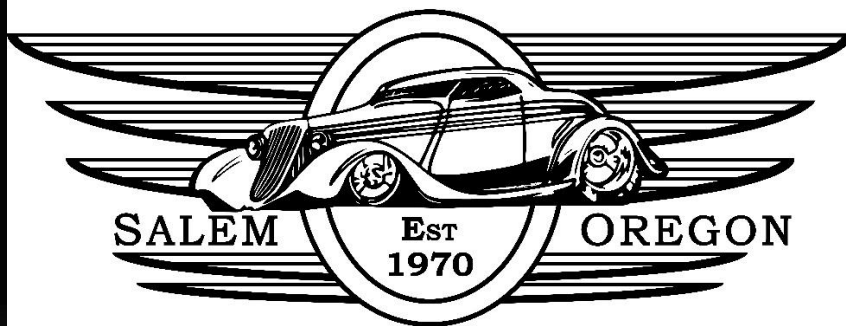


WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



MEETINGS

Club Meeting 5/7

7:00 PM – All Welcome

Pietro's Pizza in Salem

6:00 PM dinner and conversation.

Officer Meeting 5/28

6:00 PM – Members only

RSVP Vicki Champ for location

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

R-E-S-P-E-C-T Find out what it means to me...

During our last club meeting we had a full house with roughly 80 members in attendance. The great news is we had a really big 50/50 pot! The not-so-great news is with that many folks in attendance there was a lot of catching up to do and a few of those side conversations went on during the meeting.

These side conversations during a meeting not only detract from the focus and purpose of the meeting but also disrupts the flow of ideas and discussions. It can make it difficult for the secretary to take notes, or for others to follow along and contribute meaningfully to the conversation, especially for anyone with any form of hearing loss.

Additionally, side conversations can be perceived as rude and dismissive to the person speaking. It can also discourage open communication. Therefore, it's essential to refrain from side conversations during meetings to ensure that everyone's input is valued, and the objectives of the meeting are achieved efficiently and respectfully.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

2024 President – Russ Strohmeyer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>MAY BIRTHDAYS</i>		
<i>2</i>	<i>Darrell Herron</i>	
<i>3</i>	<i>Marv Shetler</i>	<i>Pam Gulley</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Lennie Wheeler</i>	
<i>4</i>	<i>Soren Winslow</i>	<i>Don Rogers</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Donelle Flammig</i>	<i>Michael Gallegos</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>Suzanne Watson</i>	
<i>15</i>	<i>Bill Brown</i>	<i>Harry Knorr</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>Jim Hupy</i>	
<i>18</i>	<i>Greg White</i>	
<i>19</i>	<i>Michele Coffey</i>	
<i>24</i>	<i>Isabella Lascurain</i>	



MAY COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Michele Coffey, Wendi McNitt, Marv Shetler, Maxine Stafford

Please consider signing up to bring 2 dozen cookies to the monthly meeting.

If you know of a member feeling ill, having surgery, or just needs a big WVSR air hug. Please send a note to Ann Sowerby so she can send them a card while we collectively wish them well.



Fran Gemma





95th Annual

Salem Auto Club Council

Cherry Blossom Drive & Poker Run

Saturday April 13, 2024 9am to 2pm



Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles
All Welcome!

This is not a race. Take your time.
Enjoy a beautiful drive through the Willamette
Valley visiting six interesting stops for
the Poker Run

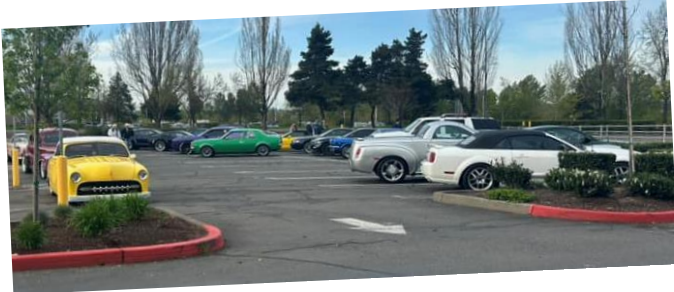


Start at:

Harbor Freight parking lot - west end (at the old Costco)
1010 Hawthorne Ave. SE, Salem, OR 97301



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Salem Auto Club Council held their 95th annual Cherry Blossom Poker Drive, Saturday, April 13, 2024. The weather was good most of the day, it started sprinkling late in the afternoon, but it didn't amount to much until most of us were already home. It's always hard to judge how many cars we have since some people buy more than one score card. We estimated close to 300 cars. We sold 404 score cards, collected \$410 for Marion Polk Food Share and 287 lbs. of food. Thank you, Tom Schmid from Willamette Valley Street Rods (WVSR), for delivering the food to MPFS for us.

Thank you to Joe and Pat Peters for mapping out the 65-mile extended route for this year. WVSR handled registration at Harbor Freight. The six stops this year were the Brown House in Stayton, hosted by the Rollin Oldies, Willamette Pie Co. hosted by the Capital City Corvettes, Silverton Country Historical Museum, hosted by the Silverton Flywheels, Woodburn Drag Strip, hosted by the Woodburn Drag Strip Rep. James Taylor and wife Buffy, Scenic Valley Farms Winery, hosted by the Road Lords, and the last stop, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, where everyone turned in their score cards was hosted by Capitol Area Mustang Club and Willamette Valley Corvette Association. Winning the \$100 first place prize with four kings was Cherie Eder who donated her winnings back to the club, Thank You Cherie! The \$75 second place prize went to Lance Williams, with four jacks and with four 10's Angie Stewart took home the \$50 third place prize. Winner of the battery tender donated by Batteries Northwest was Stephanie Massie

Thank you to everyone that showed up that day supporting SACC and special thanks to the clubs that worked on the event that day.

