

ROLLIN' OLDIES NEWS November 2024

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Birthdays

December

Wannell Greene	12/2
Kevin McVeigh	12/6
John King	12/7
Amanda Burns	12/8
Ruth Hammer	12/20
Linda Meridith	12/25
Brian Covell	12/25
Wayne Grant	12/27
Cindy Adams	12/29
Kittie Hubbard	12/30

Anniversaries

Jan & Glynn Mills	12/5
Kevin & Wannelle Greene	12/7
Jim & Linda Stinson	12/8
Lynn & Tom Hinckley	12/27
Ray & Bettye Hunt	12/31



2024 photo of Jim Billings presenting a check to President Al Allen.
The Rollin' Oldies Car Club won "Club Participation"
at the 2024 Winter Rod & Speed Show in January

Christmas Dinner December 3rd. Dinner is server at 5pm . Please be there if you can by 4pm . Please bring NEW unwrapped toys and some canned food and non-perishable food . If you were not at the last meeting , a list was passed around to register for the dinner on December 3rd . If you are planning on attending you need to CALL Dick Wetzel (541 979 4086) with the names of who is coming . You have one week to reply . Please reach out to the members you know that don't have Email so they can be included . Guest that you invite ,that are not members , must be on the list and pay \$15.00 . Dick needs to know the exact number so enough food is bought and prepared . If you know your name is on the list already you don't need to call . Again , DICK WETZEL (541 979 4086) DO IT NOW !!!

Storybook Land is at the Linn County Fairgrounds . December 5th and 12th is the days for our club to man the booths. Please see Carol Hood for more information or if you want to volunteer. If you attend, Rollin' Oldies News would love to publish your photos!

ROLLIN' OLDIES GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2024



The meeting was called to order by President Al Allen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

We have Clayton and Rebecca Parsons join us tonight as new members.

Jim Billings was our guest speaker. He informed us regarding the Winter Rod and Speed Show on January 17th and 18th. That Friday there will be a band playing and pizza being served.

The minutes from last meeting was read and accepted. Birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated in song.

The Treasurer gave his report. Dues will be due in January.

The Cruise Master informed us that there was a spam going around selling Rollin Oldies tshirts. A big thank you for those who showed up at the Fish cruise. We had 11 cars and 16 people. Also thanks to who came to Trunk and Treat. November 16th is the Albany Swap Meet.

Remember our next meeting is our Christmas dinner. Be there around 4:00. Dinner will be served at 5:00. Guest are \$15.00. We will be serving turkey and ham.

There were 48 members in attendance.

Think of Ed when goes in for shoulder surgery.

Committees are taking volunteers for next year Car Show.

At the December meeting we will be voting for a new Vice President, Cruise Master, Treasurer, Historian, Hospitality, and someone to finish the term of Secretary.

A motion was made to give \$1500.00 to the Linn Benton Foundation for the Automotive School in Lebanon. It was seconded and passed with a vote.

The Car of the month was Al Allen.

Remember Storybook Land Volunteers on December 5th and 12th at 5:30 to 8:00.

The meeting was ended at 7:47.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Lorna Sebastian

- EDITOR' NOTE
- There is a new email address for ROLLINOLDIESNEWS. Please send any articles, new member profiles, car of the month photo and text, anything that you want to put in the newsletter by the deadline. The deadline is each month by the 22nd of the month. Newsletter will go out electronically on Sunday PM following the 20th, Mailed newsletter should arrive before the upcoming Club Meeting. The new email address is : rollinoldiesnews@outlook.com

Nomination of Car Club Officers / Board Members Al asked that all nominations be handed to him at the meeting before you left . This is different from past nominations . Al is on VACATION now so I'm asking you if you have someone to nominate or you want to nominate yourself for the open positions EMAIL Al Allen (mtnoaks88@gmail.com) before our Board Meeting on November 26th . The President is the only Officer that must be a member of the club for over one year to be nominated . STEP UP PEOPLE !!!

+++ VICE PRESIDENT + SECRETARY + TREASURER + Cruise Master + Historian/Photographer + HOSPITALITY

Our Thank you to our outgoing Officers:

Lorna Sebastian, Secretary

Lorna has been Secretary for at least 6 years! She has done an amazing job! She picked her replacement ,and

The board welcomed Sheri Thompson as our new Secretary. As per the Bylaw's, she was confirmed by President Allen at the board meeting.

