



MEETINGS

Club Meeting – 5/6
7:00 PM – All Welcome
Pietro's Pizza in Salem
6:00 PM Food & Conversation

Officer Meeting 5/27
6:00 PM – Members Only
All Good Things - Aumsville

Celebrating the Heart of Car Clubs: Moms and Wives

In the world of car clubs — where horsepower, chrome, and late-night garage sessions reign supreme — there's an often-unsung group that keeps everything running smoothly: the moms and wives. These incredible women bring a unique energy, support, and spirit that deserve our recognition and appreciation.

Whether they're behind the scenes organizing events, cheering at shows, helping polish the rides, or simply being a listening ear after a frustrating engine rebuild, moms and wives are the steady hands and open hearts that lift up the entire club. Their patience, encouragement, and genuine pride in our passions fuel more than just our cars — they fuel our dreams.

Car culture is about community, pride, and tradition. Without the women who stand beside us (and sometimes wrench alongside us), that culture wouldn't be nearly as rich. Their love adds a layer of meaning to every cruise, every burnout competition, and every Sunday spent under the hood.

So here's to the moms and wives of car clubs everywhere: Thank you for your strength, your kindness, and your unshakable belief in us. You're the real MVPs of the road.



MAY COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Bill Watson, Michele Coffey, Bill Kesselring, Harry Knorr

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

Cherry Blossom Poker Run



It turned out to be a beautiful day for a roughly 60 mile cruise around the Willamette Valley making the 96th annual poker run a definite hit. I'm guessing there were over 100 cars with drivers and passengers purchasing 310 cards, raising \$162 and 177 lbs. of food for Marion-Polk Food Share



and over \$1,500 for a local charity. Personally, I haven't gone from dejected to excited in such a short period of time as when I pulled a deuce on my first draw then a second and a third at the next two stops, however, 3 of a kind was well short of a winning hand. Some new stops on this year's route plus old fan favorite Willamette Pie Co., the Marionberry pie was delicious!





We lost one of our club founding fathers on April 28th. John Woods passed away after a lengthy illness. You may remember seeing John and Bev cruising around in their beautiful '32 Ford Woody.

Please keep Bev and their son Larry in your thoughts.

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- 2 Darrell Herron
 - 3 Pam Gulley, Marv Shetler,
Lennie Wheeler
 - 4 Don Rogers
 - 8 Daniel Shaha
 - 9 Donelle Flammang
 - 13 Suzanne Watson
 - 15 Bill Brown, Harry Knorr
 - 18 Greg White
 - 19 Michele Coffey
 - 22 Steve Fathke
 - 24 Isabella Wallin
 - 25 Bruce Boswell
 - 27 Niki Ticen
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Car club culture is the real deal. We all share a love for the hobby, and there's nothing better than getting together, cruising around, and showing off our passion. Another great part of the culture is how we help each other out with projects. Finding and sharing unique pieces from the past is something special — when a friend passes along something they know you'll appreciate, it's a win for both sides. Check out this awesome pin that was gifted from one street rodder to another!

Oregon and other states issued these badges as a way to distinguish licensed chauffeurs from unlicensed drivers and were a visual confirmation of their professional status.



WVSR MEET A SPONSER-----and member!



Meet Matt McCurry, owner/operator of SCA Detailing, located at 1330 Hall St. NE in Salem. Matt has been a club member since 2022 and has always supported the club and our own Carousel Cruise. Thank you, Matt! He started out doing all types of automotive work but found his passion with detailing and decided to focus on that field. Starting out in an old Dodge Caravan doing mobile detail jobs and lots of training, he grew a large enough customer base to get into his own shop. SCA specializes in paint correction, paint protection and self-healing coatings. Cars, trucks or motorcycles, they will get it looking great! Matt also has a few cars that are worth checking out. He owns a 77 and 78 Datsun 280Z, a 78 Datsun 810 wagon and a 64 Pontiac Catalina 2+2, all lightly modified!!! If you see Matt at club functions, say hello and a quick thanks for supporting Willamette Valley Street Rods and the Carousel Cruise!



