

Summer is here and club members are taking advantage of the growing number of car related events that have happened, or are upcoming.

There are quite a few coming up and these are the ones that I am aware of in the near future. Several will happen before this comes out in the Back-Fire and e-mails will be sent to club members with information.

There are some shows members are planning to attend, including the show in Joseph, Or. Aug. 25-28, the Rod Run in Ocean Park, Wa. On Sept. 9-11, the Sea Cruise in Crescent City, Ca. on Oct. 7-8. Another show in our area is Test of Time Car Club's show in Shelton Wa. On August 27. There will be information available for all these events at our club meeting August 18. Remember that the August meeting will be at Cindy and Burt Young's shop at 7pm – Please bring your own chairs. Their address is on the club roster or call me for it at 503-468-0006. Hope to see you there!

Another item of club business is the annual club Friendship Picnic. This year it is being scheduled in September, date to be announced. At this point we are looking for a site and will announce it as soon as we can. Ann Mestrich and Kay Murders have volunteered to chair it, - thank you ladies! More info on this will be coming out either by email or the September Back-Fire, so keep your eyes open for it.

The Beach Barons have contacted us to provide security for the Rod Run again this year. The dates will be Thursday, Septem-



ber 8th, Friday Sept. 9th and Saturday Sept. 10th. The shifts will be the same as previous years, from 6pm-midnight and midnight-6am all three days. I will be organizing the schedule so if you are interested in helping out, contact me and I will get you set up. They are going to donate the same amount as previous years to our club for our services. For more info, contact me. This is a good way to get to know oth-

er club members while keeping an eye on the field. In years past the conversations in those late-night hours didn't always solve all the world's problems, but it has always been good for a few laughs. Again, just contact me if you can help. We will have 12 shifts to fill and in the past, those who helped got passes for the show, and dinner tickets.

We continue to add new members to the club. It's nice to see interest in our club continue as new members join, so if you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them. I know membership chair Diane Matthews is working hard to keep our club roster current with the new additions.

One other bit of club news is that we are waiting to hear from Warrenton High School vocational Tech teacher to see what they need for the upcoming school year. With the success of our swap meet and the 50's Cruise, we are in a good position to help them.

See you all around town! Doug

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The meeting of Lower Columbia Classic's was held on July 21, 2022, at Fred Mestrich's Shop. President Gillies called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Officers present were Doug Gillies, President; Jim Purdy, Vice President; Patty Getchell, Secretary Pro-Tem; and Burt Young, Treasurer. Nicki Andrews was absent.

Guests. Doug introduced Ken a potential member; Ernie & Liz Hinton & Josh and Calandra Holloway new members were present.

Minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 2022 minutes as printed in the July *BACKFIRE*; the motion passed.

Treasurer's report. Treasurer, Burt Young distributed the financial reports for members to review. We did make some money on the 50's Cruise.

Membership report. Diane said there are new members John Lowe & Cecilia Henle.

Sunshine Committee. Good to see Ralph looking good. Good thoughts to Ross.

Backfire. Reminder that articles are needed early.

Web Site. Doug will contact Robi regarding the website and the sale of the Riviera.

Swap Meet. No updates or information until after the car show in Crescent City, CA per Fred.

Educational Outreach. The Warrenton High School shop manager is making a list of tools that are needed. Harbor Freight will be giving the club good prices on tools for the school. Merts received a Federal Grant for \$450,000 for their program. We will continue our support.

50's Cruise. A wrap up meeting will be scheduled soon, committee considering a different, flatter location for next year's show. Next year club members will pay for their t shirt order when it is placed with better tracking of special orders. A large sweatshirt was purchased at the meeting, proceeds donated to the club.

Unfinished Business

Burt will contact Kyle Johnson and schedule a time for him to come show the types of jackets that club members may want to purchase. A motion was made and withdrawn to purchase jackets. There was a great deal of discussion and final decisions will be made at a date after meeting with Kyle, tentatively at the August meeting at Burt's house. It was recommended that the Club logos be embroidered with a chenille logo for flexibility.

New Business

Doug advised we need someone to chair the security staffing for the Rod Run in Long Beach, WA. 4 people needed Friday and Saturday nights (2 6 pm to midnight; 2 midnight to 6 am each day). Looking for 8 to 12 people total for support. Ann volunteered her car again to be used on site; Doug also would use his explorer if needed. We were paid \$1125.00 last year. Doug will talk with the Beach Baron's president to confirm details.

