

# The Radiator

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# President's Message

**B**y the time you receive this issue of the Radiator, you probably already know that our car show - the Father's Day Weekend Corvallis Cruise-in Car Show - is in the books.

Dave Snell and his committee did an incredible job putting together this inaugural show and will have a report for us at our June 23 (FOURTH Monday!) meeting. The weather was perfect: mostly sun, but not hot and a few clouds and a little wind to cool things off. Food was excellent and the cars, of course, were beautiful!

**T**hanks to Dave and his committee and helpers, the show went smoothly. This is my fifth CHAC show, and registration was so much easier and quicker, thanks to input from Bobbie and a little pre-registration prep. Parking was a breeze, thanks to the flaggers and the ramps built by Chris, Andy and Dave. Thanks to everyone who helped out. You'll find pictures (thanks Bart and D.J.), a list of winners and more pictures and drone footage (thanks, Chris!) on the website.

Listening to the comments from the registrants, it was a huge success and word of mouth should have the 2026 show even bigger. I'm already lining up sponsors! I can't begin to name everyone who showed up at the crack of dawn, (starting about 5:30!), but to each of you, congratulations on a job well done!!

**T**his is one of those confusing months with five Mondays, so please remember: Our meeting is on the FOURTH Monday, which this month is JUNE 23. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the details on the show and all the other news. This will be the last meeting for your current Board and we'd like the opportunity to say a personal thank you to each of you for your support during our terms.

And while we're mentioning amazing events, our Cars & Coffee on June 7, was the largest so far with at least 110 cars attempting to park. We have asked the Church if parking on the grass this year, barring inclement weather, is feasible. We have used the grass in the past but recent years' bad weather and lower attendance hasn't required the additional space.

**J**ust a reminder: Dues are Due! JULY 1 is the beginning of our new fiscal year and the due date. You can pay easily online, send a check to PO Box 254, Corvallis 97339 or pay in person at a meeting or event.

The Masons have invited us to attend their summer barbecue at Avery Park on July 26. Stay tuned for more information, but you might make a note on your calendars. We had a great time last year and the food was wonderful!

And speaking of dates: Our Club picnic/steak fry is going to be on JULY 27 at the Philomath City Park. There seems to be some confusion



about the date, so please check your calendars to make sure you have it on there correctly.

Our out-going Treasurer, Sebastian Heiduschke, gave us a very nice report on the CHAC treasury. Including the Swap income but not including the car show, our coffers are exactly where we need them to be and we will be able to fund our events for the coming year. Your Board this year was very judicious in determining

how to get our budget balanced, and it appears that those efforts were successful.

Out-going Secretary, Chris Hagler, noted that the new Directory will be out in June. Watch for it in your upcoming email.

See you June 23!  
Janeen Rudd





# This Month In Automotive History

By Andy Noble

## 1894 - Fred Frame is Born in

Exeter, New Hampshire, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Frame set a world record in 1923, driving a mile on a dirt track in 43.4 seconds at San Luis Obispo, CA. He later competed for eight consecutive years in the Indianapolis 500 (1927-1936). He finished second in 1931 and won the race in 1932, becoming the third person to win with an average speed of over 100mph.



## 1948 - Charles W. Nash Dies on

June 6<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84. Nash served as a Buick vice-president, General Motors' fifth president, and later established Nash Motors. He also served as president of LaFayette Motors before Nash Motors bought the company. Nash retired at age 74 and died in Beverly Hills, California, leaving an estate valued at \$50M (approximately \$650M in 2024 dollars).



## 2008 - Tata Motors Finalizes its

purchase of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) from Ford on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tata was founded in 1948 in India, and originally built locomotives. The company made the purchase for \$2.3 Billion, and has since launched multiple new JLR vehicles, including the Jaguar F-Type and Range Rover Velar.



## 1923 - The Zero Milestone is

dedicated on the White House Elipse on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The monument, which is topped by a 16-point compass rose, serves as a National Geodetic Survey benchmark. Congress authorized the Secretary of War to erect the monument, from which all road distances in the US would be measured.

