



CRUZ'N NEWS NOVEMBER | 2025

November is a month filled with reflection and gratitude. As autumn leaves fall and the air turns crisp, we pause to honor the brave men and women who served in the military on Veterans Day. Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our freedoms deserve our deepest thanks.



Later in the month, families and friends come together to celebrate Thanksgiving—a time to appreciate the blessings in our lives, both big and small. From the warmth of loved ones to the peace we enjoy because of our veterans' service, November reminds us to be thankful and to carry that spirit of gratitude throughout the year.



I personally want to thank the WVSR members for allowing me to entertain you with photos, stories, information, and good humor for the past two years as the newsletter editor. There will be just one more from me in December and I hope someone will take the torch and run with it into the future. - Garry Pullen





NOVEMBER COOKIE SUPPLIERS

Janet Darcy, Paul Pfnister, Brad Chandler, Lara Baxter-King

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 JEFF FOSTER, CINDY MILLER
4 BRAD CHANDLER
5 MICHAEL PROWELL
6 CHARLIE WULFERS
8 SANDY BEACH, GREG SMITH
9 ELIZABETH REED
10 MELISSA GIMBY
12 DAVE LECOMPTE
14 THERESA PIETZOLD
16 KAYE SMITH
18 BRENT ANDERSON
20 DIANE WELLMAN
22 JENNY PALMQUIST
25 DAVE CARTWRIGHT
26 BRENT ANDERSEN, ANGELA MYERS
30 BARB COFFMAN



Guess what time it is - Officer Election Time!

This is an unprecedented year with two candidates for nearly every position! Your choices are as follows by position:

President:	Tony Darcy / Garry Pullen
Vice President:	Don Flamming / Matt Reed
Secretary:	Laurie Coe / Scott Shearer
Treasurer:	Michele Coffey / Joel Memmott
Membership Chair:	Pat Coffey / Janet Darcy
Communication Director:	Wendi McNitt
Member at Large:	Mel Meyers

Voting, when a position has at least two candidates, is held by secret ballot. As stated in the club bylaws only ONE vote per membership (membership is the applicant and immediate family in the household) and **you must be present to vote.**



“Gifts of memories and love are the basic ingredients of a magical holiday”

Help provide Hope for the Holidays with a gift to Family Building Blocks for the children and families in our community. It has become an annual tradition to collect donated gifts and cash then deliver car loads of

toys and clothes to FBB. It's so much fun to see the children's faces when they see all the toys and clothes, not to mention honking the horn on whatever car Bill Watson brings!

Need some gift ideas of what to shop for? Gift ideas for:

A FBB family

- \$30 WALMART/WINCO/SAFEWAY Gift Card. Parents would like help providing for their families basic needs this year.

A FBB child

- Toys for Children ages 0-5 – Play Kitchen Food or Dishes, Toy Truck/Car, Baby Dolls (all ethnicity), Play Tool Set, Teething Toys/Wrist Rattles, Shape Sorter, Soft Blocks, Legos (Mega or Duplo), Musical Instruments, etc. *please no toys that require the use of batteries
- Board Books (English or Spanish Bilingual) – FBB children's board books will be on display at the Salem Book Bin in downtown Salem beginning November 1.
- Coats – Keep babies and toddlers warm for the winter. Wishes are for winter coats or new hats and gloves for children sizes newborn-6T.

Other ways to help

- Donate by making a check out to Family Building Blocks and drop off at the club meeting.
- Personal Shopper – Donate cash or a check to WVSR with a note “FBB Christmas Gift”. Vicki Champ and her team of elves will find the perfect gifts to donate.

Thank you to all of the club members that are so generous each year. You bring joy and relief to struggling families in need during the holiday season.

Please call, text or [email](#) Vicki Champ with questions.

503.910.5952

Delivery is Wednesday, December 3, leaving Big Lots parking lot on Lancaster Dr. NE at 10:30am. We'll fill a few hot rods full of toys, and deliver them to the FBB facility at the other end of the parking lot.

