

I don't like to start out like this, but a problem has developed in our membership renewal process. It appears that the Post Office has lost the membership renewal checks that were sent to our PO Box before the 10th of January 2023. I don't want to alarm anyone, but please check your statement for the status of your dues payment. At this time, (February 6) we have not seen any evidence of criminal activity. This issue was brought to our members attention at our January club meeting and the Executive Board met on January 28th. After discussion the Board is developing a standard operating procedure to keep it from being an issue in the future.

We are asking our members to re-submit their 2023 payment for their dues to P.O. Box 1259, Astoria Oregon, 97103. I am sorry for the inconvenience, but this seems to be our only way to correct the problem. Thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 503-468-0006 and we can discuss it.

In other club news, the Executive Board has added our fifth member for 2023, Ross Getchell. Ross has accepted the position and we look forward to his help and advice on club matters.

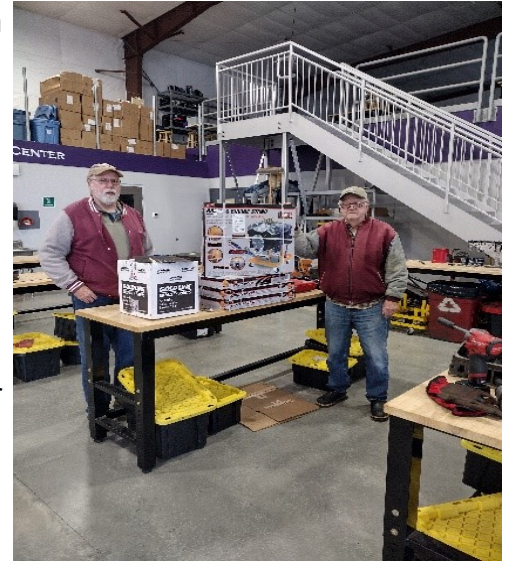
The Educational Outreach committee has been in contact with the Vocational Education teacher at Warrenton High. We now have a list of "items" that are needed in the shop classroom. One request was for 4 engine stands. Committee chair Darryl Niemi ordered 4 stands from North Coast



Truck Parts, which we delivered to the school last week. The pictures show the stands along with the students who were present.

The class has become very popular and enrollment is high. They also have a new instructor and it was

nice to meet her and get her sense of direction for the program.



The biggest thing upcoming is our annual Swap Meet. There are still some spots for vendors in both the Exhibit Hall and the Arena. Members can register with Dorothy-503-468-0006. Volunteers in all areas are still needed and anyone interested can call Charlie 503-325-3508. D'Arcy Ferguson is also helping with volunteers, so you might get a call. Also if you have anything to donate to the club booth to sell, let us know or bring it to the fairgrounds on March 10th. The 50's Cruise committee will meet this month. The information will be sent to committee members via email. We need to start trophy sales and get our flyers out in the mail, along with other things to go over. We are trying to get our monthly social events going again and this month Patty Getchell organized the Knappa Pizza event on the 12th. Notices were sent out via email and phone calls made to those without email addresses. If you did not get an email announcement, please let Dorothy know so she can update the "shot-gun" email list. This information is shared with the Backfire Editor, membership, and Board members. Stay safe, Stay strong,

Doug

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January 19, 2023

The January meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order by President Doug Gillies at 7:07 pm. The club officers were introduced : President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

New member: Mark Eide who is the owner of the truck on our 50's cruise flyers.

Guests: Troy and Brenda Hanson.

Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as printed in the Back-Fire. Motion second and passed. There were no December minutes since we did not have a December meeting.

Treasurer Burt Young gave the financial reports for both November and December.

Polk Riley has donated the cost of the covers and bindings of our coloring books.

Committees: Membership - Jo Louch is our new membership chairperson. President Doug Gillies explained the problem with the recent dues checks.

Sunshine - Ken Uphoff gave a report since Linda Uphoff was absent.

BackFire - Ross Getchell gave his report.

Website - Robi Nelson has been contacted and is keeping our website up to date.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton reported that he would like to have a meeting February 9th at his home at 7:00 pm. On Thursday March 9th he is planning to empty the trailer. Setting up will be Friday the 10th about 8:00 am and the swap meet will be Saturday March 11th. Please contact Charlie if you can help any of these days.

