



Willamette Valley Street Rods March 2026

Next Club meeting: March 3 Next Officer meeting: March 31

Pietro's Pizza in Salem

Garibaldi Restaurant

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

1151 Lancaster, Salem
Officer meeting 6 p.m.



President's Message

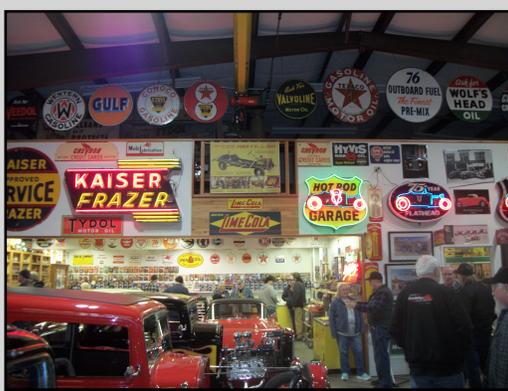


Greetings WVSR Family.

WOW! Its already March 2026 and car show season has started! The last couple months seem like a blur with everything going on. I'm extremely pleased with our first outing of 2026 with the latest round of shop tours. We had a total of 30 cars (parking was somewhat tricky!) and 50 people make the trip. It was a great time with some custom cookies at Charlie's place and home made treats at John's! Again, a huge Thank You to Charlie Wulfers, Marv Shetler, and John Stanton for opening up their shops for everyone. The highlight for me having my shop open to everyone was to see three of my speedster students show up to see the other side of old cars. Makes me think there is hope for the youth in our future to keep the old culture going.

The other highlight of the day was just hanging out with everyone and getting to know some of the newer members. If I haven't met you yet, put yourself in front of me and I'm sure I'll remember your name for at least an hour!

The next WVSR outing is our quarterly club potluck up at the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum on Saturday, March 7th from noon to 3. We have made a small change to the menu. Don was able to get a great deal within budget, so, we will be cooking up a pork roast, tri-tip roast, and a couple turkeys. Don and I will be camping overnight on Friday to keep the fire going as we will be cooking all night. If anyone else wants to bring up your motorhome or trailer and hang out, please let me know ASAP! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and having a great time at the club potluck. Have a great month. Make every day a great day. — A.C. Darcy, President



Eastside Shop Tour Feb. 21

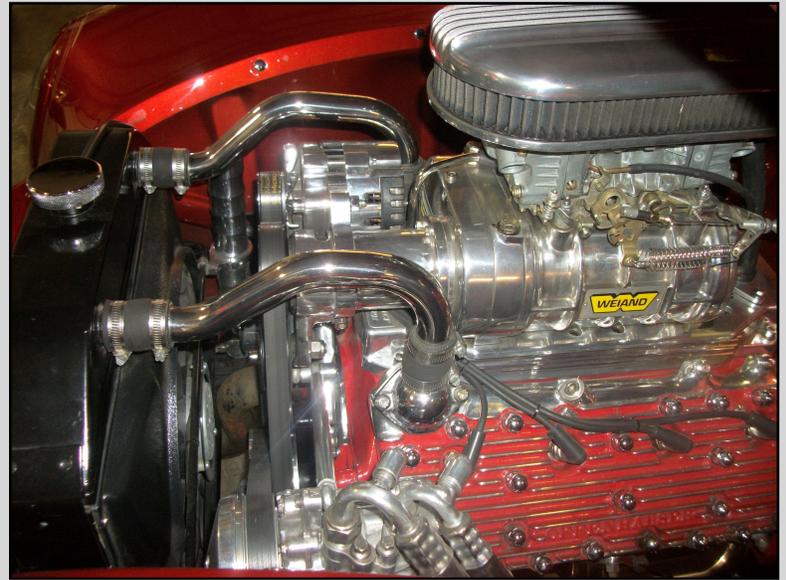


From the catwalk at Tony Darcy's Shop

It was a great day for Street Rodders who got to tour four neat shops. Charlie Wulfers, Tony Darcy, John Stanton and Marv Shetler hosted the tour. Following are a few pictures from the tours starting (left, top to bottom) with Marv's outrageous collection of classic and custom cars and trucks, die-cast model cars, signs, license plates, and lots of neon. Super cool shop!

Marv & friends in front of a 1941 IHC cabover with a suicide door on the passenger side. Don't ask.

Over at Charlie Wulfers, the coffee was strong, good cookie munchies and plenty of conversation.



Charlie politely asking the ladies, "Please, no burnouts in my driveway"





Host John Stanton



Get'em squeezed in at Tony's place. Excellent turnout by the club for this one.



Another shop tour is in the works. It will be on the Salem westside at a future date.

Huge thanks to the tour hosts Tony Darcy, Charlie Wulfers, Marv Shettler and John Stanton for inviting the club to tour their shops.



