



# THE COLUMBIA OVERDRIVE

## Newsletter for Columbia River Regional Group #10

### April 2024



The **Columbia River Regional Group** is Chartered by the Early Ford V8 Club of America and is dedicated to the preservation of Ford motor vehicles and related historical materials from the era of the Flathead V8 engines (including all Ford, Mercury and Lincoln vehicles) from 1932 through 1953. Owning one of these vehicles is not a requirement for club membership.

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### President's Message April 2024

It's time for Swap Meet *Fever!* That's where most of us will be by the time you read this newsletter. Good times for those selling and good times if you finally find that rare part you've been searching for.

#### March Club Activities:

**March 11** Club meeting had a very festive start with Cathy Tindle setting up a celebration for Terry's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A special cake was prepared by Honey Bermel and was enjoyed by all. Included in the gathering was their daughter and grandson and friends. Dale Matthews also attended; haven't seen him at a meeting for some time.

**March 19** Was our ladies luncheon hosted by Margret Short at the "Walter Mitty's" restaurant. Eleven Club sisters enjoyed great food and fabulous comradery. Thanks, Margret!

**March 23** was our joint tour with the T-Bird Club. We visited the B-17 Museum in Salem where they are rebuilding the "Lacy Lady". It was a very interesting and amazing history lesson. Not counting the hosts, Dave and Sherri, the V-8 Club had six attend, of which, four were Club officers. The T-Bird Club had a better turnout with seventeen members participating. A few of us, had a good laugh, when some members from Washington, got lost finding the museum and then the restaurant. I will not mention names.

#### April Events:

**April 5-7<sup>th</sup>:** Portland Auto Swap Meet. Happy Days!!!!

**April 8:** V-8 Club Meeting. As the Swap Meet ended yesterday, I'm sure we'll have lots of stories to share.

**April 15:** IRS Form 1040 Tax Return filing deadline.

**April 22-25<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies Retreat at Lincoln City.

**April 23:** For those ladies not attending the Retreat, there is a luncheon planned at "The Cheesecake Factory" at Clackamas Town Center at 11:00 AM in Happy Valley. Please let me know (360-991-9645) if you plan to attend.

**April 27:** Our Appreciation Banquet.

**Scam Alert:** Both Randy Downs and I had scam emails sent out using our identities. Mine was: "Subject: favor; Message: Sorry to bother you, do you order from AMAZON." When I started getting calls from people questioning the email, I immediately changed my password and had Comcast fix the problem. The scammer had locked up my email address, so if you responded by email, it was directed somewhere else. If you got this scam email, please delete it. I will never send you an email or text or call you to purchase gift cards for any reason.

**South Beach Campout:** John Simerly has scheduled our campout for September 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact him ([jcsimerly@outlook.com](mailto:jcsimerly@outlook.com) or call 360-606-5129) to reserve your yurt or campsite.

Hope to see you soon at an April event,

*Carla Barnell*, President

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at Abernethy Grange, Oregon City. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Board Meetings are held each month, prior to the regular meetings unless a matter needing a lengthy discussion is necessary. Then the meeting time and place will be announced at the meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Membership  
Dues for CRRG are \$10 per calendar year. Membership in the national Early Ford V8 Club of America is a requirement of the Columbia River Regional Group.

Submitting Material to the Newsletter  
Please send all materials for publication in the Columbia Overdrive to Cathy Brunscheon at 2006 SE 56th Ave, Portland, OR 97215, [redcab1955@gmail.com](mailto:redcab1955@gmail.com). The deadline is the 4th Monday of the month.

