



The month of May brings the club's "50's Cruise Reunion" into focus and will receive most of our attention. This final planning is leading up to the show scheduled for June 4th at Camp Rilea in Warrenton.

The T-shirts have been ordered and we are looking forward to their delivery. As soon as the 30 extra volunteer shirts arrive, we will get them to our club volunteer workers who have ordered them at \$5 ea. 150 additional shirts will be available for the day of the show for \$15-\$20.

There will also be a small number of large posters for sale in the T-shirt booth.

Planning for our volunteer schedule is underway and we are starting to fill positions that club members have said they would like to do. The schedule will be at the May 14, 50's Cruise Committee meeting and at the regular club meeting on May 19th. If you have volunteered and can't attend the meeting call me at 503-468-0006, or I will call you after the May meeting to find a spot for you. We will also need some help loading tables, chairs, pop-ups, tents, etc. into Burt's box truck prior to Friday June 3. This date to be determined, but if you can help please let me know.

Set up for the show will start on the morning of Friday, June 3. We will meet for breakfast at 8AM at Pig-N-Pancake- Astoria. We will then go to Camp Rilea arriving around 10AM. We will set up our pop-up and the big tents along with our signs and laying our parking areas for show cars and for spectators. Sites will also be marked off for vendor and DJ sites, etc. The morning of the show it's really important to get things set up early, as we open the show at 8AM. We will need volun-



teers to be on site at 6AM for the last-minute setup, show prep, put the tops on the pop-ups, set up the Raffle and Registration areas, etc.

The final part of the show is taking down and getting everything put back in the truck. Trophy presentation is scheduled for 2pm so clean up should start about 3pm with the last thing being a final walk over the site to make sure we leave it as clean as when we started. As you can see, we will need quite a bit of volunteer help, so "thank you" for

being there for your club and I hope to see you all there.

In other club news, there has been some talk about going to a show in Tillamook Saturday, May 21, 2022. If it happens, we will send an email out for time and travel information.

Meeting Reminders:

May 14, 50's Cruise Reunion Committee Meeting – 10AM, Jordan's shop

May 19, Regular LCCCC Club Meeting – 7PM, Jordan shop

June 16, Regular LCCCC Club Meeting – 7PM, Nicki and Dick's Shop

July 21, Regular LCCCC Club Meeting – 7PM, Ann and Fred's Mestrich's garage

August 18, Regular LCCCC Club Meeting – 7PM, Cindy and Burt Young's Garage

Hope to see you soon! Doug





April 21, 2022

President Doug Gillies called the April 21st meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic Car club to order at 7:02 pm. He introduced the officers - Vice President Jim Purdy and Secretary Nicki Andrews. Treasurer Burt Young was absent.

Visitors - Mick VanDomolen, father-in-law of Jim Purdy.

Fred Mestrich made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as printed in the Backfire. Motion second and approved.

There was no financial report due to Burt Young's absence.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Diane Matthews reported that we have two new/old members. They were members years before and have renewed their membership.

Sunshine - Linda Uphoff was absent. Ken Uphoff will be having surgery tomorrow April 22nd.

Backfire - Ross Getchell has requested that any articles for the Backfire be submitted early in May as they will be going on vacation.

Fred Mestrich reported that someone is coming from Vancouver, Washington to look at the Riviera.

Website - Our website is up and running. The question was asked if anyone had seen it.

50's Cruise - Fred Mestrich showed us the top three winner trophies that he has put together. They are complete except for the plaques.

President Doug Gillies has been approached by a political candidate who would like to have a booth at our show. An issue of this sort is not addressed in our bylaws. After discussion Fred Mestrich made a motion that we do not allow any political or religious booths at our events. Motion was seconded and approved.

Posters - Dorothy Gillies show us the poster that will be presented to the top winners at the show. There will also be one made for our main meeting area, one given away at the raffle, and one for sale. She asked if the club wanted to have more made for sale.

Steve Jordan reported that the dash plaques and t-shirts have been ordered.

A work list will be in the May Backfire. Members will be encouraged to call Doug Gillies to let him know where they would like to work.

Old Business:

There are Northwest Car Events calendars(Yellow Book) available for members.

New Business:

Visitor Mick VanDomelen spoke to us about some of the cars that he has had over the years.

Mike and Diane Matthews reminded us about the upcoming ice cream social at their home in July.

The question was asked why the rosters did not go out via email. After discussion, Steve Jordan suggested that the board make a recommendation on this issue.

