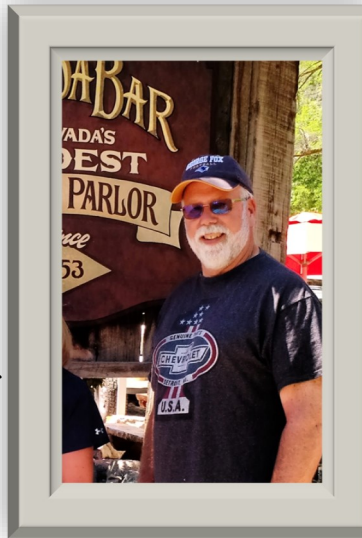


The mystery of the Club's missing mail containing membership dues has finally been solved. The wayward envelopes that were posted through the Portland sorting facility, all bearing the date stamp of January 3, 2023, arrived safely in the club P.O. Box on May 16, 2023. The odd part of the story is that it wasn't just one envelope, but included three other pieces of mail with the same date stamp. So the answer to the question of how long does it take mail to get from Astoria to Astoria, seems to be occasionally 5 months. We have gone through all the membership checks that arrived and believe we have sorted out all the issues this created. Membership Chair Jo Loesch and I went thru them all and contacted everyone that might have paid twice. We think we are all back on track.

The 50's Cruise car show is over and put away. We are now waiting for the last bills to arrive before we can get a final picture of the financial outcome. First though I would like to thank all of our members for the hard work you put in to pull it off. Burt and I are really pleased how everyone came together, especially with having the rug pulled out from under us by the site-director one week before the show. The crowd was great and I think between show cars and host cars, we had about 160 classic cars in the show. On top of that, because of the great weather, our spectator count was huge! I can't wait to see our final numbers. I am writing this just after the show, so the results aren't in yet. Again, "THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped make it turn out so very well. The committee is entertaining ideas for a different site for next year. Suggestions are welcome!



A reminder to all that our June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm meeting will be held at the home of Jim and Valarie Purdy, 92231 Simonsen Rd., Svenson. The July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm meeting will be at the home of Fred and Ann Messtrich, 35525 Little Lane, Astoria. The August 17, 7pm meeting will be at the home of Burt and Cindy Young, 673 Cedar St., Warrenton. If you need directions, you can call me at 503-468-0006 or contact another club member and we will direct you there.

As with all of our meetings held at member's homes, it's a good idea to bring your own chair.

On the car show scene, during the weekend of August 26, I know one group is headed to Joseph Or. and another group will be going north to a show in Shelton, Wa. The Shelton show is being put on by our friends with Test of Time Car Club. If you are interested ask around and information will be available at the meeting.

I hope you all have taken advantage of our good weather and had your classic out on the road.

Keep the shiny side up and the dirty side down! Doug



May 18, 2023

The May meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order by President Doug Gillies at 7:04 pm. Club officers were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

No new members were present. Stan Sonntag was a visitor.

Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed in the BackFire.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young handed out to the membership the April financial report. We did very well at the Swap Meet.

Committee reports

Membership - The missing membership dues checks showed up. Doug and Dorothy Gillies along with Jo Louch, membership chairperson, will go thru them to compare who repaid their membership and did not. Doug will call those people who repaid and asked them what they want to do with the missing checks - return them or extend their membership. We discussed Jim Woods coming back to the Astoria area and his returning to the club.

BackFire - Ross Getchell is hoping to renew the man's page in the BackFire.

Swap meet - Charlie Clayton thanked all those people who helped at the swap and is hoping that they will be willing to help next year.

Planning for next year's Swap Meet will start after the 50's cruise.

Educational Outreach - There were three cars at the Mert's open house. President Doug Gillies asked who are on the Outreach committee? Oliver Yackley and Jim Woods. Mike Matthews volunteered as a third member.

Patty Getchell reminded club members that we are not eligible to enter the 50/50 drawing, the raffle, nor enter our hot rods in the 50's Cruise.

It was suggested that someone get ahold of the Astoria Drag racing team to see if they might be interest in doing the 50/50 drawing.

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies and Burt Young will be cochairmen of the show. Thursday June 1 at 4:00 pm they are planning to load the van at Steve Jordan's with items that will be needed for setting up the cruise. Friday June 2nd they will be meeting at the Pig and Pancake at 8:00 am for a no host breakfast. At 10:00 am we will be meeting at Camp Rilea to set up for the show. Saturday at 6:00 am we will be setting the tents, gates and any last minutes items. A complete breakdown will be needed after the show Saturday afternoon. Sunday the van needs to be emptied so it can be used for work Monday. Raffle items are needed. Burt Young reported that we have a few new vendors. T-shirts are available to members for \$5 for those who work the show. There will be a last minutes 50's cruise meeting at Steve Jordan's on May 27th at 2:00 pm. The question was asked why we have raised the entry price on the day of the show from \$20 to \$25. More change is needed with the \$25 price.

Old Business

Car plaques are available to members for \$25.

Club jackets are here and will be available after the meeting . We also have a sample of the embroidery that will go on the back of the jacket.

Steve Jordan received a letter from the Beach Barons car club inviting us to join them at the Tillamook car show May 27th. Please see Steve if you are interested in going.

There is a show in Aberdeen this Saturday May 27th. Meet Fred Mestrich at 7:30 am at Dismal Nitch if you are planning to go.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Next month's meeting (June 15th) will be at Vice President Jim Purdy's home at 7:00 pm. Call him for directions or check your roster for his address.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

Attendance drawing won by Jo Louch

Upcoming cars shows: Woodland June 17th Father's Day

Clatskanie June 24th

Beaches at Portland Raceway open June 7th

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

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## 50'S CRUISE REUNION CAR SHOW JUNE 3RD 2023



*THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE  
IN THE WEATHER FROM LAST  
YEAR! THIS YEAR WE ALL EN-  
JOYED THE SUN AND A SLIGHT  
BREEZE. WE HAD A VERY  
GOOD TURN-OUT OF SPECTA-  
TORS AND PARTICIPATES.*



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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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THE START OF THE MEETING.  
(MEETING STARTS AT 7PM)

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## **FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL ANNOUCEMENT !! 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**



## **SETTING UP FOR THE 50'S CRUISE REUNION (VERY EARLY)**

**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;** Kay Murders, Sherrie Kelley, Polk Riley, Rick Jackson, Stan Sonntag (Sympathy)

*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**

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