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Swap Meet and Dust 'em Off Car Show!**



Presidents' Message

Happy Days to all! We are so excited to finally have some good weather (however temporary!) and be on our way to the 2024 Car Season. Check out DJ's Calling All Cars bulletins and the Facebook and web page calendars.

We want to give a huge shout-out to the following people who worked so diligently on our Swap Meet and Car Show:

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 Robert Weber

Thank you all. If you helped at either venue and don't see your name listed, please let us know. We took names from the sign-up sheet but know that some helped without signing up and others were not able to attend. While we all worked really hard, there's no controlling the weather and our income reflects that. We will be looking hard at our budget for the remainder of the year and although we may have to modify some of our goals and activities, we will do our best to maintain our fun events.

Under "new management," Cars & Coffee went fairly well. The Coffee Culture was a big hit. We are looking for a Chair person to head this event. If you are interested, please contact Marsha or Janeen. This is a fun event! First Saturday each month June through October.

Happy Cars Make Happy Drivers! Have a wonderful May and June! See you at the Club Meeting May 27. And yes, it is the day we celebrate Memorial Day, but the logistics of moving the meeting were daunting, so it will be held on May 27, 7:00pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Walnut and Highland, Corvallis. Happy driving!

Janeen & Marsha

This Month in Automotive History

By Andy Noble

1903 - The Buick Motor Company

is founded by David Buick on May 19. Buick's early success was driven primarily by its invention of the overhead valve engine, which in turn drove the creation of General Motors in 1908. Buick became the oldest surviving American car maker when Oldsmobile shut down in 2004.



1916 - The Sinclair Oil Company

is founded by Harry Sinclair on May 1. The company's dinosaur logo played off the then-common belief that petroleum deposits were formed from dinosaurs. Sinclair Oil merged with Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO) in 1969, and has been privately held since 1976, with stations today in 25 US states.



1927 - Production of the Ford

Model T in the US ends on May 26. More than 15 Million Model Ts were produced, a number that was unsurpassed until 1972 by the VW Beetle. Ford's use of mass production led to the price of the car dropping from \$780 in 1910 to \$290 in 1924. The final Model T worldwide was produced in Cork, Ireland, December 1928.



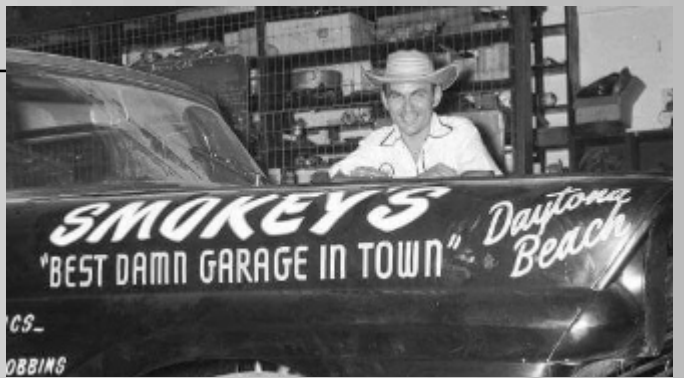
1975 - The Song "Low Rider" by

War is released on May 14. The term low rider referred to the Chicano cultural practice of being able to raise and lower a classic car's suspension hydraulically. The certified-gold song was released on War's "Why Can't We Be Friends" album, and reached number 1 on the Billboard R&B singles chart.



2001 - Smokey Yunick Dies on

May 9, at age 77. Yunick, a WWII 2nd Lieutenant, participated in Indy 500 racing from 1958 to 1973, running a winning car in 1960. He ran "Smokey's Best Damn Garage in Town" from 1947 to 1987. He closed it because, he claimed, there were no more good mechanics. Yunick was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1990.



