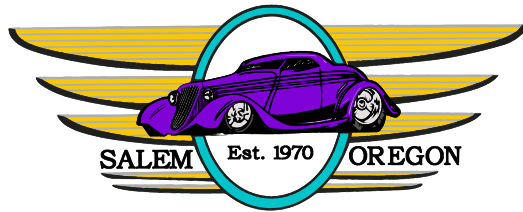




WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



MEETINGS

Club Meeting – 9/2
7:00 PM – All Welcome
Pietro's Pizza in Salem
6:00 PM Food & Conversation

Officer Meeting 9/30
6:00 PM – Members Only
All Good Things - Aumsville

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Happy Labor Day

Labor Day is a time to honor the hard work and dedication of American workers, and in many ways, street rodding reflects that same spirit. Just as generations of laborers have built our nation with skill and determination, street rodders pour countless hours into restoring, and customizing their cars. The creativity, craftsmanship, and pride that go into every hot rod mirror the values Labor Day celebrates: perseverance, ingenuity, and the satisfaction of building something lasting. For many enthusiasts, cruising their street rods to the Carousel Cruise on Labor Day weekend is not just a pastime but a tribute to the work ethic and passion that drive both the holiday and the hobby.

At the same time, the holiday marks the unofficial end of summer, making those last warm-weather cruises and car gatherings especially meaningful. Soon enough our street rods will be put away for the winter whether stored out of the harsh weather or carefully taken apart for repairs, modifications, or upgrades, at least here in the NW. In other parts of the nation car season is ramping up as Labor Day signals the end of the extreme heat. I know some of our members will be enjoying year-round car season and hopefully those that do will share with those of us enduring the gray skies and rain.

Where ever you are and what ever you're doing, Happy Labor Day!



SEPTEMBER COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Jim Gulley, James Sorrels, Don Avance, & Larry Gemma

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 JACK CARRIGER
- 4 LAREN SRB
- 5 JAMIN TAVERNE
- 6 JOHN PALMER
- 8 JOHN GIMBY
MIKE, HACKETT
- 9 MATT MCCURRY
CHERYL SCOTT
- 11 WALT WAGNER
MARLA BURGESS
- 12 JIM GULLEY
ALICIA PULLEN
- 13 JAMES REITH
DEE CHANDLER
- 14 WAYNE COFFMAN
- 15 ADRIANA FISHER
- 17 BILL KESSELRING
- 20 DEAN MOORE
- 23 ROD BEACH
- 25 BRENDA CARLIN
- 30 NATALIA SORRELS



Minty & T Too 3rd of 7 Annual Car Show

What a perfect day for a car show. It wasn't too hot nor too cool, well except for the cars and people that were there! 139 registered cars filled the lot and it seemed like a whole lot more were there. What I like about this show is the unique dash plaque, some very unique raffle prizes, and great food. Runaway Kitchen makes the best smashburger, the Pizza was really good and I heard the crepes from the sweets tent were yummy too. Here are a few that I caught in the camera lens that day!





We brought home a few flowers after getting our number pulled for the raffle prizes along with some new shelf jewelry...Submitted by Garry Pullen

Meet a Member & Carousel Cruise Sponsor – Tim & Stephanie Brazofsky

Tim and Stephanie live in Salem and have been members since 2021. Tim served as Vice President in 2023 and he and Stephanie ran the 2024 Carousel Cruise! They have a little shop in Stayton, Brazofsky Upholstery, where they are working their magic doing an awesome job on custom interiors and repairs, just ask Russ! They also keep a little 1931 Ford Model A pick-up that is customized from front to back and top to bottom, powered by a 1957 Dodge 325 Hemi backed by a T10- 4 speed that delivers the power to the ground through a Jaguar rear end. They also have this beautiful 1957 Ford Country Sedan Wagon. This baby is a survivor, all original except for being lowered and new wheels and tires. The ol' 292 V8 still gets her down the road like a boss.

So, if you need some custom interior work done, or just want to have some great conversation, stop by the shop sometime and say hello. Tim And Stephanie are truly great people with an awesome attitude!!!



