

Summer is flying by and I hope you are taking advantage of the dry weather and are able to get your classic out for a drive. The club social on July 23 was a great time. We had 25 cars and 50 people participate. The cruise went through the Naselle and Rosberg area, ending up at the home of Mike and Diane Matthews for ice cream and brownies. Many thanks to them for hosting the event and allowing us to park all over the yard. If they do it again next year, I highly recommend going. Great food and good company.

The meeting with the County Fair Board on July 11th regarding the Swap Meet, went well. They explained how events are being scheduled in a more structured manner. We presented our club's position on maintaining our rent at a reasonable amount as well as the importance of our normally scheduled date. We let them know of our support for our area's school vocational education programs. This is something they are going to request us to do every year. In the end, they voted to keep our rent at the current rate and with the help of Fred and Charlie, we got our original date back on their schedule for the second weekend in March 2024.

On the subject of vocational education, we have received and paid for the disc/belt sander that Knappa High School requested. We purchased it through Englund Marine and they did a great job on price and date of delivery. Marv Stunkard is now in the process of making arrangements for delivery to the school. It should be there before the start of the school year. Another item we were looking for was a "2-wheel Tow-dolly" for Warrenton's Auto shop. It turns out club member Ed McHenry had one he offered to the club at our July



meeting. The membership voted to accept his offer and we should have it there before classes begin. Due to successful events this year, we are in a very good financial position to help our area schools. We finally got almost all our 50's Cruise bills in and it turned out to be the most successful show we have ever had. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

The 50's Cruise committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, August

22 at 6pm in the Jordan's shop. This will be to wrap up this year's event and get started on next year's show. If you would like to help, please come join us.

Security for the Rod Run in Ocean Park is being headed by Vice President, Jim Purdy. He will need 12 volunteers for this, so if you can help, please call or see Jim.

There are a couple of events coming up this month in Astoria. The Airport "Fly-in" is on August 19 from 10am-3pm. They would like a head count, so if you would like to participate .. call me by the 14th. Another one is the Astoria High 2024 Senior Project Car Show, August 26, 10am-3pm at Astoria High. All proceeds go to a scholarship fund to be awarded to a graduating member of the class of 2024. This show conflicts with a couple of other shows, but if you can make it, it's a great cause.

A reminder that our August 17 meeting will be at the home of Burt and Cindy Young, 673 Cedar St, Warrenton, at 7pm. Bring your own chairs. Also, if you are in the attendance drawing, it has rolled over 3 times and is \$71. See you there!!

Doug



July 20, 2023

President Doug Gillies called to order the July 20, 2023 meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club at 7:00 pm. The club officers were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

There were no new members present.

William Anthony was a visitor.

Patty Getchell made a correction to the June minutes (the motion for Ross Getchell to have the computer cleaned was not listed as seconded). After the motion was restated and seconded, Patty Getchell made a motion to accept the June minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial Report - Treasurer Burt Young reported that we did very well at the 50's Cruise. All sales were up - Registration, Raffle, Spectator gates, and T-shirts. Trophy sales were down.

Committee Reports :

Membership - no report

Website - no report

Sunshine - no report

BackFire - Ross Getchell, editor, has a new website regetchell@gmail.com

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton has met with the Fair Board and they have agreed to rent us the building at the same price as last year. We are also on their calendar for the same Saturday in March (second Saturday).

Educational Outreach - The JetBelt/Disc Sander has been ordered for the Knappa shop class. Warrenton shop class is looking for a two wheel tow dolly. Ed McHenry

has one for \$100. Fred Mestrich made a motion that the club purchase it for the Warrenton class. Motion seconded and passed. Warrenton is in need of an exhaust venting system for their welding area. Fred Mestrich made a suggestion that the club purchase one for the school. He will get three quotes.

50's Cruise - There will be a wrap up meeting for this year's cruise Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00pm at Steve Jordan's garage. We need to look for another location for next year's show. Camp Rilea has not been completely ruled out. Jim Purdy will meet with the job corp for a possible site.

Old Business:

Steve Jordan made a motion that the club officially host the Swap Meet the second Saturday in March 2024 and officially host the 50's Cruise the first Saturday in June 2024. Motion seconded and passed. Dorothy Gillies made a motion that we pay a deposit to the fair ground people to secure the March date for the Swap Meet. Motion seconded and passed.

All the club jackets that were ordered have come in and are back from the embroidery person.

We were reminded of the upcoming Ice Cream Social at Mike and Diane Matthews's home in Rosburg Sunday July 23rd. We will be meeting at Dismal Nitch at 1:00pm.

Rod Run Security - we have not as yet received a contract. Twelve people will be needed for shifts Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. It was suggested that the shifts run from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am and from 1:00 am to 6:00 am. Please see Doug Gillies if you can help.

Steve Jordan commented on the recent club cruise to Matlock, Washington for a barbecue picnic. Everyone had a great time. A thank you letter will be sent to the Test of Time car club for their invite.

