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President Julie Hughes

Hi WVCA members. I have been looking over the activities that will be offered in the coming months.

Looks like we have the Cherry Blossom Run in April, the Iris Parade in May and if you haven't participated in a Parade, I would try and participate in this Parade if you can. An overnight trip in June. Maybe a day trip or two in July and of course the President's Run in August.

We also have some exciting eating going on throughout the year.

If you look at the activities sheet on the Web you can see that there are other Corvette Clubs providing Events throughout the summer months (Big Sky in May, Tri-city Corvettes of the Columbia in June and 27th Southern Oregon in July) and I hope that everyone would try and pick out one outside event if you can and report back to the Club regarding the event in which you participated.

John and Annie Elegant, and Stan Czerniak will be traveling to Bowling Green to the National Corvette Museum BASH and will be reporting back to us on this exciting trip.

I hope everyone is as excited as I am to start taking the overnight and day trips. Please remember if you need some time to address the membership, please let me know so I can place you on the agenda.



Vice President Dawn Gbeckner

What's Happening? We had a Great time at jacket night. We had a turn out of 33 members at Hwy 22 Café. Thank you John for hosting a Fun event! Our next jacket night is being hosted by Ken & Vikki Arck at Langdon Farms in Aurora at 6pm on the 19th.

Just a Friendly reminder that whomever Hosts an event needs to take pictures for the Newsletter if the Historian is not present, and send them to Buzz for the newsletter and Ken for the website.

Below is a list of additional events happening: May 26th-29th, 2017 Big Sky Corvette Meet -Fun in the Fish VI; June 2nd-3rd Corvettes on the Columbia; July 5th - 9th Roseburg-Canyonville-Sutherlin; July 6th-10th 35th Annual Graffiti; July 8th American Legion Cruise In; July 14th-15th and Southern Oregon Corvette Association. August 25th - 26th Coos Bay/North Bend. The Activities Committee will meet to finalize July 29th day trip to Tillamook at our next meeting. If you are interested in links to this information they should be posted on the website soon.

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. The Willamette Valley Corvette Association, Inc., was organized in 1968 to create an esprit-de-corps among Corvette owners; to further the general interest in Corvettes as a sports car; to provide an organization for the exchange of technical information between Corvette owners, dealers and the manufacturer; to encourage skillful handling and safe driving; to provide social gatherings of Corvette owners with a common interest; to encourage and assist members to compete in sanctioned events sponsored by WVCA and by other clubs with similar interests, and to encourage dealer/club co-operation and promote community betterment.

Visit our website for more current information regarding our Club activities and events:

<http://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com>

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Meeting Minutes

*"A good goal is one that excites
you a lot and scares you a little",
Bob Proctor*

Willamette Valley **CORVETTE** *Association*

April 6th 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Julie Hughes.

Number of members present: 38

Number of guests present: 2

Guests: Ben and Sarah Fish, Blue C4

April Birthdays: Margie Castro 10th, Sally Hart 14th, Darrel Holmes 17th, Rachel Watilo, Kerry Hudson and Phyllis Whelchel 19th

Treasurer's Report: Both March and April Treasurer Reports were presented by Treasurer, Jim Tiano.

Motion to accept March and April Treasurer Report was put forth by Kent Muhle, seconded by Roger Burgess and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the March minutes was put forth by Kent Muhle, seconded by Pat Manrubia and passed without opposition.

Julie Hughes: Mentioned the Blast From the Past Email that went out recently. Members mentioned it was nice to see what was going on a decade ago and would like to see more of these types of communications.

National Corvette Museum: The NCM is offering GM Supplier Discounts for all members. This is for individual memberships, there are many great discounts and benefits to becoming a member, plus you are supporting the corvette museum.

Member of the Year: Buzz Blogg was presented his trophy for the 2016 member of the year award. Better late than never!

Activities Committee: The meeting scheduled for last month was cancelled. Another will be scheduled in the near future.

Past Events: On 3/15 33 people turned out for the March Jacket Night, hosted by the Elegants. Once again, they worked their magic and got us the Café 22 all to ourselves. The food was awesome and since we pre-ordered it came in a timely manner. The peach cobbler was especially noteworthy.

Kent Muhle attended the Autocross at the Fairgrounds last weekend. He had a blast. There were many car and drivers of different abilities. There were helmets there to use and also a driving coach that gave pointers and tips while riding with the cars. They are planning another 4/30 at 8am at McKay High School. All are welcome to participate or just come to watch the fun.

Future Events:

- ◆ 4/15 is the Cherry Blossom Poker Run hosted by Willamette Valley Street Rods. It is \$5 per poker hand, a can of food for the food bank is also suggested. The event starts at Walery's anytime from 9-12. We are sponsoring the last stop of the day, out of 6, at the Hitching Post. Keith has an awning for us and is going to offer some type of special for participants. This is a fun event that raises money for the Salem Area Boys and Girl's Club.
- ◆ 4/19 is April Jacket Night. It will be hosted by the Arcks at Langdon Farms at 6pm. Address is 24377 NE Airport Rd #1, Aurora, OR 97002.
- ◆ Interest was expressed in doing the RailRiders trip from Bay City to Tillamook on 7/29. It was suggested we stop at The Pelican for dinner afterward. Dawn Gloeckner will put something together and send out an email with links to buy tickets. Each person will need to buy their ticket individually for the date and time we decide. These are pedal railcars that run on a defunct spur of the railroad at the coast.
- ◆ Dawn Gloeckner mentioned some miscellaneous corvette/car themed activities coming up. The driving season is just starting and people's calendars are filling up fast. If you are interested they are all on the website with a link to the registration information.

