



## CRUZ'N NEWS – AUGUST 2023

**Next General Member Meeting August 1st**  
Pietro's Pizza/ 1637 Hawthorne Av. NE, Salem  
Dinner & Socializing 5 – 7pm Meeting starts at 7  
Guests and Prospective Members Welcome

**Next Officer Meeting August 29th**  
Garibaldi's Restaurant 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE Salem  
Dinner at 5:30pm Meeting starts at 6  
Members Welcome

# NON-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## WVSR President

Russ Strohmeier



Contact Russ  
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Willamette Valley Street Rods, originally Willamette Valley Street Rod Association, has been a car club for over 50 years. The club has evolved just like our membership, yet throughout the years some things have always remained the same like:

1. **Community and Camaraderie** – members share a passion for automobiles and sharing it with other likeminded people. Not to mention the fulfillment from supporting a cause, or in our case about four or five worthy causes.
2. **Knowledge Sharing** – have an issue, ask a question, and get answers. It may be several different answers yet they usually always get results that fix the issue.
3. **Resources** – club members are almost always willing to lend a hand, specialized tools, and even garage space.
4. **Preservation of Automotive History** – Restoring and maintaining special interest automobiles ensures future generations can experience history first hand not just read about it or hear stories from their grandparents.

Some members come and go, some join, leave and then come back, and some have been here the entire time. This variety brings fresh ideas and balance at the same time. I expect this club to continue evolving and can't imagine what it will look like in another 50 years though I'd like to be a fly on the wall to see it.

*Garry Pullen*  
2023 WVSR Newsletter Editor



Scheduled to bring cookies to the August meeting are:  
Gloria Blair, Cindy Smith, Heidi Anderson, and Paul.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b>	<b>Kathy Schuette</b>	<b>Susan Yates</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Jerry Keppinger</b>	<b>Nancy Boehmer</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Steve Ingram</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Rich Wright</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Margie Strohmeier</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Sandy Smith-Cox</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Tye Long</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Judy Baszniak</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Laura Lamoureux</b>	<b>Jaque Wagner</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Larry Gemma</b>	
<b>20</b>	<b>Warren Horne</b>	
<b>21</b>	<b>Jason Werth</b>	
<b>24</b>	<b>Doug Herschbach</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>Jessie Rolfness</b>	
<b>29</b>	<b>Don Erickson</b>	<b>Michelle Bennett</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Ed Blair</b>	



Last night I had a dream  
about mufflers....

...today I'm exhausted!

I stopped to pick up a hitchhiker,



Turns out he was just telling me  
he approves of my street rod!

Get  
Well  
Seen

Ann Sowerby sends cards to members feeling less than 100% for one reason or another.

A card was sent to Jane Harris in memory of Tom Harris.





A very excited Harry Knorr brought his newly acquired 23 T-bucket to the club meeting and showed it off with style. Then was presented an award at the Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Car Show by our own Vicki Champ.



An amazing day out at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Car Show. What's better than a day filled with friends and cool cars? This year saw 300 cars at the event and 45 received awards. The 50/50 winner took home \$440 and the rest of the proceeds from the show fund scholarships for graduating high school seniors in local communities surrounding Stayton. Just this year alone the Brent Strohmeyer Foundation awarded \$7,000 to aid students.



Volunteers Wendi McNitt & Vicki Champ (background) usher in a super nice Vette.









**2023 Carousel Cruise** – Next meeting will be held August 17th at Salem Riverfront Park beginning at 6:30pm. Bring a lawn chair (and your dinner if you want) to the back deck of the Carousel.

**August club meeting is last chance to bring silent auction and raffle donations before the show.** If each club member brought a \$10-\$20 item we'd have enough prizes to rival any other show in 2023! Cash or gift cards are also appreciated if you can't bring anything to the August meeting. Please see Garry Pullen, Tina Stone, or Vicki Champ.

**New members** – You are not required to register or pay for the event. Club cars will be parked together and given a colored window card to display.

