



CLASSIC NEWS - DECEMBER 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **TIME PASSAGES**

When I was a young girl, my grandmother told me that the older you get, the faster time goes. Back then, with my whole life ahead of me, I found it hard to believe, but no longer. Real or perceived, I have the inescapable feeling that as the years have turned into decades, the passage of time, like an ever faster spinning wheel, has become something of a blur. At this stage of my life, I freely admit that particularly when measured in one-year increments, time really does seem to go much faster than it did when I was young.

In fact, the more I think about it, I find that I am forced to admit that the ever-increasing speed of time may have something to do with aging. There is no question that as we get older, time does seem to go faster if for no other reason than because at some point, each of us will have more of our life behind us than remains ahead of us. This certainly has the effect of compressing time in a way we would have never considered earlier in our lives.

Following this train of thought to its logical conclusion, the holidays seem to arrive quicker each year. Proving the theory that perhaps time really does fly, "Tempus Fugit" to those of you who took Latin classes in school, the holidays are once again nearly upon us. I have always looked forward to, and thoroughly enjoy the holidays. They are a festive time meant to be enjoyed by all and provide a reason (as if one is really necessary) for family and friends to get together.

As I write these words, Thanksgiving is right around the corner, with Christmas not far behind. One of the most rewarding things about the holiday season is that it is a time for giving. This does not necessarily mean the giving of material items. Rather, it can be something as simple as reaching out to an old friend or relative you have not spoken to or seen for a long time.

In closing, I hope that each of you takes a break from the fast pace of life to enjoy Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for and the holidays provide the perfect time to do it.

Carolyn Hartzell

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

It is no secret that the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers has enjoyed significant growth this year. Now nearly 200 members strong, one of the benefits of the influx of new members is the wide variety of special interest vehicles they own. On one end of the spectrum, some of our member's vehicles date back over one hundred years ago to the brass era. This was a time when the invention of the automobile was in its infancy, and affordable cars like the 1908 Ford Model T first became popular.

At the opposite end of the spectrum are the latest modern muscle cars from Detroit. These include vehicles like the Challenger, Charger, Mustang and Camaro, each of which are loaded with the latest technology, raising the performance bar to incredible heights that would have been considered impossible just a few short years ago. Stradling the decades between those two polar opposites are pre-war and post-war classics, fifties cool and sixties muscle, plus a wide range of vintage British and European cars, some of which you may never have seen before. If variety is the spice of life, the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers has become the club with the big tent where automotive enthusiasts of all stripes and their vehicles are welcome.

Proof of this was on full display at the recent Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show. In addition to the traditional vehicles that have been a mainstay of the show field for years, this year gleaming in the summer sun were the rows of 1928 – 1931 Ford Model A's, a myriad of British sports cars, finely constructed Rat Rods, show quality Low Riders and an incredible 1963 Corvette Supercharged Alcohol Gasser that punctuated the stillness of the air with a raucous blast every time it's 1600 horsepower engine was fired up. In short, what participating enthusiasts and spectators witnessed was a virtual vehicle potpourri, the likes of which have never been seen before at this long running show.

It is hard to imagine anything that could be more fun than incredible machines of all kinds and their proud owners whose backgrounds and ages are as varied as the vehicles they treasure. This points toward the future of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers, one that is bright and exciting, both in equal proportions. As we are on the cusp of turning the page of the calendar to the new year, one thing is for sure; the new year will bring even more variety into the club, both vehicles and their owners in equal proportions. This will ensure an enhanced level of interest in RVCC, with more stories about heirloom vehicles and passionately told back stories about the people who once owned them. It is sure to be an interesting year, and one we can build on as our club continues to expand in ways that could have never imagined. Get ready for quite literally the ride of your life as the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers embarks on its most exciting year yet.

Larry Weiner

Paul J. Pouliot

January 22, 1947 – October 19, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Paul Joseph Pouliot, 77 of Merlin, OR. Paul passed away unexpectedly on October 19, 2024.

Paul was born on January 22, 1947 in Sublimity, OR to Wilmer and Cecelia (Kraemer) Pouliot. He is survived by his longtime partner Kimberly Lusenhop who was with him when he passed. His brothers and sisters: Thomas, Anthony, Clarence "Clint" (Shannon), Gilbert (Robin), Frances "Sue" (Butch) Pullen, Mary Ann (Sid) Lien and Esther (George) Hersom along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Paul worked at CH2M Hill in Corvallis OR and San Francisco CA and also for Skylink in Wilsonville OR. He was a Lebanon Union High School Graduate, an Army Veteran, Honorary member of the "Knights of Columbus", a member of the Moose Lodge in Merlin OR, a member of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers and an avid car enthusiast.

William T. Hartzell

May 2, 1942 - November 15, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of William Thomas Hartzell, 82 of Grants Pass, Oregon. Bill passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2024.

