

# Greetings

members and friends.

As I write this article for the April 2025, our annual LCCC Swap Meet is in the bag and the reporting from our treasurer look good. The vendor booths were sold out and the attendance gate was up.

The numbers would indicate that it was our best swap meet so far. Congratulations to all who supported this event.

I just returned from the Swap Meet at the Portland International Raceway. What a blast! I traveled with Ross Getchell and Doug Gillies leaving my shop at 3:30am on Wednesday April 2nd arriving at the race-track at 5:15am. We were in our space by 6:45am. Doug pulled my enclosed trailer for me while I pulled the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. Doug returned to Astoria and Ross and I camped out. The weather was great and many people were in attendance. Sales and shopping were strong. Doug returned Saturday afternoon and we caravanned home arriving at my shop around 8pm. Tired but looking forward to next year. Thank you to Doug & Ross for our help and friendship.

Upcoming events include;

Spaghetti feed April 13<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Push Rods of Hoquiam, WA. Hoquiam Elks Lodge 12 to 3 pm.



Knock the Sand Off spring show & charity drive Quinalt Beach Resort & Casino sponsored by Test of Time May 17<sup>th</sup>.

50's Cruise Clatsop County Fairgrounds indoor event May 31<sup>st</sup> sponsored by Lower Columbia Classics Car Club.

Consult your copy of the NW Car Events Calendar (Yellow Book)

for upcoming events. If you need a copy, they are available at our monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7pm. They are free to our members.

This month's meeting will be at Steve and Judy Jordan's shop at 35332 Helligso Ln. Astoria OR on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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





Lower Columbia Classics Car Club March 20, 2025 Minutes

The meeting was opened at 7PM by President Jim Purdy.

Roll call of officers: President, Jim Purdy, Vice President, Chuck Loesch, Secretary, Valerie Purdy, Treasurer, Burt Young, Board Member, Doug Gillies. All present.

There were no visitors. New members: Sean and Bethany Sandness. There were 2 Life -members and 3 Past Presidents.

Jim read the minutes of the previous meeting. Fred Mestrich made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected: Oliver Yackley second the motion, Carried: Yes

Treasurer's report, Burt Young: Lots of pre-registration money coming in for 50s cruise car show. The swap meet did very well. This year 640 people attended. Even though there was an increase in the rental cost of the fairground's facility, we still made a profit. Dorothy pointed out that money made from the Christmas decor sale should go to restricted funds for a scholarship. After swap meet there was a lot of scrap metal – over 2,000 pounds. The sale of that went into swap meet profits. For swap meet we advertised in The Daily Astorian Coast Weekend & Social media. There were no questions about the treasurer's report.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Paul Sherman. Second: Oliver Yackley. Vote: Yes.

Communications and Upcoming events: David Pedegana contacted Jim, He has registered a car to show up at 50's cruise, a 1937. He called and said he mailed in registration and wants another registration as granddaughter wants to register a car.

Jim read a thank you card from Judy Jordan.

Hot Rod Spaghetti Feed April 13, 2025 at Hoquiam Elks Lodge

Test of Time Car Show May 17, 2025 – Quinault Beach Resort & Casino

Classic Ford & Mercury Car Show June 15, 2025 in Tacoma, WA

Test of Time Picnic in the Park June 22, 2025 in Montesano, WA

Pushrods Spaghetti Feed June 27 & 28

Midnight Cruisers Car Show August 17, 2025

Reports of committees:

Membership committee, Jo Loesch: Four new members: Sean and Bethany Sandness & Daniel and Linda Duncan

Sunshine committee, report given by Judy. Patty Getchell having surgery tomorrow (3/21/2025). Ralph is in the hospital in Tacoma – not doing well.

Swap meet committee, Charlie Clayton: There was a great turnout! Charlie thanked all who showed up to help out. He joked we should limit donations to 25 lb size. Thanks to all who participated. The trailer still needs to be unloaded. Doug Gillies will put out email looking for volunteers to help unload it. Andy Seaman from across river, one of the vendors, donated a video monitor to us. Jim had a good talk with Test of Time President Doug Smith and members. They came over to talk about model T stuff. Rod Janke is a machinist and into pouring Babbitt bearings. Jim has a bunch of trophy stuff from North County Cruisers from Battleground WA. and is donating these to the Test of Time club.

Valerie Purdy Secretary

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

### Can you outrun and survive a Tsunami in your turquoise 1964 Oldsmobile Cutlass??

The scenario is Seaside, Oregon on Broadway in my 1964 Oldsmobile Cutlass with my chum Susie looking for boys who were dragging the gut on a pleasant evening in 1964.

A policeman comes to the window and says, young ladies you need to get off Broadway and evacuate to high ground there is a Tsunami warning and this is for real, no false alarm.

The siren sounded, the Tsunami Alarm and we headed for our homes on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Roosevelt in Seaside.

I alerted my parents and brother that this was for real, and we needed to evacuate to high ground.

My parents agreed and set off north in their VW bug. My brother had my hand me down black 1955 Plymouth Coupe and he had loaded all his clothes and the dog Pepper. I loaded up the cat and all my clothes in the Cutlass and we both headed north to follow our parents up Lewis and Clark Road to Crown Camp.

If you want to get to the high ground in Seaside, you first must cross bridges and go through low ground. This became a problem for my brother and me. As we crossed the bridge over the Necanicum at the North entrance to Seaside, the Tsunami came in and threw a log over the bridge railing and hit my brother's Plymouth on the driver's side fender and wheel, the wave floated both of our cars, and I followed my wobbly brother down onto Lewis and Clark Road and up to Crown Camp. He could barely keep the Plymouth on the road, but we made it. We lost track of our parents and did not reunite with them until the all-clear the next morning.