The Interclub picnic may be at the Skamokawa park across from the fairgrounds; Mike Matthews will see if 9/18 or 9/25 are available. Chairperson will be determined; Doug will follow up with membership.

Fred Mestrich has a BBQ that his son donated; needs to be painted and cleaned up.

Steve Jordan passed out information regarding the car show in Crescent City, California.

Thanks for the treats, Ann.

Liz won the drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be at Burt's shop on August 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Patty Getchell- Secretary, Pro-Tem

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

As we navigate the "Dog Days of Summer," and gather friends and family post-covid, my thoughts go to quick, easy, make-ahead meals! Here are a few of my favorite recipes to feed a crowd yet can be made a day (or more) ahead to allow for lots of visiting, instead of hot, kitchen-time on bar-be-que day.

1 of 4

By Lorraine Berard

- Cincinnati Chili (for Coney Dogs)
- Cooler Corn-on-the-Cob for a Crowd (future backfire article)
- Garden Patch Potato Salad (future backfire article)
- Mini-Cheesecakes (future backfire article)

Cincinnati Chili: serves 10-12

1 quart water

2 lbs. lean hamburger

2 large onions, chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp. each—cinnamon, ground cumin, allspice, black pepper

1 T. each--chili powder, salt, cider vinegar, Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. (or more to taste) red pepper

1 -6 oz. can tomato paste

3 bay leaves

Crumble raw (do not brown) hamburger into water, add all ingredients.

Bring to a boil, then simmer for 3 hours. Remove bay leaves. Whole red peppers can be used instead of ground red pepper (if desired) for a spicier taste! When cool, store in refrigerator or freezer.

Traditionally served:

- 2-way: Spaghetti topped with chili
- 3-way: Spaghetti topped with chili and grated cheddar cheese
- 4-way: Spaghetti topped with chili, cheese and chopped onion
- 5-way: Same as 4-way with kidney beans added
- Coneys: Frankfurter on a bun, topped with chili, onions and cheese



BY JIM WOOD

Most car people like the tri-5 Chevys. Then there are those guys that are crazy about them. There are some of those guys in this club like Fred M. and his '56's. Most people like all three years and most people have a year they like most. I've always liked '55's because I once owned a '55 convertible. That's the worst one I ever let get away. There's been '55 hardtop prowling around the area for the last few years. I say prowling



around because this car looks like a panther with its gloss black color and a stance that looks like it's about to pounce. This '55 is absolutely bad to the bone. I was one of a good number of participants



from this club to attend the car show at the county fairgrounds. That '55 was at the show and I saw this as an opportunity to look at it up close and meet the owner. I came to find out that John and Cecelio Lowe had just joined our club last month! Well I

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guess this month's story just landed in my lap. John got this car from Alabama about ten years ago and has been perfecting it ever since. This beauty is powered by a by a mildly built 350 pushing the power to a 700 R trans and posi rear. This is no resto-mod. This is a real '55 Chevy with the original frame, suspension and steering. Upper and lower A-arms were replaced with the tubular stuff. Power disc brakes and steering add up to better drivability. With the Vintage Air and the super stereo this car is set up for cruising. John said his goal was to keep it absolutely stock looking, but classy, low and mean. I think he made it. Well I guess that's about enough of me gushing over this car. I'm awfully glad John and Cecilio decided to join this club and bring that awesome '55 into our stable. I hope you all will get a chance to check it out for yourselves real soon.



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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!)



SUMMER OF 2016 BACK TO 50'S CRUISE
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Anyway, I am asking **400.00** or **OBO** 503-791-3804 Ask for Bill

UP-COMING GAL'S PAGE ARTICLES

June — Sherrie Kelley July—Valerie Purdy August—Lorraine Berard September—
Gail Penuel October—Kay Murders November—Dorothy Gillies

Get well to; _Katie Scarborough, Bill Denny, Ralph Parker, JR & Sherrie Kelley

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 2022

March-Diane M, April-Patty, May- Oliver, June-Niki, July-Anne, August-Burt, September-Dorothy G, October-Sherri K, Nov.-Linda U, Dec.-Christmas Party

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