



CLASSIC NEWS - MARCH 2024

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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

I have been a member of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers since 2006.

Being actively involved in the club, including three terms as president, have provided me with an up-close and personal perspective about not only RVCC, but other car clubs. Over the years, our club has had numerous interactions with other clubs, while in other cases, my observations are based on information passed on to me by fellow RVCC members.

One common thread is that an ever-increasing percentage of the clubs that have been around for many years have been shutting down or are near to ending due to the quaint term, "aging out". This is the polite way of saying the members are simply getting old. There is no question that long-time members of the club get set in their ways, along with building a special bond of friendship that can make it difficult to welcome new members. This is commonly known as a clique. The result is that new members have a tough time being accepted as a part of the established group. If they perceive that they are not welcome, before long, they stop participating in club functions and ultimately quit.

When a mature club reaches this point, it finds itself at a crossroads. It can stay the course with the inevitable conclusion or make changes that will ensure the longevity of the club. I am happy to say that our club has taken the latter position. Rather than living in the past, RVCC is moving forward with gusto and enthusiasm. New members are joining in record numbers, long-time members are making them feel welcome and there is more going on with our club than at any time in recent memory. From breakfast, lunch, and dinner socials, numerous cruises and fast-paced, exciting monthly meetings, our club is on a proverbial roll.

New, slightly younger members are providing a welcome dose of enthusiasm, coupled with energy and a passion for getting actively involved in the club than ever. This is the antithesis of the alternative, and I am glad that RVCC has chosen this path. Yes, there have been changes, but change can be a positive thing, and has opened doors for the club that would have been unimaginable just a couple of years ago.

RVCC is celebrating its 41st birthday this year, and the future for our club has never looked brighter. I can hardly wait to see where we are headed, and one thing is sure, it's going to be a fun, exciting ride!

Carolyn

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPRING FEVER

According to the calendar it is still winter here in Southwest Oregon. But I will be the first to admit that as soon as we get anything close to a nice day, I get a serious case of spring fever. This past week we had a couple of sunny days, and like many of you, I got the itch to take out my hot rod for a little ride. So, I fired it up, and went out for a spin. It was the most fun that I have had for quite a while, and I can't wait to do it again soon.

As many of you know, I am originally from Chicago. It is well known as the Windy City for good reason. First off, in the winter you are forced to deal with stiff winds blowing off Lake Michigan that can cut through you like a knife, no matter how many layers of clothing you are wearing. Combine this with the likelihood of extremely cold temperatures, (can you say brutal wind chill?) along with intense snowstorms that can drop the white stuff faster than a good snow blower with a chain driven auger can keep up with. In short, it is nothing if not a harsh climate.

And yes, even living there, I could get a serious case of spring fever. When I was young, I only had one car. For winter, the rolling stock consisted of factory wheels and studded snow tires. When the weather got nice, I would swap them for a set of Cragar S/S chrome wheels and wide oval tires. I clearly remember back in early April of 1970, there was a short string of really nice days (for Chicago at least) where it was somewhat sunny with temperatures in the 40's, which compared to normal was like a balmy 80-degree day in Hawaii. Caught up in the moment, I pulled off the boring stock wheels and tires and installed the Cragars. It was great for a few days, but early one morning at 5:00 AM the phone rang. My best friend was calling to tell me to look out the window and check out the raging snow. If you guessed that I went right out and changed the wheels and tires before I drove to work, you would be correct. So much for spring fever.

Just thinking about all the years that I lived there dealing with blizzards and sub-zero temperatures makes me appreciate the mild climate we have here. So, while most of us now have a daily driver for the rainy season, at least we know that there may be a temporary break in the weather from time to time when we can take our fun cars out and play. It sure gives us something to look forward to.

Larry



GET 3 GET YOURS FREE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AMBASSADORS & NEW MEMBERS

<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

NEW CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR CARS

Lou Baker	1957 Chevrolet P/U Modified
Dave & Becky Carr	1968 Chrysler Newport Convertible
Don Castle	1970 Ford F100
Kirk & Jamee Chapman	1932 Ford 5-Window Coupe Modified
Jacob Christman	1976 Triumph TR7 FHC
Ed & Cindy English	1928 Ford Model A Sedan Modified
Dean & Pam Freeman	1973 Dodge Challenger Modified
Chris & Pauline Laheude	1971 Demon Modified, 1968 Charger R/T
	1970 Plymouth Superbird Stock
Trent & Jen Liska	1932 Ford 5-Window Coupe
Jon & Gina Olinghouse	1948 Dodge Deluxe Stock
Michael & Vicki Rugg	1966 Chevelle SS Modified
Gregory & Dawn Helgen	1959 Chevrolet El Camino
	1966 Pontiac GTO, 1967 Camaro RS-SS
Ed & Marilyn Hill	1947 Ford, 1957 Ford Ranchero,
	1979 Ford Ranchero GT, 2003 T-Bird

