



CLASSIC NEWS - FEBRUARY 2025

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PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The title of this month's column says it all. Unlike the Charles Dickens classic novel of the same name, we are referring to what is sure to be the most memorable year in Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers history. Yes, we have **great expectations** for this year, and Carolyn and I feel certain that you will share our enthusiasm when you hear about everything that is on the schedule this year.

For starters, there is an increased number of RVCC sanctioned events, along with more cruises throughout the entire year than have been done historically. All of the events you enjoyed last year will be back, like the cruise and lunch at Mac's Diner, the cruise and social at Taylor's Sausage, the wildly successful monthly RVCC Cars and Coffee events at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In from May through October and the RVCC Hawaiian Luau to name just a few.

But that's only the beginning. A wide range of events have been added that are new to the calendar. These include an RVCC cruise to the Lake of the Woods show in Klamath Falls, an RVCC cruise and display at the Rooster Crow in Rogue River and the RVCC private party at the Corvette Bar and Grill on Saturday, March 1.

But wait, there's more, in fact, there's lots more. The 30th Annual Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show features an expanded format for 2025. It will be increasing to three full days, which will definitely make this a year to remember. And that's not all. For the first time in the history of the Fabulous 50's Show, there will be an indoor display loaded with RVCC member vehicles in a cool building. In addition, all event services, along with numerous vendors and displays by charities that RVCC supports will also be conveniently located in booths in this building. Proof that we have been listening to our members' comments and those of enthusiasts who display their vehicles at the show, the awards celebration will take a quantum step forward. Following in the tradition of many larger shows around the nation, every winner will now receive their awards amid much fanfare in a dedicated ceremony located in an air-conditioned building complete with chairs and tables that will make it fun and comfortable for everyone.

At RVCC, when it comes to getting things done there is only one speed. If you are searching for an analogy, think Superman, because we are working faster than the speed of light. Yes, there's a lot to look forward to this year and we can honestly say **"you ain't seen nothin' yet!"**

Carolyn Hartzell and Larry Weiner

NEW MEMBERS and THEIR CARS

Paul & Debbie Flenniken
Andrew Krupp
Coy & Penney Reed
Bruce Benton

1966 Mustang Convertible
1964 1/2 Mustang
1966 Mustang Fastback
1970 Plymouth Road Runner

The Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers now has 205 Members!

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR JANUARY

The winner of the January attendance reward of \$25 was David Astry who was not present. Sorry David. We started over in January so the attendance reward will be at \$50 for February 2025.

50/50 WINNER FOR JANUARY

The 50/50 Pot was for \$131 and the winner was Ron Klopfer.
Congratulations Ron!

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Birthdays

1st Jeff Floyd
3rd Diane Underwood
14th Jacob Chrisman
22nd Pete Engelhorn
22nd Joey Stewart
26th Ken Meckfessel

1st Lindsey Kilpatrick
3rd Larry Bayless
14th Michael Rugg
22nd Joan Lopes
23rd Linda Dittimore
27th Dently Wagner

2nd Sandra Carpenter
6th Kathy Simmons
22nd Sheila Dormier
22nd Bruce Read
24th Jolene Kilmer

Anniversaries

1st Ed & Cindy English
9th Richard & Deb Reaza
21st Richard & Ester Coleman

2nd Randy & Joey Stewart
14th Mike & Sheryl Mikel

5th Mitch & Rhonda Ford
15th Dennis & Chris Brown

MEMBER PERSPECTIVE

This month's Feature Car of the Month is the **1966 HemiStang** belonging to **Dan Dhondt**. What's a HemiStang, you ask? It started out as a 1966 Mustang six-cylinder acquired by Dan when he was 15 years old. A couple of years later he decided on a motor upgrade, to a Chrysler 354 inch Hemi! Fitting the Hemi into the Mustang's small engine compartment required a radical change--everything in front of the firewall was cut off and discarded. Apparently Dan had some serious skills for a teenager and built a tube front frame section himself. He added leaf springs and a 6" dropped axle providing plenty of room to fit that big motor, but then there was no way to hang the stock front sheet metal back on the car. The solution was found in an ad in the PennySaver—a company called Fiberfab in North Hollywood, CA made a fiberglass front end that resembled a Dodge Daytona but would fit a Mustang. The manual transmission originally installed was replaced with a Chrysler pushbutton automatic, but then the car sat, unfinished, as project cars often do. Fortunately, he held on to it.

About 20 years later, his wife Aimee inspired him to finish the HemiStang and get it on the road. He wanted a rear wing to match the Daytona front end, and found one that would fit at Winged Warriors in Texas. Numerous other upgrades followed—flared rear fenders, 5"(!) side pipes with cutouts, diamond tuck upholstery (stitched by Dan), shaved door handles, 59 Cadillac tail lights with a custom rear grill, custom dash with dual gloveboxes and emblems, and more. The teenage dream car is finally completed! Dan and Aimee enjoy taking the HemiStang to car shows like the Fabulous 50's and Roadkill Nights, and just cruising around watching people stare, trying to figure out what they are seeing.



