

CRUZ'N NEWS

FEBRUARY 2026

WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



Next Club meeting: Feb. 3

Pietro's Pizza in Salem
Club meeting 7:00 p.m. All Welcome
Food & Conversation 6 p.m.

Next Officer Meeting: Feb. 24

Garibaldi Restaurant, 1151
Lancaster, Salem
Officer meeting 6:00 p.m.

President's Message

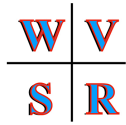
Aloha WVSR members!

At least that's what it looks like as I write this on a beautiful January 18th day! We have definitely had some great sunshine for the start of the winter and I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the warmer afternoons. I could do without the freezing mornings! Things are getting

done, but, at a little slower pace!!

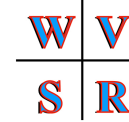
I have had a whirlwind of questions thrown at me as of late. The board and myself will address everything as we can. The first thing I can answer is the quarterly WVSR potluck picnic dates have been set! Janet and Ron Smith got together up at the museum and penciled everything in. There will be a club email coming out shortly so everyone will have the dates. I'm excited to oversee the club over the next year! I encourage any of you to attend the board meetings as well. The way we shape the club for the future takes everyone working together and finding the middle ground that we can all accept. Remember,, We're here to have fun! We will be planning some tours of the members shops toward middle of February, rain or shine! Info will be coming soon as well.

Again, I want to extend a huge thank you to all the new and remaining board members, along with all the committee heads. Thank You. None of this would be happening if wasn't for all of you stepping up to help the club. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting. —Tony



WVSR

Shop Tours



Hello all,

The 1st WVSR Shop Tours for 2026 have been set up for the East Side. These tours are happening rain or shine, bring your hot rod or daily driver. There will be coffee, water and snacks at each stop.

We hope to see alot of members come out and enjoy the day! We would like to get Shop Tours in the Salem/West Side in the future. Please contact us if your interested in showing your shop!

Shop Tour Date: February 21, 2026

9am - Charlie Wulfers - 7482 Lofty Loop SE, Salem, OR 97317
then we'll caravan to

10am - Tony Darcy - 9151 Smith Rd SE, Aumsville, OR 97325
then we'll caravan to

11am - Marv Shetler - 7475 Sherman Rd SE, Aumsville, OR 97325
then we'll caravan to

12pm - John Stanton - 7928 Barbara Lane SE, Aumsville, OR 97325

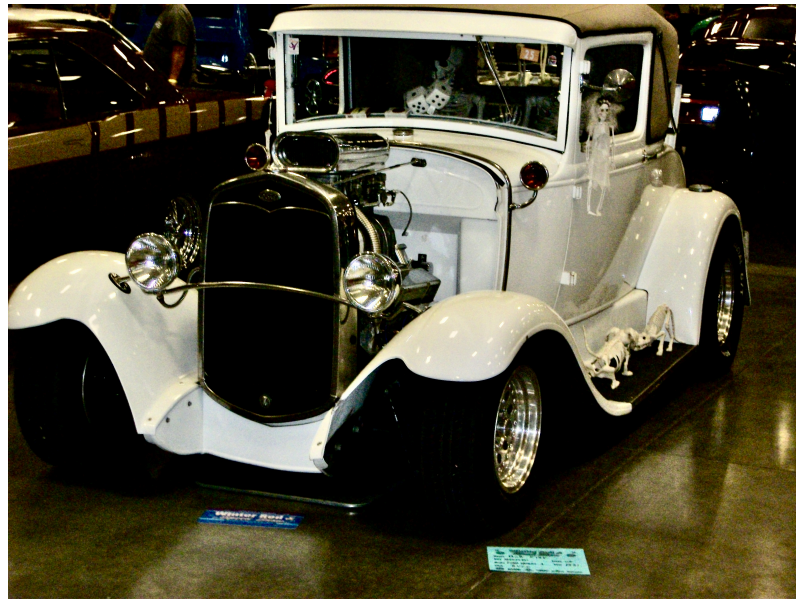


Lot's of good stuff on hand for the opening of the '26 car show and swap meet year. Things always get off the a good start in Albany at the Winter Rod & Speed Show.

There was a little more emphasis on car show than swap meet this year, but still plenty of gorgeous custom builds in the main building at Linn County Expo, and plenty of shiny stuff at the swap meet to put a dent in your wallet.

Best of all - good crowds. A few pics from the show....





Speedster Windows Update.....

Message from Tony....

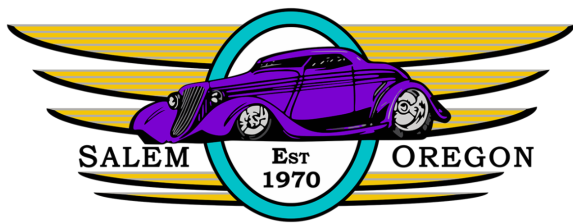
The Speedster Shop windows have arrived!

