

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and as cruising season comes to a close, there are lots of club activities upcoming. I will try to list them in order of their dates, but some are still unscheduled and we will email information to our members as soon as dates are set.

Our November meeting will be held Nov. 16, 7 pm in the Jordan's shop. One of the main agenda items will be voting on the 2023-24 budget that was presented to the membership at our October meeting. We will again be discussing it and then vote to accept or reject it. Another item is nomination of next year's officers. Nominating committee chair Patty Getchell will be soliciting nominees, or volunteers, to lead the club into the future. Nominations will also be taken at our December meeting prior to the election being held at the meeting. Along with these the Christmas party will be discussed. There is an announcement in this issue with time, place, and location, as well as the RSVP, which is vital so we are not guessing on the attendance numbers. So please note its new location and call in your RSVP please. At the December meeting we will be collecting cash and/or check donations to the Wishing Tree Program and the Clatsop Community Action Food Bank. At the end of the party, all donations will be counted, put in envelopes. These will be hand delivered to the designated organization. They really appreciate the money, as they can then purchase things that they need. So please, help those less fortunate members of our community.

Another issue is the 50's Cruise date and location. We have two sites available as well as two dates. We will talk about preferences by the members and pass that along to the committee. The first site and date is Camp Rilea on Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend). The second site and date is Saturday, June 1 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, which is a new



site for our show. These dates are the only available dates and locations for the June 1st time frame. If we want a certain date, it has to be at the available site, and if we want a certain location, it has to be on the only available date. We can talk about it and recommend our preferences to the 50's Cruise Committee.

We are also in the early planning with the Beach Barons on being included in their yearly "Potato give away". They bring in a large quantity of russet potatoes, they are then bagged in 5lb bags

and given away in the community. This is very early in the process, but they are hoping to do it before Thanksgiving. This is something we will have to communicate by email when details become available, and will need many volunteers.

A reminder that there won't be a December edition of the Back-Fire. We will give Ross some time away from editing around the holidays. It is a well-deserved break as he does an amazing job putting it together and every month it looks great. Thanks for all your hard work.

Information on the New Year's Day cruise will be sent by email when it is available. This year our friends across the river will be organizing it.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for all their help while I have been club president, especially my lovely bride for her advice, all the computer work for me, and just listening to ideas that needed some ironing out. I look forward to new officers and think we are going to be in good hands.

See you at the next meeting, Doug



October 19, 2023

The October membership meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic Car club was called to order at 7:03pm by President Doug Gillies. The club officers were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews. There were no visitors or new members present. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes of the September membership meeting as printed in the BackFire. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young went over the September income and expenses.

Committees

Membership - Jo Loesch no report

Sunshine -Linda Uphoff was absent. Judy Jordan reported sending Linda Uphoff and Polk Riley cards.

Website - Doug Gillies will try and contact Robi Nelson.

BackFire - Ross Getchell needs articles for the BackFire.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton was absent. Dorothy Gillies reported that some swap meet flyers are ready to be handed out. The deposit for the fair grounds has been made.

Educational Outreach - Fred Mestrich reported that Warrenton High School is working on a design for their shop ventilation system. They have been using the tow dolly.

50's Cruise - So far no place has been found for next year's cruise. Doug Gillies has been in contact with the people at Camp Rilea. So far they have not replied.

Old Business:

Nominating committee - Patty Getchell reported that the following people have agreed to run as officers for 2024

President Jim Purdy

Vice President Chuck Loesch

Treasurer Burt Young

Secretary Nomination open

Nominations will be open until the December membership meeting at which time we will be voting.

Christmas party - Judy Jordan reported that our Christmas party committee has met and party plans are well under way. The Warrenton Community Center has been secured for Sunday December 3rd at 1:00pm. We are asking all members who plan to attend please RSVP so we have some idea as to how many people to plan for. In lieu of canned food or toys we are asking member to donate money to either the Regional Food Bank or Toys for Tots. Steve Jordan made a motion that the club donate \$250 to both the Regional Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Motion seconded and passed.

Budget Meeting - the executive board meet October 14th to create the budget for next year. Treasurer Burt Young handed out the proposed budget and explained each change. We will be voting on this new budget at the November meeting.

Trunk or Treat - Doug Gillies explained this Halloween celebration to be held in Warrenton Saturday October 21st.

Steve Jordan will be going to the Albany indoor swap meet November 18th. Anyone interested in going please contact him. He will be taking some of our swap meet flyers.

New Business:

None

Next month's meeting will be November 16th at Steve Jordan's garage.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

Attendance drawing won by Doug Gillies and donated to the Educational Outreach Fund.

