



# THE COLUMBIA OVERDRIVE

## Newsletter for Columbia River Regional Group #10

### May 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.

Club mailing address is:  
PO Box 1035  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Website:  
[www.earlyfordv8crrg10.com](http://www.earlyfordv8crrg10.com)

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)



### President's Message May 2024

April was a very busy month for our Club, with the Portland Swap Meet, the annual Ladies Retreat and the Club Appreciation Banquet. I look forward to things slowing down a little in May and enjoying a Club tour, hopefully in a classic car with warm sunny weather.

#### April Activities:

April 5-7th Portland Swap Meet Update: The Swap Meet has been losing 1,000 customers per year. Not this year, we had a 4% gain over last year. Contributing to this was our increased Advertising Campaign and customer parking. The Information Booth actually ran out of T-shirts and hats on Friday, the first day of the event. Opening Expo Road to two-way traffic helped with the traffic flow. Our enhanced "events program" helped with communication making vender stalls easier to locate by everyone. Solicited comments have been collected from vendors, customers, duty people and Clubs. These will be addressed in future planning meetings to improve areas of concern. Financial results look promising; however, we won't have the actual results until July or August.

April 22-25: Annual Ladies Retreat at Lincoln City: Update elsewhere in this newsletter.

April 23: The Other Ladies Luncheon: Three Club ladies, who were unable to attend the "Ladies Retreat", met for lunch at The Cheesecake Factory. After doing a little shopping at Macy's first, Joanne Gornick, Linda Eurick and I enjoyed a delightful meal, followed by a scrumptious dessert. One lady even took a slice of cheesecake home to her lucky spouse.

April 27: The Appreciation Banquet: Forty-eight members and guests participated in a delicious prime rib, turkey and ham buffet dinner with all the fixings. Several people had seconds and some had thirds. Leftovers were offered to anyone who wanted to take food home. The leftovers disappeared! After dinner, the Appreciation rewards were handed out as follows: Lifetime Achievement Award: John McDonald; 50 Year Achievement Award: Rusty Me-dearis and Terry Tindle; 2023 Lady V-8: Judy Shoepe; 2023 Mr. V-8: John Laughlin; National Newsletter Recognition: Cathy Brunscheon. A special acknowledgement and Thank You was given to those who did more than one duty at the Swap Meet. With the commitment from these volunteers, we were able to complete the required duties. These eleven members were: Bill Barnell, Darrell Bermel, Don Blatchford, Jack Cole, Kelhi Criswell, Dave Gende, Maureen Johnson, Ron Johnson, Murl Jones, Jim Kunst and Greg Meiling. Thanks, again!

#### May Events:

May 13: V-8 Club Meeting  
May 18: Oregon Trail Museum Tour  
May 21: Ladies Luncheon

**Campout Update:** If you haven't already, please prepay for your reservation. The costs are: RV spots @ \$204, Yurts without-a-Pet @ \$264, Yurts with-a-Pet @ \$304. Twenty-three spots are already spoken for, however, there is still room for a few more. If you are interested, please contact John Simerly at 360-606-5129. We would love to have you join us. Please send your payment to Judy Shoepe, 9920 SW 55th Avenue, Portland, OR 97219. Make the check out to CRRG #10.

See you at our next Club function.

*Carla Barnell, President*

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## CRRG #10 General Business Meeting April 8, 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>APPRECIATION EVENT</b>
<u>May</u>	<b>ORE TRAIL MUSEUM</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 BERMEL</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 BERMEL</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.

Called to order by President Carla Barnell at 7:32pm

Minutes approved with correction of 42 members and 4 guests.

The motion to accept made Austin Alling, seconded by Milt Haley passed.

Sgt at Arms not in attendance tonight

Secretary Sherri Walker had no report

Treasurer Judy Shoepe Reported the Amounts in savings, Checking and CD. Explanation on expenses: Judy reported she paid for September campout for \$7,000. Would like all who are participating to pay ASAP.

Tours co-chair Dave VanWinkle and Murl Jones report on upcoming tours for this year. Covered wagons Oregon City for May,

Vice president Kehli Criswell reports on Appreciation dinner will be April 27<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm at Gresham Elks. Reports on sign up for this event.

