

A close-up photograph of the front grille of a red Willys Jeep. The grille features the word "WILLYS" in white, raised letters across the top. Below the letters are seven vertical slats. On either side of the grille are round headlights and smaller round fog lights. The hood of the car is visible at the top, showing a decorative chrome ornament.

# The Radiator

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**Janeen Rudd**  
**Club President**

# President's Message

**W**e are so lucky to have so many wonderful club members who are willing to step up to do the hard work. Dave Snell is our latest success story. Dave has worked long and hard to secure the club a location for the car show on June 14. He has scoped out and researched five or six possibilities and figured out things like insurance and vendor costs and parking; the list of small details is almost endless.

A final decision has been made and we will be holding the show at Adair Park. It is a lovely area with a number of amenities that we think participants will enjoy. We will be designing flyers, probably containing show information on one side and a map on the other. We want to get this information out in every available location ASAP, since this is a brand new site, so we will be asking everyone to take flyers to hand out and post anywhere feasible.

Most stores have at least an employee bulletin board, if not one for the general public. Take them to car shows and swap meets and either find the info desk or drop them in cars. Please help get the word out whenever you can.

We will be looking for food trucks for both the June show and the April Swap/Cars & Coffee. Please tell Dave or Rich if you know of any food trucks that might be interested in participating.

Dave is forming a Car Show Planning Committee and the first meeting is prior to our regular club meeting on Feb. 24. 6:30 for the Car Show Committee, 7:00 for the membership meeting. Dave will give us a complete report at the meeting.

**O**ur other Hard Worker Award goes to Rich Brookes. Rich gave the Board an update on plans for the Fairgrounds Swap Meet, and said that most everything is in line for the 2025 Swap. Since there will be a Cars & Coffee instead of a car show, a few things will change but nothing major. It was also noted that in addition to the Cars and Coffee at the Fairgrounds on April 27, we are still planning on holding the May 3 Cars and Coffee at the Church. Because we advertise Cars & Coffee to start on the first Saturday in May and run through the first Saturday in October, we felt it was necessary to do both to avoid confusion.

**W**e are very grateful to the people who have agreed to run as officers for the Club. We have candidates for the positions of secretary and member at large and a volunteer for the position of webmaster, but we are still looking for a president and a treasurer. The State requires at least three officers (must have president, secretary and treasurer) and our By-Laws require four, so please consider a position on your Board. We cannot run the club without leadership so if we don't have a treasurer and a president, we will be



