

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



CRUZ'N NEWS – December 2023

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

Next Officer Meeting December 26th
Garibaldi's Restaurant 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE Salem
Dinner at 5:30pm Meeting starts at 6
Members Welcome

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

WVSR President

Russ Strohmeier



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Christmas is a time when the spirit of generosity and selflessness shines brightly. Individuals are inspired to give back to the community and help those less fortunate.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations the emphasis on generosity is a good reminder that Christmas isn't just about receiving, but also about giving and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

The amazing thing about this club is our members are generous throughout the year, volunteering their time, funds, knowledge, and resources, then they go over and above during the holiday and give a little bit more. Whether its helping out the neighbor, providing a gift for Family Building Blocks or Toys for Joy, volunteering somewhere, or just hosting the family get together you are giving back and contributing in your own way and that's not a small thing and it does not go unnoticed.



Merry Christmas everyone!

2023 Newsletter Editor

Garry Pullen



Scheduled to bring cookies to the general club meeting are:
Russ Strohmeier, Cindy Smith, Matthew Reed, & Jay Miller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Nikki Oman	
5	Jim Walz	
6	Butch Ramsdell	
7	Troy Skinner	Glen Bond
8	Kelly Smothers	
11	Russ Strohmeier	
13	Joanna Montgomery	
16	Rhonda Taylor	
17	Lissy Day	
19	Terry Fristad	
21	Renny Otjen	
23	Dee Kesselring	Paul Pfnister
25	Matt Reed	
26	Sharon Palmer	
29	Cynthia Barthuly	
29	Dee Farrier	Dale Moreau

Get
Well
Soon

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

Several months ago, we notified the club about a former club member and president, Tom Harris, who passed away on July 3, 2023. Tom's wife Jane passed away on October 19, 2023 of Brain Cancer. Jane had started going through radiation treatments recently, but the cancer got the best of her. Jane was 69 years old. RIP, Jane.



*Just a friendly
reminder...*

It's that time of year when we begin collecting membership dues which should be in by January 1st.

A late fee of \$5 is assessed after the February general club meeting for existing members. Please see Jim Walz at a club meeting or renew online at

www.wvsnr.org

(processing fee applies for online payment).



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Jim & Carolyn Walz, Larry Gemma, and Glen Rader.

It was a clear cold day in November for the Albany swap meet yet WVSR members were out in force. Not just searching for parts but selling them too. Besides these 4 there were at least another dozen or so who were also out for this annual event. One repair manual made its way to my house along with getting some steps in. All in all it seemed like everyone had a pretty good day.

Submitted by: Garry Pullen

Meet A Sponsor – Cora Slowikowski State Farm Ins.



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Thank you for your loyalty. We appreciate you.

Cora has been a State Farm agent for over 34 years. Late member Robert Kundelius talked her into being a sponsor nearly two decades ago and is the agent for a few of our current members. Her “classic” is a 93 BMW convertible that she is the 2nd owner and has a tradition of taking it out on Mother’s and Father’s Day to take flowers to her parents’ grave site. The grandkids enjoy going for a ride with the top down too. Cora also has family and friends who own classics, meaning she isn’t a stranger to them.

Some good tips Cor provided are to ask for a classic rating with a stated value, take lots of photos and send new ones when you do updates. Also be sure your insurance carrier has the value up to date as the market changes. No appraisal is needed under \$25k but if your value is over Cora can recommend a classic car appraiser she uses. State Farm has some of the lowest rates for classic cars and it costs nothing to call and compare the cost and coverage.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO COMPARE RATES CALL CORA’S OFFICE AT 503-375-3733



PROVIDE HOPE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Please consider bringing a gift to the November or December general club meeting to partner with family building blocks in supporting children and families in our community. If you can’t make a meeting but want to help please reach out to Vicki Champ or make a donation through one of the links on our website at www.wvsn.org.



FAMILY GIFT IDEAS

GREATEST NEEDS – \$30 WALMART GIFT CARD

Rather than individual gifts, parents would like help providing for their greatest needs this year.

