

Jack Scoville

Jack Scoville's first race was at the Shelton Airport in September of 1952 where he raced an MG-TD. He admits to always being a car nut and a reckless driver since his youth (Jack was born in 1929), always wanting to go faster. Scoville campaigned his TD over the West Coast, racing at Pebble Beach, Stead Air Force Base in Reno, and of course the Seafair events at Paine Field in 1953/54. Jack said; "racing in those days was different, you drove up, folded down the windshield, put on a straight exhaust pipe and numbers and raced all weekend. You rebuilt the engine maybe once a year and lapped the valves."

Scoville was there for the first Oregon race at Tillamook, where he raced in the under 1500cc production class with his MG and his wife raced in the Powder Puff event in the same car. For the following year Scoville upgraded to a 1500cc MG-TF and again raced at Tillamook. Even though the Cascade Sports Car Club sanctioned these events, Jack was never a member of Cascade and remembers the animosity the club had with SCCA members. Scoville raced the TF through 1956 when he replaced the aging car with an Alfa Romeo Giulietta he bought from Paul Nau. Jack raced a Volvo 444 in 1958 and a new Porsche Speedster in 1959, which he calls one of his favorite cars, challenging, and "you never knowing who was master - car or driver."

Jack Scoville continued to race the Speedster until he opened his own business, a Triumph-Volvo dealership in Corvallis in 1963. While he was a mainstay of the early days of Oregon racing, his greatest rewards were to come after the 1961 season.