New Business:

Up coming events

Clatsop County Fair - Saturday August 5th car show 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

August 12th - North Plains Garlic Festival

August 12th - Cruise to the Gorge

August 19th - Fly-In at Astoria Airport 10:00 am. RSVP Doug Gillies if you are going.

August 17th meeting will be at Burt and Cindi Young's home in Warrenton at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

Polk Riley won the evening's drawing. It rolled over since he was not present.

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

When I'm An Old Lady

by Joanne Bailey Baxter

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

I'll write on the walls with reds, whites, and
blues,
And bounce on the furniture.....wearing my
shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll
shout!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

When they're on the phone and just out of
reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake
their head,
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed.
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat.

I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry...I'll run....if I'm able!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

I'll sit close to the TV., through the channels I'll
click
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.

My kids will look down with a smile slowly
creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when
she's sleeping!"

Presented by Judy Jordan



Historical and/or Hysterical Pictures

Of LCCC Club Members, Friends, and Family

(ps: send in pictures of your fun times to The Backfire Editor and see them posted here to share with everyone!)



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And If I Won the Lottery...

I was talking to Ross and some of the other club leaders about Backfire. Ross said that he is always looking for articles from the members. So here goes.

First, I appreciate Backfire, and the time Ross spends on it. It is a tremendous effort, and the workmanship is really first class. I What follows is probably a goofy idea, but maybe you'll like it. If you don't, and you think it isn't appropriate for the club publication, please tell Ross your opinion. I'm not wedded to this, just having some fun.

A few years back I discovered this website www.bringatrailer.com. If you think the internet is primarily cat videos, give this a look. In the beginning this was a site where people could sell wrecks and unfinished project cars. There is still a little of that, but it has grown and become really interesting.

I saw the story about the guy who won \$1B in the lottery. I love to fantasize about what I'd do with \$500 million after tax in the bank. They have capped the amount a Formula 1 team can spend at \$100 million per year. I could probably buy a team and last 2 years in Formula 1, which isn't really a possibility, so I'd probably spend every day on Bringatrailer and amass a huge collection of crazy cars and buildings to store them in. And maybe a few fancy dinners.

Since I monitor this stuff frequently, I thought I share my top 10 for the month, add some comments and hope you enjoy. If you like it, you can find thousands of others on the site. If you click the links below, you get more information and photos than you ever wanted.

1. 1978 Land Rover 101 forward control Auction:
Bid to \$27,,500 – did not meet bid minimum

[https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1978-land-rover-101/?](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1978-land-rover-101/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-23)

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Do you need this? Absolutely you do. I'd probably feel better about it if it was American mechanicals rather than British, but it is cute as only the Brits can do. It has a Rover 3.5 liter V8 which I believe is the derivation of the old Buick small block, which British Leyland bought and stuck in almost everything they made for about 10 years.

2. 1972 Chevrolet K5 Blazer CST

Auction: Sold for \$79,000

[https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1972-chevrolet-blazer-151/?](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1972-chevrolet-blazer-151/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-22)

[utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-22](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1972-chevrolet-blazer-151/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-22)



And now, a more sensible 4WD. This is a 350 with a 3 speed automatic. Sensible. Nicely done, but a little pricey. Amazing what these things are going for.

3. 1949 Crosley Hot Shot

Sold for \$12,000

[https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1949-crosley-convertible/?](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1949-crosley-convertible/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-23)

[utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-23](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1949-crosley-convertible/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-23)



I'm old enough to remember these. This particular model is a year younger than me. Our family was strictly GM people, particularly Chevys and Oldsmobiles. Any sighting of a Crosley was good for hours of hilarity. This Hot Shot shows that classic cars can be affordable.

4. 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Coupe – LS3 6 speed

Sold for \$85,000

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1969-chevrolet-camaro-128-2/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-22



I love this car. I actually think it is a bargain. You could spend \$400,000 on some Italian supercar and get dusted at track day by this thing. All sorts of old cars get big motors but this one is special. I'm going to get geeky here, so skip to the next car when you get bored.

Manufacturers spend zillions on suspension engineering. One of the big variables is weight distribution. 50% front, 50% rear is optimum which becomes clear if you drive a open wheel race car. It is why really fast cars put the motor behind the driver and inside the wheel-base. There are a couple of exceptions, the front engine Corvettes and the Porsche 911. They have less than optimum weight distribution but years of suspension magic and electronics make both cars handle very

well. Corvette, as you know, gave up and put the motor where it actually belongs. Porsche is still hanging on to the past. Having a 600 pound lump of cast iron sitting right over the front wheels makes it tough to get rid of understeer (pushing as the NASCAR drivers say). When you put a big heavy motor in the front of an older car it makes the problem worse. You may never take your Nash Metropolitan with a 454 in it to PIR for track day, but if you did, the results wouldn't be great.

What makes this Camaro special is the reworked suspension, featuring every trick in the book and the fact that the LS3 weighs in at 408 pounds and the old 327 weighs 530. This is probably the fastest road racing Camaro on earth that isn't a full-on race car. Click the link and check the modifications. These people know what they are doing.

