



## CLASSIC NEWS - MAY 2025

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### **PRESIDENT'S AND VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN** **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**

Pride. It is an undeniable fact that as car enthusiasts, we take pride in our rides. Additionally, it is safe to say that as members of the Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers we try to be open-minded and have been known to admire a wide range of collector vehicles beyond those that we personally own, regardless of the specific brand or model.

However, acceptance can sometimes only go so far, and some members have been known to harbor prejudice toward certain models or years beyond those that are their personal favorites. To be sure, this attitude is nothing new. As an example, there were many Ford flathead V8 fans who did not embrace post war vehicles that featured new overhead valve V8 engines like the 1949 Olds Rocket 88 or the 1951 Chrysler with the ground-breaking 331 cubic inch Fire Power Hemi.

The old adage that the more things change, the more they stay the same is what inspired us to write this column. Today, there are similar sentiments, particularly among "mature" enthusiasts who may be set in their ways when it comes to their opinions concerning what constitutes a collector vehicle. To some, a collector vehicle only qualifies if it was built from the dawn of the motor car era to the early 1970's. For others, any cool vehicle regardless of year, particularly those that offer high performance are not only acceptable, but desirable. Falling into this category are a wide range of vehicles from the later part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century like the Buick Grand National, the Impala SS and the Mustang GT just to name a few. Adding to those, is the latest Detroit iron from this century, including the modern Mustang, Challenger, Charger, Corvette, and Camaro.

Well- known and highly respected names like Shelby American, Mr. Norm's, Hurst, and Nickey have all embraced late model performance vehicles. Just as they did during the muscle car era, each has created a wide range of amazing contemporary collectible performance cars and trucks that are certainly equal, if not superior, to their earlier predecessors.

Today, many Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers members have both vintage and late model collector cars and trucks sharing space in their garages. Regardless of your preference, we hope you share our enthusiasm for celebrating great vehicles of all makes, models and years, and the attraction they have for enthusiasts of all ages. Embracing them all will not only make our club stronger, but ensure its survival in the years to come, while adding a new dimension to vehicles on display at the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show three-day celebration.

Carolyn Hartzell

Larry Weiner

## **NEW MEMBERS and THEIR CARS**

Carey & Eva Creech – 1937 Ford, 1963 Corvette, 1972 Chevelle,  
2007 Corvette, 1967 Mustang, 1969 Pontiac  
GTO & 2005 Roush Mustang

Noel & Eva Wall – 1976 Jaguar & 2000 Jaguar

## **MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY 2025**

### **Birthdays**

6<sup>th</sup> Bob Simmons  
14<sup>th</sup> Sandy Lovato  
17<sup>th</sup> Warren Harger  
23<sup>rd</sup> Paul Flenniken

12<sup>th</sup> Ashley Krupp  
17<sup>th</sup> Charlie Fitzhugh  
22<sup>nd</sup> Diane Johnson  
29<sup>th</sup> Pam Bryant

14<sup>th</sup> Carrie Castle  
17<sup>th</sup> Dan Yadon  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mark Peterson

### **Anniversaries**

12<sup>th</sup> Dean & Pam Freeman  
15<sup>th</sup> Jim & Becky Stearns  
28<sup>th</sup> Bill & Terry Lasniewski  
30<sup>th</sup> Noel & Ann Wall

13<sup>th</sup> Paul & Barbara Kruger  
23<sup>rd</sup> Steve & Iris Hurwitz  
28<sup>th</sup> Coy & Penney Reed  
31<sup>st</sup> Jon & Caleen Jordan

## **CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR APRIL**

The winner of the April attendance reward of \$50 was Christopher Burrow who was not present. Sorry Christopher! The attendance reward will be at \$75 for May 2025.

## **50/50 WINNER FOR APRIL**

The 50/50 Pot was for \$142 and the winner was Patti Sahlman.  
Congratulations Patti!

# 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!



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



**Medford Cars and Coffee** . . . every Saturday morning –2676 E Barnett Rd. Info: [medfordcarsncoffee.com](http://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.

## ROGUE VALLEY CLASSIC CRUISERS 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

### APRIL

26-27 Medford RVCC Vehicle Display at Medford Rod and Custom Show / Rogue X at the 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 Because of Mother's Day  
 24 Grants Pass RVCC Vehicle Cruise in Boatnik Parade / Lunch at Jimmy's Classic Drive In

### JUNE

1 Medford RVCC Cruise to Punky's Pies Brunch  
 7 Grants Pass RVCC Display at 541 Outlaw Show / Grants Pass Town Center  
 8 Grants Pass RVCC Meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Celebration Program  
 14 Merlin Merlin Baptist Church Annual Car Show  
 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show and Swap Meet  
 28 Grants Pass North Valley High School Car Show for Benefit of Girls Soccer Team 12PM to 3PM  
 29 Rogue River RVCC Cruise and Display at Rooster Crow Car Show

### JULY

4 Grants Pass RVCC Vehicle Display at Grants Pass 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event at Rhinehardt Sports Park  
 5 Cave Junction Cruise to Breakfast  
 12 Grants Pass Saturday Night Fever Party and RVCC Car Show at the Owl 4PM – 8PM  
 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

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 RVCC Cruise to Schultz Glory Oaks Vinyards

