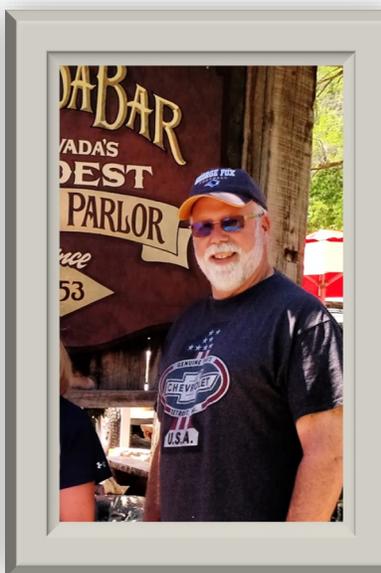


The first weekend of October is here and the weather is perfect for car shows, who would have thought. The club got news of an October 2<sup>nd</sup> event at Astoria High School, being presented by a student as his Senior Project. The proceeds going to fund a scholarship which will be presented at graduation. The young man, John Clement had the idea himself and pulled it off, with the support of Astoria High, "Ship Out" for the bar-b-que, and key contacts in the car world. At the end of the day, he had hoped to draw 10-15 cars, but the final count was 88, and it was a good time. I got a chance to talk with John as it was winding down congratulating him for hosting a great event. We talked about vocational education options at Astoria High and he said students could attend MERTS, but only in the evenings. If you played sports, it was a conflict, so most students couldn't take advantage of the program. There was a very good turnout of club members, so thank you to all those who attended and helped support a great cause. To further support this effort, a \$200 donation from the Educational Outreach Fund has been made.

In club business news there are several things going on. Our December meeting/Christmas party is being planned. It will be at the Longshoreman's Hall, 491 Industry St., in Astoria on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3. More details will be in next months Backfire. One item to be addressed is someone to takeover the as Membership Chair. Diane Matthews has held the position for the past 3 years and has done a great job, but is ready to pass it on. I would like to thank Diane for a fantastic job and staying on top of our club roster during a time of tremendous growth. The current roster Diane produced shows about 95 mailing ad-



resses and almost 150 members. The job involves membership renewals, maintaining a member data base, producing the club roster, as well as providing club info to new members as they join. Again, "Thank You!" Diane for all your time that you have given to the club.

Another item is forming a nominating committee for the annual election at our December meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to chair it, please call me. The positions open this coming year include Vice-President a 2-year term, Treasurer, 1-year, and Secretary, 1-year. We will take nominations at our November meeting from the membership, and also prior to the election in December. If you are interested in a position, or to chair the committee let me know.

The Executive board has met and approved a proposed budget for our new budget year. Thanks to Fred Mestrich and Steve Jordan for joining the board and helping to hammer out the proposed budget. It will be presented at the October 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting, in the Jordan's shop at 7pm.

Something else that just came in is an invitation from Astoria Parks and Recreation to participate in a "Trunk or Treat", at their "Monster Bash" Saturday, October 29 family activities from 11-1:00pm. It will be held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds along with a 5K walk and run. For all information go to [www.astoriaparks.com](http://www.astoriaparks.com) or call 503-325-7027. If you have never attended a "Trunk or Treat" do an internet search. It looks like something that could be a fun annual event. We will have more information at the October meeting.

Stay healthy and I'll see you soon,  
Doug

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September 15, 2022

The September meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Doug Gillies. The club officers were introduced: President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

Visitors/New members: Bob Livingston, Doug Haserot, and Jeff and Darcy Vanosdol.

Steve Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting as printed in the BackFire. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial report - Treasurer Burt Young presented the club financial report. The Sunset Presort business has closed. We have received a check from them closing our account. Our post office box rent has increased.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Diane Matthews is in need of stamps for mailings.

Sunshine - Linda Uphoff thanked her husband Ken for mailing out cards while she was on vacation.

BackFire - Patty Getchell asked the membership if they have any articles for the Backfire that they get them to Ross the first days of the month.

Website - Robi Nelson is out of town.

Swap Meet - Charlie Clayton asks who are all the team members. Items are needed.

Educational Outreach - Daryl Niemi has been ill. Jim woods has volunteered to talk to the teacher at Warrenton High so we can get some ideas of what they will need.

50's Cruise - A planning meeting will be held sometime mid October. Doug Gillies explained some of the things that will be discussed. Anyone interested in helping please see Doug.

Old Business:

Interclub picnic - The board voted to cancel this.

Rod Run security - Everything went well.

Joseph, Oregon car show - Doug Gillies reported on this.

Crescent City, California car show (Oct 6th and 7th) - Steve Jordan explained the itinerary. See Steve if you are interested in going.

Seaside car show - Wheels and Waves Saturday September 17th.

We congratulated Mike and Diane Matthews on becoming great grand parents.

Ken and Linda Uphoff thanked the club for allowing them to borrow tables. They will be making a donation to the club.

New Business:

The budget committee needs to meet to come up with a budget for next year. Besides the club officers two volunteers are needed from the general membership. Fred Mestrich volunteered. Ernie Atkinson will also be asked.

Christmas party - Dorothy Gillies volunteered to co- chair. The membership was asked if they wanted to have it on a Saturday afternoon like last year. We discussed making donations by cash or check. This way Toys for Tots and the Clatsop County Food Bank can purchase items at their cost. The membership recommended trying to get the Longshoreman Hall for a Sunday afternoon.

Judy Jordan read a letter from Maryanne Olson a charter member. She is looking for old pictures of Astoria.

Members Joe and Michele Rees have recently moved to Florida. They wanted to remain on our mailing list.

