone to take on the role of tour coordinator for the Cascade Loop tour. This has been a very popular club event. The Cascade Loop tour typically is run in September and takes us on an overnight trip to Eastern Washington and back over the North Cascades. We have lots of experience running this event so you would not be starting from scratch. If you are interested in taking on the role of tour coordinator for this event, contact Kevin Jewell or Marv Scott and they can help you.

We have several events planned this fall e.g., our first Adopt-a-Highway session in over a year, the Snoqualmie parade, the last autocross of this season, caravan to the Corvettes on the Columbia show and our next in-person general membership meeting at Angelo's in Burien. I look forward to seeing folks at one of our upcoming events.