CHILDREN GIFT IDEAS

TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5: Teething Toys/Wrist Rattles, Shape Sorter, Soft Blocks, Legos (Mega or Duplo), Play Kitchen Food or Dishes, Pull Toys, Toy Truck/Car, Baby Dolls (all ethnicities), Play Tool Set, Musical Instruments, etc. *please no toys that require the use of batteries

BOOKS (English or Spanish Bilingual): Children's wishes are to receive a board book this holiday season. FBB children's board books will be on display at the Salem Book Bin in downtown Salem beginning November 1.

COATS & PAJAMAS: Keeping babies and toddlers warm for the winter – wishes are for new winter coats/hats gloves and pajamas sizes newborn-6T.

We'll be delivering our toys and clothes to Family Building Blocks Wednesday, December 6, leaving Big Lots parking lot at 10:45am to fill a few hot rods full of toys, and drive to the other end of the parking lot and deliver our gifts to them... After that we'll go to lunch together as a group.



2023 SANTA CRUISE IN



You're Invited to
the 33rd Annual
Santa Cruise

**Cruise-In
&
Breakfast**

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**Sat.
Dec. 2nd
2023**

Registration Opens 8:00 AM
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Car Entry Fee: New Unwrapped Toy
Breakfast 8:00-11:00 am Adults \$10.00...Ages 6-12 & Seniors \$6.00...\$4 Youngster Free
Awards 11:30am
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IT WAS A GRAY AND STORMY MORNING WITH BRIEF BREAKS IN THE DOWNPOUR BUT THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO STOP ANYONE FROM COMING TO THE CRUISE IN AND FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST. THE PANCAKES, EGGS, & HAM HELPED DRAW IN 147 VEHICLES WHO REGISTERED, 44 FROM WVSR WHO TOOK CLUB PARTICIPATION! THOSE THAT CAME OUT FOR THE CRUISE AND FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST PLACED 825 BIKES AND TOYS AROUND THE VINTAGE FIRETRUCK AND DONATED \$3,400 TO TOYS FOR JOY. ED & GLORIA BLAIR TOOK BEST DECORATED, CASEY BOEHMER 1ST PLACE TRUCK WITH NICK HOOSIER TAKING 2ND. BILL & SUZIE WATSON GRABBED 1ST PLACE IN THE CAR CATEGORY WHILE STEVE MASSIE TOOK HOME A 3RD. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT BRAVING THE WEATHER, YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.





UPCOMING EVENTS:

Winter Rod & Speed Show

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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.

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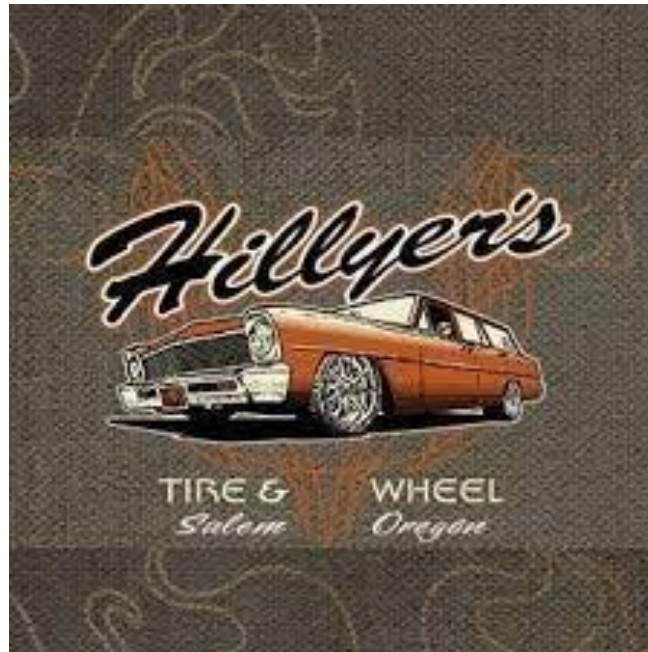
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