



CLASSIC NEWS - MARCH 2026

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PRESIDENT'S AND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SPRING FEVER

Overcast skies, cool morning temperatures and intermittent rain are typical of the weather this time of year here in Southwest Oregon. But there are those rare days when the sky clears and the sun shines down upon Grants Pass, the city with the tagline "It's The Climate." And with the appearance of the sun, the temperature rises, and the hint of spring is suddenly in the air.

Spring fever grips many of us as soon as the weather begins to tease with some sunny days well in advance of the summer solstice. In particular, we get excited about the opportunity to get our favorite hot rods and collector cars out of the garage for the first time in months. After all, many of us really want to get behind the wheel of our favorite cool car or truck, fire it up and take advantage of the first nice day in a long time by taking a cruise or perhaps nothing more than a short drive on one of the picturesque country roads that dot the Rogue River Valley.

But before you get caught up in the moment and wake your hot rod from hibernation, there are some things to check. To be sure, none of us wants anything to happen to our pride and joy, or for that matter, ourselves. It could be as simple as checking the tire pressure on a vehicle that has been parked for a prolonged time. Something as basic as a slow leak can cause low tire pressure and result in a big problem or worse if not caught before driving. And speaking of tires, how old are they? It's easy to lose track of how many years have passed since they were purchased. We may not put many miles on each year, but the passage of time is the real enemy when it comes to tire safety. And how about radiator hoses, fan belts and rubber fuel lines? Each of these also degrade with age and can cause problems, such as a breakdown on the road, or in the case of fuel lines, a failure can result in a vehicle fire, something none of us wants to happen. And speaking of fire, it is a good idea to have a fire extinguisher in your vehicle with a current inspection tag. It's like car insurance. You hope you never need it, but in an emergency, it can be the difference between saving your cherished vehicle and losing it, because let's face it, if you are waiting for the fire department to show up, it's already too late.

These and other items were covered by Tom Spencer, the guest speaker at the February RVCC meeting. Tom is a National Street Rod Association (NSRA) Safety Inspector with years of experience. His knowledge of vehicle operating systems is invaluable, and he offers free vehicle inspections for RVCC member's vehicles. Taking advantage of a free NSRA Safety Inspection can be the difference between a fun cruise or being broken down on the road.

In closing, these topics may not seem as exciting as a fancy new accessory, but it sure can make the difference between a memorable ride and an unpleasant one.

Carolyn Hartzell

Larry Weiner

We Had 61 Members in attendance at the February Club Meeting!

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH 2026

Birthdays

Mark Fode

Missy Holstrom

Chris Leheude

Mike Mikel

Patty Carty

Bill Foutts

Craig Ingram

Robert Lindberg

Lynn Murdock

Cindy Swanson

Tom Gammel

Pattye Ingram

Mindy Lindsey

Susan Pacheco

Debbie Timme

Richard Holstrom

Coleen Jordan

Abner Lovato

Amber Schneider

Anniversaries

Ron & Beth Allison

Michael & Susan Characky

Ronald & Bonnie Reeg

Bill & Pam Bryant

Shaughnessy & Cindy McGehee

David & Debbie Timmee

Mark & Janet Stiver

Wally & Randy Norley

Richard & Lynn Murdock

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR FEBRUARY

The winner of the February attendance reward of \$50 was Robert Loney who was not present. Sorry Robert! The reward for March 2026 will be \$75.

50/50 WINNER FOR FEBRUARY

The 50/50 Pot was for \$102 and the winner was Carole Steele. Congratulations Carole!

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!

Cars & Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-in ... Third Saturday of every month – 9-11 AM May thru October. Weather permitting. Join us to socialize and enjoy the cars.



