

Happy New Year to all. We finished the 2023 year with our annual Christmas Party that was held in a new location for us. We met at the Warrenton Community Center which allowed greater seating and much larger kitchen facilities. The party was attended by approximately 85 people and the food, decorations and activities were well planned. I want to give out a special thank you to Judy Jordan and her crew for putting on a great venue.



Park, WA and picked up 200 Ten-pound bags of Russets for our club to distribute. 50 bags were distributed in the Knappa, OR area and 150 bags were distributed from the parking lot of the Clatsop County Regional Food bank. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with this project.

Membership dues are due now. They are \$25.00 annually. We have done very well this year and as of date, there are less than Ten outstanding dues to collect. Please notice that in this edition of the Backfire, and each

#### A brief Club Business

Meeting was held and new officers were elected to fill the positions for the 2024/2025 years. They are; President Jim Purdy, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Secretary Niki Andrews and Treasurer Burt Young. I want to give special thanks and recognition to Outgoing President Doug Gillies and his wife Dorothy for the wonderful leadership and guidance they have provided. Doug will also be continuing on as our 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Board of Governors.

Your generous donations at the Christmas Party allowed for us to make cash donations to the Clatsop County Regional Food Bank in the amount of \$2200.00 and to The Wishing Tree Foundation in the amount of \$1550.00. These organizations are very thankful for our support.

Have you heard of the Great Potato Give-away? The Beach Barons annually purchase a semi-truck load of potatoes to give to the community and this year, they invited our club to participate. Past President Doug Gillies drove to Ocean

edition to follow, there is a membership application form included. Many of you receive their copy electronically and you are encouraged to print your copy out at home. You can give the application form to prospective members for them to fill out to join our club.

This year the New Years Cruise was lead by our friends across the River (Beach Barons) and went from Dismal Nitch to Willapa Bay and onto Long Beach. Our club had 20ish participants with approximately 14 cars making the cruise. Lunch was at the Drop Anchor. Between the Beach Barons and our club members, there was just over 40 people A great time was had by all. Next year, the Lower Columbia Classics Car Club will lead the cruise.

There is much Committee work to be done to be a successful club and unfortunately, much of the work gets done by the same hand full of volunteers over and over again. I want to list the committees with brief explanations of the needs

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in chance that you might be able to help our club if they spark your interest.

**Membership Committee;** keeping track of dues payments, rosters, phone numbers and email addresses, sending out membership packets, providing updated reports to the body at club meetings and more.

**Sunshine Committee;** keeping tabs on the health of our members, providing cards, flowers, phone calls and visits to those with are sick, injured or worse and reporting the status to the body during club meetings.

**Website Committee;** maintaining the club website, ensuring legal content, updating photos in the gallery and more. Did you know that we have a website? Did you know that there is a gallery where you can have pictures of your cars and events posted?

**Backfire Committee;** (monthly Newsletter) We need articles for our newsletter. If you have stories, photos, etc. that are suitable for publication, we want to hear from you. We could really use a writer or several that would be willing to visit members shops and take pictures and write stories about the cars being worked on.

**Swap meet Committee;** This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. It takes a large crew to make this work. It's coming up soon and will be having its first committee meeting soon.

**Educational Outreach Committee;** did you know that Lower Columbia Classics supports automotive programs at Warrenton High School, Clatsop Community College MERTS campus as well as the Welding program at Knappa High School?

**50's Cruise Committee;** This is the big one. Its "All hands-on deck" if you are possibly able. This year it will be at Camp Rilea May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This event provides most of the funding so we can continue our charitable work. Committee meeting dates will be announced soon.

**Facebook Page administration;** monitoring and posting on various social media sites the workings and promotion of our events.

**Club photographer;** attending all club functions and others and providing photographic documentation for use in our news bulletin (Backfire as well as our scrapbooks). Note; most of you have cell phones with cameras and are encouraged to take photos for our use and enjoyment. I'm also looking for someone who wants to turn digital photos into slide shows.

**Scrapbook/Historian;** This area has been neglected but I think its worth while to resume work and possible coordinate with our website administrator.

**Interclub Picnic;** The Lower Columbia Classics Car Club hosts an inter club picnic shortly after the Rod Run at the End of the World. It traditionally has been at Bruceport County Park near South bend, WA. But could be held at other locations if approved by membership. We got away from it a couple of years due to Covid-19 but many club members have expressed an interest in bringing it back.