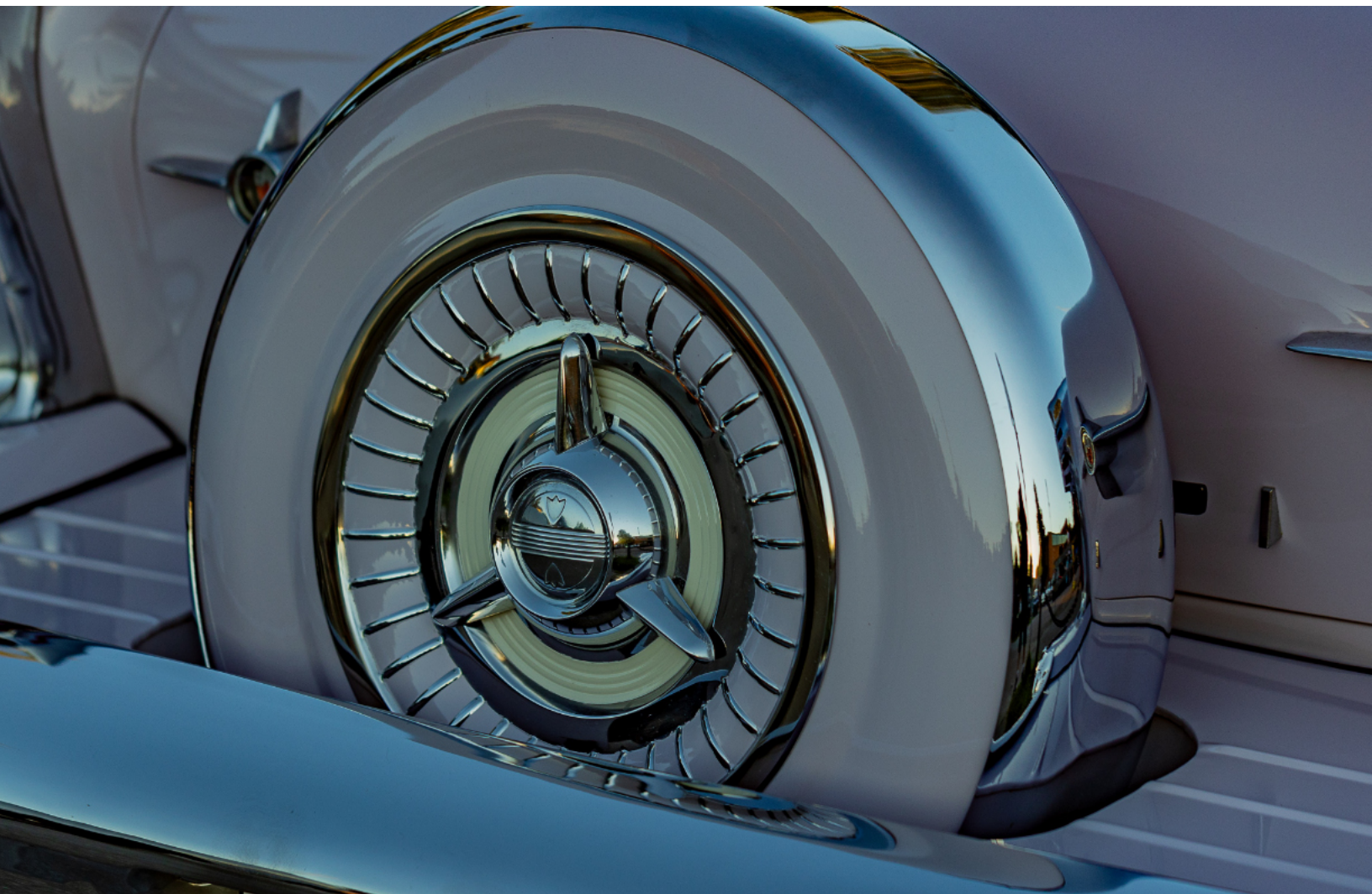
in serious trouble. As much as I have enjoyed the position, my schedule makes it very difficult to devote as much time as I'd like, so I will sadly step down at the end of June. It would be a real tragedy to shut down the club on the eve of our 60th Anniversary!

**D**ue to the weather, your Board did not meet until Friday, Feb. 21. This of course delayed Andy's publication of the Radiator. I am hoping to get this message to Andy right after the Board meets. If some of this info is outdated by the time you receive your copy, I apologize. It may not be possible to get the Radiator to you before that meeting. In the hopes that we get lucky and the cards fall right, I'll give you a heads-up that our guest speaker for the February 24 meeting is again Dr. Michael Henich. His topic will be The Elegant Car Era.

**A** few dates to put on your calendar: We have been asked to hold a show at the Corvallis Manor. Date will be July 19. This was a fun show last year. They are hoping for 10-15 cars. August 17 is the Brothers Museum open house. You should have received an email with information on how to order tickets. New date for the Club Anniversary/Annual Picnic is July 27; previous date conflicted with Forest Grove Concours. The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, which so graciously provides us with a venue for Cars & Coffee as well as our meetings, is holding a garage sale March 14 from 9-3:00 and March 15 from 9-1:00. They will have tons of stuff and would appreciate our support. Let's give them a good showing!

See you Monday, February 24th for our regular Membership Meeting! Car Show Committee at 6:30; Meeting at 7:00.