Activities Bill Barnell called membership raffle tickets.

Past president John Simerly was not present but sent information that September campout is set up and broke down prices for each member's rental.

Editor Cathy Brunscheon requests all articles in by April 24<sup>th</sup>, Time to update roster, printing membership book.

Ladies Luncheon/Retreat: Some will attend retreat and for those not attending, Carla set up to meet for lunch at the Happy Valley Cheesecake Factory 11AM April 23.

Sunshine: Linda Eurick sent Ron Love a card.

President Carla Barnell explains at the Appreciation Banquet Terry Tindle and Rusty Medearis will be presented with 50-year pins and John McDonald will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Reported approximately 50-members present tonight.

Bill Barnell calls for 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle.

Discussion on positives and concerns to be addressed for Swap Meet. Our members reported on doing good business and some of the things needed to improve on. We talked about how the program worked out and some heard advertising.

Parts for Sale sign up sheet is going around to members.

Dave Stabenow has made a lift and explains how it works and is very strong he would sell it for \$400.

Dale Newcomb reports that the club that organizing the All-Ford picnic, this will be the last year they perform this outing. He explains how it would work for another group to take it over.

President Carla Barnell wants to thank all who participated in the Portland Swap Meet.

Bill Barnell shares his poem for this year's Swap Meet.

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 May 13, 2024 Club Meeting.

CRRG #10 April Tour

The Rescheduled February Tour  
Saturday May 18, 2024 at the parking lot of  
End of the Oregon Trails Intraoperative Center  
1725 Washington Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Meet at 10:00AM to enter by 10:30AM

Dave VanWinkle 503-735-5241

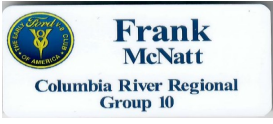


- MAY EVENTS**  
11 Portland, OR 40th Annual PTW Spring Classic  
12 Mother's Day  
13 CRRG#10 CLUB MEETING  
18 CRRG#10 End of Oregon Trail Tour  
21 CRRG#10 Ladies Lunch

- JUNE EVENTS**  
1 Junction City, OR: Function 4 Junction  
10 CRRG#10 CLUB MEETING  
18 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!**



APRIL RAFFLE WINNERS

- |                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| \$25 Fred Meyer Gift Card  | Terry Tindle     |
| \$25 Home Depot Gift Card  | Don Blatchford   |
| \$25 Out Back Gift Card    | Dave VanWinkle   |
| \$25 Red Robin Gift Card   | Austin Alling    |
| \$25 Fred Meyer Gift Card  | Dennis Thun      |
| \$25 Home Depot Gift Card  | Rusty Medearis   |
| \$25 Red Lobster Gift Card | Jack Cole        |
| \$25 Out Back Gift Card    | Cathy Brunscheon |
| Bill Barnell               |                  |



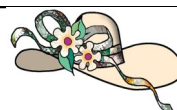
MAY CALENDAR OF CRRG EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lyle Lilja	2 Rod Folen	3 David Nelson	4 Kevin Peterson
5 Brian Christopher Huong Meiling	6 Ron Bjur	7	8 John & Jeanne Martin	9	10 Frank McNatt	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13 CRRG MEETING	14	15	16	17 Jack Cole	18 Margaret Darr Dave Gende OR TRAIL TOUR
19 Jeanie Delano	20 Carol Fay Peterson	21 LADIES LUNCH	22 Austin Alling	23 Chris Chilberg	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 John Martin Gordon Rivenberg	29 Pat Brooks	30	31	





## LADIES' CORNER



### Ladies Getaway 2024

Well, our lively sun dances worked for at least half of the week. Bright shiny sun shown until Wednesday then Thursday the rains came. Resolutely undeterred, the ladies carried on and persevered with umbrellas and hoodies to block out the dampness. Actually, it is always quite exciting to see a storm on the Oregon Coast, and we were not disappointed.

