

I am surprised how fast February went by, even when we had an extra day. We had a regular scheduled club meeting, a Swap Meet Committee meeting and a 50's Cruise Meeting.

As we enter March, we have concluded our annual Swap Meet at Clatsop County Fair Grounds. It was another great success that allows us to do our charitable work. I want to recognize the wonderful crew assembled and led by Charlie Clayton. The event was well staffed. It seemed as though attendance was down slightly and a few vendors withdrew late, mostly due to health reasons, it was still a great swap meet. Our friends across the river, (Beach Barons), Test of Time and the Midnight Cruisers were all participating as well as others that I failed to mention. Special thanks to Clatsop County fairgrounds and staff.

We have had some really strange weather with ice and snow. I found myself working in my shop to escape the elements. I've been insulating my shop and replacing the transmission in our 76 Corvette. I'm thankful to still be able to work on the cars and special thanks to Ross Getchell, and Marv Stunkard for extra sets of eyeballs. As I get older, some of the most challenging things are being able to see what I'm working on!

Almost all dues are current now and new members continue to join. We will continue to include a membership application in our newsletter for your use.

Our 50's Cruise is our next important function and is progressing. we have been soliciting businesses for support with trophies and the sponsor's contributions continue to flow. The artwork is nearly complete and T-shirts will be ordered soon. There are still many tasks that we need help with, please reach out to Doug Gillies or myself if you can help.



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

Please visit our website and Facebook sites for upcoming events. If you send Robi Nelson photos or your cars along with descriptions, she can add them to our gallery.

<https://lowercolumbiaclassicscarclub.tripod.com>

Facebook----- Lower Columbia Classics Car Club

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 Lori Buchanan have taken up the duties of printing, folding and mailing out newsletters.

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!

Thank you for making out annual Swap Meet at the Clatsop County Fair Grounds a fantastic event.

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

February 2024

The February 15, 2024 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, and Secretary Nicki Andrews. There were no charter members present. Three life members and two past presidents present.

President Jim Purdy read the minutes of the January 2024 meeting. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept these minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer Burt Young reported on the January income and expenses of the club. Dorothy Gillies made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded and passed.

Committee reports:

Membership - no report

Sunshine - Ken Uphoff reported sending cards to ill members - Steve Jordan, Daryl and Barbara Neimi, Polk Riley, Cliff Ellenwood, and Ross and Patty Getchell. Cards need to be sent to Fred Mestrich and Ed Penuel.

Website - no report

BackFire - no report. Rob and Lorraine Buchanan have agreed to send out the BackFires to those people who do not have email addresses.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton reported that on Friday the doors will open at 7:30 am until 8:00 pm for setting up. On Saturday the doors will open at 6:00 am for set up.

Educational Outreach - Mark Eide and his employer will install the exhaust outlet system at the Warrenton school.

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies reported that there will be meeting Tuesday February 20th at 6:30 at Fultano's. All trophy sales money is to be given to Doug Gillies. Chuck Loesch reported on our Facebook page.

Club Photographer - Mike Matthews reported problems making slide shows of past pictures. He suggested the club purchase a computer to download pictures. Ed McHenry was thanked for his donation of a flat screen tv. After discussion Mike Matthews will do research on computers for what we need.

Inter Club Picnic - Bruceport Park is ok for the picnic. President Jim Purdy reported working on the club barbecue. He was unable to fix it. He went to Home Depot and purchased a new one. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept this new barbecue that Jim Purdy purchased. Motion seconded and passed.

Christmas party - after a short discussion it was decided to table this.

Old Business :

Doug Gillies reported help will be needed loading and unloading the trailer of swap meet items - Wednesday March 6th 10:00 am loading trailer and Friday March 8th 10:00 am unloading. Doug has picked up many items that have been donated to the club for our swap meet. Help will be needed to price these items. Steve Jordan suggested that no pre-sales of items until the doors open at 8:00 am. The club booth will need help setting up and pricing items.

New Business :

Next month's meeting will be 7:00 pm March 21st at the Jordan garage.

President Jim Purdy suggested that we increase the summer meetings to four - June, July, August, and September. Jim Purdy, Burt Young, Fred Mestrich, and Nicki Andrews have all indicated that they will each host a club meeting - to be determined.

Daryl Neimi is looking for someone to polish a piece of chrome trim for his 1960 ford T-bird. Steve Jordan said he might know of someone.

Club monthly social - we need to be thinking about a place for a club social in April. Mike Matthews suggested going to the Carriage Museum in Raymond in June.

Bill Cook is looking for a flatbed trailer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

Judy Jordan won the attendance drawing. She donated the \$40 to the Educational Outreach fund.

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

Sitting here is my second attempt at the article as the first one I somehow erased when I was trying to edit. Sheesh!!

I was going in the direction of life and all the things I do and get caught up in that trap me in an anxiety state of mind. Very overwhelming. We all have that and on paper it just seems like excuses. If I'm being honest, I'm just not a writer. I'm not a reader. I'm a doer, I do things!!

