

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

# Happy Father's Day

To all the wonderful dads who share a passion for classics, customs, and muscle cars and trucks. In June, we celebrate the fathers whose love for vintage vehicles adds an extra spark to family life. Your dedication to restoring and cherishing these timeless beauties is admirable, whether you're in the garage teaching your son or daughter restoration techniques, regular maintenance, or just taking a family drive I hope you get to enjoy a day filled with love, cherished memories, and perhaps a cruise to a local car show to show off your pride and joy!

#### Síncerely,

2024 President – Russ Strohmeyer



#### JUNE COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Vickie Champ, Jake Higginbotham, Paul Pfnister, & Laurie Winslow

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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS				
1	Shírl Shetler			
2	Víckí Champ	Joyce Guzman		
4	Heídí Anderson	Susan Ramsdell		
4	Vínníe Rolfness			
5	Jake Híggínbotham	Sharon Munz		
7	Cíndy Smíth			
10	Kathy Wilburn			
12	Marla Burgess			
13	Mílton Hoch			
14	Maxíne Stafford			
17	Lara Baxter-Kíng			
19	Stephaníe Brazofsky			
20	Joel Memmott			
24	Sherrí Cartwríght			
25	Lísa Stíne			
30	Aleta Bruebaker	Kímberly Long		
30	Pam Marshall			

I am thrilled to announce a new article series titled "Meet the Members," designed to introduce individual members to our car club. Each installment will spotlight a different member, delving into their passion for automobiles (classic or modern), their favorite memories (car related or not), and unique stories behind their beloved vehicles. By showcasing backgrounds, expertise, and passions of our members, this series aims to encourage more connection and camaraderie within the club. Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, "Meet the Members" promises to highlight the diverse range of personalities and shared love for vehicles that define our club. For June, Gary Bruebaker stepped up to the plate, he was recently recognized for something not vehicle related which made him the perfect target, er, I mean candidate! Now you'll just have to read the article to find out why.

Don't be surprised if I reach out to you with some questions in the near future. - Garry Pullen

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.



Ron Sowerby

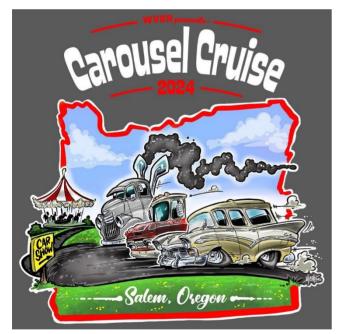
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

It's that time of year when the Willamette Valley Street Rod members drive their cars out to the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, at Powerland Heritage Park to visit with this year class of Speedster Program students!

Last year we had a great turn out of members (see picture) showing their support for this special program. Please join us on June 6th, 1:00-3:00 pm at the museum and please consider bringing cookies or donuts to share with those attending from the club, the students and mentors.

Bob Repine Grant Committee Chair





Tim and Stephanie Brazofsky, 2024 Cruise Directors, want to remind everyone we are just under 3 months to go until our pre-show on Saturday night August 24<sup>th</sup> and the big event on Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### NEEDS:

We are still looking for raffle and silent auction items. We have a lot of talented and creative members in this club. If you don't have the time or talent a purchased item works just as well. The silent auction and raffle contribute a considerable amount of the funds we raise for our charities.

We still need volunteers 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.

At the meeting don't forget to sign up to help at the show or contact Tim or Stephanie.

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.

## **CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW**

What a great opener to car show season!! A record setting beautiful day as the Senior Class and Staff at Cascade High School pulled off another amazing event by hosting 401 registered vehicles of all kinds.



