



NICCC members setting up shop and show registration

to own a "classic" car to be a member and participate in the club. What's important is the interest. The members told us, somewhat tongue in cheek, that present NICCC members range in age from 32 to "retired."

Founding a club is one thing, but to sustain it over time and grow membership requires keeping the interest level up. While all car clubs are certainly a social group, to keep the interest going they do car things as a group.

NICCC exists to promote interest in and appreciation for classic automobiles. By showcasing their cars in cruises, shows, and community events, club members connect in a unique way to citizens and charities of northern Idaho and eastern Washington. Their passion for classic cars is transformed into community service and fund raising. For many of them, this is

an opportunity to give back to local things that provided for them during their youth.

During the early years of the club, they participated in the Post



Cars lining up for the Friday night cruise of the Rod Run

Falls Car Show and Parade, the Silver Lake Mall Car Show, and attended Lost in The 50's in Sandpoint. They assisted with Hayden Days, Rathdrum Days, and the Oddfellows. Beginning in 1998 the club provided most of the volunteer help for the River City Rod Run that continued until the closing of the Hot Rod Café in Post Falls. In April of 1993,

Dennis LeKander, one of the organizers of Car D' Lane, approached NICCC and asked the membership to help facilitate the cruise on Friday night. Later, the club also took on the responsibility for the Saturday car show. From that point forward, NICCC partnered with the show promoter to organize the event and provide most of the volunteer help for a run of 27 years. Change is inevitable, however, and before the 2018 car season began, the Car D' Lane sponsors made show changes the NICCC could no longer support so divorced themselves from Car D' Lane.

Most of the money they historically raised for local charities was derived from the registration fees for the Car D' Lane Friday night cruise. For

example, in 2017, North Idaho Classics contributed \$5,000 to twenty-five charities in the area. Since 1991, the club has donated more than \$126,365 to various charities in northern Idaho and eastern Washington. Their first charitable donation was to the Wishing Star Foundation in 1991.