**Christmas Party Committee;** organizing, setting up and managing our annual Christmas

Party.

Some of these committees have chair people already running them and some don't. All of these committees could use more help as the same people have been working hard to keep them going. If you see something on this list or have other useful ideas, please reach out to me so I can get you in touch with the correct folks.

I know this has been a long-winded article, but have been preparing for this leadership position for a long time. I look forward to working with all of you to grow and strengthen our club.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jim Purdy

President LCCCC 2024-2025

### CHRISTMAS PARTY @ WARRENTON COMMUNITY CENTER



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### **November 16, 2023**

**The November 16, 2023 meeting** of the Lower Columbia Classic Car club was called to order by President Doug Gillies. There were no new members or visitors present.

Dorothy Gillies made a motion to accept the October minutes as printed in the BackFire. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young reported the income and expenses for October.

Committee reports:

Membership - Jo Loesch read a letter from a couple who live on Puget Island and would like to join our club. They had met several of our members at the Joseph show.

Sunshine - Judy Jordan reported that both Linda and Ken Uphoff are having medical issues.

Website - Doug Gillies reported contacting Robi Nelson.

BackFire - Editor Ross Getchell reported the issues are going well. We were reminded that there will be no December issue. Diane Matthews asked for volunteers to do the ladies page in the next year's BackFire. Contact Diane if you are interested.

Swap Meet - Dorothy Gillies reported that the flyers are ready. Fred Mestrich will need car parts and articles for the swap meet.

Educational Outreach - Fred Mestrich reported he is getting several quotes for the exhaust system for the Warrenton school. The instructor has indicated that they could use a two post hoist and a transmission jack. Burt Young made a motion that the club purchase a transmission jack for the automotive class at Warrenton high school. Motion seconded. After some discussion Fred Mestrich amended the motion to the cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion passed.

50's Cruise - President Doug Gillies reported of a very positive meeting with personal of Camp Rilea. They offered Camp Rilea to us for our 2024 show but we could only have it over Memorial Day weekend. Vice President Jim Purdy spoke about meeting with the fairground people. We could have our show there on June 1st. After discussion Fred Mestrich made a motion that we have our 2024 show at Camp Rilea over Memorial Day weekend - Saturday May 25th. Motion seconded and passed.

Old Business

Since there will be no December BackFire. For anything important members will be notified via email.

The December meeting will be at the Christmas party Sunday December 3rd at the Warrenton Community Center at 1:00 pm. After dinner there will be a short business meeting and election of officers for 2024. We will be decorating a Christmas tree with member money donations to the Wishing Tree or the Regional Food Bank.

We went over the 2024 budget as presented by Treasurer at the October meeting. President Doug Gillies explained the increases. Jim Purdy made a motion to accept the 2024 budget as present by the board. Motion seconded and passed.

Our club will be having a Potato Give Away. We will be getting 200 bags of potatoes weighing 10lbs each. We will be looking for a place to do this.

The Albany Swap meet is this weekend. Hopefully someone will be taking swap meet flyers.

New Business

The officers nominated for 2024 are:

President Jim Purdy, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Treasurer Burt Young, Secretary Nicki Andrews.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Nicki Andrews Secretary

The drawing for the evening was won by Ed McHenry which he donated to the Educational Outreach Fund.

### **December 3, 2023**

**The December meeting** of Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order at 2:30 pm at the Warrenton Community Center by President Doug Gillies. Club officers were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

Judy Jordan and her committee (Kay Murders, Diane Matthew, Patty Getchell, Dorothy Gillies, and Nicki Andrews) were thanked for putting on our Christmas party and dinner.

All club business was suspended for this meeting. We proceeded to the election of club officers for 2024. Patty Getchell announced the nominees for each office.

Jim Purdy was nominated for President. With no other nominee Jim Purdy was declared President.

Chuck Loesch was nominated for Vice President. With no other nominee Chuck Loesch was declared Vice President.

Burt Young was nominated for Treasurer. With no other nominee Burt Young was declared Treasurer.

Nicki Andrews was nominated for Secretary. With no other nominee Nicki Andrews was declared Secretary.

Doug Gillies thank the officers for all their help in the past two years and expressed a special thank you to his wife Dorothy.

Next month's meeting will be January 11th at Steve Jordan's garage.