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 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 7 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast Location: Cave Junction Senior Center, 520 E River St.
7 Grants Pass RVCC Dinner Social at Corvette Bar and Grille Time: 4:00PM to 7:00PM
Address: 1831 NE 6th St., Grants Pass
8 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / New Officers Election

APRIL

- 4 Cave Junction RVCC Cruise to Taylor's Sausage Brunch
12 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / Note: One Week late Because of Easter
18-19 Medford Medford Rod and Custom Show / Rogue X Event Center

MAY

- 2 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast Location: Cave Junction Senior Center, 520 E River St.
17 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange /One Week Later due to Mother's Day
23 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 11:00AM
30 Grants Pass RVCC Vehicle Cruise in Boatnik Parade / Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive In

JUNE

- 6 Grants Pass 541 Outlaws Car Show
14 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting and 4th Annual Veterans Celebration Program
20 Medford RVCC Cruise to Medford Car Show and Evening Cruise
27 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM

JULY

- 12 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
17 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Kick off Show and Shine / Merchants Poker Walk 7AM to 2PM
17 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's American Graffiti Free Car Show at Jimmy's Drive-In 5PM to 9PM
18 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show at Josephine County Fairgrounds
19 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Hot Rods and Handlebars Show at Corvette Bar and Grille
25 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM

AUGUST

- 1 Medford RVCC Cruise to Original Roadhouse Grill Lunch
9 Grants Pass RVCC Hawaiian Luau / BBQ Picnic and Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
22 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast Location: Cave Junction Senior Center, 520 E River St.
13 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
26 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM

OCTOBER

- 3 RVCC 16th Annual Fall Color Hot Rod Poker Run
11 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
24 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM

NOVEMBER

- 7 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast Location: Cave Junction Senior Center, 520 E River St.
8 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange
28 Grants Pass RVCC Toys for Tots Cruise Followed by Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In

DECEMBER

- 5 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast Location: Cave Junction Senior Center, 520 E River St.
13 Grants Pass RVCC Christmas Party and Meeting



