



MEETINGS

Club Meeting – 8/5
7:00 PM – All Welcome
Pietro's Pizza in Salem
6:00 PM Food & Conversation

Officer Meeting 8/26
6:00 PM – Members Only
All Good Things - Aumsville

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Cruising Through Summer: The Joy of Classic Cars in the Sunshine

There's nothing quite like summer when you're behind the wheel of a classic car. As the sun stretches its golden rays across winding roads and small-town main streets, vintage rides come alive—not just as machines, but as memories in motion. Whether it's a chrome-drenched '57 Chevy, a Mustang with a rumbling V8, or a weathered pickup with stories etched into its paint, classic cars embody the spirit of freedom and nostalgia.

Summer offers the perfect backdrop: weekend car shows, early morning coffee cruises, or spontaneous evening drives as the sun sets in the rearview mirror. Windows down, music up, and the warm breeze rolling through, the experience connects drivers to a time when the journey was just as important as the destination.

For many, it's not just about the cars—it's about the community. Gathering with fellow enthusiasts, swapping stories, and showing off years of hard work restoring a dream ride adds richness to the season. It's a celebration of craftsmanship, tradition, and pure automotive joy.

Now we turn towards hosting our very own Carousel Cruise bringing automotive hobbyists together for one of the best shows in the valley. To make it the best we, as a club, band together to provide a unique, interesting, and fun event in an effort to raise funds to support local charities. See you there!



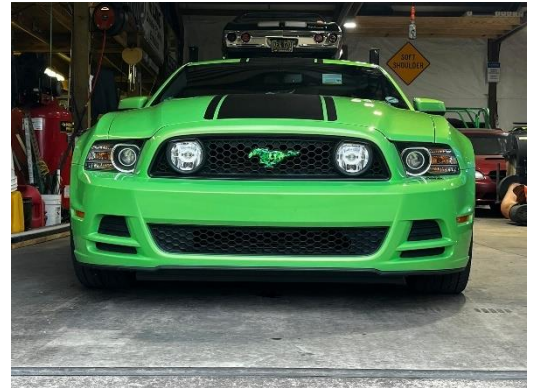
AUGUST COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Bobette Prowell, Donelle Flammang, Sharon Munz, Gloria Blair

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



**Michele Coffey receiving an
award at the Kruise to Klamath!
Way to go Michele, Slimer is
looking good, well deserved!**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 KATHY SCHUETTE
- 2 NANCY BOEHMER
- 3 SHANDY MILLER, DOUG WELLMAN
- 6 RICH WRIGHT
- 8 JANET DARCY
- 9 MARGIE STROHMEYER
- 10 DANNY JOHNSTON
- 13 DON SToudenMEYER
- 14 JUDY BASZNIAK
- 15 JAQUE WALKER
- 16 PEGGY GREENE
- 18 LARRY GEMMA
- 21 JASON WERTH, FRANK GRUELLE
- 24 DOUG HERSCHBACH
- 26 JESSY ROLFNESS
- 27 CLARENCE GIMBY
- 29 MICHELLE BENNETT, DON ERICKSON





WVSR ANGELS CHAPTER

Word came through the grapevine that original member Doug Daggett has joined the heavenly Street Rodding crew recently. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

GEAR DELIVERY AT THE AUGUST MEETING – IF YOU PURCHASED WVSR LOGO APPAREL WE'LL HAVE IT AT THE AUGUST CLUB MEETING UNLESS YOU'VE MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH GARRY PULLEN. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR GEAR AT THE CAROUSEL CRUISE AND REPRESENT WVSR AS A PROUD MEMBER.



Everyone is healthy please hope and pray that it stays that way!

19th Annual Knights of Columbus Car Show



It was a perfect day for the show. Cars started arriving early to find that perfect spot to park at this long-standing event. While a little warm, we all enjoyed the great 'TUNES' provided by Russ! Special THANKS to Jamie Herschback for baking such wonderful COOKIES!



Submitted by:
Bob Repine



FLASHBACK CRUISE – Pat Coffey sent some photos from Prineville for us to enjoy.



July 12, the Leek family presented a memorial car show in honor of Larry Leek. Larry was a collector of many unusual and orphan cars, old trucks and many vintage motorcycles. Many of the collection were on display. The Leek family provided a free lunch of hot dogs, beans, potato salad and home made cookies for who attended. There were raffle prizes and trophies. was an enjoyable beautiful sunny day.



