

HAPPY.
Valentine's
Day



CRUZ'N NEWS – February 2023

Next General Member Meeting Feb. 7th
Pietro's Pizza/ 1637 Hawthorne Av. NE, Salem
Dinner & Socializing 5 – 7pm Meeting starts at 7
Guests and Prospective Members Welcome

Next Officer Meeting Feb. 28th
La Margarita Restaurant / Downtown Salem
Dinner at 5:30pm Meeting starts at 6
Members Welcome (Double check w/Russ on location)

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

WVSR President
Russ Strohmeier



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Valentine's day is right around the corner – guys don't forget - and I wanted to take a moment and share how much love I have for this club and its members. Besides the obvious stuff like driving cool cars, coming together to host our annual event, and supporting local charities it's the people that keep me coming back. My dad joined in the early 70's when I was around 7 so I've known some WVSR folks, like the Stanton and Myer families, nearly my whole life. What I've witnessed over the years is how members go out of their way to help each other. Help ranges from who to contact for a specific part, repair advice, and more. Most of all though is the generous hearts of our members when it really counts. Members who won't leave you stranded on the side of the road when your car breaks down. They break out tools and parts they have to get you going, wait with you for a tow, or even have a friend bring a trailer a 100 miles to get you the rest of the way home. Members who give their time and support to others experiencing hard times, injuries, or loved ones lost – these are the times I'm proud to be part of Willamette Valley Street Rods. I hope you are too.

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

Garry Pullen
2023 Newsletter Editor





Scheduled to bring cookies to the February meeting are:
John Stanton, Wendi McNitt, Sue Ramsdell, & Andrew Puckett

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9	Nancy Herron	
14	Tom Schmid	
15	Wendi McNitt	Roman Baszniak
16	Glenn Scott	
19	Alan Eyman	
22	Ken Pappas	
28	Greg Fisher	

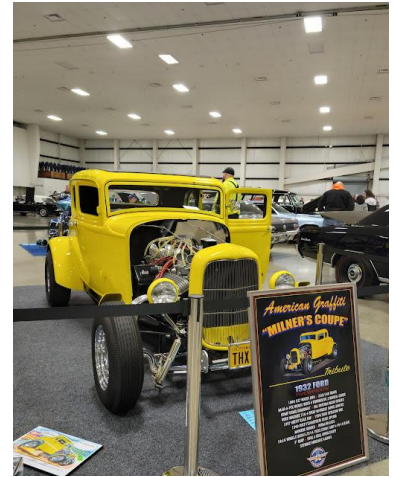
DID YOU KNOW?

1. The 1969 AMC/3 never made it to production but 6 prototypes are rumored to exist.
2. The 1966 Lamborghini Miura P400 is the first publicly available supercar.



WINTER ROD AND SPEED SHOW

A trip to the Albany Fair & Expo center for the Winter Rod and Speed Show did not disappoint. Well attended w/rave reviews. Ran into friends, heard some great stories just chattin' w/people and saw some phenomenal vehicles including lots of WVSR members. – Submitted by Garry Pullen



Rich Bailey's Rocketeer Dragster & the Milner American Graffiti tribute were definitely crowd pleasers.



Glen Rader greeted us with a big smile at his T-Bird!





Ken Parson's 64 Datsun PU is so cool! Be sure to check out the "toolbox" on this super clean daily driver if you get the chance.



Rollin Oldies member, and my neighbor, Bob Bilyeu, was hanging out with his sweet PU.



Rod & Sandy brought their Bonneville Salt Flats ready car. This year the flats were flooded so Rod is looking forward to driving it more than in and out of the shop soon!

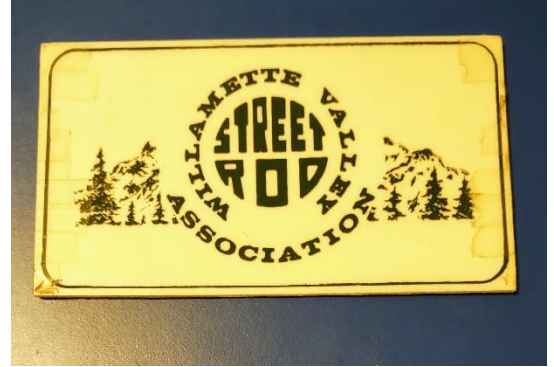


This may have been the best Rod & Speed show yet. Lots of amazing classics, race cars, trucks, motorcycles, and parts at the swap meet.