We need 6-8 volunteers to display their car(s) in front of the Carousel on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Two cars per day from 11:30-3:30 (earlier / later at your discretion) and we'll add Tuesday if enough people volunteer.

Even if you switch areas, we still need folks for ....

**Gate:** at least 1 person 7:30-9:30 + 2 from 9:30-11:30.

**Parking:** 2 volunteers from 10-11:30

**Raffle & 50/50:** At least 3 to fill slots from 10-noon & noon to 2pm

**Spark Plug Game:** 1-2 volunteers from 8-10am, 10-noon, & noon-2pm

**T-Shirt Sales:** 1 person from 8-10, 10-noon, and noon-2

Please be at Salem Riverfront park at **6am** on the day of the show so we can get everything set up and ready just in case we need to start letting participants in early due to street backups.

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## *Beaches Cruise In*

*Submitted by Dave Cartwright*

*Dave Cartwright, Ray Agen, John Palmer, and Bob & Carol Jones cruised to Portland to watch some drag racing and check out the cars at the show. It was John Palmer's*

*day as his 52 Chevy was picked for a best award, he got to go on stage and talk about his car, then won a raffle prize! Although it was warm everyone, especially John, had a good time. We'll do this on a cooler day so hopefully more people can come along.*

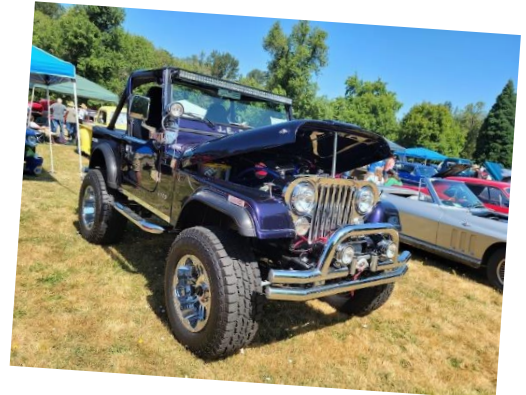




# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Springhill North Albany Car Show

Submitted by Garry Pullen

The Mrs. and I attended this show as spectators, taking a nice stroll through Bryant Park amidst 200 plus classics and hot rods that turned out to benefit the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight. The 2024 show is scheduled for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and I think it would make a great time to caravan down as a large group.





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# UPCOMING EVENTS:

With car show season ramping up there are too many events to capture them all. Here is a partial list.

## August

- 5: Brownsville Antique Faire and Car Show @ Pioneer Park 8am-4pm Free
- 5: Homer Show 2023 @ Anytime Fitness in Silverton \$20 Reg Starts at 8am
- 5: Coburg Car Classic @ Norma Pffifer Park 8am-4pm \$25 Reg.
- 6: Minty & T too Limited Edition Memorial Car Show 10am-2pm 1255 Wilco Rd. Stayton OR \$20 at the gate. [Flyer](#)**
- 12: CAMC SK Car Show @ NW Car & Motorcycle Museum in Brooks, OR 9am-3pm \$20 Reg.**
- 12: Cruise the Gorge @ Sorosis Park in The Dalles, OR 9am-3pm \$20 Reg.
- 13: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Finally Got Here Car Show & Concert MUST PRE-REGISTER \$20 Gates open 7am w/check closing at 10am.
- 13: 51st Annual All Ford Picnic and Car Show @ Champoeg State Park 8am-3pm \$10 Reg.
- 19: 18th Annual Lyons Firefighters Assoc. Car Show 9am - 3pm \$20 [FLYER](#)
- 19: 12th Annual Central Lions Club Cruise In @ Riverview Park in Independence, OR 9am-3pm \$25.
- 20: 17th Annual Classic Rides Cruise In @ Les Schwab Tire 2410 SE 122nd Ave Portland, OR 10am-3pm \$20 Reg.
- 20: 26th Annual Untouchables Car Show in Downtown Kalama, WA 7am-3pm \$20 Reg.

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## Editors Notes:

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Thank you – Garry Pullen

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