

Get ready to cruise with the classics

WARRENTON — Lower Columbia Classics Car Club is hosting its 19th annual 50's Cruise Reunion 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at Camp Rilea. You do not need to own a classic car to join the fun, only be a car enthusiast ready to let the good times roll.

The first car show was "The 50s Cruise" started by Sonny Collier in downtown Warrenton. In fact, the DJ was set up on the roof of the Dairy Maid drive-in! The show quickly outgrew that location and is now held at Camp Rilea.

The show is open to all hot rods, antiques and special interest cars and trucks. There are more than 40 trophies, including President's Choice, Commander's Choice, Best of Show, Best Club and Longest Drive.



1923 Ford Roadster

Judging runs 10 a.m. to noon. A DJ will spin 50s sounds, there will be food vendors and 50/50 raffle. B

Proceeds benefit Clatsop Community College Automotive Technology Program and other local youth education and mentoring automotive pro-

grams. Spectator parking is \$2 per person in car. Active military are free with current military ID. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call Burt Young at 503-338-8719. This is a "Rain or Shine" event.

History & Hops: 'Gillnetting: a Way of Life - All but Gone'

SEASIDE — In the mid-19th century, men in boats powered only by sail or oar, fished with nets at the mouth of the Columbia River. Facing great danger, the gillnetters had to contend with fish traps, horse seiners and numerous adverse conditions. During 1880, more than 200 fishermen drowned. By the 1950s, dams, pollution and negative effects of fish hatcheries severely reduced returning salmon runs in the Columbia River. As the fishing industry declined, many fishermen left for Alaska and some left the industry, altogether.

Former Seaside municipal judge, Robert Moberg, will share some of the 150-year history of gillnet fishing at 6 p.m. Thursday, May



Gillnet fishing near Astoria in 1937.



Robert Moberg

30, during Seaside Museum's History & Hops series held at the Seaside Brewing Co., 851 Broadway. He will discuss the work that was their joy, but is now "A Way of Life - All but Gone."

Moberg was born and raised in Astoria. He started gillnet fishing with his father on the Columbia River at age 10 and continued for some years in Bristol Bay, Alaska, ultimately putting himself through college and law school by fishing.

The Seaside Museum

and Historical Society is a non-profit educational institution with the mission to collect, preserve and interpret materials illustrative of the history of Seaside and the surrounding area. The museum is located at 570 Necanicum Drive and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information is at seasideoregonmuseum.com

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— was moved to a church and then the Convention Center.

Although the plant sale is the club's main event, the group also meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the community center and engages in various programs such as field trips and workshops.

They also host guest speakers, who in the past have included Kathleen Sayce, who shared her extensive knowledge of indigenous plants, Nansen Malin, who demonstrated how to make topiaries and Brittany Boles who spoke

about Indio Plants.

In June, the group plans to tour various members gardens and Seaside High School's garden.

Through their shared passion for plants and gardening, the group members cultivate a deep-rooted sense of companionship.

Pilger said her favorite part of being a member is meeting and becoming friends "with people you wouldn't have known otherwise."

Somers agreed, adding their mutual enthusiasm is "part of what helps the organization and increases the camaraderie we have. We're doing something together that we enjoy that in turn benefits the community."