March Cookie Suppliers

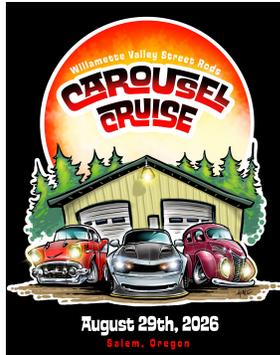
Paul Pfinster Bill Kesselring Marty White Marv Shetler

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

Heard over the roar of the street rods....

Hi Everyone,

The Carousel Cruise will be here before we know it! The Volunteer Sign Up Sheet went around the room last month but we still need people to be Committee Chairs and more volunteers to make it another successful year. We also need 3 cars each day, 3 days before (Wed, Thurs, Fri.) the Cruise to be parked out front of the Carousel. Mel Myers will be in charge of setting everyone up, you can reach Mel at 503-881-8885. If you want to volunteer for something but aren't going to be at the meeting, please get in touch with Janet Darcy by email: jdarcy73@protonmail.com or text/call at 503-990-6962.



Thank you everyone,

—Janet Darcy, WVSR Carousel Cruise Coordinator



WVSR presents a \$4,000 donation to Honoring Heros. Doing the honors were President Tony Darcy & past President Russ Strohmeyer. Holding the check is Mark Buchholz with Apryl Buchholz & Diana Lott

WVSR

Picnic/Potluck

The first club picnic is right around the corner. Make your plans now for March 7, that's a Saturday, out at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum at Antique Powerland. Picnic starts at 12:00 noon and goes to about 3:00 p.m.

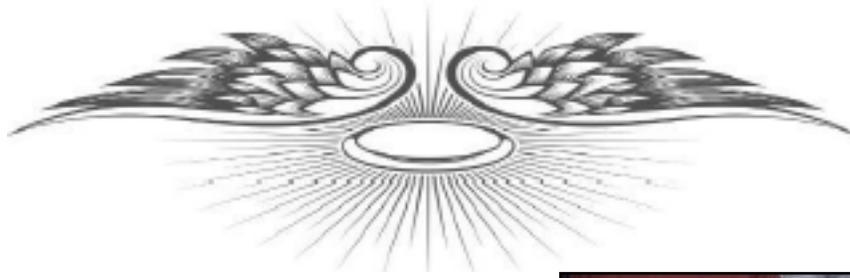
The club is picking up the tab for main courses of pork roast, tri-tip roast, barbecue chicken & turkey, water and coffee. Any other beverages, you're on your own. A sign up sheet for bringing a side dish or dessert will be passed around at the March 3 meeting. Utensils will be provided, but bring your own if you want.

Two more picnic/potlucks are on the dock, June 6 & September 5, both at NVCMM. And the Christmas Party will be held out there on December 12.

Fingers crossed for a nice day to give the motors a shake down cruise.

Hope you can make it!





JERRY KEPPINGER

WVSR Founding Member

We recently lost another one of our Willamette Valley Street Rods founding fathers. Jerry Keppinger passed away January 26. Jerry was a past president and held several other office positions in the club. He was famous for his black 1929 Ford two sedan. He owned that car for about 70 years. He also had a red 1968 Mustang convertible....definitely a Ford guy. Jerry worked for Salem Sanitation for around 40 years. He was always happy, friendly, and was an active WVSR member. Jerry was 88 years old. Rest in peace, old friend.

—submitted by John Stanton

The Keppinger family also sent this message to Jerry's friends and acquaintances.....

"There will be no services, but if you knew our dad and would like to honor his memory, then go to White's for breakfast with friends or take a 'Sunday drive", even if you don't drive a Ford."



There was another passing of note from the world of motors.

The Camfather, Ed Iskenderian, passed Feb. 4, 2026. His "Isky" camshafts were found in engines from Bonneville Salt Flats to your neighbor's garage. He was 104.

March Birthdays



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|----|---------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Phil Carlin | | |
| 1 | Delia Wright | 18 | Bob Bennett |
| 5 | Mark Scott | 23 | Kevin Marugg |
| 8 | Don Avance | 27 | Mark Lindley |
| 16 | Jim Palmquist | 29 | Christina Haines |

Ford engineers blueprint
the first 24 bolt flatty
mailbox...

Rejected at USPS proving
grounds... "Needs to be a 28
bolt"



Upcoming events, swaps & shows...



Portland Roadster Show is back for its 70th year and a three day run at Portland Expo Center. The dates: March 20, 21 & 22. Click the link for all the details.

portlandroadstershow.com



Lean Into (*not back like that guy*) two-wheeled action at the Oregon State Fairgrounds March 21 & 22. The Cherry City Classic features an Invitational Bike Show, Tattoo Expo, Arena Cross Racing, Live Music, Vendors, Car Show and a bunch more! Last year's show showcased 140 custom bikes.

cherrycityclassic.com



11th Annual West Coast Shootout Car Show coming up April 4 at Woodburn Dragstrip. One day only. Imports & Domestic. No faster than 9sssssss. Fun begins at 8:00 a.m.