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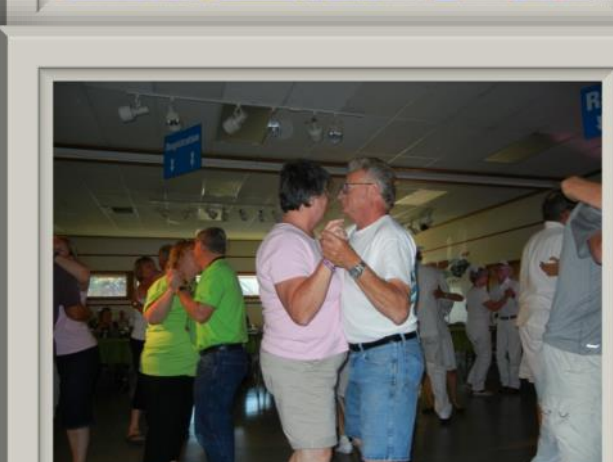
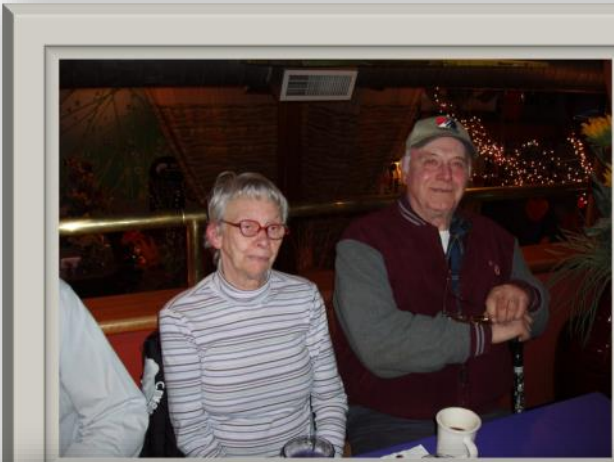
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Historical and/or Hysterical Pictures

Of LCCC Club Members, Friends, and Family



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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

If only to snug into the rusted brown hollow
of fall's palm,
booted feet to the heel,
head to a pile of leaves raked up against the
thumb.

Swung in that autumn hammock I'd watch
the leaf storm rain by. . .

the fiery streak lightning of vine maple
dead brown alder showers,

and huge butter yellow maple, dun spotted
with age,

meandering the winds,
catching here the nail,

there the thumb
of fall.

A maple whirligig may spin past
as I nest, exhausted from
spring chores, planting,
summer's travel, harvests—
the bustle the sun brings.

I'd watch its flight, so certain earthbound
but with a brave, small flutter
and I'd long for a ride, just one,
on its solitary wing.

Done with tucking in the sleepy perennials,

bearing the annuals to their pyre,
curled into the maple's earthen contours, I'd
rest

Then rise to savor the dimming greens, the
failing reds

and prepare my heart,

for smoky air, cold in weak sunlight,

for bare armed trees above tattered grass,

for a muted land, thin of birdsong,

for iron skyed days in winter's tight grasp.

Mike and Diane Matthews



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Merry Christmas
Members are invited to your annual Lower Columbia Classics
Christmas Party
Bring the whole family

December 3, 2023

Warrenton Community Center
170S.W. Third Street
Warrenton, Oregon
1:pm Lunch at 1:30 Pm

Menu

Ham, Potatoes, Salad, and Desert
Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions and we will try to
accommodate you.

After our meal we will have a short meeting to elect our 2024 officers

Help decorate our tree with your cash or checks to the (CCA regional food
bank and The wishing tree program)

Please RSVP by November 20th, 2023
to Judy Jordan, 503-325-1807 or judyjordan43@gmail.com

Be prepared to have a fantastic time!



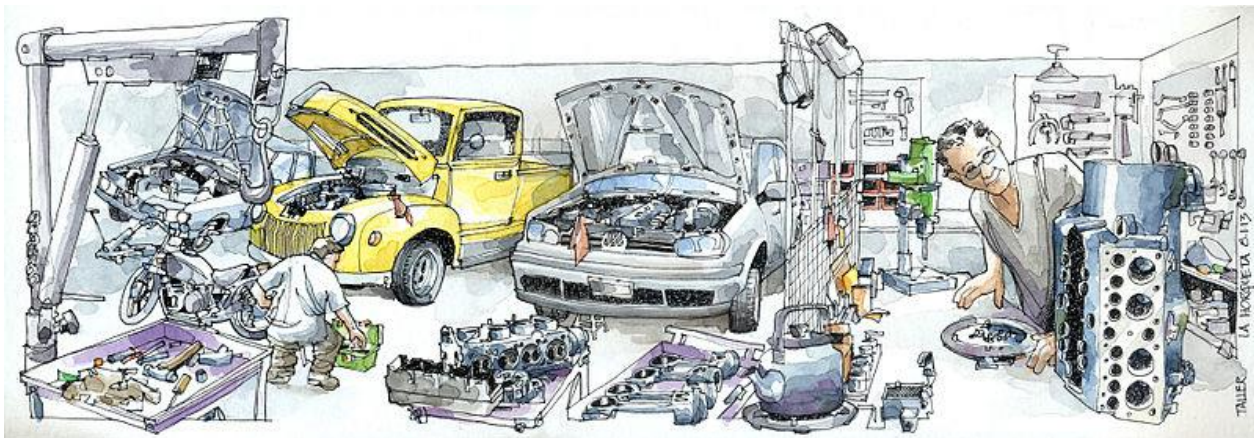
FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUCEMENTS

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

1986 corvette convertible 125000 low miles, v-8, auto, dark green in exterior color, nice gray interior, black convertible top, the stock wheels have been chromed for a nice look, this car is in great shape and drives nice, the price is in a affordable hot rod range. \$5500 360-665-5722 (Randy)



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; Ross & Patty Getchell - Sympathy Card

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

JULY-ANN M. AUG-BURT Y.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

MARGOT GITTINS

LEROY LAINE

DARLENE LANGLO

KEN UPHOFF

JASON ENGLAND

NANCY CLAYTON

KAREN GRIMM

LONNIE ACORD
 CHARLIE CLAYTON
 SANDRA HERGENREDER
 LOUISE KALLSTROM
 BARBARA NIEMI
 TIM O'BRYANT
 ERIC RALLS
 CINDY YOUNG
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