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We have a great many pictures taken at the Flathead Reunion, but this one of Rick Shoestock riding in the "Hillclimber" with Arnold Lanvoigt really says it all...WOW!!!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Holy cow!

Dare I say it again, Holy cow! What a great event the Flathead Reunion turned out to be. We had 33 registrations, although some could not make it due to the fuel crisis, car problems, or health issues. Nonetheless, we had a great showing. Some people came without their cars, as they just wanted to be a part of this good time. Twenty-two cars did make the event, which was better than I thought we would do for an inaugural event.

We had three Oaklands, ranging from '24 to '28, and the rest were Pontiacs spanning the whole range of years as we had a '26, a '54, and everything in between. It appears the '48 is the most popular year with four of them attending. Naturally, Reid Williamson drove his '48 from Utah. That is a round trip of over 3400 miles. The seminar day was very interesting, with a side trip afterwards for a great picnic supper. We made a 75-mile round trip driving tour that was fun, with only a couple minor mechanical problems to solve along the way. And then the car show was really neat. I was happy to see so many people dressed in their period costumes.

I could go on forever about the event, but instead I will finish by saying we are doing it again in 2006, September 7, 8, and 9. Mark your colander now and plan on going to Zanesville, Ohio that weekend. We will have some different activities, but the format will be the same.

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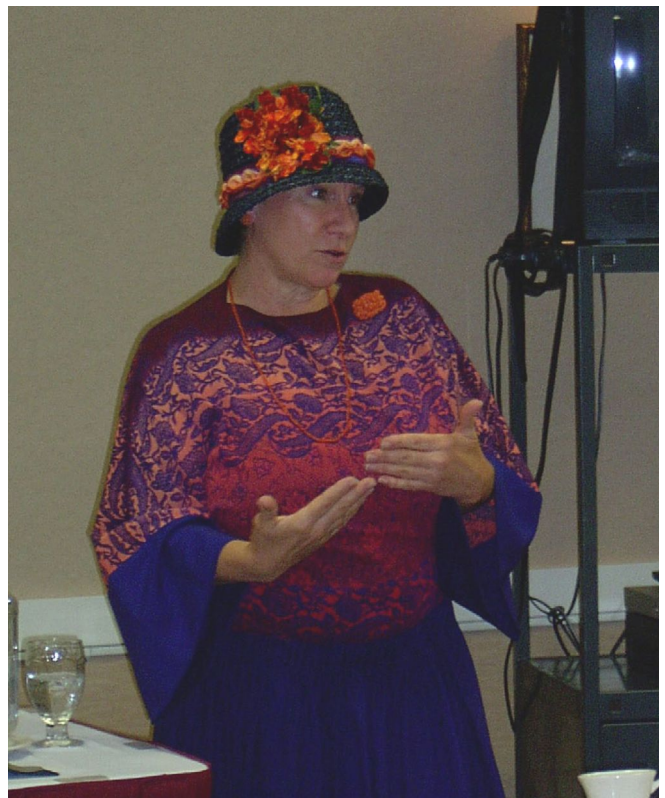
## The Inaugural Flathead Reunion

### WOW!!!

There's no doubt about it...the Flathead Reunion was a "happening"! Those of us that attended the event left for home knowing we had participated in something much bigger and more important than we could have hoped for. We left knowing that several members, either on their own or as part of a group were actively planning a Flathead Reunion in their area. The event covered 3 days but the memories will last a lifetime. It was an awesome experience to spend those 3 days with people that were nearly always smiling and truly enjoying themselves.

Lukey, Arnold and I couldn't have asked for a more resounding response then we got, and we know there is more to come. We all agree the most amazing fact from this first event was the number of participants that chose to come in costume for the show and shine. We tried not to overemphasize that aspect of the event because we didn't want anyone to think it was required to dress up. We still don't want anyone to think that it's required...but rest assured that if you chose to come in costume you certainly won't be alone!

I spoke with Lois Landvoigt just after the costume seminar Thursday afternoon and she told me that she had expected all of the men to get up and leave the room when she began speaking. We not only stayed in the room, but were asking questions as well.







This was the scene that greeted us as we arrived at the Thomas' home for the cookout. The setting and the weather were perfect for an evening with friends and food. Ron and Betsy had invited some of their friends as well and we had quite a car show at their home. You can see that we had Pontiacs from old to new. We want to thank Ron and Betsy for opening their home to us; we had a wonderful time with them.

The photo at right features Dave Lukens' '50 Chieftain, Kerry Klotzmans' '35 Opera coupe and Bruce Lewis' '50 Chieftain 2 door sedan that was our feature car in the July issue of ETCetera. The hood is open to replace the set of points that failed on the way to the cookout. Dave and Kerry, among others, stayed with



Bruce while a temporary repair was made that got him safely back to the rest of us at the Thomas'.