But then, this I'm about to share really happened!!!

As me and yours truly, Jeffrey, are on our way home from a trip to Portland. Picking up equipment for a job in the woods involved draining a beaver plugged culvert. We stopped for a bite to eat in Kalama at a restaurant he had always wanted to try. As we're enjoying our meal I receive a call from his daughter. She's stressed over a Lewis and Clark neighborhood post on facebook that involves a deceased cat on the road near her house. At that moment she is waiting on a reply to see if the cat fits her cat from a picture sent to the person who made the announcement. I was calmly telling her how cat's are roamers and in my opinion keeping them locked up in the house is an injustice to the cat. These are risks we take for cats to have their best lives. I've never had a cat live a full life and pass from natural causes. Suddenly WHALES out cries of terror from her lungs! Assuming she got bad news, I'm positive her entire workplace could hear her instant outcries. She works at a credit union that's not very big. I'm certain customers and all heard her worst fears coming to reality.

She mustard up the words to say she had to go.

Jeff and I both with tears in our eyes for the pain our girl is going through. You see she loves deeply! So deeply with all her heart. When one of her chickens was killed by the neighbor's dog you would think the end of the world was happening. This cat is part of her world and loved as much as any family member. Must be about 30 minutes gone by and she calls us back. She left

work and scooped up the kitty and was on her porch hugging and cradling the cat, not knowing what to do and of course still crying feeling lost.

I assume the cat is whole and not a bloody mess, meanwhile trying to console her and give the best advice we can. Jeff said to put the cat in a garbage sack and her response was emotionally charged with "I can't put him in a bag!!" Whaaaa, crying like a baby barely able to speak, I suggested finding a nice box and making the kitty comfortable and wait for her husband and child to come home. Turn it into a family event because everyone and everything returns to the earth eventually and this is a perfect opportunity to normalize the passing of a living creature. I don't think she necessarily appreciated my advice at the time. She said a friend was coming over to be with her so she would be fine. Of course still crying as she hung up the phone.

Meanwhile a person dropped off flowers for her.

Both Jeff and I are very concerned for her heart. And helpless we are. Both tearing up ourselves. We sat in awkward silence continuing our journey home. About another 30 minutes go by and she calls us back, anxious to hear from her and relieved she's calling again, The words came out....."It's not my cat"

I couldn't help but laugh out loud!! How did you not know it wasn't your cat?? Her neighbor saw the post and called her to tell her that the cat is in her garage. The neighbor has a cat door and this cat visits frequently. Sure enough her cat was safe and sound. She said she was Feeling in a dreamy state of mind and confused by the turn of events, said the cats look identical!! She really can not tell them apart. Except her cat is now sleeping in his normal spot! I suggested she repost it's not her cat and maybe find the owner to pass on the flowers!! Unfortunately no one claimed the cat. However the cat did receive a decent burial.

You can't make this stuff up!! **Darcy Fercuson**

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!)



It is with a sad heart to announce Barbara Neimi has passed away. Barbara was active within the Car Club and often helped in Registration for the 50's Cruise Car Show, and the Swap Meet. She loved going with Darryl to many car shows thru out the years. Barbara, we will miss you!

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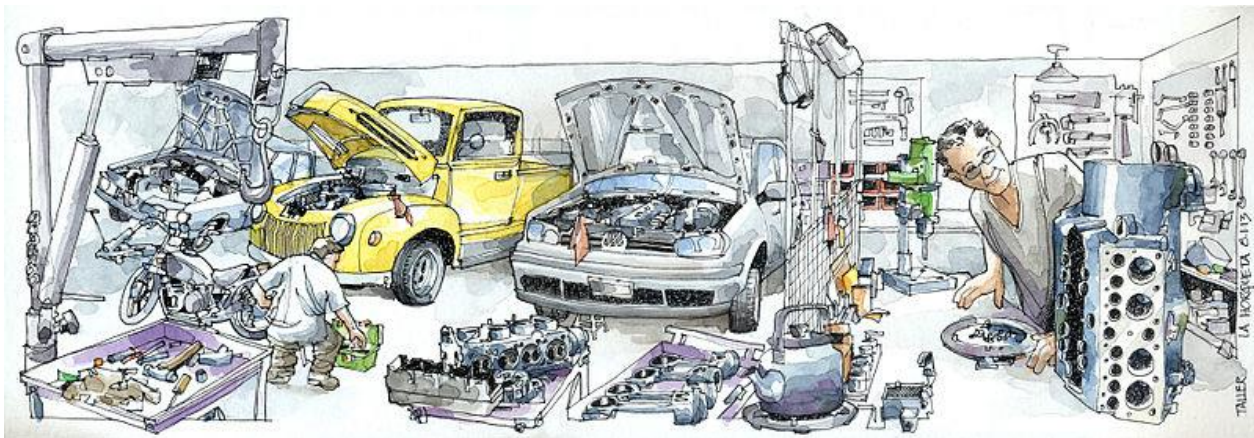
FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 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;

Jeff Penuel (get well) Fred Mestrich (get well) 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

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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)

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