

Area community groups receive funds from car show



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Representatives of the area community groups who received funds from the Port Gardner Vintage Auto Club this year. From left, Chelsea Monroe of Cocoon House, Marysville Community Food Bank Director Dell Deierling, Port Gardner Vintage Auto Club President Genelle Ackley, Burned Children Recovery Foundation CEO Michael T. Mathis, Marysville-Pilchuck High School technical and shop advisor Chuck Nichols, Amy Furguson of the Animal Rescue Foundation, Everett Boys & Girls Club Director Patrick Doyle, Sue Keezer of the Arlington Community Food Bank, and Arlington Boys & Girls Club Director Bill Kinney.

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EVERETT — The Port Gardner Vintage Auto Club recently presented nearly \$10,000 in funds to representatives of various area community groups, as proceeds from the ninth annual Arlington Drag Strip Reunion and Car Show last year, and the club is already gearing up for the 10th annual reunion and car show this year.

Among those groups whose representatives received charity donations, on Feb. 12 in the Everett Firefighters Association Hall, were the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington and North Everett, the Arlington and Marysville community food banks, the Burned Children Recovery Foundation, Cocoon House, the Everett Firefighters Association, the Animal Rescue Foundation and selected graduates of the Marysville-Pilchuck High School Automotive Program, the latter of whom received tool scholarships.

Looking ahead, the Port Gardner Vintage Auto Club's work on the 10th annual Arlington Drag Strip Reunion and Car Show at the Arlington Municipal Airport is well underway, and event organizers look forward to welcoming more than 500 classic cars, vintage and current drag cars, show cars and street rods on Sept. 14 this year.

Jake Jacobsen of the Port Gardner Vintage Auto Club reported that more than 2,000 spectators of all ages are drawn to the west entrance of the airport by each year's reunion and car show.

"The show enjoys tremendous continuing local support and all the funds we raise are donated back to the community," Jacobsen said. "Our major recipient continues to be the Arlington Boys & Girls Club, which started the show, but we also support other community groups. We also maintain an 'emergency fund' for assisting special community-based needs during the year."

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