

September 2024 Backfire article Greetings! How quickly the months are flying by! August was another busy month with many automobile events.

August 10th was the Astoria Regatta. It featured a parade where Burt Young used his convertible to transport Regatta Association President Michelle Murray. Charlie Clayton drove one of Fred and Ann Mestrich's convertibles transporting Regatta Association Vice President Janet Grothe and Oliver Yackley driving another of Fred's convertibles transported Regatta Association Admiral Charlene Larson. Great Job guys!

Several members went to the Wallowa Mtn. Cruise in Joseph, OR. We left the Astoria Aquatic Center Thursday August 22nd at 8am with 3 cars. I joined up in Knappa and we regrouped at the rest area in Ridgefield, WA where we met several others. They asked me to lead the group which was different as I had not led a group before. We traveled East on Hwy 14 along the Columbia River and crossed into The Dalles, OR where we stopped for lunch. By now we were up to 7 cars and 14 folks for lunch. We then traveled East on I-84 to Boardman, OR where we spent the night. The next morning, we traveled to Pendleton, OR and had a large breakfast at Rooster's restaurant. By now we are 8 cars and 16 stomachs. After brunch we headed over the mountain on Hwy's 11 and 204 through Tollgate and Elgin ending up in Enterprise Oregon for the night. Saturday we were in Joseph, Oregon for the car show. By now, we were 9 cars and 18 members of the Lower Columbia Classics Car Club. I took my Father in law Mick with me, he had not been in the area for 75 years. He really had a great time, he is still talking about the trip. Sunday,



we caravanned to LaGrande, OR where we went separate ways getting home. It was a great trip for our newest car, a 2011 Corvette convertible.

August 31, we attended the Ocean Park Eagles car show. It was a fund raiser to help children. The Lower Columbia Classics showed up with 13 cars and winning 5 awards. Great job.

Don't forget the Rod Run hosted by the Beach Barons September 6th, 7th & 8th. The LCCC provides evening security for the event

and Some of us also are vendors in the swap meet area at the south end of the field.

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.

The Interclub Picnic will be at Bruceport County Park on Sunday September 22, 2024. Hoping for good weather and your presence.

Our club is 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 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 Jim & Valerie's home & shop at 92231 Simonsen Rd. Astoria (Svenson), OR on September 19th, 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

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August 15, 2024

The August meeting of the Lower Columbia car club was called to order by President Jim Purdy at 7:00 pm. Burt and Cindy Young were thanked for hosting this meeting. All club officials were present. There were no visitors and no new members. There were 4 life members and 2 past presidents present. President Jim Purdy read the minutes of the July meeting. Corrections - the dates of both the ice cream social and Astoria Ford car show. Patty Getchell made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report - Burt Young explained that Quick Books has come out with a new program which we will have to use. Burt reported that the club made a profit of \$2,976 at the 50's cruise. Charlie Clayton made a motion to accept Treasurer Burt Young's report. Motion seconded and passed.

Committee reports

Membership - no report

Sunshine - Jim Purdy reported that Jim Scarborough recently suffered a stroke. Patti Getchell reported on Ross's progress after his surgery.

Website - no report

BackFire - no report

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton reminded us that the swap meet will be the second weekend in March.

Educational Outreach - Fred Mestrich reported on the meeting with the school vice principal and she explained what they need and what they want. Fred will contact Mike Matthews to find out what the Naselle school shop classes might need. Fred requested a \$1,000 budget. Charlie Clayton made a motion to authorize Fred Mestrich to spend \$5,000 between the four schools - Warrenton, Astoria, Knappa, and Naselle. Motion seconded and passed.

50's Cruise - Doug Gillies reported that there will be a wrap up meeting following tonight's meeting. We will also be starting on next year's 50's Cruise.

Mike Matthews thanked everyone who attended the ice cream social. There were 28 cars and 44 people.

A head count was taken of those members who plan to go to the car show in Joseph, Oregon.

Kay Murders reported on the interclub picnic.

We were reminded that our club Christmas party is planned for December 8th.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The itinerary for the cruise to Joseph, Oregon was discussed. We will be meeting at the Aquatic Center in Astoria and leave from there at 8:00 am Thursday August 22nd.

Burt Young is in need of one more car for the Astoria Regatta. The idea of having a car show during the Regatta was discussed.

Communications:

We have received our copy of the signed agreement between the Beach Barons and Lower Columbia for security during the Rod Run to the End of the World. Doug Gillies has the schedule of times for each night. Please contact him if you can help.

Upcoming car shows:

Rust and Shine - September 1st at the Veteran's Memorial Museum in Chehalis

Untouchables - August 18th in Kalama, Washington

Hullabaloo - September 14th in Scapoose, Oregon

Eagles - August 31st in Ocean Park, Washington

The September Lower Columbia membership meeting will be September 19th at 7:00 pm at Jim and Valerie Purdy's shop.