A Little bit of WVSR History

I was sent a picture of this plaque by club member Jim Gulley, who bought it at BJ McFarland's estate sale. Jim was asking me if I knew the history behind this plaque. I knew it was way before we were in WVSR so I reached out to John Stanton, who is always my "go to" person to find out anything about club history, and he never fails me.



From John Stanton: *That was our first club plaque that we displayed on the rear of our cars back in about 1975 or so. They were made from white plastic that was about 1/4" thick. One of our members, Bob Pendergraft, made them for us. He was somehow involved with imprinting plastic newspaper boxes. He had a pattern made with our logo on it and he had the logo imprinted onto the plastic then cut them to size. He made the logo green on the white background. The size was the same size as motorcycle license plates so we could use chrome motorcycle plate frames on them. I still have two of these plastic plaques. One is still on my 34 Ford coupe. The other is just a wall hanger in my shop. It's kinda cool bit of club historyJohn*



If you were at the December club meeting you saw the trophy that I got from the BJ McFarland estate sale. I took it to the meeting in hopes that some of the guys that were in the club in 2003 would remember the history behind the extremely creative Carousel award. Jeff Foster remembered when they all worked on those beautiful trophies from the Carousel Cruise in 2003. The workmanship and painting on the award is amazing. I'd be curious to see where the rest of those unique awards ended up.

Submitted by: Vicki Champ



2023 CAROUSEL CRUISE

We are looking for a few good people to chair committees for our annual event. No experience necessary, just a willing attitude. We need someone to report to the show director, assign shifts, and explain duties to volunteers in the following areas:

Entry Chair – Registration and gate.

Parking Chair – Work w/Vendor chair on set up and day of show parking.

Judge Chair – Coordinate judging and trophy classes.

Donation Chair – Acquire and distribute donations

Activity Chair – Work w/Donation Chair and coordinate Silent Auction, Raffle, 50/50 & Poker Walk.

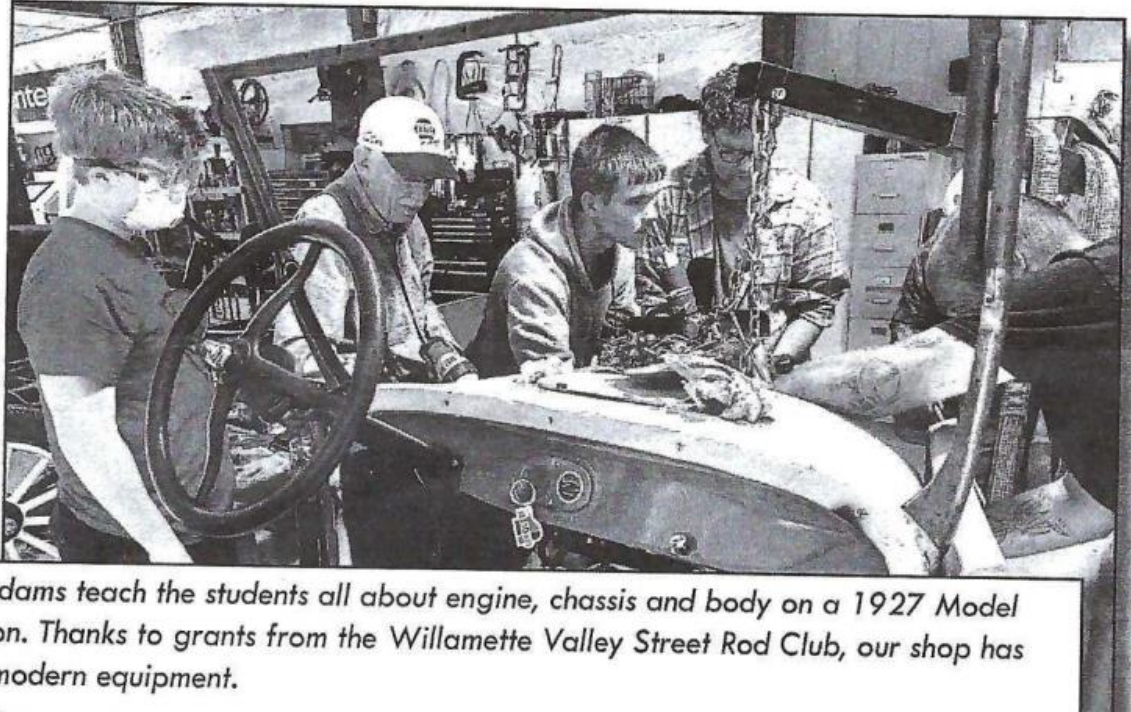
A volunteer sheet will go around later this year for those that want to help out. If you want to be a committee chair, please reach out to a club officer or contact Garry Pullen. Call or text 503-507-5333 or send an email to wvsrhq@gmail.com

WVSR was mentioned in the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum Newsletter!