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FOR MARCH

Birthdays

1 st Mike Mikel	2 nd Joe Milder	10 th Juana Kitchel
11 th Chris Laheude	12 th Frank Hamusek	15 th Lynn Murdock
17 th Amber Schneider	17 th Dave Carr	18 th Abner Lovato
19 th Debbie Timme	20 th Cindy Swanson	20 th JW Ohler
22 nd Caleen Jordan	27 th Bill Foutts	29 th Judy Caltabiano
31 st Tom Derryberry		

Anniversaries

12 th Ronald & Bonnie Reeg	14 th Ed & Barbara Premo	18 th Bill & Carolyn Hartzell
19 th Harvey & Erlene Miller	20 th Ron & Beth Allison	23 rd John & Linda Ditemore

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR FEBRUARY

The winner of the February attendance reward was Dawn Haney who was not present. Sorry Dawn. The March reward will be at \$50.

We now have 114 Members in the Club!

50/50 WINNER FOR FEBRUARY

The 50/50 Pot was for \$65 and the winner was Andy Speziale. Congratulations Andy!

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

RVCC MEMBER LOOKING FOR PARTS

JIM GODEC is looking for STAINLESS TRIM for his 1957 Chevrolet 210 2 Door Sedan. If you have any extra trim, please call JIM at 541-291-6196.

FABULOUS 50'S CAR SHOW PREPARATIONS

Tom & Donna Spencer are asking for everyone to bring Raffle Prizes to the Club meetings to assist them in preparing the various raffle prizes at the show.

Tom & Donna are also planning some Hot Rod Games at the show and they are in need of the following items (bring them to the Club meetings):

Any number of Hula Hoops, 6-8 used Fan Belts, 3-4 Tall Traffic Cones, 4-5 Tires without wheels, 6-8 Used Pistons (with or without connecting rods, 5 Used Pushrods, 2 Cylinder Heads, 16 Spark Plugs, Round Steel Tubing in various sizes and 2 Ratchets with Spark Plug Sockets.

All of these items should be used as they will be tossing them around.

Also they need a **Volunteer** to LEAD the Raffle group at the Show.

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

FEBRUARY

24 Cave Junction RVCC Brunch Social at Taylor's Sausage 202 Redwood Hwy. Meet at Albertson's at 10:00AM Depart 10:15AM Sharp

MARCH

2 Cave Junction RVCC Cruise to Breakfast
10 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / New Officers Election
Speaker: Barbara Masters Subject: History of RVCC Part 2
15,16 Roseburg Roseburg Benefit Car Show / Douglas County Fairgrounds
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 4-6 th St & G St.
13	Roseburg	Graffiti Nights
8	Merlin	Merlin Baptist Church Annual Car Show
9	Grants Pass	RVCC Meeting and 2 nd 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 1 st 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 5 th & 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	RVCC Cruise to Breakfast
10	Grants Pass	RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange

DECEMBER

7	Cave Junction	RVCC Cruise to Breakfast
	Grants Pass	Christmas Party Date to be announced

MEMBER PROSPECTIVE

DAVE & DEBBIE TIMME'S 1980 EL CAMINO SUPER SPORT

This month's feature car is Dave and Debbie Timme's 1980 El Camino Super Sport. This car came to their garage in an unusual way—it replaced a new car! Their 2020 Subaru was a lemon that spent more time in the shop than in their driveway. All of the computer and electrical issues convinced Dave and Debbie to find something simpler, without all of the modern gadgets. Scrolling through the Auto Trader while Debbie lay in a hospital bed, they kept coming back to this El Camino. Dave called the owner, made the deal, and they went to Creswell to pick it up as soon as Debbie was able.

The El Camino is a nicely optioned original with a number of upgrades. It has factory optional power windows, door locks, and mirrors. The Elco's original 350 engine was replaced with a 383 inch stroker equipped with an Edelbrock intake manifold and HEI ignition. Since bringing it home Dave cleaned and detailed the engine compartment, replaced the valve covers and air cleaner, and cleaned up the wiring. It runs a Turbo 350 transmission, and the wheels are Corvette rallys with center caps and beauty rings. Paint is black (with a hint of green) and silver with Super Sport graphics. Dave and Debbie had the roof and quarter panels repainted after repairing the roof, and the rest of the car will be repainted after a cowl induction hood is installed. The factory stereo was upgraded to a Sony multimedia unit with an amplifier and multiple speakers.

Future projects include reinstalling the air conditioning and replacing the exhaust manifolds with headers. Dave and Debbie are enjoying making step by step improvements while driving their El Camino to car shows in the area and on the coast.



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

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