As usual, the meal teams outdid themselves and every day the aroma of deliciousness wafted through the house. The telling of delightful stories brought boundless laughter, and outings, shopping, and walks on the beach were enjoyed by all. Plans are already underway for the 2025 Getaway.

Margret Short



These lovely Ladies were not able to attend the Ladies Retreat in Lincoln City. They enjoyed a lunch at the Happy Valley Cheese Cake Factory on April 23, 2024

Judy Shoepe sent this recipe for a dish she served at the Ladies Retreat. Hope you enjoy!!

### DAVID'S TACO SOUP

2 LBS BROWNED HAM-BURGER  
2 CANS PINTO BEANS  
2 CANS KIDNEY BEANS  
2 PACKAGES UNCLE DAN'S RANCH  
2 CANS CORN  
1 JAR SALSA  
1 CAN SLICED OLIVES  
2 CANS STEWED TOMATOES  
2 TACO SEASONINGS



Works great in a crock pot. Serve with shredded cheese and sour cream.

Submitted by Jeanie Martin.

### May 21, 2024 Ladies Luncheon

Kathleen Macken's Home  
841 N Providence Drive, #65  
Newburg, Oregon 97321

11:00 AM  
503-537-6937

It will be a wonderful salad bar  
Please bring your favorite items to share.

Looking forward to another legendary get together!



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 Coupe Roadster Rear Body Inner Fender Wells \$80  
1946-48 Truck Fan Hub 5/8 Wide Belt \$50  
1946-48 Generator \$50  
1949-53 Fan Hub & Generator Mount Narrow Belt \$60  
1934 Cowl Vent Lid Nice \$80  
Bill Gilbert 503-623-8042, Dallas OR

'32 BB Frame W/Title \$950  
'37/38 Transmission \$350  
'48 Merc cpe 114X Canadian \$21,000  
'02 Astro V6 Donor Car \$850  
'53 Chev Coupe \$21,500  
21 Stud Aluminum Cyl heads NOS aftermarket 37/38 style \$400 pr  
Dale Newcomb 503-505-1342

Steering Gear Rebuilds-He is 5 months out  
Prices vary  
KRW Ford Tools, Many different to choose from  
Greg Edwards 503-357-3980

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

49 Ford bus.cpe., 302,C4,Volare front susp.,power str.,disc brks.  
Needs tires & trunk lid, \$5,000  
Bruce 503-381-9173.

200 Issues Special Interest Autos - Complete Collection as I'm aware of; Beautiful condition \$100 All  
Ron Love 503-223-9359

## WANTED

Correct '33-34 Outside door lock  
Dennis Thun 503-678-1026

Original 1939 only Voltage Regulator  
Greg Edwards 530-357-3980

Need V8 Times Jan-Feb 2024 Issue for Speedway Motors and their museum. Will pickup.  
Ron Love 503-223-9359

## Meet An Officer: Kelhi Criswell



Well, it's my turn to do the introduction to an officer for this month. My name is Kelhi Criswell. I have been around CRRG #10 since it started in 1968. I grew up in the club.

My parents were Don and Sharon Criswell. I officially joined the club in 1989. Don was a founding member of this club, and he presented me with my lifetime award. It was a very special night for me. Unfortunately, I didn't get a photo of that night. I have held quite a few office positions in the club over the years and this year I am the vice president.

I am an animal lover and have quite a few animals. Ever since I was a child, I would bring home some wounded animal and try to fix it and then return it to the wild. I am not sure my mother was happy with all the little critters! When I was little my grandfather gave me a small wooden bird cage and I have lost count of how many small birds I nursed back to health in that little cage. I used to play in my grandmother's kitchen cupboards. I would open them and say get in then close them, only to open them to say get out. My grandmother told this story about me often. She said she asked me what I was doing, and I told her that the animals were not "cornoperating". Unfortunately, she passed away before I became a licensed Veterinary Technician. I sometimes think I would love to tell her that the animals are still not cooperating.

I still have my high school car. It is a 1969 Mustang convertible. My father restored it for me and I drove it my senior year. I also have my father's high school car, a 1936 Ford Phaeton. When I was young Dad found it in a junk yard and brought it back home in 3 pickup loads. It took him many years to restore. I am very honored to be its custodian.

