

## South of the Border Northwest Vintage Speedsters 25th Annual Labor Day Endurance Run

Charles Reichlin hosted an endurance run when it didn't rain (much)! Charles with help from his uncle Art and many others organized and hosted the silver anniversary NWVS Labor Day Endurance run. Charles has been a leader in our area managing three of these runs beginning in 2000 with his Extreme 200. Then last year he followed up with an Extreme Fun II. Both were great runs that we all would have liked to have seen but they were particularly noted for the copious amounts of rain!

Charles hoped Labor Day would treat us better and Saturday was excellent. Following time in the hospitality room and a courtesy safety inspection by Paul Murray and friends, there was a brief tour to an excellent private car collection.



Charles and Art prepare for the start getting the maps and checkpoint cards ready at the NWVS Border Patrol Car.

We heard Sunday was nice in Seattle but we were in Bellingham, Birch Bay, and over toward Mt Baker. We found some heavy mist early in the run that had some of us digging out our rain gear. It didn't last long though and we were dry and appreciating the fire in the Silver Lake Park shelter for the morning coffee break.

Rookies Bob Allen & Frank Lehman were out to test their mettle and did just fine. Bob went a little quicker than he had before but they kept their hats and sense of humor intact all weekend. Like many others, they missed meeting Randy and Maggie Murray on Forest Service road 33 but had a very respectable time coming in less than 16 minutes after the target time. They were in excellent company missing that checkpoint, with 15 of the 32 finishers driving on by the Murray's.





Silver Lake Park was the first stop with the requisite coffee, donuts, and some fruit and nuts for the healthier folks.

An original Paco speedster was back in the trees by itself:



On from coffee we wandered east just "South of the Border" and eventually on up Mt Baker stopping near the ski area for an excellent barbeque lunch. Many of us figured out that we'd missed the Murray's but that's the way the cookie crumbled. After lunch we climbed to the summit and then did a brake and steering test coming back down the mountain.

Never is a run complete without some discussion about the maps and this was no exception as cars scrambled looking

for Aldrich Road which was clearly highlighted on the map but didn't exist on the ground. Charles claims it was an honest mistake and he is an honorable man but there are some folks that might have done that on purpose. We all faced the same dilemma and merely had to find another way around to catch back up with the road a few blocks further south. The real question was how he could have timed the route using those maps.

There were a few breakdowns, one flat tire, and a few spark plugs changed. One Chevy made gross crankshaft noises, a Model A had a piston break, and Ray Moore had his ring gear bolts break.

Ray won the "It Broke " trophy for a combination of problems and tenacity. A few weeks ago his jack handle bit a hole in his hand but he got the car ready, then Saturday he lost oil pressure but fixed that and then the rear end bolts broke during the run which finally put the car on the trailer.

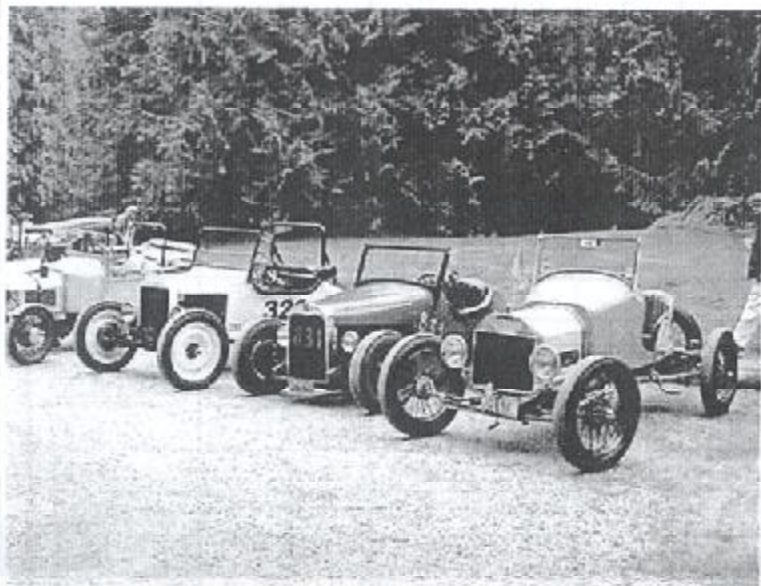
Reny Santiago managed to find a ditch but his navigator helped push the car out and got back in—pretty brave for a rookie!

Sunday evening we had the banquet and Charles received the Vern Storey Award for 2007 as the person expressing the spirit and doing the most to promote the hobby.



Then it was time to announce the results of the run with Paul Murray and Don Chidgey announced as the winners. Later Paul went back through the results and returned the trophies to Charles as his time had been recorded incorrectly.

