

THE PEGASUS NEWSLETTER November 2007



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October 2007 PCMC Club Minutes

President Dave Glidewell opened the monthly meeting at 7:48 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5th 2007 in the Kent Bowen Scarff Showroom.

Secretary's Report: September 2007 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Brad Hofman noted that annual members' dues for 2008 are due now. He would prefer checks over cash. Brad will write a check for our Post Office Box.

Website: Skip Echert renewed our domain name for \$150.00 (good for 5 years).

Newsletter: Donna Kercher has several ideas for our monthly newsletter. She would also like pictures of any car events members attended. Donna can always use news articles, for sale ads, etc. for fillers.

Tours & Events: Margaret Petersen mentioned the Monroe Swap Meet is this weekend (October 6-7).

October 20th (Saturday) Pierce County Mustang Club is meeting at South Hill Mall at 9:30 a.m. and driving to TMS for a BBQ arriving around 10 a.m.

Saturday 13th dinner night out will be at the Roadhouse around 2 or 3 p.m. an email will follow with exact plans.

Our annual car show will be held Saturday August 16th next summer. We have to give the date out now to make the "car event calendar" in time. Yakima's "Ponies in the Sun" was attended by Chris & Joyce Johnson (4th place trophy) and Dave Glidewell (1st place trophy). Dave went to the drag strip also, for 30.00, and placed in the final 6th in his class.

Petersen's and Dagan's went to the National Air Races in Reno and had a great time, with really nice weather.



Birthdays for November

Joleen Schwetz 11-1

Patty Charboneau 11-04

Julie Thompson 11-14

Laurie Reinhart 11-18

Bob Moe 11-28

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(meeting minutes, cont'd)

Tech. Session: Chris Johnson mentioned Tom Rowley would like a tech session on "springs for his Falcon"; no date set yet. Let Chris know of any ideas you might have.

New Business: Our December 7th meeting will be our annual Christmas Auction with proceeds going to P.I.C.C. We will also be electing new officers.

President Dave Glidewell plans to hold a board meeting soon; with plans to discuss our annual banquet (usually held in February); possible places are Johnny's Rock or USA of Yesterday. Dave would also like to start a 'member of the year' award (can't be a current officer to qualify). We will go over all guidelines at the board meeting.

Linda Hallberg will be stepping down from her post as "Membership Chairperson," as she is moving to Grapeview (on the Peninsula between Shelton and Bremerton). We will miss her and all her dedication to Membership over the years. Gary Dagan will take over temporarily until we elect new officers.

Lotteries: Split the pot was won by Lori Nicolaus. Member in Attendance was won by Mike & Betty Johnson who weren't there tonight.

Door prizes donated by Bowen Scarff were tire tape dispenser won by Mike Morril and Rich Hamel won an oil filter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Julie Thompson, Secretary



Washington State Traffic Laws : Fiction and Fact

By Donna Kercher

Beware: I received the following hoax email for publication.

FYI, for your info and be warned.

This is really good information and thought I would pass it along.

Just to let everyone know there was a friend of mine that got a ticket the other day for 6 miles over the limit which was \$125.00!

Better slow down big brother is watching from the sky and everywhere now...

New driving fines for the State of Washington went into effect on July 1st.

*** HOV Lane – 1st time offense \$1068.50 (note: the sign posted on the HOV lanes that says \$271 is now wrong and DOT is in the process of changing them), 2nd offense fine is doubled, 3rd it is tripled and 4th your license is suspended for a year! (they're not playing around!)**

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(email, Washington laws, cont'd)

- * Incorrect Lane Change – \$380.00
(not using turn signal or "cutting" someone)
- * Block Intersection – \$485.00
- * Driving on Shoulder – \$450.00
- * Cell Phone Usage While Driving – \$285.00 (cell phone usage must now be done with "hands free" device.)
Law Enforcement has been told to really start cracking down on this, as the accident rate is increasing due to cell phone use.
- * Cell Phone Usage in a Construction Zone – \$570.00 (this fine is doubled from the regular \$285.00)
- * Passengers over the age of 18 not in a seat belt – Both the passenger AND driver will get tickets of \$101.00
- * DUI – Instant ARREST! (the courts are now placing DUI's on your driving record for a period of 10 years!)

Last but not least. You know that there was a thought that you could go at least 5 MPH over the posted speed limit, well according to the WA State Patrol, you are now allowed 3 MPH over! So, watch your speed my friends.

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Branch Manager

XXXX Savings Bank

425-xxx-xxxx

I almost published this email as fact until I re-examined the letter. Having received only one ticket in my 35 years of driving, I don't have any idea what fines "run" these days. But the thought of the Washington State Patrol "allowing" us to go 3 MPH over the posted limit is laughable! That would defeat the purpose of a limit. In addition, a "Branch Manager" sending this email turns on my credibility radar: watching for the misuse of credentials. Using someone's position of authority, which denotes trustworthiness and expertise, is often a technique abused by unscrupulous folk to gain belief in a product or idea.

I called the bank branch manager who did indeed send out this email; unwittingly, however. He was taken in along with a large percentage of people receiving this email in California, Texas, Georgia and Washington.

At [Snopes](http://snopes.com) (<http://snopes.com>) I found an [article](http://www.snopes.com/politics/traffic/california.asp) (<http://www.snopes.com/politics/traffic/california.asp>) pertaining to the hoax email. Snopes would not give me permission to reprint it. But from the Washington State Patrol [website](http://www.wa.gov/wsp/newsfags/release.htm) for media releases (<http://www.wa.gov/wsp/newsfags/release.htm>) I got the following media release.