This club is like family to me, and I am so happy to be a part of it. Many happy tours to you all

## May Sunshine Report

Cards were sent to:

Ron Love - hospital

Lois Freeman - pacemaker

Doug Snook- Double Hernia

Gary Blodgett- back procedure

Jennie Delano - bad fall

Stay safe and well.

Linda and Bob Eurick  
503-629-02





## CRRG#10 APPRECIATION BANQUET

On April 27th forty eight members and guests attended our annual “Appreciation Banquet” at the Gresham- Gateway Elks lodge. The beautiful and tasty buffet was both delicious and elegantly presented. The main entree was as choice of turkey, prime rib or ham. There was plenty of salad vegetables and dressing to go with the main courses. The dinner was held to honor folks who volunteered to work duty stations at the Portland Annual Swap meet. Also, members were recognized for various awards. John Laughlin was selected as this year’s Mister V-8, and Judy Shoepe was selected as Lady V-8. In addition, a “Lifetime Achievement Awards” was presented to John McDonald. Rusty Medearis and Terry Tindle received 50-year pins. Cathy Brunscheon received a National Newsletter Award. . Eleven members were acknowledged for performing more than one Swap Meet duty: Bill Barnell, Darrell Bermel, Don Blachford, Jack Cole, Kehli Criswell, Dave Gende, Maureen Johnson, Ron Johnson, Murl Jones, Jim Kunst, and Greg Meiling. A special thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s appreciation banquet a big success.



Carla Barnell received an email from Helen Garraway who is running a classic car and automobile history project for a small group of students. Noah, one of the students and his father found an informative article titled “A Guide to the Automotive Industry” at [www.convoycarshipping.com/a-guide-to-the-automotive-industry/](http://www.convoycarshipping.com/a-guide-to-the-automotive-industry/). The first page of the article appears below. Look for the second part in June’s newsletter.

## **“A Guide to the Automotive Industry**

The automotive industry has a rich history and complex workings that have evolved over the past century. From the early “horseless carriages” powered by steam engines to the mass-production techniques pioneered by Henry Ford and the complex supply chains of today, the industry has been defined by innovation. Understanding how this industry has developed can give us a greater appreciation of the progress that has been made so far as well as the challenges facing automakers in the present.

### **The Horseless Carriage and the Steam Engine**

Some of the earliest motorized vehicles were steam-powered, based on the technology that powered locomotives in the 1800s. These vehicles were somewhat popular but difficult to use, and the development of the more efficient gas-powered engine ended the era of steam cars. The transition from horse-drawn buggies to gas-powered vehicles represented a major breakthrough in mobility, launching the automotive industry as we know it today. The first modern car that would be recognizable as such today was made in the 1880s by Karl Benz.

### **Rise of the Big Three**

Several pioneering automakers emerged in the early 20th century that helped grow and shape the new auto industry. Ford Motor Company, founded by Henry Ford in 1903, started mass-producing the Model T using an assembly line in 1908, making cars affordable for average Americans. General Motors was formed in 1908 by William Durant and pioneered the modern automaker organizational structure and management techniques. The Chrysler Corporation was founded in 1925 by Walter Chrysler and was one of the first automakers to use replaceable oil filters on every vehicle. These “Big Three” automakers came to dominate the American consumer auto market through mass production.

### **Mass Production and the “American System”**

The moving assembly line enabled automobile manufacturing on a large scale by dramatically improving efficiency. Parts could be assembled quickly and sequentially using standardized, interchangeable parts as each unit moved down the line. Henry Ford built the first moving assembly line for the Model T in 1913, reducing chassis assembly time from 12 hours to just 90 minutes. This “American system” of mass production cut production costs and revolutionized the industry’s productivity. It became a core component of auto manufacturing, enabling high efficiency and economies of scale.”

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## *Bulletin Board*

CRRG#10 General Meeting on May 13, 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

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.  
Cathy Brunscheon, Editor > redcab1955@gmail.com,  
503-975-4228

### **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