After that we'll go to breakfast/lunch at The Original Pancake House 4685 Portland Rd NE, as a group. Hope you can join us. It's such a fun time



There are two corrections regarding the October newsletter:

1. Bob Repine sent in a report and photos on the Oktoberfest Car Show. My apologies.
 2. Wendi McNitt took photos at the Heritage Auto Show – not Tony Darcy as stated
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LeMay Collection Road Trip 2

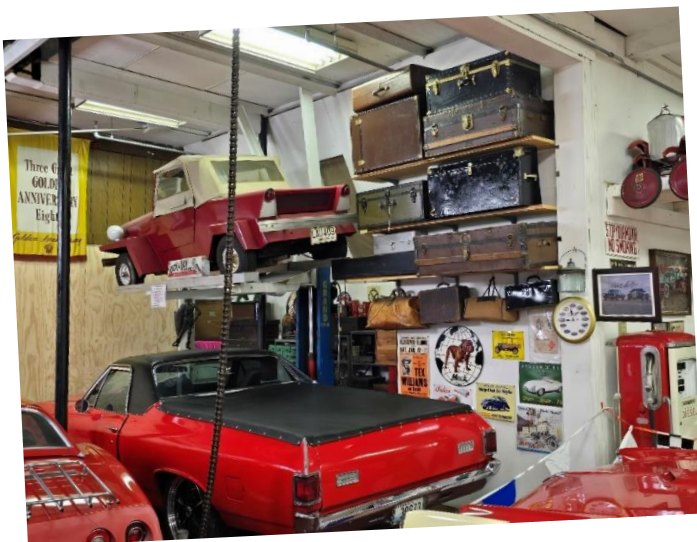
About half of those that made the first trip to Tacoma to see the LeMay collection made a 2nd trip to see the private collection and the school grounds. I found it fascinating that so many cars and motorcycles sit, albeit on display, forever more. If you didn't make the trip is definitely worth the time if you are in the area, up and back in one trip makes for a long day yet we all had a good time. There is plenty to see, and not just vehicles, we saw doll collections, salt & pepper shaker collections, old radio equipment, computers, and even learned a little about what life was like in a military school for boys ran by nuns from 1923-1972. As an added bonus there was good grub and conversation at Stacks, a good burger joint, for lunch and Black Bear for dinner for the 3 stragglers who didn't hot foot it for home.

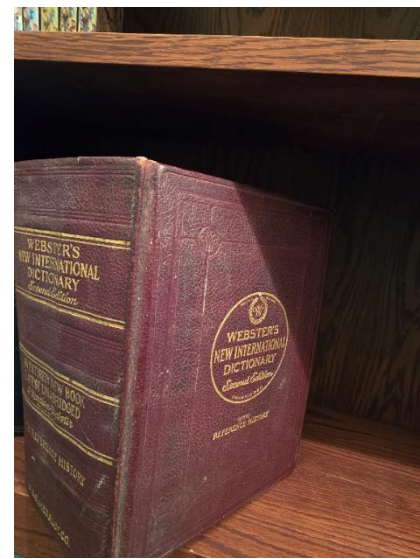
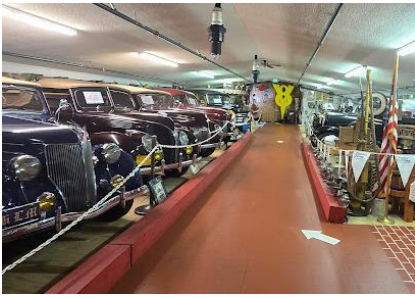


A George Barris build, & dash signed.



Taking yard art to a new level! There's a truck in there somewhere





Handmade stained glass from Italy custom made to fit the opening and it's about an inch thick!

The thickest dictionary I've ever seen.



Other opportunities to step up and be involved in the club...

Social director
Newsletter Editor

Cruise master
Website

Member Care
Facebook

2025 Carousel Cruise Volunteer Thank You Lunch

Around 30-35 WVSR members who volunteered at the 2025 Carousel Cruise met at the NW Car & Motorcycle Museum in Brooks for a thank you lunch. Hosted by Carousel Cruise Directors Tony & Janet Darcy, it was a Fiesta!! Tony said "We had a great time, a little raffle, good friends, good food and lots of good ol B.S!!!!!!".

Thank you, Tony and Janet, for putting together such a wonderful afternoon.



Things you see when on a little trip to S. California. By Garry Pullen



We even saw wildlife in its native habitat, but I was having too good a time to snap a photo of us with fellow WVSR members Ray Agen & Laurie Hirth!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November:

15: Albany Indoor Swap meet @ Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center

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

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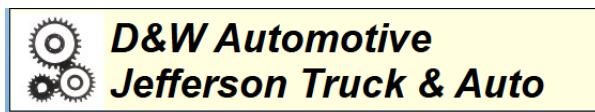


Baxter AUTO
PARTS





Lawrence's NAPA Auto Parts



Mel Myers Landscape	The Watson Family	In Memory of Ed Blair
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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 Puffen

WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS

