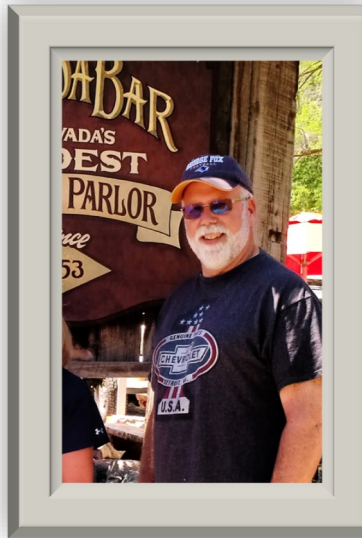


The end of June saw several events club members attended, including the BBQ in Matlock Wash., put on by the Test of Time car club. We drove north with about 8 club cars and spent a nice day with several other clubs and ended up winning a lot of door prizes. By the way, the food was great. Another end of June event was the Clatskanie car show that had 20 or so members attending.



7pm. Please remember to bring your own chair. The August 17th meeting will be at Burt and Cindy Young's – 871 Cedar St., Warrenton, Or. , 7 pm. Again, BYOC (bring your own chair).

All of the jackets ordered recently are back from the seamstress and turned out very nice. If you would like to order one, it would be best to try one on for size first. Several are available in Steve's shop or ask

The 4th of July started with the club making an appearance at Robinson Park in Warrenton for their annual classic car get-together. The parade later that day had a couple club cars carrying dignitaries and other cars throwing candy at a whole lot of kids!

to try on another member's jacket. You can view pricing and information on Amazon. The seller is "DECKRA SPORTS". Dorothy has printed out the ASIN# for each size and will have this information at the upcoming meetings, or call and she can e-mail you the information.

In club business, a proposal for some shop equipment from Knappa High School's welding program was submitted and the request was approved. As a result we have ordered a Jet Belt/Disc sander through Englund Marine that is due to be delivered by the end of this month. Another item in the Educational Outreach is from Warrenton's High School vocational program. They have expressed a need for a "2-wheel tow-dolly" to transport vehicles safely to their shop, instead of using ropes or straps. If anyone knows of one for sale please let me know. A dolly is prefead to a trailer because of storage concerns. Another item being considered is a prepaid account at O'Reilly's for shop items not in their budget. This will be discussed at the July 20 meeting.

The July 20 meeting will be held at Fred and Ann Mestrich's shop- 35525 Little Lane, Astoria, at

In other club news, on July 11th Fred and I are meeting with the County Fair Board regarding the rental rate and date for next year's Swap Meet. Another item is the site for next year's 50's Cruise Reunion. Our relationship with Camp Rilea isn't severed, but it is strained and a new location is being discussed. The 50's Cruise still has outstanding bills so the numbers are still up in the air. It appears we did alright due to the good weather and large turnout.

The club social on July 23rd is rapidly approaching, so if you haven't RSVP'd, make sure to call Dianne and Mike Matthews at 360-465-2320. We will be leaving Dismal Nitch rest area at 1pm for a short cruise, ending up at the Matthews for home-made ice cream. Be sure to BYOC and be prepared for a good time!

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The club has been contacted about an event at the Astoria Airport to be held August 19. It is billed as a “fly-in, with classic cars on display”. The time for arrival is between 10 and 10:30am with the event scheduled from 11am-4pm. There will be food vendors on site along with various aircraft. If you are interested, call me – 503-468-0006, as they would like a headcount for parking spaces. It’s close to home and should be fun.

One last item is security for the Rod Run in Ocean Park on September 8, 9, and 10. We need a volunteer to organize and secure volunteers to fill the twelve 6-hour time slots. It’s a good fund raiser for the club and the Beach Barons always have food and refreshments to our volunteers.

See you around! Doug



How amazing is this. Four elk waiting for the parade to start. They look like statues!



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June 14, 2023

The June 14th meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic Car club was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Doug Gillies. The club officers were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews. Jim Purdy was thanked for the barbecue meal as well as members who brought side dishes.

Jim Roehr was introduced as a new member. Guest for the evening was Levi Yackley, Oliver Yackley's son.

Patty Getchell made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as printed in the BackFire.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young gave highlights of the 50's cruise since not all the bills have been submitted to him. The silent auction did very well. The three items brought in \$400. Burt will give a more complete report at the July meeting.

Committee reports -

Membership - no news

We missed a perfect opportunity for a photo shoot of members cars at the 50's cruise since there were approximately 30 cars there. It was suggested that we try at the ice cream social at Mike and Diane Matthews's July 23rd.

Sunshine - Linda Uphoff was absent but cards have been sent out to several members.

