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Our Final Cars & Coffee for 2024
Draws 98 Cars and One Award-Winner



President's Message

Thank you to all the people who attended our last 2024 C&C! We had a banner year, with an average (even with inclement weather) of approximately 72 cars (high of 125, low of 37) and our Partner, Coffee Culture, was a big part of our success. Thank you, Paul Tostberg, HOLDERNESS COFFEE ROASTERS, for supporting CHAC! Be sure to visit one of the COFFEE CULTURE stores located on 9th Street, Kings Blvd. and the Timberhill Shopping Centre. Please consider supporting Paul and his crew the way they have supported us all year! Our other major contributor is Club Member John Drzal, who drives our donuts all the way down from Salem each month. They are a definite hit with the crowd! Thanks, John!



Be sure to add the CHAC Christmas party to your calendar. December 14 at Johnny Carino's in Albany. Peter will be compiling an RSVP list, so if you plan to attend, please let him know. We may also consider car-pooling for those of you who don't like to drive at night. We'll be starting in the afternoon but it may be dark by the time we finish.

We are still in the process of deciding on where to hold the CHAC Car Show. We've decided on Father's Day Weekend, but not specifically either Saturday or Sunday. That's still under discussion. The Board and our able assistant, Dave Snell, will be touring the available sites on October

24. We'll have more information at the October 28 Membership Meeting.

The Swap Meet will be held on the normal fourth Sunday of April, 2025. That's April 27. In conjunction with the swap, we will be holding our first 2025 Cars & Coffee at the Fairgrounds. We want to maintain the connection between the Corvallis Swap and the cars, whether it's the show or Cars and Coffee.

A reminder that jackets and coats are available. It's a lot of information and five different styles to choose from. For the Team, Challenger, Charger and Letterman's Jackets go to SanMar.com. In the search box put in the name of the jacket you are interested in. The website for the Heritage Jacket is Agustaspportswear.com, #229140. These jackets vary in "warmth factor" so you can choose from a little heavier than our current jacket to a full-blown coat with or without a hood. There are different colors from which to choose. T-shirts come in just about any color. Approximately \$10 each, S-XL. Larger sizes \$3 more. Logo can go on front or back.

The Albany Indoor Swap Meet will be held at the Linn Co. Expo Center on Saturday, November 16. \$5 general admission Just about anything you could want.

Please keep in mind that our weather is changing so drive with care and stay safe! See you at our Membership Meeting on Monday, October 28.

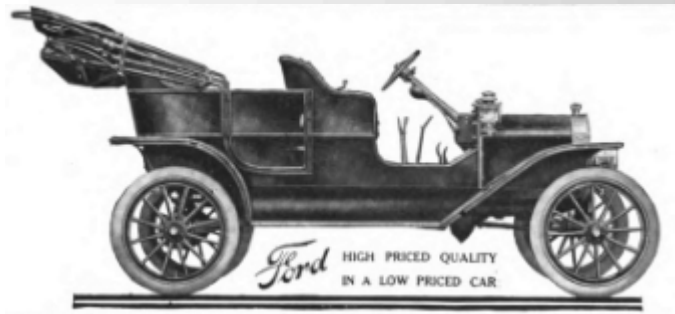
Janeen Rudd
President

This Month in Automotive History

By Andy Noble

1869 - James Frank Duryea is born

on October 8, in Washburn, Illinois. Duryea and his brother, Charles, invented the first American gasoline-powered car in 1894. Duryea went on to win the first car race in the United States in November, 1895, and became the largest gasoline-powered automaker in the US when he hand-built 13 cars in his Massachusetts shop in 1896.



1955 - The First Episode of Highway Patrol

airs on October 3. The police drama, which starred Broderick Crawford, ran from 1955 to 1959. When asked why the popular show ended, Crawford said "We ran out of crimes." The show's 156 episodes were rerun in syndication through local TV stations under the title 10-4.



2005 - The Chevrolet Cavalier

ends production on October 6. The Cavalier was one of GM's J platform "world cars", which shared chassis with cars that were produced in Europe and Australia. The car was produced for model years 1982-2005, with approximately 6.4 million sold.



1908 - The Ford Model T Goes on

sale on October 1. Over 15 million were sold through 1927. Henry Ford's approach was to perfect the car and then keep it the same forever. Competitors began offering better comfort and style. Ford ended Model T production as they began to lose market share and at the end were barely breaking even on each car.



1962 - Buick Introduces the

Riviera on October 4. The car was produced through eight generations, model years 1963-99, with a one-year gap in 1994. More than 1.1 million Rivieras were sold over 36 years.





