

August 2024 Backfire article

Greetings! How quickly the months are flying by! July was another busy month with 4th of July celebrations and many automobile events.

Personally, my family has been working hard to clean up the VanDomelen farm in North Plains, OR in preparation to sell. Val's father, Mick has been living there since the early 1960's so there is much accumulation to clean up. The farm has been in the family 173 years. We also planned and held a birthday party for Valerie as she turned 60 this year.

There was a great turnout for the annual Ice Cream Social and the Mathews home in Rosberg, WA. The weather was very nice, the yard was perfect and decorated with 26 club members cars and 48 guests. Well done Mike & Dianne!!!!

Several members will be traveling to Joseph, OR for the Wallowa Mountain Cruise August 23-24, I'm not sure who will lead the pack, but as soon as I find out, I will send out a mass email with meeting time and location for the trip over.

Please consult the 2024 NW Car Events Calendar (Yellow book) for upcoming events. The books are free to our members and can be picked up at our club meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month.



Here is one that is not in the yellow book, Hullabaloo Car Show and Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 10am - 2:30pm Grabhorn Farms 32821 Wikstrom Rd, Scappoose, OR put on by the Hwy 30 Cruisers from St. Helens, OR.

The Interclub Picnic will be at Bruceport County Park on Sunday September 22, 2024.

Our club is in the need of a Social Director or directors to plan and organize activities (cruises) for our members to participate in. If you feel that you may have some expertise in this area and want to help, please contact me and see if we can put something together.

This month's meeting will be at Burt & Cindy Young's home & shop at 673 Cedar S., Warrenton OR on August 15th, 2024.

Ask a member if they need a ride! I hope to see you all there.

Thank you for your continued support;

Jim Purdy, President Lower Columbia Classics Car Club 2024/2025



July 18, 2024

The July meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order at 7:05 by President Jim Purdy. Roll call of club officers - President Jim Purdy, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Treasurer Burt Young (absent), and Secretary Nicki Andrews. Visitors - none. Guests - none. Life members present - three and past presidents present - three. We thanked Fred and Ann Mestrich for hosting this evening's meeting.

President Jim Purdy read the minutes of the June meeting. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

No Treasurer's report.

Communications - the last of the bills from the 50's cruise have been turned in. We should have a final report next month.

Donations - Melonie Haase has donated car parts for next year's Swap meet and Janet Kann has donated Hudson parts also.

Committee reports

Membership - Jo Loesch no report

Sunshine - no report. Patti Getchell reported on Ross's progress after his recent surgery. He is home and doing well. Judy Jordan reported that Daryl Neimi is planning to visit his wife's grave on July 27th at 1:00 in Nehalem. That day is their 50th wedding anniversary. Club members were encouraged to go with him or send him cards.

Website - no report

Backfire - no report. A special thank you to Ross Getchell for his work on the June BackFire.

Swap Meet - no report

Educational Outreach - Fred Mestrich is working with the school on the exhaust system. Mark Eide was asked to check with P L Johnson on the progress of this project. There was discussion.

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies reported that he is working on a close out meeting.

Dorothy Gillies reported on a car show that Astoria Ford will be putting on Saturday August 20th.

Mike Matthews reminded the membership of the ice cream social at their home August 21st. We will be meeting at 1:00 pm at Dismal Nitch.

Interclub Picnic - Kay Murders has agreed to chair this. The picnic will be September 22nd at Bruceport Park. Kay will be working on the menu. Please contact her if you can help.

Christmas party - Judy Jordan will chair this. After some discussion it was decided to set December 8th as the date.

Social Director - we are in need of some one to plan monthly club outings. Judy Jordan suggested that one person be responsible for only one month at a time.

Old Business - none

New Business

Moose Car show in Ocean Park July 20th.

The question was asked about security at the Beach Barons field during the Rod Run. Nicki Andrews will check on this.

Montesano show July 20th.

Joseph Show August 23rd and 24th. Several members are planning to attend. The itinerary was explained.

Next month's meeting will be at Burt and Cindy Young's August 15th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

Evening drawing of \$34.00 was won by Bill Denny.

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

This is a repeat of an article I wrote many years ago, 17 years ago to be exact. Another article at some time will tell the rest of the story!!

What I wrote 17 years ago.

This month I have decided to do some thing a little different and hope that you all will get some insite in to life of an adopted child,there may be some of you , like myself,who were adopted. Or you could be a birth mother or father who gave up your child for adoption.

As some of you know, I was adopted when I was a baby, I grew up in South Dakota and was raised by wonderful parents, Arnold and Martha Lee.