BackFire - Ross Getchell explained the problems that he is having with the club computer. He thinks that he may have a virus. Steve Jordan made a motion that Ross be allowed to take the computer to have it cleaned and check out. Motion passed.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton will be attending a meeting with the Clatsop County Fairgrounds people July 11th concerning their raising the cost of renting the grounds for next year's swap meet. We paid \$1,200 for this last year's swap meet. They are wanting to raise the rent to \$3,000. There will be further discussion on this at the July meeting.

Outreach Program - The Knappa School is asking for help in purchasing some welding equipment. The cost of the machinery that they are looking at is \$1,800. Doug Gillies will pursue this further.

Warrenton Vocational Program - The teacher has contacted us asking for help since she has run out of money for small items (oil,rags, car parts, etc.)needed for the shop classes. It was suggested that we give them a prepaid gift card for \$500. After discussion it was suggest that the board make the final decision on this.

50's Cruise - President Doug Gillies explained the problems that we had with the Camp Rilea personnel before the show and during the show. It was suggested that we try and find another site for next year's event.

There will be further discussion on this at the July meeting.

Old Business:

Club jackets are here. If you are interested there are some in Steve Jordan's shop or you can order one.

Potluck Picnic Saturday, June 17th in Matlock, Wa. put on by the Test of Time car club. We will be meeting at Dismal Nitch and leaving at 9:00 am. It was suggested that we bring desserts.

Test of Time car show in Shelton August 26th.

September 24th inter club picnic - Vice President Jim Purdy reported that we will have to bring our own barbecues since the club barbecue is no longer useable. There will be further discussion on this at the July meeting.

Rod Run Security - We have not received the contract from the Beach Barons. If they do ask for our help we will need 12 people to work the nights of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The shifts run from 6:00 pm to midnight and from midnight to 6:00 am.

Clatskanie car show June 24th - meeting at the aquatic center at 7:00 am

A high thank you went out to all members who worked at the 50's cruise. You all made it a very successful show.

Meeting adjourned. Nicki Andrews Attendance drawing won by Bill Denny.

July 20th meeting at Fred and Ann Mestrich's

FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

"Flash Back to the Past"

(Judy Jordan suggested we use Articles in the Gal's Page from past issues of "The Back Seat" when no one is signed up; so here is the first one, submitted by Barb Mosher. PS: Great idea!)

When Judy Jordan asked if I would like to check out the view from The Back Seat thought "What the heck, these old bones are still flexible enough to crawl back there". So, I did and when I started looking out that oval back window I noticed how time flew backwards to the olden days and beyond. Dusting off the keys of my old Remington typewriter, I hunted and pecked for a while so I could tell you just what I saw back there.

Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear...oops, wrong station! We're heading back to the summer month of 1962 when I, a newly engaged young girl, met for the first time my soon to be mother-in-law and architect father-in-law in their immaculate and perfectly decorated Bellevue home. My first view was of an elegant woman sitting on the raised hearth (this was something new to me, even though my dad was a carpenter and built nice homes I'd never seen such a thing) with an ornately knitted shawl ("handmade of course, dear") over her shoulders that set off long skirt and the classic French roll hairdo ("simple is always better, dear") she sported. We were going to tour the Bellevue Arts and Craft show then return to their home for a simple dinner. Noticing that I'd popped a hole in my nylon when I'd gotten out of the car, she took me to her guest bathroom where she had a drawer full of various colored and sizes of hose ("never use the word nylons, you are a wearing hose, dear") just for emergencies such as mine. Oh this woman was prepared for anything I could tell and I was going to be a challenge and on-going project.

The art show was uneventful, I didn't say much being totally overwhelmed by the gracious manner she viewed the wares and her occasional sniff of disapproval for some of the lower priced ("tacky, dear") crafts. Dinner was another eye opener: stuffed pork chops (not fried! And stuffed with handmade croutons and gold raisins whatever those were), a simple salad of hand torn romaine, thinly sliced red onion, vinegarette and hand shaved parmesan (where is the wedge of iceberg lettuce, the bottle of Kraft Thousand Island Dressing and the green can of parmesan?). My gosh, look at those tiny little hamburger buns ("handmade cocktail sandwich breads, dear") and fresh fruit tarts with custard filling (no Jello instant pudding mix here) for desert.

