



## Officers

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## Presidents Message

As your new president, it was with great pleasure on behalf of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers To thank our past president, Carolyn Hartzell and past Treasure, Bill Foutts for their contribution To the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers. I'm looking forward to working with the officers, team leaders and the members. To start, I'm requesting ideas from all members to increase participation not only for the car club, but for what we do.

Jim Wells

Rouge Valley Classic Cruisers  
Meeting April 8, 2018

New members "Babe" Tribiano and Judy Norris were introduced and welcomed to the club. Social hour and dinner were from 3:30 pm. To 4:40 pm.

Treasurer Glenn Dean also reported that the laptop used by the treasurer was very out dated. It was voted by the members to replace the laptop along with an up to date version of Quicken.

News regarding member Bill Hartzell, was updated by Ken Beatty after Bills hospitalization to OHSU Portland. Good news, his condition is treatable.

Ron Cook reported, there are 59 couples and members in the club.

Newsletter: ( Ron & Nancy Cook ) had nothing to report.

Secretary: had nothing to report.

Cruise Directors:

Connie Gates & Cathy Weed.

We will be going to Cave Junction May 5<sup>th</sup>, for breakfast at the senior center. We'll depart from Albertsons parking lot at 9:00 a.m. No RSVP needed.

We will be going for lunch at the Back Porch Grill in Jacksonville on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Details will be given as plans firm up.

Rex Chapman, who has coordinated with RCC auto program introduced two scholarship recipients who told us just how much the money meant to them and how thankful they were to the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers for all that we do.

Old Business:

Club Yard Sale June 1, 2018 (Friday)

all members can bring items for sale to our home anytime from now until May 31.

Questions about the yard sale or to **volunteer to help**, please call George and Barbara Masters at 541-479-6303.

Our address is 1610 SW Rogue River Ave, Grants Pass, 97526. We are just off of Bridge Street.

Thanks George

Car show chair Kathy Simmons updated the members on the progress of the car show.

Discussions ensued regarding tee shirts for participants.....Most likely for next year.

April 19<sup>th</sup> there was a board meeting at Jim Wells' home to iron out the final form for potential charity recipience.

Upcoming shows and events:

Car Show: Merlin Community Church is having a car show on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

All Free, even lunch is provided. For more information please call, George at 541-479-6303 or 541-659-3863.

May, 19<sup>th</sup> Mini car show ay Kates Bar & Grill on Hwy 199 near Wonder. No cost, trophy's and lunch.

June, 30<sup>th</sup> Cave Junction car show

August 4<sup>th</sup> Coquille car show.

The 50/50 was won by Ron Smith (\$37)

Meeting adjourned at 5:35

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Boranian

# ROGUE VALLEY CLASSIC CHEVYS

## HISTORY NOTES

AS OF

March 1, 2018

Written by Barbara Masters

## History of the Rogue Valley Classic Chevys

### Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers

These history notes are taken from conversations from early club members: Larry & Kathy Boyum, Dave and Carolyn Dorman, Frank Klutsenbecker, Boyd & Linda Travis and Lloyd and LuAnn Miles. All the conversations were put together by George & Barbara Masters.

Back in the early 70's car enthusiasts in Oregon were starting car clubs, mainly as Chapters of Obsolete Fleet, out of Eugene and Portland. Frank Klutsenbecker heard about these 55, 56, & 57 Chevy clubs starting and since there was not a club in Southern Oregon, he got together with some friends who owned Chevy classics and asked if they would be interested in starting a 55, 56 57 Chevy Club.

After checking with other friends, they all agreed to start a club, so Frank put an ad in the Medford newspaper about a meeting at the Expo stating that anyone who would that was interested in a Chevy club to attend the meeting.

A member of the Obsolete Fleet Chevy Club from Eugene Oregon came down for the meeting. Lots of people attended, and from that a chapter of the Obsolete Fleet Chevy Club was started, the year was 1973. Larry Boyum was one who attended the meeting, and then he and Frank recruited other club members. Frank Klutsenbecker was the first president of the club. (Frank had several classic Chevys, but he mostly drove an orange T-Bucket)

These "car enthusiasts" wanted to bring together people who shared a common hobby and interest in the restoration and preservations of the 55, 56, & 57 Chevrolets and to make sure that these classic cars could always be on the road. They wanted to provide an enjoyable social activity for people who admire and collected classics. They had monthly meetings and occasionally have other activities to promote the interest in the classic cars and to take part in community parades and car show.

