

Hello automobile enthusiasts! September found us very busy. Our club assisted the Beach Barons with evening security at the Rod Run. We had 13 volunteers for 12 positions of security each pulling 6 hour shifts over 3 nights. Thanks to Doug Gillies for organizing and scheduling the shifts and providing a vehicle to patrol with. Fred Mestrich , Polk Riley and I had vendor spaces at the swap meet and we did well.

Our Budget committee met and put together a budget for 2025. It was adopted at our September meeting.

Covid-19 took a course through the Purdy home. Thankfully we were vaccinated and did not end up in the hospital. However, it is still a serious illness and, on the rise, again in our county, state and nation. Please do your best to keep up on protecting your families. It caused us to miss the September meeting that was scheduled to be at our home/shop. I was really looking forward to it as I usually cook hamburgers for that occasion. At the last minute, the meeting was relocated to Steve & Judy Jordan's shop and the meeting was run by our Vice President Chuck Loesch. Thank you, Chuck, for stepping up.

As I continued to be afflicted, I missed our Club sponsored Interclub Picnic held a Bruceport County Park. It was reported to me that it was well attended and the weather was good. I want to give special thanks to Committee chair Kay Murders and her crew for a great job organizing and hosting. Thanks to all who stepped up in my absence.

Finally, all in our home are testing negative again!!!! We are getting back into our regular routines; however, energy seems slow to return.



Doug Haserot has been overseeing donations to our club that will be helping our club and community. Our club will participate again in a Potato give a way through local food banks in Clatsop County.

Our 2024 Christmas party will be December 1st in Warrenton. Look for details to be published soon.

Our 2025 50's Cruise will be at a new location. We will be hosting the event at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds and it will be an indoor event on May 31, 2025 This will be our first time using these

facilities and the dirt floor will be entirely covered with the rubber tile mats. We will be parking cars both on the arena side as well as in the exhibit hall. Special thanks to Doug Gillies for his work in making this possible. Dates for the swap meet and the 50's cruise have been sent to the 2025 NE Car Events Calendar (Yellow book).

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 3rd Thursday of each month.

Our club is always in the need of people willing to plan and organize activities (cruises) for our members to participate in. If you feel that you may have some ideas in this area and want to help, please contact me and see if we can put something together.

This month's meeting (17 October) will be at Steve and Judy Jordan's at 35332 Helligso Ln. Astoria

Ask a member if they need a ride! I hope to see you all there .

Thank you for your continued support;

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September 19, 2024

The September 19th meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order by Vice President Chuck Loesch at 7:00 pm. Roll call of club officers - President Jim Purdy absent, Vice President Chuck Loesch, Treasurer Burt Young, Secretary Nicki Andrews and 5th Board member Doug Gillies. There were no visitors or new members. One life member present and four past presidents in attendance.

Vice President Chuck Loesch read the minutes of the previous meeting. Correction - the club Christmas party will be Sunday December 1st. Patty Getchell made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer Burt Young gave his report. Burt has found an old profit and loss reconciliation statement so he was able to understand the new quick books. Patty Getchell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded and passed.

Communications: none

Committee reports:

Membership - no report

Sunshine - Ken Uphoff reported that Linda will be stepping down. Judy Jordan has agreed to take over.

Website - no report

Backfire - Please let Ross Getchell know if you are not getting the BackFire either via email or mail.

Swap meet - Charlie Clayton reported that we have the Fairgrounds for our swap meet in March.

Educational Outreach - Fred Mestrich reported that the hydraulic jack is in the Warrenton high school shop area. It was suggested that a picture be taken for the BackFire.

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies reported that we have the Fairgrounds May 31st for our 50's Cruise. For \$500 we will have the areana but we can rent the areana plus the exhibit hall for \$1500. The fairgrounds staff say there would be no problem having cars inside the exhibit hall. After some discussion Patty Getchell made a motion that we spend \$1500 to rent the whole fairgrounds - exhibit hall and areana. Motion seconded and passed.

Facebook - no report

Club Photographer - no report

Interclub Picnic - Kay Murders reported. The picnic is this coming Sunday, September 22nd at Bruceport Park outside of South Bend. Chuck Loesch shared the travel schedule for those who want to travel as a group. Club members will be setting up.

Club Christmas party - Judy Jordan reported that she has reserved the hall for December 1st. She will be scheduling a committee meeting soon.

Old Business : none

New Business:

Treasurer Burt Young handed out the proposed new budget for 2025. He went over it explaining each line. After discussion, Fred Mestrich made a motion to accept this club budget for 2025. Motion seconded and passed.

Next month's meeting will be at Steve and Judy's shop October 17 at 7:00 pm.

Doug Haserot thanked all those who recently helped clean out the storage unit.

Ken Uphoff had pictures of a 1977 Pontiac that is for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

The attendance drawing was postponed until the October meeting.

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

More Than a Sunday Drive

Several years ago, Jeff and I took a quick trip to Missoula, Montana to attend a friend's memorial. We stayed to visit friends and family then left for home.

We enjoyed the splendor of October when the scenery was a blaze of color. Heading back through Idaho, we decided to make a stop in the town of Wallace, just off Interstate 90. Maybe some of you know this town.

Wallace, Idaho is a unique community, one of a kind you might say. It sits tucked in the Bitterroot Mountains. We took our time browsing the quaint streets, learning why part of it sits underneath Interstate 90. Yes, underneath!