This marks the 40th year of the Relay for Life. It's hard to believe one man after surviving cancer told himself if I can survive cancer I can walk for 24 hours and that's how it all started. What's even harder to believe is I have been doing this for 21 years, It's near and dear to my heart and even at 60 years of age I'm still out there walking rain or shine.



If you'd like me to decorate a bag for someone special, just let me know! I'll personalize the bag with the name of a loved one—whether in memory of someone or in honor of someone still living. Feel free to add a photo, share their favorite things, or tell me a funny or touching story about them. I'll use that information to create a one-of-a-kind bag in their honor. Donations gladly accepted or come out and join me on May 31, 2025, at Independence Waterfront Park! I'll have markers, tape, glue, and all kinds of supplies for you to decorate a bag yourself.

Please let me know if you plan on bringing a car to display in honor of a loved one. Come anytime the 31st or the 1st just keep in mind 10am to 3pm is judging for fun of the little car show. There are lots of other things going on as well and Independence is a wonderful little town to walk around. They even have the pink house café!

Be safe on the road my friends and be healthy in life. Contact us, James and Nataliaia, @ 503-717-2084 and leave a message or email jss.jr@aol.com

Submitted by: James Sorrels Jr.



Jesse Greene - In the Hospital

Don Flamming - Knee surgery

Jim Walz - Shoulder surgery (Please don't pat him on the back just wish him well)

Russ Strohmeyer - Eye Surgery

Ready 2 Rumble

Walt Wagoner, Michael Prowell, Mel Myers, and Chuck Drake displayed their hot rods at a regional gymnastics meet. Walk mentioned at our last club meeting, The meet had a hot rod theme, where the best gymnasts from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii competed.



2008 Chevrolet Impala LS Clean title Cold a/c, everything works, new tires. Tire monitor light is on. Needs reset, Will need new plates, Asking \$4195, obo cash. Thanks for looking. Additional pictures available, Contact Jim Gulley for any info 503-962-9157 or grn64gto@msn.com



Jim also has roughly 80 Dealer Brochures, Owners Guides, etc. for sale individually \$10-15 ea. or make an offer for the whole lot. Check w/Jim for specific vehicles.

AVANTI, FORD, CHEVROLET, BUICK, OLDS, PONTIAC, PLYMOUTH, CHRYSLER, IMPERIAL, DESOTO, & DODGE.



1929 Ford Woody Wagon
Mint condition
Contact Tom Hinckley
541-979-7576 for information



2008 Ford Mustang GT/CS Convertible
4.6L V8 5 speed w/only 56k miles
\$18,000 See Ron Smith for more info
RePlusRon@me.com or 503-931-7879



Birthday girl Donnelle Flamming was gifted a new greenhouse by her husband Don, however, with one simple suggestion Don turned it into a HOT ROD greenhouse! Check out the awning!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

May

10: 12th annual Cascade High School Car Show, Turner OR [Flyer](#)

10: Emerald Empire Chevy Swap Meet, Coburg OR [More Info Email](#)

10: PTW Spring Classic, South East Portland, OR. [Website](#) 16-18: Oregon Trail Rally, Various Locations [Website](#)

16: Linn County Lamb & Wool *Car Show & Sat. Fun Run*, Scio OR [Website](#)

17: S.T.E.A.M.'d Up for kids Powerland Heritage Park 9am-4pm \$1017: Road Knights Car Club 28th Annual Jim Dandy Cruise-In, NE Portland [More Info Email](#)

30-31: Function 4 Junction downtown Junction City noon-9pm & 8am-9pm. [Website](#)

[31: 24Hr Relay for Life at Independence Front Park Contact James Sorrels](#)



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THE CHAMP FAMILY

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

WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS

