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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Next Meeting – October 16, 2010

At Russellville Grange – 12105 NE Prescott Street

10 am to 3:30 pm



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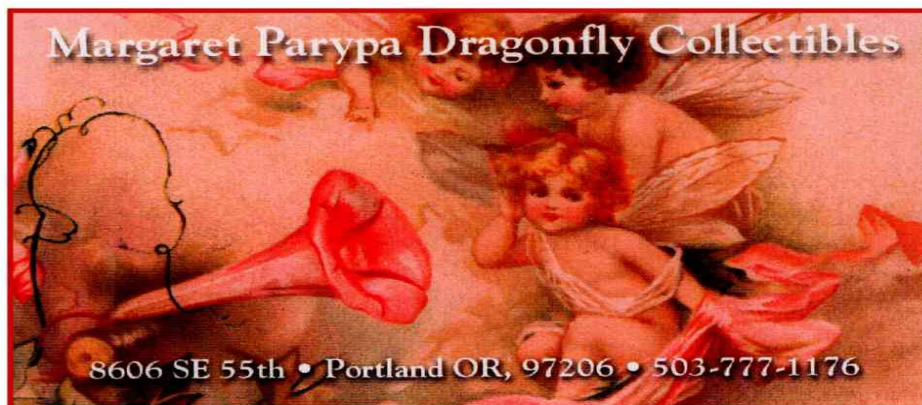
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Annual Meeting Scheduled November 20, 2010: Every year in November, we hold our annual elections for officers for the following year. The current slate of officers has agreed to continue in their positions. At our November meeting, Jerry Kelly has agreed to give his popular "What is it? Presentation" featuring a menagerie of antique tools, gadgets and inventions for us to identify. At our December 18th meeting, we will have our annual Indoor Christmas Picnic.



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The Largest Antique Paper Shows in the Northwest**

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October 16 and 17, 2010

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Admission: \$5 (Good for Saturday & Sunday)

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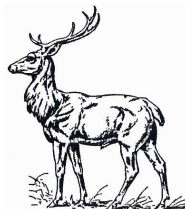
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THE WORLD'S FIRST AUTOMOBILE RACE



Frank Duryea built the world's first real automobile and he won the Great Race in Chicago in November 1895. Duryea drove his "Horseless Carriage" in Barnum & Bailey's daily Street Parade in 1896.

Born in Illinois, J. Frank Duryea was working as a toolmaker in Massachusetts in 1891. His brother, Charles, was manufacturing bicycles. The idea of a gasoline engine attached to a buggy to make a horseless carriage is attributed to Charles Duryea. Plans ordered by Charles were completed in 1892 for the vehicle at Ames Manufacturing Company in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Beginning work on their vehicle in a modest machine shop, the Duryea brothers acquired a second-hand phaeton, a four-wheeled carriage, and they began finding or making the parts to make their horseless carriage operate. Many of the needed parts could not be found. Some of their plans did not work and they had to draw new ones. The brothers soon separated after Charles had to return to the bike business in Illinois. Frank was left to go on alone with the creation of America's first gasoline automobile.

Many people thought the idea of a horseless carriage was both impractical and impossible. In the midst of his work, Charles Duryea was stricken with typhoid fever and could not do anything for several months. After finally gaining his strength enough to continue working on his horseless carriage, Frank Duryea and his partner Erwin Markham harnessed a horse to their carriage and moved it from their machine shop in September 1893.

When they gave their motor wagon its first trial run, it coughed and choked. The engine died out and had to be started again. The engine sputtered and belched a cloud of smoke and to everyone's excitement, they began driving the vehicle up the street under its own power.



This is the original Duryea car from 1893, which was made from a second-hand phaeton, a four-wheeled carriage. This vehicle is now housed at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

