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## *Cruiz 'n News February 2017*



**Club member Don Rogers with his entry of  
the "Pretty Boy Floyd" car. Make and Model  
....have to ask Don about that!**

## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

- 4th Left Coast Sh'Bang Oregon State Fairgrounds**  
**Building C 8 am to 10 pm**  
**Petersen Car Auction Orgeon State Fairgrounds**  
**Building B Doors open at 8 am**
- 7th WVSR Club Meeting Pietros Pizza Market & Hawthorne St. Salem**  
6 pm Dinner ( No Host) 7 pm Meeting
- 18th & 19 Salem Roadster Show Oregon State Fairgrounds**  
(541) 928-3149
- 28th Officer's Meeting Blondzee's Restaurant**  
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**Next Club Meeting March 7th at Pietros**

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***After a few years of doing the car show circuit I have heard some whopper stories from members about cross country trips gone wrong, and must say that many of them have been down right hilarious. I thought it might be fun to meet with members who have some great travel stories and highlight them in our monthly newsletter. I'm starting off with a story about Gene's road trip to Montana last August, and hope that some of you folks will get in touch with me so I can write your story. Please feel free to contact me at [KandiSchuff@gmail.com](mailto:KandiSchuff@gmail.com) or 503-522-6784.***

Not long after retiring Gene decided he wanted to take Sweet Thing (our 1970 Chevelle) on a long road trip to Great Falls, Montana. Gene had grown up in Great Falls and really wanted to take Sweet Thing back home to show his family and childhood friends. In High School Gene had owned a two-tone turquoise "56" Belair and has regretted selling it for most of his adult life. The friends he ran around with also had similar type cars, that unbeknownst to them at that time, would later become prime classic cars.

Originally Gene found a car show in Great Falls which was to take place in the middle of May. However, the weather was just too cold and icy to make the trek through the Gorge and Blue Mountain Pass, so much to his demise he had to cancel his plans on this show. Gene immediately started searching for another car show in Montana and struck gold when he found two in August. The first being the Great Falls Show & Shine and the other - Burn the Point Car Show & Cruise in Billings. Best of all, they were only a week apart and he had family in both Great Falls & Billings.

Plans were made and the waiting began. Since I couldn't get time off work Gene decided to ask Larry, his little Brother, to go along. Larry jumped at the opportunity but had the misfortune of living in Calexico, California, a rural little town on the Mexican Border. To say this town is small would be an understatement so coordinating transportation to San Diego to catch a plane to Portland was no easy task.

One of our car club buddies offered up a trailer to borrow and Gene ordered a brand-new car cover, which was guaranteed not to tear. Everything else just seemed to fall into place quite easily. The morning they left it was raining, of course, and this was the first of many not-so favorable circumstances to take place on this trip. Once the car was on the trailer they checked, checked and rechecked everything to make sure all was secure and ready to go... then off they went up the I-5 Corridor.

Along the way, the wind had started to blow and by the time they got to Oregon City the cover had started to rip, so they stopped to patch it up. Once they were back on the road the cover came loose a couple of more times and then the windy weather in the Blue Mountain pass soon caused the grommets on the cover to rip apart in many areas. By the time they made it through the pass the cover was so shredded and patched up that it became rather comical. Surely no one would believe a hot little Chevelle was underneath that ratty cover.

Since Gene has made this trip many times before he wanted to stay the night in Coeur d'Alene. However, all the hotels were booked up with summer vacationers so they had to bunker down in the *No-Tell Motel* in a tiny little town called Kellogg about 20 miles East. Needless to say, this motel left a lot to be desired. When they checked in the night clerk told them to park the car right in front of the office so it would be safe. By this time, they were both worn out and tired, so off to the grungy little room they went.

Immediately after waking up the following morning Gene went out to check on the car, and at first glance, was relieved to see that everything looked ok. However, when they got ready to leave they noticed the back-license plate was missing. The cover was badly torn in this area so the plates were the only thing visible. Apparently, someone either needed the plate more than he did or just liked the pretty picture of Crater Lake. Gene took this as a sign that he really did need to go get those classic car plates he had been procrastinating on for so long.

So off they went on the second trek of their journey. By the time they got to Great Falls they were starving so they stopped at McDonalds for a quick burger before checking into the hotel and crashing for the night. The next day they took the car over to show Don, their older Brother and spent the day cleaning and polishing the car, and talking about old cars they had once owned. Gene had really wanted Don to see the car in person because up to this point he'd only seen pictures. Don was the one who got Gene into cars at a very young age because he had owned several cars, that later became classics. Don's first car was a "46" Plymouth and then he went on to own three "53" Fords, with one being the notorious Crown Victoria. Over the years, Don had owned many other great cars such as three "55" Ford Convertibles, one of which was identical to the black and yellow Ford picture you see the A&W restaurants, and two "59" Impala Convertibles. However, as the story goes... he got married and then drove ordinary cars like a "64" Rambler Classic. *Ohhhh those sweet memories of days gone by.*

The Friday night before the car show the local car club puts on a poker run and Gene was blown away by the prize money. The worst hand was paid \$500 with the best hand paying \$1,500. Unfortunately, luck was not on his side this night. At the car show the next day, while getting the car ready a gentleman by the name of John walked up to him and said, *"So that's what that car looks like without a half-torn cover on it!"* Apparently, John had been shopping down town at the same time Gene and Larry were eating dinner at McDonalds when they arrived in town. John went on to say that when he drove by the car he saw the back end, and being a car person just had to stop and look at the car. He introduced himself and they talked for a bit and then John offered to loan Gene a car cover for his trip back home. Since neither one of them had a pen or paper handy they walked over to John's car to get a pen. John also had a car in the show, and Gene was surprised to see that the car was a beautiful "65" Chevelle. John told Gene that he would go home later in the day and bring the cover back to him. When the show was wrapping up and Gene was getting the car ready to leave John showed up with the car cover in hand. Gene could not thank him enough and promised to mail it back to him as soon as he got back home.

After a few days visiting family in Great Falls they hit the road again and headed toward Billings for the Burn the Point Car Show. This turned out to be a very big event which starts with a Friday night parade of cars through downtown Billings. The number of cars in the parade was phenomenal and it appeared that most of the city residents came to watch. The following day the show had lots of cars that not only filled the parking space allotted for the show, but had cars parked on the street as well. While Gene was walking around looking at the other cars he heard horn-honking going on and on and on. When he turned to look in the direction where the noise was coming from, he saw a large rally of Gold Wing motorcycles passing by the street where the car show was being held. He remembered then that he had heard this car show did not allow any motorcycles and wondered what was going on. Well the honking went on for about 25 minutes and the folks on the Gold Wings were either waving at them or giving them the fickle finger of fate because they had been banned from participating in the show. It will be interesting to see if car club changes their rules and invite them next year. When the trophies were awarded Sweet Thing won a "Sponsor's Choice" trophy that was sponsored by a local bank.

Well... they made it home safely with the cover in tact and Gene mailed the cover back to the gentleman and threw in one of our car show t-shirts for good measure. So... I guess you could say the point of the story is **What Car People Do!** As you all know, car people are a great group of people and the WVSR Club is packed with these folks.



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- 12 Scott Savage
- 14 Cindy Bethel
- 15 Sandy Reznick
- 16 Nancy Stark,  
James Sorrels Jr
- 17 Gary Farrier
- 19 Mike Stark
- 21 Nick Hoosier,  
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- 22 Dennis Meyer
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