WVSR annually donates \$1000 to the speedster program. Last year it was approved the money could be used for much needed building maintenance. Our windows wouldn't open and the framework has

rotted away. A huge Thank You to all our members who help raise the money we can donate to help the cause! The students have been working hard and we have been able to sell two cars to continue to raise funds to have the siding replaced at the same time as the windows. We are almost there! I would invite any members to stop by on Thursdays and see what these kids are all about, our future... Thank you WVSR.



WILLAMETTE VALLEY STREET RODS



An Appreciation

Russ Strohmeier

Now, that's a cool trophy. Tony kicked off the first club meeting of the new year with a trophy presentation for Russ. Russ has guided the club for the past 15 years.

Trophy inscription reads "Willamette Valley Street Rods thanks you for presiding over the club for 15 years."



Club Picnic/Potlucks Coming Soon

Save the dates!....

March 7.....12 noon to 3 p.m.
June 6.....12 noon to 3 p.m.
September 5.....12 noon to 3 p.m.
December 12..... 12 noon to 5 p.m.
(Christmas Party)

A series of club picnic/potlucks were approved by the members at the January members' meeting.

President Tony Darcy brought up the idea of spending the U.S. Crane & Hoist \$2,000 sponsorship of WVSR for the 3 picnic/potlucks and Christmas Party. The quarterly raffle drawings for \$500 were dropped.

WVSR will provide the main course and beverages.

Members should bring a side dish or dessert, and their own utensils.

The get togethers happen on the above dates at the Northwest Antique Automobile and Motorcycle Museum at Antique Powerland, Brooks.

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Upcoming events, swaps & shows...

COME SEE THE BEST OF THE BEST!
The Best will compete for the
7th Annual O'Reilly Pacific NW Emerald Award!

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20TH SALEM Roadster Show

FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST, 2026
JACKMAN LONG BLDG & COLUMBIA HALL, OREGON STATE FAIRGROUNDS
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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](#)

Promoters Greg Roach and Bob Symons are back with the 20th Annual Invitational Salem Roadster Show February 28th & March 1st.

"Rat Rods, Lowriders, Modern Muscle, Trucks lowered, lifted or mini's. Traditional Rods, and anything that the imagination can build. The crowds in this hall say it all. People want to see things that they drive, that they can build, and they can afford."

—Salem Roadster Show

All the details are [here](#) at the Salem Roadster Show website

2026 Yellow Book is now available.

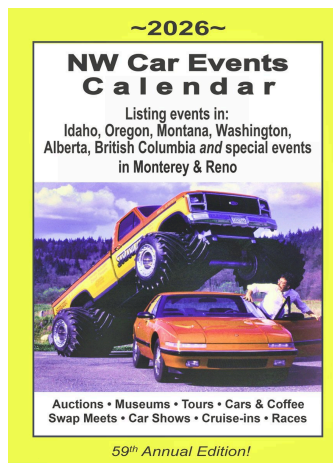
Most our members pick up the car and swap events bible through car

clubs or at swap meets. (However, it wasn't for sale in Albany this year. I looked for it).

The calendar can be ordered thru snail mail or on-line. The

[Yellow Book](#)

[website](#) has the info to do that. This year the book cost is \$6.



Longtime WVSR member Donald Clark Rogers passed on January 4, 2026. Don was 94 years old.



Don was an avid car collector, and extremely fond of Corvettes. However, Don's collection of classics ran to trucks, 'Vetts, custom cars and, at one time, the car once owned by bank robber "Pretty Boy Floyd."



In early 2019, Don and Lizabeth hosted a tour of his new shop and classic car collection for WVSR. Don's career was based in Hollywood. Don won an Oscar for his work as a motion picture sound specialist. An in-depth article about Don appeared in the February, 2019 edition of the Statesman-Journal. The article is still available on the S-J website, but it is behind a pay wall.

Rest in Peace, Don. You will be missed.



Part of Don's collection, 2018-19



February Cookie Suppliers

John Stanton Sharon Munoz Ron Paden Brad Chandler

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



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Social	OPEN		

February Birthdays

1	Sarah Taverne Mrs. Pitman	22	Lisa Gutheridge
9	Nancy Herron	22	Ken Pappas
14	Tom Schmid	27	William Pitman
15	Roman Baszniak	28	Greg Fisher
15	Wendi McNitt	28	Matt Beaver
16	Dianna Fathke		



Alice, on her birthday,
waiting patiently...
...for a live one!!



COFFEE IN HAND, SUPPLIES AT THE READY,
ALICE SETTLES IN, WAITING FOR THE
FIRST TELEMARKETER TO CALL.

Willamette Valley Street Rods – Member Meeting Minutes

(Tuesday Jan. 6th) – 7:00pm

Location: Meeting was held at Pietro's.
Meeting called to order by President, (Tony Darcy) at 7:00pm.