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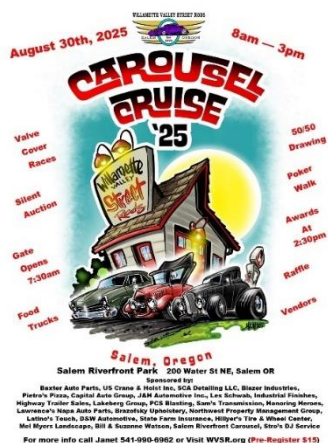
Submitted by...John Stanton



NW ROD & CUSTOM SHOW

It was a beautiful day for a cruise to Riverside Park in Independence for a meet up of some stunning classics. Who knew it would also be the last car show we'd be taking our Suburban to as another participant decided it was the perfect addition to their stable. Around 100 cars and trucks made an appearance and WWSR, once again, brings home the participation trophy. Check out the pics I captured. Submitted by Garry Pullen





August is the last meeting to bring in donations for Raffle prizes and silent auction items. If you want your vehicle judged at the show, August 15th is the last day to pre-register for \$15. Some pre-registration forms will be available at the meeting or you can go online <http://carshowtoolbox.com/wvsr-carousel-cruise>. Final meeting for carousel cruise will be announced once we get set with the city. All volunteers need to be at Riverfront Park at 6am the day of the cruise, August 30th to get everything set up and ready to go. Gates open at 7:30am and the show starts at 8am. Bring extra shoes and socks just in case they forget to turn the sprinkler off the night before, like last year! We will have the volunteer signup sheet at the August club meeting for any last-minute volunteers.

Thank you - Janet and Tony Darcy



24th Annual Brent Strohmeier Memorial Car Show

It was a beautiful day to be on the green grass in Sublimity for this spectacular annual event. Russ, Margie, and all their volunteers put on a great show once again. A little shy of 300 registered cars participated from all over the PNW. The best



See you at the next one... Garry Pullen

parwas chatting with all the WVSR members as the Mrs. and I wandered around and took pictures before stepping in to sell a few T-shirts to raise funds for the Brent Strohmeier Scholarship Foundation. Here are some of the photos I took, and one I borrowed!





UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 2: 13th Annual Prison Break Poker Run** All makes and models welcome. More info [HERE](#)
2: Silverton Flywheels Homer Days 2025 in Downtown Silverton 9am-3pm \$20 reg. [Flyer](#)
2: Rides For A Reason Car Show 2315 Villa Rd. Newberg at 9am. \$30
2-3: Great Oregon Steam Up 2nd weekend @ Powerland Heritage Park
3: Speed's Annual Classics & Customs Auction, Hillsboro OR [Website](#)
3: Happy Days Cruise-In, Gladstone OR [Email](#)
3: Minty & T Too Memorial Car Show, Stayton OR, 9am-2pm \$20 [FB page](#)
5-10: Hot August Nights, Reno, NV [Website](#)
9: Columbia City Celebration Show & Shine, Columbia City OR, [FB Event Page](#)
9: CAMC SK Car Show, Brooks OR [Website](#)
9: Cruise the Gorge, The Dalles, OR [Website](#)
9: Lebanon Downtown Classic Car Show 11am-4pm [Website](#)
11: 53rd Annual All Ford Picnic, Champoeg State Park [Website](#)
16: Capitol Cruise In 5-9PM @ DAS Green Lot on Marion St. Downtown Salem. FREE EVENT
16: Lyons Firefighters Car Show, Lyons OR [Website](#)
16: 14th Annual Central Lions Club Cruise-In, Independence OR [Website](#)
17: Classic Rides Car Club 19th Annual Cruise In, Portland OR
17-18: Summer Finally Got Here Concert & Classic Car Show, Colton OR,
17: 28th Annual Untouchables Car Show Kalama WA
23: Cutsforth's Cruise In 9am-2pm Canby OR [Website](#)
22: Show & Shine Car Meet @ Country Meadows Village in Woodburn 10am-1pm Fee lunch.
23: Willamette Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club Car Show, Albany OR [Flyer](#)
23: Cruising McMinnville, McMinnville OR, [Website](#)
30: WVSRCarousel Cruise Salem OR, [FLYER](#)
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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

WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS

