



**November 2025**

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## **Message from the President**

Esteemed member Walt Huffman passed away on his birthday October 21, 2025. He was 81 years old. Walter was a lifelong car guy. He loved to wheel and deal and loved going to the Portland swap meet every year with his buddies. He will be missed. Details of his services to follow.

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Our annual Christmas Meeting/Party is Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hoquiam Elks starting at 3 pm. Bring your favorite side dish for dinner. Bring a new, unopened, and unwrapped toy for a girl and boy, for our Toys for Tots drive. If you do not have your dinner choice made yet, get ahold of Kelley Callaghan and let her know if you are attending and food choice. October 31 is the deadline.

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The Pushrods are making some slow progress on our lot improvement project. The City of Hoquiam has fill dirt that we can have, so our efforts will continue. Can you help?

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Chris Weedmark announced at the last meeting that he will be moving soon, and must give up his position as Secretary for the Pushrods. Larry Stott stepped up to take up that responsibility.

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The Pushrods of Hoquiam donated \$500 to the Alzheimer's Association through member Monica Ewing who walked in the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** fundraising event in Seattle, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

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I have 2026 Pushrod calendars for sale. Great Christmas gifts. \$10.

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The Pushrods of Hoquiam has agreed to donate \$2000 to the local Boots for Bears program that provides shoes and clothing to children in need. They are worthy of our donation.

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Don Richardson and Denny Bickar are the latest life members of the Pushrods. We join an illustrious group of long-time life members.

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I have a little car story for you: I have had my 37 Chevy on the road for 12 years. The steering has always been touchy. I decided that this year I would put some time and money into fixing and updating my car. I took it to Richardson's shop. He found that my 1974 Mustang 2 power rack was loose on one tie rod causing the wheel to move on its own. 12 years of worry. New rack and steers like it should. Fixed my trunk and found an electrical problem and I am a happy camper looking toward next year. Thanks Don Richardson.

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What do you have to sell and are you looking for anything?

**For Sale:**

1940/41 Ford running boards, several sets.

Hot rod bench seat, frame/springs, mounting, no upholstery...small enough to fit early pickups and cars. Contact for measurements.

Contact **Todd Wilson**

**For Sale:**

Weed sprayer for a 4-wheeler \$100

150 Lb. Anvil \$400

Treadmill \$300

Contact **Denny Bickar**

**For Sale:**

30gal. Sears 5hp, 220v, Air Compressor sitting on a 100gal tank. \$250

Contact **Jim Daly**

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There are some of you that have not paid you 2026 club dues for whatever reason. If you still want to be here, pay your dues.

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A suggestion from Todd Wilson: to create and add a list of Emeritus Members.

“EMERITUS” A term to honor people, their presence, contributions, and memories are still with us. Those members lost this year, will not be forgotten.

Walter Huffman 2025

Dave Anderson 2025

John “Tarheel” Livingston 2025

Trish Halekakis 2025

Don Hoffman 2025

I’m sure that I’m forgetting someone. Please let me know who should be on this list, so I can update it. I will add any and all past members to the list, but I need help in getting the names and year of passing.

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I am planning a dinner cruise to Lake Quinault Lodge for club members in February using the van from Five Star. I think that it is 16 people max. How does Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February sound? This would be something different and would be a little payback for their hospitality this summer. Jim Daly, please see if the van is available for that day. I will need reservations so I know what to do. Also, I have a menu.

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The Pushrods of Hoquiam had a fine representation of members go to Spokane for the Washington Hot Rod Hall of Fame Banquet and garage visits. Over 400 rodders from Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon were present. We sold our calendars and had wonderful comments about it. The pedal car that Fred Scott and Don Richardson built brought in \$750. Great Job.

Our newest member, Hale Tolleth, made the trip. Talking to him was a real treat. This guy is an old-time hot rodder. He knows a lot of the hot rod pioneers from Southern California. Take time to talk to him.

Next year’s Banquet will be held in Spokane on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Keep rollin’.

*Denny*

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## Calendar

Noon, Friday, 7 Nov., Lunch Run to *Two Gringos BBQ & Grill*, 409 7th St Hoquiam, WA 98550

6:00pm, Saturday, 15 Nov., Dinner Run to *Breakwater Seafoods*, 306 S F St., Aberdeen, WA 98520

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## Joke Corner

What do you call a hot rod that's feeling down? A low-rider!

What did the hot rod say when it won the race? "I'm wheely good at this!"

Why did the hot rod always carry a pencil? It liked being sketchy and fast.

What do you call a hot rod that's having a bad day? A cranky rod!

Why did the hot rod refuse to go to the party? It didn't want to burn out on the dance floor!

Why did the hot rod refuse to join the gym? It didn't need any more "body" modifications!

Why did the hot rod refuse to take a vacation? Because it didn't want to cool down!

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