

Greetings members and friends.

The month of July was very busy. Some of our members attended a 4th of July car show in Warrenton as well as a parade. Many other events occurred through the month, more than I can keep track of. Ross Getchell and I attended the 43rd Annual All Ford Show and Swap meet in North Plaines, Oregon. It was probably one of the most organized shows I've been to. Incredible support from the community.

Wes Holthusen is sponsoring a car show at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds August 2nd. 8am to 3pm. \$20 entry that includes entry to the fair.

Our Educational Outreach committee is sponsoring a local High School Senior, Mr. Lyndel Edwards, a senior at Astoria High School is having a car show at the High School for his senior project August 23rd from 8am to 1pm. There are no entry fees. I know that there are many car events to choose from throughout the summer. Many are local and others require travel and lodging. If you are in town on the weekend of the 23rd, please try to support Lyndel. This young man has great potential to be an automotive enthusiast for year to come.



This month's meeting will be August 21th at the shop of Jim & Valerie Purdy. 92231 Simonson Rd. Astoria, OR. The meeting begins at 7pm. Come early, help me clean my shop!

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



2025 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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Lower Columbia Classics Car Club July 2025 Minutes Roll call of officers: Jim Purdy, President, Chuck Loesch, Vice President, Valerie Purdy, Secretary, Burt Young, Treasurer, Doug Gillies, 5th Board Member Introduction of visitors: None. New Members: None. Life Members: 3 Past Presidents: 3 Reading of minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by President Jim Purdy. There were no Omissions, corrections, errors Motion to accept minutes as read/corrected Fred Mestrich, second Steve Jordan, carried YES Treasurer's report by Burt Young: 50s cruise – All of the bills are in for 50s cruise. Midnight Impressions check is still out and a check to Polk Riley. Burt wrote Doug Gillies a check also. Motion to accept treasurer's report Steve Jordan, second Ed McHenry, vote YES Communications: Wallowa Mountain Cruisers car show June 20, 2026. Paul is having surgery August 12th and his wife needs a ride to chemotherapy. Committee reports: Sunshine, Linda Uphoff. Ken is recovering home from some heart issues. Educational outreach, Jim Purdy A meeting of the Education Committee was held June 29, 2025. Wish lists were reviewed. The committee voted to support the following: Warrenton High School automotive program, Clatsop Community College automotive program (will be matched by Clatsop Community Foundation towards Mowhawk Lift Road Force Elite Balancer). A.C.T.I.V.E Advancing Clatsop Teens in Vocational Education Mike Mathews will be contacting Ilwaco and Naselle high schools. Marv Stunkard will contact Knappa High School Lynell Edwards, a senior at AHS senior project for 8/23/2025 Astoria High School Car Show. We will help Lynell with his car show. Interclub Picnic, Jim Purdy: I spoke with Test of Time president Doug Smith and discussed alternation years of hosting the interclub picnic. Test of Time already had an interclub picnic June 22, 2025. Kay Murders inquired about requested dates at Bruceport County Park, none available. We won't host an interclub picnic this year. Christmas Party Committee, Judy Jordan, Judy will get a date reserved for a Sunday at Longshoreman Hall. Social Director: Dianne Mathews has volunteered for the remainder of this year and maybe next year. NEW BUSINESS: Security at Rod Run. The Beach Barons have requested that we provide security at the Rod Run. The Regatta Association contacted us requesting 4 convertibles for the Regatta Parade. Olney Pizza is having a car show on August 2nd. Clatsop County Fair having a car show on August 2, 2025. Wes's car show will be August 16, 2025 at his shop in Jeffers Gardens. It is a potluck cruise. Cruise begins at 11 and food is 1ish. Moose Lodge will be August 19, 2025 – was not advertised. OLD BUSINESS: Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 20, 2025, meet at Dismal Nitch, departure at 1:00 pm. New Joseph car show date June 20, 2026. Next month's meeting will be at Jim and Valerie's shop August 21, 2025, 92231 Simonsen Road, Astoria, OR. Treats were provided by Jo Loesch. Burt Young bringing treats next month. Attendance drawing winner Ralph. He decided to let it ride. Adjournment at 7:40 pm

MINUTES

BY VALERIE PURDY

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

I blame it on the Wheels and Waves car show in Seaside, OR last September 12th. Due to some upcoming medical issues, we cancelled our trip to Crescent City, CA, so we were looking for some nice local car shows to round out the summer.