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DEAN FREEMAN

CAROLYN HARTZELL

WARREN HARGER

KIRK SMITH

BRUCE READ

JOHN WEINRICH

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RALPH KRUSE

PENNEY REED

DONNA SPENCER

JUDY CALTABIANO

BRANDON BRETLE

LINDA HARGER

NEW MEMBERS

Bob Baumunk
Ralph Mailloux
Shannon Baldwin

Kevin Burcham
Darrell Chambers
Allan Boettcher

Justin Marchand
Cary Johnson

William Troop
Mike Brown

Ed Hill
RVCC Gift Card TBD

Pete Engelhorn

Kent Sanford

Christopher Evans

Sandy Worthington

Alex Bushyhead

Russ Black

Raymond Rosa

Dennis Hank

Ari Omessi
JW Ohler

Eran Schneider

Mark Stiles
Jim Nierhake

RVCC Gift Card TBD

Allan Elliott
John Hatmaker

Monika Wyatt

Greg Smith

Steve Phillips

Ken Heindsmann

Tony Meadows

Dan Gilkison

Carleton Langley

Michael Kennedy

Rick Stephens

Jeff Ksenzulak

Ron Howland

Paul Porner

JOINED

Date: 5/30/2025
Date: 7/29/2025
Date: 1/27/2026

Date: 1/27/2026
Date: 1/28/2026
Date: 1/28/2026

Date: 1/11/2026
Date: 2/15/2026

Date: 7/26,2025
Date: 7/26/2025

Date: 2/6/2024
Date: 11/10/2024

Date: 5/5/2024

Date: 4/28/2024

Date: 5/18/2024

Date 7/15/2024

Date: 7/27/2024

Date: 8/5/2024

Date: 10/20/2024

Date: 11/10/2024

Date: 1/10/2025
Date: 4/5/2025

Date: 1/16/2025

Date: 12/4/2024
Date: 12/4/2024

Date: 12/8/2024

Date: 12/18/2024
Date: 6/27/2025

Date: 1/31/2025

Date: 5/24/2025

Date: 5/24/2025

Date: 6/7/2025

Date: 6/25/2025

Date: 6/29/2025

Date: 7/21/2025

Date: 7/26/2025

Date: 10/18/2025

Date: 12/26/2025

Date: 1/8/2026

Date: 1/11/2026

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 CORNER

Feature Car of the Month

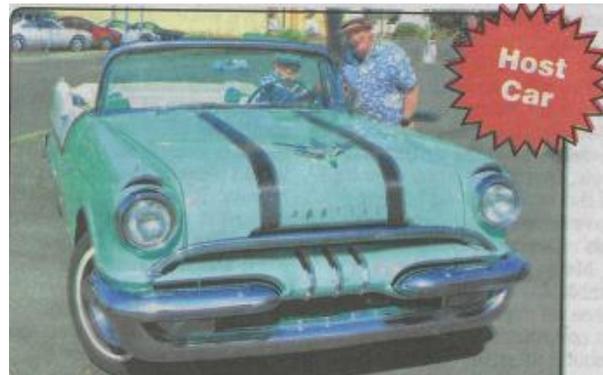
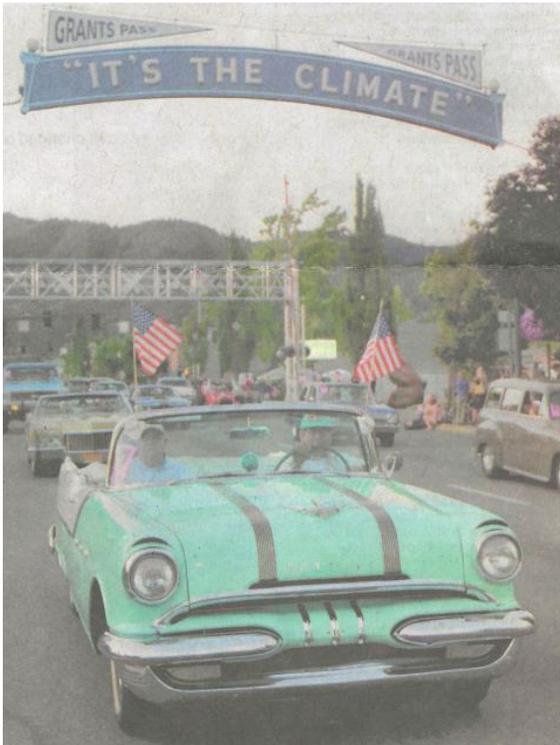
This month's feature car of the month is the **1955 Pontiac Star Chief convertible owned by Bob Lindberg**. Terall and Ruth Blalock, from Jimmy's Classic Drive-in, chose Bob's convertible for the host club jacket pick at last year's Fabulous 50's! Bob has owned this car since 1981, however, this isn't his first '55 Pontiac Star Chief convertible, but his third! He bought the first one in 1957 and another in the 1960's.

When Bob bought this car, he immediately had the engine and transmission rebuilt. The engine is a 287 cubic inch V-8 with 200 horsepower - the first year for this engine. It's stock except for a Pertronix electronic ignition. The transmission is a hydramatic 4-speed automatic. Bob also had the exterior repainted leaving the nice original paint on the firewall. The painter was able to exactly match the original Seafoam Green (a color he says the ladies love) and Mist White.

Star Chief was the top of the Pontiac line in 1955 so this car is well optioned with power steering, power brakes, power antenna, windshield washers and a 4-barrel carburetor. One of the few deviations from stock is the aftermarket stereo. When you hear the music playing as Bob cruises by, it's coming from the speakers he installed behind the grill!

Bob has made so many fond memories with this car. In the 4 years he has owned it, he's added 125,000 miles to the 67,000 it already had when he bought it! He's driven it to car shows in Canada and Montana, as well as being invited to the first Hot August Nights in Reno where he got to park next to Wolfman Jack. He's driven it in parades and weddings, and it's been featured in the local newspaper 5 or 6 times, as well as in Hemmings Motor News.

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



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