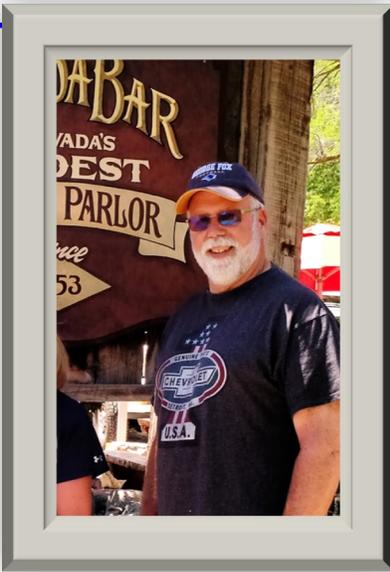




Looking at the calendar I can't believe it is September already. Summer has flown by and the weather stayed dry for almost all events.

There are still several more shows that are planned. The Rod Run, (which will have already happened when this comes out-so many thanks to all those that volunteered to stay up all night pulling guard duty), and the Sea Cruise car



show in Crescent City Ca. Oct 7 & 8. Steve has an email out with the information and it will be mentioned at our Sept. 15 meeting, 7 PM at the Jordan's shop. One event that won't be happening is the Inter- Club Picnic. Due to some health issues and scheduling conflicts, the executive board voted to cancel it this year. Hopefully we can continue it next year as it is a good time to visit friends from various clubs in the region.

We have several members dealing with health issues and you should know you have many friends that are willing to assist you in any way we can. So if you can use some help, don't be shy and call someone. Whether it's a ride, some shopping, or just company, please let a club member know. We are all hoping for good results as you heal.

The trip to the show in Joseph in late August saw 19 of us head east. Driving through the Gorge in an old car is quite the experience. Outside temperatures were in the low 100's and I don't want to know what it was inside, but it was an experience that I

will have second thoughts about doing it again without AC. We did have a problem pop up but the great thing about this group is a solution to it is usually achieved, and we don't leave anyone behind. It always seems like a disaster if it's your car, but with patience, it will be solved. In the process we learned of a very good repair shop in Pendleton.

The show was held in perfect weather and we got to enjoy about 150 cars on Main St. The different makes and models were amazing with very few of the same year or style. As usual, the hosts of the show put on a great hospitality night Friday, good snacks and music, and a BBQ brisket dinner on Saturday. Half of our group returned home Sunday and half came back on Monday. It was a great trip and I enjoyed visiting with our members and new friends we met while we were there. The drive home was much cooler until just east of Vancouver, so we had 3 hours or so of very warm motoring. But we all made it back safely.

One more reminder, our September 15 meeting is 7pm in the Jordan's shop.

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August 18, 2022

President Doug Gillies called to order the August 18th meeting of the Lower Columbia Classic car club at 7:00 pm. The club officers were introduced - President Doug Gillies, Vice President Jim Purdy, Treasurer Burt Young, and Secretary Nicki Andrews.

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

Treasurer Burt Young gave the club financial report.

Committees:

Membership - Diane Matthews reported that we have new members.

Sunshine - Ken Upoff reported sending out cards. We were given an update on Fred Mestrich's condition.

BackFire - Patty Getchell reported if you have an article for the BackFire please get it to Ross as soon as possible.

Website - Doug Gillies will contact Robi Nelson. Steve Jordan suggested that we have a photo shoot of club members and their cars. We discussed several locations.

Swap Meet - no report

Educational Outreach - someone from the club will be meeting with the teacher just before classes start to find out what they need - hand tools is a possibility.

50's Cruise - we need to have a meeting to close out last year (2022) and get started on next year (2023). There are 2022 50's T-shirts available to the members for \$10. Patty also has some 2018 and 2019 T-shirts.

Patty Getchell reported that she has found some old BackFires (2001 - 2006). She asked what should be done with them. Steve Jordan suggested putting them with the history albums.

Security - a contract has been signed with the Beach Barons Car club to do security at their Rod Run to the End of the World car show September 10th and 11th. The shifts will be 6 pm to 12 am and 12 am to 6 am Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 8th, 9th, and 10th. If you are interested in helping please call Doug Gillies.

Steve Jordan made a motion that Lower Columbia Classic car club sponsor a trophy at the Rod Run to the End of the World for \$55. Motion seconded and passed.

Interclub picnic - the interclub picnic will be September 18th at Bruceport Park again this year. Ann Mestrich and Kay Murders will co-chair. Please let them know if you can help.

Cruises/Car Shows - Joseph Oregon - several club members will be going to this show. We will be leaving the DMV parking lot at 8:00 am Thursday August 25th. Steve Jordan discussed the route and stops.

Test of Time - August 27th

Sea Cruise - Crescent City, Ca. October ? Several members will be going. If you are interested see Steve Jordan.

The next Lower Columbia Classic car club meeting will be September 15th at Steve Jordan's shop.

Meeting adjourned. Nicki Andrews Secretary

Patty Getchell won the monthly drawing.