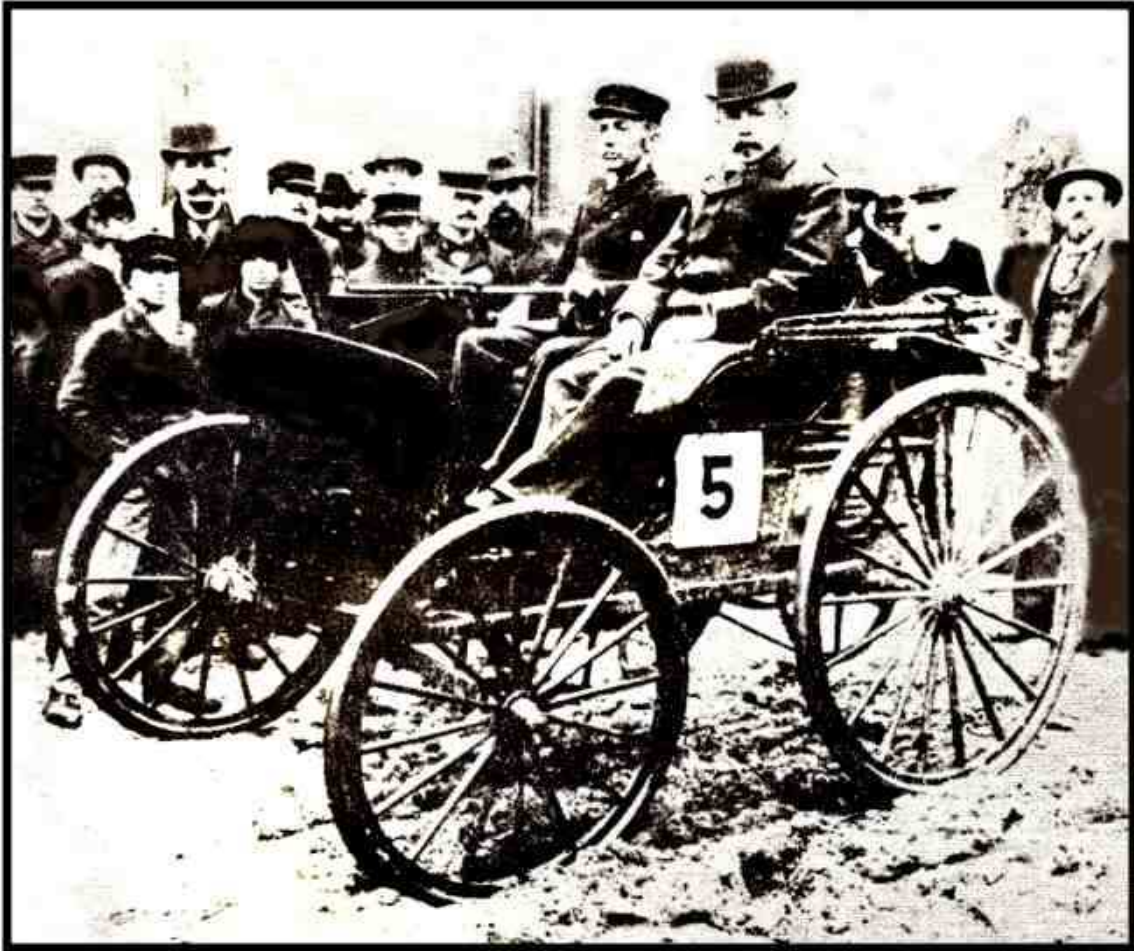
Duryea's motor wagon did not work well enough though to suit Frank Duryea. He went back to the drawing board, making more changes and improvements to the engine. He tested his vehicle again on November 9, 1893 and it ran a half mile. After more changes, Duryea drove his horseless carriage for a five-mile test run in January 1894. After this successful demonstration, the Duryea brothers formed the Duryea Motor Wagon Company to make more cars to sell.

Designing a two-cylinder vehicle, Duryea called this new invention a Buggyaut. He took it to Chicago to enter the first automobile race ever held in the United States. The race was held on a snowy, blustery Thanksgiving Day on November 28, 1895. Six cars started the race. Three of them were made in Germany, two were electric vehicles, and Duryea's Buggyaut was the only American-made gasoline car in the race.

Soon after the race began, one of the German cars got stuck in the snow and had to quit the race. The two electric cars ran well until the ice and snow ate up all their power and they ran out of electricity. Another of the German cars ran into a horse-drawn streetcar and was so damaged it had to drop out of the race.

The one-day race was from Chicago to Evanston, Illinois and back, a distance of 54 miles. The Buggyaut ran beautifully for a time, but then it broke down and Frank Duryea lost almost an hour repairing the steering gear. Duryea got the Buggyaut going and it ran well again until another part broke. After waking a tinsmith who fell asleep after eating his Thanksgiving dinner, Duryea got him to help mend his car.

