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High Desert Cougar Club of Oregon

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As we move from Summer into Fall, with Winter creeping right behind, Oregon is getting ready for either snow or rain, depending upon which side of the Cascade Mountain Range you live on. Here in Central Oregon, living at 3,500 feet, it will be snow for us, so the Cougars out here take this time to go into hibernation. Things have slowed down a lot here, as the car shows are done here for almost half a year. The same could be said for the High Desert Cougar Club of Oregon, as we had only had one new member join in the last three months. So, now the HDCC is has grown to 28 members.

that was parked under a tarp across the street. The wind was lightly blowing and as I was talking with my friend, a gust blew the front of the tarp up high enough for me to see the grill of a first generation Cougar. I pointed and shouted, "Cougar!" I apologized to Bob and told him I had to go and see this car. We walked over there and the tarp was torn over the passenger side window, which was rolled down, so I could see it was either a '67 or '68 Cougar with the rare front bench seat. I walked through the gate that circled the house and up to the front door where I knocked. The wife of Steve Penni opened the door and told me it was her husband's car. I told her who I was and asked if I could look at the car. She said that would be great and for me to go ahead.



As I was checking out this Cougar, she came out and gave me her husband's phone number and told me that he would want to meet me. Perfect! I met Steve a week later and then he joined the HDCC.

Time to meet our newest member:

Steve Penni in Redmond, Oregon with his 1967 Standard Hardtop

In September, I was attending a small car show in a church parking. I was talking with my car show buddy, Bob, who owns two early 1960's red Corvair Convertibles, when I noticed a car

My search for other Cougar owners continues. Really, it is almost all I ever think about. I know they are out there, but how do I go about finding them? How do I can I get them to learn about the existence of the High Desert Cougar Club? Once way for sure is to take Victoria, my 1970 Houndstooth Cougar, to as many car shows as I can. This is where other classic car enthusiast hang out on the weekends and where I make a lot of contacts. I attended 19 car shows this year and I met a couple of Cougar owners and quite a few Cougar enthusiasts. In the last three months, I had my Cougar at Patriot Pinup Car Show in Redmond at the Redmond VFW, Oregon High Desert Swap Meet & Car Show in Redmond, Zion Lutheran Church Summer Celebration in Redmond, Cars in the Canyon in Crooked River Ranch, Classic Car Show & Suicide Prevention in Madras, and Powell Butte Church Show N Shine in Powell



Butte. I did see a 1969 Cougar Convertible at the Redmond Swap Meet at one of the booths, but the Cougar was not for sale. Other than that, all of the rest of the Cougar owners in Central Oregon must have been doing something else. I would love to have some join me at any of the car shows. I know they are out there . . . I just have to track them down. I am always hoping to find new members for the High Desert Cougar Club of Oregon. I am constantly posting on the HDCC Facebook Group. It has grown to 504 members from all over the world in ten months. I am still planning on having a gathering at two car shows next year, one in Central Oregon and the other over the mountains in the Willamette Valley. I

am just trying to figure out which shows they will be and which cities they will be located in.

As always, if you are interested in joining, please send a HDCC application to me. The application can be found on the Membership page on the website listed below. Best of all, it is free to join. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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