Bill was born on May 2, 1942, in Long Beach, California to Thomas and Dorothy (Davis) Hartzell. He is survived by Carolyn, his loving wife of 46 years and nieces and nephews. Carolyn was with him when he passed.

Bill worked at Westerner Boat Company in Southgate, California, ICX Trucking and Contractors Cargo in Compton, California prior to retiring. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, California and was a United States Army Veteran. Bill was an active member of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers. His passion was building and restoring vintage vehicles, several of which were award winners.





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AMBASSADORS & NEW MEMBERS

<u>AMBASSADOR</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
JIM STRUFFERT	Doug Kiepert, Dently Wagner, Mark Stiver	10/23, 10/23, 3/24
PAUL POULIOT	Roger Bailey, Charlie Fitzhugh, Mike Putnam	1/24, 4/24, 4/24
LARRY WEINER	Chuck Shad, John Hoffman, Mark Allen	4/24, 4/24, 5/24
JOHN DITTEMORE	Bill Bryant, Tom Hilton, Phyllis Murdock	4/24, 4/24, 4/24
KIRK SMITH	Wally Norley, Richard Holstrom, Mark Botello	All 5/24
DONNA SPENCER	Hersch Beahm, Charlie Hedges, Mike Shaffer	All 5/24
CAROLYN HARTZELL	Tim Reyes, Shelli Dunnigan, Paul Kruger	11/23, 5/24, 5/24
AMBER SCHNEIDER	Darrell Richter, Shaughnessy McGehee, Steve Kilmer	3/24, 5/24, 6/24
DEAN FREEMAN	Jason Huff, Steve M, Tade Farmer	All 6/24
TOM HOUGHTON	Vince Brown, Richard Baldwin, Shawn Baldwin	6/24, 7/24, 7/24
BILL FOUTTS	Bob Foutts, Beverly Foutts, Lee Beaumont	All 7/24
CONNIE GATES	Larry Houser, Sheila Dormier, Noel Sahlman	8/23, 6/24, 7/24
CHRIS LEHEUDE	Jason Huff, Mike Wheeler, Raymond Marston	7/24, 8/24, 10/24
ABNER LOVATO	Andy Lovato	10/23
BOB LINDBERG	Tony Reed	11/23
SCOTT WILSON	Jon Jordan	11/23
LARRY HOUSER	Mitch Ford	11/23
BRETT BROWN	Jeff Floyd	4/24
DAWN HANEY	Pete Engelhorn	5/24
DAVE CARR	Kent Sanford	4/24
KENT SANFORD	Arleen Robertson, Linda Giangreco	5/24, 7/24
JEFF FLOYD	Christopher Evans	5/24
KATHY SIMMONS	Sandy Worthington	7/24
Swanny Swanson	Tom Hanson & Ron Lopes	7/24
Myke Wingett	Alex Bushyhead	7/24
Andy Lovato	Russ Black	8/24
Raymond Marston	Raymond Rosa	10/24
Glenn Dean	Dennis & Henrietta Hank	11/24

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FOR DECEMBER

Birthdays

4th Arleen Robertson
9th Emily Becerra
14th Patty Houser
21st Tade Farmer
22nd Christopher Evans
27th John Weinrich
30th Mark Broneau

4th Lenni Stratton
10th Holly Reyes
16th Larry Houser
21st Andy Lovato
23rd Pam Freeman
28th Ron Cook
30th Darrin Schneider

5th Mary Baldwin
13th Christopher Burrow
18th Susan Characky
22nd Andi Allen
24th Larry Weiner
28th Alex Oliva
30th Cathy Weed

Anniversaries

1st Paul & Julia Acklin
23rd Joe & Vera Coggan
28th Charlie & Marsha Price

11th Larry & Patty Houser
25th Ken & Candice Beatty
30th Dennis & Henrietta Hank

19th Frank & Carole Steele
27th John & Marsha Carlson

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR NOVEMBER

The winner of the October attendance reward of \$50 was Linda Kindt who was not present. The December reward will be at \$75.

50/50 WINNER FOR NOVEMBER

The 50/50 Pot was for \$140 and the winner was Mike Wheeler. Congratulations Mike!

NEW MEMBERS and THEIR CARS

Robert Fine – 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air & 1989 Chevrolet Camaro RS

Bill & Terry Lasniewski – 1974 MGB Roadster, 2015 Dodge Charger SXT & 2004 Ram Bumble Bee

Raymond Rosa & Heather McApline – 1949 Plymouth, 1962 Chevy C10 P/U & 1955 Morris Minor

Ken & Candice Beatty – 1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1974 Chevy Luv & 1964 Mercury Comet

Alex & Nathan Oliva – 1956 Ford F100, 1969 Chevelle & 1961 Chevy Impala

Dennis & Henrietta Hank – 1966 Mustang, 1967 Mustang Convertible & 1968 Mustang

The Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers now has 195 Members!