Back In Brownsville

Club Members Took a Field Trip to Brownsville in March. Dave Snell Went Back for Their Car Show.

Story and Photos by Dave Snell

A cool cloudy day brought out sixty cars to the Brownsville car show at Pioneer Park.

The show is one of the events at the Pioneer Picnic held every June in Brownsville. If you have never been to Pioneer Park, it's worth the trip. During show hours, community





volunteers serve breakfast and lunch in the park pavilion for a reasonable fee.

Along with the car show there is a craft vendor show, entertainment in the amphitheater and “blow up” bounce rides for kids. The community also welcomes campers (both tent and RV) into the park for the entire weekend. If you like a low key family atmosphere, this is a good show to take in. 🍷



2024 Cars & Coffee Season Wraps Up



98 Cars Attended Our Season-Ending Gathering, Including This Award-Winning Custom Chevy Fleetside.

Story and Photos by Pete Rocco

Mike Asbahr has been to our Cars and Coffee events often. What a nice surprise it was to have him visit in his newly completed 1959 Chevy Fleetside. This truck is quite the custom ride. Just taking the paint job into consideration, the truck is a show stopper. Completely stripped down from the ground up to the roof, Mike's build is one of the nicest I have come across in a long time. It showcases his work - and that effort translates into a vehicle worthy of center stage.

Mike performed all the body work, and prepped and primed the truck for its final coat. His selection for the paint color was (in my opinion) perfect for this build.





Mike received a little help from the guys at Northwest Autofab in Tangent, who squirted the paint. I didn't ask Mike if there was a name for this color, but I would happily describe it as a root-beer infused copper.

Take a look into the engine bay and you find a nicely dressed motor, super-clean and smoothed firewall, and an aluminum radiator that fits just right. Mike told Janeen and me about some of his touches that make

his truck stand out. Having the radiator flush with the front fender bracing, and not protruding above that sight-line, helps to showcase what's hiding beneath the hood.



Further inspection reveals a custom tubular chassis with a four-link rear suspension. The digital dash, tilt wheel, the stainless button head fasteners, and nicely sewn interior make this one worthy of our award. Our President didn't have too much trouble selecting the best vehicle at the final Cars and Coffee of 2024 🏆

Classifieds - For Sale By Owner

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.
- Power steering and AM radio.
- Family-owned since new, purchased in Albany from Nissen Ford, which also repainted the car in 1975.
- Garaged since new, collision-free.
- Phone or text: (541) 248-7392



Roy Temes has the following cars for sale:

1985 Pontiac Fiero GT - \$12,000

19,000 miles, manual trans., Silver/Grey
Excellent condition

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/930342938466135>



1977 Oldsmobile Toronado - \$10,000

88,000 miles, auto trans., White/Blue
Very good condition

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/375713268581235>



2000 Jaguar XK8 Convertible - \$8,500

58,240 miles, auto trans., Silver/Black
Very good condition

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/388065090492074>



The 1958 Edsel Bermuda

By Andy Noble

Ford Motor Company launched its Edsel division in 1957, in an attempt to increase Ford's presence in the intermediate segment. Edsels were produced for the 1958-1960 model years.

Edsel was introduced in the hour-long 1957 CBS TV special *The Edsel Show*, starring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Rosemary Clooney and Louis Armstrong. The program was a huge success for Crosby's career.

Edsel's inaugural year included seven models: four sedans and three station wagons. Over 63,000 cars were sold, which was the second-largest launch to-date of a new car brand (second to the 1929 DeSoto), but many people thought that the car was ugly, especially the "horse collar" grille.

1959 saw repositioning in the market, as well as body and feature redesigns, though the grille design remained. Sales dropped by a third.

Fewer than 3,000 1960 models were produced in late 1959 before Ford pulled the plug. Buyers of 1960 models received \$400 credits toward a new Ford to make up for the drop in value after Ford's press release. The company lost \$350M on Edsel, nearly \$3.8B in 2024 dollars.



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Event Calendar

Below is a partial list of upcoming events. See an updated list on our website calendar: corvallishistoricautoclub.org.

Friday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 27

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

Monday, October 28

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

Saturday, November 16

Albany Indoor Swap Meet, 8AM-2PM
General Admission \$5, 16 and older
Vendors \$30, reservations encouraged. 541-928-1218
Linn Co. Expo Center, 3700 NE Knox Butte Rd, Albany



On The Cover: Chevy Corvette C8

The C8 is the eighth generation of the Corvette, and has been in production since 2020. The first generation debuted in 1953. The C8 is a radical departure from previous generations, including having a mid-engine layout and a touchscreen that replaces the instrument cluster. The ZR1 version is rated at 1064hp.

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.