5. 2012 Morgan 3-wheeler

Auction: Sold for \$51,000

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/2012-morgan-3-wheeler-11/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-22



This is a relatively new car! 768 hard fought miles. It is a replica of the early '50s three-wheel Morgans, made somewhat famous by appearing in "The Party" a Peter Sellers movie in the 70's where Sellers, the ultimate doofus, drives one to a flashy Hollywood party. \$51,000 for this thing!!! To further demonstrate everything wrong with our society, the car has been updated and you can still, in 2023, buy a brand new one. The price has gone up to \$70,000 base. Let that sink in.

6. 1958 Dual-Ghia Convertible

Auction: Sold for \$215,000

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1958-dual-motors-dual-ghia/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-25



This is one of 155 ever built. It has been kept in the same family that bought the car new. I don't know why they'd sell it. It was built by Dual Motors of Detroit using Chrysler frame and running gear. Fabulous.

7. [1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429](#)

Auction: Sold for \$235,000

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1970-ford-mustang-boss-429-8/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-24



I tossed this one in just to show you how crazy this has become. Imagine how much it would be worth if it was some other color besides Aqua-Fresh toothpaste green.

8. 2013 Bentley Continental Convertible – 11,000 miles

Auction: Sold for \$107,000

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/2013-bentley-continental-gtc-w12-2/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-23



This is a fabulous car. Not well suited to the North Coast, but I can't afford it anyway. I was looking at the Bentley forums. Apparently the convertible top delaminates and splits, \$25,000. There is a plastic vacuum line above the transmission that gets hot and cracks. No way to get to it without removing the engine, \$27,000. If somebody gave me one if these, I couldn't afford it.

1956 Ford Thunderbird

Auction: Sold for \$32,500

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1956-ford-thunderbird-136/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-07-24



All Barbie all the time. You missed your chance to get in on the action.

10. Cushman Package Kar Current Bid: \$5,900

Tired of spending all your money on classic cars? Here is a great opportunity to reverse the trend. This little hot rod could be turned into a real cash cow. All those hot days along the Astoria River Walk could provide a great second income!



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THEIR HOME
(MEETING STARTS AT 7PM)

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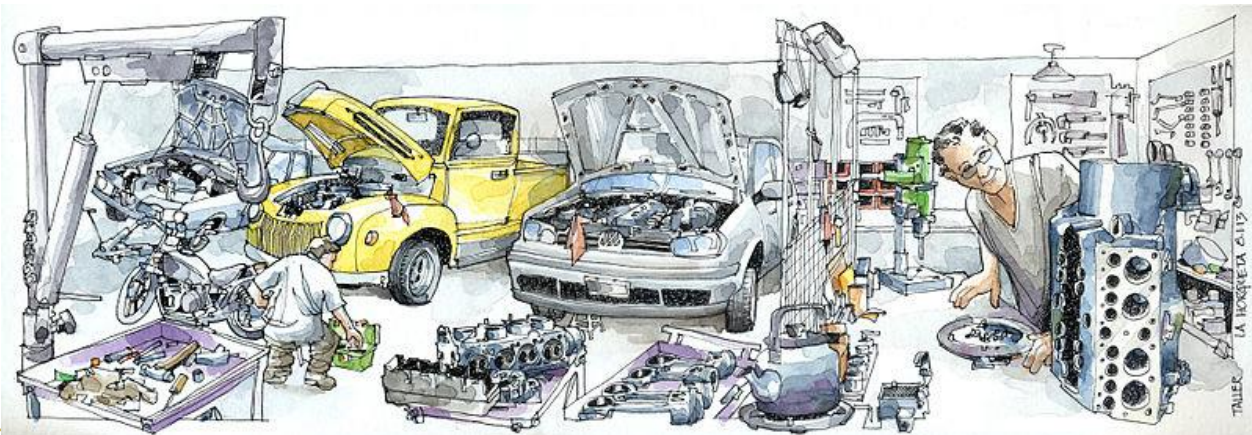
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !! WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR OUR CLUB?

WE HAVE NEED FOR ARTICLE'S MEN'S FIRST CAR/ OR SPECIAL INTEREST (ALL MONTH'S) WOMEN'S GAL'S PAGE (JUNE, JULY, OCT)

ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED SOMEONE TO BRING GOODIE'S FOR NOV. CLUB MEETING

This space is open to members who would like to advertise something for sale. Car, Truck, Automotive supplies or equipment, services including our women's supplies and or services.



UP-COMING GAL'S PAGE ARTICLES Jan Diane Matthews, Feb Nicki Andrews, Mar Patty Getchell, Apr Jo Christie, May Patricia Riley, June ?, July ? August Dorothy Gillies, Sept Judy Jordan, Oct ? Nov Darcy Ferguson

Get well to; Mark & Margo Gittins - Sympathy card Jim Seitz Get well, Sue Stunkard Get well

Well Wishes, Sending good wishes to all of you who I don't know about. Please let me know so I can send you a card if you need one. I think we can all use a little pick me up sometimes. Thanks Linda Uphoff (my phone number is listed in your roster)

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