From what I read about the town, and I quote, "the government tried to pave over the town for the new interstate highway back in 1967." The community tied up the case in court for seventeen years. During that time the residents of Wallace added most of the buildings in the downtown area to the National Register of Historic Places. Thus, the town was never paved over. However, I-90 zooms with traffic overhead.

Jeff and I strolled the main streets appreciating the historic buildings, some dating back to the 19th century. We stopped to admire and wonder about the stately manhole cover at the intersection of 6th and Bank Street, where the Mayor of Wallace declared that very spot was the center

of the universe, that was back in 2004. Following the premise that something is true if it can't be proven otherwise.

We were too tired to climb the Historic Wallace Stairs that are built into the hillside. Constructed around 1909, all together consisting of 800 steps.

Main Street offered several places to eat and relax like The Red Light Garage restaurant/ antique store. Also, The Tin Snug sounded interesting. It featured mouth watering sandwiches and delicious ice cream. To wet our whistle there was the Wallace Brewing Company. And the fainting Goat, a self-service wine establishment.

We were told of an activity that perfectly embodies Wallace, that was a tour of the Oasis Bordello Museum. I remember telling Jeff we didn't have time for that. Another feature that brought fame to Wallace was the movie Dante's Peak, which was filmed there back in 1997.

Wallace was a boomtown in its heyday, with miners striking it rich in silver and timber barons logging off the surrounding hills. Now days Wallace is still a little quirky, but it sits peacefully in Idaho's beautiful panhandle. I'm sure there is more to see and do in Wallace. Maybe there's more to learn about this town's colorful past. But that's for another trip.

Happy Travels –Gail Penuel



Here is something that perhaps you haven't thought about for a while.

There is a growing number of club members who are getting older.

Big surprise right? If you have been associated with this club (or for that matter any club or organization) you may notice an aging of our group.

If you were to figure out the average age of our members, I would adventure to say it's pretty high numbers..

Have you noticed the ability of our members at some of our events?

If it wasn't for some of the healthier/younger members, we would be in a world of hurt. Many small hands make an event successful.

It takes a lot of work to put on a Car Show or a Swap Meet.

Thankfully, we've had adequate number of people who stepped up and delivered for this years events. Your help was so much appreciated. Thank you, thank you, and once again thank you!!

Why bring up this subject which can be rather depressing you may ask? Well, it's like this... We have a member who every month has been sending out a "Get Well" card to any and

all members in need or can use a encouraging word. What a great way to let club members know their club is concerned about their well being.

I have been blessed with receiving a Get Well card, and it is appreciated.

This "Sunshine" person is Linda Uphoff. She has faithfully sent out cards.

Linda needs only to be informed.

So if you know someone who could use a pick me up, Get Well, or a thinking of you card give Linda a call or send a email. It could be just what the doctor ordered.

Another way to reach out to someone is to give a person a call and let them know you are thinking of them. You may ask if they could use some help with repairing their classic car or help clean and polish.

As winter is soon to be here, maybe preparing for storage.

Jim Purdy has mentioned maybe someone would like to have a ride to a club meeting!

Think about it. Keep our club alive! Encourage one another!

R.G.

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!)



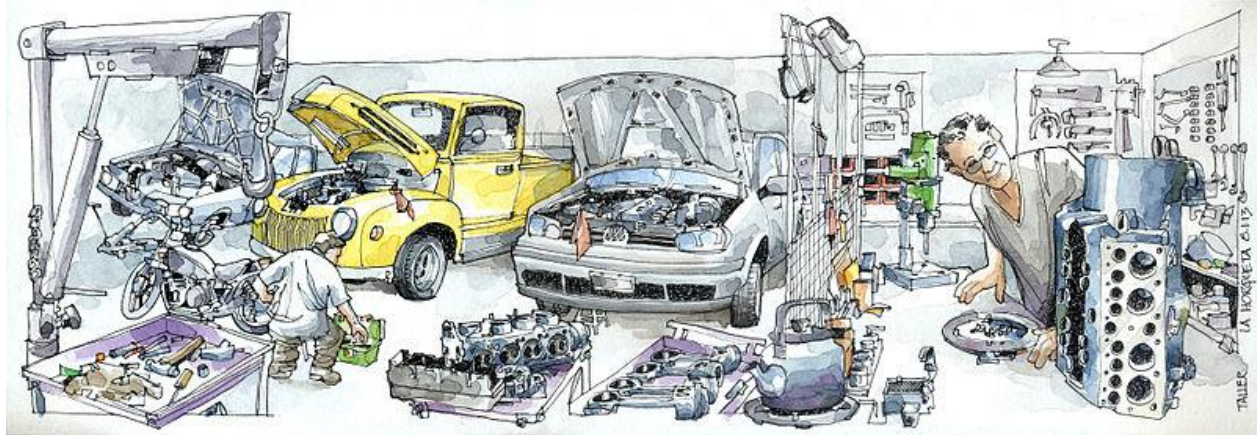
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FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUCEMENTS



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 Nicki Andrew October Gail Penuel, November Diane Matthews.

Get well to; Deb Cook, Sue Stunkard, Dorothy Harmon, Jim and Valerie Purdy, Gini Hayes, Mike Meyers, Lanny Goriski

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

JUNE-NICKI JULY-ANN AUG.-BURT SEPT-KAY OCT-JUDY NOV-ANN

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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 annual 50's Cruise Reunion car show.

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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Spouse - S/O Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse - S/O Email: _____

"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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