



## CLASSIC NEWS - FEBRUARY 2024

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### **CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The first day of the first month of a new year starts out much like a blank sheet of paper. It is clean, without any smudges, marks or creases. Those will come, sometimes sooner rather than later, but no matter what, they will come. Yes, there is nothing on the page at the beginning, but as the days unfold into weeks followed by months, plenty of things will happen, both planned and unplanned. The first page will quickly fill up and expand into more pages, each filled with events and experiences that will become memories of all kinds.

As we roll through the first month of the year that blank page is already gone, having been replaced with a myriad of early accomplishments and plans for upcoming future months. Every January as the president of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruiser, I find that my life is much like that first sheet of paper. It may start out blank, but not for long. As this is written, it is the middle of the month and so much has already happened. These include not only our first monthly meeting, which was the best attended January meeting I can remember. But more than that, we have been hard at work scheduling numerous events, socials, and cruises for RVCC members that will roll out throughout the entire year.

On top of all that, we are striving to make the 29th Annual Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show the largest and most exciting in the history of the club. Everything this year at the show will be bigger, with more cars, more activities, more displays, more vendors and more spectators. Add to that a live engine build and a wild 1963 Corvette Race car that will get everyone's attention every time the blown big block is fired up. There will also be not one, but two costume contests, one for those who choose to dress up in 1950's era costumes, along with a 1960's - early 1970's theme costume contest. Imagine that you're on the set of Happy Days, or at Woodstock, starry-eyed as you check out a bevy of beautiful girls in mini dresses and Go-Go boots competing for attention with a gaggle of guys in bell bottoms and tie-dyed shirts. Yes, Fabulous 50's this year will be all that and more!

The fact is the first blank sheet of paper is already full and this is just the beginning of the year. We are going to have so much fun in 2024 that I may need the equivalent of a giant size spiral ring binder with hundreds of pages to keep track of all the cool stuff we will be doing this year. Get ready to have lots of fun, because time waits for no one and we're not going to waste one day!

**CAROLYN**



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### IMAGES IN TIME

Over the holidays I spent some spare time going through a drawer full of old photos. Photos are not only wonderful to look at but have the unique ability to bring back long forgotten memories, along with the occasional wave of nostalgia, especially when viewed through rose-colored glasses. In my case, some of the photos provided a portal to a simpler era a long time ago when I was a teenager without a care in the world, and my whole life ahead of me.

Being a total gear head, the vast majority of the photos were of cars. I got my start taking photos of new cars on display at the Chicago Auto Show with a 1948 Kodak Box Camera. Too young to have a driver's license in those days, I took the bus to the Auto Show, as it was quite a distance from where we lived. By the mid-1960's, my automotive subjects had changed to race cars at the dragstrip. The Midwest was well-known as "Door Country" in those days, and the most popular cars were Gassers, Super Stocks and early Altered Wheel-Base Cars, which were the forerunners to flip top Funny Cars. I hung out with the older boys and would tag along with them when they went to the track, as they were just old enough to have a drivers license and access to a car.

As I got older, I moved up slowly but surely to better cameras. This enabled me to take high quality photos of cars on display at events like the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in Illinois, hot rod events such as Street Rodder Magazine Super Run '83 in Las Vegas and at the vintage road races held at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. By the later 1990's, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with an incredibly talented group of professional photographers who were shooting covers and features for car magazines such as Hot Rod, Car & Driver, Truckin', Mopar Action, Muscle Mustangs and Fast Fords and many others. Working with them, I learned a myriad of techniques and use them every time I take photos.

Today, in addition to photographing cool cars for print magazine feature stories and digital magazines, I have great fun taking photos at many of the RVCC events, cruises and rod runs, and especially at the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show. Using what I have learned over the years enables me to present fellow club members cars and trucks to the best effect, while enhancing awareness for the club both locally and nationally. In the future, I hope that someone will look back on these photos with the same fondness I have for those that I took so many years ago.

