

WILLAMETTE VALLEY



**CORVETTES**  
*Salem, Oregon*

CORVETTE ASSOCIATION



**GLASS SASS**



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## A Message from Vice-President, and Activities Director, Tom Paddock:



**C**orvettes provide many different types of enjoyment for their owners. For some it is a status symbol representing a reward for years of hard work and personal success. For some it is the thrill of driving a high performance vehicle with a beautifully crafted exterior that is sure to inspire all that come into contact with it.

There is also the camaraderie among Corvette owners, culminating in the 'wave' as we pass each other on the road. It is a fact that Corvette owners love Corvettes, and we can appreciate each other's enthusiasm regardless of the generation of Corvette they drive with this simple gesture.

Corvettes draw attention whenever they are seen. The only thing more impressive than seeing this symbol of the pinnacle of American automotive technology driving down the road is seeing several Corvettes together as a group. One of the first events I went on with the WVCA was a day drive up through Portland and then into the Columbia Gorge for breakfast.

One of the highlights of this day for me was seeing all the young kids looking out the windows from the back seats and the looks on their faces as they pointed and waved excitedly at each Corvette they saw passing by. When we parked, people walking by would stop to look in and ask questions about our cars. I have had this experience when I am out driving by myself, but it doesn't compare to the attention that happens when in a group with other Corvettes.

The WVCA activities committee has already put together a busy calendar of events for the year. The idea behind a year-long plan is to be able to provide members with many opportunities for varied activities, and with enough notice to be able to plan to attend and participate in as many events as possible.

These activities include drives, car shows, charitable events and some events to simply get together and enjoy each other's company. There are plenty of openings in the schedule for other activities and everybody is welcome to bring their ideas forward for consideration by the membership. The WVCA should be about more than just attending the monthly meeting and then off to Walery's for pizza.

If there could be a word or theme for this year, I think it should be PARTICIPATION. As our club begins moving towards its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration we should be proud that we are members of one of the oldest Corvette clubs in the Northwest. Let's look forward to building a strong and lasting future for our club, the WVCA.

...and that is it for the February Newsletter. This is only as good as the members make it so if nobody wants to contribute anything to put in it, maybe we were right to discontinue it. It is up to the members to make it successful and remember, when other clubs see our newsletter it is a reflection on our Club, and may be a deciding factor regarding whether they may want to join or not.

**Glass Sass** is published monthly; the deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month. Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Capitol Auto Group, our sponsor. The address is 2855 Maple Ave NE, Salem, Oregon 97301. We welcome all Corvette enthusiasts and prospective members at any of our meetings. Visit our website for more current information regarding our Club activities and events:

<http://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com>

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## Willamette Valley Corvette Association

### January Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 2nd, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Sherry Chandler.

Welcome Guests: Roger Fought (1968 Roadster, 2001 Roadster)  
Mason Keppinger (2006)

Treasurer's Report Submitted by Ceritha Willeford

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Amount in checking	\$3,808.86	\$3,809.86
Amount in savings	\$3,207.79	\$3,207.81
Petty cash	\$11.00	\$11.00
Total	\$7,027.65	\$7,028.67

**December Expenditures:** \$0

**December Income:** \$1.00 (Bank Adjustment)

**January Birthdays:** Sandy Stark 3, Ron Willeford 5, Annie Koenig 25, Ann Salvatori 27, Kay Hanson 28, Vikki Arck 31

**Activities Scheduled:**

**January Jacket Night** – Jan. 15, 6pm at Mint Leaf in Jefferson. Meet at S. Commercial Safeway at 5:30.

**Valentine's Day Brunch** – Feb. 16, 11am at Eola Hill Winery. Meet at Walery's Pizza at 10:15, leave at 10:30.

**General Business:**

**MSP** - A motion to accept the December minutes as published was put forth by Ken Arck and seconded by Margie Castro. The motion was voted on and passed by all those in attendance.

Ceritha Willeford submitted the treasurer's report for December. Somehow we did not vote on this and will need to do it at the February 2014 meeting.

The Chandler's hosted our Christmas party at Walery's Pizza. We had a good turnout, the decorations and food were great. White elephant gift exchange was a big hit with lots of stealing and coveting of items. A good time was had by all.

Ken and Vikki Arck hosted a PIR Lights drive with Mt. Hood Corvettes, Tom Havercroft attended as a guest. The lights were great, the drive a little slow and long but worth it in the end.

Budget Committee will get together on Jan. 6, 2014 at 6pm at Denny's restaurant. Board meeting is scheduled on Jan. 16 and Activities Committee on Jan. 27, both also at Denny's restaurant.

Wayne Kreger will be our representative at the Willamette Auto Council. Their next meeting is Jan. 27, 2014. There is a save the date version of last year's flyer for use until the details are together to complete the "official" flyer. This will get our cruise in information into various local publications.

Ken Arck gave a dynamic website demonstration/overview to those in attendance.

MSP – Lee Hart moved, Shelly Campbell seconded and motion was approved by all to form a committee to look into new name tags. Sherry Chandler, Della Edwards, Ken Arck and Buzz Blogg will be on this committee.

MSP – Ron Willeford moved, Lee Hart seconded and motion was approved by all to use the above mentioned committee to look into marketing and a new logo. A modern logo that can be used for all items such as cards, shirts, etc. will be worked on. Ron Willeford and Vikki Arck will provide contact information for outside people to work on this. The by-laws will be checked to verify this is OK.

Tech-Time: Vikki Arck's car has been having some random starting issues relating to a bad electrode in her key, Ken bypassed the electrode and this seemed to eliminate the problem(s).

Drawing: There was no drawing this month due to lack of tickets. Shelly Campbell will put a roll in her WVCA bag for backup in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

### **SINKHOLE EATS 8 CORVETTES AT NCM IN BOWLING GREEN**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Curious to see the damage that a huge sinkhole inflicted on eight classic cars at the National Corvette Museum?

The Kentucky attraction plans to give visitors a close look.

STORY: GM oversees restoration of sinkhole 'Vettes

STORY: Watch sinkhole swallow 8 Corvettes

The cars will go on display before they're taken to Michigan for repairs. Museum spokeswoman Katie Frassinelli said the museum has heard from people wanting to see the damage.

The vehicles were consumed when the earth gave way Feb. 12 beneath a display area in the museum's Sky Dome before the tourist attraction opened for the day. No injuries were reported, and the Corvette plant about a half mile from the museum was not affected.

Work to retrieve the cars nearest the surface could start in a couple of weeks, Frassinelli said.

The museum plans to display the damaged cars from April through July:

1962 black Corvette

1984 PPG pace car for the Indy 500

1992 white 1 millionth-built Corvette

1993 ruby red 40th anniversary Corvette

1993 ZR1 Spyder on loan from General Motors, a design study that was never built.

2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette, a one-off tuner model.

2009 white 1.5 millionth-built Corvette.

2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors, the show car for the re-introduction of the ZR1, last built in the early 1990s.

More cars will be added as they are recovered. Chevrolet is in charge of restoring the cars.