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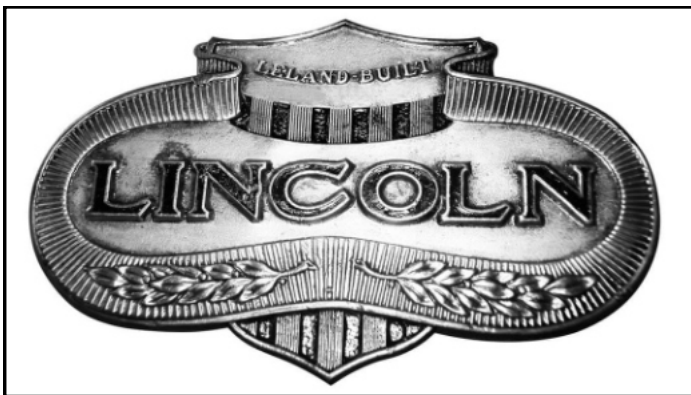


# This Month In Automotive History

By Andy Noble

## 1882 - Arthur Duray is Born in

Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium, on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Duray, who was one of Belgium's first pilots (license number 3), is probably most famous for breaking the world's land speed record three times in the period 1903-4. He also finished in second place in the 1914 Indianapolis 500.



## 1964 - The Song 'Fun, Fun, Fun'

by the Beach Boys is released on their Shut Down Volume 2 album on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The song, which is about a teenage girl who deceives her father so that she can take out his Ford Thunderbird, reached number 5 on the US Billboard Hot 100. The album peaked at number 13 on Billboard's Top LPs.

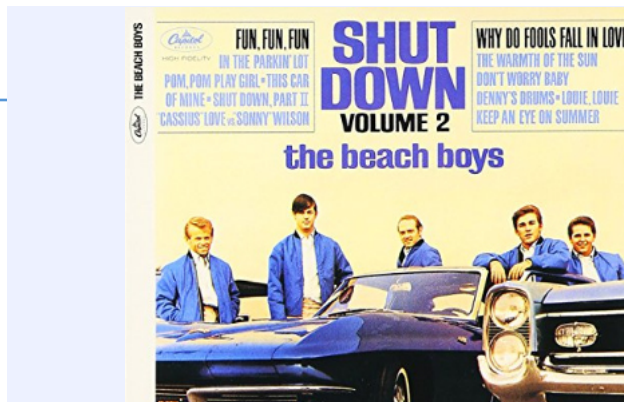


**2008 - The Dodge Challenger** third generation debuts on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The body style was very reminiscent of the 1970 Challenger R/T. The car was sold through the 2023 model year. The 2023 SRT Demon produces 1,025hp, with a 0-60mph acceleration of 1.66 seconds.



## 1922 - The Lincoln Motor Company

is purchased by Ford on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The company, which was named after President Abraham Lincoln, was formed by Henry Leland and his son in 1917 to build Liberty V12 aircraft engines during WWI. After the war, it was reorganized as an automobile manufacturer and released its Model L in 1920.



## 1981 - John DeLorean Files For

a US patent for the DeLorean gullwing doors on February 4<sup>th</sup>. While earlier cars had incorporated such a door design, DeLorean improved upon the design by adding a stainless steel torsion bar.





# Car Shows, German Style

Sebastian Heiduschke Takes in Two Car Shows During His Recent Trip to Bavaria

*Story and Photos by Sebastian Heiduschke*

**A**s most of you know, I return to Germany at least twice a year to visit family. I am originally from Bamberg in Franconia, a region in Northern Bavaria, and I grew up in Buttenheim, hometown of Levi Strauss. His birthplace and the house I grew up in are 650 yards apart from each other. Buttenheim is also called “The Gateway to Franconian Switzerland” because of its hills, creeks, and castle ruins. Which means that this is the perfect backdrop to drive your historic cars on a nice afternoon.

**H**istoric cars in Germany are called “Oldtimer,” which means anything 30 years and older. There is a second class, which is anything 20 years but not yet 30, called - you probably guessed it - “Youngtimer.” Last September, I attended two shows, and I took our last remaining vehicle in Germany, a 2003 Subaru Justy G3X 1.3, to drive to the locations (I sold this “Youngtimer” in September after a rusted



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out fuel tank left me stranded because I could no longer refill the car and spilled a few liters of expensive German gas all over the ground of the gas station).