Tom Hinckley, Cruise Master Tom took over the position for Rich Coe in the middle of his term. Tom has done an incredible job! We will vote for a new CruiseMaster at the General Meeting Dec 3. by ballot.



We want to wish everyone a wonderful and memorable Christmas season! December Newsletter would like to see your photos and publish them in the December issue! You can bring toys to the meeting for needy children. Toys for Joy is December 7th at the Stayton Fire Station Breakfast. Entry fee for your decorated car is an unwrapped toy.

CAR OF THE MONTH

Al & Chris Allen's

1966 Ford F-250



My Ford is slowly being worked on toward a roadworthy every day driver. Progress has been slow since it was first featured in the December 2018 newsletter issue. Not much happened to it during the Covid years. However, after that, I have had a new fuel tank installed, engine electronics replaced, new battery, and of course new fluids added. It now runs smoothly and quietly, just like it did from the factory. I bought used tires to replace the pre-2007 ones on it. Once I have them installed, it will be ready to road test to make sure everything works properly and it's ready to drive and show it off.

December 3 Club Meeting and Holiday Dinner 4 pm Legion Hall Lebanon

December 5 story Book Land Carol Hood Club encouraged to come out Dec 12th also. See Carol

December 7 Toys For Joy & Fireman's Breakfast Stayton Fire Dept Unwrapped toy for car entry

December 8 Brother's Car Collection Salem, MUST REGISTER See Tom for details. \$10 & Toy

January 7 Club Meeting

Friday - Saturday, January 17, 18 Albany Winter Rod and Speed Show, Friday 6PM-9PM, Saturday 9AM-6PM Admission \$10, 8-and-under free Linn Co. Expo Center, 3700 NE Knox Butte Rd, Albany capitoldragster.com

I told you about my first car, a \$5.00 '49 Ford Four Door when I was 14 years old. At that time we had a 360 acre farm just west of Eugene Oregon. After the hay was cut, bailed and in the barn, we had several open fields. We had a stock '46 flathead Ford pickup. I didn't have a license to drive on the road, but there were those fallow fields that provided lots of room to drive. I took over one of the wide and long fields for my personal race track. I carved out a large oval track and won every fantasy race I ran. I learned to slide the rear wheels out in the turns and watch the dust fly. No matter how much I tore up the field, it had to be plowed and disced and planted before fall. One thing that gave me fits for a while was that the road from the field to the house was a slight up hill and had some whoopy doos. Every time I hit one of the bumps and the front of the truck would rise, it would cause me to press the gas. I would raise my foot as quick as I could and the truck would dive into the down-side of the bump. That road almost shook me and the truck to death until I learned to keep the gas steady going over the bumps. I didn't have any money for gas, but I needed to keep my race car going. SO, I siphoned gas out of everything that had a gas tank. I siphoned the rototiller the lawn mower, and every small engine on the farm. The big score was the Minneapolis Moline tractor. That old tractor had a large gas tank. I got to drive that tractor to wind row the hay in the field. It had an offset engine, a hand lever clutch and a square shaft on the PTO. Years later, the family was sitting around telling stories about the farm and I told of my days as a race driver. My step-father said, "That explains why every time I tried to start something it was out of gas." Now it dawns on me, I should have been siphoning the family car and he would have just thought he was getting bad gas mileage. Hindsight.

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Upcoming Events Continued

Saturday - Sunday, March 1, 2 Salem Roadster Show Saturday 9AM-6PM, Sunday 9AM-5PM Admission \$15, 15-and-under free Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th Street NE, Salem salemroadstershow.com

Mar 2 & 3 Salem Roadster Show 18th year 9am-5pm

Mar 14-16th Portland Roadster Show Portland Expo Center

The Holidays can be stressful and can be hard for some people. Be good to yourself! Have FUN with your plans, but give a call or a visit to those you know may be struggling. December sees the highest rates of suicide! Many times, a call from someone who cares can brighten the mood, and make a difference. If you experience suicidal thoughts reach out. Call 988 for suicide hotline.