Website (is working now!!)  
[www.earlyfordv8crrg10.com](http://www.earlyfordv8crrg10.com)

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## CRRG #10 General Business Meeting March 11, 2024

### 2024 Officers/Board Members

President	Carla Barnell
Vice President	Kelhi Criswell
Secretary	Sherri Walker
Treasurer	Judy Shoepe
Sgt at Arms	John Laughlin and Ross Lisle
Activities	Bill Barnell
Tour Director	Dave VanWinkle and Murl Jones
Membership	Cathy Brunscheon
Editor	Cathy Brunscheon
Past President	John Simerly

### 2024 Non Board Members

Historian	Open
Librarian	Open
Cookie Monster	Bill Barnell
Club Shirts	Frank McNatt
Windbreakers	Rusty Medearis
Pins/Hats/Etc.	Doug Snook
Sunshine	Linda Eurick
Road Cleanup	John Laughlin
Website	LOOKING for HELP!!
Northwest Director	Joe Reger
National Chief Judge	John McBurney
National Judging Standards Committee	
Ron Love	

### 2024 Tours/Leaders

<u>January</u>	<b>BOWLING &amp; PIZZA</b>
<u>February</u>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
<u>March</u>	<b>LACY LADY</b>
<u>April</u>	<b>OR TRAIL MUSEUM</b>
<u>May</u>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
<u>June</u>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
<u>July</u>	<b>POWERLAND STEAMUP</b>
<u>August</u>	<b>ALL FORD PICNIC</b>
<u>September</u>	<b>BEACH CAMPOUT</b>
<u>October</u>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
<u>November</u>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
<u>December</u>	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>

### 2024 Ladies' Luncheons

January 9	<b>HONEY BERMELE</b>
February 20	<b>JOANNE GORNICK</b>
March 19	<b>MARGRET SHORT</b>
April 22	<b>BEACH GETAWAY</b>
May 21	<b>KATHLEEN MACKEN</b>
	<b>JENNIE DELANO</b>
June 18	<b>HONEY BERMELE</b>
July 16	<b>BOB'S RED MILL</b>
August 20	<b>JUDY SHOEPE</b>
September 17	<b>CAMPOUT</b>
October 15	<b>PAT PARKER</b>
November 19	<b>OTTO &amp; ANITA'S</b>
December 17	<b>CAROL CAROCCI</b>

\*The dates may change, updates will posted in advance of the event.



A moment of silence was held for lifetime member Rita Schmeiser.

The motion to accept minutes as printed was made by John Calkin, seconded by Greg Edwards and passed.

Sgt of Arms Ross Lisle reported 33 members present and 4 guests.

No Secretary report.

Treasurer Judy Shoepe gave an account of savings, checking and CDs. The CD has been renewed for 8 months. She explained all that has been paid to date. She had 4 NW Car Event calendars left for sale.

Tour director Dave VanWinkle explains the March Tour to Salem Airport to see Lacy Lady. They will leave rest stop on I5 south past Charbonneau exit at 9:15am. The Appreciation Banquet will be at Gresham Elks at 1-4pm on April 27, 2024. May's tour will be the covered wagon tour.

Activities: Bill Barnell called the winning member attendance tickets.

Greg Edwards thanked Honey Bermel for making Terry Tindle's Auto Inspired birthday cake.

Editor: Cathy Brunscheon needs information on National Membership numbers missing from the roster. She would like all reports and information for newsletter as soon as possible as the April Newsletter has a very short turnaround time.

Past President John Simerly was not in attendance.

Sunshine: If you know of someone who is sick, please call Linda Eurick.

Vice President: Kehli Criswell circulated a sign-up sheet for the 1PM April 27th Appreciation Banquet'

Ladies Luncheon will be at Walter Mitty's March 19, 11:30am RSVP to Margret Short.

Past President: John Simerly was not in attendance due to a medical issue Carla Barnell reported he is working on September campout.

Barnell: Portland Swap Meet he explains what the PSM committee is planning to do to keep costs down and cut downs with more efficiency with the changes. When asked about vender's participation, we are at about 90%.

Randy Downs email account was hacked and cautioned us not to open any messages from his old email. He has a new email address.

Bill Barnell called the purchased raffle tickets winning numbers.

New Business: Greg Edwards has an alert that the State of Oregon wants toll roads. Lots of discussion on whether this is going to be happening. It has been put on hold. More information given by Don Williams and Leroy Stratton Greg Edwards explains that Lars Larson is reviving the Alberta district and explains some plans for this.

The For Sale/Wanted to buy sheet is being circulated to the members.

Joann Gornick can provide newsletters to anyone who needs them.