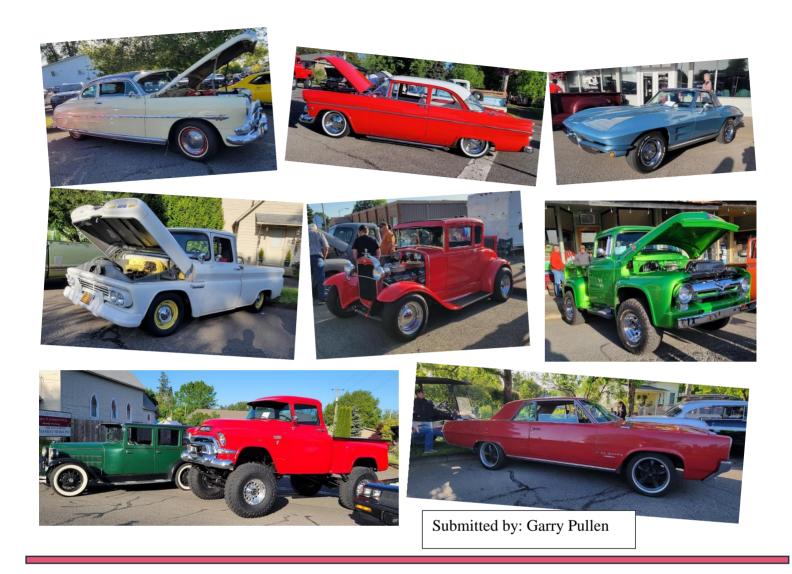


# 2024 Scio Lamb & Wool Fair Car Show

We went to Scio, OR for an evening out at the fair and took in the Main St. Car Show! Rough estimate was 100 cars and trucks filled the street. For

dinner we sat down and visited with strangers from Lebanon and Dallas, TX over a lamb cheeseburger that was pretty darn good.





### WVSR GEAR

At the Carousel Cruise WVSR members are known for wearing purple shirts with the club logo on them. We do this so participants can identify host club members when they have a question or need assistance while at our show. We have 7 shirts with the golden logo printed on them available right now, 2 tank tops (L & XL), 2 cotton T-shirts (L & XL), and 3 performance material shirts (L, XL, & 2XL) at \$15 ea. Please contact Garry Pullen if you want one.

If you need a purple shirt for our upcoming show in a size we don't currently have, don't worry, another gear store will be coming up soon. This time we'll have the club logo embroidered on hats, shirts, hoodies, and letterman's jackets that will be available in both purple and black. You'll be able to personalize most items with your name too!

Watch your email for more detailed information when the gear store is ready to go live. As always, we'll need to order 25 items total and the goal is to have them ready for pickup at the August club meeting in time for the Carousel Cruise.

## Meet The Members - Gary Bruebaker

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Ford Mustang, we're thrilled to introduce Gary Bruebaker for our member profile. Gary's passion for Mustangs is evident—his first three cars were Mustangs, and he currently owns five of these iconic vehicles.

> Garv was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to investment management at the 8th Annual

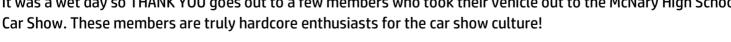
Pacific Northwest Institutional Forum in Seattle. Reflecting on his remarkable 42-year career, Gary feels grateful for the support and belief from many mentors along the way. Before his retirement in 2020, Gary was the Chief Investment Officer for the Washington State Investment Board, where he managed a staggering \$150 billion portfolio across six continents, in 86 countries, and in 49 different currencies, comprising more than 15,000 unique investments. His impressive career also includes serving as the Oregon Deputy State Treasurer in Salem from 1993 to 2000.

Post-retirement, Gary began cultivating a small car collection, starting with a 1981 CJ5 with an LTI, purchased in Salem. His collection has since grown to include a 1969 Mustang Mach 1, a 1967 Nova, a 1965 Shelby AC Cobra, a 1967 Mustang Shelby GT500, a 2020 Mustang Shelby GT350, a 1932 Ford Roadster built by Roush Performance, a 1970 Mustang Boss 302, a 2024 Mustang GT convertible, and most recently, a 1991 S'Cool Bus from some guy in Stayton.

> When asked about his favorite car, Gary's answer is always the next one he plans to purchase. However, among his current collection, his favorite varies with the activity. For a day at the racetrack, the Shelby GT350 is his top choice. For a scenic drive to the coast on a sunny day, he prefers the Mustang GT convertible. The Mustang Shelby GT500 is his go-to for the Team Shelby annual car show, and for outings with his kids and grandkids, the S'Cool Bus is his favorite.

Originally from Salem, Gary now resides in Olympia with his wife, Aleta. Their twin sons live just across the street, while their daughter and son-in-law are in Battleground, WA. The family enjoys spending time together, attending car events, and boating. They think it would be great for the club to organize a cruise up to Olympia for a shop tour and a fun pinball session someday.