The first show I visited was called the “15. ADAC - Oldtimerfahrt MSC Fränkische Schweiz 2024” which translates into “15th German Automobilclub Historic Vehicle Tour by the Motorsports Club Franconian Switzerland.” If you are wondering, the ADAC is Germany’s equivalent to AAA, nicknamed “The Yellow Angels” due to their yellow service vehicles, and the MSC Franconian Switzerland has been around since 1958, which makes it seven years older than the Corvallis Historic Auto Club. Old World.

I decided to head to the location where the tour would break for lunch time to have the opportunity to see the cars. The organizers teamed up with a soccer club from Lichteneiche, one of Bamberg’s suburbs. I wanted to get there before the first cars arrived so I could have lunch. When I drove up, looking for the parking area for visitors, one of the volunteers waved me down, visibly puzzled. I lowered my window, and he asked me why I was not displaying my start number plaque on the car, and how I made it there so fast, well before the others. We both laughed when I told him that I was there to see the show and that I was not participating with my “Youngtimer.” He pointed me towards the parking area, and within a few minutes, I was in line for Bratwurst and beer, a tasty lunch (my wife Jenny would disagree



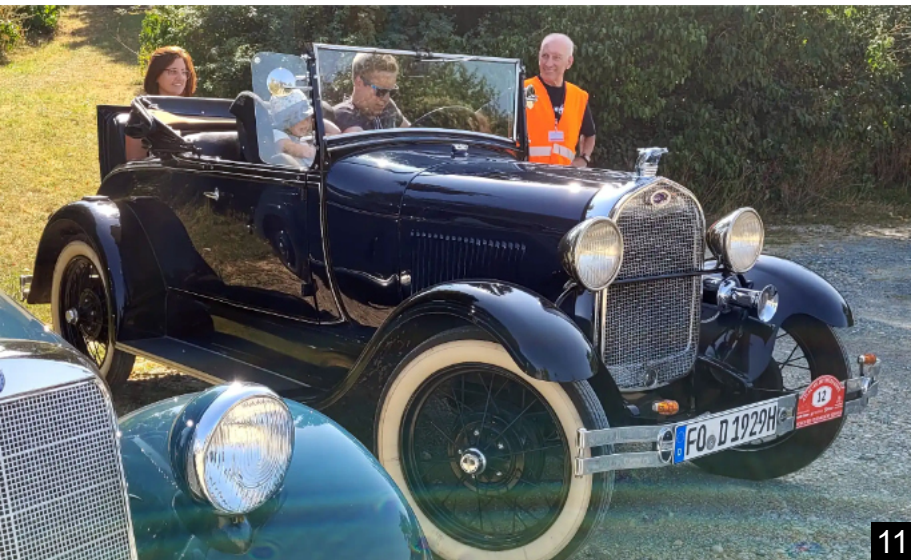
here) that cost me the equivalent of six bucks.

Since it was a gorgeous day, no clouds in the sky and the thermometer showing about 80 degrees Fahrenheit, I walked over to a shady area until the first cars would arrive. The ADAC had set up a blow-up gate to mark the finish line for timekeeping (if you are curious, head to <http://tiny.cc/adacgate> online to see what such a gate looks like), which is important because you score points when participating in a historic car event such as this, and I decided that this would be the perfect spot to observe the vehicles coming in.

I had looked up the list of participants and their vehicles online in advance, since the outing required preregistration to allow for the planning of snacks and lunch, along with tracking and scorekeeping. I was anxious to see ten motorcycles and more than sixty vehicles roll in, among them a rare 1964 Westfield Eleven Sports (1), a 1941 DKW F8 Pritschenwagen (2), a lovely 1968 Volkswagen AHK Bugatti Kit-Car (3), a 1960 Sunbeam Rapier (4), and of course a couple of models I used to drive myself, among them the iconic 1986 Citroën 2CV (5) - there's the story of me driving one inside of my old school building the night of our graduation, when we pushed it up five flights of stairs, using beer benches, to have it in the commons area as part of our graduation prank; the 1974 Opel







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Kadett (6), and two that I would love to own, the 1938 Mercedes Benz 170V (7) and the Diesel monster, a 1989 Mercedes Benz 190D (8).