Cleanup was a disaster, first I asked about the whereabouts of the dishwasher ("never use a machine when you can show your love for your family by doing it by hand, dear") and watching her nearly stroke out when I put the hand dried Fiesta ware dishes casually willy-nilly back into the cupboard ("we always place like colors with

like, moving from bottom to the top of the stack, dear"). Her little after dinner talk was interesting, settled into her comfortable but tasteful side chair next to the highly polished coffee table with Architectural Digest and some other totally to me alien magazine (where was Good Housekeeping and Sports Illustrated) she pronounced the words that would forever be emblazoned in my memory "I will be happy to show you how Douglas likes his undershorts and undershirts ironed, how to properly fold and place them in the dresser drawer, dear". (Ironed tightly whities and properly folded and placed? I think I still have an iron somewhere in a bag with an empty spray can of starch, but don't ask me to get it quick. As for folded and placed-'fling 'em in and lettem' land wherever so long as you can close the drawer and forget 'em' is my motto.)

Where is all of this leading to, well here in the Back Seat you gotta let go once in a while and do a mental smack up alongside the head. I give you now a recipe for some really, really good fudge, which she would make each Christmas holiday and portion out by the square inch over the following year. It is written by her fine hand on an elegant embossed recipe card and dated 1962-and makes a huge batch depending on how you cut it of course.

Perfect Roberta Fudge

(that is a tacky name, dear'-if she only knew!)

Boil for 6 minutes: 4 1/2 cups sugar, pinch of salt, 2 tbs butter, 1 2/3 cups evaporated milk

Pour over: 12 oz bag of chocolate chips, 12 oz of broken German's Sweet chocolate, 1 pint of marshmallow cream, 2 cups chopped walnuts

Beat until all chocolate is melted, pour into buttered pan and let set few hours before cutting. Freezes well.

Therefore, good readers if you're still with me, cut a huge slab of this stuff (forget the one inch square nonsense), get yourself a cup of something you like to drink, crawl into your un-designer chair, grab a good book or magazine off the pile on the floor and enjoy. In case you're wondering, she's still with us in Arizona and dispensing helpful hints to this day ("use q-tips to clean out your window tracks, dear" was in my last holiday letter from her) although I think she has someone in to help her now with some of the household chores... Ironing tightly whiteite's perhaps? I gotta find that iron!

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!)

Fourth of July
Car Show and
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Ice Cream Social

*Mike and Diane Matthews will host their 4th annual Ice Cream Cruise, **Sunday, July, 23**. RSVP to 360-465-2320 (landline), 360-353-8237 (cell) or hicksrus@wwest.net so Mike knows how much ice cream to crank. We'll supply the ice cream, ice cream toppings, buttermilk brownies, bowls and utensils, etc. It'll be in our backyard. Please bring lawn chairs. No social is complete without a drive so, at 1:00 pm we'll meet everyone at the Dismal Nitch rest stop. From there, we will journey through local backroads with a stop at the historic Grays River Covered Bridge. Maps will be provided once we figure out a new route. Hopefully participants won't get lost this year. We'll regroup at our house in Rosburg for DESSERT!!! So let us know if you'd like to be included, we'd love to have you!! And, please light candles to the weather gods for sunny and warm!!!*



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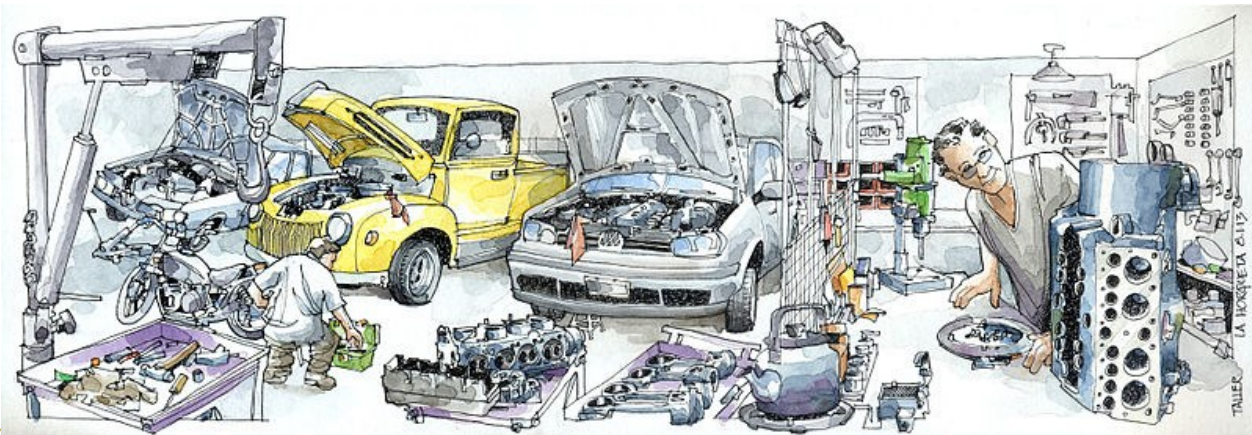
FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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