



Cogir of Vallejo Hills Senior Living hosted the 3rd Annual Whisky Tasting and Barbecue Antique and Hot Rod Car Show on June 14, 2025.

Amanda Hassler is the Resident Lifestyle Director for Cogir of Vallejo Hills – a senior assistant living facility in Vallejo. On June 14 Cogir hosted the 3rd Annual Whisky Tasting & Barbecue Antique & Hot Rod Car Show in the center’s parking lot.

The annual barbecue, whiskey tasting and auto exhibit is a highlight for residents, guests and staff promoting morale and enthusiasm. The entire complex houses 155 units and there were 75 to 100 people that came out to view the vehicle entries. The resident and staff expressed gratitude for our being there and all had stories to share about the cars they once owned.

The annual event provides facility residents and staff an opportunity to mingle with neighbors and community residents and classic car and truck enthusiasts and see classic vehicle and hot rod types that often remind them of their youth.

Director Hassler invited twenty-five vehicles to participate in the car show – of which the “Boyz Under The Hood” classic car club members occupied twenty spots. Upon arrival attendees and guests enjoyed a continental breakfast of pastry, donuts, and coffee. The lunch special consisted of succulent barbecue and refreshment. For the spectators’ music pleasure, a local disc jockey entertained the crowd with classic Rock & Roll songs from the 50s, 60s, and seventies.

The whiskey tasting – serving flavors, e.g., vanilla, cinnamon, honey – beverages took place in the center’s main lobby. All whiskey entries were so good that participants could not name a favorite.

At the conclusion, the director indicated that the spectators mostly enjoyed viewing the “flamed” car – a 1940 Ford with a storied history in media and showcase – that belongs to Anji. The director expressed gratitude for club participation on behalf of the residents and staff and invited the club back next year for the fourth annual event.

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