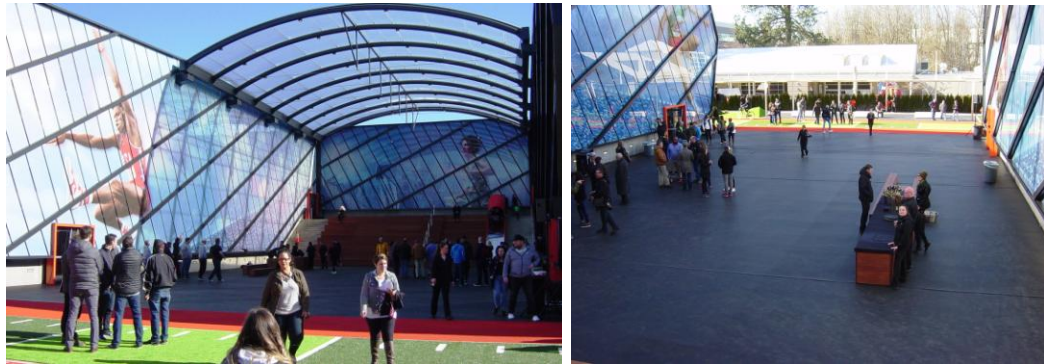


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On Monday, February 13, Nike had a grand opening of their new parking facility on the Nike campus in Beaverton. Nike reached out to see if some classic cars could participate as decorations for the new structure. This is a state of the art building and took a couple of years to complete so they wanted to make a grand opening event the day before it officially opened for the Nike employees. There is a small covered amphitheatre in the center of the U shaped structure that served as the stage for announcements and a speech or two from the appropriate dignitaries. They provided a nice lunch and champagne for the car owners and employees on a day with very nice weather.



The Portland chapter of the BCA was well represented by Fred Rau with his 48 convertible, Jerry Yarberry and his friend Rick with a 67 Skylark convertible, our friend Ron Wade with his 57 Lincoln convertible, and we brought the 67 Sportwagoon. There were several other cars including another Buick, a couple of street rods, a Metropolitan, a new Chevy, a new Mercedes, and the high tech wizardry of two new Teslas. The open house ran from 10:30 to 1:30 so there was plenty of time to engage the employees in conversation about the old cars. In addition to the lunch and employee interaction, Nike offered all the car owners the opportunity to visit the employee store which features Nike products at a significant discount and not available to the public for about three years so you may see the attendees wearing some futuristic Nike items sometime soon.



This turned out to be a very nice event on a very nice day hosted by some very friendly folks at the Nike campus. The attached photos show the cars and some of the features of the new Nike structure.