**Larry Weiner**

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<b><u>AMBASSADOR</u></b>	<b><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>JOINED</u></b>
<b>KATHY SIMMONS</b>	<b>Michael Dollarhide Tom Garland Linda Kindt</b>	<b>Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 9/5/2023</b>
<b>LARRY WEINER</b>	<b>Abner Lovato John Swartsfager John Weinrich</b>	<b>Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 9/10/2023</b>
<b>CONNIE GATES</b>	<b>Larry Houser</b>	<b>Date: 8/26/2023S</b>
<b>JIM STRUFFERT</b>	<b>Doug Kiepert Dently Wagner</b>	<b>Date: 10/7/2023 Date: 10/9/2023</b>
<b>ABNER LOVATO</b>	<b>Andy Lovato</b>	<b>Date: 10/21/2023</b>
<b>BOB LINDBERG</b>	<b>Tony Reed</b>	<b>Date: 11/4/2023</b>
<b>CAROLYN HARTZELL</b>	<b>Tim Reyes</b>	<b>Date: 11/10/2023</b>
<b>SCOTT WILSON</b>	<b>Jon Jordan</b>	<b>Date: 11/12/2023</b>
<b>LARRY HOUSER</b>	<b>Mitch Ford</b>	<b>Date: 11/12/2023</b>
<b>PAUL POULIOT</b>	<b>Roger Bailey</b>	<b>Date: 1/9/2024</b>

## **NEW CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR CARS**

Roger Bailey

1932 Ford Roadster & 1933 Ford Roadster

## **MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **FOR FEBRUARY**

#### **Birthdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Carpenter

6<sup>th</sup> Kathy Simmons

26<sup>th</sup> Ken Meckfessel

3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Bayless

11<sup>th</sup> John Bucchino, Jr.

27<sup>th</sup> Dently Wagner

3<sup>rd</sup> Diane Underwood

23<sup>rd</sup> Linda Dittimore

#### **Anniversaries**

3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Melpolder & Diane Graham

5<sup>th</sup> Mitch & Rhonda Ford

14<sup>th</sup> Mike & Sheryl Mikel

9<sup>th</sup> Richard & Deb Reaza

15<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Chris Brown

4<sup>th</sup> Frank & Jane Hamusek

12<sup>th</sup> Ron & Orva Klopfer

21<sup>st</sup> Richard & Esther Coleman

## **CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR JANUARY**

The winner of the January attendance reward was Bill Lakey.

Congratulations Bill! Bill generously donated the \$25 back to the Club.

The February reward will be at \$25. We now have 103 Members in the Club!

## **50/50 WINNER FOR JANUARY**

The 50/50 Pot was for \$88 and the winner was Amber Schneider.

Congratulations Amber.

## **INTERESTING WEBSITES ON CARS**

You might find the following websites of interest about found old cars and cars for sale: [barnfinds.com](http://barnfinds.com) and [bringatrailer.com](http://bringatrailer.com)

## Mark your calendars for Car Club Events

Udders Ice Cream every Friday night – 1893 NE 7th St, G.P. in Diamond Home Improvement parking lot. Meet us there around 6 pm. Other Car Clubs also participate. Weather permitting!



Medford Cars and Coffee . . . every Saturday morning – 2676 E Barnett Rd. Info: [medfordcarsncoffee.com](http://medfordcarsncoffee.com) Join us to socialize and enjoy the cars at Southern Oregon Orthopedics, behind the Starbucks 8-9:30 AM. Weather permitting!

Cave Junction Senior Center on the first Saturday of every month Meet at Albertson's Allen Creek Road location at 8:45 AM and cruise down together. All-you-can-eat breakfast (only \$9) includes eggs, hash browns, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and juice.

Cars & Coffee at Jimmy's Drive-In on the third Saturday of every month from May thru October - 9-10:30 AM. 515 NE E Street - Grants Pass Weather permitting!



