

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



## Cruiz'n News April 2021

### Message From The President



#### President's Message, Russ Strohmeier,

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Russ Strohmeier is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021-7pm**

#### General Membership Meeting

Topic: Russ Strohmeier's Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 6, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 884 7188 5855

Passcode: XMKX06

*Hope you can join us Tuesday on our Zoom Call!!!!*

### Member Care Report

Submitted by: Ann Sowerby

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*Ann didn't send any cards out this past month. Hopefully that means our members are all doing well....*



#### April Birthdays

24 Paul Geck, Mel Myers

- 1 Jon Debbon, Bill Watson
- 3 Ernie Lamoureux, Holly Thornton
- 4 Carolyn Walz
- 5 Joe Budik
- 8 Glen Rader
- 13 Janet Wulfers
- 15 Joyce Rubel
- 16 Jackie Criswell
- 21 Gerry Guzman
- 22 Victoria Kruljac, Dan Easterly

Hello WWSR club members, can you believe we only have 5 months until the Carousel Cruise happens on Sept. 4th. We aren't sure what it will exactly look like yet but dang if we aren't having some kind of event this year. So here is what we need at the moment.



Committee chairs, volunteers, sponsors, raffle prizes, and silent auction items. I'm looking for a creative welder who would volunteer to make a couple of trophies out of old car parts, tools, or both. I'm also looking to bring back some old school games such as fastest spark plug changer. I have a couple of heads we can use, what other ideas do you have? Contact Garry Pullen and we'll start putting this together!

***\*\*\*Save the Date... Carousel Zoom Meeting, Wednesday, April 14, 6:30pm. Watch for an email with the call in information. This is open to all club members that want to help with the Carousel Cruise September 4.***

## Welcome New Cub Members

### **Deborah, Joe, Jesse Budik**

Hers 9/6, His Joe 4/5, Jesse 9/29  
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57 Ford Pick Up

This truck is sentimental to me as it's been in my family since I was a baby (I'm currently 59 yrs). It is a Ford but the running gear in it is mostly Chevy with a 350 engine. I have done some work on it to keep it running but it still needs some things like paint (currently primer).

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### **Dan Easterly**

His 4/22  
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Independence, OR. 97351  
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[danoeasterly@gmail.com](mailto:danoeasterly@gmail.com)  
72 Chevy C20, 75 CJ5, 82 Corvette  
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### **Scott Shearer**

His 10/24  
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Turner, OR 97392  
503.428.6078  
[gnauga72@gmail.com](mailto:gnauga72@gmail.com)  
68 Mercury Cougar (he recently bought Garry and Alicia Pullen's car)  
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### **Kelly & Andrea Smothers**

His 12/8, Hers 1/24  
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Dayton, OR, 97114-7016  
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74 Chevy Corvette Roadster, Two corvettes, 74 roadster, 215 z51, 99 Viper, 66 Mustang, 64 Fairlane

***We're looking forward to getting to know each of you and are having you in WWSR. Please send a picture of you and your favorite ride to our webmaster, [Garry Pullen](#) to post on the club website. Garry will also set you up with a login and password to view the "Members Only" page. If you have trouble with that please call or text Garry at 503.507.5333 and he will help you.***

## WVSR Road Trip 03/20/2021

*submitted by: Lance Williams, Social Chair*

To all club members and Road Trip participants we have compiled, computed, assembled, messaged, unscrambled, formulated all details under the control, expertise, and security of the esteem firm of **"Do-We-CheetEM'-and-How"**, using the most advanced slide rule, astrological charts, airline schedules, and #2 pencil's. All information contained in this narrative can neither be confirmed nor denied at this time or any-other time on or about the date of this writing. This is a LLW event and may not be rewritten, allowed to be viewed by children, senior citizens, or clergy for any reason or excuse. The following results are the final act in attempting to make sure all involved enjoyed the the driving activity in and around the North Santiam Canyon starting in the state of shock and returning to the same location in our State Capital, as a reminder the Social Committee is providing four (4) gifts to the successful WVSR drivers and of course their trusting co-pilots must be part of the rewards, not sure how many were terrified with the driving of their pilots. Without anymore delays here are the results of our first Road Trip Hunt by registration:

- #1 Our leader Russ & Margie Strohmeyer
- #2 Bill & Suzie Watson
- #3 Ed & Gloria Blair
- #4 Paul & Niccole Geck
- #5 Ron & Ann Sowerby
- #6 Brent & Bernadine Lindemann
- #7 Frank & Sharon Munz
- #8 Gene & Kandi Schuff-Best route description in detail
- #9 Mark Scott
- #10 Brent & Heidi Anderson
- #11 John Stanton
- #12 Bob Repine & Vicki Champ
- #13 Glen & Linda Rader
- #14 Jason and Emily Gors-Very well done route detail

Thanks to all that participated the "Poker Hand" results are 1st Place (#10) Brent & Heidi Anderson, 2nd Place (#1) Russ & Margie Strohmeyer, 3rd Place (#5) Ron & Ann Sowerby, Runner-up (#12) Bob Repine & Vicki Champ



**April 17, 9am-2pm**  
**SACC Cherry Blossom Poker Run/Drive**

**Don't forget your mask and Marion-Polk Foodshare donation. The price is still \$5 per poker score card.**

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## 92nd Annual Salem Auto Club Council

### *Cherry Blossom Drive & Poker RmL*

Saturday April 17, 2021 9am to 2pm



Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles  
All Welcome!