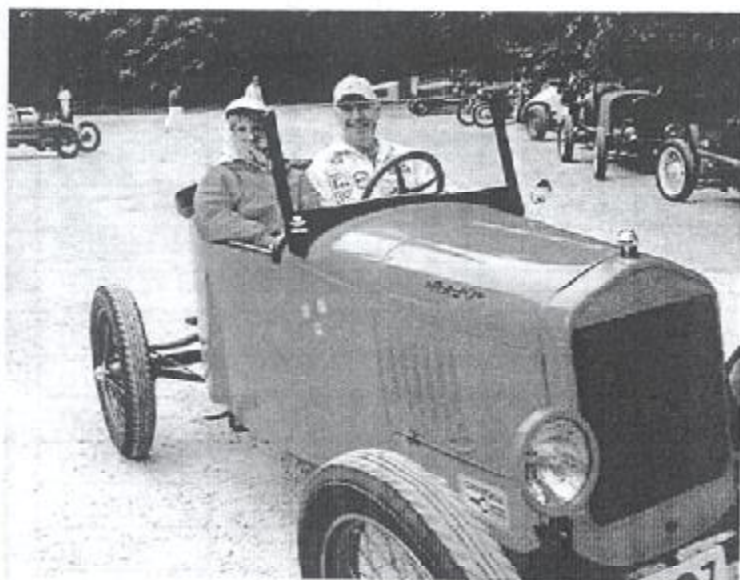
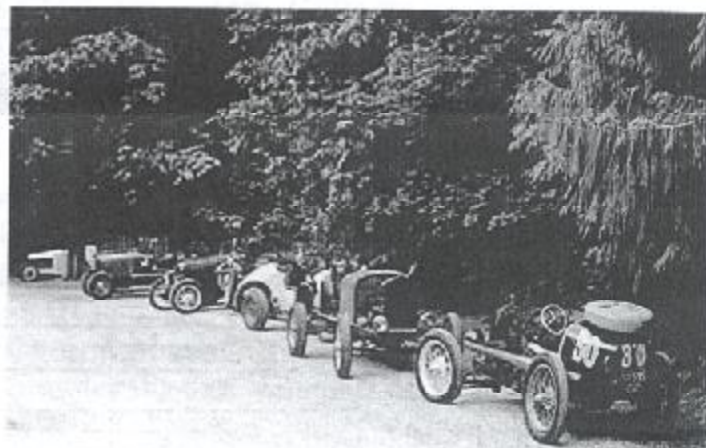
The corrected results have Francis Santiago and Kathy Cartee winning the first place accolades having hit all the checkpoints and finishing less than three minutes behind the target time. Excellent Work Ladies!



Francis and Paul were parked side by side at the morning coffee break.

Scott and Tom Elliot claimed second in the # 30 car just 20 seconds behind the first place ladies.

Steve and LaLani Pitts brought the #117 formerly owned by long time member Royal Little in third closely followed by Jim and Patti Cunningham.



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Finish Position	Car #	Team	HH	MM	SS	Chkpnts Missed	Final Score
		Target Time	3	42	10	0	0
1	831	Francis Santiago & Kathy Cartee	3	45	0	0	170
2	30	Scott & Tom Elliot	3	45	20	0	190
3	117	Steve & LaLani Pitts	3	50	0	0	470
4	107	Jim & Patti Cunningham	3	50	20	0	490
5	429	Ted & Jackie Alkier	3	38	0	0	500
6	94	Paul Murray & Don Chidgey	3	50	40	0	510
7	11	Scott & Tiffany Hills	3	51	0	0	530
8	409	Michael Santiago & Maghan Alles	3	37	0	0	620
9	45	Gary & Sandy Ellingson	3	53	0	0	650
10	480	Mel & Randy Rabenstein	3	57	0	0	890
11	440	Dale & Susan Ragan	3	32	0	0	1220
12	102	Terry Thompson & Karen Kelsey	4	3	0	0	1250
13	419	Donn Snyder & TBD	3	43	0	1	1550
14	27	Bob Rankin & RJ Genco	3	44	0	1	1610
15	130	Mike Hatley & Dennis Bohren	3	44	20	1	1630
16	33	Walt & Mary Berdan	3	46	0	1	1730
17	322	Gale & Jacob Kicha	4	14	0	0	1910
18	396	Pete Smiley & Dave Karman	3	49	0	1	1910
19	223	Eugene & Sue Kicha	4	14	20	0	1930
20	813	Lee & Candy Burgess	4	14	40	0	1950
21	232	Scott Glennie & Sandy Kicha	4	15	0	0	1970
22	42	Stacey & Bridget Hills	3	50	10	1	1980
23	25	John & Bob Gilmore	4	15	20	0	1990
24	2	Bill & Jan Hills	3	50	30	1	2000
25	108	John & Sue Muller	3	51	20	1	2050
26	742	Paul & Jacy Reichlin	3	52	0	1	2090
27	29	Bob Allen & Frank Lehman	3	58	0	1	2450
28	727	Jim & Betty Patterson	3	58	20	1	2470
29	280	Steve & Karen Lindberg	3	58	40	1	2490
30	1922	Timothy Cliney & Margaret Bird	4	0	0	1	2570
31	213	Reny Santiago & Bev Dimock	4	2	0	1	2690
32	59	Dave & Jill Howie	3	20	0	1	4160
DNF	85	Ray & Nancy Moore	0	0	0	0	26660
DNF	63	Karl & Justin Sturdy	0	0	0	0	26660
DNF	911	Jacob & Genni Koester	0	0	0	0	26660