

Hello again! April went by so fast! Did you get a chance to get your car(s) out on the road? The weather is still a little strange so there is still time to get all in order. It's May now, and our biggest event of the year is happening this month.

May 25th is the 50's cruise at Camp Rilea. If you are looking for a way to help, participate or show your car, call Committee Chair Doug Gillies or myself. I hope to see all of you there, and lets hope for good weather.

Last month, I spoke about car maintenance. This month I want to speak of tool loaning/borrowing etiquette.

My own experience, and a passion for tools began in the 60's as a boy using Dad's tools working on my bike. I was scolded a few times for leaving his tools lay where I was using them long after I rode the bike away. Often this was out in the yard somewhere.

I learned to take care of Dads tools and was encouraged to purchase and take care of my own tools. When I was a Junior in High School, I worked at an Industrial Supply shop and many of my paychecks went to purchasing my own tools. This was the beginning of my life long investment of tools and earning myself the classification of a "Tool Monger." I grew up when tools were expensive and labor was cheap.

During my professional career in construction, I saw this change and tools became cheaper and labor became more expensive. In 42 years working in the construction field, I lost two complete sets of personal tools out of the backs of trucks in Portland. Each time it was a major setback to have to go out and buy new and used tools to do my job effectively.

Automotive tools can be very specific to performing a certain task or job, and many folks cannot afford to purchase them. Fortunately, some auto parts stores have loaner programs, and/or we know of someone that has the tool needed to accomplish the job. If you are considering borrowing or loaning a tool, a few rules should be considered:



Respect is the most important. If someone is using automotive tools to earn a living, they are much less likely to loan a tool out. They have already been burned a few times. If they say no, please respect that decision.

If you have loaned/borrowed a tool, take very good care of it. Return it promptly, clean and without damage. If you damage it or loose it, you should be expected to replace it with equal value or a better tool. Don't keep them too long and get them back to the owner quickly.

One of my friends that sometimes borrows tools, writes the owners names on them or tags them to be sure they get back to the rightful owner. I think that's a great idea. I've seen people loaning tools write it down of who has the tool with a brief description, another great idea.

These are just a few of the etiquette items that come to mind . There are many more. I have been one of the violators of these etiquette items. By writing about this, I hope to become better within this subject. Many times, I have been looking for a tool that I know I own but cannot find it. My search goes on and on and I begin to think and even accuse friends of taking them. Almost always much later, I find the tool after an exhaustive and thorough cleaning of my shop. This happened just this last week where I could not find a set of wheel dollies for many weeks. I finally found them after the 4th cleaning of my shop.

The lesson here is to myself and anyone else that may benefit from it is, "go clean your shop, garage or tool box" You will find tools and other items that have been missing for some time, or possibly belong to someone else.

Again, I hope to see all of you at the 50's Cruise May 25th at Camp Rilea.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jim Purdy

President 2024-2025

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April 18, 2024

The April 18th meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order by President Jim Purdy at 7:00 pm. The club officers were introduced - President Jim Purdy, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Treasurer Burt Young, Secretary Nicki Andrews and board member Doug Gillies. Visitors - Jay Ystad who is also our newest member. There were no charter members present, four past presidents present, and two life members present.

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

Treasurer Burt Young gave his report of the March expenses and income. Mike Matthews has purchased a club computer from Astoria's Best for \$799. Swap meet profit was \$6,024. Steve Jordan made a motion to accept Burt Young's report. Motion seconded and passed.

Interclub picnic - President Jim Purdy has contacted the clubs Test of Time and Push Rods concerning the interclub picnic. They both expressed problems with the distance if we had the picnic in Skamokawa. It was decided to have the picnic at Bruceport Park Sunday September 22nd. Ann Mestrich will reserve the park for us.

Upcoming car shows - August 24th in Shelton put on by Test of Time

August 29th in Aberdeen put on by Push Rods
Steve Jordan received a call that Bill Jenkins from the Midnite Cruises has passed away.

Committee reports

Membership - Jo Loesch had no report

Sunshine - no report. Jim Purdy reporting visiting Daryl Neimi. Club members were encouraged to visit him. We welcomed back Ross Getchell and Fred Mestrich.

Backfire - Ross Getchell would like to have guys submit articles for the guy page in the BackFire.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton thanked everyone who helped make the swap meet a successful event.

Educational Outreach - Fred Mestrich gave a report.
50's Cruise - Doug Gillies reported on the progress so far. There will be a meeting May 4th at 10:00 am at Steve Jordan's. The art work is done, the t-shirts have been ordered and the top three trophies are done.

Website - Chuck Loesch reported

Club Photographer - Mike Matthews has picked up our new computer which will be used for club photos (past, present, and future).

Interclub picnic - Ann Mestrich will reserve Bruceport park. We will need someone to chair the picnic.

Old Business

We discussed the new laptop.