In spite of the mechanical breakdowns as well as the wind and the cold, Duryea pushed on over stormy, rutted roads, crossing the finish line in his Buggyaut in seven hours and 53 minutes. Only one other car was left in the race, another German car, and the driver was so overcome with the cold that he lost consciousness. His umpire took the wheel as he crossed the finish line well after Frank Duryea and his Buggyaut.



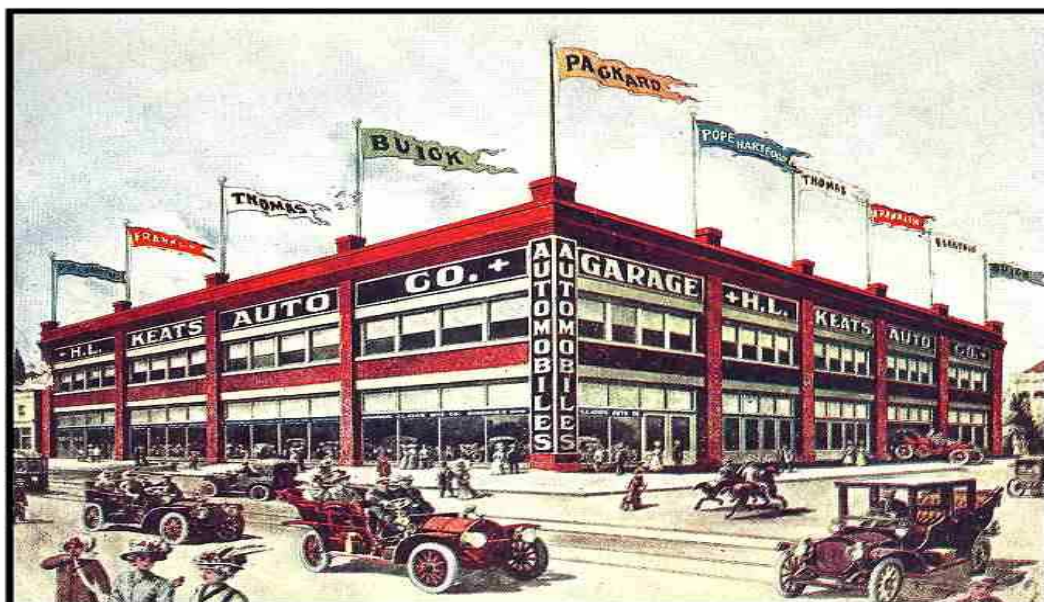
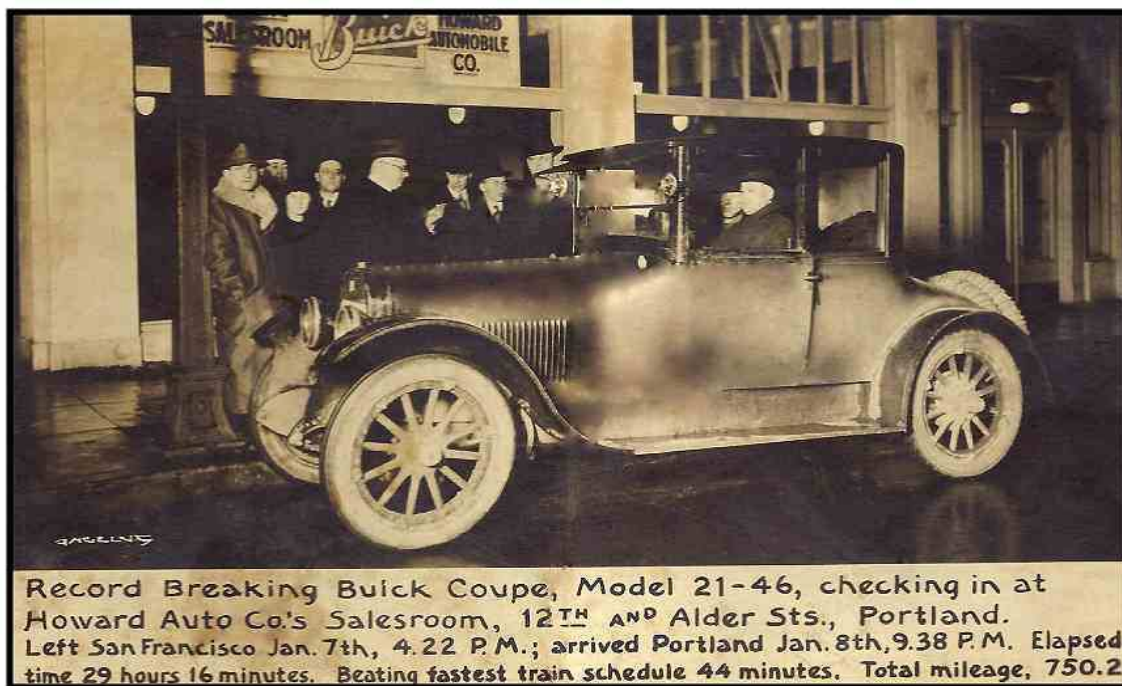
J. Frank Duryea in the driver's seat of his Buggyaut at the start of the race from Chicago to Evanston and back on Thanksgiving Day in 1895.