Strangely enough, I am not a BMW person, but I saw the stunning 1938 BMW 327/28 (9). Some of our fellow CHAC members would have appreciated for sure the 1933 Alvis Speed 20 (10), the 1929 Ford (11), the 1927 Buick Six (12), and the 1992 RAM Cobra (13).

I was not disappointed at all. For those of you curious about German car shows and looking for further information, here is a brief list of links that might be useful. Do let me know if you are interested in me writing more about cars in Germany (East or West).

1. German license plates: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vehicle\\_registration\\_plates\\_of\\_Germany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vehicle_registration_plates_of_Germany)

2. Information about "Oldtimer-Rallys" (yes, that's a German expression!) - in German, but an online translation engine will help: [https://res.cloudinary.com/adacmkv/image/upload/Kapitel\\_20.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/adacmkv/image/upload/Kapitel_20.pdf)

3. The document announcing the show/tour I visited (in German): [https://www.tw-sportsoft.de/ADAC\\_Oldtimerfahrt\\_Fraenkische\\_Schweiz\\_2\\_781066/docs/1\\_Ausschreibung.pdf](https://www.tw-sportsoft.de/ADAC_Oldtimerfahrt_Fraenkische_Schweiz_2_781066/docs/1_Ausschreibung.pdf)

4. All participants and their vehicles (motorcycles and cars): [https://www.tw-sportsoft.de/ADAC\\_Oldtimerfahrt\\_Fraenkische\\_Schweiz\\_2\\_781066/pdf/REPORTING\\_TEILNEHMERLISTE.pdf](https://www.tw-sportsoft.de/ADAC_Oldtimerfahrt_Fraenkische_Schweiz_2_781066/pdf/REPORTING_TEILNEHMERLISTE.pdf)

5. The final classification (including points earned for drivers participating in ADAC challenges and cups): [https://www.tw-sportsoft.de/ADAC\\_Oldtimerfahrt\\_Fraenkische\\_Schweiz\\_2\\_781066/docs/3\\_Oldtimer\\_Fr\\_Schweiz\\_Auswertung\\_2024.pdf](https://www.tw-sportsoft.de/ADAC_Oldtimerfahrt_Fraenkische_Schweiz_2_781066/docs/3_Oldtimer_Fr_Schweiz_Auswertung_2024.pdf)



# The Nash Rambler Story

*Story by D.J. Freeman, illustrations by Andy Noble.*

**M**artin Harding and I were exchanging stories about the Nash Rambler (early '50 model). I remember these stories.

When I was in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades my parents had a 2-door Nash Rambler. It had a dark green top and a gray body. Dad was in the Navy and we made several trips from Oregon to San Diego and back again.

I remember one story my mom told about coasting down the Grapevine, using the engine to slow the car. By the time we got to the bottom, the Nash had blown a head gasket. She had us 3 kids, a boxer dog, a tortoise, a parakeet and a bowl of gold fish and all our worldly goods in, and on top of, the Nash.

She said she had very little money and drove to the first garage she saw. The mechanic must have

felt pity for my mom. He agreed to replace the head gasket in exchange for mom's most valued possession, her Singer sewing machine. Then we were back on the road to Oregon, as Mom always said, "Off like a herd of turtles."

When Dad went overseas, mom would pack up everything in the Nash and drive back to Oregon where her parents lived. It was like the "Old woman who lived in a shoe." Only this shoe was a Nash Rambler!!