2024 Swap Meet & Dust 'em off Car Show



Mix of Sun and Sprinkles Greet Vendors and Entrants

Story by Pete Rocco, Photos by Bart Eleveld

Despite repeated attempts by the weather to hinder our efforts, we have pulled off another Swap and Show. Cool and damp skies enveloped the weekend in Corvallis. Conflicting reports by Weather dot com and local newscasts surely kept vehicles away. Positive thinking on the part of our co-presidents, plus a hint of sunshine on Sunday, plus happy attendees totaled a fun event. Rich Brookes says that the number of Swap spaces was down from last year. I must admit that there were four fewer vehicles in the car show field this year versus 2023. We awarded twenty one trophies last month to some deserving cars.

The trophy **Best European** was sponsored by Global Auto. Charlie Haley owns that garage. It's just up the street from the fairgrounds. Kathleen



Brindley (who just joined the CHAC at the car show) took home the trophy in her yellow Triumph TR3.

We had a trophy for both **Best Hot Rod** and **Best Traditional Hot Rod**. The latter was sponsored by Audiofiles of Corvallis. Chuck Grato of Wachoma Automotive selected the trophy's recipient. Chuck gave the hand-blown



glass to Mike Storm, who owned the beautiful red 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle. Chuck also delivered the goods to Ryan McPartlin with his Blue 1970 Dodge Coronet, who took home the Hot Rod win.



Best Original Engine, sponsored by O'Reilly Autoparts of Corvallis, was picked by Tom Sarpola. He awarded the glass to a 1953 Packard Cavalier owned by Chris Aldrich.

Best Stance, sponsored by Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, was selected by Bruce Speciacci (Cary's brother), who selected Tanner Dowless' 1983 Chevy K20.



Best Toy, sponsored by Albany Toyota, was a beautiful red 1972 Toyota FJ-40 owned by Bob and Lita Landry. Picked by new member Forrest Kassau, who said he "dug the color lots".

Best Upholstery - Mark Wygant, the owner of Premiere Upholstery the shop, both sponsored and awarded the prize to Ed Grinstead, who brought a bright green 1969 Chev. Camaro to the Dust 'em Off. Mark brought along his grandson to help in the process.

C.A.M.B.E.R. AWARD, sponsored by Bob Symons Ins. Garage, was presented to George Taylor of Philomath. Pete Rocco selected the 1936 Ford 2-door sedan because it was (1) a



flathead motor, and (2) it sported dual Stromberg Carbs. The CAMBER award is a play on the AMBR Award of the Americas Most Beautiful Roadster fame. Our trophy spells out Corvallis Appreciates a Most Beautifully Executed Ride.

Mayor's Choice trophy went to a 1968 Ford Mustang owned by Shandy Miller. The trophy was sponsored by Stephen Gulley – Mass Mutual Oregon. The Mayor of Corvallis, Charles Maughan, picked that ride. NAPA of Corvallis sponsored the prize for **Modern Muscle Chevy**. Steve Jared took it home with his 1966 Chevrolet El Camino. Likewise, **Modern Muscle Ford** went to a '92 Mustang owned by Maddexx Millison.

Nathan Nordyke, in his 2022 Dodge Challenger, took the **Modern Muscle Mopar** trophy home. **Most Comfortable Cruiser**, sponsored by the Philomath Barber Shop, went to a 1956 Willy's Wagon owned by Terry Lindemann. Cary



Spediacci selected the winner because Takka Hirabyashi, the owner of the barber shop, was unable to attend.

One of the more popular trophy categories is our **"Most Likely To Get Pulled Over"**. Corvallis Police Chief Jason Harvey selected a bright yellow 1969 Dodge Charger, owned by Kevin Burch Jr., stating that "it just looks like it wants to go fast!" This trophy was sponsored by Monica Baez - State Farm Insurance. Club



member Evan Sether sponsored the **Nice Dice** trophy and judged Roger Brown's 1962 Chevy Nova to be worthy of his decision. **Nicest Rims** was selected by Mason, who works at Advance Auto Parts in Corvallis. He selected Glen Soto's 1964 Chevy Impala SS.

