

Greetings members and friends.

It has been a while since I have written to you as there was no newsletter in the month of December. So, to all, Merry Christmas and Happy New year! We had our annual Christmas party December 1st at the Warrenton Community Center. It was attended by 56 members. I want to give special thanks to Ann Mestrich and her crew for putting together a great party. There is a lot of work that goes into putting together a club function such as organizing, shopping, setting up, cooking serving and tear down and clean up. Thanks to all that helped and also thanks to those who showed up to participate. Each year as part of the charitable work that we do, our club raised funding for two charities. Monies were collected at the Christmas party and I had the privilege of presenting donations on behalf of our club. Donations were presented on December 2nd to The Wishing tree program received by Ms. Denise Cleveland in the amount of \$1,725.00. Donations were presented on December 3rd to the Clatsop County Regional Food Bank and received by Dustin Martin in the amount of \$1,715.00. Thanks to our club and its members for their generosity and serving our community.

During our Christmas Party, there was an election of officers. Chuck Loesch will serve another term as our Vice President. Burt Young will serve another Term as our Treasurer. Valerie Purdy will serve her first term as our club Secretary. I want to thank Nicki Andrews for her many years' service to our club as secretary and has earned a well-deserved rest.

On December 27th, I drove up to Jacks Country Store in Ocean Park, Washington and purchased 2000 LBS of russet potatoes in 5 LB bags. Special thanks to Doug Haserot for setting up the availability of the potatoes. They were distributed throughout the area in Warrenton through the Food Bank, in



Svensen/Knappa through volunteers and in the Naselle/ Rosberg area through volunteers also. Great job members and volunteers!

On January 1st we joined with our friends across the river, The Beach Barons and had a short cruise and lunch. We met at the Astoria DMV and then cruised to Seaside, OR and had a lunch at Dundee's restaurant. There were about 50 in attendance.

Upcoming events include our annual Swap meet at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on March 8th and our annual 50's cruise on May 31st. 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. If you would like to help work on the committees for the swap meet or the 50's cruise, your help will be appreciated. Give us a call and we will get you connected with committee chair folks.

The 2025 Northwest Car Events Calendar (the Yellow Books) have arrived. They are free to our members and can be picked up at our club meetings held the 3rd Thursdays at 7pm.

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 will be at Steve and Judy Jordan's shop at 35332 Helligso Ln. Astoria OR on January 16th.

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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December 1, 2024

President Jim Purdy called to order the December 1st meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club at 1:05 pm. Regular club business was suspended for this meeting. Nominations were opened for club officers for 2025. Patty Getchell, as nomination chairperson, nominated Chuck Loesch for Vice President. With no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Chuck Loesch was elected club Vice President by unanimous vote. Patty then opened nominations for club Treasurer. Burt Young was nominated. With no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. By unanimous vote Burt Young was elected club Treasurer. Nominations were opened for Secretary by Patty Getchell. Nicki Andrews was nominated. She withdrew her name. Valerie Purdy was nominated from the floor. She accepted the nomination. With no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed for Secretary. Patty Getchell explained that at this time we were suspending the attendance rule for officer's eligibility. By unanimous vote, Valerie Purdy was elected as club Secretary. A thank you was extended to Ann Mestrich and her crew for putting on the club Christmas dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

Nicki Andrews

Secretary



Food Bank Donation



Wishing Tree Donation

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

First off, I really want to put out a special "Thank you" to the "backseat" gals that made the Christmas party a very good, well attended gathering. Without our efforts and hours in the kitchen, at the sink, counter, stove, shopping and doing whatever was needed, it would not have happened. So ladies..... "Cheers" to us!

Several people have asked me for the recipe for the potato casserole, which I got from my daughter-in-law. I thought she was very special as this recipe always gets thumbs up. However, last month, when looking through a file of recipes I had copied 20 years ago from a rather expensive cookbook, I found the same recipe created for Cracker Barrel. Gosh golly, I was special too, just didn't know it. So, if anyone is interested in making a quick potato dish that will feed 15-20, here you go! They'll think you are special too!

CRACKER BARREL'S HASHBROWN CASSEROLE

2 lbs. frozen cubed/hashbrown potatoes
(defrosted)

½ cup melted butter

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 pt. sour cream

½ cup chopped onion

2 cups grated cheddar

1 tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

Combine and mix the above. Put it all in a 3 qt. casserole dish

Mix: 2 cups crushed cornflakes in ¼ cup melted butter. Sprinkle on top.

Cover and bake at 350 for about 45 minutes.

Uncover if you want them a little crunchy on top.

A more economical option to the expensive 2 lb. bags of frozen potatoes is to use real potatoes and dice them yours self... or ... Cash & Carry ... has a 5lb. bag of diced red potatoes for a bit over \$6.

I guess that's all for now. Doug said I should write about my first car, so ... it was a 4 door, '64 Nova. Nothing special, except that my dad bought it for me when I was 18 so I could drive myself to work. On one trip going to Lincoln City the tranny shifted on its own and went from 60 to 30. Not a good sign. I think at 20 we traded it in on a Vega. Had to have room for the kids. End of story. We all have stories to tell. Feel free to call Diane and put your story in the Backfire. I did. Happy New Year to Everyone!
Dorothy Gillies

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!)



Owner of Dundee's



HAPPY NEW YEAR



NEW YEARS CRUISE 2025
FROM ASTORIA DMV TO SEA-SIDE OREGON. CELEBRATE AT THE DUNDEE'S RESTAURANT



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Contact Jon Erickson - 503-556-4541

UP-COMING GAL'S PAGE ARTICLES January, Feb. March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept, Oct, Nov,

Get well to: November and December 2024 SYMPATHY CARD Family of Darryl Niemi, Fred & Ann Mestrich. GET WELL, Judy Jordan, Rob Buchanan -Mike Matthews - Diane Matthews. THINKING OF YOU, Patty Getchell.
Well Wishes, Ann Mestrich - Thank you for Christmas Party organization.
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- Mar- Apr- May- June- July- Aug- Sept- 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
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