Start at:

**Walery's Pizza parking lot West Salem**  
1555 Edgewater St. NW, Salem

*Registration from 9am to 11am*

*Bring canned food or cash donation for Marion Polk Foodshare*

**\*\*\* Please wear your mask to register and at all the stops**

Cost: \$5.00 per poker score card

Best 3 hands win!

1st place - \$100. 2nd place - \$75. 3rd place - \$50

Portion of proceeds goes to **Boys and Girls Club of Salem**

*(Bring food or cash donation & be entered in a drawing)*

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**For more info call Russ Strohmeyer 503-930-8976**

The Students would like pre-registrations, if possible...*Click on the flyer below to print the registration side of the flyer*

Registration \$10 per car mailed in by April 10th.  
\$15 at the gate - day of the show.

Vendors Welcome  
\$25 per spot - with electricity \$30

Concessions open at 8:00am for breakfast

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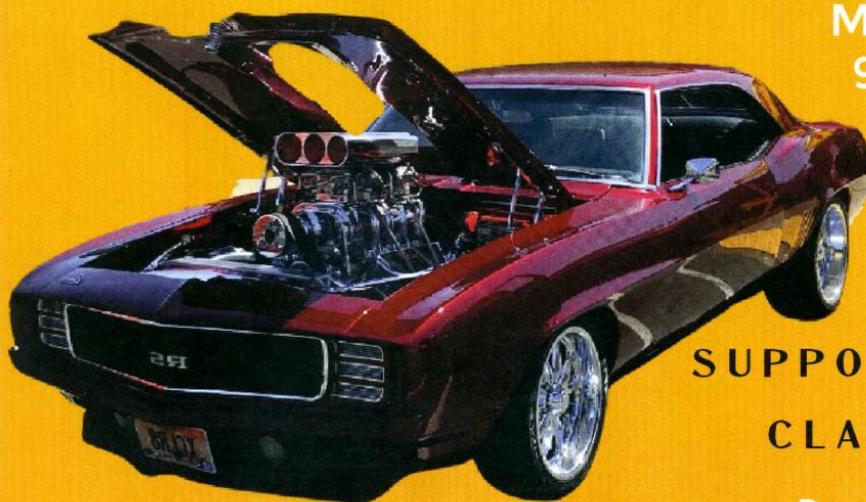
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**FEATURING DJ:  
RUSS STROHMEYER**



# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CASCADE CAR SHOW

May 8th 2021  
9am to 2pm



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TURNER, OR 97392**



### **1957 Buick Super**

*Owned by Ron and Ann Sowerby, Stayton, Oregon*

The story of our Buick began in September 1957 with Ann's father and mother purchasing the car new from Browning Buick in Ogden, Utah. Ann was with her family and remembers the excitement of having a new four door hardtop Buick, even though she wasn't old enough to drive it then.

1958 was a time when young people walked to all their social events. However, a girl's choice dance at our junior high school prompted Ann to ask her father to pick up Ron and give them a ride in the Buick to the dance and dinner afterward. This was the first car date for us.

In 1960 Ann learned to drive the Buick and subsequently took her driver's license test in it. Ann had many adventures driving the Buick, including having 17 girls in the car for a ride home from a school football game. She forgot to tell her father that information until many years later!

After going our separate ways after junior high school, we were reunited at our 30 year high school class reunion in August of 1993. We married on Valentine's Day in February 1994, which brought Ann from her home in Ogden, Utah to Oregon to live.

In March 1995 we made arrangements to have the two ton plus Buick transported from Utah to Oregon.

We had no idea at that time how this Buick would become such a treasure to us. In the first years we attended some car cruise-in's and shows and immediately became hooked not only on the great classic cars, but the wonderful people we met along the way.