(Note about parades)::: There were some holidays that we would do the Central Point Parade, and then drive to Eagle Point to do the parade on in the same morning!

At the same time we started our club, Bend, Oregon, Klamath Falls, Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, Coos Bay, Oregon all started Chevy clubs too. The "group" or club remained Obsolete Fleet until 1979. During that time they were small in numbers and had meetings and pot lucks in members' homes. They did not

have a newsletter at that time. Then in 1979 the "Club" decided that they would break away from Obsolete Fleet Chevy Club and form their own club, they felt that the name Obsolete Fleet did not fit the image that they wanted. They also felt that they were too far from the main club. The name chosen was the Rogue Valley Classic Chevys Club. They were still small enough to meet in members' homes and have pot lucks. (Some of the members at that time had small children. Larry and Kathy had 3 little girls, and Dave & Carolyn had 4 little boys.) The newsletter was written by the president on a type writer.

For fun things, they had an annual camp out at Lake Shasta & later Ft.

Klamath with all their families. Lots of fun was had with all kinds of games.

Some of the games involved using their classic cars. (Example: a parking lot was set up with lots of cones, and the husband drove the classic car blindfolded, and the wife gave him directions on driving around the cones!)

During this time a club member, Claude Collyer, became ill. He had been working restoring his 1956 Chevy. The club members took Claude's car and put it in Frank's garage and did all the body work, painting and putting the car back together. The guys really had a good time working on Claude's car. When done, they gave it back to Claude and Jennie. Claude was pleasantly surprised, and was able to drive the car before he passed away.

Sometime in the late 1982 the club decided to become a non-profit organization due to tax issues. Carolyn Dorman and Kathy Boyum did all the paper work to get this status. They filed with the State of Oregon and got the paperwork back dated March, 1983. Carolyn and Kathy spent many, many hours (months) to get all the necessary papers filed with the State of Oregon and then the IRS. So this March 2018 our club is 35 years old. We changed the club name in \_\_\_\_\_ to try to encourage more people with different cars to join us.

The first official newsletter was done in March 1983. Early club presidents were Larry and Kathy Boyum, Dave and Carolyn Dorman, Boyd and Linda Travis, Lloyd & LuAnn Miles, Joe & Pauline Baker, George and Barbara Masters. In the early years the club president did the newsletter, thus the husband and wife teams. After Al Van Hulzen became president (Nomad Chicken guy), our club was large enough so that we had a separate newsletter editor. (The Nomad Chicken showed up in the February 2001 club newsletter.)

In 1991 the town center association had a Summer Celebration in the downtown area, and part of this event was to have a car show. The car show was held on a bank parking lot. They asked our club to help with the parking of the

cars. The Summer Celebration was held down town until 1995, when the town center association asked our club if we would be interested in taking over the car show part of the event. The board of directors said yes, but we would have to have the show in Riverside Park. (No more bank parking lots!) So.....1996 was our official year for the first "Back to the 50's" car show.

Our club has done a Fall Color Run for years, inviting other clubs in the valley. Thru the years we helped the Rogue Valley Street Rods with their Charity Car show at the expo. In the very early years we provided security and help take tickets at the door.

Back in 1986, Lloyd & LuAnn Miles went to the High Lakes Fun Run in Bend, Oregon. (It was a show for 55, 56 & 57 Chevys only in a private park). They came to the next club meeting and told us all about the event and what a great time they had. That same year they went to "Cruise the Coos" in Coos Bay, Oregon. The next year most of the club went to the High Lakes Fun Run in Bend and Cruise the Coos too. We have done a lot of parades, and other car events thru the years.



Birthdays

Bill Hartzell	5/2
Bonnie Williams	5/2
Miriam Lindberg	5/2
Bob Simmoms	5/6
Robert Lindberg	5/12
Bob Jones	5/14
Charlie Fitzhugh	5/17
Pattye Ingram	5/22
Beth Allison	5/25
Jacklyn Dertien	5/31

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

David & Charlene Williams	5/2
Dick & Barbara Stuckley	5/2