Crown Camp was not prepared to open and receive the many evacuees who made it up the hill, others spread out along the Mainline.

The dilemma became news reports, which were nonexistent for updates, any pre-planning to serve evacuees. Our main issue was we had not thought about bringing along food or water. We did not know how long we would be stuck at Crown Camp, and we did not know where our parents had gone.

So, no means of communication, no food or water, but we would be well dressed, we had all our clothes.

The all-clear came from a logger who traveled to Crown Camp from the east, so off I went to work in Astoria, and my brother Larry took the cat and set out to find Mom and Dad and assess the damage to his car in the daylight. My Astoria work colleagues had no knowledge of what had occurred.

The little Plymouth was never the same, it continued to grow mushrooms on the arm rests in the back seat. Larry and a friend pounded out the fender and tried to straighten the tire, hub and struts. It was serviceable.

When he went to sell it with full disclosure to a friend's sister, he took her for a test drive and the passenger side window fell out on the pavement as he was negotiating a curve, she purchased it anyway and Larry shipped out for basic training to Texas and four years in the Air Force. I eventually traded him my 1964 Oldsmobile Cutlass for a Chevrolet Nova that drove like a truck with no power steering, this was probably in 1968.

We have since decided to never drive in a Tsunami and never trade cars again. My motto now, "always be prepared for any large or small disaster!!"

Charlene Larsen



This month's featured ride belongs to Patricia Riley AKA "Pattycake" of Astoria, Oregon.

It is a 1959 MGZB. "Magnette" Patty calls her car Maggie. She has been looking for a classic car to call her own for about 10 years and was talking cars with "Peter", a customer moving to Astoria from San Francisco who revealed he may have a vintage car for sale. Months went by and without warning, Peter cruised in one beautiful afternoon in a beautiful, unrecognizable magnificent car. It was gorgeous! Patty says she bought it without even a test drive! This British Green sedan with a cloth sunroof is one of 23,846. It sports an in-line 4-cylinder water-cooled 1489cc engine from a 1967 MGB. It has twin SU Carburetors and has 68 HP @ 5250 RPM. It is mated to a 4-speed stick shift, has Lock-heed Hydraulic drum brakes and Knock-off wheels. It has stock style leather interior, a heater and no radio. It has a top speed of



85MPH. While Peter owned the car, he did extensive work on redoing the wooden dash, misc. body restorations and under the hood. Patty tells of a recent 1200-mile trip with Polk & Maggie to Sun Valley Idaho and then Red Fish Lake Lodge in the Saw Tooth Mountains at an altitude of

7,000ft. Absolutely no problems! It was a great trip. She also entered Maggie in a Hagerty sponsored car show at Portland International Raceway where the participants were allowed to drive around the racetrack. Patty says that Polk had to really Hang-On as she rounded the curves of the race track. After one of its first US road tests in 1954, legendary auto journalist

Tom McCahill concluded, "If you like fine machinery and a car that handles like a low-calorie Ferrari with all the quality of a Tiffany diamond, then you will get a real boot out of the MG Magnette." Congratulations to Patricia Riley for her nice Lower Columbia Classic Car.



### Swap Meet Appreciation

Rather than judge the Lower Columbia Classics annual swap meet by earnings, I prefer to judge it by participation. I would rate it as extremely successful, and it would not have been possible without the outstanding participation of our club members.

I could name names but the list would be long and I would invariably leave someone out. Therefore, to all of you, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for all you did to make the 2025 LCCCC Swap Meet a total success. The process began last year with the planning, design, and printing of advertising, registration forms, and letters to vendors which were ultimately mailed out in January. Registration began in earnest as vendors rushed to get the spots they wanted. The week of the fair was very busy getting everything we needed and wanted to sell moved from storage to the fairgrounds. (I wish people would donate lighter items.) Volunteers then flooded the fairgrounds on Friday to lay out spaces, set up tables, and set out all the stuff we had. Saturday provided a great turnout of vendors and participants. We could not have pulled it off without the fabulous turnout of club members who volunteered their help in so many ways from opening up in the morning until cleanup at the end of the day, cleaning and storing tables, picking up trash and hauling off all of the leftovers.

Thank you all for everything you do for the club and especially for the annual swap meet.

Charlie







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Car #2 - 1950 Ford Business Coupe (no back seat) **No Rust!** Has been in my shop for 20 years. Has a FlatHead 3 speed O Rig from Factory. I bought this car from the original owner. It will run and drive, 21,000 Original miles, new disc brakes. This is a very nice car. Has new tires and wheels, good glass, leather seat, floor shift, car is in primer asking: \$35,000.

Contact Jon Erickson - 503-556-4541

**UP-COMING GAL'S PAGE ARTICLES** January - Dorothy Gillies, Feb - P. Getchell, March - Jena Bakkum Purdy, April - Charlene Larsen, May - Dorothy Danielson, June - Judy Tontz, July - Melanie Haase, August - Lorraine Berard, Sept - Judy Atkinson, Oct - Valerie Purdy, Nov - Linda Uphoff

**Get well to;** Family of Ruth Dale (Sympathy). Bill Denny (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 2025**

Jan- Feb-Anne Mestrich. Mar- Apr- May-Diane Matthews. June- Anne Mestrich. July - Aug- Sept-Oliver Yackley. Oct- Nov-

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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)*

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



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