

WVSR wishes you....

# Happy New Year!

Next Club meeting: Jan. 6

Pietro's Pizza in Salem

Club meeting 7:00 p.m. All Welcome  
Food & Conversation 6 p.m.

Next Officer Meeting: Jan. 27

6:00 p.m. *New Location:* Garibaldi  
Restaurant, 1151 Lancaster, Salem

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## *President's Message*

Welcome to WVSR 2026! As we step into the new year, there is always that time when you're wondering how this year will go?? Myself and the board members are hoping to make it a memorable one. Change can be good or bad, depending on how it's viewed by each person. With that said, every person has their own opinions and views on how things should be and we want to hear your opinions. As the President of the club, I feel it's my job to mediate and look out for the best interest of the members and the club. As I've said many times, no members, no club. You, we, all of us are the club, and I encourage you to speak up and share your opinions. We have a lot planned for 2026 and will share everything during the January meeting. I would encourage everyone to make it to the meeting so we can get some things voted on and start moving forward. I've got some big shoes to fill and will do my best to represent WVSR and the members to the best of my ability. I'm looking forward to spending the year with all of the wonderful club members we have and making great memories together.

Thank You, Tony Darcy





# WVSR Christmas Dinner

It was an evening of shared holiday cheer among the friends, family and rodders of the WVSR Club. Approximately 70 club members sat down for a chicken or roast beef dinner as Sharon Munz and Russ Strohmeier presided over the festivities.



This year the homemade Christmas display had three participants: Janet Darcy with a cast iron skillet made from car parts, Donnelle Flammang, with a make-up mirror, and Charlie Wulfers who made a blinking Santa in Space Sleigh and Reindeer from Volkswagen parts.

It was a good night for the Pullens. Alecia had the best guess as to the number of M&M's, but so did Cindy Smith. Alecia and Cindy both guessed 610 M&M's (the actual number of M&M's was 614). Rather than dumping the jar of M&M's on the table and counting out 307 M&M's, Alecia took the jar of M&M's and Cindy received \$5. Lost in all the M&M excitement was Garry Pullen winning \$106 from the 50/50 raffle.



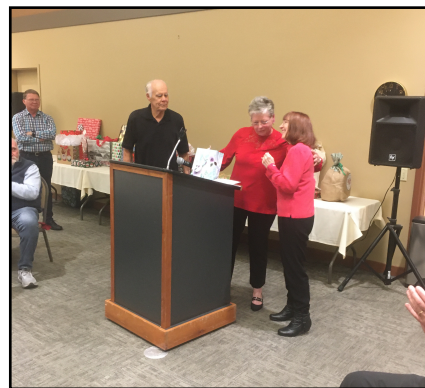
Sharon offered a very nice tribute to John and Connie Stanton for their support of the hot rod community, contributions to the club and friendship to all. Sharon noted that John was a founding member of Willamette Valley Street Rods in 1971. (John was also a founding member of the Willamette Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club.)



John has a birthday coming up, so let's all wish him a happy birthday.

The wrap on the evening came with the traditional gift exchange followed by parting gifts for Sharon and Russ. After organizing the Christmas Dinner for several years, Sharon is leaving her post as organizer of Social events for the club.

Both recieved enthusiastic applause for their efforts for WVSR.