THE MADNESS CONTINUES!! The car show will be in the Jackman Long Building, Oregon State Fairgrounds.

April 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

April 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Awards at 6:00 p.m.

Info: Steve at 541-990-8087



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Willamette Valley Street Rods – Member Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026 – 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: Mark from Honoring Heroes is here tonight to receive our donation from the Carousel Cruise. Tony has Russ come up and present the check since he was president at the time, we gave Honoring Heroes \$4000. Honoring Heroes gave away 4 car wash buckets. Regarding the Speedster Program, since Tony is now in charge due to changes at the Speedster Program, he is giving up his vote, and his vote goes to Garry Pullen. Mustang Club has challenged us WVSR to give more to the Speedster Shop, they only have 50ish members and gave the Speedster Program \$1000 and we are 132ish members and gave \$1000. We are doing up a Welcome Pack for New Members, we have a window sticker, business card with Janet's information, the Flyer Wendi made up, can anyone think we should add...copy of club roster, by-laws. We also have our First Quarterly Potluck scheduled for March 7th, 12-3pm at the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. The meat will be pork roast and BBQ chicken. Our first set of Shop Tours are set for Feb. 21, 2026, we will start at Charlie's house at 9am and then caravan to Tonys, Marv's, and John's.
- **Vice President** Don Flammang: What a great job he's doing (talking about Tony). Welcome everyone, it's great to see everyone tonight. I love being on board and am excited for what we have going on for you guys this year. I could keep on talking but I'll hand it over.
- **Secretary** Laurie Coe: Laurie is out sick.

- **Treasurer** Michele Coffee: Checking \$12,314.32 Savings \$500.14 Total \$12,814.46
- **Membership** Janet Darcy: Life 9 and Paid 85 Total 94 current members.
- **Member at Large** Mel Myers: Welcome all new members, to all members if you have ideas, things to help the club out, you can reach me by email, my email is in the newsletter. Also, for St. Patrick's Day, if you have a Rat Fink Shirt wear it, that's all.
- **Communications Director** Wendi McNitt: The Newsletter went out, if anyone didn't receive it please let me know. I see some of you got the Valentines Day agenda, next month we are thinking St. Patrick's Day, kind of bring something in for each month, something fun for the meetings. Let me know if you need anything to be emailed out.

Committee Reports

- **Newsletter** John Drzal: If any club members have their car in the Salem Roaster Show at the end of the month, let me know I want to make sure I get a picture of it. With our recent club member passing away, Jerry Keppinger, John Stanton is writing something up for the newsletter for next month, but we don't have a good picture of Jerry so if anyone has one, please let me know, email, call, text.
- **Website** Garry Pullen:
- **Facebook** Tony Darcy: If anyone is interested in taking over Facebook, let me know. Facebook is going fine, we posted Ron's 442 and it sold, Dave bought it and joined the club, awesome. I also put a picture of my grandson blocking the 33 chevy because he wanted to know how much money he was going to make? Let me know if you have anything you want to post on Facebook.
- **SACC Report** Ron Smith: Ron Smith is going to be giving the SACC report tonight, but Wendi McNitt will be doing it in the future. The biggest thing is they are going to change their name to include more areas. SACC website has a great list of Car

Shows in the area, all most better than the yellow book. They do the Octoberfest, the MAG Auction, I'm sure they will be asking for volunteers, lots of other events, Paralyzed Veterans did there show out at the museum last year, this year they more support and have rented part of the Salem Fairgrounds, it will all be under cover. SACC's goal is to work together with the car clubs from Portland to Roseburg and try and not do events on the same days.

- **Member Care** Lora Baxter-King: I sent cards out to Don Rogers family because he passed away and one to Dave LaCompte because he was out sick and it must of worked because he's here tonight, also Chuck Drake he lost his sister.
- **Grants** Bob Repine: Did everyone read the newsletter? If so you would see a couple pictures of the windows our donation to the Speedster Shop were able to purchase. They are working on collecting more money from the sale of vehicles they have to reside the structure. I checked the calendar and end of school is June 12th, we usually go as a club go out to see what the kids are working on, share our vehicles with them and hopefully see the new windows installed and siding on the building. We usually do this at the end of May beginning of June.
- **Carousel Cruise Car Show** Janet Darcy: The sign up sheet is going around for volunteers and chairs for the Carousel Cruise. We need 3 cars each day, the 3 days before the Carousel Cruise to be parked out from, get in touch with Mel Myers, his information is on the sign up sheet. I currently have 11 vendors, 10 from last year and a new one, the Popcorn people for this year.
- **Old Business:** No old business
- **New Business:** James Sorell came to the last board meeting and asked if the club would give a small donation to the American Cancer Society. The board will vote on it at the next meeting and then present it to the club. Another thing...the Newsletter layout, does everyone like it, with the minutes included in it? Sounds like everyone like

