

July 2024 Backfire article

Greetings!

The month of May has come and gone, they are flying by so fast. I just attended the Clatskanie car show. It was excellent weather and well attended. I think there were about 13 cars there from the Lower Columbia Classics.

Great participation folks, thank you.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July came and went, it was great weather. I hope you all were safe and had a great time.

This month I see in the forecast July 13 the St. Helen's Elks Cruise-in and The Bay City Cruisers having a show in Newport, OR on July 20. Several members will be traveling to Joseph, OR for the Wallowa Mountain Cruise August 23-24

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. I want to thank Nicki Andrews and Dick Pedersen for hosting our June meeting at their home and shop. We always enjoy traveling up to Longbeach.

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



2024. Reservations have been made. I have assembled a committee to organize and work the event. Member Kay Murders will be Chairing the committee. Please reach out to her or myself if you would like to help with this event.

I would like to thank member Melanie Haase for her donation of leftover parts to help with our 2025 swap meet. I also want to thank Janet Kann for her donation of Hudson parts to go to the same swap meet in March 2025.

Our club is in the need of a Social Director to plan and organize monthly 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 Fred and Ann's home & shop at 35525 Little Ln. Astoria, OR on July 18, 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



June 20, 2024

The June 20th meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order by President Jim Purdy at 7:00 pm. Club officers were introduced - President Jim Purdy, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews. There were no visitors. New members present were Mike Stancel and Paul Sherman. No life members were present. Two past presidents were in attendance. President Jim Purdy read the minutes of the May meeting. Diane Matthews made a motion to accept these minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer Burt Young gave his report on the club income and expenses for the month of May. Profit from the 50's cruise was approximately \$3,000. Ralph Jackson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded and passed.

Communications

Push Rods show will be June 29th.

Bay City Cruisers show July 20th in Newport.

Jim Purdy explained the discount that is available to Lower Columbia members at O'Reily's Auto Parts Store.

Communications

Membership - chairman Jo Loesch gave a report.

Sunshine - Ken Uphoff reported. Burt Young reported that Ed Penuel is ill.

Website - Robi Nelson was at the 50's cruise taking lots of pictures.

Backfire - no report

Educational Outreach - no report

Swap Meet - no report

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies gave a report. There were 83 registered cars. Doug will be setting up a wrap up meeting.

Mike Matthews presented a slide show on the new club computer during the evening's meeting.

Interclub picnic - Jim Purdy reported that he has gotten ahold of the camp host and that we have reserved Bruceport Park for September 22nd. We are in need of someone to chair this project.

Burt Young reported on the 4th of July parade that will be in Warrenton at 3:00 pm. There will be a small car show before the parade.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Diane Matthews asked about monthly socials. We are in need of a club social director. There was much discussion.

August meeting will be at Fred and Ann's home July 18th.

For the new members present President Jim Purdy explained the monthly drawing held at the end of each month's meeting.

Drawing of \$16 was won by Jim Purdy. He let it roll over to next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary



## Ice Cream Social

*Mike and Diane Matthews will host their 5th annual Ice Cream Cruise, Sunday, July, 21. RSVP to 360-465-2320 (landline), 360-353-8237 (cell) or [hicksrus@wwest.net](mailto: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. We'll regroup at our house in Rosburg for DESERT!!! 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!!!*



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

LONG LIVE MY BUICK SEDAN DELUXE  
My 1950 Buick was given to me in my junior year of college by my grandparents, and this is where my story begins in Clear Creek, California in Lassen County in 1967.

This Buick was purchased new by my grandfather about 1950 when they moved up to live across the creek from us in Clear Creek at an old fish hatchery. The Buick was their only car. Years later, they bought another Buick, but for some reason, they kept the blue one. They gave it to me in 1967 after sitting for a couple of years. I drove it back and forth to college at Davis, California. On one fateful trip back to college, the Buick began to make very strange loud noises. It turned out that the engine had thrown a connecting rod and was unrepairable.

My father attached a tow bar to my Buick, towed it home to Clear Creek and parked it behind our wood shed under a carport canopy. There was talk of replacing the motor, but that never happened. So,

there my Buick sat well protected in the dry Lassen County air and in good overall appearance.

In 1969, I began my teaching career in Antioch, California. This is where I met Ernie. He was going to graduate school and working in a local grocery store. Six months later we were married.

We moved to Astoria in 1976 and live in the same house today. At Christmas and in the summer, we would travel to my old home in Clear Creek to visit my parents and there sat the old blue Buick in all of her majesty, still looking pretty good. From 1976 until 1981 we would see her several times a year.

Ernie's friend Lynn Wright, Astoria Middle School shop teacher, had just been given a late model Buick in excellent condition except it had been rolled and was a total, but it had a nail head low mileage motor and good running gear. About 1981, Ernie told his friend Lynn that he had just the car for him.....Judy's 1950 Buick. A week later he traveled to Clear Creek,



picked up the car and the title with his car haul-

ing trailer, and brought it to Astoria.

Judy's Buick came back to life in the summer of 1981

with all new running gear, front brakes and some other upgrades. The chrome trim was pretty good and the light blue paint



cleaned up well, thanks to being in the dry Las-

sen County climate. The car was now a bit of a head turner. The car was taken to Ernie's friend's hunting property near John Day and used to drive to town for groceries and other sup-

plies. I think the car was last seen in 1991. Ernie and I have owned many cars in our 54 years together, but this is the only one that we have kept track of for so long.

I got my money's worth for sure!



This is not Judy's car but looks similar to her's in it's Day

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**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**

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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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#### **"CAR LIST"**

Year	Make	Model

Wedding Anniversary Mth: \_\_\_\_\_ His Birth Mth: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse-S/O Birth Mth: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Household Members /Children:**

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



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