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Washington State Patrol Media Release

Chief John R. Batiste



Captain Jeff DeVere
Government and Media Relations
(360) 753-5299 – office
(360) 753-5469 – fax
<http://www.wsp.wa.gov>

For Immediate Release

Date: October 15, 2007
Contact: Sgt. Kristene O'Shannon
Phone: (360) 570-3108

EMAIL CLAIMS OF HEFTIER TRAFFIC FINES IS A HOAX

The old adage "you can't always believe what you read" rings true when it comes to emails circulating in the State of Washington that are falsely claiming the introduction of new traffic laws that carry larger fines.

WSP confirms that the claims in these emails are incorrect and misleading. WSP advises most of the violations listed in these emails are not new traffic laws and the listed fines are not correct.

It is true that traffic infraction fines were raised by legislation during the 2007 session, but the amount of the raise is not as high as suggested in the emails in question. The raise in the fines include fees for the Auto Theft Prevention (\$10) and Traumatic Brain Injury (\$2).

The emails currently circulating make the following claims:

- A Carpool lane violation fine for first time violators - \$1,068.00. (These emails also claim the fine will be doubled for a second carpool violation, tripled for a third violation and that the operator's license will be suspended on the fourth violation).
- The fine for an Incorrect lane change - \$380.00, fine for driving on the shoulder - \$450.00 and the fine for blocking an intersection - \$485.00
- The fine for using a cell phone in a construction zone – Doubled
- Drivers and passengers will receive a citation if the passenger is not wearing their seatbelt and they are over 18 years old.
- Drivers can only drive 3 miles above the speed limit.
- The fine for driving while using a cell phone without a "hands free" device after July 1, 2007 will be \$285.00.

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According to the WSP and Washington Courts, the correct fines for the above violations are listed below:

- The fine for a carpool lane violation is \$124.00. There is no increased fine for repeated offenses.
- The fine for an incorrect lane change, driving on the shoulder and blocking an intersection is \$124.00 (These fines rise to \$174.00 if the violation results in a collision)
- Passengers over the age of 16 will receive a citation for failing to wear a seatbelt. The only time a driver will receive a citation for their passenger failing to wear a seatbelt is if the passenger is under the age of 16.
- Drivers can receive a citation for driving even 1 mile per hour above the posted speed limit.
- Starting July 1, 2008, the fine for using a cell phone while driving without a "hands free" device will be \$124.00. (Traffic fines can be higher if the violation occurs in a construction zone.)

The emails in question do provide a few correct facts such as driving under the influence can equal jail and the use of "hands free" cellular telephone devices will be required while driving, but this law does not go into effect until July 1, 2008.

To obtain further information regarding the monetary penalty schedule for infractions visit the Washington Courts website at <http://www.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm> and the Washington State Legislature website <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW> to obtain further information regarding the Revised Code of Washington.

This ban on text messaging is effective January 1, 2008. The prohibition on text messaging law is [House Bill 1214 \(http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Passed%20Legislature/1214.PL.pdf\)](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Passed%20Legislature/1214.PL.pdf).

Exceptions: "A person does not send, read, or write a text message when he or she reads, selects, or enters a phone number or name in a wireless communications device for the purpose of making a phone call."

The law requiring hands-free devices is [Senate Bill 5037 \(http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5037-S.PL.pdf\)](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5037-S.PL.pdf), effective July 1, 2008. "A person operating a moving motor vehicle while holding a

wireless communications device to his or her ear is guilty of a traffic infraction."

"Hands-free mode" means the use of a wireless communications device with a speaker phone, headset, or earpiece.

These offenses are classified as secondary offenses. That means law enforcement can take enforcement action only if there has been another violation of law such as speeding or following too closely leading to the traffic stop.

Remember when seat belts weren't mandatory? Then, not using them would only be a secondary offense? And in 2002, not wearing seat belts became a primary offense? So...jes give 'em time...

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For Sale

I have decided to sell my 1969 factory 4V 351W. It came out of a 1969 Cougar. I was going to use it for my own project but have decided to go in another direction. It is complete less carb and fan. It still has the alternator and power steering pump, fuel pump, dist., and exhaust manifolds attached. You will need to go through it, it is not a turn key motor. I pulled it from a car I bought and junked the car. The block # is C90E-6015-B 5. I am only asking what I have into it. \$450.

Call or e-mail me. Shawn Tetter 253-334-7276
(sjld04@hotmail.com)

Calendar

November

- 2 PCMC meeting 7:30pm
- 13 dinner night TBA 6:30pm
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 7 7:30pm PCMC meeting, elections and PICC auction...bring edible goodies to share along with a wrapped gift worth more than \$10 for the auction. Kids OK.
- 13 dinner night TBA 6:30pm
- 25 Merry Christmas! May all your wishes come true!

Club Contacts

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Membership Qualifications

1. Attend two functions; one of which must be a Membership meeting.
2. Be a currently licensed driver with Insurance.
3. Own a Ford powered vehicle.
4. Have a desire to enjoy companionship and interests of other Mustang and Ford enthusiasts.
5. Pay Annual Dues: \$25 per year per household.

Contact Gary Dagan Membership Chairman, (425) 228-1650; gdagan@msn.com

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