



CLASSIC NEWS - APRIL 2024

President: Carolyn Hartzell
Show Chair: Kathy Simmons

Vice President: Larry Weiner
Secretary: Donna Spencer

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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you old enough to remember, the Rolling Stones had a big hit in 1965 with a chart-topping song called Satisfaction. Mick Jagger sings a recurring verse in the lyrics, "I can't get no satisfaction." While I may not be a rock star, unlike Jagger, I get a lot of satisfaction, especially because I am so involved with the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers.

One of the reasons for my "satisfaction" is the amazing level of enthusiasm among the members for the wide range of activities the club schedules every month. On top of that, I am excited by the attendance at the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The main hall is virtually full at every meeting, and it is gratifying to meet so many new members at each meeting. New membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and with over 100 members, RVCC is growing at an unprecedented rate. One of the great things about the new members is their enthusiasm for the club. Their willingness to volunteer to help is something we really need, especially as we prepare for the upcoming 29th Annual Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show. As the show continues to grow, a dedicated staff comprised of club members is extremely important.

And speaking of the Fabulous 50's Show, it's very exciting that for the first time, we will have a two-hour concert during the show by a popular local group called the Torpedo's. On top of that, the Southern Oregon Corvette Association, who is having a special 50 vehicle display featuring Corvettes of every generation has volunteered to co-sponsor the concert with RVCC. As if that wasn't enough, new members Chris and Pauline Lehuede, the owners of Therapeutic Industries Inc., have pledged to become a major sponsor of the Fabulous 50's Show. Chris and Pauline have an incredible collection of Mopars and it looks like they will open their doors to RVCC members this year as one of the stops on an upcoming Shop Tour.

So, as you can see, I really do get a lot of satisfaction being a part of RVCC. And yes, I am very humbled to have been reelected President for a second continuous term. While I may not be getting any younger, I must admit that all of the excitement surrounding RVCC and everything we do energizes me and makes me want to do more too. I hope that you feel the same way.

Carolyn



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



INDOOR CAR SHOW SEASON

Indoor car shows are something that I have exhibited vehicles at for over 40 years. With the likelihood of inclement weather this time of the year, an indoor car show offers a safe, predictable venue to display your favorite vehicle. The first major indoor show I did was World of Wheels at McCormick Place in Chicago. It was and is a huge show with over 1,000 vehicles of all types on display. In addition to street driven cool cars and trucks of all kinds, there are over-the-top displays featuring professional touring show cars along with a myriad of vendors and isles packed wall to wall with enthusiastic crowds. It truly is a fun show and I found it exciting to be a part of the spectacle.

Other shows in major metropolitan areas echo similar over the top presentations, such as the Grand National Roadster Show at the Fairplex in Pomona, California, and the Detroit Autorama in Michigan at Cobo Hall. Here in the Pacific Northwest, the indoor shows tend to be smaller, mainly because of the more rural nature of this part of the country. However, the shows are just as much fun and offer the additional benefit of the opportunity to meet the vehicle owners due to the smaller arenas and crowds. As an example, six of us from the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers and the Southern Oregon Corvette Association got together to display our vehicles at the Salem Roadster Show earlier this month. With one hundred vehicles on display, it was a fun, intimate show with great cars and trucks. The show promoters even provided owners who displayed vehicles with the opportunity to attend a special showing at the Brothers Collection located only a couple of miles from the show.

Another indoor show coming up at the end of April right here in Southwest Oregon is the Medford Rod and Custom Show. This year the show will be held at the new Rogue X Center in Medford and will be the first ever car show at this world-class facility. If you have ever considered joining in on the fun and displaying your favorite car or truck at an indoor show, this is the one for you. Not only is it close to home, but the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers will have a huge display at this show, with about twenty member vehicles of all kinds in the exhibit. With hot rods, muscle cars, customs, classics and trucks, this display will have it all. We will also have a section set aside with banners and information about the club and want to encourage show exhibitors and attendees to meet club members, check out their vehicles and consider joining RVCC.

