

I am surprised how fast January went by. We had a regular scheduled club meeting, a Board of Governors meeting, a Swap Meet Committee meeting and a 50's Cruise Meeting. As we enter February, we are already seeing a few days of nice weather. I found myself washing cars and getting ready to cruise around.

Membership Dues continue to come in and new members are joining. We will continue to include a membership application in our newsletter for your use.

Committee work continues and a few of you that were not regular helpers have reached out to me and asked, "How can I help you?" Thank you for asking and we have already found ways for you to help. Our Swap Meet is coming up fast and is on schedule, Dorothy Gillies and Charlie Clayton are doing a great job of getting us organized and ready. If you are looking for ways to help, please reach out to them.

Our 50's Cruise is progressing and we are soliciting businesses for support with trophies. Vendors are being contacted and secured. There are still many tasks that we need help with, please reach out to Doug Gillies or myself if you can help.

Jo Loesch is doing a great job with membership, let her know if you have membership questions.

Please let Linda Uphoff know of any members who are feeling ill or could use a boost with a card or call.

Robi Nelson is updating our website with my new mugshot, if you send her photos or your cars along with descriptions, she can add them to our gallery.



Ross Getchell continues to do a great job on our newsletter. Most of you are receiving it electronically. If you need a paper copy mailed to you, Rob and Lorraine Buchanan will be taking up the duties of printing, folding and mailing out newsletters. Special thank you to Steve Jordan for doing this for many years.

Fred Mestrich has offered to Chair the Educational Outreach Committee, Thank you Fred.

Club photographer Mike Matthews continues to do great work and will also be developing digital slide shows that can be played at meetings and events. Thank you to Ed McHenry for donating a flat screen monitor for slide shows.

We will be resuming the Interclub picnic this year and I purchased a new gas grill for club use. It will take place shortly after the Beach Baron's Rod Run to the End of the World.

We have copies of the 2024 NW Car Events Calendar (The Yellow Book) and it is a great source for upcoming car shows and swap meets. The books are free to our members and you can pick one up when you attend our meetings.

Some of us have trouble driving at night and this makes it difficult to attend meetings. Reach out to other members for ride sharing opportunities, we want to see you at our meetings and participate in attendance drawings and snacks!

Let's make out annual Swap Meet on March 9th at the Clatsop County Fair Grounds a fantastic event, See you there!

Thank you for your continued support,
Jim Purdy, President LCCCC 2024-2025



January 18, 2024

The January meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jim Purdy. Club officers were introduced - President Jim Purdy, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Treasurer Burt Young, Secretary Nicki Andrews, and fifth board member past President Doug Gillies. Dino Killian was introduced as a visitor. There were no new members present. President Jim Purdy read the minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting. Corrections - transmission jack to use with a two post hoist. Patty Getchell made a motion to accept the November minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and passed. President Jim Purdy then read the minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting. Corrections - Ann Mestrich and Darcy Ferguson were added to the list of ladies who helped put on the club Christmas party. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the December minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young gave the December report of the club expenses and income. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded and passed.

Committee reports

Membership - Jo Loesch reported that she is receiving club dues for this year.

Sunshine - Linda Uphoff reported that we have several ill members - Jim Scarborough, Polk Riley, and Daryl and Barbara Neimi.

Website - Jim Purdy reported that Robi Nelson is doing a great job with our website. She could use pictures of club member's cars.

Backfire - Ross Getchell reported that the BackFire is going well. Please contact Ross if you have anything that you would like to put in the BackFire.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton gave a very detailed report on the progress of the Swap Meet March 9th at the fair grounds. The concessions will be open both days for breakfast and lunch. Posters are available for distribution - see Dorothy Gillies. Charlie went over the list of people who will be in charge of each part of the swap meet. Please contact Charlie to sign up to help. There will be a Swap Meeting February 13th. Charlie asked how many club members are trained in CPR and the use of an AED. He asked if the members might be interested in a training session.

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies reported that our show will be the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 25th. We are in need of people to chair the different committees.

Facebook - Chuck Loesch will work with Robi Nelson as our Facebook administrators.

President Jim Purdy has been going through some of our old scrapbooks. He asked if someone would be interested in making slideshows of some of the pictures in these scrapbooks. Mike Matthews, our club photographer, volunteered. Jim also asked the membership if anyone would be interested in doing the club scrapbook again.

President Jim Purdy reported on the potato give away that we recently did. If the opportunity arises again that we get more potatoes, does the club want to do this again?

Interclub picnic - Do we want to continue this? If so we will need someone to volunteer as chairman. Mike Matthews will be looking for a place other than Bruceport park.

Christmas party - Being that our membership is increasing the Warrenton Community Center turned out to be a great place for our Christmas party.

Educational Outreach - President Jim Purdy reported that Daryl Neimi will be stepping down as chairman and Fred Mestrich volunteered to step in. Fred reported on the transmission jack at the Warrenton school. We also discussed the exhaust system for the Warrenton school welding area. For the newer members Fred Mestrich explained our Educational Outreach program. It was suggested that pictures be taken when the club presents equipment. Plaques on the equipment was also suggested.

Old Business:

There was none

New Business:

There will be a board meeting January 20th at Doug Gillies.

Yellow books are here and are free to members.

Mark your calendars - club ice cream social July 21st at Mike and Diane Matthews home in Rosburg.