50's Cruise - All the printing is done. Mike Matthews has mailed the photos to the t- shirt people. A planning meeting will be after the swap meet. Doug Gillies will send out an email what time and where.

Educational Outreach - President Doug Gillies has talked to Darryl Niemi and he wants to still be involved.

Old Business:

We have copies of the Yellow Book available to club members.

The club plaques have not been received as yet.

Doug Gillies reported on our donations to the Food Bank and the Wishing Tree.

Vice President Jim Purdy asked if any members have found information about club jackets.

Steve Jordan reported on the New Year's day cruise.

New Business:

President Doug Gillies has been contacted by the director of the Tillamook Air Museum who is hoping to promote events at the museum which might involve our car club.

Steve Jordan asked if anyone was planning to go to the Portland Roadster Show March 18 and 19th.

Doug Gillies asked if any member would be interested in organizing monthly social events for the club.

Judy Jordan asked members to sign-up for meeting treats..

Meeting adjourned.

The drawing was won by Linda Uphoff.

Nicki Andrews Secretary

FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"



History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14th. Across the United States and in many places around the world candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. Who is this mysterious saint and where did these traditions come from?

The history of Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery. We know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance and that St. Valentine's Day contains both Christian and ancient Roman traditions. But who was this Saint Valentine?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers he outlawed marriages for young men. Valentine realizing the injustice of this decree he defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered him put to death. Others say it was bishop Saint Valentine of Terri who was beheaded by Claudius. Still other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. Imprisoned Valentine sent the first "Valentine" to a young girl signing it "From your Valentine" an expression that is still used today. Although the truth behind these legends is murky, the stories all emphasize Valentine's appeal as a sympathizer, heroic, and romantic figure and thanks to this reputation by the Middle Ages Valentine would become one of the most

popular saints in England and France. Others believe Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death. While still others claim that the Christian Church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, the Roman god of agriculture and to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus. By the end of the 5th century this festival was outlawed and Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as St. Valentine's Day. During the Middle Ages in France and England February 14th was believed to be the beginning of bird's mating season thus the day became associated with love and romance. The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer was first to record St. Valentine's Day as a day of romantic celebration in his 1375 poem "Parliament of Fowles".

Written Valentines appeared after 1400. The oldest known Valentine still exists today as a poem written in 1415 by Charles, the Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Several years later it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a Valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Americans probably began exchanging handmade Valentines in early 1700. By the middle of the 1800 it was common for friends and lovers to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. In 1840 Esther A. Howland, the "Mother of the Valentine", made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons, and colorful pictures. By the 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters.

So there you have a little history lesson about Valentine's Day. By Nicki Andrews



Ramblin 'Round

With Steve

OK, The good weather season is just around the corner so it's time to start planning for which events you want to attend. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the N.W. Car Events Calendar, more commonly known as "the Little Yellow book" it can be a great help in planning your summer car events itinerary. The club still has a few copies available at no cost to members and it contains hundreds of car shows, swap meets, auctions, tours, cruises, museum displays, vintage races, concours, rallies and other auto events. Each listed event is accompanied by place, date, hours and other relevant information. A really handy list to have if you are truly a die in the wool old car guy or gal.

Obviously, there's not enough room here for the whole list, but I'm going to mention at least those near and not so near, of interest to most members.

Feb. 18-19, Puyallup, WA. Early Bird Swap Meet. \$10, adm., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., WA. State Fair Event Center.

March 11. Astoria, OR. Astoria Swap Meet. \$5. adm., 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Clatsop Co. Fairgrounds. 503-465-0006.

March 17-19. Portland, OR. 67th Annual Portland Roadster Show. Adm. \$20., Portland Expo Center. 12: a.m. - 9: p.m., 10a.m.- 5:00 p.m. 503-232-4567

March 17-18. Puyallup, WA. Almost Spring Swap Meet and Car Show. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adm. *Not stated*.

March 30 - Apr. 1. Portland, OR. PIR Auto Swap Meet. Portland Int. Raceway. 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adm. \$10. under 12 free. 503-307-5420.