Submitted by Vicki Champ





Photos Courtesy of Wendi McNitt & Silverton Flywheels



Tim and Stephanie Brazofsky, 2024 Cruise Directors, brought the chairs together for a meeting at the NW Car & Motorcycle Museum in Brooks for the first updates on our event. Things are coming together and while it feels like a long ways off we have less than 4 months until our pre-show on Saturday night August 24th and the big event Sunday August 25th.

NEEDS:
Items for the raffle or silent auction. We have a lot of talented and creative members in this club. Consider creating something unique or purchase an item to donate. Please bring items to the general meeting. Every year the raffle and silent auction contribute a substantial amount of what we are able to give to support our chosen charities. 4 volunteers are also needed to assist with collecting items from past donors. Please contact Tina Stone with any questions.

If you wish to be, or know of, a potential sponsor please contact Vicki Champ.
Volunteers are needed – sign up at a general meeting or contact Tim or Stephanie to help.
Cash donations are also welcome and will go towards supporting the event.

Remember, all the funds raised go to the charities we support – Family Building Blocks, Honoring Heroes, The Speedster Program, Marion-Polk Food Share, and Toys for Joy.

WVSR & CAMC Cruise to Tillamook

Cruise Master Matt Reed arranged for a fantastic cruise to Tillamook on Sunday the 21st inviting both WVSR and CAMC members to go along. About half of the 16 cars that showed up were WVSR members (some dual club members) where we started out from downtown Salem and two more joined in along the way. The weather was perfect for a drive out the Hebo highway to our first stop at the Air Museum with a unique opportunity to drive into the hanger for a photo op. From there we had a great lunch at the Dutch Mill before a self-tour of the creamery and ending with desert before the drive home.





An airship at NAS Tillamook hooked up to one of the hangars' underground power stations.



While Alicia screams for dear life because Garry is driving, he is hollering "I may be blind but this is a fake bus, we're not going to crash."



Submitted by Garry Pullen w/some photos courtesy of:
Russ Strohmeyer, Pat Coffey, and Tillamook Air Museum



When: June 6th at 1 pm.

Where: NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum.

Why: Get an update on the Speedster Program and visit the students.

What: Treats – please consider bring something to share with everyone.



Keizer, OR resident, Donald J. Oman (80), after a long battle with cancer, went to be with our Lord and Savior on March 31, 2024.

Born in Brush, CO on July 28, 1943, to Donald L. Oman and Jennie A. (Asthmus) Oman, Don grew up on the Oman Family Homestead in Tulelake, CA. He was a farmer, a farm equipment and irrigation broker, and as a young man, a certified deep sea diver and underwater welder. Don was always active in restoring antique cars and hot rods; he and his wife attended many car shows with his award winning '32 Ford Coupe. He could fix just about anything and was very innovative, particularly with tools and machines to make farming more efficient. Don was also active in church and traveled to Belize and Mexico on mission trips in his younger years. He was involved with the B-17 Alliance Foundation in Salem, in honor of his father's service in the U.S. Airforce as a B-17 crew chief and mechanic.

To formalize their commitment of many years, Don married Knikki Lou Oman on August 17, 2003, near Kotzebue, AK. Throughout the years, Don and Knikki traveled to Kotzebue to visit sister-in-law,

LaVonne Hendricks, at her Fish Camp. There he helped build and repair structures where people would come to learn about the local Inupiat culture.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Don and Jennie Oman and two of his brothers, Dennis Oman and Lee Oman.

Don is survived by wife, Knikki Lou Oman; younger brother, John Oman, daughter (from 1st marriage) and son-in-law, Shawn and Karl Shreeves and granddaughter, Keira; son (from 1st marriage) and daughter-in-law, Jamie and Amber Oman and grandkids, Olivia, Rory and Lukas; stepson, Terry Howard and granddaughter, Stephanie; stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Shamika and Scott Cleveland and grandkids, Malia and Tyler.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Keizer Community Church (380 Churchdale Ave), May 25, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the B-17 Alliance Foundation in Salem, OR at their website: www.b17alliance.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May

- 4: Woodburn Dragstrip A1 Muffler 5th Annual Bi-Mart Nostalgia Nationals [Tickets](#)
11: Cascade High School Car Show, Turner OR [FB Group Page](#) • [Registration Form](#)
 11: Emerald Empire Chevy Swap Meet, Coburg OR [More Info Email](#)
 11: PTW Spring Classic, South East Portland, OR. [Website](#)
 17-19: Oregon Trail Rally, Various Locations [Website](#)
17: Linn County Lamb & Wool Car Show, Scio OR [Flyer](#) • [Registration](#)
18: Linn County Lamb & Wool Road Rally, Scio OR [Flyer](#) • [Registration](#)
 18: Road Knights Car Club 27th Annual Cruise-In, NE Portland [More Info Email](#)
 19: TillaWheels Show & Shine, Tillamook [More Info Email](#)
25: Silverton High School Car Show, Silverton OR [More Info/Registration](#)

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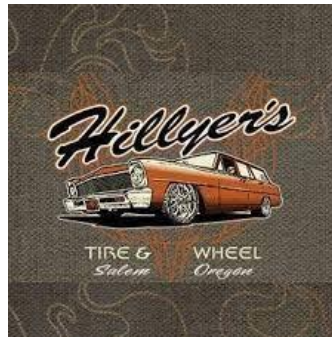
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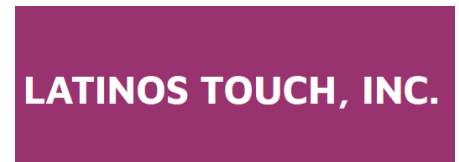
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Editor's Note:

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

Thank You!
Garry Pullen