### SEPTEMBER

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  
 13 Medford Rogue Valley Manor Rods and Rides Car Show 10:AM – 1:30PM  
 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

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

### NOVEMBER

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

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

# APRIL RVCC CAR COLLECTION TOUR HOSTED BY CHRIS AND PAULINE LEHUEDE





# FEATURE CAR OF THE MONTH

## 1973 AMC AMX

This month's feature car is the 1973 AMX that belongs to Mark and Andi Allen. When I first saw this car, I couldn't figure it out—it was more attractive than any other AMX I'd seen, but I couldn't tell what had been changed. The answer is, just about everything. "Every body panel except the roof has been modified" said Mark. He wanted a muscle car, but something unusual. Deciding on the AMX, he said, "Being a car designer, I started with a sketch". You can see that sketch below, along with a sketch of a stock AMX to show how heavily it was modified. Mark wanted a car still was obviously an AMX but with all the styling miscues fixed.

The front end was shortened about 7" in front of the wheel well, which necessitating modifying the bumper and grill trim to fit. That front wheel well was raised 6" to allow the A-line (crease along the side) to go through the wheel opening instead of above it. The rear wheel well was raised 3" and both front and rear were flared to allow wider tires, and to give the body that classic Coke bottle shape. The drip rails, pinch flange, and emblems were shaved and the door tops were raised 1" at the rear.

The hood scoop is from a '70 Javelin. The body was channeled over the subframe to lower the car but retain suspension travel. The gas filler was moved from behind the license plate to a quick-fill cap above the deck lid, and the C-pillars were widened. The rear bumper was tucked and shaved and the rear spoiler and valance were made from scratch. All of this and more erased the awkward original look and made it sleek, and the BMW Mineral Gray paint adds to the classy look.

Mark originally built the AMX with an AMC 401 engine. That engine was cantankerous so it was replaced with an all-aluminum LS-1 from a Camaro that starts every time and is dependable. It's backed by a 6-speed stick and a Ford 8.8 rear end from a Mustang. Front and rear suspension is from Control Freak with coil overs that rides great, and Wilwood disc brakes front and rear stop it. Wheels are custom order from ET—18x10 and 18x12.

Inside, Mark deleted the rear seat like the first generation AMX. The instrument panel and console are from a 70's Pontiac Trans Am, and the door panels follow the Trans Am theme. Seats are out of a Toyota MR2.

Mark spent about 6 years of nights and weekends turning this sow's ear into a silk purse, doing all the work himself except paint and upholstery.

Written by Tom Spencer



# MEMBER ITEM FOR SALE

## For Sale - - 1939 Ford Deluxe Coupe

With 350" Chevy Ramjet LT-1 w/Bill's brackets, 700R4 transmission, 9" Ford rearend w/ 4:11 posi, Mustang II front end w/tubular A-arms & 11" disc brakes, Vintage Air A/C, heat & defrost, power steering and power brakes, American Salt Flat wheels—17x7, 17x8, halogen headlights, LED taillights, 3<sup>rd</sup> brake light, smoothed deck lid w/remote open, tilt steering column w/billet wheel, gas filler door, backup camera, 3 point seatbelts, Speedhut gauges, stereo w/CD player, Newport wipers, one piece windshield, bucket seats & cup holder, NSRA 23 safety inspection passed.

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## **AMBASSADORS & NEW MEMBERS**

| <b><u>AMBASSADOR</u></b> | <b><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></b>                     | <b><u>JOINED</u></b>                                  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| SWANNY SWANSON           | Tom Hanson<br>Ron Lopes<br>RVCC Gift Card TBD | Date: 7/25/2024<br>Date: 7/25/2024<br>Date 12/11/2024 |
| ED HILL                  | Paul Flenniken<br>2 RVCC Gift Cards TBD       | Date: 1/14/2025<br>Date: 12/23/2024                   |
| TOM GARLAND              | Ed Hill<br>RVCC Gift Card TBD                 | Date: 2/6/2024<br>Date: 11/10/2024                    |
| BRETT BROWN              | Jeff Floyd                                    | Date: 4/27/2024                                       |
| DAWN HANEY               | Pete Engelhorn                                | Date: 5/5/2024  |
| DAVE CARR                | Kent Sanford                                  | Date: 4/28/2024                                       |
| KENT SANFORD             | Arleen Robertson<br>Lynda Giangreco           | Date: 5/9/2024<br>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  |
| GLENN DEAN               | Dennis Hank                                   | Date: 11/10/2024                                      |
| DAN YADON                | RVCC Gift Card TBD<br>JW Ohler                | Date: 11/10/2024<br>Date: 4/5/25                      |
| DARIN SCHNEIDER          | Eran Schneider                                | Date: 1/16/2025                                       |
| PAUL KRUGER              | Mark Stiles<br>Jim Nierhake                   | Date: 12/4/2024<br>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<br>David Sepich<br>Mark Peterson | Date: 1/15/2025<br>Date: 2/26/2025<br>Date: 2/26/2025 |
| DEBBIE WEINER            | Toni Webb<br>Sid Pacheco<br>Noel Wall         | Date: 1/22/2025<br>Date: 2/14/2025<br>Date: 4/5/25    |
| WARREN HARGER            | Monika Wyatt                                  | Date: 1/31/2025                                       |
| TOM SPENCER              | Rick Johnson                                  | Date: 2/8/2025  |

# 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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