



2025 President's Message

As I look back on the 15 years as President of WVSR, I think about the members who are no longer with us, as friends lost, yet I'm so fortunate to have made so many new friends along the way that share the same passion for hot rods. We should all be proud of what WVSR has become as the premier car club in the Willamette valley. We have supported so many great charities like Family Building Blocks and Honoring Heroes, helped students achieve higher education through college scholarships, supporting the Speedster Program at the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum and many more worthwhile projects.

I would like to thank the members who have served as officers alongside me and the committee chairs who have kept you informed, entertained and provided support. For a club to be truly successful, it takes the entire membership to be willing to step forward and volunteer to serve and help with many committees in our club. In the past, it has been challenging to find members willing to do that at our annual elections. I am very pleased that so many of you stepped up for this year's elections. I wish the new officers the very best at continuing the legacy of WVSR. I am very proud to have served as President of the Willamette Valley Street Rods for all these years.

I wish you all the very best Holiday Season with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Russ Strohmeier

2026 Presidents Message

As 2026 approaches, WVSR will be set for a new course, of sorts. I've spent the last three years getting to know members and their cars and have enjoyed every minute of it! I'm now poised to be the club president and looking forward to the challenge. I hope to bring some energy to the club, as I'm full of it, as well as bringing back some of the old traditions that have been talked about so much. I'm excited to start this new journey with the WVSR family and hope my leadership skills will be worthy of YOUR vote! As I've always said, no members, no club. Without all of us working together, things won't flow! We're all here for a common goal, cars and giving to the needy. Life is too short not to enjoy it so let's make 2026 a great year for the club and help it grow for the future.

I would also like to extend a huge Thank You to Russ Strohmeyer for leading the club for basically 15 years! That's a lot of dedication and commitment that commends the utmost respect. The time and effort he has put into the club is well appreciated and will be remembered. Thank you, Russ.

2026 WVSR Club President - Tony Darcy



DECEMBER COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Russ Strohmeyer, Matt Reed, Jay Miller, Cindy Smith

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 JIM WALZ
- 6 BUTCH RAMSDELL
- 7 GLEN BOND, TROY SKINNER
- 8 KELLY SMOTHERS
- 11 RUSS STROHMEYER
- 13 JOANNA MONTGOMERY, RON PADEN
- 16 RHONDA TAYLOR
- 19 TERRY FRISTAD
- 22 GARY STAFFORD
- 23 PAUL PFNISTER
- 25 MATT REED
- 29 CYNTHIA BARTHULY, DEE FARRIER
- 31 SHAWN HARWOOD



Welcome 2026 Officers!

We heard short speeches from all the WVSR officer candidates before election voting and the results are in! Congratulations to the 2026 WVSR Officers.

President:	Tony Darcy
Vice President:	Don Flamming
Secretary:	Laurie Coe
Treasurer:	Michele Coffey
Membership Chair:	Janet Darcy
Communication Director:	Wendi McNitt
Member at Large:	Mel Meyers

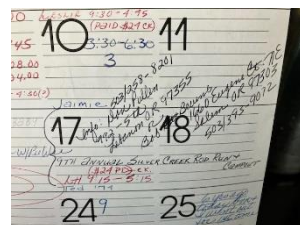
There are still opportunities to step up and be involved in the club...

Social director	Cruise master
Newsletter Editor	Website
Member Care	Facebook

We look forward to a new year with a new look!



Whoa!!! So, I have 51 years of annual calendars representing each year that Don and I have been married. Crazy, huh? Well! Don and I were asking each other when it was that we went to that Silverton car club campout and I found it! Looks like Garry's dad was in charge of it!! This was our first experience with WVSR when we moved here in 1979. Our daughter Jen was four years old and our eldest son was two. We had a Chevy van that carried our 1935 Chevy truck project from Iowa to Oregon. Don got quite a way on his work with



the truck and we wanted to join the club but work and family took over at that point. Instead, we bartered the truck away. We recently found it and got it back a couple years ago after having to prove that it was ours. Don even has a picture of me sitting on the running board with one of the babies somewhere. The truck is up in the arena and is almost done!

Submitted by: Donelle Flamming



WVSR Heavenly Hot Rodders Chapter gets a new member.



I'm sorry to report that we just lost another founding father of the Willamette Valley Street Rods. Sunday, November 16, Gary Farrier passed away. Gary had been living in an assisted living facility for some time and recently had hospice care.

Gary was a real hot rod guy. Earlier, he had several 1932 Fords. In fact, he had a 32 Victoria when I met him in about 1969. After that he had a 1927 Ford touring car, a 1927 T sedan, a 1942 Ford coupe, and a couple of 1948 Ford pickups.



Gary was a founding father of the WVSR and served as an officer in several positions. Gary and Dee Farrier were married for about 60 years and had a son and a daughter. Dee is still an active WVSR member. It is always sad to lose a friend, especially one that has been there for over 50 years. Gary was almost 82 years old. Rest in peace, my friend.

Submitted by John Stanton

Family Building Blocks Donation Drive!

We only have one club meeting to bring donations for:



Please bring your donations (Clothes, non-battery toys, books, or cash) to the December club meeting. We'll deliver all donations on December 3rd leaving from the Big Lots parking lot on Lancaster Dr. NE at 10:30am. We'll fill a few hot rods full of toys, deliver our gifts by driving to the other end of the parking lot, then we'll go for brunch at The Original Pancake House together. Hope you can join us. It's such a fun time to see the kids in the Family Building Blocks program...



Submitted by Vicki Champ

A Word, or two, from the Editor...

Over the last fifteen years I've donated time and energy into WFSR, whether it was for the Website, as VP, Carousel Cruise Director, or Newsletter Editor for 2024 & 2025 I've enjoyed helping where I could. I'm taking this pause to provide others the opportunity to contribute and share in the satisfaction of giving back. Unless someone takes it on, this will be the last edition of the WFSR Newsletter and I truly hope you've enjoyed my version.

...by Garry Pullen

UPCOMING EVENTS

December:

6: Toys For Joy Santa Cruise at Stayton Fire Dept. 8-11am [Website](#)

6-7, 12-14, & 19-21: Holiday Sparkles Drive Through at Powerland Heritage Park

January:

17-18: Winter Rod & Speed Show @ Albany Expo Center. Visit [Website](#) for more info.



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