# ROGUE VALLEY CLASSIC CRUISERS EVENTS FOR 2024

## JANUARY

6	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
14	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange – Speaker: Larry Weiner - Tips on Arranging Collector Car Transportation
27	Grants Pass	Lunch Social at Si Casa Flores

## FEBRUARY

3	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
4	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange/Note:One Week Early- Speaker: Bob Simmons Trivia Challenge
24	Grants Pass	Breakfast Social at Black Forest

## MARCH

2	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
10	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / New Officers Election     Speaker: Barbara Masters History of RVCC
23	Grants Pass	Social at Black Bear Diner Dinner

## APRIL

6	Cave Junction	Cruise to Taylors's Sausage Brunch
14	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
27-28	Medford	Medford Rod and Custom Show / Medford Event Center

## MAY

4	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
5	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / Note: One Week Early Speaker: Amber Schneider (Chase Bank) How to Protect Yourself From Check Fraud
18	Grants Pass	Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
25	Grants Pass	Vehicle Cruise in Boatnik Parade / Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive In

## JUNE

1	Shady Cove	Cruise to Mac's Diner Lunch
8	Merlin	Merlin Baptist Church Annual Car Show
9	Grants Pass	Meeting and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Celebration Program
15	Grants Pass	Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
29	Grants Pass	Summer Rod and Custom Country Cruise

## JULY

6	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
14	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
20	Grants Pass	Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
26	Grants Pass	Fabulous 50's Downtown Pre-Show 8:00AM – 2:00PM
27	Grants Pass	Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show at the Josephine County Fairgrounds

## AUGUST

3	Azalea	Cruise to Heaven on Earth Breakfast
11	Grants Pass	BBQ Picnic and Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
17	Grants Pass	Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
31	Grants Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Road Rally

## SEPTEMBER

7	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
8	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
21	Grants Pass	Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 10:30AM

## OCTOBER

5	Cave Junction	Fall Color Rod Run
13	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
19	Grants Pass	Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 10:30AM

## NOVEMBER

2	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
10	Grants Pass	Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange

## DECEMBER

7	Cave Junction	Cruise to Breakfast
TBD	Grants Pass	Christmas Party

## Various Event Pictures



President Carolyn presenting RCC student, Jacob Christman with RCC Rep, Anna Manley with our donation



Club Members in attendance at the January 2024 meeting at the Grange. Quite a crowd!



Club Members and Friends enjoying Ice Cream at Udders on a Friday night.



# MEMBER PROSPECTIVE

## TOM & DONNA SPENCER'S 1932 FORD 3-WINDOW COUPE

This month's feature car is the purple 1932 Ford 3-window coupe belonging to Tom & Donna Spencer. Our good friend Bob Holmes built this car in 1992. I always admired the car, and told Bob that if he ever decided to sell it, I'd like a shot at it. He replied, "You and a bunch of other guys. Get in line." So I didn't ever expect that it would belong to us. However, when Bob became ill, he decided he wanted the car to go to someone that would drive and enjoy it, and not flip it for a quick profit. He told his wife Georgi, "see if Tom and Donna still want the car". Yes! Even though it was 20 years later, we still wanted our dream car!

The car sports a Gibbon body mounted on an aftermarket frame that's been stretched three inches to accommodate the engine. That engine is the focal point of the car—a 1958 Chrysler 392 Hemi that's dressed to emulate an early racing engine with a 6-71 supercharger case, dual 4-barrel carbs, and Mickey Thompson valve covers. Bob made the adapter to mate the Chrysler engine to the Chevy 700R4 transmission before those adapters were commercially available. The rear end is a Frankland quick change, commonly used in road race cars.

The paint is PPG Purple Night with pinstriping by well-known SoCal stripers Bob Bond. The interior is trimmed in gray tweed and it recently got a new headliner and floor mats at Emilio's Upholstery in Grants Pass. Being a 90's build it reflects the trends of the era—shaved door handles, hidden door hinges, digital gauges in a billet aluminum insert, Boyd's steering wheel, etc. The car has worn a couple of different sets of wheels but currently rolls on the classic American Torque Thrust II.

When we bought the car in early 2020, it had been sitting for years and needed some attention to be roadworthy. Fresh gas, new tires, fresh fluids & filters, and a new brake master cylinder & booster got it back on the road. We don't have any plans to update the car, we're going to drive and enjoy it in memory of our buddy Bob Holmes.



If you'd like to see your car featured here, contact Tom Spencer at [t3spencer@dslextreme.com](mailto:t3spencer@dslextreme.com) or (541) 474-5816.

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