The Vancouver Bolt Company Swap Meet is Saturday March 23 @8AM. Park on the street. The meet is not in the NW Car Event calendar. Bill Barnell shared a poem about the Swap Meet. Dale Newcomb told us a story then Bill had another poem for us, Greg Edwards share the fact that Dale Matthews, of Matthews Memory Lane Motors, was attending tonight. We sang Happy Birthday to Terry Tindle before the meeting as he and his family were in attendance.

A Motion to Adjourn by Milt Haley, seconded by Austin Alling, passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherri Walker, Secretary



Cathy Brunscheon, Roster Editor, asks all members to contact her if there are any changes that need to be made. Her cell phone number is 503-975-4228 and email: redcab1955@gmail.com.

The Membership Renewal Form will be available at the April 8, 2024 Club Meeting.

**CRRG#10 Early Ford V-8 Club  
APPRECIATION DINNER INVITATION**

SATURDAY April 27, 2024  
Gateway-Gresham Elks Lodge  
3330 NE Division Street (SE corner of Division  
and 257<sup>th</sup>/Kane Ave.),  
Gresham, OR 97030  
Doors Open: 1:00 PM Dinner: 2:00 PM

Invitation open to all V-8 Club members and a guest. Cost is \$23 per person. As a **Thank You** to members who did Swap Meet Duty and/or were on the Swap Meet Committee, **your dinner (and your spouse's) will be paid for by the Club.** You will enjoy a carved beef/turkey buffet dinner, with all the fixings, salad and carrot cake for dessert. Punch and coffee will be provided. An open bar will be available.

**Please RSVP Kelhi Criswell at 503-260-5762 and pay (if applicable), if you'll be attending. Deadline for notification is on April 22<sup>th</sup>**



**APRIL EVENTS**

- 5-7 Portland OR Swap Meet
- 8 CRRG #10 CLUB MEETING
- 22-26 Ladies Retreat
- 23 CRRG #10 Ladies Lunch for Non-Retreat attendees
- 27 CRRG #10 Appreciation Dinner
- 28 Corvallis OR Historical Car Club Swap Meet & Car Show
- MAY EVENTS**
- 11 Portland, OR 40th Annual PTW Spring Classic
- 13 CRRG#10 CLUB MEETING
- 21 CRRG#10 Ladies Lunch

**REMEMBER TO WEAR A NAMETAG TO THE NEXT CLUB MEETING AND RECEIVE A TICKET FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING.**

**YOUR NAME COULD APPEAR BELOW NEXT TIME!**



**MARCH RAFFLE WINNERS**

- \$25 Fred Meyer Gift Card
- \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card
- \$25 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$25 Red Robin Gift Card
- \$25 Fred Meyer Gift Card
- \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card
- \$25 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$25 Red Robin Gift Card
- Bill Barnell
- Judy Shoepe
- Maureen Johnson
- Dale Newcomb
- Dave VanWinkle
- Mary Clinton
- Murl Jones
- Greg Meiling
- Al Johnson

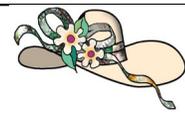


**APRIL CALENDAR OF CRRG EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dan Miller Greg Robart	2	3 David Nelson Don Singleterry	4	5 Logan Gray	6
7	8 Mike & Rosemary Bostwick <b>CRRG MEETING</b>	9	10	11	12 Frank McNatt	13
14	15	16	17	18 Hank & Angela Baker	19	20
21	22 <b>LADIES RETREAT</b>	23 <b>LADIES LUNCH</b> <b>LADIES RETREAT</b>	24 Carla Barnell <b>LADIES RETREAT</b>	25 Bill Meloy <b>LADIES RETREAT</b>	26	27 Dave & Karen Johnson <b>APPRECIATION DINNER</b>
28	29	30				



# LADIES' CORNER



## March Ladies Lunch

There was no March Madness for the ladies at the luncheon at Walter Middy's this month. Quite the opposite! It was a delightful day with good fun, laughter, stories, and great food. Middy's has a charming private dining room tucked away that is a perfect location for 12 ladies eager for some lively conversations. This is the second time we have gathered there, and the food and service are exemplary. If you haven't attended a luncheon, come join us next time. Oh, and remember, ladies only. Margret Short.