Steve Jordan is working on new membership applications.

We were told about a charter member who lives in Arizona who would like someone to help her with some typing. She is putting together a book of poetry. Anyone interested please see President Doug Gillies.

Club coats - Vice President Jim Purdy reported on a business in Centralia that might do club coats. Nicki Andrews has another possible source.

Memorial Trophies - Since we did not have a car show last year we discussed memorial trophies for people who have passed during the last two years. So far we have come up with Barb Mosher and Ron Murders. If anyone can think of someone else, please let President Doug Gillies know. The cost of these trophies is \$40.

The next club meeting will be May 19th at Steve Jordan garage at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. Nicki Andrews Secretary

The drawing was won by Ann Mestrich.

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Ramblin 'Round

With Steve

The 50's Cruise Committee has been a busy bunch, planning for the show and working out the details, collecting raffle items, ordering shirts, dash plaques, trophies and all the other items that it takes to make a quality event for our participants. For you members who ordered shirts for the show, the artwork has been finalized, they are being printed and will be shipped within the next month. Here is a look at the art.

The question marks following "2022" do belong since the shirts were ordered in 2019 when the pandemic was rampant in our area and we were unable to find a venue and were unsure of when we would.

May events are a bit sparse but on May 7th the "Fun & Cars" is held at the McDonald's parking lot, 405 S.E. 131st St. in Milwaukie, OR. May 15 a vintage trailer show at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in in Issaquah, WA. and in Tillamook the Tillawheels Show & Shine on the 21st.

June gets much better for auto events, with "Beaches weekly cruisin" beginning on the 1st at Portland International Raceway, continuing through the summer. Our own show, the "50's Cruise" is on the 4th followed by the "40th Annual All Ford Show & Swap Meet" in Hillsboro, OR. on the 11th. On June 19 the "Planters Days Show & Shine" at Woodland, WA. and on the 25th the "Heritage Days Car Show" in Clatskanie. Every weekend in June is jam packed with

events both far and near, so you should be able to get your "car fix" by then.

For those interested, Sea Cruise is happening this year in Crescent City, CA. on the 7 & 8 of October. It's usually the season closer for a lot of us, unless your snowbirding. I will be

receiving registration forms soon and will have them available at our regular meetings or can e-mail them. A group of us usually caravan down together. I will make that info available as the show gets closer, plus accommodation information.





FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

(Mistress Diane is supposed to write the Backfire article this month. She says she's awfully busy. I think maybe she's getting old or possibly there's just a rock under her accelerator pedal, I'll have to check. But anyway, that Ross guy wants the article early so he can go party or something so she asked me to write for her, about me. So, here goes, I'm new at this so be kind OK?)

My Life, Sorta

by

LE MOMS

I won't bore you with the whole steel ingot to blast furnace to blah, blah, blah to frame, engine, body, blah, blah, blah stuff. Just note that I was born in Pontiac, Michigan. Get it? Pontiac?! Cool, huh?

Anyway, my first mistress (Mrs. Jones)(No kidding!) thought she wanted a GTO but all that horsepower scared her so she took it back! Whoa, how's that for amazing, she actually traded a GTO for me! Me, a little ole LeMans!! Maybe it was my Iris Mist paint job (Diane groans when she thinks of me that color . . . I don't judge), maybe it was that I still had a lot of the GTO extras but whatever it was, I had a new home. Medford, OR. Nice

place to be a car, warm and pretty dry. I am a bit misty about life back then but have vague memories of trips to the store, shopping, a road trip to Seattle or two. Eventually I got parked in a carport and sat, waiting for my driver who didn't come anymore. Sad times, especially the break in! Ouch! My wing window latch still aches in winter and have you noticed the pits in my passenger-side window?! Well! that's no way to treat a lady!

Finally Mrs. Jones' son, Ken, came to my rescue and moved me to Portland. He worked in a Stereo Super Store so I got outfitted with woofers and tweeters in all my nooks and crannies. Now, I didn't just look cool, I sounded cool as I went down the road. Ken added a hitch so I happily and easily towed his ski boat. I was one fun lady, rock music cranking and a ski boat! Get down, Girl!!

Oh, and did I mention my paint jobs? Seems the Iris Mist was followed by a not-to-exciting blue, followed by a maroon with lace overlay and another maroon. Of course I wore them all well, my body style looks pretty spectacular in any color. Add to that the Forest Green that Diane added and, in 2019, when I was stripped down to bare metal (ooh, that tickled!) Mr. Joe removed 40 lbs.

of paint, 40 lbs.!! No wonder I felt a bit pudgy and here I thought it was middle-age spread (Not that I'm old. 57 is the new 37, ya know!).

