

Greetings members and friends.

As I write this article for the February issue, I am seeing the first evidence of snow this winter. I find myself working in the shop getting the cars ready for cruising in better weather. One of my projects is a 1924 Ford Model T coupe. It's been in our family since October of 1952. It's been 35 years since I drove it to any extent. This last week I drove it about 1.5 miles. It brought back good memories and I was able to take my Father in-law, who gave me the car for a ride. One of my next projects will be replacing a leaking heater core in a 1976 Corvette. Working under the dash of this car can be challenging for this elderly body.

I encourage all of you to stay warm and drive carefully in these winter conditions.

Consult your copy of the NW Car Events Calendar (Yellow Book) for upcoming events. I noticed a couple of swap meets in February. 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.

Upcoming Lower Columbia Classics Car Club events include our annual Swap meet at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on March 8<sup>th</sup> and our annual 50's cruise on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This year the 50's cruise will be at a new location. It will be at the Clatsop County fair grounds and will be an indoor event.



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.

I will be writing articles featuring members cars. Let me know if you have a car that would make a nice featured article.

This month's meeting will be at Steve and Judy Jordan's shop at 35332 Helligso Ln. Astoria OR on February 20<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

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, January 16, 2025

Opening of meeting:

Roll Call of Officers: President, Jim Purdy, Vice-President, Chuck Loesch, Secretary, Valerie Purdy, Treasurer, Burt Young, Board Member, Doug Gillies .

There were 26 members present. There were no visitors.

New Members: Wayne Redding, Life Members: 5, Past Presidents: 4

Jim Purdy, read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no omissions, corrections or errors. Patty Getchell made a Motion to accept minutes as read. The motion was Second by Fred Mestrich: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Burt Young: We wrote a check for potatoes given away \$420. Paid City of Warrenton for the use of the community center for Christmas Party and other bills from Christmas party.

Patty Getchell made a Motion to accept the report given, Polk Riley second the motion/Carried.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Membership committee, Jo Loesch: New members Wayne and Dana Redding.

Backfire Committee: Ross Getchell. Need for people to send articles for Backfire for Gal's page and guy's side of view. Also need to have a list of snacks and what dates. Volunteers for snacks. Jim Wood wrote good articles about us. Jim Purdy asked people to send in a few pics and a summary of their project. Patty G. mentioned there is a need for Ladies' articles.

Swap Meet Committee: Charlie Clayton. We need volunteers for the swap meet. Charlie presented a list of needs. 6 or 8 to help Wednesday before Swap Meet on the 5th of March to meet at 10 am at Miles Crossing. Friday morning show up at fairgrounds to mark off arena park. Dorothy will have a plan. Before noon unload trailers and mark prices. Saturday morning some volunteers to help vendors set up their tables. It quiets down later but we need help in the membership booth. Between 2 or 3 on Saturday afternoon put tables away, pick up trash, we need to leave the building as found. NW Auto Mall is probably our best advertising. We will put our ad in The Astorian Coast Weekend though. Patty G. commented that the staff at fairgrounds were great to work with! Admission will be \$5 per person. Kids under 12 are free with parents. Active military are free.

EDUCATIONAL Outreach: Fred Mestrich. We are going to hire a contractor to install the exhaust fan at Warrenton High School Auto Shop.

50s Cruise Committee, Doug Gillies discussed T-shirt and trophy sponsors. We will have a short meeting after this meeting. We are close to where we can order our T-shirts, we have enough sponsors.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The potato giveaway seems to be a big hit, especially on the east side Knappa/Svensen area. About 200 bags went to food banks Warrenton. 150 Knappa. 75 Rosburg, Washington.

The 2025 yellow books are here with the NW Car Events Calendar. They are available for members

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Swap meets are coming up before our, Salem Feb 8, Puyallup Feb.15ht, Portland Roadster Show March 14-16, Portland Swap Meet April 3rd-6th.

Joseph Car show is June 20 and 21, changed date. Jim P mentioned we should get hotel reservations soon.

Nikki mentioned Skamokawa, WA. show has the same car show date as ours

#### NEW BUSINESS

Fred Mestrich is working on some trophies for the 50's Cruise. We don't have a commander's choice due to not being at Camp Rilea. Another title will be selected for the 3rd trophy.

Dorothy G mentioned we should take fliers for our car show to other car shows we goto.

We have a snack signup sheet. We have a signup sheet for ladies articles.

Next month's meeting 02/20/2024 at Jordan's place.

Membership Drawing: Charlie Clayton won. He chose to roll it over.

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

Driving me crazy.....(By Patty Getchell)

Okay, I may have shared this information, or some of it, with you before. I will try to add new information. My first car was a 1964 Dodge Dart, cream colored, and push button transmission. I had only had the car for about a week and had a car accident on the way to work. My friend Sharon was with me and luckily, we were only shook up. I drove that car for many years and then went on to my next set of wheels.

A blue Pinto that I purchased in Oxnard, which was miles away from LA. I don't know all of the purchase details but it must have been a pretty

good deal. My younger sister and I were talking about it recently and she reminded me that she joined me to go pick it up. She was thrilled.

My next ride was a Brown Honda Civic. I have a picture of me jumping up in front of the car like "Yippee – look what I got". The one memorable moment in this car (that I can remember) was when I was tucking my



niece into the back seat and she said, "I love this car would like to have it" (something like that).

Onto the next adventure with a blue Taurus. I loved this car; it was such a great ride.

Okay this is a silly memory: After purchasing the car I parked it in the garage attached to my house in Oak Grove, Oregon. I was sitting

in my living room relaxing and I looked down the hallway. I started screaming, there was a giant (and I mean huge) spider against the wall. Of course, screaming only does so much so I pounded it with my shoe, and it flipped up and

landed in my shoe, it was dead. I do believe that it came with the Taurus.

Then Ross and I got a Ford Crown Victoria – no special stories....Now we have a 2014 Metallic Red Copper Taurus. Yes, I have a thing for Fords and Taurus cars. Gee I guess you will have to wait for another article about this car (I know it will drive you crazy wanting to know what special connection I have to this one).....Patty Getchell



This month's featured ride belongs to Paul Sherman and Gini Hayes of Hammond, OR. It is a 1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Coupe. Paul found this car in 1973 resting in a watermelon field in Hermiston, OR when he was 16 years old. As life had Paul relocating for work opportunities, this car followed him to St. Louis, Mo. Where they stayed for many years. The car has gone through extensive transformations over the years with Paul doing 80% of the work himself. The modifications include a 350 sbc connected to a TH350 automatic and a 3.08 geared rear end. The front end is supported by a lowered 1970 Chevy Nova front clip. The wheels are GM rally's with Cooper radials. The interior has mid 2000's GM bucket seats while the exterior features shaved door handles and deleted bumpers. There are LED taillights and headers with dual exhaust. The original color was a light blue and now is a nice burgundy wine color. While Paul lived in St. Louis, the car went on many lengthy vacation trips including runs to Mount



Rushmore South Dakota and Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Paul and Gini for a nice Lower Columbia Classic Car.

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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 Jean Haglund -Family of Lanny Freeman - Sympathy card. Judy Jordan, Fred Mestrich, Patty Getchell, Dorothy Gillies, Diane Matthews, Sue Stunkard Get Well 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 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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