The photo at left shows Ron and Betsy's "new" 1929 Pontiac. They had been looking for an early '30s car to take on AACA tours. Well aware of plans for the Flathead Reunion, they bought the '29 listed in Smoke Signals. They got a car suit-

able for touring and the Early Times Chapter gained 2 new members. Talk about a win-win situation! I believe the Trans Am belongs to POCI member Rick Murray; the Murray's brought 3 Pontiacs to the cookout.

The photo on the right shows cars that arrived in the first group. The '48 Streamliner out front be-



longs to Rick and Michele Shoestock; the '54 Catalina is Greg Pecks' car and the '42 bringing up the rear brought Fred and Marilyn Lewis from Marissa, Illinois. The '52 Chieftain Deluxe is owned by Don and Beverly Stumpff. You can just see the '26 Pontiac of Andy and Karla Wise peeking out behind Don's '52. They left, along with Kenny and Charlene Roach as dusk settled; the headlights on those very early cars don't throw much light and they wanted to get back before night fell.



The driving tour took us to Roscoe Village; there we were split into 3 smaller groups for the guided "Living History" tour. The photo below shows most of the members of my group; with Arnold Landvoigt seated next to Kay Aldrich. Our fearless leader Dave Luken is behind her while Andi Woodruff is trying not to laugh out loud at my antics behind the camera. The Shoestocks are seated on either side of the beam. Bill Harris is behind "Lukey" and Kerry Klotzman is just visible in front of Wanda Harris. Bill and Wanda drove their '48 Torpedo convertible; the very same car they had at the first POCI "convention" hosted by Don Barlup in Pennsylvania. How many POCI members can make that claim?!



The photo below shows all of our cars lined up in a reserved parking area behind the Inn at Roscoe Village. Ross Whitehead made the trip to the Flathead Reunion accompanied by his sister Marjorie. Ross didn't want to take the "Living History" tour and stayed behind in the parking lot seated in a folding chair I brought along. He spent the entire time giving his own guided tours of our cars to the other guests at Roscoe Village that day. He said at one point he had a dozen people with him and they were all thrilled that they got to see all of our cars as part of their day at the Village...and it was FREE!



The bottom photo shows us boarding the canal boat that is one of the attractions at Roscoe Village. We had to charter the boat since we were there on a weekday late in the season. I was kidding with Andy Wise and Kenny Roach about the fact that the pace of the canal boat would make a ride in either of their early cars seem very fast. The boat ride was a great way to end our day at the Village; traveling along behind two horsepower!





Saturday was Show & Shine day. We did plenty of showing but I don't remember seeing anyone doing any shining! The top photos were both taken from about the same spot and show most of the cars. On the left parked side by side are the '26 Pontiac of Andy and Karla Wise and the '26 Oakland of John and Candy Armstrong. It made for quite a comparison and the differences between them are extensive.

The group shot shows you how prevalent costumes were at the Flathead Reunion! We had more people in costume than not and of those that weren't dressed up; several said they will be for next year!



Ron and Betsy Thomas, pictured at right don't do things by half. They have been helping since we first contacted them about the event. We were pleased to see them arrive in on Saturday, with Betsy at the wheel. She said they don't own a car that she doesn't drive. We didn't expect to see them in costume but weren't surprised that they did it.



Rick and Michele Shoestock are pictured at right with their '48 Streamliner Deluxe. Michele told me she's driven it only once...Rick was making her nervous! Their costumes were very good and they often use them at other car shows.





### SATURDAY EVENING

We didn't offer a Saturday evening dinner banquet because we wanted people to have the opportunity to go out on their own in small groups with friends...new or old. We wanted to maintain the relaxed atmosphere of the event and had our awards over coffee and dessert at the host hotel.

Shown at right is Andy Wise receiving his participation award from yours truly while Dave Luken checks off his list.

The awards were kept to a bare minimum. Every registered participant received a "Flathead Reunion" plaque to commemorate the event. It features 12 small plates, the first of which was engraved for 2005. Those attending next year for the first time will get their plaque while returning participants will get the 2006 year plate to add to their plaque.



### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

There were only 2 awards to be voted upon by the participants. The "Best Display" awards took into account the participants' entire display including their car, costumes, and other "period" items they utilize.

The "Best Display Pre-War" was presented to Andy and Karla Wise.

The "Best Display Post-War" was presented to Paul and Marjo Prinzing.

NOTE: Saturday was sunny but unseasonably hot. The editors honor Kenny Roach for staying in costume all day...a navy blue double-breasted wool suit!

### LONG DISTANCE AWARDS

We want to honor those that traveled the farthest with their car to attend the Flathead Reunion. Committee members are exempt from these awards.

The Long Distance Driven award goes to Reid Williamson who drove his '48 Streamliner over 3,400 miles round trip from Utah!

The Long Distance Trailer award went to Rick and Michele Shoestock who traveled 910 miles round trip from North Carolina.

It doesn't very often happen that the Driven award is further away than the Trailer award; but we are pleased to see it.







John and Candy Armstrong from the All American Oakland Chapter toasting the good times they shared with the Early Times Chapter at the inaugural Flathead Reunion.







Arnold & Lois enjoying their picnic lunch.



Arnold Landvoigt with the '26 Hill Climber