I remember in the 3rd grade, Dad and I were the only ones in the car when the hood blew up over the windshield. We could see out (just over the dash) enough

so Dad got the Nash to the shoulder of the road. After that, the Nash had a dent across the hood where it had folded over the top of the car. That will make your heart beat faster. 🚗💥



# For Sale By Owner

*Ads run for two months with photos, then four months with text only or until canceled by seller, whichever comes first.*

Sue Probus has this 1968 Ford LTD for sale: \$16,000

- 390 V8, C6 transmission, both completely rebuilt. Fewer than 3,000 miles on rebuild. 143K on odometer.
- Rebuilt suspension and new exhaust.
- Garaged since new, collision-free.
- Phone or text: (541) 248-7392

Bill Ayres has tires for sale. Price negotiable.

- Set of 5 Coker 6.00 x 16
- Wide whitewalls
- Heavy-duty tubes
- Low miles
- Purchased in 2012
- Contact Bill: (541) 752-2398





## The 1967 Chevrolet Impala

By *Andy Noble*

General Motors introduced the Chevy Impala in 1958 as the top model of the Bel Air. The Impala became a standalone model with the release of the second generation in 1959.

The fourth generation ran from the 1965 model year through 1970. The 1965 model set an industry sales record of over 1 million units. 1967 saw the introduction of what was referred to as Coke bottle styling, with the body design bearing a general resemblance to a classic glass Coca Cola bottle.

In response to federal regulations, 1967 was also the first year for a collapsible steering column, side marker lights and shoulder belts in non-convertible models.

As this ad makes clear, 1967 offered the L36 Turbo-Jet 427ci V8 as an option, which was rated at 385hp. The fourth generation came in various 2- and 4-door body styles, engine sizes that ranged from 250ci to 454ci, and 2-, 3- and 4-speed transmissions.

Impala production saw an eight year gap after 1985 and another three year gap after 1996. Production came to a close at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> generation with the 2020 model year.

# super hooded Super Sport SS 427

Gentlemen, we have before us one very special automobile: Chevrolet's new SS 427.

That big bulging hood? We'll level with you. It's there to tell the world that there's something very special underneath: a 427-cubic-inch 385-horsepower Turbo-Jet V8 with porcupine heads, angled valves, dual exhaust and 4-barrel carb.

Special springs, shocks and stabilizer bar are part of the package. So are special markings and red stripe tires.

You can add 4-speaker stereo, front fender lights, set-and-forget air conditioning, special instrumentation, whatever you like. SS 427: just the ticket for the sporting man who likes some room to move around in.

SS 427 Sport Coupe: a swashbuckling new species of Chevrolet



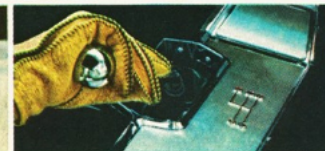
Special markings.

Special suspension standard.

You can add 4 on the floor . . .

or disc brakes up front.

Mark of Excellence.



## Chevrolet gives you that sure feeling





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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).

## Monday, February 24

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

## Friday, February 28

Covered Bridge Cafe Cars and Coffee, 8:00AM  
Free, every Friday  
510 N. 3rd Avenue, Stayton

## Saturday - Sunday, March 1, 2

Salem Roadster Show  
Saturday 9AM-6PM, Sunday 9AM-5PM  
Admission \$15, 15-and-under free  
Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Salem  
<https://salemroadstershow.com/>

## Sunday, March 2

Albany Cars and Coffee, 10:00AM  
Free, every Sunday  
1393 Clay Street SE, Albany

## Friday - Saturday, March 14, 15

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Garage Sale  
Saturday 9AM-3PM, Sunday 9AM-1PM  
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis

## Friday - Sunday, March 14, 15, 16

Portland Roadster Show  
Friday Noon-9PM, Saturday 10AM-8PM, Sunday 10AM-5PM  
Admission \$20, 12-and-under free  
Portland Expo Center, 2060 N Marine Dr, Portland  
<https://portlandroadstershow.com/>

## On The Cover: 1964 Willys CJ-3B

*Willys Motors produced the civilian version CJ-3B Jeep from 1953 to 1964, beginning the same year that the parent company Willys-Overland was bought by Kaiser Motors. The 3B was the first Jeep to come equipped with the Hurricane inline-4 engine, which produced 75hp. Approximately 196,000 3Bs were produced.*

## 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.*