SPEEDSTER PROGRAM THRIVING

See the update from Don Blain on page 2, and join us on Thursdays!

Photos by Mark Moore.



Mentors Don Blain and Jack Adams teach the students all about engine, chassis and body on a 1927 Model T pickup undergoing restoration. Thanks to grants from the Willamette Valley Street Rod Club, our shop has received many new tools and modern equipment.



Ann Sowerby sent cards to the following individuals on behalf of WVSR members.

Nancy Herron – Broken Foot

Judy Herschbach – Surgery

Don Rogers – Recovering from a fall and surgery.

May everyone stay safe and healthy in 2023!

2023 NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Speedster Program Update

The shop mentors provided a list of items for the use of the WVSR donation. This is a great way to know that our funds go where it can make the greatest impact to the program for years to come.

- Machine shop curtain and hardware to keep debris contained in that area.
- Brake Fluid Bleeder
- Pry & Alignment Bars
- Oil & Other Miscellaneous Shop Supplies

Even though it's a short list it will go a long way. Every year we help improve the program capabilities which in turn gives a student new life skill, a possible love for classic cars, and maybe a career path.

Submitted by Bob Repine

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Valentines Dinner and a Movie, Saturday, Feb 18, 4-8pm . We will be serving Authentic Italian spaghetti dinner with homemade breadsticks and salad. Dessert will be your choice of Spumoni ice cream or cheesecake.

The movie is yet to be determined. Tickets are \$10.00 each and there is a limit of 60 tickets.

Buy your ticket before they run out. I am looking for volunteer wait staff. You will be getting your dinner and movie free, I need anywhere from 3-5 volunteers. Tickets will be on sale at the next club meeting, February 7th.

If you have any other questions feel free to call me, Fran at 971.325.0433. Leave a message and I will get back to you.



Fran Gemma,
WVSR 2023 Social Chair

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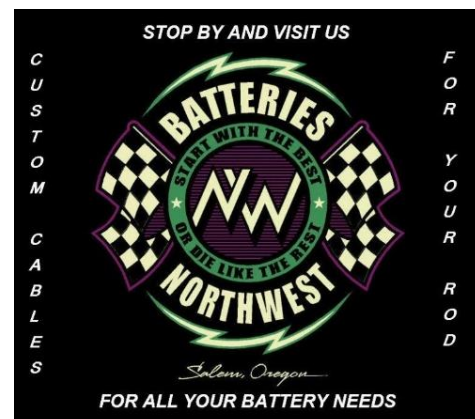


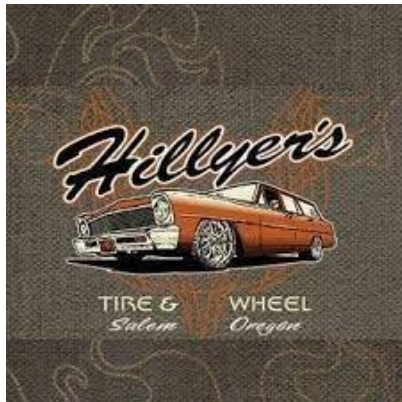
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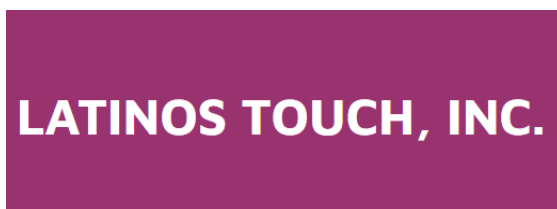


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Editors Notes:

The goal is to have the newsletter out the Sunday evening prior to the club membership meeting. Please submit any articles or photos to wvsrhq@gmail.com by the Friday prior to that Sunday distribution. Editor reserves the right to edit submissions as needed for length, fit, and content. Thank you.