It was a wet day so THANK YOU goes out to a few members who took their vehicle out to the McNary High School





Photos courtesy of Butch Ramsdell











What: Tangent Harvest Festival Timeless Cruise-In When: September 7<sup>th</sup> 8am – 3pm Where: Tangent, OR Online Registration



# So many shows, so little time, other responsibilities - I can't get to them all so I rely on YOU to send in photos and some information to post in the newsletter.



## FOR SALE

1998 Jaguar XK8 - It is a beautiful car with about 42,000 miles. We are asking \$9,950.00. Call Rod or Sandy 971-304-656

# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### <u>June</u>

- 1: The Gut Car Show, S.C.A. Detailing, Salem, OR Email FB Event Page
- 1: Lower Columbia Classics CC Annual 50's Cruise Reunion, Warrenton Website
- 1: Wine-N-Shine Car Show, Terrebone OR Website
- 1: Duck Dash Car Show, Lacey WA Website Registration
- 1-2: Function 4 Junction Show 'n Shine & Cruise Website
- 2: Barb Mersereau Memorial Cruise-In, Gladstone Website Email
- 2: Rickreall Auto Swap Meet, Website
- 6: WVSR visit to Speedster Program at NWVCMM FB Page
- 6: Woodburn Dragstrip 48th Annual Oldies But Goodies Tickets
- 8: Kickin' it Old School, Boring OR Website/Registration
- 12: Cruise Night at the Museum, NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Brooks.
- 13: Boone Ridge Classic Car Show, Salem OR, FB Event Page
- 15: Sherwood Cruisin', Sherwood OR Website
- 15: Cruise-In Down By The Riverside, Oregon City, Website/Registration
- 15: Strawberry Charity Cruise-In, Portland OR, Website
- 15: Roll The Dice Car Show! Spirit Mountain Casino FB Page Registration
- 15: Crusin' For Salem Firefighters, Salem OR Website Registration
- 16: The Couve Auto Show, Vancouver WA, Website/Registration
- 22: Citizens Day in the Park Car Show, St. Helens OR Website
- 22: Hot Rods for HEVIN, Longview WA Website
- 23: Perfume and Exhaust All Girls Only Cruise, 10:00am Wallery's Salem, Email
- 23: Toledo Oregon Classic Car Expo and Swap Meet Website
- 28: TGI Friday Fest, Downtown Stayton Map
- 26: Cruise Night at the Museum, NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Brooks.
- 29: Streets of Camas Car Show, Camas WA Website
- 29: 25th High Lakes Show & Shine, LaPine OR Website



French Prairie Retirement Center Cruise – Woodburn Photos courtesy of Wendi McNitt



Silverton High School Car Show had a wide variety. Photo courtesy of Wendi McNitt

#### A Birthday Invitation & Surprise

Hello,

My name is Cassie and I'm organizing a birthday party for my dad, Clifford Farm, who will turn 80 on June 9<sup>th</sup> and his older brother Marion, who turns 82 a few days later. The Flight Deck has been reserved from 2-5pm on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the manager has given permission for a mini car show. We'll have 20-30 guests for the party which leaves half the restaurant and the lounge open for others to join us.

My dad grew up racing and he's owned several Muscle Cars back in the day, including a Road Runner he bought right out of the Navy. He moved on to others after he blew the block!

My uncle Marion is a spicy old man who also enjoys racing and is a huge part of the Keizer Elks.

I'd love to surprise them by having some classic cars come out to help us celebrate! If any of your members would be willing to bring their cars out and show them off a bit I would be forever grateful.

Thank you so very much for considering joining us and bringing your car out. - Cassie Farm 503-569-2938

This request has been edited for content and it should go without saying that food and/or beverages would be at your expense if you decide to drop by for dinner, drinks, or both. – Garry Pullen

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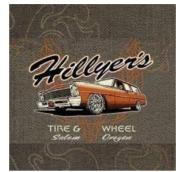


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### Editor's Note:

The goal is to have the newsletter out by Sunday prior to the club monthly membership meeting. Please submit any articles or photos to <u>wvsrhq@gmail.com</u> 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