So even though the weather may not be picture perfect yet, we can still have fun with our vehicles. Indoor shows like the Medford Rod and Custom Show provide a place where we can all display them, take time to get together with other like-minded enthusiasts and make new friends. I hope to see you there.

Larry

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<u>AMBASSADOR</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>JOINED</u>
KATHY SIMMONS	Michael Dollarhide Tom Garland Linda Kindt	Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 9/5/2023
LARRY WEINER	Abner Lovato John Swartsfager John Weinrich	Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 8/26/2023 Date: 9/10/2023
CONNIE GATES	Larry Houser	Date: 8/26/2023S
JIM STRUFFERT	Doug Kiepert Dently Wagner	Date: 10/7/2023 Date: 10/9/2023
ABNER LOVATO	Andy Lovato	Date: 10/21/2023
BOB LINDBERG	Tony Reed	Date: 11/4/2023
CAROLYN HARTZELL	Tim Reyes	Date: 11/10/2023
SCOTT WILSON	Jon Jordan	Date: 11/12/2023
LARRY HOUSER	Mitch Ford	Date: 11/12/2023
PAUL POULIOT	Roger Bailey	Date: 1/9/2024
TOM GARLAND	Ed Hill	Date: 2/6/2024

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FOR APRIL

Birthdays

2nd Marsha Price
3rd Ronald Reeg
12th Charlie Price
15th Marilyn Hill
20th Bob Underwood

2nd Donna Spencer
6th Lynette Rothwell
14th Glenn Dean
16th Dennis Brown
21st Linda Swartsfager

3rd Ed English
7th Carole Steele
14th Dawn Haney
19th Sue Weinrich
27th Roger Bailey

Anniversaries

Would you believe there are no anniversaries in the month of April!

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR MARCH

The winner of the March attendance reward was Brent Shannon who was not present. Sorry Brent. The April reward will be at \$75.

We have 114 Members in the Club!

50/50 WINNER FOR MARCH

The 50/50 Pot was for \$97 and the winner was Brett Brown. Congratulations Brett and thanks for donating your winnings back to the Club!

INTERESTING WEBSITES ON CARS

You might find the following websites of interest about found old cars and cars for sale: barnfinds.com and bringatrailer.com

FABULOUS 50'S CAR SHOW PREPARATIONS

The Club is now accepting donations of raffle prizes for Fabulous 50's Car Show. Please bring them to a club meeting. Thanks to Debbie Weiner for stepping up to be Team Leader for the Raffle Team.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the games. We still need 2, 3/8" drive ratchets, 2 cylinder heads and 6 Hula Hoops.

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 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

MARCH

23 Medford RVCC Cruise & Social at Punky's Diner & Pies 953 Medford Center
 Meet at Ray's Food Mart 506 E Main St, Rogue River, OR 97537
 Time: 9:45AM Leave at 10:00AM Sharp

APRIL

6 Grants Pass RVCC Brunch Social at Black Forest
 14 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
 Speaker: Amber Schneider from Chase Bank
 Subject: How to Protect Yourself From Check Fraud
 27,28 Medford Medford Rod and Custom Show / Medford Event Center

MAY

4 Cave Junction RVCC Cruise to Breakfast
 5 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / Note: One Week Early)
 Speaker: Bob Simmons Car Trivia Contest
 18 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
 25 Grants Pass RVCC Vehicle Cruise in Boatnik Parade/Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In
 26 Brookings Curry County Cruisers Car Show

JUNE

1 Grants Pass 541 Outlaw Car Show 8AM – 2PM Caveman Plaza Between 4-6th St & G St.
 13 Roseburg Graffiti Nights
 8 Merlin Merlin Baptist Church Annual Car Show
 9 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting and 2nd Annual Veterans Celebration Program
 15 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
 29 Grants Pass RVCC Summer Rod and Custom Country Cruise

