

# News to Cruise



## December 2019 Rollin' Oldies Newsletter

### Cruises, Shows, and Activities

By Cruise Master, Tom Hinckley

#### December

Dec 12 Christmas Storybook Land volunteer night 6pm-8:30pm. Jim & Linda Stinson will be Santa and Mrs Claus. Dress warmly for a fun evening.

Dec 13 Friday dinner @ Dos Arbolitos in Lebanon, 5pm, 50 W Oak St

Dec 20 Friday dinner @ TBD

Dec 27 Friday dinner @ Old Spaghetti Factory in Corvallis, 5pm, 603 NW 2nd St

Dec 30 (Monday) Club Board meeting @ Carol Hoods Home, 6pm, 3821 Union St SE , Albany

#### January 2020

Jan 03 Friday dinner @ Sizzler in Albany, 5pm

Jan 07 Car Club Meeting, 7pm

Jan 17 & 18 Winter Rod & Speed Car Show, Albany Expo Center / Fairgrounds, load-in begins @ 9am on Friday.

## Friday Night Dinners

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## Rollin' Oldies General Meeting December 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Faller. The Pledge of Allegiance was made and birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated with song.

Membership: Sheila reported that there were 75 members in attendance.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the board and general meeting were summarized and accepted as summarized.

Treasurer's report: Kate reported that dues are due for the calendar year 2020. Kate will not be at the January or February meetings so asked members to mail their dues to the club mailing address:

Rollin' Oldies  
PO Box 194  
Lebanon, OR 97355

Salem Council: Carol Hood reported that there was no Salem Council meeting. She also said that 18 members had volunteered to be Greeters at Christmas Storybook Land December 12th from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Those members are: Carol Hood, Ed and Dottie Andersen, Wayne and Karen Grant, Tom and Lynn Hinckley, Bob and Doranna Morris, Robert and Carolyn Phillips, Joyce Ulmer, Rhonda Liles, Linda Meredith, Dave and Susan Krumwiede, Dan Miner and Kate Walter. Carol thanked these members for volunteering and cautioned them to dress warm.

Friday Night Dinners:

Dec. 6 -Sizzler, 2148 Santiam Hwy SE, Albany

Dec. 13 - Dos Arbolitos, 50 West Oak Street, Lebanon

Dec. 20 - American Legion, 1215 Pacific Blvd. SE, Albany

Dec. 27 - The Old Spaghetti Factory, 603 NW 2nd, Corvallis

The next Board meeting will be held at Carol Hood's home Monday, December 30th at 6 PM.

Web Masters Report: Don Hammer reported that he has made additions to the web site and invited us to check them out at

[Rollinoldiesclub.org](http://Rollinoldiesclub.org). All the 2019 newsletters are posted and the calendar is up to date with upcoming events.

Hospitality: Linda Meredith reported that Jack Davis had surgery November 17th. Jack was able to come to the meeting with a walking assist. Good job Jack. Lorna Sebastian reported that Stephen is in the Alzheimer unit in the Veterans Home in The Dallas. He will be moved to a care center that is more local when it is possible.

New Business: Dave said that there was no candidate for Secretary on the ballot. Lorna Sebastian volunteered to run for Secretary.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100.00 to the Stayton Santa Cruise.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-21 TERM.

The slate of officers is:

President - Dave Faller

Secretary - Lorna Sebastian

Historian - John Wood

Sargent-at-Arms - Verle Steele

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the members accept this slate of officers. Yeah!!!!!!

Car of the Month: Verle Steele's car was chosen as Car of the Month.

Attendance Award: Randy Meredith name was chosen for the Attendance Award. You probably know that Randy passed away a short time ago. We all agreed that Randy was in attendance in spirit so it was decided to give the \$20.00 award to Linda, his wife. Linda told us that she had finally decided on the message to put on his headstone; "Hot Rods and Rock & Roll". How appropriate for Randy.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance: Louie White encouraged us to pause at 7:55 AM December 7th to remember all those who perished during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Donations: The food that was donated by members will go to Fish. The toys will be taken to the Santa Cruise in Stayton.

There was the drawing for the table decorations. As there was no more business the meeting was adjourned by President Dave Faller.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Linda Stinson.

### **Historian Article for December, 2019**

This being my final article, I just want to say I was able to get the history of a lot of members, things I would not have known had I not dug-in.

I have to say the one person that stands out for me was the article I did on Ethel Gray. I met Ethel when she worked out at Willamette Speedway. We talked when we could, and she kept up on my Grandsons, Brody and Briley when they were both racing the Cage-Karts. Then when Ed and I met

she was like, hmmm... Later Ed and I joined the Rollin' Oldies and were at a General Meeting (the newbies) there she was, Ms. Ethel Gray. Surprise..Surprise!

I was able to put together some pretty interesting albums for display which as we all know that is one of the things the Historian is supposed to do. I kind of got my plate too full and didn't take care of that like I should have.

