

The club's annual swap meet is just about to happen as I write this. It looks like we will have an almost full house of vendors and we are hoping for a big crowd of people out looking for car parts and memorabilia. The fairgrounds has undergone yet another change in management, but Chairman Charlie Clayton has done a great job in keeping our event on track despite some challenges.



until 3pm. There will be more information when we receive it. It is a fun time so if you can join us there.

We may have found a supplier for club jackets. Vice President Jim Purdy is looking into it and is ordering 4 different sizes for members to try on for fit. There will be an email sent to announce when this will happen.

After the success of our February social we are looking forward to another one in April. Member D'arcy Ferguson is planning one. When the location, date, and time is set, we will get the info out to the club members. It is an enjoyable time to just visit in an informal setting and get your car out for a short drive. I hope you can all join us.

Membership renewals continue to come in and our membership roster should be out shortly after the swap meet. We still haven't received the envelope of renewal checks from late November and early December, but none of the early ones from this group have cleared the bank.

The March club meeting is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>. This doesn't allow Ross very much time to send the Backfire out, so I will send an email on time sensitive items. The meeting is in the Jordan's shop, as usual, hope to see you all soon.

Entry flyers for the 50's cruise car show are ready to be mailed for our show on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be back on the helipad site that we have been using in years past. Camp Rilea agreed that this is better suited to our needs than the long narrow strip they had moved us to for the last 2 years. As soon as the swap meet is over the car show committee is ready to go in making sure we have a great show. We are hoping for good weather!

Stay healthy! Doug



The club has been contacted by MERTS asking us to bring some cars for their open house on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The time isn't set yet but typically is 9 or 10am

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February 16, 2023

The February meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Doug Gillies. The board members were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

Visitors: None New members: None

Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting as printed in the BackFire. Motion seconded and approved.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young gave the January financial report.

Committees:

Membership - Jo Louch gave a report. After discussion the membership was asked to reissue their yearly membership dues.

Sunshine - no report

BackFire - Ross Getchell asked that articles be submitted to him as close to the first of the month as possible.

Website - the membership was encouraged to submit pictures of their cars to Robi Nelson to be put on the website.

Educational Outreach - we have purchased four engine stands for the Warrenton High school program. They have a wish list of welding booths and a ventilation system. Burt Young reported on a active drag racing team from Astoria who race at the Woodburn drag strip. Adam Kirby is their contact person. They meet twice a month.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton reported on swap meet progress. At 1:00 pm on Wednesday before the Swap meet they will be unloading the trailer. Set up will be Friday at 800 am. Dorothy Gillies showed us swap meet signs that can be put up in different locations. Jim Purdy encouraged members to come to the swap meet even though they may not have signed up for a particular job. We discussed food vendors.

50's Cruise - President Doug Gillies reported that we have conformation on getting the helo pad. The next planning meeting will be Saturday February 25th at Steve Jordan's shop.

Old Business:

Vice President Jim Purdy reported that Doug Haserot has given him some information about club jackets. Jim will order a couple to see how we like them.

New Business:

President Doug Gillies asked the membership if anyone has ideas for a place for our March social.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

Bill Denny won the monthly drawing.

## FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

### What does it mean????

This year I am looking forward to a visit with 5 of my friends: Stacy, Mary, Donna, Cathy, and Jeannie. The names have not been changed to protect anyone. The reason this visit is so special is that we are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> birthdays and long-time relationships. Stacy and I grew up on the same block and have known each other since we were 5 years old. Mary and I met in first grade. Stacy, Mary and I have long been known as the three Amigas. Donna, Cathy, and Jeannie I met in high school when we were 15 years old.

In the last few years, we have met and enjoyed drinking, laughing, storytelling, and just hanging together. On one of our visits Stacy even side slapped me (a faux slap) and said that I hadn't changed since I was ten years old; *thank goodness someone noticed.*

Last year we met in Sacramento at Mary's home and had a fabulous time. They are all coming to stay with me in Oregon this year. I have been planning this trip for several years soooo looking forward to having them here. Ross will be staying somewhere (thank you honey) so we have the run of the house.

Our car club friends know what it is like to just hang and have fun. This visit will be like some of those, but our history together goes back even further, which makes it all the more special. Have memories of Stacy driving Mary and me around all over the place, as I recollect, she had a convertible at one time. Mary and I were always taller than the other girls in grammar school; Mary said we were not tall we were statuesque. I talked Stacy into walking home from Pius X High School in Downey to South Gate (Stacy even lived miles away from my house and had to catch a bus

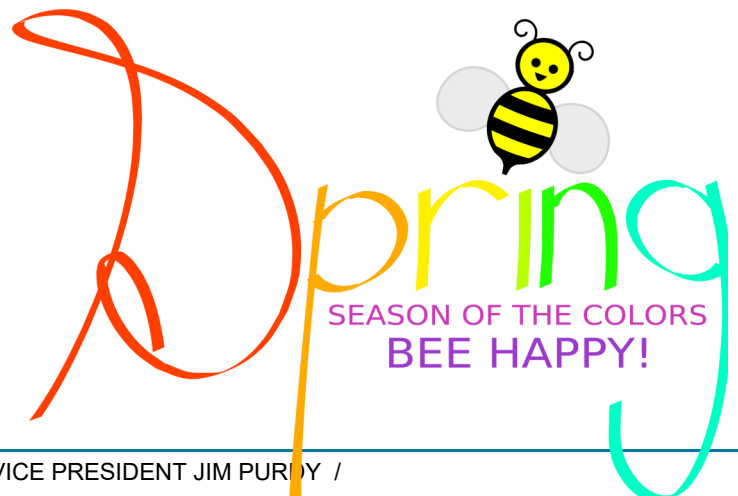
home from Annetta Ave (my home)). Yes, she still talks to me, and I think still likes me. We had several drinking socials and soirees (fancy name for bar drinking). I remember Donna's beautiful smile and great friendship from high school. Cathy was and is a very warm giving person and we have always connected. Jeannie has never been far from my memories and will see her for the first time if she makes it to this **squad** get together. Yes, we call ourselves the **SQUAD**. Even have a picture of us in Las Vegas all wearing white blouses (Catholic High school requirement).

I will not be introducing them to any car club people, don't want to tarnish my reputation (LOL). Who knows you may run into us as we are touring around. If you hear lots of laughter outside your house **it means** we are celebrating being together...

Patty Getchell



# March International Women's Day



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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!!!*



## 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!)

# WHO ARE THE OWNERS?



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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*



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**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 ?

***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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JOHNSON	MIKI	3/25
KELLY	JR	3/24
KOSSAK	FRANK	3/20
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