JULY

6 Cave Junction RVCC Cruise to Breakfast
 6 Medford RVCC Dave Borup Memorial Cruise to Rods and Rides Car Show
 14 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
 20 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 10:30AM
 26 Grants Pass RVCC Fabulous 50's Downtown Pre-Show 8:00AM – 2:00PM
 Grants Pass RVCC Fab 50's Party at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 5:00PM to 9:00PM
 27 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show at the Josephine County Fairgrounds

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

7 Cave Junction RVCC Cruise to Breakfast
 8 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
 14 Grants Pass Veterans Suicide Awareness and Car Show 5th & D St. 10:00AM -2:00 PM
 14 Merlin Rat Rod Rukus Show
 21 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 10:30AM

OCTOBER

5 Cave Junction RVCC Fall Color Rod Run
 13 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
 19 Grants Pass RVCC 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 -Fruitdale Grange

DECEMBER

7 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast
 TBD Christmas Party

Yes, the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers Car Club has been around since 1983!

Below is the huge Birthday Cake that our President, Carolyn brought for us to share in honor of this Birthday. Just look at the huge crowd that attended and enjoyed a good dinner by Papa T's BBQ.



We had 65 Members in attendance



RVCC MEMBER VEHICLES AT THE SALEM ROADSTER SHOW



RVCC MEMBER VEHICLES AT THE ROSEBURG SHOW



MEMBER PROSPECTIVE

LARRY AND DEBBIE WEINER'S 2022 DODGE CHALLENGER WIDE BODY

This month's featured vehicle is the 2022 Dodge Challenger Wide Body owned by Larry and Debbie Weiner. This is no ordinary Challenger--it's a Hurst Heritage Tribute car built by GSS Supercars, Larry and Debbie's business. After finding a Challenger with the color and options they wanted, the Weiner's shipped the new car to their facility in Arizona to be transformed into a 55th Anniversary 1969 Hurst Tribute car. Larry and Debbie have built lots of Challengers and other modern muscle cars for customers, but since Challenger production was ending they decided it was time to build one for themselves. Larry says no two GSS builds are the same--each one has the specific features the customer desires, and this one is no different. After starting with the White Knuckle car, they designed the Hurst tribute striping. Those graphics, based on the 1969 Hurst cars, are an exact duplicate of a one year only color—Firefrost Gold. Other Hurst callouts are all over the car—logos on the Katzkin leather seats, emblems and painted (not stickers) logos on the interior and exterior, Flowmaster (a Hurst companion company under the Holley brand) exhaust system with Hurst logo tips, and of course a Hurst Billet Plus Shifter for the six speed manual transmission. Larry designed the wheels—they're a 20" forged homage to the vintage Hurst Stunner wheel. The car has been lowered about 1 ¼" front and rear with Hurst lowering springs, and the Mr. Norm's Demonic Hood features a functional scoop that feeds the Flowmaster Delta Force cold air intake on the 6.4 liter Hemi engine.

Larry and Debbie's goal for this car was to create what they believe Hurst would have built if they were still upgrading new cars. It's got the look of vintage muscle but with all of the comforts, performance and reliability of a new car. Although this car was completed last summer it hasn't been seen in public, except on the cover of Mopar Action magazine and YouTube channel My Car Story. The Challenger made its debut at the Salem Roadster Show this month to rave reviews. Go see it at the Medford Rod & Custom Show April 27 and 28—it's gorgeous!



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

BELOW WERE THE SPONSORS FOR THE 2023 CAR SHOW

HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL ALL BE SPONSORS FOR 2024

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MEMBERSHIP REWARDS PROGRAM

Introducing the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers Membership Rewards Program. The purpose of this program is to reward club members with discounts at participating local merchants. Each member will receive an RVCC Membership Rewards Card with his or her name and member number. Carry the RVCC Membership Rewards Card with you in your wallet. When making a purchase at a participating merchant, simply show them your membership card to receive your discount. The RVCC Membership Rewards program provides another value to members, one that can quite literally cover the cost of your yearly dues as a result of savings, in some cases with just a few purchases. Watch the posted list of participating member companies grow every month in the RVCC Newsletter as more companies join this exciting new program.