## January Cookie Suppliers

Carolyn Walz   Jack Carriger   Rick Naranen   Bobette Prowell

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

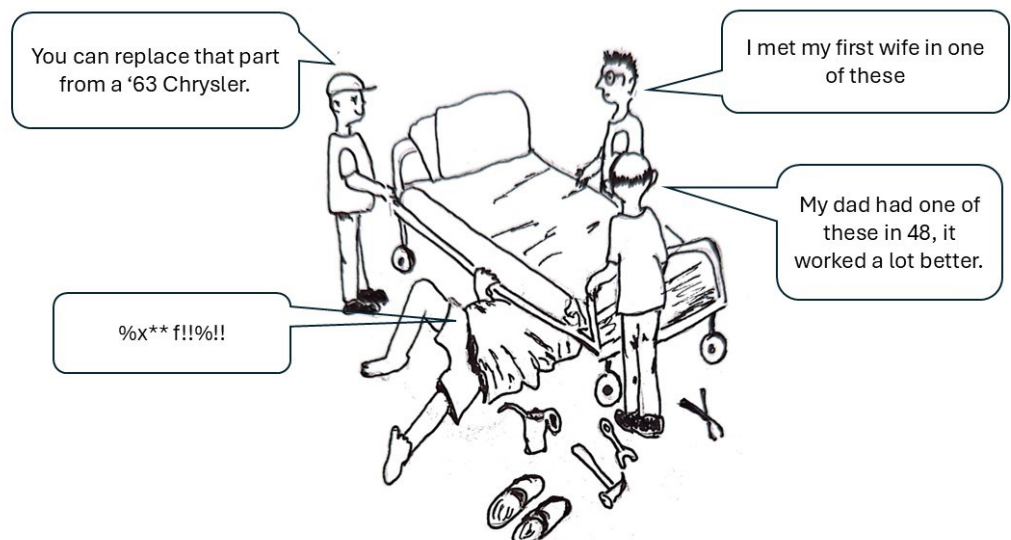


# January Birthdays

5	Fran Gemma	21	Michael Estes Ray Hunt Nick Hoosier
6	Brian Taylor	24	Andrea Smothers
8	Geronimo Warrern	26	Nellie Gates Bill Guthridge Phyllis Bond
9	Doug Britton	27	Rick Naranen
16	Nancy Starck James Sorrels	29	Dan Burgess
18	Don Harris	30	John Stanton John Drzal Bruce Barthuly
19	Judith Herschbach		



*Meanwhile, the retirement home birthday boys get to work...*





# Upcoming events, swaps & shows...

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## Winter Rod & Speed Show

### & Winter Swap Meet!

**Presented by Anderson Enterprises**

**January 16-17**

• Friday 6-9 • Saturday 9-6

Meet Joe Morrison

**Linn County Fair & Expo • Albany, OR**

Roadsters • Street Rods • Race Cars • Custom Trucks • Classics



Meet Carly Brogren and see her '39 Lincoln Zephyr



See over 100 Cars inside the main show floor!

**FRIDAY IS KLOO FM NIGHT!**  
BRING A CANNED FOOD ITEM FOR HALF OFF ADMISSION!  
ROCK OUT TO THE BAND THE CRUSH ON THE SHOW FLOOR!

**SATURDAY ALL DAY FUN!**  
GIANT MODEL CAR CONTEST IN THE LOBBY!

One of the Valley's best show and swap meet comes early in the year. The Winter Rod & Speed Show happens January 16 & 17 at the Linn County Fair & Expo in Albany. Check out their flyer, or if you want to know everything about the show, go here → [Winter Rod & Speed Show](#)

**Race Cars • Muscle Cars**

**Street Rods • Motorcycles**

## Mild to Wild Motorsports SWAP-MEET

**SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Salem Fairgrounds • Salem Oregon  
Columbia Hall

Gates open at 8am to 2pm  
Valve Cover Races, Kid & Adult Classes

\$8.00 General Admission  
Children under 12 Free

Breakfast and lunch available

10 X 10 Parts & Service	\$45.00
Car Spaces	\$55.00

Mild to Wild Registration & Info  
Steve Moore  
(541) 990-8087 • (503) 394-3070

**Motorcycles • Street Rods**

**Muscle Cars • Race Cars**

Next up is Salem's Mild to Wild Motorsports Swap Meet at the Fairgrounds. One day only - February 7. Check out the flyer.

Every year, Tim Hay puts together a full list of car shows/events for Salem Auto Club Council. Click on the link below to take you to the 2026 calendar.

[Salem Auto Club Council Calendar](#)





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# Willamette Valley Street Rods – Member Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2025 – 7:00pm

Location: Meeting was held at Pietro's.

Meeting called to order by President. Russ Strohmeier at 7:00pm.

## Officer's Reports

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**President** (Russ Strohmeier): Welcomed all and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Any amendments to the agenda? No.

o Read the President's message from the newsletter, and have enjoyed serving as President over the last 15 years.

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*Introduction of new members/guests:*

**Guests:** Dave Marcroft 1969 Ford Mustang

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**Vice President** (Pat Coffey): Been an officer for 2 years and has enjoyed serving as one. Looking forward to the future.

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**Secretary** (Matthew Reed): Minutes went out. Have enjoyed serving as secretary. Looking forward to next year.

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**Treasurer** (Michele Coffey): Checking \$14,482.24 Savings \$500.14 Total \$14,982.38  
Wrote checks for \$6,000 to Family Building Blocks and \$4,000 to Honoring Heroes. Money will be going to Marion Polk Food Share. Toys for Joy will be around \$3,000.

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**Membership** (Jim Walz): 11 life 127 paid 138 total. Dues are due (\$30) by end of January.