Honey Bermel baked the fabulous cake pictured below for Terry Tindle's 90th birthday event celebrated at the March 11 CRRG#10 club meeting. Here is her story:

It started when Cathy Tindle called me to do Terry's 90th birthday cake. Cathy gave me freedom to create the cake. Her only request was a white and/or lemon cake with lemon filling. Because Terry has been a walking, talking, Mr. V-8, year after year, the cake had to include cars. I took the concept of Terry's recent cars and decided to put them on the cake. Because I am a crazy cake lady, the cars had to be to scale and the color had to be as close as possible. So after many hours of baking, frosting and coloring fondant for the cars and painting detail on the cars, I walked in that night with a 30 plus pound cake, 6" tall, 16" square, 3 layer cake, displayed on a lazy Susan for our "Mr. V-8", Terry Tindle's 90th birthday. I hope you were there to wish Terry a happy 90th Birthday. To those that made a special effort to be there, thank you. I know Terry appreciated visiting with you. Thank you Cathy for asking me to do Terry's cake, it was an honor.

Terry, reaching your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is a great achievement. We should all be so fortunate. I am already designing your cake for your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday



## Ladies Getaway 2024

This year's V8 Getaway boasts a chockfull roster of ladies headed to the Oregon Coast the last full week in April. Our portmanteaus are bursting, and we are doing our sun dance eager for clear skies with days of sunshine to soothe the soul. Many outings, planned and unplanned, fill our days with lunches at nearby restaurants, shopping at the mall, or simply strolling on the sand, whatever suits our fancy. We are leaving our cares behind.

This will be our 12<sup>th</sup> year of this event. Of course, we were interrupted, as everyone else, by Covid but it is impossible to curb our enthusiasm. And here we are again awaiting laughter, lively girl-talk, scrumptious food, and best of all, our unwavering esprit de corps. As the billboards say, it's better at the beach.



Do you have a tip or recipe to share? Send to the editor at [redcab1955@gmail.com](mailto:redcab1955@gmail.com) and I will publish it here for all to enjoy!



**FOR SALE**

1933-34 Body Inner Fender Wells \$70  
1946-48 Big Belt 5/8 Fan Hub \$50  
1946-48 Generator \$50  
1949-53 Fan Hub & Generator Mount \$60  
1934 Cowl Vent Hood Nice \$80  
Model A 30-31 Rear Fender \$180  
Bill Gilbert 503-623-8042, Dallas OR

'32 Big Truck Frame W/Title \$850  
'32-36 Mechanical Brake Parts \$10 up  
'37/38 Transmissions & Parts \$300 down  
Dale Newcomb 503-505-1342

Steering Gear Rebuilds  
Prices vary  
Greg Edwards 503-357-3980

2 Dennis Carpenter New Water Pumps for  
1950-1953 Ford. List \$165.95 + Shipping  
Special \$135 both.  
Jim Kunst 503-830-9048

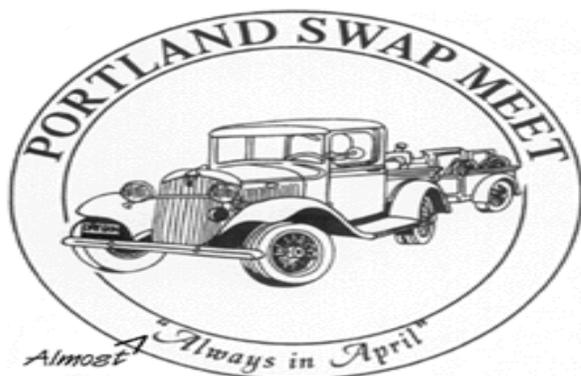
Ford 3 SPD Transmission parts, 1936-1964  
Top Shift and 3 speed overdrive side shift  
Ron Johnson 360-263-3833

**WANTED**

1946-48 V8 Radiator—Good Condition  
John Simerly 360-606-5129

Needed for a '36 Ford Pickup Project:  
1. Oil pressure & Fuel level Combina-  
tion Gage  
2. Steering wheel  
3. Right hand rear fender - any condi-  
tion considered  
Ross Lisle at 503-789-3971

3 Speed Top Shifter. What Year??? To  
be put in a 1939 1/2 Ton Pickup.  
Gary Reed 971-205-9683



New Member:

**Gary Reed**  
4907 SW Illinois Street  
Portland, OR 97221  
Phone: 971-205-9683  
E-mail: GaryR1016@hotmail.com  
Vehicle: 1939 Ford 8BA 1/2 Ton Pickup

Welcome Gary!!