New Business

The Astoria Regatta has contacted Burt Young.

They are in need of convertibles for the parade August 10th.

Heritage Days in Clatskanie June 29th

Burt Young will check on the 4th of July parade.

Next month's meeting will be May 16th at Steve Jordan's shop. The next 50's Cruise meeting will be Saturday, May 4th also at Steve Jordan's.

The question was asked about who was going to the Wallowa Mountain Cruise in Joseph, Oregon.

Steve Jordan will send out information to club members.

President Jim Purdy explained the workings of the drawing after each club meeting. Steve Jordan won this evening's drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Nicki Andrews

Secretary



This is how I (Dick Pedersen) learned to drive taking my brother for rides on the beach and on side roads in Ocean Park. My dad and I put it together making it somewhat drivable.

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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 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!!!



“50’s Cruise Reunion” Car Show

Call for Volunteers!

The 50’s Cruise is right around the corner and the committee needs volunteers to help with set-up, parking Host Cars, Show Cars, and Spectator Cars. Once again we are offering this year’s show T-shirt to club volunteers for \$10. They will be \$20 for the public on the 25th.

The first thing is to load the club gear into the trailer before the show. This will be done on Wednesday, May 22nd at 10AM, starting at the Jordan’s shop with the chairs and tables. We will then go to the club container and get the rest of the show gear. At the May 16th club meeting there will be more information available. If you can’t make the meeting and would be willing to help, please call Doug at 503-468-0006 to volunteer.

Next, we will meet Friday, May 24th at 10am for set-up at Camp Rilea. The show site is the same as last year and set-up includes putting up our pop-up tent frames and marking the field for parking. On Saturday morning May 25th, we will start at 6AM to put canopies on the pop-ups, park club Host cars, get Vendors to their spots, place tables and chairs in the tents, get the raffle organized and place traffic control signs leading into the site. Once we get set up done, the focus turns to parking the show cars as they arrive. We advertised an 8AM opening, but we always have early arrivals. Parking Show cars is busy early, so helping the Show Car Gate get them in and parked is vital. Spectator parking, the Raffle, T-shirt sales and traffic flow are busiest after the show cars arrival. We are hoping for a good turnout of club members to help. After the trophy presentation, that starts at 2PM, we need to breakdown our pop-ups, load the club items into the trailer and make sure we clean up the area before we depart. Any and all help is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers! Doug G.



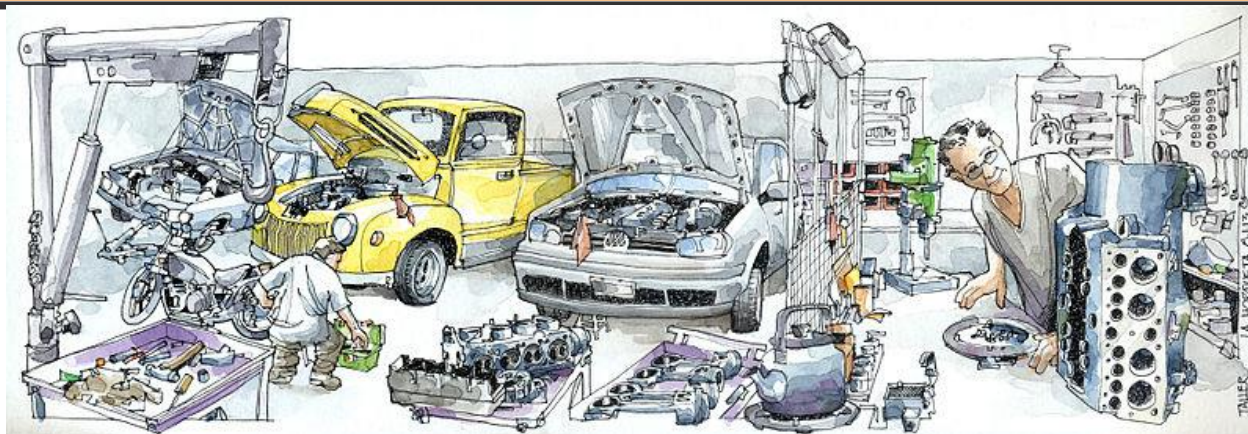
FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUCEMENTS

Hubby's Shop Sale in Clatskanie
 May 11th & 12th 455 Haven Acres Rd
 Sherri (who sells pot holders at the Svensen Flea market)
 Is having a Garage Sale of her late husbands garage items

SPECIAL ANNOUCEMENT !! 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



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; Brad Nelson , Robi Nelson , Cliff Ellenwood, Paul Simonis, Bob Lennon, Darryl Niemi, Liz Henton Sympathy (death of her husband)

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)

WELCOME JENA BAKKUM AS OUR NEW MEMBER!

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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: _____

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Spouse - S/O Email: _____

"CAR LIST"

Year	Make	Model

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Household Members /Children:

Name(s): _____

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