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**Member at Large** (Mel Meyers): Thanks Russ for serving as President all these years.

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**Communications Director** (Vicki Champ): (Absent) Newsletter is out. If you are not receiving emails or the newsletter, please let Vicki know.

## Committee Reports

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**Newsletter** (Garry Pullen): Newsletter is out. [wvsrhq@gmail.com](mailto:wvsrhq@gmail.com). This was the final edition of the newsletter from Garry Pullen. Need someone to pick up doing the newsletter.

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**Website/Facebook** (Garry Pullen/ James/ Janet Darcy): Website is [wvsr.org](http://wvsr.org). Looking at using [info@wvsr.org](mailto:info@wvsr.org) as email. Changes are coming to the website in the coming year. Facebook is good. If you have any projects going on this winter, let Tony and Janet know. Also, they are willing to help members sell their cars on Facebook.

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**SACC Report** (Vicki Champ): On Hiatus until Januar

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**Cruise Master** (Matt Reed):

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Hope all enjoyed the cruises this year.

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James will be leading a group on Saturday, December 13, 2025 through the Holiday Sparkle at Powerland. Meet up is at Harbor Freight around 6:00pm.

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**Events:**

December 6- Santa Cruise

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December 20- WVSR Christmas Party

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January 16-17- Winter Rod and Speed Show and Swap Meet

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February 7- Mild 2 Wild Swap Meet

**Activities and swap-meets posted on the club's web-site ([www.wvsr.org](http://www.wvsr.org)), and listed on the SACC**

**web-site: [www.cruzzers.org](http://www.cruzzers.org).**

- **Social** (Sharon): The Christmas party will be at Roths on December 20th. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. It will be your choice of turkey or prime rib. There will be an ornament contest, ugliest XMAS sweater contest, and an M&M Jar count guess. It will be lots of fun!!

- **Member Care** (Laura): Sent 1 card to Dee Ferrier (Gary Founding Member passed)

- **Birthdays** (): Birthdays are listed in the newsletter & on the website.

- **Grants** (Bob Repine): (Absent) Windows have been ordered

- **Carousel Cruise Car Show** (Tony Darcy): Save the date August 29th. Looking at a way to add 50 more cars next year into the amphitheater space. Not much going on until February.

**Special Presentations:** N/A

**Old Business:** Family Building Blocks will be on December 3rd at 10:30am. Meet in the Big Lots Parking Lot.

Bring toys to the next meeting to donate.

**New Business:** None

**Tech Talk:**

- Matt Reed talked about an intermittent miss he had been having with his Ford 460. It ended up being caused by a hot spot where the engine temp sensor is causing the computer to dump more fuel. The issue was caused by a faulty water pump.

**Parts Wanted or for Sale:** Check the website for listings &/or submit items to the website.

- Russ- Have a 68 Shortwide for sale.

- Greg White- 2 oxyacetylene tanks with cutting and welding torch, 1930's radio, 2 sets of trailer lights (1 clamp on and 1 magnet) for sale

- 8 spots open at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum for Storage. \$475 for a car and \$100 for motorcycle for 6 months.

- Harry Knorr- 2005 Dodge Ram red front bumper for sale

- Charlie- 2019 Mercedes 300 convertible with 1,900 miles on it for sale

- **Good of the Order:**

**50/50:**

\$212.00 to Stephanie Brazofsky

\$500.00 went to Terry Folgham. He is going to spend it on a new clutch for his '49. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm for cookies

Next Officer Meeting: January 27, 2026

Galibaldis Restaurant, 6:00pm

Next Member Meeting: Tuesday January 6, 2026, 7pm Pietro's - 6pm Social & Dinner



## 2026 Dues are Due

**Reminder:** Club dues are \$30 and due by the end of January. You can renew for the year at the January 6 meeting. Catch up with Membership Chair Janet Darcy at the meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sublimity Volunteer Firefighters Comfort K-9 Team. Probie and Barney greeted young and old alike at the Department's annual biscuits and gravy breakfast.



Probie, all smiles for the guests at the breakfast



Barney: "My owner did say I was a *comfort dog*"

Editor's note—

In taking over the newsletter for Garry Pullen, I wanted to say Garry did an excellent job on the newsletter, and thank Garry for providing logos, images and advice to help me take over the newsletter. Starting out, you won't see much change in content; there will be some differences in style and presentation, but not much. I look forward to giving it a go... and welcome ideas, submissions and comments from you, the members of the club.

——John Drzal



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