New Year's Day cruise - everyone had a great time. It was suggested that a thank you be sent to Drop Anchor and to the Beach Barons for their planning the cruise. Nicki Andrews as Secretary will do this.

Diane Matthews reported on the Classy Chassis car show in Wenatchee May 3rd & 4th. She and Mike will be going.

Club barbecue - Jim Purdy has the club barbecue. He is hoping that it can be repaired.

Burt Young read a letter from charter member Marian Olson.

Our next club meeting will be February 15th at 7:00 at Steve Jordan's garage.

Meeting adjourned.

Nicki Andrews
Secretary

Doug Gillies won the attendance drawing. He rolled it over.

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

I fell into a burning ring of fire.....



Ok, I didn't really fall into a burning ring of fire (Johnny Cash song as most of you know). But, I took a trip to Hawaii and had several ex-

periences about fire so thought I would share this burning time.

Some of my family went to Hawaii last year, it is an annual thing. My sister, she who shall not be named, was meeting me at the Hilton Garden Inn at the Portland area, she comes from Corvallis. I thought I would get there early and check in; when I got there found out the elevator wasn't working. My sister is legally blind and walks with a cane due to hip and back problems. Knew this wouldn't work so went to the Courtyard Marriott down the street. At 2:00 am that morning the fire alarm system went off. We made it safely down the stairs (2nd floor) and back up to our rooms as it was a false alarm. My sister said it was all my fault, I denied that.

When our plane landed in Maui we had to wait about 40 minutes to deboard due to smoke on the runway from a fire close by. Again, was told it was all my fault. It's a sibling thing right?!

Our resort was about 4 miles north of Lahaina. Yes, we were there when the fires broke out in Lahaina. Lost power Tuesday morning at about

2 am. Told to shelter in place and prepare to evacuate. Mind you there are 12 of us in separate rooms of course. 2 little girls 2 and 3 years old, their moms and dads, their grandmas, 2 great uncles and 2 great aunts. Of course, it was difficult to communicate with family in California and Oregon but made some contacts. A niece made reservations for us near the airport for Thursday night. We stayed, walked to the beach to make phone calls, entered the refrigerator only when necessary (to preserve what food we had), and discussed options. The plan was to leave Thursday morning as soon as road opened to the airport, fortunately we had three cars or this would not have happened. The drivers had to find the cars and we loaded up.

We made it safely to the airport motel. Our flights left as planned on Friday morning. Some left earlier in the day. The good news is that we all made it home safely. Driving by Lahaina was hard to see the burnt town. Our troubles were minor compared to what happened in that beautiful town. Driving home from the airport I was in a daze looking at the green and saying yes I am home.

But wait, that is not all about the fire thing. Two days after I was home our power went out in the living room. We hired an electrician, and it took them about an hour of checking to find a burnt plug into an outlet; it was melted but luckily minor damage. So, I called my sister in Corvallis and said "Yes, it was me!"

PS: We are going back to Hawaii this year to Kauai with about 40 family members.

Patty Getchell

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!)



**SOME OF OUR
MEMBERS**

YOUNGER, PASSED,

**OR FORMER MEMBERS. (THERE IS A STRANGE PICTURE IN THE
MIDDLE. WHO IS THIS MASKED MAN?)**

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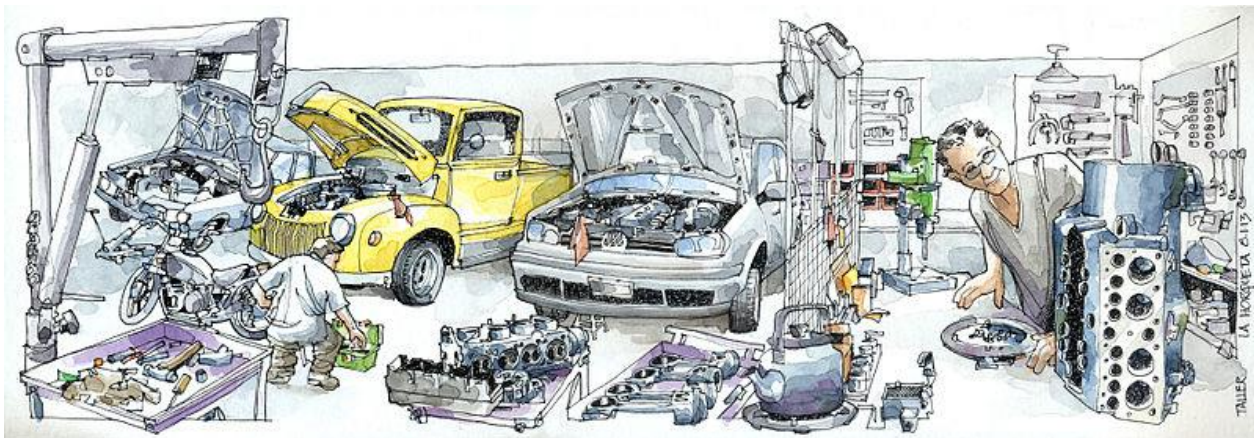
FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !! 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 (SEPTMEBER)

ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED SOMEONE TO BRING GOODIE'S FOR EACH MONTH CLUB MEETING

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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 ? October Gail Penuel, November Diane Matthews.

Get well to;

KATIE SCARBOROUGH, ROSS GETCHELL, STEVE & JUDY JORDON, DARRYL & BARBARA NIEMI

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)

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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

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(Dues are \$25.00, Due Jan. 1 of each year)

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