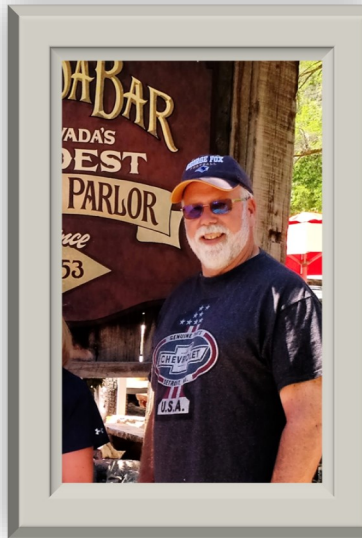


The 50's Cruise Reunion car show is coming up fast and planning for the event is taking shape. Our volunteer list is being assembled and anyone wanting to help, please let us know. The list will be at our regular club meeting, May 18 in the Jordan's shop or at our 50's Cruise Committee meeting, Saturday, May 27, 2pm, in the Jordan's shop. If you can't make the meetings, call me at 503-468-0006 to get your name on the list. Again this year we are making car-show T-shirts available to our volunteers for \$5.

They will be available to purchase at the club meeting and the 50th cruise meeting as well as the day of the show. Something else we can use are raffle prize donations. If you can get a new item that we can use for the raffle, please let me know and we can arrange for pickup if needed.

On Friday, June 2nd, we will meet at Pig and Pancake at 8am and go to Camp Rilea at 10 to put up signs, pop-ups, and stake out the parking areas. On Show Day, June 3, we need to start at 6am, setting up tables, chairs, the Raffle Tent, putting canopies on the frames, and finishing the set-up so we can be ready to go by 8. There will be a parking area for club members classics in the "Host Car" area. This year we are back on the helipad field, not on the ridge-top where we have been the past several years. We hope to see a good turn-out so we can catch up with each other as we put on a great show.

In other news, the club attended the Clatsop Community College MERTS campus open house on May 5th. Hopefully everyone interested got the club email about it. It is a great chance to meet the



local high school seniors and their teachers who are interested in vocational education.

Along those lines, we have our final accounting from the Swap meet and it was extremely successful. We will be able to fund our educational outreach program. Many thanks to our committee chair Charlie Clayton, and the committee for a job well done.

The club has placed an order from 12 members for maroon and grey jackets that should arrive before the May meeting. If you have thought about ordering one, a variety of sizes will be available at the meeting. The embroidery will be done by West Coat Artisans in Astoria after they have been delivered to the members that ordered them.

A reminder: The Summer meeting schedule will be at 7pm the home of:

June 15 - Jim Purdy, 92231 Simonsen Rd., Astoria

July 20 - Ann and Fred Mestrich, 35525 Little Lane, Astoria

August 17 - Cindy and Burt Young, 673 SW Cedar St., Warrenton

Safe travels to you all! Doug

The regular meeting of Lower Columbia Classic's car club was held on April 20th 2023 at Steve Jordan's shop, 35232 Helligso Ln, Astoria Oregon, the president Doug Gillies being in the chair, Vice president Jim Purdy, treasurer Burt Young and Secretary pro tem Judy Jordan present. Nicky Andrews was absent.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the Backfire. The motion carried.

Financial report –Burt Young, distributed the reconciliation and profit and loss statements for review. All the bills have shown up for the swap meet so a profit was reported.

Sunshine committees reported, Linda Uphoff was absent, but she had sent cards to Sherrie Kelly and Kay Murders.

Membership committee- No report as Jo was absent, but a big shout out to Jo for the great job she is doing.

Swap meet report Charlie was absent, but it was reported it was a very successful swap meet. The trailer is still full and needs to be emptied, there will be an e-mail come out sometime next week to get it emptied. So look for that e-mail.

Web site—No report.

Backfire report- Ross is always looking for suggestion. Thanks to all who sent articles in!

Out reach committee- there will be an open house at Merts on May 5th for the club to bring our cars to display. Time will be announced in an e-mail later.

50's cruise – Burt and Doug reported there is a meeting on sat the 29 at Steve's shop at 2pm. Fred has made the trophies and brought them to share. Shirts are done and ordered; cost for those that volunteer at the show will be \$5. Show price is \$20. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers, With 150 members we should be able to do several shifts. If you are selling trophies please have them turned in my April 29.

Old business- club plaques are available for sale. They are \$25.

Dorothy will be ordering club jackets so get your order in

A big thank you to Darcy for the April social

Good of the order--Jim Wood is looking for an apartment with a garage to rent here in this area, if you know of something let him know.

New business-Club meeting will not be held at Steve's shop for the months of June (Jim Purdy), July (Fred Mestrich) and August at Burt Young's. This will be in the backfire with addresses.