Doug Haserot reported on needing help emptying the 40' storage unit belonging to Sandy Richardson. What she does not want will be donated to the club for our swap meet in March next year. We will be doing this September 10th in the morning.

This evening's drawing was won by Judy Jordan. Since she was not in attendance it was rolled over.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56.

Nicki Andrews

Secretary

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

. "Hey y'all, how many of these do you know?
Car trivia

1. Where was the headlight dimmer switch located on many cars in the 40's through the 60's?
2. What postwar car turned automotive design on its ear with a car that you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?
3. Which car company was the first to build over 3 million vehicles in one year?
4. What is the longest running model name that is still in use?
5. In which of these years did the Chevy have models that had you fill the gas tank by moving the tail light?
6. What brothers broke away from Ford to form their own auto manufacturing brand?
7. Where were the first auto air conditioners (portable) placed?
8. On many older trucks there was a starter button located where?
9. How did Formula 409 Cleaner and Degreaser get its name?
10. Which car had push button shifting on the dash?
11. True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red, and black.
12. What was the last year the 409 Wedge motor was available at Chevrolet?
13. When did Chevrolet first offer a V-8 engine?
14. What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?
15. What is considered the "ultimate fin car"?
16. What is the first model year for a Ford overhead valve V-8 engine?
17. In 2016 which driver won their third NHRA top fuel?
18. In 1964 Ronnie and the Daytonas released a song about a car (GTO). Who made that specific model?
19. What Chrysler engine is a favorite with hot rodders?
20. Early hot rod communities sprang up all over during the Great Depression. In which state were they most prevalent?
21. What famous car was often the vehicle of choice for early hot rodders?
22. Which American movie in 1970's showcased hot rodding?
23. The Beach Boys had a B-side tune called "Little Deuce Coupe". What vehicle in hot rodding is given this nickname?
24. In what city did the first ever hot rod exhibition take place?
25. In what year was the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) formed and in what year was the first ever nationals?
26. Who is considered the father of modern drag racing?
27. In the world of hot rods, what is a roadster?
28. In Johnny Cash's 1976 single "One Piece At A Time" Cash steals car parts from his work place to build a hot rod based on which auto maker's cars?
29. What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?
30. What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?

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Here are the answers to the car trivia

1. On the floor to the left of the clutch
2. Studebaker
3. Chevrolet in 1964
4. Suburban
5. 1956
6. Dodge brothers
7. In a window
8. On the floor to the right of the gas pedal
9. The 409 attempts it took to perfect it
10. 1957 Dodge
11. False. The 1953 "vetted" were available in only white
12. 1965. The 396 replaced it
13. 1917
14. 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust
15. 1959 Cadillac
16. 1954
17. Anton Brown
18. Pontiac
19. Chrysler Hemi
20. California
21. Ford Model T
22. American Graffiti
23. 1932 Ford
24. Los Angeles
25. 1951 1955
26. Don Garlits
27. A two seat convertible with no side windows
28. Cadillac
29. Mustang
30. The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409 in 4.0 seconds

Provided by Nicki Andrews

Most of the club members are familiar to who this person is. This is Fred Mestrich showing off his riding skills in South Dakota.



Did you know Fred and Ann Mestrich have been with LCCCC since 1996 (28 years) During the years as members, Fred has been involved in most, if not all duties and responsibility's as an active member. Ann has also been involved within the club. Give Fred and Ann a THANK YOU! Next time you see them.

Lower Columbia Classics Car Club
Presents

Our Annual Inter-Car Club Invitational Friendship Picnic

The Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024 Time: 12:00 Noon until ??

Location: Bruceport County Park (approximately 6 miles south of South Bend Wa.)

The menu: Hot dogs, burgers, baked beans, potato salad, Lemonade. Coffee and Dessert.

What to Bring: Your car-club friends, family and lawn chairs. Join us for a day of relaxation and getting to know friends from other clubs in SW Washington and NW Oregon.



The only thing missing is you!

Lower Columbia Classics Club Members who would like to help with the set-up, and get a good parking spot, will meet at the Astoria DMV at 8:45 AM – departing at 9:00. The group will head North and have a short stop at Dismal Nitch to meet up with our Long Beach members, approximately 9:15. We will pass through Naselle about 9:30 where members in that area can join the caravan heading North to the park. We hope to see you all there! Bring a chair and plan for the weather.

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!)



Some of our club members enjoying the event with the Rod Run Car Show in Ocean Park WA



Two of the big winners at the 2024 Rod Run

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FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUCEMENTS



President Jim Pardy has a good set-up during the Swap Meet/
Rod Run 2024

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; 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

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 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: _____

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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JIM SEITZ

9/17
9/18
9/14
9/2



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9/9
9/26

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