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Rogue Valley Old Timer Car Club, Inc. is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of vehicles that are 30 years old or older.



Officers

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MEETING JANUARY 4th - 1:30 PM



Location: Odd Fellows Lodge, 1130 Hazel Street, Central Point OR

2025 RVOTCC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Directors

President	Joe Dworkin	2025-2027 Calvi	n Pfaff
Vice President	Herb Fariss	2025-2027 Barb	ara Halvorsen
Secretary	Penney Reed	2024-2026 Sonn	y Leffler
Treasurer	Penney Reed	2024-2026 Keith	n Millette
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barbara Halvorsen		
Committee Chairs	(CY 2025)		
Historian	Burl Fennell	Social	Coy Reed
Meetings	Donna Fennell	Sportlight Editor	Joe Dworkin
Membership	Burl Fennell	Sunshine	Kendra Louks
Mercy Flights	Michelle Millette	Tours	Kendra Louks
	Barbara Halvorsen		Keith Millette
Safety	Herb Fariss	Wardrobe	[Open]
		Webmaster	John Ruth

MEETINGS The time and location of the upcoming club meeting will be published in the Rogue Sportlight for the current month. You may verify that info by contacting the RVOTCC Secretary or the Rogue Sportlight Editor.

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CLUB NEWSLETTER Material for publication in the Rogue Sportlight should reach the Editor by the 15th of the month. Email articles to <u>joe.dworkin@yahoo.com</u>. Format in .txt, .rtf, .docx. "Snail Mail"? Send articles to *Editor RVOTCC*, 2810 Payne Rd., Medford OR 97504-9414. Articles of interest to the club are welcome, as are photos of member vehicles (Formats: .jpg, .png, or PDF please).

From the Editor

Legacy Membership A *Legacy Membership* application form is available upon request from Membership Chair Burl Fennell. Those interested in changing their member classification should fill out the form and bring it to a meeting for review.

Holiday Party The December 7th holiday party and gift exchange was a big feast and gifting success! Special thanks to Herb Fariss for providing the perfect quantity of the fresh cut incense cedar boughs, and to the member volunteers who set up tables and chairs and who decorated the tables on the 6th with the cedar garlands and festive ware. Thank you to those who helped break it down and clean up, and to Donna Fennell and her helpers for managing the food and beverage contributions, serving utensils, and final cleanup.

CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

https://www.facebook.com/groups/203653956909037/

RVOTCC web master John Ruth has already posted some photos of members' vehicles to the Facebook page, and he'd like to put more photos of vehicles and of vehicle-related activities members may have participated in recently.

Please email photos of your vehicle(s) to John (j762538@aol.com). Include your name and the year, make, and model for each vehicle so they can be added to the web album accurately.

The RVOTCC WEB SITE

The URL for the RVOTCC website is <u>www.RVOTCC.org</u>. It is there for our enjoyment and for the enjoyment of potential RVOTCC members. John Ruth is the club webmaster. Go to the club's Facebook page for lots of current information about the many vehicle-related events in and around southern Oregon or click on **Calendar** on the web page.

MINUTES of the December 7, 2025 MEETING

Call to Order: 12:18pm.

Phyllis Pfaff led the pledge. Francis Gauthier brought 4-legged friend & guest Bert. After President Joe welcomed attendees, he voiced appreciation on behalf of membership for the efforts of Keith Millette and Kendra Louks, Donna Fennell, John Ruth, Penney Reed and Herb Fariss during 2025.

Minutes of November 2, 2025 Meeting as published in December 2025 *Rogue Sportlight:*

<u>Correction under Membership:</u> New member's last name is **Harris** (not Harrison). Accept *Minutes* as corrected. M/S/C.

Treasurer's Report: Penney Reed reported. The club is solvent. 2026 dues are due.

Committee Reports

<u>Meetings</u> Donna Fennell thanked all who contributed food for the party and those who helped set up and decorate the day before (Saturday December 6th).

<u>Tours</u> Keith Millette said suggestions for 2026 will be appreciated. Burl Fennell has tours to

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retirement/assisted living centers on the calendar for May.

