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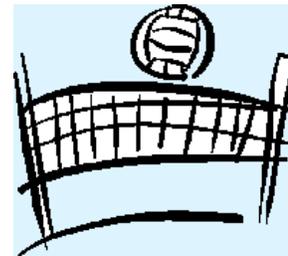
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WWSR Members remain the champions in a volleyball match with the formidable Rolling Oldies Car Club! According to Pam Foster "We won them all! But at the end we mixed everyone up and had a great



### *March Calendar*

- 07 Club Meeting at Pietros Pizza 6pm social, 7 pm meeting
- 11 Garage Tour John Stanton & Marv Shetler. Blondzee's for breakfast at 9 am, then caravan to John's first.
- 11 Astoria Swap Meet (Rod 971 219-5577)
- 11-12 40th Roseburg Benefit Car Show (541-817-5044)
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17-18 61 st Annual Portland Roadster Show , PDX Expo
- 28 Officer's Meeting Blondzee's 6 pm
- April 1 April Fool's Car Show Doug (541 990-7338)
- April 6-8 PIR Swap Meet (503 307-5420)
- Portland International Raceway



Willamette Valley Street Rods Flapjack Fundraiser is scheduled for **May 6th** at the Applebee's Restaurant on Lancaster between **8 am and 10 am**. Come enjoy a scrumptious start to your day including pancakes, eggs, sausage, and a beverage with family & friends while also helping us fund our local charity groups. Family Building Blocks, Honoring Heroes, Marion-Polk Food Share, and the Chemeketa Community College Auto Class Scholarship will all benefit by your purchase of a ticket. We only have a limited number available so get yours before we run out. \$10 adults and \$7 for kids 10 and under. Purchase online at [www.wvsr.org](http://www.wvsr.org) with a \$1 processing fee, email [wvsrhq@gmail.com](mailto:wvsrhq@gmail.com) with "Breakfast" in the subject line to reserve some, catch me at a meeting, or show up at the door and hope some are left. We'll also have a 50/50, raffle, and other exciting prizes (need not be present to win). Call or text Garry at [503-507-5333](tel:503-507-5333) with prize donations, questions or to be one of the 10 volunteers I need to help serve.

# Happy Birthday!

- 1 Delia Wright
- 5 Mark Scott
- 8 Zoey Lamoureux
- 12 Brent Lindemann
- 16 Jim Palmquist
- 18 Chuck Drake, Eric Jacobson
- 20 Janet Keppinger, Barbara Sours
- 21 Carrie Montague
- 22 Robyn Ferguson
- 24 Dan Pullen, Tamara Quiroz, Ed Woodry
- 26 Larry Kruljac
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Saturday February 11th, we went on a garage tour to Rod and Sandi Beach's delightful shop! The club had breakfast at Blondzee's, then we all headed out in the light rain to Brooks. Sandi and Rod were very gracious, and it was obvious they enjoyed us all being there. So much to see! If you missed this one, you surely want to get in on it again sometime!

The diner in the shop is all Coke. It is so pretty and nostalgic. We are not posting pictures at the Beach's request. I took this one of the top of a stool and the floor. She said that was okay! I could have taken photos for hours, everything so unique!

Thank you to Rod and Sandi for such a wonderful experience!



## Want To Help With The Carousel?

Everyone welcome! It takes many hands and hearts! Call Greg Smith or Dayle Langley



Ok here is the real story about our new members! Mel is hysterical. We met them at the Winter Rod and Speed Show, and she had me cracking up the whole time! Jeff was showing his pick-up, and is it ever a beauty!

While talking to Mel (Carmelita), she said that Jeff picks up cars everywhere and just "sticks them in a hole in his garages". Hmm shop tour?

Get to know these wonderful folks, you will enjoy them I guarantee it!

Hopefully we will get a member profile so you can get all the info.

Dayle Langley , WWSR Newsletter Editor

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Dayle Langley has parted ways with her long-time employer. She is looking for a full time job. She says she can't paint or put up wallpaper, but she has lots of experience in lots of areas. If you hear of something give her a call. Thanks so much! Dayle 971 218-2411 .