it all on one page. We'll leave it as is. Another... did you bring in those signs? The seating signs... we've had a few complaints about the chairs being tipped up and being hard to get in and out of the isles when the chairs are tipped up, so Donnell Flammang made up some signs if anyone wants to use them, check out Nick's sign. So if we could not tip up the chairs, we know people want to sit together, maybe use Donnell's sign. Dave has yellow books \$5 each.

- **Tech Talk:**
- **Parts Wanted or for Sale:** _Check the website for listings &/or submit items to the website.
- **For Sale** Russ – 1928 Model A, Runs and Drives. Club Member – Ford 9inch third member, 3.25 gears, about 3000 miles \$500. Modern Transit 292 with a 3 speed \$100, 312 Block with stud kit came out of a 56 Merc \$50, Another 292 Block \$50, a 292 crank \$100.
- **Wanted** Scott's looking for Mid 90's Chevy 1500 short wide standard cab 4-wheel drive or 2-wheel drive, automative, V8. Dave is looking for a paint job for his 442 – Joel said Marx Hot Rods in Albany.
- **Events:** The Salem Roadster Show is Feb 28 – March 1 at Oregon State Fairgrounds. Tim and Stephanie's Capital Cruise in August 15th, flyer on table. Capitol City Motor Madness is April 3rd and 4th, 2026 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Relay for Life is May 30th, James is looking for people who might want to bring there car out, his team name is Hot Rods and Wheels Burning Out Cancer.
- **50/50:** \$317 total, so \$159 to charity and \$158 to Joel Memmott.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm for cookies
Next Officer Meeting: February 24th, 6pm at Garibaldi's Mexican Restaurant
Next Member Meeting: March 3rd, 7pm Pietro's - 6pm Social & Dinner

—submitted by Janet Darcy

Willamette Valley Street Rods – Officer

Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026

Location: Garabaldis Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Darcy at 6:00 PM

Officer's Reports

- President Tony Darcy: Welcome. Taking over the Speedster Program and is President. Gary Pullen stands in to vote for Tony when absent. Will double check by laws. Working on welcome packs for new members. Club received check from UD Crane for \$2000.00. ¼ of that to be used for club BBQ/picnic. Ideas???? Eastside shop tour is setup. Let's get the word out. Picnic date is in the newsletter. WWSR donated \$1000.00 to Speedster program. Mustang Club donated \$1000.00 to Speedster Program. Ron Smith has challenged us to beat that donation as their club is half the size!!
- Vice President Don Flamming: Plaques are in the making. Possible window decals. Garibaldi's is site of next meeting Feb 24th 2026.
- Secretary Laurie Coe: Welcome
- Treasurer: Michelle Coffey: Checking account balance \$11,633.75. Savings \$500.14. Total \$12,133.89. Want to keep minimum 10,000.00 in checking. Will present Honoring Heros check at meeting Tuesday February 3rd. Need Ideas for new donation recipients. Bring representative to our meeting!
- Membership Janet Darcy: 81 paid members. 3 new paid members. Total 90 members. One of our founding members Jerry Keppinger passed away January 16, 2026.
- Member at Large: Mel Myers: Nothing for this meeting.

Communications Director Wendi McNitt: Suggest something special every month at club meeting February Valentines theme clothing decoration. March St Patricks Day lucky green!!

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● Committee Reports

- Newsletter John Drzal: will be sending newsletter to Wendi and Janet.
- Website Garry Pullen : Updated member roster coming soon. Portal for members to pay online will close the end February.
- Facebook Tony Darcy: Still looking for someone to take over FB. Great pictures of Tony's grandson in training in grandpas shop
- SACC Ron Smith: Russ reported SACC name change to Mid Valley Auto Club Council.



● Grants Bob Rupine: Windows have arrived for speedster shop. Selling couple of cars and proceeds will be used for siding. Installation at the same time.

- Carousel Cruise Janet Darcy: Volunteer list will be at next member meeting. Fee has been paid to park. Artwork almost done for the flyer.

- Car Show (Name):

Old Business: none

New Business: Fran Gemma: Suggestions on sending out acknowledgement for persons with illness surgery etc.

Meeting Adjourned 5:57 PM

Next Member Meeting: February 3rd Location: Pietro's

Next Officer Meeting February 24th at Garibaldi's

—submitted by Laurie Coe, Secretary



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