I know that John Wood will do a great job as the in-coming Historian. I hope my articles were worthy of the title. It has been an awesome ride...

Sincerely, Dottie Andersen

### **Rollin' Oldies November Car of the Month - Floyd McMillin's 1950 Chevrolet Business Coupe**



Floyd has had this 1950 Chevrolet Business Coupe for over 20 years. At one time it was T-boned on the right side. This required the door to be replaced and the front fender and quarter panel to be repaired. The whole car was repainted. The paint is now ten years old and still looking good.

**Rollin' Oldies December Car of the Month – Verle Steele's 1966 Thunderbird Town Landau (BluJay)**



(Every car has a story. This one has quite a few twists and turns, so stay with it. –editor)

Carol and I bought BluJay in 1985. We drove it around for a couple years and then it was parked for quite a spell. Our girls were getting older and we were doing a lot of camping and riding and play days with our horse club. We helped re-start the Brownsville Pioneer Saddle Club and were also heavily involved with the Oregon Equestrian Trails horse club. BluJay did not get too much attention during those years.

In 1995, I found new employment in Salem. BluJay was still in the barn, and there just was no time to play with her. My administrative assistant told me her husband was a body and fender man. I told her about BluJay and she told her husband. I talked with my assistant's husband, who said he would be glad to come down to my shop in Brownsville and work on BluJay. (He lived in Jefferson.) Starting around 1998, this worked out well for a while. BluJay was getting her skin primed and cleaned, and her body was getting toned up. I would come home from a trip and she was looking better and better. In the meantime I had also purchased a 2<sup>nd</sup> '66 T-Bird for parts. The car was complete, but the motor would not run.

Around 2001-2002, BluJay was ready for her final paint. The body guy said he would like to take both T-Birds up to Jefferson so he could use a paint shop up there to finish the paint, and then utilize the best parts from each bird for BluJay. Beginning in early 2001, I was frequently gone from home with my work with dislocated workers. BluJay became something forgotten. You know, out of sight, out of mind.

When things slowed down around 2003-2004, I asked my assistant about BluJay. During this time she and her husband had divorced. She said she would contact him. A year went by, and finally I said I really needed to talk with him about BluJay. He would not meet with me. I finally said I was going to the law if I did not get BluJay back. Finally found out he had taken her to a shop for the paint, but never paid the shop. By the time I found out where she was, I was one week away from the shop selling her for the paint charge. As you can imagine, there were some pretty heated exchanges between me and the shop. I still had the title, and the shop still had a lien against the car. I had to pay for a paint job that I had already paid for. I was one week away from losing her. When I got her home, I just blocked her up in the corner of my shop. The parts t-bird car was gone.

She sat in my shop til 2011. My 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion was coming up in 2012, and my buddy Ron said we should get BluJay ready for the reunion. He helped me get her running again. I took her down to Donny's in Brownsville and he repainted her and put her back together just in time for the reunion. She still needed a lot more TLC, but she was running.

As far as I know, she has the original 390 engine. We have added a Holley 650 double-pump, and have installed a custom-built exhaust with electric exhaust cutouts, and air shocks on rear. The wheels are from the '60's era. The interior is original, a little worn, but so am I.

**December Birthdays**

Cortney Nash	3
Susan Krumwiede	4
Kevin McVeigh	6
Carol Stogsdill	12
Ruth Hammer	20
Mary Stockwell	22
Linda Meredith	25
Bryan Covell	25
Wayne Grant	27

**December Anniversaries**

Jim and Linda Stinson	8
Tom and Lynn Hinckley	27
Mike and Sheila Peterson	28
Verle and Carol Steele	28
Neal and Kitty Hubbard	30

**January Birthdays**

Roberta Walter	2
Sharon Pleu	8
Jack Davis	16
Leroy Garrett	17
Tracy Franell	18
Ethel Gray	20
Phyllis Smith	24
Becky Logue	25
Vallerie Claussen	25
Don Hammer	26
Verle Steele	28
Shiela Peterson	30
Toni Mc Millen	

**January Anniversaries**

Mike and Lori Halsey

**Merry Christmas, Rollin' Oldies!!**



## Rollin' Oldies Officers



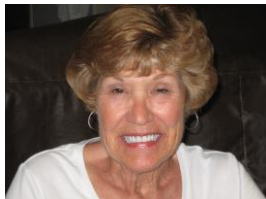
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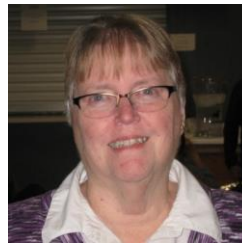
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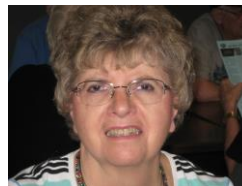
Sargent at Arms: Verle Steele



Web Master: Don Hammer



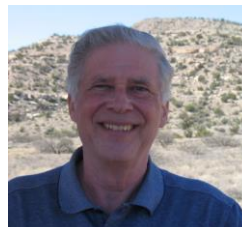
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