**Meet An Officer: Murl Jones**

I was born in Twin Falls, Idaho and moved to the small town of Gooding which was 40 miles northwest of Twin Falls. I lived there for eleven years.

During that eleven years as I grew up with family and friends, I played with toy cars and eventually got into model cars that I built and collected.

That love of model cars then moved to real cars as a teenager and my first car was a 1951 Chev. It had a powerglide transmission. I did not care for the powerglide transmission and I gathered some tools, built a rack on the side of a bank and pulled out the transmis- sion. I went to a wrecking yard and found a parts car to pull out all of the parts needed to install the manual transmission into my '51 Chev. It was a successful project and I now had the old car bug.

I did not ever have an early Ford v-8 until my friend Bill Barnell invited me to a car club meeting and encouraged me to join the early Ford v-8 Car Club. After a few years, I finally purchased my first club car, a 1941 Mercury business coupe.

I have several other old cars and do not discriminate.



Editor's comment: Murl is a wickedly good bowler!

**April Sunshine Report**

Happily, there is no sunshine report.  
ease keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.  
Cards are appreciated.

Stay safe and well.

Linda and Bob Eurick  
503-629-0251



## FLASHERS

Yesterday I had a flat tyre on the Interstate. So I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car and opened the trunk.

I took out two cardboard men, unfolded them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic. They look so life like you wouldn't believe it! They are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to the approaching drivers.

Cars started slowing down looking at my lifelike men, which made it safer for me to work at the side of the road. And, of course traffic started backing up. Everybody was tooting their horns and waving like crazy.

It wasn't long before a state trooper pulled in behind me. He got out of his car and walked toward me. I could tell he was not happy.

"What's going on here?"

"My car has a flat tyre", I said calmly.

"Well, what are those obscene cardboard men doing here by the road?"

I couldn't believe that he did not know.

So I told him, "Helloooooo, those are my emergency flashers !"

*Thanks to a Ford Barn member for this one!*

The above appeared in the Queens Land V8 newsletter. It made me laugh out loud. Hope you enjoy.

So who invented the turn signals and flashers used in modern cars?

"It wasn't an engineer, an auto mechanic, or a scientist who came up with two of the most indispensable early automobile innovations that are now included on every car today. Rather, it was a Hollywood starlet, Florence Lawrence, who created the first turn indicator as well as the full-stop signal activated by applying the footbrake.

Lawrence was born Florence Annie Bridgwood in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on January 2, 1886. Her mother, a vaudeville actress, had changed her name from Charlotte Bridgwood to Lotta Lawrence. She later changed her daughter's surname, too, as the pair traveled together on the showbiz circuit, and Florence became known as "Baby Flo, The Child Wonder Whistler." Lawrence got her first film part in 1907 in "Daniel Boone" and went on to make more than 250 films. At first, most of them were short, small-time productions known as "one-reelers," which were typically shot in one week or less. At this time, credits were not terribly important, and Lawrence worked anonymously. She became widely known for her face, however, as "The Biograph Girl," named after the film studio she typically worked for.

Carl Laemmle, who founded Universal Pictures, formed his own film house in 1910, named the IMP Company. He convinced Lawrence to become the studio's leading actress, luring her in through money and publicity stunts. This helped to spur the movie star system that we know so well today. For this reason, Lawrence is often called the first real "movie star." Also during this period, automobiles were just becoming widely available, and Lawrence, having the funds to be able to buy one of these very expensive machines, was among the fortunate few to own her own car as early as 1913.