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 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

1 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast
 16 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / Note: One Week Late Because of SuperBowl

MARCH

1 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast
 1 Grants Pass RVCC Private Dinner Party at Corvette Bar and Grille 4 PM to 9 PM 1831 NE 6th St.
 9 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / New Officers Election

APRIL

5 Cave Junction RVCC Cruise to Taylors's Sausage Brunch
 13 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / Note: One Week Early Because of Palm Sunday
 26-27 Medford Medford Rod and Custom Show / Rogue X Medford Event Center

MAY

3 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast
 17 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 9:00AM to 11:00AM
 18 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange / Note: One Week Later due to Mother's Day
 24 Grants Pass Vehicle Cruise in Boatnik Parade / Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive In

JUNE

1 Medford RVCC Cruise to Punky's Pies Brunch
 7 Merlin Merlin Baptist Church Annual Car Show??? Confirm Date
 8 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting and 3rd Annual Veterans Celebration Program
 14 Medford RVCC Cruise to Medford Car Show and Cruise
 21 Grants Pass RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM
 25 Grants Pass RVCC Display / BBQ & Ice Cream Social at Cascades 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
 1357 Redwood Cir, Grants Pass, OR 97527
 28 Cave Junction Lions 22nd Annual Car Show and Swap Meet
 29 Rogue River RVCC Cruise and Display at Rooster Crow Car Show

JULY

4 Grants Pass RVCC 4th of July Display at Park
 5 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast
 5 Medford RVCC Cruise to Display at Rods and Rides Car Show
 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 11:00AM
 25 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Kick Off Show & Shine / Merchants Poker Walk 8:00AM – 2:00PM
 25 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's American Graffiti Free Car Show 5:00PM – 9:00PM
 26 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show at the Josephine County Fairgrounds
 27 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's / Hot Rods & Handlebars Show and Shine at Corvette Bar & Grill
 27 Grants Pass Fabulous 50's Open Cruise 4:00PM to 6:00PM

AUGUST

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| 2 | Medford | RVCC Cruise to Original Roadhouse Grill Lunch |
| 10 | Grants Pass | RVCC Hawaiian Luau / BBQ Picnic and Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange |
| 16 | Grants Pass | RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM |
| 23 | Grants Pass | 2 nd Annual RVCC Road Tour |

SEPTEMBER

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| 6 | Cave Junction | Cruise to Breakfast |
| 6 | Klamath Falls | RVCC Cruise to Lake of the Woods Car Show |
| 10 | Grants Pass | The Suites Invitational Mini Car Show 1:00PM– 3:00PM Limited to 20 RVCC Vehicles |
| 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 11:00AM |
| 27 | Shady Cove | RVCC Cruise to Mac's Diner / Meet at Ray's Food Place Rogue River Meet at @ 10:45AM Leave at 11:00AM Sharp |

OCTOBER

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| 4 | Cave Junction | RVCC 16 th Annual Fall Color Hot Rod Poker Run |
| 12 | Grants Pass | RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange |
| 18 | Grants Pass | RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In 9:00AM to 11:00AM |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Cave Junction | Cruise to Breakfast |
| 9 | Grants Pass | RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange |
| 23 | Grants Pass | RVCC Lunch Social at Wild River Time: 2:00 PM 595 NE E St., Grants Pass |
| 29 | Grants Pass | RVCC Toys for Tots Cruise Followed by Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In |

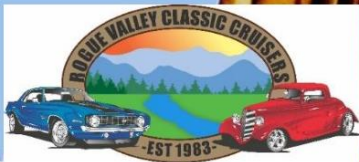
DECEMBER

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| 6 | Cave Junction | Cruise to Breakfast |
| 14 | Grants Pass | RVCC Christmas Party and Meeting |

Frank Hamusek

March 12, 1942 – December 26, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frank Hamusek, 82, of Grants Pass, Oregon. After retiring from the Los Angeles Fire Department where he worked as a paramedic, Frank and his wife Jane moved to Grants Pass. He joined the RVCC in 2008. He was a very active member in the early years. He volunteered with parking and registration at the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show. Even though health issues slowed him down in the later years, he remained a car enthusiast and attended RVCC events as he was able. A celebration of life will be scheduled when the weather is warmer.



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AMBASSADORS & NEW MEMBERS

| <u>AMBASSADOR</u> | <u>NEW MEMBERS</u> | <u>JOINED</u> |
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| SWANNY SWANSON | Tom Hanson Ron Lopes RVCC Gift Card TBD | Date: 7/25/2024 Date: 7/25/2024 Date 12/11/2024 |
| ED HILL | Paul Flenniken 2 RVCC Gift Cards TBD | Date: 1/14/2025 Date: 12/23/2024 |
| TOM GARLAND | Ed Hill RVCC Gift Card TBD | Date: 2/6/2024 Date: 11/10/2024 |
| BRETT BROWN | Jeff Floyd | Date: 4/27/2024 |
| DAVE CARR | Kent Sanford | Date: 4/28/2024 |
| KENT SANFORD | Arleen Robertson Lynda Giangreco | Date: 5/9/2024 Date: 7/27/2024 |
| JEFF FLOYD | Christopher Evans | Date: 5/18/2024 |
| KATHY SIMMONS | Sandy Worthington | Date 7/15/2024 |
| MYKE WINGETT | Alex Bushyhead | Date: 7/27/2024 |
| ANDY LOVATO | Russ Black | Date: 8/5/2024 |
| RAYMOND MARSTON | Raymond Rosa | Date: 10/20/2024 |
| GLENN DEAN | Dennis Hank | Date: 11/10/2024 |
| DAN YADON | RVCC Gift Card TBD | Date: 11/10/2024 |
| DARIN SCHNEIDER | RVCC Gift Card TBD | Date: 12/8/2024 |
| PAUL KRUGER | Mark Stiles Jim Nierhake | Date: 12/4/2024 Date: 12/4/2024 |
| DEAN FREEMAN | RVCC Gift Card TBD | Date: 12/8/2024 |
| CAROLYN HARTZELL | Allan Elliott | Date: 12/18/2024 |
| JIM STRUFFERT | Bruce Benton | Date: 1/15/2025 |

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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