We have been invited to three car shows by, The Test of Time Car club.

May 20 at Aberdeen Wa

Picnic in the Park, Matlock Wa. June 17

August 26 at Shelton Wa.

Call before you go.

Fred has information about a car that is going to be for sale, a 1926 Motel T, call Fred Mestrich if you are interested.

Marion Ralston's book was shared.

Steve reminded every one to look for raffle prizes.

Meeting adjourned: Thank you to Chuck Loesch for the cookies!

The attendance drawing was won by Jo Loesch, since she was not present it carries over until next month.

JJ



I've been worried. Wracking my brain about this "Gal's Page" commitment I made. What was I thinking?! Fact, I had made this commitment a couple years back and cancelled out. This time, I have to pull through. My honor is at stake. You "Gal's Page" contributors are incredibly gifted—and intimidating.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading your adventures, memories and recipes.



Still struggling

with what to write or

share . . . wondering why I voluntarily inflicted this torture upon myself, I desparately started skipping through my browser, looking for therapy! **Instead,** I stumbled across an interesting book, The one! The only! Guide to Cooking On Your Car Engine! **"Manifold Destiny"**. I was instantly inspired. I got to thinking those old sayings: "You Are What You Eat" and "You Are What You Drive" could take on a new synergetic meaning.

Getting totally side tracked here, but no doubt you ladies will agree, "Car Guys" stand out in a crowd. They seem to beam with confidence, are motivated, smart, ingenious and appreciative of a good woman. Let's just say they're *carismatic*. There's nothing I like better than going on a cruise with my "Car Guy" on a warm day, free as birds, swaying through some easy fun curves, not a care in the world, except, maybe, to find a good bite to eat.

Merging those thoughts back around to **"Manifold Destiny"**, I got to thinking (Polk loves it when I start out a conversation with, "I'm thinking"), we could change the way we take road trips! With the Joseph

rally around the corner, what better time to experiment with "Manifold Destiny" recipes— Right!!!! It's only natural. So many good reasons to try. We know the way to a man's heart is through his stomach and with the price of gas so high, we'd get more bang for our buck.

What would really be unique, is that stopping at the side of road, popping the hood wouldn't mean trouble, but rather an invitation to break bread with friends. Mouth's would be watering with the anticipation of feasting on Cruise-Control Pork Tenderloin (*cooking distance: 250 mi*); Any-City Chicken Wings (*cooking distance: 140-200 mi*); Provolone Porsche Potatoes (*cooking distance: 55 miles*) and/or Chili Dogs (*cooking distance: 35 mi*).

Of course, there are basic skills to understand. Easy enough! No problem. Foil will become my new best friend. It is said you don't want to be cheap on foil here, more is better. Wrap the foil around the soon to be yummy delight, creating a package, and crimp the foil tightly and then, do it again....and then again. One must ensure a tight, sealed, safe package. I get that. Easy peasy.

As an "Engine Chef", vigilant attention is given to precise food placement. My "Car Guy" will forever be grateful and impressed with my knowledge and skill— following these recommendations:

1. Give the accelerator linkage a *WIDE* berth. It connects the gas pedal to carburetor or fuel-injection system and regulates the flow of fuel to the cylinders. Jam this and either the car won't start, or worse, it won't stop!
2. Don't block the airflow. You'll suffocate the engine.

3. Avoid yanking wires. Or pulling wires—or forcing a food-package to fit. Basic rule of thumb, if you have to force it, you shouldn't put it in.

4. Place food with the engine *OFF*.

5. Avoid foods with lots of liquid. Lots of liquid results in unwanted goop all over your man's exquisitely fine-tuned engine.

It's all simple, common sense. No worries. Joseph here we come! Car-b-que or bust.



There will be a slight problem on my end, Polk knows I'm not a skilled cook and following instructions is not my fortay (yet he loves me anyway). If he sees me packing up groceries and dragging out the cooler chest for the Joseph trip, he'll make me stay home! I'll have to assure him, **NO ENGINE COOKING...** only dash-baked cookies (95° or warmer —*cooking distance 120 mi.*).

—Entertainment by Patricia Riley
For the brave, "Manifold Destiny" can be found on Amazon.

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!)



Three of the pictures are at the April
Social in Taylorville

TOM AND JERRY'S



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AT THE MERT'S OPEN HOUSE



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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

50's Cruise Reunion T Shirts for sale to LCCC Club Members who are working the car show for \$5.00 at the May meeting at Steve Jordan's shop. Please come to the meeting. You can pick up and pay for the shirt day of the show at the T Shirt Booth.

Patty Getchell

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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



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 ? 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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LAINE	LINDA	5/14
LANDWEHR	DON	5/3
LANDWEHR	FAY	5/1
SMITH	JIM	5/15
STOTTS	KATRINA	5/6
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