When I was 3 years old, a boy (Bobby) was added to our family, he was also adopted. With the addition of him, your family was complete. Of course our extended family included a grandmother, grandfather, aunts, uncles and cousins.

What more could a child ask for. Because our life was one of many blessings, we didn't feel the need to search for our birth parents. There were a few times when it entered my mind, but never did pursue it.

Six years ago I received a letter From Lutheran Social Services of SD,telling me my birth mother would like to contact me. And of course the rest is history.

A very dear friend of mine sent me this poem several weeks ago, author unknown. That I would like to share with you.

*Once there were two women who never
knew each other,
One – you do not remember, the other
you call mother.
Two different lives shaped to make
yours,
One became your guiding star, the other
became your sun.
The first gave you life, and the second
taught you to live in it.
The first gave you a need for love and
the second was there to give it.
One gave you a nationality; the other
gave you a name.
One gave you the seed of talent; the
other gave you an aim.
One gave you emotions; the other
calmed your fears.
One saw your first sweet smile; the other
dried your tears.
One gave you up – that's all she could
do.
The other prayed for a child and God
led her straight to you.
Now you ask through all your tears the
age-old question through the years;
Heredity or environment – which are
you a product of?
Neither, my darling – neither – just
two different kinds of love.*

It was a adjustment for me, but I now have my birth-mother and her husband in my life and also a half sister and her family. Every day I thank my birth-mother for giving me such a wonderful life. Do hope you enjoy this poem! Judy Jordan

The rest of the story to continue!

Lower Columbia Classics Car Club
Presents

Our Annual Inter-Car Club Invitational Friendship Picnic

The Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024 Time: 12:00 Noon until ??

Location: Bruceport County Park (approximately 6 miles south of South Bend Wa.)

The menu: Hot dogs, burgers, baked beans, potato salad, Lemonade. Coffee and Dessert.

What to Bring: Your car-club friends, family and lawn chairs. Join us for a day of relaxation and getting to know friends from other clubs in SW Washington and NW Oregon.



The only thing missing is you!

Lower Columbia Classics Club Members who would like to help with the set-up, and get a good parking spot, will meet at the Astoria DMV at 8:45 AM – departing at 9:00. The group will head North and have a short stop at Dismal Nitch to meet up with our Long Beach members, approximately 9:15. We will pass through Naselle about 9:30 where members in that area can join the caravan heading North to the park. We hope to see you all there! Bring a chair and plan for the weather.

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!)



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UP-COMING GAL'S PAGE ARTICLES January Dorothy Gillies, February Patty Getchell, March, Darcy Vanosdol, April, Nora Corkill, May Nicki Andrews, June Jo Loesch, July Judy Atkinson, August Judy Jordan, September Nicki Andrew October Gail Penuel, November Diane Matthews.

Get well to; Ralph Jackson, (Sympathy) Ed Penuel (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)

BRINGING GOODIES 2024

JUNE-NICKI JULY-ANN AUG.-BURT SEPT-KAY OCT-JUDY NOV-ANN

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New Membership Form

Lower Columbia Classics Memberships are "family memberships". Those living in your home over the age of sixteen, are included for a \$25 annual Membership fee. Your membership includes "The Backfire" monthly newsletter, activities such as organized cruises, the Holiday party, monthly socials, the multi-club picnics, admission to the annual March swap meet at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, and the car show at Camp Rilea in Warrenton.

Once membership is processed, you will receive a Welcome Packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jo Loesch, Membership Chair
Email: LCCCmembershipchair@outlook.com

Lower Columbia Classics Car Club - New Membership

Make checks payable to: Lower Columbia Classics
Mail to: Membership LCCC, P.O. Box 1259, Astoria OR 97103
(Dues are \$25.00, Due Jan. 1 of each year)

Today's Date: _____ Amt Paid: _____ Check# _____

Name: _____ Spouse or S/O Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Spouse - S/O Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse - S/O Email: _____

"CAR LIST"

Year	Make	Model

Wedding Anniversary Mth: _____ His Birth Mth: _____ Spouse-S/O Birth Mth: _____

Household Members /Children:

Name(s): _____



MAGGIE GIBSON	8/13
DOROTHY GILLIES	8/10
JO HENDRICKSON	8/8
JUDY JORDAN	8/4
RON LARSEN	8/2
DARRYL NIEMI	8/27
JIM PURDY	8/12
PATRICIA RILEY	8/12
MIKE SASSO	8/22
MARV STUNKARD	8/22
SUE STUNKARD	8/17
LINDA UPHOFF	8/20
DESI SMOLDT	8/
PAUL SHERMAN	8/
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