I am leading up Homecoming at Sprague High School September 19th and have a few Cars to drive kids around the track who are on homecoming court at halftime. We are looking for 7 more cars and hoping some in your group might be interested! Preferably convertibles or something the kids can just sit in the back and be visible in.

Thank you
Shannon Knapp [Contact email](#)

S-K Car Show

Out in Brooks at the NW Car & Motorcycle Museum CAMC held their annual show. It was a warm sunny day making paint shine and chrome sparkle.



When you raise your kid around classic cars and they see some cool cars at a Red Arrows Air Show in Wales England while stationed there they send you pictures. Enjoy a few classics from across the pond.



Photos by:
Sheena Watts

Submitted by:
Garry Pullen



WVSR ANGEL CHAPTER

Sadly, Dale Wheeler passed away on Sunday, August 17.



years.

Dale was the first president of the Willamette Valley Street Rods and was instrumental in the formation our club. Even before the club was officially formed, he presided at all our meetings. Dale was a true car guy. He always had cool rides, an SS Chevelle, a few Camaros, tri-5s, Vettes, but mostly 1932 Fords. He had his roadster and sedan for over 50



Dale was married to his wife Lennie for over 60 years. They raised two fine boys, had several grand kids and a few great grand kids. During his working days, he worked for West Grocery which is now Winco. In the mid-seventies, he and Lennie built a house near Shaw and later another house near Tucson, AZ. They often spent summers here and winters there with a couple hot rods at each place so they always had a ride. One of Dale's cars will be on the back of the Carousel Cruise T-shirt so be sure to pick one up to remember him by.



Dale and Lennie have been wonderful friends for well over 50 years. I treasure the memories of the times we had together. I felt honored that he called me a couple days before he passed to say Good-bye. Rest in peace, my friend.....John Stanton

Guess what time it is – it's officer nomination time! Some of our current officers and chairs have indicated they will be stepping down so please consider filling a vacancy. If you aren't sure what needs to be done or how, an officer handbook is available on the member page or you can request a copy via [email](#).

Per our bylaws:

Section 7.09 Officers shall serve a term of one year with no limit on terms of service.

Section 7.10 Nominations of officers shall be made during the September and October member meetings. Members may decline nominations.

Section 7.11 Elections of new officers shall take place during the November member meeting to be installed January 1st.

Departing officers may be requested to act in an advisory capacity for the first officer meeting during the transition.

Voting may be done by secret ballot when a position is sought by more than one member.

See the "2025 Contact Information" table further below for a list of officers and chairs.

Albany Art & Air Festival Car Show

It was a hot one – literally - near 100 degrees that Saturday so it's a good thing there was some shade. The heat likely kept a few people from attending yet a good variety of cars and trucks came out for this half day show.



By: Garry Pullen



Meet a member – Part 2

Meet members Greg and Marty White who joined the club 2 years ago. Greg was a 7th generation farmer and finished off driving truck before he retired. You know he knows how to work with a past like that!!! Back in 2016, they were lucky enough to find this 1933 Plymouth conv. coupe! This beauty is all original with the exception of added turn signals! This car has been across the country and back and has the badging to show.



This was also the exact car former First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt drove back in the day! Some cool history and a very cool car. By the way, I was told this is Marty's Car and she loves it! If you get the chance, sit down and get to know these people. They are a great addition to our club.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

6: Antiques in the Streets Classic Car Show 8-4 Downtown Albany [Website](#)

6: 41st Annual High Desert Swap Meet & Show Redmond OR, [Website](#) • [Facebook](#)

6-7: Rod Run to the End of the World, Long Beach, WA [Website](#)

13: Tangent Harvest Festival Timeless Cruise-In 9-4 \$20 Tangent OR [Flyer](#)

20: 50's In The Fall, River Park, Lebanon OR, Entry Fee 25 [flyer](#)

27: Heritage Auto Show @ Powerland Heritage Park in Brooks 8am-3pm

28: Jordan Chicken Run 39043 Jordan Rd Scio, OR Free Event

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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

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