



THE PIT STOP



MOSES LAKE CLASSIC CAR CLUB

May 2010

April 2010 Car of the Month



Paul & Nancy Boehm's 1947 Kaiser Special with 1964 Chief Trailer

We found the car on E-bay last July in Salt Lake City, Utah area. I picked it up for under \$5000 and the seller was upset that it didn't go for more. The 226 ci engine that was in it had a knock so I put in a rebuilt engine that I had for another Kaiser. The Airway Blue color the original color for this car. I'm trying to keep this car as close to factory stock as I can. It rides like last months car of the month. (Cadillac)

The Chief trailer was originally built by Allstate Trailer Sales for Sears Roebuck & Company. It is 13' long and has been completely restored.

Minutes of MLCCC General Meeting April 8, 2010

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bob Munn at 7:10 PM

Minutes approved as corrected. Minutes should read Moses Lake Transmission, not Basin Transmission.

Treasurer's report: Money Market: \$2,102.07

Checking Account: \$4,650.52

Bills paid: \$278.00, insurance; Bob Kent, \$300 for door prizes

Deposits: \$1,828.00 sponsors; \$370.00, sponsors; \$15.00 pre-registration; and some raffle monies

Bills to pay: T-shirt and Cruizin' Magazine.

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills.

Correspondence: Thank you card from Doug Sly, BBCC

New Business: Gumball Rally – Sunday, 4/11
Moses Lake Senior Living Center, Saturday, 4/10, \$5.00 entry fee

Old Business/Car Show: Doug Skane. **Dash plaques and trophies** have been ordered. The Committee decided on a **Spring Festival Classic Car Club t-shirt** that will be sold at the car show. T-shirt will cost \$6.50 each. 8 **Porta Potties** will be placed throughout the car show area. The **Farmer's Market** will be in the Sinkaiuse Square area. **Advertising** will be on KBSN radio on May 25th at 9AM. Aaron and Doug will be on talk show. Call in. The **transmission raffle** will be a separate raffle. Trying to make a flyer to distribute. There may be a jacket for "Best of Show". There will be a "**Host Car**" trophy. **Distribution of Mystery Money** as follows: \$600 as 12 prizes of \$50 each and club members are eligible to win this money. Service master will have their **NASCAR** car there. They have already paid. Haggerty's will also be there. **Valve cover races** will be run. They will be supervised by the VICA students from BBCC. **Farm tractors will be allowed** in the show, but **no motorcycles**. **Vendors in the park:** Mick's Breakfast, Michael's On The Lake, T-shirt vendor (Sandpoint, ID), Model Car Club, Cancer Awareness booth, Moses Lake Transmission, Service Master, Haggerty Insurance, VICA valve cover races.

Duck Award: The Duck will go to Gordy Edwards for ruining his new paint job.

Drawings: Ray/Mary Mayo won 50/50 pot and door prize, new Cruizin' Magazine. Paul Boehm won feature car for next newsletter and website.

Next Meeting: May 13th at Memories R Forever.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Mayo, Secretary

How To Inspect a Classic Car

By [Tony and Michele Hamer](#), About.com Guide

When ever we are considering a car that might be a potential for purchase, we use this 90 point inspection check list. And never make an offer unless each point has been evaluated thoroughly and then discussed with a trusted mechanic. When you love older cars as we do, it is very easy to be intoxicated by them. This list helps us take off the "beer goggles" and see the car for what it really is and what it might do to our budget.

Here's How:

- 1. Ask to see all paperwork and documentation.**
 - Make sure the VIN matches other VIN's on the vehicle and paperwork (original/no alterations)
 - If the car has been restored, ask for any pictures taken before, during and after
 - Check service history for repairs, oil changes and scheduled maintenance
- 2. Start the car.**
 - Check for smoke coming from the exhaust
 - Listen to the engine idle quality when cold and hot
 - Rev the engine; is it smooth? Document any noises
 - Keep it running until the engine is hot and check for exhaust smoke again
- 3. Take the car for a road test.**
 - Inspect engine performance and acceleration
 - Listen for engine noise at high/low speeds
 - Listen for automatic transmission/transaxle noise
 - Is the automatic transmission shifting smoothly
 - Listen for drive axle and transfer case bearings or gear noise/vibration
 - Check the manual clutch for engagement, chatter or slippage
 - Test the steering for responsiveness/smoothness/play

- Test brakes for effectiveness/operation/noise/pulling
- Check gauge operation; Speedometer/Tachometer/Odometer
- Document temp/oil/battery gauges when hot and cold
- Check the suspension on a rough road

4. **Visually inspect the exterior.**

- Check everywhere for rust
- Visually inspect for repairs or damage
- Check body panels for dings, dents, alignment, mismatched paint and overall paint condition
- A magnet can detect any filler used in repaired dents
- Inspect for chrome damage, alignment and improper repairs
- Open and close doors/hood/trunk/tailgate for proper operation
- Inspect grill/trim/molding for bends, dings, missing parts and proper attachment
- Inspect the windshield and side and rear windows for damages, pitting, repairs, wiper marks or cracks
- Check the mirrors condition and hinge operation

5. **Check to make sure all interior/exterior lights are operational.**

- Head lights, high and low beams
- Tail lights
- Brake lights
- Parking lights
- Hazard lights
- Reverse lights
- Turn signals
- License plate lights
- Fog/Driving lights
- Interior lights
- Dashboard lights
- Check for cracked or clouded lenses

6. **Inspect the interior.**

- Are the seat belts operational
- Test audio/alarm/speaker systems
- Test heating/ventilation/AC/defogger/defroster
- Is the clock keeping time
- Check the horn
- Inspect the lighter/power outlets condition/operation
- Inspect glove box/glove box light/hinges
- Inspect armrest/console condition/operation
- Is steering tilt/lock operational
- Check rear view mirror condition
- Check fuel filler door release
- Check that all door handles operate
- Inspect interior trim/carpet/floor mats/door panels/headliner/sun visors

- Make sure that the automatic/manual door locks are functional

7. **Inspect all leather/vinyl/material.**

- Check the condition of seat upholstery for wear/rips/cracks/fading/stains
- Check the dashboard/door/headliner for splitting or water damage
- Inspect sunroof/moon roof/convertible top
- Inspect convertible tops condition/operation/fit
- Check convertible top boot

8. **It's time to open up the hood.**

- Check for oil leaks
- Inspect air filter for oil
- Check the oil for water/sludge/clarity/level.
- Inspect timing belt/chain.
- Check all fluid levels.
- Inspect belts for wear and fraying.
- Check hoses.
- Inspect wiring.
- Inspect engine mounts.
- Look for water pump leaks.
- Pressure test radiator cap.
- Look for fuel pump leaks.
- Inspect fuel filter.

9. **Kicking the tires.**

- Inspect tires for correct size/tread depth/pressure
- Check the tires for abnormal wear
- Inspect condition of valve stems
- Do all the tires match
- Does the spare match
- While you're checking the spare, inspect luggage compartment for rust
- Is there a jack or tools

10. **Don't forget the car's rubber parts**

- Check windshield wipers condition
- Inspect interior and exterior rubber trim for splitting

Tips:

1. If at any time during your inspection the seller tries to point you in a different area of the car or wants you to take their "word" that something is in good working condition, that's a signal to look more closely. Only when you have completed a checklist like this will you have a good understanding of the car's imperfections.
2. Make copious notes on everything and discuss what you find with a trusted mechanic. He can then provide an estimate on any repair costs to assist in your negotiations with the seller.