



CLASSIC NEWS - OCTOBER 2024

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President's Message

As enthusiasts, one of our goals is not to merely cruise through life attending to our daily tasks, but finding the time to enjoy our favorite cars or trucks, whether they are classics, hot rods, customs, or muscle cars. In fact, if you attended the RVCC meeting on Sunday, September 8th, you heard guest speaker Dan Yadon, the driving force behind Carburetor and Distributor Specialties. One of his recurring messages was to encourage us to not only get our cars out more often, but to enjoy them to their fullest, including safely driving them enthusiastically rather than just babying them. His quote was "drive it like you stole it!" While many of us may take pause after hearing that statement, there is no harm in putting the loud pedal down occasionally in the right place and enjoying the power and excitement that only a performance vehicle can offer.

While on the subject of driving your favorite car or truck, I would like to encourage you to cruise over to the next RVCC Cars and Coffee on Saturday morning, September 21st at Jimmy's Classic Drive-In from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is the next to the last Cars and Coffee event for the season and not only is it a fun get-together, but the fresh hot breakfast that Jimmy's staff serves is second to none, and inexpensive to boot! Plus, you're not only sure to see many other RVCC club members but meet some new enthusiasts and check out their rides.

With the change of the season right around the corner, there's no time like the present to talk about the upcoming 15th Annual RVCC Fall Color Hot Rod Poker Run. The route this year winds its way through the picturesque Applegate Valley primarily on two lane country roads. I personally want to thank each of the club members who volunteered at the recent monthly meeting, to help Kirk Smith by hosting stops on the rod run. Without you we simply could not do this event. It takes at least 2-3 people to manage each of the stops where the participants choose their poker cards. If you are a new RVCC member this year, please consider volunteering to host a stop on the Fall Color Hot Rod Poker Run next year.

While on the subject of volunteering, there are always opportunities to help with organizing and planning events like the summer BBQ picnic and Christmas party. Our board members and team leaders work hard to plan these events and could really use your help. In closing, a Hospitality Chairperson or two would be a wish-come-true for me (Carolyn). It's fun, and I would be happy to explain what is involved and help you get started. Please call me at 541-956-6954 if you can help in any way or email me at wthcjhnova@q.com.

Carolyn Hartzell, President

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

CELEBRATING THE OLD AND WELCOMING THE NEW

It's no secret that nearly all of the members of RVCC have a vintage vehicle of some kind in their garage. In fact, in some cases, more than one. To Ford enthusiasts, the Deuce is the holy grail. For those who crave sleek, a '36 three window coupe is hard to beat. And the Forty Ford is one of the most popular among our membership. When it comes to post war, the undeniable choice for many is one of the Tri-Five Chevrolets. Yes, some of our members even have one of each of "The Hot Ones" as they were known in their heyday. As the sizzlin' sixties unfolded, the Super Stock wars influenced many newly minted teenagers who were captivated by the wickedly fast Max Wedge and Hemi powered Dodges and Plymouths that Ma Mopar unleashed on the highly impressionable youth of the era. No matter what you like in the way of cars, from the 1930's to the early 1970's there really is something for everyone. But time marches on.....

When the government started regulating emissions in the early 1970's it appeared that the performance party was over. And until the 1990's it really was. But when the computer revolution made its way to cars and trucks, the engineers at what was once called "the big three" figured out how to adapt them to vehicles of all kinds. A by-product of using computers for engine management to reduce emissions and improve fuel economy resulted in the rebirth of performance on a grand scale. In fact, adapting computer technology to vehicles was a game changer. Precision engine management provided the wide-spread adoption of electronic fuel injection and voila! Performance was back. Not only back, but better than anyone ever dreamed was possible since the end of the golden age of performance. It didn't matter if your personal favorite was an LS6 454 Chevelle, a 426 Hemi Cuda or a Boss 429 Mustang, whether you want to admit or not, modern performance vehicles from GM, Ford and Chrysler can simply out-perform their vintage counterpart's hands down. Fifty years of technological advancements will accomplish that. The bottom line is, whether your quest is for quarter mile action or simply all capability, it really is hard to beat a new high performance muscle car.

And while it may be hard to believe, the calendar doesn't lie. The simple fact is we are now nearly 25 years into the 21st Century. The ground-breaking Corvette Spectacular Display at the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show this year featured all eight generations of America's Sports Car, including the new mid-engine C8 model. This display provided undeniable proof that modern performance vehicles are extremely popular with both show attendees and exhibitors. Changing the rules to 1979 and earlier vehicles, along with those manufactured in 1980 and later enables the inclusion of modern performance and collector cars of all kinds to participate in the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show. This is the next logical step in the progression of the event and will encourage enthusiasts of all ages to not only display their vehicles at the show, but consider joining RVCC, insuring both the long-term health of the club and the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show.