The **Oldest Entry** trophy went to a 1911 Maxwell. This incredible, wonderfully restored open roadster was making its debut car show after many hours of restoration by its owner, Blake Brown.



Bobbie + Steve McNicol Sponsored the **Past Presidents Pick**. It went to the outrageous 2012 Chevrolet Camaro "Bumble Bee" owned by Gary Bennett. If you were at the show, you must have seen the fellow dressed up as a Transformer character, who accompanied the vehicle on display.

Rustiest and Still Rollin', sponsored by Monica Baez - State Farm Insurance, was presented by judge Dave Busby to a 1969 Ford F-250 owned by Ron and Diane Jacobson.

And finally, the **Want In My Garage** trophy, sponsored by Snyder's Garage in Albany, was awarded to a 2003 Corvette owned by Scott Orsborn. Scott recently re-joined forces with us as a club member. 🏠

See more photos of the swap meet and car show on our website, corvallishistoricautoclub.org!



Decisions... Decisions... Decisions...

So Many Car Shows, So Little Time

Story and Photos by Dave Snell

You can usually count on two things happening during July in the Willamette Valley: the warm weather and car shows. For instance, there are no less than five car shows this year in our region on July 20th alone. The question is, which one might appeal to you to see or participate in? Here, I have listed a few shows that will take place in July with comments of what I know about them. These shows are around an hour's drive of Corvallis/Albany.

July 4th – Twenty third Annual Monmouth July 4th Car Show. This show is at Main Street Park corner of Knox St and Jackson St in Monmouth. The show runs from 9AM to 2PM. The car registration fee is \$15. Spectator admission is free. Info: monmouthcarshow@yahoo.com

July 12th – The Filling Station Car Show and Open House. This show celebrates what they call "Collector Car Appreciation Day" with an open house. The Filling Station is a Chevrolet and GMC parts vendor for passenger cars and trucks from 1917 to 1987. It's located 990 S. 2nd St. In Lebanon. The event is from 3PM to 6PM. There

is no admission fee. Info: fillingstation.com

July 14th – Springhill North Albany Car Show. This show is at Bryant Park 801 Bryant Way SW at the south end of downtown Albany. All cars are welcome. The proceeds from this show go to the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight which takes veterans on tours of Washington DC. There are food vendors as well as other vendors. The park is a nice venue with the cars displayed on the turf. Registration fee is \$25 for cars. The spectator admission is free. If you plan to show your car, arrive at least an hour or more early. There is one driveway into the park and it gets backed up for up for blocks to get in. Hours are 8AM to 3PM. Info: dafaller@comcast.net

July 19th -20th – Central Lane Show and Shine. The Eugene Masonic Lodge puts on this annual event to benefit automotive education programs in the local area. The show begins with a sock hop on Friday from 6-9PM. Then the show with food carts, vendors and music is Saturday from 7AM to 3PM. Registration is \$25 per car. Spectator admission is free. Location is 2777 Martin Luther King Blvd.,

Eugene. Pre-registration is available until June 15th. Info: eugenelodge11.org.

July 20th – Central Lions Club 13th Annual Cruise-In. This show is at Riverview Park 50 C St. Independence. This is probably the best car show venue in our area (my opinion). Cars on the lawn in a beautiful park setting. The registration fee is \$25 that includes a free breakfast for the driver, goodie bag and dash plaque. Show runs from 9AM to 3PM. Again, arrive early. There is one driveway in and it gets backed up for blocks. Spectator admission is free. Info: centrallionscruisein@gmail.com.

July 21st – Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance. This show is held under the oak trees on the campus of Pacific University (about an hour and a half drive). There are 34 judged and non-judged classes of the finest antique and collector cars in the Northwest. In the beginning it was mostly pre-WWII cars but in recent years has grown to include just about everything. Several club members have had cars in this show. Participants qualify by sending an application to the Rotary Club of Forest Grove by June 15th. The registration fee is reasonable at \$25 but the spectator admission fee is a whopping \$25 per person. 8:30AM to 4PM. 2043 College Way, Forest Grove. Info: foretgroveconcours.org.



