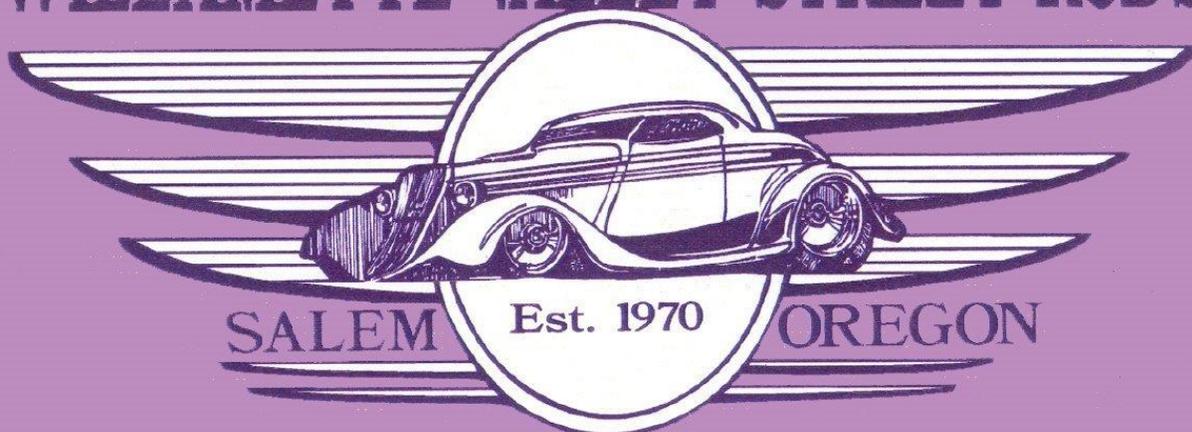


# WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



## Cruiz'n News September 2020



### September Birthdays

- 4 Jim Schuette, Laren Srb
- 5 Gary Juran, Teresa Sowers
- 6 John Palmer, III
- 8 Roger Banks
- 11 Cheryl Scott
- 12 Jim Gulley, Judy Hupy
- 14 Wayne Coffman
- 15 Wayne Rubel
- 18 Ron Shinn

21 Chris Ayers, Bev Woods  
22 Teresa Shinn  
23 Rod Beach  
26 Sally Moore

**\*\*\*Birthdays taken from the club membership roster.**

## Message from the President



### President's Message, Russ Strohmeyer, [stroscars@wvi.com](mailto:stroscars@wvi.com)

Hope to see everyone at the club meeting Tuesday,  
September 1  
Brooks Tree Farm  
(Dave and Kathy LeCompte's home.)  
9785 Portland Road NE, Brooks, OR

Arrive 6:15-7pm for the social and meeting at 7pm.  
Bring your cruiser chair, dinner if you like, but nothing to share(sorry.) We'll have  
ice cream bars for everyone.

## Member Care Report

*Submitted by: Ann Sowerby*  
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Card were sent to:

Warren and Judy Horne- Judy's mother passed away

Rich Bailey- Pneumonia and Hospital for Covid

Sarah Ayers (Chris' Daughter)-In hospital for irregular heartbeat and  
other problems

Ron Sowerby- Broken Back

Nicole Geck- Recently had surgery

The next officer's meeting is Tuesday September 29, 6pm. We'll be at a different location  
this month. Because of the restrictions on the size of the group we need to know if you  
plan on attending, please RSVP to Vicki at 503.910.5952.

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## WVSR Fundraiser-Online Auction

### ***Important information from the Carousel Cruise Director, Garry Pullen BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING TONIGHT***

Since we aren't able to hold the Carousel Cruise this year I'd like to set up an online Silent Auction to raise money for our charities that need our help more than ever this year. They haven't been able to hold their fundraisers and have been asked for extra help, donations are down for them as well.

I'd like to have up to 100 items in the auction for folks to bid on through a website specifically for our online auction. I'll donate a big wooden Welcome sign and Mark from Honoring Heroes is donating a custom wooden flag that he makes. We just need some other cool items. Do you have a business and could donate a service? Gift certificates? Other ideas? We can also put baskets together if we have smaller items to combine.