Larry Weiner



TO JOIN THE RVCC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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GET 3 GET YOURS FREE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

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 |
| 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 | 5/24 |
| JEFF FLOYD | Christopher Evans | 5/24 |
| CHRIS LEHEUDE | Jason Huff | 7/24 |
| 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 |

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FOR OCTOBER

Birthdays

2nd Tony Reed
4th Harvey Kitchel
13th Richard Dabney
17th Chris Swanson
20th Lynn Giangreco
21st Rick Banks
27th Jane Hamusek

3rd Michelle Bower
11th Barbara Masters
14th Louis Dilda
18th Frank Fisk
21st Carolyn Hartzell
26th Konny Dormier
27th Melisa Mlasko

4th Darrell Richter
12th Tony Lindsey
16th Richard Coleman
18th Robert Fisk
21st Ester Coleman
27th Brad Kilpatrick

Anniversaries

1st Kirk & Jamie Chapman
7th Vinnie & Kelli Brown
18th Chris & Pauline Laheude
23rd John & Sue Weinrich

4th Jack & Carol Specht
18th Ben & Holly Garland
21st Ken & Kandy Mackessel
24th Brandon & Nichola Bretl

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REWARD FOR SEPTEMBER

The winner of the September attendance reward of \$50 was Carolyn Hartzell who was present. The October reward will be at \$25.

50/50 WINNER FOR SEPTEMBER

The 50/50 Pot was for \$76 and the winner was Bob Simmons. Congratulations Bob!

NEW MEMBERS and THEIR CARS

Brandon & Nichola Bretl – 1954 Chevy P/U, 2002 Corvette Z07
Steve & Iris Hurwitz – 1966 MGB GT, 1978 MGB
Dan & Marianne Yadon – 1963 Corvette, 1967 Corvette

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.

Jimmy's Classic Drive-in on the 3rd Saturday of every month 9 to 11 AM





ROGUE VALLEY CLASSIC CRUISERS 15TH ANNUAL FALL COLOR HOT ROD POKER RUN

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Cars & Coffee



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Car Club

MUSCLE CARS

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CORVETTES

CLASSICS

CUSTOMS

TRUCKS

EXOTICS

MAY 18

JUNE 15

JULY 20

AUG 17

SEPT 21

OCT 19

Jimmy's
Classic
DRIVE-IN

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY
9AM — 11AM

ROGUE VALLEY CLASSIC CRUISERS EVENTS FOR 2024

SEPTEMBER

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| 14 | Merlin | Rat Rod Rukus Show |
| 15 | Medford | Gathering of the Oaks Invitational Car Show |
| 21 | Grants Pass | RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 515 NE E St. 9 – 11 AM Guest Car Club: Southern Oregon Mopar Car Club |

OCTOBER

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| 5 | Grants Pass | RVCC Fall Color Rod Run |
| 13 | Grants Pass | RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange |
| 19 | Grants Pass | RVCC Cars and Coffee at Jimmy's Classic Drive In 515 NE E St. 9 - 11AM |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | Cave Junction | RVCC Cruise to Breakfast |
| 10 | Grants Pass | RVCC Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange |

DECEMBER

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| 7 | Cave Junction | RVCC Cruise to Breakfast |
| 8 | Grants Pass | RVCC Christmas Party and Meeting at Fruitdale Grange |

The Rogue Valley Classic Cruisers now has 181 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 121 new Members. That is a 300% Gain in the last 18 months!

MEMBER PERSPECTIVE

This month's feature car of the month is the **1971 Dodge Demon** belonging to **Chris and Pauline Lehuede**. The Demon was a short-lived sibling of the Plymouth Duster—religious groups strongly objected to the name Demon and Dodge bowed to their pressure, ending production after only 1 ½ years.

This car was chosen as the Pick of the Show at the Fabulous 50's Charity Car Show in 2023, and rightfully so. It has an original look with tasteful, subtle modifications—the appearance is so clean it looks like it could have been ordered from the dealer just like this. The Lehuedes acquired the car in early 2023 as a fresh build, but it wasn't dialed in and had almost no miles on it. Chris completely disassembled the Demon, checking and adjusting everything so it worked correctly after reassembly. The engine is a 340 with 6-pack carburetion, 10 to 1 compression, and a Comp camshaft. It makes an estimated 350 horsepower and is backed by a 4 speed manual transmission with a pistol grip shifter. The suspension is an outstanding feature in this build. It's QA-1 front and rear, with tubular a-arms in the front, coilover shocks all around, and a 9-link rear (yes, it's a 9-link, that's not a misprint.) The frame was boxed for strength and to eliminate flexing, to allow the suspension to do its job correctly. It's setup for handling, and Chris says that freeway onramps are a blast—it corners flat and as fast as you are comfortable going! The 4-wheel disc brakes ensure it stops as well as it goes. The body is completely stock—those twin hood scoops and trunk mounted spoiler are original. The wheels give a familiar but updated vibe—they're 17" and 18" billet aluminum that strongly resemble the 14" steel Rally wheels the Demon would have worn originally. The original style interior is nicknamed the Halloween interior, as it is black with orange plaid inserts. Air conditioning has also been added.

The Lehuede's Demon is a prime example of usable classic muscle car—original looks, updated suspension, and all modifications very tastefully done.



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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