Introduction of new members/guests:

Guests:

New Members:

Officer's Reports

- **President** (Tony Darcy): Welcomed all to the New Year. New board members up front for quick introduction. Santa Cruz club participation plaque went to Pat Coffey. Reminder: Roberts Rules of Order. No speaking unless recognized. US Crane Bob and Carol's Jones generous annual donation of \$1000.00 for quarterly draw. Motion to use funds for club picnic. Favor yes. Changes for community outreach program. Looking for new companies. Bring info and possibly representative, Requirements on website. List was passed around to sign up for a printed copy of newsletter.
- **Vice President** (Don Flammang) :Welcome all. Introduction Secretary Laurie Coe, Treasurer Michele Coffey, Membership Janet Darcy, Member at Large Mel Meyers, Communications Director Wendi McNitt.
- **Secretary** (Laurie Coe): Minutes went out Saturday 10th.
- **Treasurer** (Michele Coffey):
 - Checking \$ 11,470.25
 - Savings \$ 500.14
 - Total \$ 11,970.39
- **Membership** (Janet Darcy): (life 10 members) (paid 53) (total members 131). Any dues not paid this month will have an additional \$5.00 attached.
- **Member at Large** (Mel Meyers): Nothing New
- **Communications Director** (Wendi McNitt): Update emails to be receive newsletter.

Committee Reports

- **Newsletter** (John Drzel): Thank you for a great newsletter. Shout out to Garry Pullen for all of your hard work. Send any upcoming events in for tours, shows, events and pictures!!
- **Website/Facebook** (Tony Darcy): we have a new updated newsletter. More viewer friendly.
- **SACC Report** (Don Flammang): Will head up committee,

- **Events:** Albany Swap Meet Car Show Friday 6 to 9PM. Saturday 9 to 6PM. January 25th Saturday Clark County Swap meet put on by Hot Rod & Drag Racer Assos. Brazofsky's Cruise In Saturday August 15th 5 to 9PM. Live music, food vendors, lots of parking. Green Lot downtown. Same lot as Saturday Market.

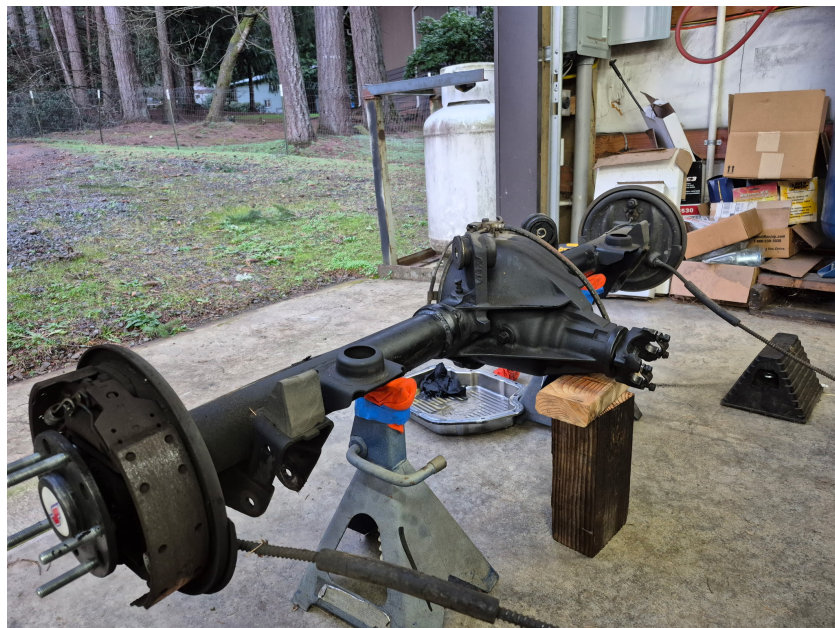
Activities and swap-meets posted on the club's web-site (www.wvstr.org), and listed on the SACC web-site: www.cruzzers.org.

- **Member Care** (Lora Baxter-King): Sent 3 cards out. Don Rogers passed away 1/4/2026. Dave LeCompte has been ill.
- **Birthdays** : In the newsletter
- **Grants** (Bob Repine): New windows have been ordered and to arrive soon for Powerland shop.
- **Carousel Cruise Car Show** (Janet Darcy): Sent payment into the City for reservation. Volunteer list will be out soon. Safe the date!! Saturday August 29th.
- **Special Presentations:** Awesome BIG trophy given to Russ Strohmeier constructed by Tony Darcy as a token of our appreciation of the last 15 years. Thank You Russ!!
- **Old Business:** none
New Business: none
- **Tech Talk:** Tony's advice..... don't set up a 2 post on a 4 post lift! Bad news.
- **Parts Wanted or for Sale:** _Check the website for listings &/or submit items to the website.
 - **For Sale:** Model A turns over, needs interior, lots of extras. \$5000.00 Contact Russ Strohmeier. Body Dolly for use. Multiple options. Contact Don Flammang. Stainless soda fountain with refrigeration \$400.00.
 - **Wanted** none
- **Good of the Order:**
- **50/50:**
Meeting adjourned at (7:34PM) for cookies
Next Officer Meeting: (Tuesday January 27th Garibaldis 6:00 pm)
Next Member Meeting:(Tuesday February 3rd),
7pm Pietro's - 6pm Social & Dinner

Submitted by Laurie Coe, Secretary



Anyone looking for a 12 bolt rear end for 68-72 A body? It has 355:1 with a Yukon posi. Asking \$1400. Tony Darcy is helping a friend. Get a hold of Tony at 541-990-6962 and he will make the connection.





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