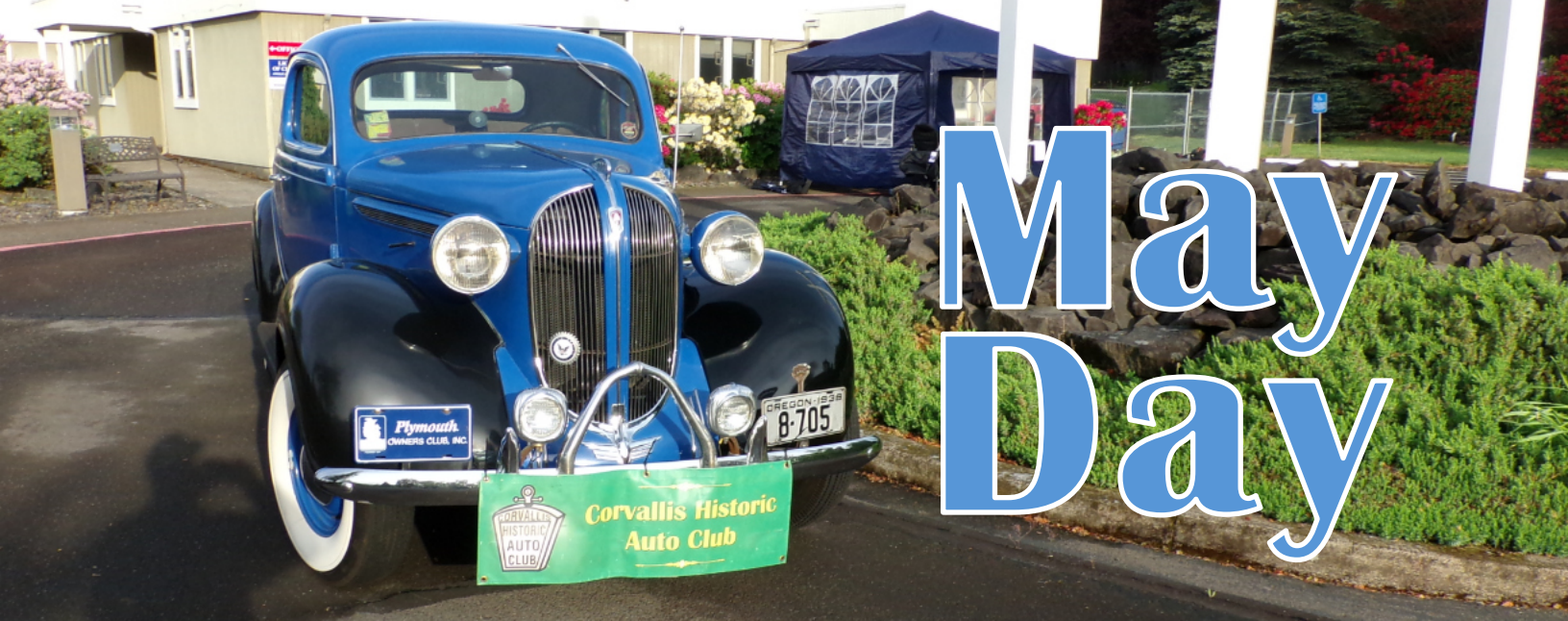


## 1964 - Jan and Dean Release

"The Little Old Lady (from Pasadena)" on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The song, about a fast-driving granny and her Super Stock Dodge, reached number three on the Billboard Hot 100, and number one on Canada's RPM.







## Corvallis Cars and Coffee Season-Opener Breaks Record

*Story by Pete Rocco, photos by DJ Freeman*

Our “Warm-up Cars and Coffee” at the April Swap had around 25 vehicles show. But just a weekend later, we had an incredible number of vehicles display at our season-opener at the church.

I arrived around seven thirty. There were already over a dozen vehicles on the pavement. I wasn’t surprised, as folks do get there early most Saturdays. What blew me away was the final count... and in the process, trying to find the last space or so for vehicles arriving later. With our







raisin-counter" currently out of commission - we didn't have Cary Spediacci around to give us the official total. I tried to count accurately, but was pleasantly interrupted by conversations along the way, as I perused down each crowded isle and the next. I figure we had over one hundred cars. We haven't broken the event record, but certainly the record for the season-opener in May.



Spectators were scrambling to find spaces too. I received a five dollar donation from a woman. Maybe she was pleased that I found her a spot for her to park. She had a disabled (husband?) with her, and they spent about a half an hour visiting. Spectator lot was full by 9:00. I parked the gawkers along the curbs in both directions.





Discussions were had with club members regarding spilling over onto the grass. We have issue with vehicle weight, soft ground and irrigation systems. The church says OK, but we certainly don't want any repairs on our plate. Success with attendance comes with a price.

A group of late model vehicles arrived late in the day, and wanted to park together (Yea, right!) but I found them spots! They had to move a few times to provide exit for departing Model A's and custom trucks residing in the first isle nearest Highland.

Weather predictions had been sketchy all week, so the club scaled back on our Donut order for May Third. As it turned out we were sold out of sweets very early. Sebastian briefly departed the cruise in, and cruised out for more delights to sell.