We're looking for new or like new items. If you have anything to donate or want to make a cash donation instead please [email](#) or call me at 503.507.5333.

Garry Pullen



### **My Fight with COVID-19 You Don't Want it!**

*submitted by: Club Member, Rich Bailey*

One morning I woke up with a persistent cough. I didn't worry too much about it because I get allergies which also leads me to cough especially in the Spring and Fall but this was Summer. The following morning, I woke up with a fever and I was hot to the touch. Over the next 4 days the cough continued and the fever was unshakable going up to 104 twice and then down to a "normal" 102 degrees!

I finally got tested a few days later and received the results a week after first showing symptoms: POSITIVE! I then ordered some hydroxychloroquine online but by the time I did, it took a few days to get it shipped from Florida. Meanwhile, a friend gave me some to try. The hydroxychloroquine was not working since I had already been sick for a week. The coughing started getting worse and so frequent that all I had to do was turn my head or talk and the coughing would start. What was new was that I began to run out of breath every time a nonstop coughing fit began!

That was it! After reading about the four stages of COVID-19 including the final stage that consisted of your lungs filling up with fluid and drowning I decided I couldn't take the chance of advancing to that final stage. So my wife Susan and I decided to head to the ER at the hospital and get checked out.

I was expecting to be sent home with some meds but instead, I was told to say goodbye to my wife and they would take it from there. I was moved to one room and then another. At 4 AM, they put a plastic bubble over me and I was moved to the ER. The ER! I'm not that sick, am I? Uh well, yes I was. For the next four days, I was the resident of the mother of all hospital rooms. Some people with COVID that were assigned to this room before me died in this room. It was certainly a serious place I found myself in.

My phone and a charge cord was my only communication to the outside world. For days I was connected to a BI-PAP which is like a C-PAP that blows air into your lungs via your mouth. I could take it off for just a second to spit and hack but then it had to go back on or my oxygen levels would drop to low levels. Forget sleeping. It was so hard to sleep with the breathing machine. But once you did fall asleep someone would come in, wake you up and poke you for more blood. Then

you would have to try and fall asleep all over again with hat appliance surrounding your mouth.

Anytime a nurse came in and there would be one per shift, he or she would have to wear a disposable suit that would be discarded after she would leave the room. Other than that nobody could come into the room. The IVs were actually stored outside the room with lines running under the door and into my arm. I was a human health risk to all! On Friday, a Respiratory Doctor visited and recommended that I get "incubated" meaning knocking me out and putting me on a respirator. He said "you have an 80 percent chance of getting off it alive" and I said "*sorry I still don't like those odds*". He reluctantly agreed that the BPAP was already doing its job and a ventilator was not necessary at this time.

The weekend was rough, beautiful weather outside and here I was attached to a bed watching FOX News and Shark Tank all afternoon. But something great happened! For the first time in days, I was able to eat Jello and by Sunday I was eating chicken Tacos while holding court on Facebook. I started thinking about these drugs, a combination of resveratrol and plasma (COVID-19 antibodies) from a fellow COVID traveler was working!

By Monday evening, I was moved from the ICU to a standard bed and by Wednesday my oxygen levels were normal and I could take a shower and walk around the room with ease. I even grew a rough beard in the process. By noon on Wednesday, I was free to go. Cancel that lunch order of more chicken tacos. I loved ya but...

I came home after a trip through the Wendy's Drive-Thru and everything felt strange but no more fever or cough thanks in part to the Salem Hospital who jumped in and took no prisoners. Even to this day my voice is weak but now I am out of quarantine with the county's blessing. Just to celebrate I went out and did a 12-minute elliptical without losing my breath and then I bought a hot tub. I realized that life is awesome and sometimes you have to say yes to yourself instead of no. What about those hospital bills? I don't know but I have good insurance and faith it will all work its way out.