We dropped into the Seaside event for their Thursday opening dinner and Senior Cruise. (I had no idea that a senior cruise referred to driving through the assisted care centers & retirement homes in town, not to the drivers and their classic "senior" cars!) While we waited to begin the cruise, a cute orange and cream-colored Nash Metropolitan convertible (think Creamsicle) parked near us. These folks were very proud of their Toyota engine, and that they had driven to the East Coast and back last year with no problems, with great mileage, except that it is only a ten-gallon gas tank. I was hooked!

As fate would have it, just four days later, a beautiful candy apple red and white



1954 Nash Metropolitan convertible was posted on Facebook Marketplace. It was in Libby, Montana, around 600 miles from the Peninsula we call home. Now I'm really getting interested—Rob and I called the owner and

their mechanic on Wednesday, and after much thought and hoping for the best, we wired the money to her on Thursday. Not ever having driven the car, and the distance involved, motels, etc., we decided to have it delivered by a car hauler. The guy should be here by Friday early evening, as he texted from Tacoma late afternoon. Heard nothing more from him—turns out the driver is Ukranian and speaks little English. The dispatcher had told us no deliveries after 8pm, so we had gone to bed. Woke up to headlights in the cul de sac and a guy knocking on the door at 10pm! Jumped up, got dressed and grabbed a flashlight, to help this guy unload my Met. None of us could find the car's headlight switch (it's around the ignition opening), so he backed

it off the truck and into the driveway by flashlight. Turns out the only English I heard from him was "600 dollars," his fee for delivery! Then came the problem of getting the long car hauler turned around and out of the cul de sac—luckily the new neighbors were not home to see us back up almost to the side of their house—they now lock the gate when they're gone, and we have introduced ourselves.

It has been a mostly positive experience---who buys a classic car, sight unseen, off the internet??? We have had it checked out, and a few minor issues—

windshield wiper motor replaced (guess they didn't drive in the rain), some ignition and wiring redone, and a new gas tank sensor.

I have been towed twice due to a 71 year old idler arm breaking, so into the shop again!! (We made it to Joseph for the Wallowa Mt. Cruise, my car stayed in Boardman, OR—just missing a forest fire that took out 5 homes, a church & food bank on the other end of the same street.)

Overall, Josephine is a fun little car, and gets miles of smiles wherever we go!



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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;**

.DOROTHY GILLIES, STEVE JORDAN, KEN UPHOFF, TIM O'BRYANT. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JUL GRANDBOIS FOR THE DONATED CARDS.

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 025

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

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This month's featured ride belongs to Burt and Cindy Young. It is a 1929 Ford Model A pickup. Burt acquired this truck in Elgin, Oregon in 2007

while they were on their way to another show in South Dakota. The deal was secured with a handshake and Burt returned in two weeks with his son Loren to take the pickup

home. Every nut and bolt has been gone through on this truck. It features stock running gear with a 4 cylinder flat head engine and a 3 speed transmission. The pickup was originally located in Auburn, Washington with a 32 year old tree growing through the roof. The tree was cut out and the pickup moved to it's new home in Elgin. Burt's touches finish off the truck

with refinished interior, new top & door panels. The pickup came with solid disc wheels. Burt's friend and former club member Joe White supplied wire

wheels and tires. Joe's wife Gloria is still a member. The wheels have been powder coated yellow. The truck is a deluxe model featuring two spare tires. Burt took this



truck to the 200th anniversary of the Bonneville Dam tour with Joe White

and other Model A's. In 1946 Burt's parents, his sister and himself (6 months old) moved the family from Butte, Montana to Astoria in a Model A like this one. Congratulations to Burt

and Cindy for a fine example of a Lower Columbia Classic.



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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

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