Would you believe that at the end of 2022 we had 60 Members and now thanks mostly to the efforts of Larry & Debbie Weiner, we have added 135 new Members. That is more than a 200% Gain in 24 months!

We will be selecting the 2025 Show Charity recipients at our January 2025 Club meeting. A document with a synopsis on each requesting charity will be emailed separately for your review before the January meeting

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.

RVCC Christmas Party and Meeting at Fruitdale Grange on December 8th

RSVP required for this event. As of Nov. 10 we have 91 Members coming. If you have not signed up yet, please call Larry to RSVP and put your check in the mail by November 27th. It is \$25 per person.

See next page for a few pictures from the 2023 Christmas Party.

PICTURES FROM THE 2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY



RVCC NOVEMBER LUNCH SOCIAL AT ORIGNAL ROADHOUSE GRILL



MEMBERSHIP REWARDS PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to reward club members with discounts at participating local merchants. Each member receives an RVCC Membership Rewards Card. Carry the RVCC Membership Rewards Card 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 this list grow as more companies join this exciting new program.

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MEMBER'S FEATURE CAR OF THE MONTH

This month's feature car is the **1961 Morgan Plus 4, 4 seater belonging to Mark and Janet Stiver**. This sporty little convertible was the Righteous Ragtop jacket winner at the Fabulous 50's Charity Car show this year! Mark became a British car enthusiast when he bought an Austin Healey when he was in college (amazingly, he still has it).

Morgans are hand built in England, with only 500-600 being manufactured each year. They don't build their own engines but source them from other manufacturers. This example has a Triumph TR3 1991 cc engine, which makes 105 horsepower and 127 ft lbs torque. The Plus 4 was a high performance model designed to race in the Under 2 Liter sports car class and was quite successful, due in part to weighing only 1700 pounds. The Triumph engine is backed by a Moss 4 speed manual transmission, which was also used in Jaguars and other sports cars of the era. The front suspension is a sliding pillar design with disc brakes, and the live rear axle has parallel leaf springs and drum brakes. The wire wheels are real knock-offs.

Much of the allure of the Morgan is its simplicity. Even though it was built in the 1960's, it's a throwback to an earlier era, and driving it is similar to driving an older car. This body style was made from 1936 to 2018! And for all those years they had a similar look. The body is framed in wood and skinned in sheet metal (steel). The floorboards are wood. Mark says, "You have to drive this car, it doesn't do anything for you". Manual steering and brakes, manual trans with a non-synchro first gear, manual choke, and the turn signals are operated with a toggle switch and do not self-cancel.

When Mark purchased this Morgan 2 years ago, it ran and drove but needed a lot of TLC. Some of the repairs and upgrades he's done are: repairing the clutch, light engine rebuild, installing an aluminum radiator and electric fan, replacing the generator with an alternator (to power the electric fan), adding a high-torque starter, and adding carpet to the interior. With the help of his daughter he also rebuilt and refinished the gauges—who does that themselves?

Mark says the car handles well and is a lot of fun to drive on the winding roads of the Rogue Valley. There are still some projects he'd like to do on the Morgan, but he's enjoying driving it while he does them.



MEMBER'S ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale—1939 Ford Deluxe 2-door sedan

Fresh frame off restoration with only 4,500 miles. All steel, beautiful black paint on laser straight body. Heidt's MII front suspension with power rack, dropped spindles and disc brakes. Front and rear sway bars, Ford 9" rearend with parking brake and new leaf springs. New 350 Chevy engine with 388 hp and 405 ft lbs torque, World products heads, Edelbrock Tri-power induction and TH350 auto trans. Leather interior, finished trunk, Vintage Air heat and a/c, new glass and weather stripping, Custom Audio Secret radio, Stewart Warner gauges and banjo steering wheel. Sits right, looks right, runs and drives like new—multiple award winner. \$55,000. Call Jim Godec at (541) 291-6196



MORE MEMBER'S ITEMS FOR SALE

John Swartsfager has a set of **Steel Wheels** for sale. They are Black Smoothies and come with Chrome Rings and Baby Moons. They are 15" by 7" and are drilled to fit a Chevrolet or Ford. John is selling them for \$300. If interested call him at 541-941-3323.

Free to a good Home!

A pair of 1957 Chevrolet front brake drums, brake shoes and front hub backing plates. Left over from a front disc brake conversion. Email Dale at nondescript.waldron@gmail.com



Brush Master Chipper/Shredder

This Chipper/Shredder was purchased new in December of 2014 and hardly used. Original cost \$720 and I am asking \$350. Email Glenn at GlennLDean@verizon.net if interested.