<u>Safety-</u> Herb Fariss reminded attendees to use low beams in foggy conditions, carry chains, and suggested ing a short handle shovel and a hand saw. Mark McCoy added "on newer vehicles put headlights on "auto on" mode. [Editor: Check weather report before going out, have phone and charger with you, and always drive carefully].

<u>Social</u> Coy Reed gave amaryllis bulb gifts to attendees (Thank you, Coy!)

<u>Sunshine</u> Kendra Louks - Cards were sent to Richard Riddle and Mark McCoy.

<u>Website/Facebook</u> John Ruth. There are no shows until April. He brought an assortment of vehicle related magazines to give away.

Old Business

Voting There were no Treasurer nominations from the floor. After some discussion, Burl Fennell offered to make deposits at the Phoenix Columbia Bank branch after which Penney Reed agreed to continue as Treasurer. Following that discussion voting took place for Officers for CY2026 and a Director for a 2-year term ending 12-31-27. The entire slate was elected by a unanimous vote. All will be inducted at the January 4th meeting.

<u>Insurance Certificate</u> President Joe asked Burl Fennell to ask the IOOF Lodge to provide a written description of the riders and/or endorsement(s) it would like with RVOTCC's insurance certificate.

New Business

- 1. End of Year Contributions Motion made to contribute \$100.00 to Hearts with a Mission, Community Works (Dunn House), Maslow, Joy Community and David's Chair. M/S/C.
- Upcoming meetings January 4th; induction of Officers & Directors. 1:30pm.
 February 1st Regular meeting 1:30pm.

50-50 Raffle \$43 was collected and split \$21.50 to Calvin Pfaff & \$21.50 to RVOTCC.

Adjourn 1:09pm. Holiday party and gift exchange followed.

(Minutes by Secretary Penney Reed with assistance from your Editor)

BEST WISHES for a HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR

\$15 dues are due. Please see that your payment gets to Penney Reed, RVOTCC Treasurer by Feb 1, 2026





President's Message - Joe Dworkin

RETROSPECTIVE ENCORE

In last year's December message, I mused about how quickly the parts that make up "the Season" seem to come around after Halloween, i.e., "Black Friday", Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or New Year's, and (for closure) Super Bowl Sunday. Voilà and lickety split, we're at the end of the last week of 2025!

So, with 2025 in the rearview mirror here's a non-chronological look at another active and successful year of administrative updates, tours and social events. I'm pleased to report that numerically the club membership was stable throughout 2025. While a couple of members did not renew and we lost two to Father Time, membership gains evened things out.

Regarding administration, the Ride Protocol was developed and approved and long term membership is being furthered by *Legacy Member* status. Election of officers and directors for 2026 and beyond helps ensure leadership continuity. Our 2025 year-end donations of \$100 went to five local non-profits (Maslow Project, Hearts with a Mission, David's Chair, Joy Community, and Dunn House/Community Works). Tour destinations ranged from Natural Bridge and Beckie's and Butte Falls

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(northeast on Hwy. 62) to Kingfisher Farm on the Lavender Trail close to Ruch in the Applegate, "Daffodil Hill" in Shady Cove and four retirement/assisted living centers in Medford. In between tours were the funtabulous White Elephant Auction fundraiser (April), the July Ice Cream Social, the BBQ in September, closing with the December holiday party and gift exchange.

In the banner you'll see we're going into our 68th year of operation. That's a truly remarkable achievement, and not by accident. It's commitment, vision, belief and lots and lots of effort by our membership that has sustained our all-volunteer-base club all those years. Year 67 would not have been possible without the energy, effort and capability of our committee chairs and their assistants. The success of their efforts would not have been possible without your participation. As club president I am doubly grateful for your continuing support and for sharing your interests and energy with us. Thank you for continuing your membership, for participating at meetings and on tours, and for bringing goodies for the after meeting refreshment table. I wish you Happy New Year.



At left: On December 6th Kendra Louks puts final touches on the table decorations, the day before the 2025 holiday party.

At right: December 7th, members put final touches on their delicious and bountiful holiday meal, pre gift exchange.

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