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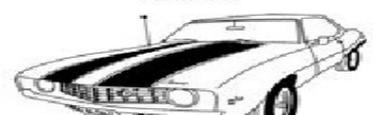
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# Potpourri

## Thanks to Marv & Shirl Shetler for sharing their great story! Enjoy

Thursday morning, October 13, 2016, Shirl and I headed to California for the Street Rodder Magazine Tour #8. We were to join up with the rest of the group in Santa Rosa, CA Friday evening. We were driving our '39 Ford convertible which has a blown flathead motor.

It was raining pretty hard when we left and continued to rain until we neared Medford. I had checked my windshield wipers a couple days earlier and discovered they weren't working. I tried to check the backside of the switch, but was unable to get to it due to the radio and AC unit being in the way. I didn't tell Shirl because I knew she wouldn't be happy. I put Rain-ex on the windshield and hoped for the best.

Initially we'd planned on spending the night in Crescent City, but because the weather report wasn't real good, we decided to go to Redding for the night. We got a motel room, took our bags into the room and discovered our rear window had leaked a little. Other than that, the car had stayed pretty dry. We decided to go out to dinner, so went out to the car which I'd locked. I put the key in the lock and guess what... it wouldn't unlock the door. (Early Fords only have a key on the passenger door.) We called Triple A and told them the situation. They decided to send a tow truck rather than a locksmith, figuring the tow truck driver could get the door unlocked with his "tools of the trade". The car is actually sealed up very well despite it being a convertible. However, between the driver and myself we figured out how to get his long rod into where he could reach the door handle. We tried the passenger side first, but couldn't get it to unlock. Then I remembered that the keyed lock and the inside handle are independent of each other. Neither will unlock the other. So, we went to the driver's side and were able to unlock the door right away. However, we couldn't unlock the passenger door. So, Shirl had to enter and exit through the driver door the rest of the trip.

Friday morning, we got up to more rain. We discovered that rather strong winds had come through during the night. Some shingles were blown off the roof and landed near the car. This was why we hadn't gone to Crescent City—we wanted to avoid the wind and rain.

I had decided I wanted to head west out of Redding and go to Fortuna, then down the 101 to Santa Rosa. In hind sight, what a mistake that was! I started the car, and then pulled it under the canopy to let Shirl in since it was raining pretty hard. When I went to restart it, I had some difficulty which was surprising since it had run great all day Thursday. We took off, but the car was really running bad, like it was really cold. In fact, we stalled out several times at stop signs. I figured once it warmed up we'd be ok. We headed west on highway 299. There wasn't a lot of traffic. The car was running better, but still not good. I decided to change the fuel filter hoping that was the problem. It didn't help. We kept going and kept getting deeper into the mountains. The road was fairly windy. We stopped in Douglas City where Hwy 299 and Hwy 3 cross each other. I checked the air cleaner, pulled several spark plugs, checked plug wires, coil wire, and pulled the fuel line off the carburetor to make sure the fuel pump was working ok.

Nothing I did made any difference. So, we continued on. Hwy 3 turned into Hwy 36. Now we were really in the boondocks. It's mountains, narrow windy roads, uphill, downhill, and we still are a long way from civilization. I seem to be using a lot of gas, so when we come to a store with gas pumps we stop to fuel up. You'll need to ask Shirl about this. She was pretty frightened as we were obviously out of place. We had a very nice orange hot rod and were amongst a bunch of hillbillies. We fueled up and took off. A few miles later we drove by a camp that had several buildings. A quarter mile up the road, as we headed uphill and around a corner, the car just quit. I had been fighting it all day and had always managed to keep it going. This time I couldn't. In fact, I couldn't even get it completely off the road. So here we were, sitting partly on the road on a curve. Fortunately, there was very little traffic. I decided to coast back down the hill to the camp we had seen. I knew there was plenty of room to park the car off the road and it was level

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But now what!? We checked our phones, NO Service. I walked over to a house inside the campgrounds which sort of seemed occupied, but no one was home. It is now approximately 2pm. I suggested I flag somebody down, have Shirl get a ride to cell service and call Triple A.

The first vehicle that came by was a four-wheel drive Dodge Pick-up. I waved them down and they did stop. There were two very healthy (big) men in the pick-up. I don't think Shirl would have fit between them, nor would she have wanted to.... We're talking real red-necks. I explained the situation. They said they knew a towing company in Fortuna, and said they would call for us when they got to cell service.