Meeting adjourned 2:50 pm.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

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## 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!)**

Here are some photos from the New Years Day cruise. The weather was perfect. The cruise traveled from Dismal Nitch around Willapa Bay to Long Beach finishing with lunch at Drop Anchor. I counted 41 diners. Photos by Mike Matthews



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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*First off, I really want to put out a special "Thank you" to the "backseat" gals that made the Christmas party a very good, well attended gathering. Without our efforts and hours in the kitchen, at the sink, counter, stove, shopping and doing whatever was needed, it would not have happened. So ladies..... "Cheers" to us!*

*Several people have asked me for the recipe for the potato casserole, which I got from my daughter-in-law. I thought she was very special as this recipe always gets thumbs up. However, last month, when looking through a file of recipes I had copied 20 years ago from a rather expensive cookbook, I found the same recipe created for Cracker Barrel. Gosh golly, I was special too, just didn't know it. So, if anyone is interested in making a quick potato dish that will feed 15-20, here you go! They'll think you are special too!*

**CRACKER BARREL'S HASHBROWN CASSEROLE**

2 lbs. frozen cubed/hashbrown potatoes (defrosted)

½ cup melted butter

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 pt. sour cream

½ cup chopped onion

2 cups grated cheddar

1 tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

Combine and mix the above. Put it all in a 3 qt. casserole dish

Mix: 2 cups crushed cornflakes in ¼ cup melted butter. Sprinkle on top.

Cover and bake at 350 for about 45 minutes. Uncover if you want them a little crunchy on top.

A more economical option to the expensive 2 lb. bags of frozen potatoes is to use real potatoes and dice them yours self... or ... Cash & Carry ... has a 5lb. bag of diced red potatoes for a bit over \$6.

I guess that's all for now. Doug said I should write about my first car, so ... it was a 4 door, '64 Nova. Nothing special, except that my dad bought it for me when I was 18 so I could drive myself to work. On one trip going to Lincoln City the tranny shifted on its own and went from 60 to 30. Not a good sign. I think at 20 we traded it in on a Vega. Had to have room for the kids. End of story. We all have stories to tell. Feel free to call Diane and put your story in the Backfire. I did.

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Dorothy Gillies

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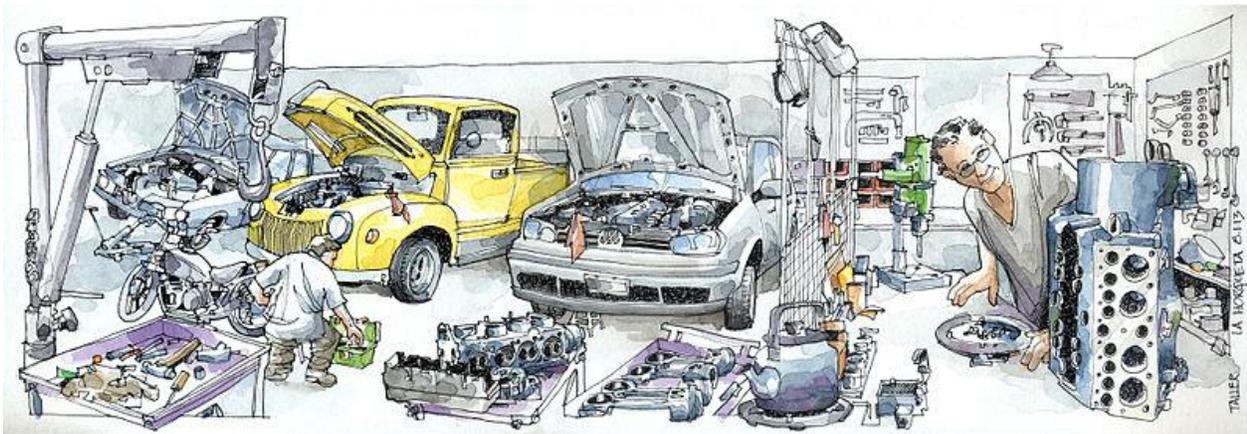
## FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !! WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR OUR CLUB?**

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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)*

## BRINGING GOODIES 2024?

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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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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_



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CLIFF ELLENWOCK	1/15
BRADFORD GIBSON	1/29
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LARRY MARTIN	1/9
SHIRLEY MARTIN	1/28
CHUCK MEYER	1/6
DALE WEBSTER	1/10
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