But I digress, where was I? Oh yes, Ken. So Ken was moving far away and he had too many vehicles. I went up for sale, his was the only family I'd ever had, what was to become of me?!?

I needn't have worried, the Matthews were looking for a car to fill in while their only car (a '50 Ford) was being fixed-up. Mike was looking for a '60's Chevelle but I popped up in his search too. Diane was dead-set against me (sight unseen, of course). My price was right, however, and Mike got her to agree. But I knew I'd better bring my "A" game when I got there. I remember it well, July 25th, 1985. Diane was gone when I arrived. I was nervous but Mike parked me in the front yard so she'd see me when she got home. I sat there, crouching over my tires, trying to look sleek and low. I flashed my chrome a little at her as she drove in, hoping. She walked over and I could tell she didn't hate my looks but then she started asking did I run and handle any better than some Chevy Impala six-banger she'd owned years ago. Well!! I couldn't wait, I knew she was in for a treat. My engine is a goer and corners are my specialty! My engine rumbled alive and I felt her perk up. On the highway I hugged through a corner rock solid and held the lane like I was on rails, she was thrilled! By the time we got home I thought this might be the beginning of a beautiful friendship and boy, was I right!

Oh the adventures we've had, . . . the Spirit Lake heater discovery! back to college at 50 (her, not me!), the baby flying squirrel saga, Makayla's (a granddaughter, theirs, not mine!) and my dimmer switch! how I got my name during a rant! the humiliating trailer-queen incident. But that will have to wait for another time, another column.

37 years of being Diane's favorite ride. She loves me, just ask her. She pats me and tells me so every time she walks by in the shop. It's a good thing I'm a car or, I think, Mike would have some serious competition!!!

V-room! V-room! (That's car for . . .The End!)



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BY JIM WOOD

Hey you guys it's me again with another report on a club members project. This story took me over to Gearhart and Lee Corder's latest hot rod project. Lee is a fairly new member to this club and because of all the weirdness of the last two years I hadn't had a chance to get to know Lee. So in an effort to get back to normal I'm going to try to do these stories again.

I think I'm safe in assuming that many of you auto enthusiasts started your love of cars by building model cars in your youth. I know I sure did. Any extra money I had as a kid through my teenage years was spent on model car kits. The AMT 3 in 1 kits were my favorites. Lee tells me he was also one of those model car nuts. Well, Lee is still at it, only now these kits are big boy size. His latest kit build is a Ford Cobra provided by the Factory 5 company.



My ears really perked up when I heard someone was building a Cobra kit car. Many of us love those 60's Cobras but they are few and far between and seldom seen. The next best thing to an original is one of these awesome kits. In some ways the kit

car is actually better engineered than the originals with stronger frame and suspension components. Therefore safer, stronger and more horsepower. The very 1st Cobras were powered by Ford 260cu.in. V8's. The power train evolved all

the way to big block 427's. As a kid Lee probably would have selected the big bad-ass 427cu.in for



power. Lee has a degree in mechanical engineering and did the math. In this modern day of engine building a Ford 302

bored and stroked to 387cu.in delivers 500hp and weighs a heck of a lot less. More horses than the



first 427's. He's going to plug a Trimec 5-spd. tranny into all that power and push it back to the Ford 9" rear that

comes with the kit. The motor and trans are supplied by Lee himself. The pictures show the



frameworks that come complete as seen and the fiberglass body is also one piece. The interior will be up to Lee has

been a car guy all his life and in fact worked as a mechanic to put himself through school. He says the big difference between working as a mechanic and building this kit is that all the parts are new and clean, no rust and no grease. He thinks he will paint it Cobra colors, blue with the white stripe. Most people can not tell an original from a kit Cobra, including me at first glance. The biggest difference as far as I can tell, is the price tag. Kit cars are not new to Lee.



Shortly after he moved to Gearhart he decided to build a dune buggy. Well not just a dune buggy, but a Meyers-Manx buggy. Top of the line in this type of vehicle. I'm going to keep track of this project and report back to you guys later. It's great to have such a talented guy in our club with these awesome cars. P.S. It's great to be back.



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Of LCCC Club Members, Friends, and Family

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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; **Jeff Penuel, Ken Uphoff, Ralph Jackson, Barbara Niemi**

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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