Now all we could do was wait and hope that they'd do what they said. Fortunately, it was barely raining. While waiting, I noticed what looked like gas in the water on the ground, so decided to check my fuel filter. I discovered a slight leak which was the result of not getting things put together quite right when I changed the filter earlier. It also explained why we were using more fuel than I thought we should.

An hour plus later, we see a tow truck come around the corner. However, it wasn't for us. He was headed to another customer, but said another would be here soon for us.

Pretty soon another truck arrived. Now we had to get the car loaded onto the bed. It turned out the straps that were normally on the tow truck were missing. We didn't want to risk pulling it on with a cable (I have no bumpers to help protect the front fenders) so decided to see if I could drive the car on. It took me two or three tries, but I somehow managed to keep the car running enough to drive it uphill onto the slanted bed. The car has a manual transmission, so that made it more difficult.



Finally, we are on our way. Approx. 40 miles from Fortuna and it seemed like the road was narrower and more twisty than anything we'd been through earlier! So now our worry was finding someone to work on an old car with a flathead motor. It was 5pm by the time we got to Fortuna. Could we find someone to work on it Saturday or would we be out of luck until Monday?

We stopped at an auto repair shop in Fortuna right at quitting time. They weren't interested in helping us and weren't open on Saturday. Our driver then suggested he take us to Eureka which was north of Fortuna. He thought there would be a better chance of finding a shop that was open on Saturday. He suggested a Radiator Repair Shop who did other mechanical work. He was sure they were open on Saturday.

He took us to a nice motel close by. We unloaded the car, got a room, and went to dinner. We then decided to walk to the Radiator Shop. We found it and were impressed by how nice it was. One problem

- they were closed on Saturday.

I remembered we had walked by an O'Reilly Auto Parts store, so stopped in to see if they could recommend a shop that was open on Saturday. They gave me a name and phone number. I mentioned the radiator shop had been recommended, but wasn't open on Saturday. He said he wouldn't go to them for anything.

Back to the motel we went. I had been talking to a mechanic friend, Darryl, in Silverton to see if he had any suggestions. In the meantime, I grabbed my notebook I kept in the car that contained info on the various items

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that had been installed. I was reading in the MSD ignition section and read that the coil sometimes just goes out. I called Darryl to see if he thought it might be the coil. He said it was possible. It was now around 8:30. I ran to the Auto Parts Store. They had a coil that was on my list of acceptable coils. I bought it, got Shirl to hold a flashlight and I changed it. The car fired right up. I knew the problem was solved. I did a quick test run just to be sure.

It was pretty windy and rainy that night. The next morning, we headed south for Santa Rosa. It rained most of the way, but the car ran perfectly. For us, the rest of the trip - which included going down Hwy 1 to Cambria, then east to Bakersfield for the 25th Annual Hot Rod Reunion, then back home - was uneventful. Interestingly, when we joined up with the Magazine Tour group in Rohnert Park, we discovered there were three other cars from Salem. They were owned and driven by Dave Kent, Larry Emery, and John Shinn. All three of them had car trouble also on this trip. But that's another story.

We also found out that Jerry Dixie's car (which was built specifically for the 2016 Road Tour season) had been stolen from the hotel just before Tour #8 was to start. I guess our troubles weren't so bad after all.

Shirl does not like car problems and doesn't travel with me very much. She does enjoy the Magazine Road Tours. Anyway, I was immediately in hot water for the wipers not working. The broken lock didn't help and the poorly running car was really bad. There was some grumbling, but she ultimately hung in there very well. I was proud of her.

As for the wipers and lock problem - Joe Bowers (who built the car for us) was able to get the door open and repair the problem. For the wiper, he remembered there was a switch on the wiper motor, and was able to reach it and just like that, we had wipers.

*Maw & Shirl Shetler*



Tell us your story! We promise to laugh, cry, or be as puzzled as you were....If you are not a writer, but have a great story to tell, get ahold of Kandi Schuff and she will write what you have to say. We are all interested, we have all had a mishap on a cruise, or have been party to a great practical joke! Looking forward to seeing your Potpourri right here next