Steve Jordan showed us this year's t-shirt that is available to members for \$10.

Fred and Ann Mestrich thanked the members for all their help last month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46. Nicki Andrews Secretary Drawing won by Patty Getchell.

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FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

When I was asked to write an article for the gal's backfire page, I told them I didn't know what to write about. Their answer was anything! I didn't think you would want to hear how beautiful and talented my daughters and granddaughters are, or what kind of salt I use to salt my slugs. Maybe what kind of candy I'm giving for Halloween (Reese peanut butter cups) of course.

I guess since this is a car club newsletter I would write about a car, the 37, which I know nothing about. I had never driven any of Ron's classic cars. I had my trusty Honda Accords. When Ron got sick, he had been a member for a little over a year. He enjoyed going to the meetings, hanging out with old friends, and meeting new ones. We talked about what to do with his classic cars and decided the 37 would be the best one for me to keep. He wanted me to become an active member and become friends with the kind people that belong to LCCC that he had met.

When you all showed up for the car parade driving by our house, I will never forget the joy that gave him! I want to take this time to



thank you for all the calls, hugs, cards, and friendship during that time. It meant a lot to our family. It was then that I knew a wanted to be part of this group.

So.....there I was with a car I knew nothing about. I don't think Ron knew how much help I was going to need. The first time I tried to back it out if the garage I scraped it on one of the large rocks that line our driveway. Luckily it was where you have to bend over to see it and like me, most of us can't bend over that far anymore! Next somehow the battery charger blew up the battery when I tried to start it,

smoke everywhere! Then the alternator and some wire thingy was damaged and needed to be replaced.

After leaving my mark on Mathews lawn, it was decided by numerous club members that maybe I should raise the mufflers. Between Randy, Sam, and my son in law Mike, they raised them enough that I'm not going to set anyone's lawn on fire!

I'm looking forward to many more adventures with my 37 and the members of this club. LCCC rocks!!!

Kay Murders

## WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?

**The** first story I wrote for this newsletter was back in March 2017. It was an article about Fred and Ann Mestricks' '56 Chevy 210 station wagon. Well I've finally come



full circle back to Fred's 210 wagon. After years of the usual problems and solutions the wagon is finished. I know a lot of you are familiar with this build, but many of you may not be familiar, so here's the low down on this car. Speaking of low down, this car has airbags on all four corners. Power train consists of a crate 454, Muncie 4sp and a 10 bolt Dana posi. All this is mounted on a custom after market frame. Steering is provided by a power rack and pinion set up and tubular A arms. The interior sports a beautiful reupholstering by Jeff Shelton in Longview. Fred's son Brian spent count-

less hours smoothing the firewall and perfecting all the body panels and then painting it an awesome root beer color that really makes a statement.



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Absolutely gorgeous. Fred bought this car back in the late 70's and drove it for many years. Now he's brought it into the 21st century. Next spring you can catch it in the Portland Roadster Show. Yes, it's that kind of quality build.

museum. If you are into '56 Chevy's Fred has a few to check out. His next project is a '56 4dr hardtop.

And let's not forget his absolutely beautiful '56 Chevy convertible. Fred and Ann have



If you've never been to Fred and Ann's hot rod shop you are missing out on a real treat. Kind of like an automotive

been invaluable members of this club and I'm sure we all really appreciate them both.

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## 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!)



"Don't leave me Burt". That was Diane's comment several times as we traveled south through the pea soup coastal fog to the Sea Cruise Car Show. Six LCC cars made the two day drive to Crescent City, CA. where we were joined by 307 other cars. Steve and Judy's Buick won a first place plaque in the '49 to '59 stock category and Diane's '65 LeMans picked up an 2nd place award in the '61 to present modified class. For me the fun in these outings is not the car show but the traveling and hanging out with friends/club members. And as they say, "a good time was had by all". Mike Matthews

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**FOR SALE LOT & ANNOUCEMENTS**



**For Sale**

**1937 Chevrolet Pickup, 327 cid Engine, Tuck & Roll interior. \$20,000. Tracy, 360-703-1139**

**For Sale 1964 Ford Falcon Ranchero 200-6cylinder, Duel Exhaust, Manual Stick Transmission, New Paint, New Interior, New Tires with Crager SS Wheels \$12000 Randy 1-360-665-5722**

**I fabricated this one person hood installation tool. I've used it three times now and it worked better than I had hoped. It's available for FREE LOAN to any club members. Holding the hood in midair while starting hinge bolts is always a risky task. This fixture eliminates that problem. You will need an engine hoist and will have to drill a 3/8" hole in the hoist beam.**

**Mike Matthews**

**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; Darryl & Barb Niemi, Nancy Clayton, Ross Getchell, Deb Cook, Ralph Jackson. 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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| BERARD   | LORRAINE | 10/6  |
| BOATMAN  | TONY     | 10/19 |
| BUCHANAN | ROB      | 10/22 |
| CORKILL  | NORA     | 10/29 |
| DALE     | RUTH     | 10/28 |
| ERICKSON | JON      | 10/13 |
| JACKSON  | RALPH    | 10/29 |
| JOHNSON  | MEL      | 10/28 |
| JORDAN   | STEVE    | 10/1  |
| LAU      | FRED     | 10/22 |
| PENUEL   | JEFF     | 10/7  |
| REES     | JOE      | 10/28 |



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| JOHNSON             | 10/20 |
| JORDAN              | 10/28 |
| PENUEL, JEFF & GAIL | 10/10 |
| SCAROROUGH          | 10/12 |
| SHARPE              | 10/28 |

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