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## Multnomah Hot Rod Council

### *Angels on Wheels Toy Run a Huge Success!*



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This year's *Angels on Wheels* Toy Run for Randall Children's Hospital was a phenomenal success!

The event kicked off with over 275 vehicles meeting at Portland Meadows for coffee and donuts and sharing holiday cheer. It was estimated that over 27 different car clubs and organizations were represented.

Toy Run Chairman Bryan "Santa" Fakler then instructed everyone on the two routes to Randall Children's Hospital, and the four wheel sleighs loaded with toys headed out.

Load after load of toys made their way into the atrium and under the beautiful Christmas tree. Little Miss Portland Roadster Show Lily Bennett led a group of youngsters that assisted people as they brought in the toys, and helped place them under the tree. Many thanks to Lily and Portland Roadster Show Chairman Duane Caseday, who purchased over \$4000 in toys with proceeds they raised at the PRS this year. Lily also collected over 1000 toys on her own throughout the year, just for this event.

As the pile continued to grow, everyone was treated to coffee and pastries, and the air was filled with joy and happiness

like never before. Sally Kirchoff, Randall Children's Hospital Coordinator gave a brief explanation of how the toys are distributed and thanked everyone for their overwhelming generosity. MHRC President Mike Itel then introduced Miss Oregon 2015 Rebecca Anderson who spoke briefly and thanked everyone as well. Toy Run Chairman Bryan Fakler thanked all of his committee volunteers and shared his feelings on the importance and benefit of the event.

Everyone's holiday spirits were lifted further by the Pleasant Valley Primary Glee Club, as the third and fourth graders sang Christmas Carols complete with props. Thanks to Cindy and Lily for having the group join us once again this year.

As folks began to disperse, a group of volunteers from the MHRC, began the task of sorting the toys so that they can be easily distributed at Christmas. Anyone in attendance could easily see that this years pile of toys looked considerably larger than years past, and when the final tally was complete, there were over two and a half more toys than last year! An amazing job by all! For the first time we also collected gift cards that will be given to the older siblings of children in for treatment. The cards are for local restaurants and stores that they can used to get a break from having to be at the hospital and away from home during the holidays.

Thanks once again to Toy Run Chairman Bryan Fakler, his wife Shawn, and his team for the amazing job they did with this years event. Thank you to all for your amazing generosity and for helping these kids have a very Merry Christmas.



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## From Your Multnomah Hot Rod Council President -

*Mike Itel*



As 2014 comes to a close, it's been an outstanding year for the Multnomah Hot Rod Council (MHRC) and all of our 20 member clubs and friends. As we look back, the Portland Roadster Show for 2014 was an overwhelming success. Duane Caseday as Show Chairman and David Jothen as Co-Chairman and their team has raised the expectations of the show to where the Portland Roadster Show is one of the very best in the country, as echoed by the many celebrities that come to the show, and the ISCA judges. The 2015 show is coming together, and to be even better. Since the top prize money was raised to \$10,000, interest in the show and the number of full 20 x20

displays as well as vendor spaces fill quickly. This year's trip to SEMA in November proved to be very successful in signing new sponsors, contacting new vendors, inviting outstanding cars and contacting celebrities for the Portland Roadster Show. My special thanks to Duane Caseday, David Jothen, Mike Conn, Gary Parham, Brian Fakler and Oie Keller for their help at SEMA.

The last event for 2014 was the Angels on Wheels Toy Run to the Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. Everyone met at Portland Meadows where there was over 250 vehicles participating this year, and everyone cruised to the Randall Children's Hospital where they brought their toys. The final count of toys was 70 huge boxes. That equates to over two and one-half more toys than last year. In addition the Pleasant Valley Primary Glee Club (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders) performed under the direction of Mr. Schurman. A Special Thank You to Rebecca Anderson (Miss Oregon 2014) for your support and to Lily

Bennett (Little Miss Portland Roadster Show) for gathering close to 1,000 toys, a remarkable accomplishment and to Sally Kirchoff, Randall Children's Hospital Coordinator. Special Thanks goes to our Toy Run Chairman Bryan Fakler, and committee members Shawn Fakler, Larry Weber and Joe Roberts for their outstanding coordination in making this event special for all the kids at the Randall Children's Hospital. I am thankful for all of the Multnomah Hot Rod Council Clubs and their members. Special thanks to our Executive Board: Joe Roberts, Marlene Miller, Crystal Kroger, Bryan Fakler, along with Portland Roadster Show Chairman Duane Caseday and Co-Chairman David Jothen. Your efforts made for a successful 2014 and it has been an honor to be your President. Let's make 2015 even greater.

*Mike*



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**Jan. 3**

Winter Rod & Speed Show & Left Coast Sha-Bang

Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center

Admission: \$8.00 Discount Coupons on website

9:00am - 6:00pm

**Jan. 20**

MHRC Monthly Meeting

Stark St. Pizza

92nd & Stark

7:00pm

