

**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

## **The Great Race 2005 is coming to Packwood on Friday, July 8**



The national "Great Race" is making its "Last Pit Stop" in Packwood, WA! The town and its neighbors in east Lewis County (including Randle, Morton, Glenoma, and Mineral) are presenting a free community festival for "Last Pit Stop" day to give the drivers a warm and memorable welcome.

The drivers start this annual cross-country endurance race of antique cars in Washington DC on June 25 and will end in Tacoma on July 9. At the "Last Pit Stop", the Great Race drivers and their magnificent jalopies will stop first for gas then be accompanied by high school runners as they drive to the pit stop area at the Cowlitz River Lodge.

Also on hand will be local car clubs with some of their own antique cars on display, and there will be live entertainment and free family activities. A special feature will be the art exhibit by Daniel Klennert of "Recycled Spirits of Iron" - he'll be bringing five iron sculptures from his sculpture park near Mt. Rainier.

By providing the Great Racers hospitality and enthusiasm at their pit stop, we'll also be in the running for the driver-voted Great American City Award - which could give the Packwood & Randle libraries a \$3,000 prize to share. What a GREAT chance for the community to come together and show its enthusiasm and community spirit!

The day will conclude with a community-wide bonfire and barbecue in the evening by the Cowlitz River at Cascade Peaks RV Resort.

If you'd like to volunteer to help, we'd love your assistance. We need people to help with welcoming the drivers at their pit stop stations, serving refreshments, providing entertainment, and helping with set-up and clean-up on the day of the event. If you can help, please e-mail [GreatRace@eastlewiscountychamber.com](mailto:GreatRace@eastlewiscountychamber.com)

More info at [www.eastlewiscountychamber.com](http://www.eastlewiscountychamber.com)



*Great Racers are welcomed in a "Great American City" award-winning town.*



*Burt Gossard of Randle will have his 1929 Ford pick-up on display.*



*Artist Daniel Klennert and one of his "Recycled Spirits of Iron."*

**Come on out to Packwood on July 8 for Last Pit Stop Day! Invite your family & friends to East Lewis County for this amazing event!**