With the prize money that they won in Chicago, the Duryea brothers began building more motor wagons. The Duryeas entered four cars in another race on Memorial Day of the following year from New York's City Hall to Irvington on the Hudson River and back. They won every prize.

In 1896, the Duryeas built a total of 12 cars. Frank Duryea took one car to England on November 14, where he entered it in a 50-mile race from London to Brighton. Duryea started among the last of 40 automobiles. Some of the cars were electrics, some were steam cars and some were gasoline-driven like Duryea's car. Duryea beat all the other vehicles by about an hour.

Frank's racing victories soon made the Duryea Motor Wagon famous. That fame increased as the Duryea was exposed to thousands of people who lived in the many cities and towns across the United States where Barnum & Bailey set up the Greatest Show on Earth. The Circus opened at Madison Square Garden in 1896 with a Duryea Motor Wagon as its chief attraction.

In the circus parades wherever the Barnum & Bailey show went, the Duryea car turned and twisted down the streets among the clowns, the elephants, the caged lions and all the other attractions in the circus.



H.L. Keats Auto Co. at 7th & Burnside in Portland in 1909.

Mark's Memo

As most of you know, Palmer Wirfs Fall Antique & Collectible Show at The Expo is coming up October 30-31. I will be organizing a display of Portland dairy and fountain memorabilia at the show.

On November 6, I will be giving a PowerPoint presentation on *Portland in Postcards* for the Bosco-Milligan Foundation's Architectural Heritage Center at 701 SE Grand Avenue.

Thanks to Webfooter Brian Johnson for giving us a tour of the new City of Portland Archives in September. We had a really great tour.

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Maggie's Minutes

Attending the September 15th, 2010 Webfooters Board Meeting, held at Elmer's Restaurant were: Mark Moore (President), Maggie Parypa (Secretary), Arne Soland (Treasurer), Krissy Durden (Membership). After a call to order at approximately 7:00 PM, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Financial Report - Arne Soland reported that the club had a total of \$8,538.92. \$3,307.13 in Checking #1, \$1,190.68 in CD 1, \$1051.02 in CD2 and \$2,990.09 in the Show Account.

Report of Standing Committees

Membership - Krissy Durden reported that there are 224 Active Members (98 individual members, 92 Family Members, 26 Patron Members, 6 Honor Members and 1 Charter).

Refreshments - Reimbursement of up to \$40 is available for those contributing this service. If you are providing refreshments don't forget to save your receipts for Arne. Thanks to Janice Ahl for providing food at the September Meeting. This was the second time she stepped up this year.

We will be holding elections for club officers in November. Our current slate of officers has agreed to continue for another year.

Don't forget to take advertising cards for next year's show to local shops in your neighborhoods. Show dealers, if you haven't gotten you table for our next show, now is the time to do it before the holidays. If you sign up before December 31, 2010 you will receive a discount. We discussed free admission on Sunday to bring in more customers. We also will be advertising in smaller neighborhood newspapers like the Clackamas Review to reach a broader audience.

Special thanks to Krissy Durden for setting up a networking page on Facebook. She is such an asset to this club with her knowledge of computer technology. There is now a Webfooter's Post Card Club profile. Please find us and become our friend. This is a free place to advertise our club with upcoming events and hopefully result in new members. Feel free to invite non-Webfooters to be our friend. You can post about postcard related things and let us know what cards you would like folks to bring to the meetings. Krissy will make sure the information is passed on to all members. Let us know if you will be bringing cards to the monthly meetings.

The meeting at Elmer's was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on November 17th, 2010 at Elmer's Restaurant on Sandy Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Parypa, Secretary

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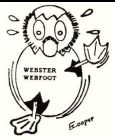
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Calendar

October 16 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

November 17 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer's Restaurant (no host)
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

November 20 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

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