Speaking of faith, I was very public about my ordeal on Facebook and I know by the numbers and the great responses, hundreds of people were praying for me. I want you to know that if there was anything good about getting COVID-19 it was knowing that my friends on and off of Facebook were deeply concerned and cared. For that I am grateful.

## Support the Blue Cruise

**Friday, August 21** we held the club patriotic/essential worker cruise through Salem with thirty cars in attendance. Russ was scheduled to do his radio show at 9:10 on KBZY that morning so he was on the air plugging our club and the drive by cruise.

We met at Harbor Freight at 10am, and did the route that Glen Rader and Mark Scott put together for us. Club members made signs and had flags on their vehicles showing support for the essential workers. A funny story about Glen and Linda Rader's sign. They had just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary a few days before and the family made a sign for the celebration. When it came time to make a sign for our cruise they flipped the sign over and used the backside. Someone along the route was only able to read the back side of the sign about their Anniversary and asked Glen if the drive by-cruise was a celebration for them. For those of us that have been married for 50 years(or more) know that it really is a milestone and does deserve special recognition such as your own classic vehicle cruise.



A few had trouble with their vehicles and weren't able to complete the cruise.

Read the story below from one of the couples that wasn't able to finish the drive-by cruise.





## **Our Experience is Proof Positive our Firemen are Here to Help**

*submitted by Jim and Pam Gulley*

Jim and I are new members of WVSR. "The Thank You Support the Blue Cruise" on Friday, August 21st was only our second tour with the club. We were excited to participate and anxious to be a part of an event that would show our Fire, Police, and Medical Personnel our support.



Our club autos headed out at 10am happy and excited to be on the tour. Then it happened. Jim and I were in the caravan traveling down Trade St. when our '54 Chevy (Lucy) decided to die on us. When it did, as luck would have it, we just happened to be stopped in front of the driveway of Salem Fire Station #1. We coasted into the Fire Station parking lot. (Thank heavens a fire truck wasn't called out.) Jim attempted several times to start "Lucy" but no go. Hmmmm... Almost immediately one of the firemen came to see if he could help us. "Yes," stated Jim, "Could I use your restroom?" huh?! LOL! I don't think the fireman had too many people driving into the parking lot looking to use the restroom. When they both returned from inside, they attempted to figure out what the problem was. Since the car would turn over it was decided that a jump was not necessary but maybe Lucy needed fuel. Worth a try. So Demetri, the fireman, brought a gas can of fuel and poured some in our gas tank. Still no go. So he tried pouring a little in the carburetor. Voila! It started! Before we were on our way, we let Demetri know that we were part of a car club caravan that was cruising by the Capitol, the Fire station, the Salem hospital, the city/co dispatch building, the Marion County Sheriff's office and the jail in support of our heroes. Demetri knew of our tour and said they all appreciate what we are doing.

We gave him a sincere thank you for his service and for helping us. Demetri steered us to the nearest gas station and we were on our way...finally. At the gas station, Lucy would only take on a few gallons of gas so we weren't out of gas but at the time Jim was thinking our car might be vapor locked due to the slow parade driving. We phoned our son who suggested it might be the fuel pump getting old and sitting too long.

Needless to say, we drove straight home. Bummer for us for not being able to continue with the club but pleased that we did not have to have a tow. We certainly hope the rest of the cruise was successful and everyone involved had a good time. It was a GREAT turnout by the club!

Pam & Jim Gulley

*PS: The picture is captioned: Our '54 Chevy makes an unplanned visit to Salem Fire Station #1*



***Photos from the Prestige Senior Living Southern Hills, Drive by and lunch***

Thank you to everyone that took the time to show up for this fun drive-by cruise/lunch. We joined forces with some OFC/Road Lords members for this event. The residents were all outside lined up against the building to admire all of our vehicles. John Stanton even made the front page of the Statesman Journal as he was driving by the residents.





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Both vehicles belong to Garry Pullen, if interested contact him at 503.507.5333 or [email him](#)



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**Club Meetings:** First Tuesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm dinner and visiting.)

**Pietro's Pizza-1637 Hawthorne Avenue NE, Salem, OR.**

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