July 20th – Cars At the Coast. This is the 38th annual show put on by the Bay City Cruisers. This year the show moves to the South Beach Marina at 2120 Marine Science Dr (next to the Oregon Aquarium and Rogue Ales & Spirits) in Newport. This venue will allow for more participants, vendors etc. than last year's event, with plenty of options for things to do. Hours are 8AM to 3PM. Car registration is \$25. Spectator admission is free. Info: baycitycruisers.com

July 20th – Knights of Columbus Car Show. This show benefits the Father Taffee Home for young and expectant mothers. 5303 River Rd. N in Keizer. 10AM to 2PM. Car registration is \$15. Spectator admission is free. mikenginger@concast.net

July 27th – Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Car Show. This show at Sunrise Park in Sublimity includes music vendors and food. This show is well attended and only \$15 registration with free spectator admission. There were some CHAC member cars at this show last year. Show is located at 542 NE Berry in Sublimity. 9AM to 3PM.

In a final note, don't forget our Cars and Coffee the first Saturday of the month, May through October. Also, the Cruise night at The Museum is every second and fourth Wednesday evening of the month at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum 4PM to 7PM. The museum is open during the cruise and everything (except the food carts) is free. The location is 3995 Brooklake Rd., Salem. 🏠

Classifieds - For Sale By Owner

Janeen Rudd has this 1962 Oldsmobile for sale:

Fully restored original. Drives like a dream.

Fully loaded with almost every option available in 1962! Power top, power windows. Air conditioning blows cold. A true cruiser. \$23,000.

Call Janeen if you have any questions. 541-601-8792



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>



Classifieds - For Sale By Owner

Sue Probus has this 1968 Ford LTD for sale:

\$20,000

Phone or text: (541) 248-7392



The 1919 REO Speed Wagon

By Andy Noble

Many rock bands have written songs about cars. A few have named themselves after cars. One just called themselves The Cars, but one of the most famous car-named rock bands was very specific: R.E.O. Speedwagon.

The REO Motor Car Company was founded in 1905 by Ransom Eli Olds, who earlier founded what became known as Oldsmobile. REO saw early success, but competition began to hurt sales after 1908. It added trucks to its lineup in 1910, and in 1912 produced a touring car with a 35hp engine. A 1912 REO special touring car was the first car to drive across Canada.

The Speed Wagon, first produced in 1915, continued in many configurations until at least 1953, including as fire trucks, hearses and ambulances.

REO ended car production in favor of trucks in 1936. After bankruptcy and multiple mergers and sales, Volvo now owns the rights to the REO name.

Rock on!



With Electric Starter and Lights, and on Pneumatic Tires This Reo "Speed Wagon" Was the Forerunner of Its Type

In 1915 when this Reo "Speed Wagon" was first introduced, those features—electric starter, electric lights and pneumatic tires—constituted a liability.

Today, they are its greatest asset.

Then, our dealers told us the one "sales resistance" was the reluctance of buyers to "experiment with pneumatics on a truck."

Now, those same dealers tell us it is mainly because of these features that this Reo enjoys such a tremendous popularity and demand.

Then, there were only a few Reo "Speed Wagons" in hands of a few daring owners.

Now, more than 20,000 in hands of the most conservative and critical class of customers.

Then, there was a fear of "punctures and blow-outs."

Now, those bugbears are forgotten in the light of the great proven efficiency and economy of this Reo.

Then, even the tire makers were skeptical of this Reo innovation.

Now, tire makers, without exception, advocate pneumatics for trucks not only of this type, but up to five tons and over.

Then, the average buyer considered an electric starter a non-essential and electric lights superfluous.

Now, he would as soon buy a "street starting" automobile with kerosene lamps, as a motor truck of that obsolete type.

Then, only the Reo engineers appreciated the superiority—the greater efficiency, speed, economy and lower upkeep—of a truck mounted on pneumatics.

