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Meetings

Message from the President

Spring is almost here. Time to dust off the cars and get ready to hit the road.

The annual charity Pushrod auction was a success. This was probably the best auction in 30 years due to the number of quality items donated and the organization of the project headed up by Patty Rager. A team of Pushrod members once again went out into the public and solicited businesses to sponsor our auction. The economy is in good shape according to the amount of donations that was accumulated that sets the club up for our donations out to the community and help put on our functions throughout the year.

By all accounts, the folks that attended the auction had a great time, spent dollar bills and the Elks kitchen put out a wonderful lunch.

Next up is our annual free spaghetti feed on April 13th at the Hoquiam Elks. Jim Daly oversees this event. He is a veteran of many spaghetti dinners worldwide with glowing reviews. We are also inviting all our sponsors to dinner. If you want to help Jim with the prep work, let Jim know.

The Tractor Supply car show is shaping up. A low key car people get together with \$10 entry for everyone and all participants are eligible for prizes.

Meetings will start this month for our big show, the Hot Rods in Hoquiam car show on June 27/28. Some major surprises are going to happen.

Rodder of the Month

Monica Ewing

Monica is a trail blazer. Born in Aberdeen and growing up in Montesano, she learned about cars, car people and hard work. Her Father was Marion Bogdanovich, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, car collector, a father of five daughters and one son and was a well respected member of the community.

Monica went to the Montesano school system graduating from high school as Valedictorian in 1975. Went to college at Western in Bellingham and earned a bachelors in Physical education. Her first job out of school was with the Edmonds school district.



Shortly after, she was offered a job back at Western as a graduate assistant, teaching physical education classes while completing her masters in Physical education.

She then went back to Edmonds for five more years. Something was missing in her life. Monica was fascinated by construction work so she quit teaching and went to work for a construction company and became an apprentice carpenter, going to Bates college for three years and completing four steps of the apprentice program. While on a job, Monica was injured and had to leave her dream job.

Got a job as a loan officer at Timberland bank, went to the Campbell Group for seven years and managed their local office. When Hancock cut out Campbell from their holdings (93 people lost their jobs), she went to work for Paul Willis.

In 1999, Monica opened Mo`s Gym in Montesano and ran her own gym for 3 years. When Stafford Creek prison came to Aberdeen, she was hired to supervise their recreation facility, which she did for 5 years. She is now in the insurance business and has 20 years' experience.

Monica is a single mom with three sons. Jordon 36, Tucker 35 and Noah 28. All of her sons are healthy, happy and wise. Her newest pride and joy in life is her grandson Emmett, 2 ½ years old.



Monica has not had a lot of cars, but she loves the cars that she has had. Her first car was a 1964 Chevy Impala that she bought from Blackie Zillyette for \$400. She drove that for 4 years during college and sold it for \$450!

A car she got from her dad is a 2007 Saturn Sky, which she still owns. Her favorite car of all time is her red 1955 Chevy 3100 pickup that she bought from Norm Callaghan. Monica has been a member of the Pushrods for 5 years. She loves the people, cars, our activities and community service that we do.

Monica keeps herself very busy. She has been a competitive body builder for 45 years, and did win her PRO card at one point. In two years, she will compete in a contest again at the age of 70. She exercises every day and eats the right way to stay in shape. When she has time, she also is an actress in local theaters. In the last 25 years, The Driftwood Playhouse and the Bishop Center has seen Monica in 5 Nunsense plays along with a dozen other productions. She is involved with the Hoquiam Loggers Playday and is currently the chair-elect of the event and has cut fire wood for the play day for 17 years. She has been an Elks member for 18 years and became The Hoquiam lodge first female Exalted Ruler in its then 107-year history.



Monica Ewing is an unstoppable force that just keeps going. The Pushrods are proud to have her.

March Schedule:

March 5 -- Business meeting 6:30

March 10 -- Pushrod Lunch (Monday) Clarks (Cosy Hill) 12

March 19 -- Board meeting 12 Gil's shop

March 28 -- Pushrod Dinner (Friday) Ranch House BBQ 7pm



Ralph's work truck. Unfortunately, he is retired now.



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