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Contact: Michael Rugg vernon.rugg59@gmail.com (805) 714-6738

RVCC General meeting minutes Sunday, March 10th, 2024

Many members showed up at the Grange about 3:30 PM to socialize with friends and enjoy the wonderful 41st Anniversary Dinner at 4 PM. Carolyn led everyone in prayer and Larry headed the Pledge of Allegiance. The servings were plentiful and some of us even went back for a second helping. After having cake the meeting started.

President-Carolyn Hartzell- started the meeting at 5:10 PM and introduced new members. Lou Baker- Lou mentioned her 1957 Chev pickup, Devin Freeman- Devin has a '73 Dodge Challenger.

Vice President-Larry Weiner- Larry informed the members that the Corvette club will have 50 cars at our show this year and they have offered to pay 1/2 of the cost for the Live band that will perform from 11 AM to 1 PM during our car show.

Larry also mentioned the RVCC FACEBOOK page that needs more activity. RVCC has 16 cars registered for the Rod & Custom show April 27 & 28 in Medford at the New Rogue X building. There is room for Trailer parking. Larry was passing out Rewards Discount cards to members who have paid their dues.

Treasurer Report-Glenn Dean- Good news, the club is still solvent.

Newsletter report-Glenn Dean- The Newsletter will go out soon. Are there any volunteers for the Newsletter position?

Secretary's report-Paul Pouliot- Paul reported the club received a thank you card from Kathy Simmons for the flowers & fruit basket, thank all of you who care and gave generously. We also received a thank you letter from the Women's Crisis Center for our donation.

Car Show Chairperson report-Kathy Simmons- The Registration poster is at the printer. Unfortunately Bob Drake will no longer be a sponsor. Volunteers are needed to help with the Merchant awards program, contact Kathy if you can help with this important program.

Cruise director's report-Carolyn Hartzell- April 6, cruise to Cave Junction for a stupendous \$9:00 breakfast. Meet at Albertsons at 9 AM and cruise with other members. The monthly social will be at Punkie's Pies in Medford, meet at Ray's Market in Rogue River at 10 AM on April 23rd.

Old Business- Bill Foutts is now in charge of the Bottle Drop program, so keep those bottles and cans coming to the meetings. Amber Schneider has 9 hotels lined up to provide discounts to car show participants on our Web site.

New Business- Debbie Weiner has volunteered to run the Raffle booth at the Car Show. Thank you Debbie for stepping up. Darin Schneider needs engine parts for his Engine Build at the car show. Charlie Price displayed a sample of our Logo embroidered on a blue background. Charlie will bring samples of Jackets for sizing to the next meeting, a motion was made by Rex Chapman to repay Charlie if he has to pay for the Jacket samples, Amber 2nd the motion and the motion passed by voting of the members.

Voting for New President & Secretary- Carolyn was nominated by Tom Spencer & 2nd by Larry Weiner. The voting was unanimous. Kimberly Lusenhop nominated Donna Spencer as Secretary. Glenn Dean 2nd the motion, again the voting was positive. Congratulations to both of you.

Brent Shannon's name was drawn for the attendance award program **but** he was not there so \$50.00 grows to \$75.00 at the next meeting.

50/50 - Brent Brown won \$97. and donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you Brent.

Special Thanks to all who arrived early to set up and everyone who stayed after the meeting to clean up. You really make a positive difference.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55. **Next Meeting-** Sunday, April 14th at the Fruitdale Grange at 4 PM.
Faithfully submitted by Paul Pouliot- Club Secretary