March 31 - April 3. Portland OR. Portland Swap Meet. Adm. \$10. under 12 free. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 503-678-2100.

May 20 Tillamook, OR. Tillawheels Show & Shine. 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 503-812-1945

June 3 Warrenton OR. 50's Cruise Reunion Car Show Camp Rilea Military Base, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Adm. \$2., Registration \$20, 503-468-0006

June 17, Puyallup WA. All Buick Open. Adm. Free.

June 24, Clatskanie, OR. Heritage Days Car Show. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Reg. TBA

July 5 - 12, Roseburg, OR. Graffiti Week

July 8th, Roseburg, OR 40th Stray Angels Show & Shine @ Melrose Vineyards.

July 14 - 15, Spokane, WA. : Meet.

July 15, Newport, OR. Cars : \$25., Adm. Free. 8:30 a.m. -

July 15, St. Helens, OR. Elks \$20., Adm, free, 8:00a.m. - 2

August 12, The Dalles, OR. a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sorosis Park -993-3540

August 20, Kalama, WA. 26th Annual Untouchables car show. 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Reg. \$20. Adm: free. 360-423-0125

August 25-26, Joseph, OR. Wallowa Mountain Cruise. 4.30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 9:a.m. - 10:00 p.m., Registration \$50.+, Adm. Free. 541-426-4622

August 26, Shelton, WA. 3rd Annual Hot Rodder's Car Show. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Registration \$20. adm. Free 360-581-8880

Sept. 9-10, Ocean Park, WA. Rod Run to the End of the World. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days. Registration \$60., Adm. \$5. 360-665-3565

And that's but just a smattering of what's in the "Little Yellow Book!"



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!)



February 12 2023 Social Lunch at Knappa Pizza in Knappa Oregon

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Club Volunteers Needed!

The Annual Swap Meet is back and your help is needed to make it a success.

Set-up starts on Friday morning, March 10, around 7:30am marking out the vendor assignments in the Arena Area. This task is best done with 4 or more volunteers. Darryl Niemi and Chuck Loesch will lead the group in measuring and chalk-lining the area. Vendors

start arriving before noon and it takes about that long to get it all numbered and done. From 12-4 volunteers help the vendors find where they go, assist with parking control, and make sure only paid vendors are setting up in the correct area. They are also needed to help load the donations being stored near Clatsop Power and unload these items at the Club Swap Meet booth. Charlie Clayton might be giving you a call to help. Club members are on hand until 8pm when the building and gates are locked.

Saturday morning March 12, the fun begins at 6 am. The gates are unlocked and here they come. Vendors check-in, get their wristbands and those that did not set up on Friday, unload. The arena doors need to be opened for vendors needing to drive in, and closed at 8am to keep crowds in control. General admission starts at 8am, Volunteers are needed to take money, stamp hands, and greet the public. The club also has an information table in the exhibit hall to provide the public with information about the club. Volunteers are needed from 8-11 and 11-2. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting, or you can call and let me know when you would be available to help and which area you would like to be 503-468-0006.

Thanks for all your support, Charlie Clayton and Dorothy G



FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUNCEMENTS



For Sale 1956 Pontiac Star Chief Custom Deluxe 2 Dr Hardtop

A driver with good paint, chrome and interior. New brakes, brake cylinders, front drums, heater valve, and steering column bearing. 316 motor with Hydromatic transmission. Located in Ocean Park. \$25,000 Fred 907-399-0456

For Sale 1964 Ford Falcon Ranchero 200-6cylinder, Duel Exhaust, Manual Stick Transmission, New Paint, New Interior, New Tires with Crager SS Wheels \$12000 Randy 1-360-665-5722

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

Get well to; Ralph Jackson, Judy Jordan, Steve Gaydos, Steve Vanosdol

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)

BRINGING GOODIES 2023

(coming soon)

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COOK	BILL	2/19
DENNY	BILL	2/17
FRAUMENI	DAVID	2/21
GAYDOS	GRETCHEN	2/22
MATTHEWS	MIKE	2/28
O'BRYANT	O'BRYANT	2/20
PENUEL	GAIL	2/17
REECE	VICKI	2/21
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