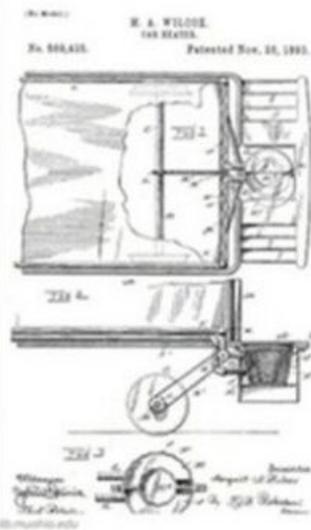
She was a truly passionate automobile enthusiast who believed that cars responded best to proper care and communication, and she had many ideas for improving them. She began inventing a number of improvements and accessories. The first of these was the "auto signaling arm," which is known as the first version of a turn signal. Her variation was an arm placed on the back of the car's fender that could be activated to rise or lower with the push of buttons located by the driver's seat to indicate the driver's intention to turn left or right. Another feature was a sign for indicating "full stop," which was raised or lowered at the car's rear simply by pressing on the footbrake.

Lawrence never patented her inventions, but improved versions were soon seen all over. By 1939, the Buick made electrical turn signals standard in all of its cars. Her mother patented a system of electrical windshield wipers in 1917. Neither made any money off of their invention. Meanwhile, Lawrence was replaced at IMP by Mary Pickford, and she left to work for Lubin studios. She and her husband, Harry Solter, started their own studio, Victor Film Company, in 1912 and sold it to Universal Pictures in 1913.

By 1915, after suffering an injury in a fire and then facing the death of her husband in 1920, Lawrence began to drop out of the film scene and found herself in less and less demand. She married again and lost her second husband in 1930; a third marriage lasted less than one year. Tragically, Lawrence committed suicide in 1938 in Beverly Hills, Calif."

From info-lemelson@mit.edu

**The first automobile heater was patented in 1893 by Margaret A Wilcox an engineer in Chicago (Elizabeth Marshall, History, February 2, 2024)**



In today's world, it's hard to imagine enduring cold winter drives without the comfort of a responsive automobile heater. It's a luxury we often take for granted, but have you ever wondered who was behind the invention that made our winter journeys cozy and warm? Well, look no further than Margaret A. Wilcox, an ingenious engineer from Chicago.

Margaret A. Wilcox, a trailblazing woman ahead of her time, patented the first automobile heater in 1893. This groundbreaking invention revolutionized the way we travel during frigid weather conditions. Wilcox's creative and innovative mind allowed her to address a crucial need, enhancing comfort and safety for vehicle occupants.

Before Wilcox's invention, passengers in early automobiles had to rely on heavy coats, blankets, and sheer endurance to combat the freezing cold. Driving during winters was undoubtedly an uncomfortable and perilous experience. However, Wilcox's patent brought a much-needed solution to this problem by introducing a system that used heated air from the car's engine to warm the interior.

By utilizing the heat generated from the engine, Wilcox's automobile heater provided much-needed warmth to the vehicle's interior cabin. This simple yet effective idea turned long, freezing drives into comfortable and cozy journeys. With a flick of a switch, passengers could now enjoy comfortable conditions regardless of the weather outside.

Wilcox's invention not only transformed the driving experience but also paved the way for further developments in automotive technology. It provided a solid foundation for future innovations, making vehicles more comfortable and user-friendly. It was an essential milestone that showcased the significant role women played in shaping the engineering and automotive industries.

As we appreciate the warmth provided by our modern car heaters, it's important to acknowledge the brilliance of Margaret A. Wilcox. Her pioneering invention has left an everlasting impact on our daily lives, ensuring that even the chilliest of winter drives remain pleasant and bearable.

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## Bulletin Board

CRRG#10 General Meeting on April 8, 2024 will be at the Abernathy Grange. Social hour begins at 6:30pm and meeting 7:30pm. Masks are optional. Hope to see you all there.

**Linda & Bob Eurick** are the Sunshine Persons. If you know of some news about one of our members that should be shared with the club, please let them know.  
503-629-0251 or  
beurick@gaelicfleet.com

### Roster

For changes to your address, telephone number, cell phone number, email address or if you sold a car, bought a car—anything that needs to be updated in the roster, please let us know. Cathy Brunscheon, Membership Chairman, will be updating during the year. Call her at 503-975-4228 or email at redcab1955@gmail.com

A big thank you to those who contributed to this issue!! I could not have done it without you, SEND MORE—I'll find room.  
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