Now, rival engineers are copying this Reo as closely as they can.

Then, only drivers knew the saving of time and fuel and motor wear effected by the electric starter.

Now, the owner knows even better—through his cost accountant.

Nor need we now show how the working day is lengthened and the radius increased by the electric lighting system—for that, too, is patent.

Again, is Reo "conservative progressiveness" justified.

Again, is the leadership of Reo shown—and by imitation, that sincerest form of flattery—is the leadership of Reo design and the soundness of Reo engineering proven.

Now, you will have to be equally farsighted to get one—for demand is almost hopelessly in excess of the possible factory output.

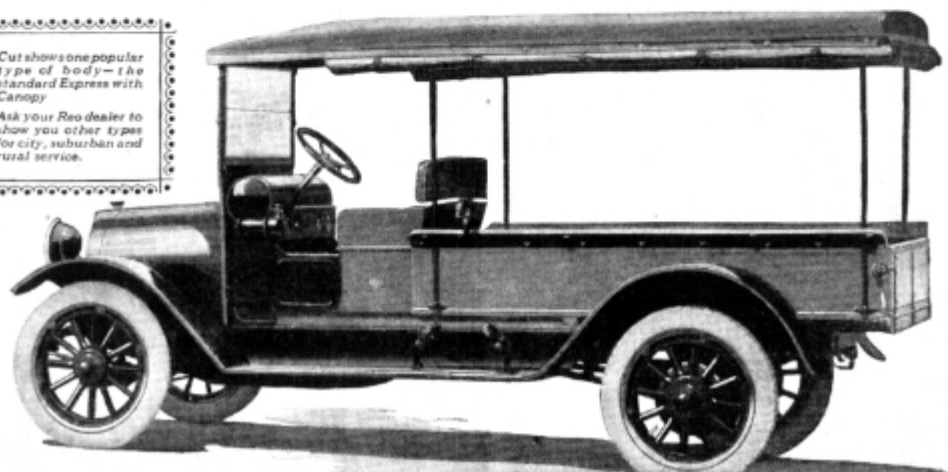
Only way is to see your Reo dealer and order now—at once.

If you delay you may have to accept an imitation in lieu of the original—a substitute instead of a Reo.

Today, won't be a minute too soon.

Reo Motor Car Company, Lansing, Michigan

Cut shows one popular type of body—the standard Express with Canopy
Ask your Reo dealer to show you other types for city, suburban and rural service.



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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, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

Corvallis Auxiliary Cars and Coffee, 8AM-10AM
Kings Circle Church
2110 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis
Admission free
kingscircle.church

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

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

Saturday, June 1

CHAC Cars and Coffee, 8AM
Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church
2650 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis
Admission free

Thursday, June 13

Boone Ridge Retirement Community Car Show, 11AM-2PM
2990 Boone Road SE, Salem
Admission free, 503-383-9993

Saturday, June 15

Corvallis Auxiliary Cars and Coffee, 8AM-10AM
Kings Circle Church
2110 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis
Admission free
kingscircle.church

Thursday, July 4

23rd Annual Monmouth July 4th Car Show, 9AM to 2PM
Main Street Park, Monmouth
Registration \$15, Spectators free
monmouthcarshow@yahoo.com

Friday, July 12

The Filling Station Car Show and Open House, 3PM to 6PM
990 S. 2nd St., Lebanon.
Admission Free
fillingstation.com

Sunday, July 14

Springhill North Albany Car Show, 8AM-3PM
Bryant Park 801 Bryant Way SW
Registration \$25, Admission free
dafaller@comcast.net

On The Cover: 1949 Roadmaster

The Buick Roadmaster was sold from 1931 to 1958, with gaps in the mid '30s and during WWII. The nameplate was later revived from 1991-96. The models of 1949-53 came in both 2- and 4-door versions, and came equipped with either a 320ci Fireball inline-eight or a 322ci Fireball V8. Maximum curb weight was 4700lbs!

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.