It was upon returning from a car show, that Ann ran a stop sign trying to make those old drum brakes stop. Luckily there were no other cars at the intersection, but that made us decide that we needed to upgrade the brakes, give the car a new paint job, and redo all of the chrome. That was the beginning of an 18 month frame-off restoration for the car. Ann was very amazed that you could take a car totally apart and more amazed that you could put it all back together, better than brand new. Ron had the "vision" of a 50's custom and shaved some of the chrome pieces off, added rack and pinion steering, and decided that the doors would look "cool" suicided. (These doors have even fooled some old Buick guys who thought they came that way from the factory.) Ron did as much of the work as he could, but the body work and frame-off was done by a race and rod shop in our small home town.

We decided that it was important to keep the original nail head Buick engine and the "dynaflow" transmission in the car. Ron had the rebuilt engine bored .030 over, added a "Schneider" ¾ race cam, and topped it off with three "Rochester" deuces on an "Offenhauser" manifold and 1 inch risers. This added many shiny things for him to keep clean.

The decision for the paint color was the most difficult of all. The "Kameleon" paint that changes from blue to green and shades in-between sets our car off, along with the pearl white on the lower part of the body. We have actually had people think we had our car painted from one show to another.

Along with the 50's custom outside, we added white ultra leather tuck and roll interior to make it a true 50's inside too.

Since the restoration was complete in April 2005 we have driven the Buick over 38,000 miles. We have gone to northern California, Utah, Idaho, into Washington and all over Oregon to car shows, and have been the recipients of many awards for our car. It is so much fun getting "thumb's up", a friendly wave, or car honking letting us know that they like the car too as we travel down the highway. We love our Buick and can't think of anything we would rather do than drive her!



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If you're familiar with the Goodguys publication you know that one of their regular featured



articles is a scope of projects being done across the country. They ask for photos and a little history to serve as inspiration for other Goodguys' members that might provide the motivation they need to keep going on their own projects. Jeff Foster sent photos and an article to them for their publication about the "Garage

Guys" that was part of WWSR for many years, but now on their own, and not affiliated with the club, but all of the guys in the group belong to WWSR. Below is what was published in the April 2021 edition of the [Goodguys Gazette](#). (link to the entire article.)

Jeff Foster shared a few photos of the Garage guys, an affiliation of enthusiasts who chip in their shop time for a good cause.

"Garage Guys is a small group of ten to eleven guys," Jeff says. "We all belong to the same car club. We get together once a week and work on the project. When we finish it, we sell the car and donate the money to charity. This is the fourth car we have done over a period of about ten years.

"The first car we built was a clone of Tommy Ivo's 1925 T," Jeff continues. "Once it was completed, we sold it and were able to present \$18,000 to [OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital](#) in Portland, OR, and kept a little seed money for the next project."

Our current project is a 1932 Ford roadster, fiberglass body, old-school lowboy with a 292 Y-block," Jeff says. "The body we are using came from a local guy that took a mold off an original '32 roadster. It's a one-piece body, no inner structure, so we had to cut in a trunk, cut in doors, build floors and all the inner structure. We did it this way due to our tight budget—our labor is free. We also built the chassis with a dropped tube axle, disc brakes, 8-inch Ford rear end with coil-overs and triangulated four-bar. We scrounge parts from swap meets, guy's garages, and look for as many donated parts as possible.

"We all enjoy getting together and doing this," Jeff concludes. "It's just as much a social time as it is rewarding to get some work accomplished."

## "Garage Guys"





**Club Members– Ernie and Laura Lamoureux, who now live in Reedsport, OR. checking in:**

"Last month there was an impromptu cruise-in thrown together by the Rhoadies club in Florence that we attended with our Model T.

We've been looking for a local club to join and I think they're it. The few that we met seem nice.

After the show and shine we did a little cruise through old town Florence and there were a lot of people out on a sunny day taking pix as we cruised by. Hope to see you soon." (thanks Ernie for the photos.)





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\*\*\*We'll eventually get back to meeting at Pietro's. Be sure to read the President's message in this newsletter for a month by month location of our meeting until then.

**Club Meetings:** First Tuesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm dinner and visiting.) We're still holding virtual meetings until further notice....We hope it won't be too long before we can see everyone in person. In the meantime please join us on the Zoom calls, the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The call in information is in the President's message.

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

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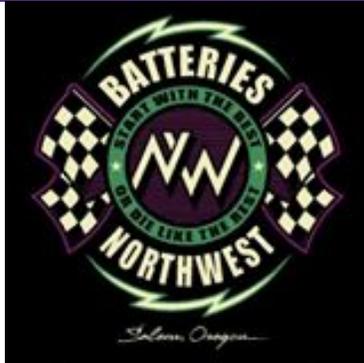
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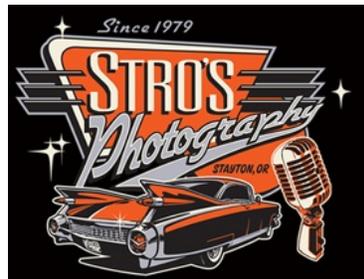
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