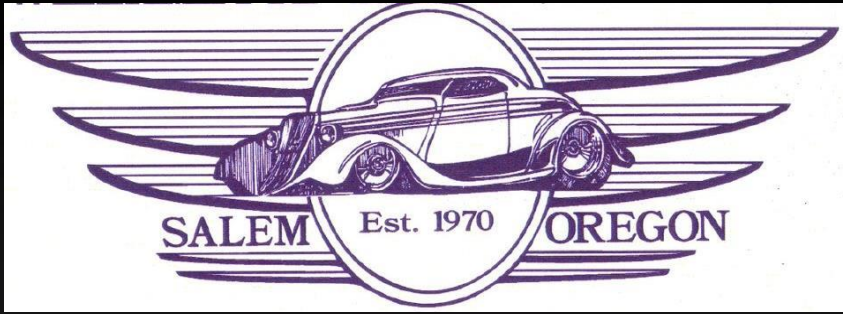


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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS

## CRUZ'N NEWS



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### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Congratulations! We made it through another year!

They say the only constant is change and our club will begin with some right off the bat. Pat Coffey is our 2024 Vice President, Matt Reed the new Cruise Master, Tim Brazofsky took over as Carousel Cruise Director, and Soren Winslow is in charge of the website. We also moved Website, Facebook, & Newsletter to chair positions who report to the Communications Director. Chair positions are not required to attend officer meetings so hopefully that change reduces scheduling conflicts allowing other members to be inclined to volunteer next year.

But wait, there is more! Membership is up to its highest level in at least a decade, the Carousel Cruise is on a Sunday, and your newsletter has a new look. During the year I'm sure more changes will happen and I know our members can roll with it! See you next year

Your 2024 Newsletter Editor - *Garry Pullen*



### COOKIE SUPPLIERS FOR JANUARY

FRAN GEMMA, MEL MYERS, TRACY SHEARER, & CAROLYN WALZ

SIGN UP AND BRING 2 DOZEN COOKIES TO SHARE AT ONE OF THE CLUB MEETINGS.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4	Cynthia Gallegos	
5	Fran Gemma	
6	Brian Taylor	Dee Prince
8	Geromino "Swifteagle" Warren	Ashure Lascurain
10	Jack Lawshe	
14	Lisa Stone	
16	Nancy Starck	
17	Gary Ferrier	
19	Mike Starck	Judy Herschbach
21	Nick Hoosier	
24	Andrea Smothers	
26	Nellie Gates	John Woods
27	Rick Naranen	
29	Dan Burgess	
30	John Stanton	Bruce Barthuly

**OUR ANNUAL CAROUSEL CRUISE RAISES FUNDS FOR CLUB SELECTED CHARITIES AND AT OUR LAST GENERAL MEETING WE PRESENTED A CHECK FOR \$4,000 TO HONORING HEROES WHO AID LOCAL VETERANS WITH HOUSING, FURNITURE, CLOTHING, AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS. THE BEST PART IS 100% GOES TOWARD THAT AID.**



**ACCEPTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, FOR HONORING HEROES:**

**MARK, DIANA, DARRIN, AND APRYL**

**AS A VETERAN I AM PROUD TO HELP SUPPORT THIS LOCAL GROUP. CONSIDER FOLLOWING THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE. A FEW CLICKS TO SHARE THE AMAZING WORK THEY DO WILL HELP SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS BY MAKING OTHERS AWARE OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE.**

**- GARRY PULLEN**



# Family Building Blocks Toy Delivery



On December 6<sup>th</sup> a group of WVSR members made the annual trip to deliver toys to FBB at their Chelsea Place location where the kids love to check out the hot rods we bring...though they are probably a tad more excited to see all the toys we deliver. Julie Duran, FBB Director of Development, sent the following note - *"WVSR is always such a highlight of our holiday season. And, I can't believe the donation amount! Wow - \$6,000 is the second largest gift WVSR has made to FBB. WVSR has been partnering with us since 2002 - 21 years! We are deeply grateful to the Willamette Valley Street Rod's for meeting a critical need in our community to - Keep Children Safe and Families Together - and to provide hope this holiday season."* Way to go club members, let's see if we can top that in 2024!

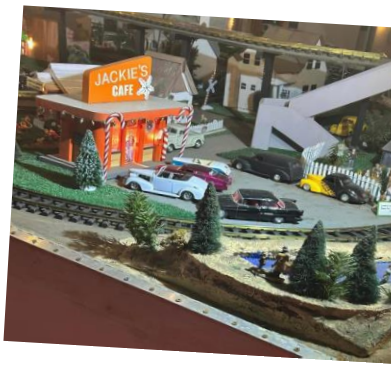


## CHRISTMAS SHENANIGANS

Throughout the month of December our club members enjoyed getting together for multiple activities. First up was the annual Christmas Party. Wendi and Tina pulled off a great event after getting recruited late in the year, even mixing it up with a few changes that made our host venue and staff at Roth's West Salem very happy that we didn't go over our time limit as we have in the past. If you have some ideas for next year please consider volunteering as the chair for the 2024 Christmas Party.

Next on the agenda were two Christmas themed cruises with the Capitol Area Mustang Club. Matt Reed, member of both clubs, and our cruise master, led a caravan to Storybook land at the Albany Expo Center on one Friday night then through the Powerland Christmas Sparkle light show. After both the cruisers met at a local spot for dessert. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to more cruising in the coming year! Thanks Matt!









Delicious Food and Beverages enjoyed by all at Route 99 Restaurant in Brooks after Cruising through Powerland Christmas Lights.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

# Winter Rod & Speed Show

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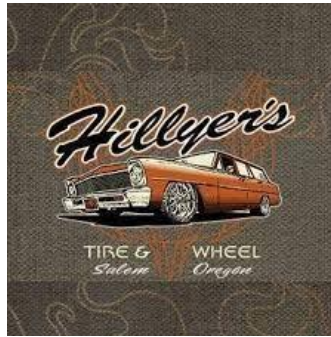


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***Thank You!***  
***Garry Pullen***