News flash - the interclub picnic has been cancelled.

FROM THE BACK SEAT "THE GAL'S PAGE"

My First and Second Car, by Gail Penue!

Every morning it was the same thing, "Please, Lord, get me to work. Don't let this junky old car die on me." And every evening it was, "Thank you, Lord, for getting me to work. Now please get me home!" I remember hating that car with a passion. It was a two-door, 1962 Oldsmobile Cutlass F-85. I didn't know anything about the engine nor did I care. All I knew was that the car was a lemon that didn't run. The Olds had been abused for years from hard driving and lack of maintenance.

In the fall of 1970 my mother wanted to help me out by giving me a car for transportation, bless her heart. My father had purchased a 1969 Toyota Corina the year before for mom, so the Olds was given to lucky me! Half the time the car wouldn't start and when it did, it would sputter and stall at every traffic light. Everyone knew when I was coming from the smoke bellowing out from behind the car. The only decent thing on the Olds was the paint, bright red with a white top.

I was a young girl working at a medical lab at the time and I had to have a car to get me there and the "gutless wonder" was all I had.

Well, it just so happened that while I sat at a traffic light on Highway 26 in Gresham on my way to work, the Olds stalled just as the light turned green. It would not start no matter how hard I prayed, swore or hit the dash with my fist. I put it in park and turned the key on in hopes to bring it back to life. I heard a pop, then a crackle, followed by a surge of blue smoke. I sat there for a moment not knowing what to do but knew that if I didn't do something soon I'd start to panic. So I got out of the car and smiled at the long line of cars behind me. I went to the front of the car and opened the hood. I was relieved to see no burning flames, just something smoldering and lots of blue smoke.

In fear of the car blowing up, I grabbed my purse and uniform from the car. I kicked the door closed saying, "I've had it with you" and I stormed off toward town.

I walked about three blocks away from the lifeless car to Hessel's Chrysler and Plymouth dealership. There I gazed at all the pretty new cars parked in long rows. The walk had cooled my temper down and I knew then just what I was going to do. I entered the building calmly and with confidence I said to the gentleman behind the desk, "I want to buy a new car." The salesman looked dumbfounded but was eager to assist me.

"Do you have any particular car in mind, miss? What can I show you?" he politely asked. Quickly I replied, "Yes, I want a car that is dependable, runs good and doesn't smoke." It didn't take me long to choose a brand new 1970 Plymouth Duster, a shiny red two door. "Right this way little lady," he said with a salesman's smile. He asked if I had a trade-in. I answered quickly with a slight laugh, "Well, yes it's the car sitting at the intersection. It caught on fire. Does that matter?"



I wasn't listening to the salesman when he explained all the features the new car had. I just wanted it to run and not stall.

My mother would not co-sign for me saying, "The car is too expensive for someone just starting a new job." But I was determined, so I got my older brother, Jim, to sign for me. Happily the dealership took the Olds in on trade and happier yet I had my new car. The Duster was not the most expensive model but it would be dependable and it was what I could afford. I drove it off the lot, a very pleased customer.

Shortly after I purchased the car I let my mother borrow it. Sadly, she wrecked it. Mom survived the accident but the poor red car had the life knocked out of it. The insurance should have totaled it out, but they didn't. It was eventually repaired and I drove it for a short time. My boyfriend, Jeff, and I decided I should sell it, which I did. It was sad to see my shiny car go, but a lesson was learned. "Don't loan your car out to anyone, no matter how much you love them."



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Ramblin Round

with steve

This years trip to Joseph for the Wallowa Mountain Cruise was attended by nineteen members plus three additional friends. Not all had their collector cars with them as some were in the shop for repair work. Those members came along for the event regardless.



Thursday the group stopped at The Dalles where we enjoyed lunch at the Shilo Inn, then proceeded on to Boardman where we stayed at the River Lodge and Cabins.



Friday morning following breakfast at Roosters in Pendelton, we headed for Joseph via the old highway over Milton Freewater to Elgin and on to our motel in Enterprise where the majority of us stayed so that we could enjoy the camaradery of each others company. That evening we gathered in Joseph for the mixer and a live band street dance which all of us

who chose to attend enjoyed.



The Saturday car show was well attended with 165 cars registered and crowds of spectators all day long. The weather was fantastic, not too hot and not too cool. At 3:00 p.m. The participants lined up and cruised 6 miles to Enterprise and back.

Saturday night's dinner was as good as expected as compared to previous years. A full steak dinner was enjoyed in the parking lot alongside the community center, complete with drinks if you chose. It was a nice setting surrounded by beautiful collector cars and followed by the auction and awards presentation. All in all, a great weekend for us.



Jim 'Scarborough's personal pick !

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!)



Ocean Park Eagles 2nd annual cruise



As Kay put it, "we passed the talking stick!"

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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; JR Kelley, Fred Mestrich (2) Ann Mestrich, Ross Getchell, Darryl 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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