Needless to say, it was a beautiful day. What are you doing June Seventh? I plan to be at the front entrance, greeting and directing, smiling and thanking, and handing out flyers for our BIG SHOW June 14<sup>th</sup>. 🏠

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*Tom Hinckley's 1932 Ford Roadster was purchased at a used car lot in Mt. Vernon, Washington. It was sitting as shown, with full fenders. The only thing Tom has done to this beauty is paint and interior. Oh, and the outstanding gear shift knob, which was originally designed as a tree topper! Congrats, Tom!*







# Stoneybrook Hospitality

## Club Members Treated to Lunch and Music

*Story by Pete Rocco, photos by DJ Freeman*

**W**e had ten club members sign up for a display and free lunch at Stoneybrook. You know the nice, large, out front parking spaces and portico building. It's just around the corner from where Gail and Frank Wiprud call home.

The staff had gone all-out with spun candy canes, popcorn, cookies and your choice of a meal brought out to you on a beautiful day. You were plexed with a dilemma of what to order; hot dog or burger. Pick the latter and you were again offered cheese!







I personally don't just show up for the food. (This could be debated, but not here.) We display for the benefit residents enjoyment, and there was a plethora. Most just wanted the dining experience, but a few intrepid residents cruised the two lots in wheelchairs and walkers. We had cool music from the decades after the fifties. Not typical of these events. Got to rockin' a bit.

We actually had just a few club members show. Maybe the weekday prevented them, but the weather

certainly did not! There was a considerable amount of help from the Rollin' Oldies club. They brought more cars. DJ Freeman is credited with showing up on behalf of the CHAC (DJ belongs to both clubs). We had hot rods, classics and trucks. Rich brought his International, and I had my Impala. He commented about not have taken his '66, as there was my '64 and a 1965 parked out front. It coulda' made a tri-fecta!

Enjoy DJ's photos, and consider making the next display with the club. 📷







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## The 1960 Chevy Corvair

By Andy Noble

Chevrolet introduced the Corvair in 1960 as an economy car that aimed to compete with subcompacts such as the VW Beetle and Datsun 510. The first generation was sold through the 1964 model year.

The first-gen could be had as a convertible, coup, sedan and station wagon. Each was available with a 2.3L, 2.4L or 2.7L rear-mounted, air-cooled flat-six engine, and came with either a three- or four-speed manual, or two-speed automatic transmission.

First-gen sales were good: nearly 1.5 million vehicles were sold. However, sales took a big hit with the introduction of the Ford Mustang for the 1965 model year.

Chevy also had to contend with the publication of Ralph Nader's 1965 book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, in which he criticized the Corvair's suspension design. Years of testing by various entities and extensive litigation ensued. Sales fell by half between 1965 and 1966.

Later reports by Texas A&M University and the NHTSA found that the first-gen Corvair was no worse than its contemporaries with respect to loss of control and rollovers. Though Nader's critique was aimed at the first-gen, second-gen production ended after sales fell to 6,000 units in 1969.



## CHAC Officers

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The Corvallis Historic Auto Club, a nonprofit organization, was incorporated on November 22, 1965 in Corvallis, Oregon for the encouragement of interest in historical cars, their preservation & restoration, the extension of knowledge concerning them, & related activities. Now, all cars are welcomed.

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# Event Calendar

Below is a partial list of upcoming events. See an updated list on our website calendar: [corvallishistoricaclub.org](http://corvallishistoricaclub.org).

### Saturday, June 22

Toledo Classic Car Expo & Swap Meet, 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
Toledo Memorial Field  
385 NW A Street, Toledo  
<https://toledooregon.org/spectacular-swap-meet/>

### Monday, June 23

C.H.A.C. Membership Meeting, 7:00-8:30PM  
Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church  
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

### Saturday, June 28

Sweet Home Sweet Ride, 7:00AM-3:00PM  
880 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Sweet Home, OR  
<https://sweethomesweetride.com/>

### Saturday, July 5

C.H.A.C. Cars and Coffee, 8-10AM  
First Saturday of each month, May through October  
Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church  
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

### Saturday, July 12

Philomath Classic Car Show, 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Pre-register by July 1st - \$ 20.00, After July 1st - \$ 25.00  
Philomath City Park  
299 S. 23rd St., Philomath  
<https://philomathclassiccarshow.com/>

### Sunday, July 13

Springhill North Albany Car Show, 9:00AM-3:00PM  
Entry Fee - \$ 25.00  
Bryant Park  
801 Bryant Way, Albany, Oregon  
<https://www.facebook.com/springhillnorthalbanycarshow>

### On The Cover: 1948 Bristol 400

*The 400 was the first car model of the Bristol Aeroplane Company. The car was sold from 1947 to 1950. The 400 was based on two pre-war BMWs; the engine of the 328 and the chassis of the 326, including an independent front suspension. The car came with a 120ci engine and a four-speed manual synchromesh transmission.*

### Tell Us Your Stories:

*We're always looking for content. Tell your fellow members about your first or favorite car, the one that got away, a hard-to-find part that you sourced, made or refurbished, a memorable road trip, your personal tips for storing your car for the winter, or something else.*