Parking: Capitol Chevrolet requested that we no longer park in front of the building or the spots between the front of the Chevrolet building and the Toyota building. There are spots to the right and left that are open for our use. Julie Hughes will get in contact with them and have a clearly marked map on the website for all to see.

Website: Ken Arck mentioned that the program that runs our website is obsolete. He is in the process of upgrading to the newest version. He asked if we wanted to change what was available for the general public's view, such as minutes and the Constitution. Ben Fish had been on the website earlier in the day to find out the meeting location, he said that was not something he would have looked for as a casual visitor. It was decided to leave things as they are.

Tech Time: Stan Czerniak mentioned that if you want to order a new 2017 you have 10 days to do this. 2018 models will be available to order in mid-June. The new paint factory is not online until this fall if you want to wait for that to be functioning. He is also going to the Birthday Bash! What fun!

Tom Paddock put a short throw shifter in his C5, he is pleased to report it can start from 3rd gear. He says it will take some getting used to but he is happy with the change.

Trivia: What year did the sunvisors become a Corvette option? Dawn Gloeckner answered correctly with 1959. Instead of prizes for correctly answering the trivia question, the President will now be passing out 7 additional 50/50 raffle tickets to increase your chances of winning.

50/50 Drawing: Thank you Kent Muhle for collecting \$95, \$45 to the club, Sarah Fish drew Wayne Kreger for \$25 and Ben Fish drew Jim Tiano for \$25.

Adjourn at 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 4/7/2017



Jacket Night at Café 22

A hearty crowd of around 35 hungry souls showed up at the appointed place and time to enjoy another private gathering, and culinary experience compliments of John and Annie.



The food was excellent and the company couldn't be beat and there was much talk about things we will be doing when it stops raining!



From the outside nobody would ever know that there were a bunch of Corvette folks inside because the parking lot certainly did not reflect it; there were FOUR Corvettes in the lot!



When we are at a Club outing it would really be nice if everyone would contribute to our Club's image by wearing the jackets or shirts and also by driving our Vettes so we show a unified presence wherever we go.



Thanks to Lucky for the photos and with the coming of Spring and Summer weather we should be going on more cruises and eating at new and exciting places.



Time to start preparing for the Caravan now; it is not too early. It is happening August 22nd-August 28th 2019, and the actual NCM 25th Anniversary celebration will be August 29th-30th. Before that though is the NCM Bash that is happening this April, and John and Stan are going to that and will bring us back all kinds of good info. Last year Tom and Al went and had a great time, and maybe they will go again this year...who knows? Any of these folks can tell you all about it.



Ray and Dianne McKee formerly lived in Keizer and have been Club Members since 1989. Ray had a nice 1989 Blue roadster. They recently had to quit the Club because of their move to Boise ID but they would like to stay in touch with their Salem friends and Club members. His letter to the Club is as follows:

Hi all.

We only Sat. (February) got our router up and running with Century Link for internet service. We moved to Boise Jan. 15th. The Willamette Queen Captain let one of his crew members Tom. drive the U-Hall truck for us while I drove pulling our trailer. We arrived at our cottage at 8:00 PM and 9 degrees outside. Thanks to my son, daughter-in law, grand kids and our driver we got everything moved into the garage and the essentials set up inside the cottage. Then I spent the next week and a half with a miserable cold-flue or something, we are still a long ways from settled in and will likely have things to give away and or sell on Craig's list. They have come close to 3 feet of snow this year breaking records into the eight and the cold weather to go with it. It was into the 50's today, Whew! Eventually I will get some pictures out to everyone but in the meantime here are some where ya At's!

Ray and Dianne McKee

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Dianne: mckee2d@gmail.com (503) 930-7020

Oh yes and we do like it alot here. Don't know why they call these apartments its about a dozen fourplex units, one and two bedroom, each with a one car garage. I imagine it will be very comfortable one everything settles in place. Sure nice having kids and grand kids for hooking up electronics and moving the heavy stuff.

Bye for now, please keep in touch when you can.

Ray and Dianne McKee

#13 sliding through the cones at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 25th



Kent Muhle authored an article in last month's newsletter about rally events, and he followed his own advice and ran the course himself at the Fairgrounds on a cloudy but dry Saturday.

He will tell you that it is a lot of fun and can increase your everyday driving skills by getting you used to the way your car handles in uncertain situations and curvy terrain.

Read the article in last month's newsletter for more details; we have the whole Summer ahead of us to do fun things, folks.



Kent Muhle

And Now, For Something Completely Different

The call came in, information about a woman having heart problems flashing on the screen, and we had to go. This was a code three which means lights and sirens, the ability to blow through stoplights, and free reign to head into oncoming traffic with impunity. Sweet!!! I thought it also meant you could drive as fast as you want, and I was really looking forward to that! Turns out it isn't true. The reality of driving an ambulance is much different than I expected.

For 4 hours I've been riding along with a medic and an EMT from Falck, the company that contracts with the City of Salem for its 911 services, and it has been eye-opening for sure. With 8 hours to go, I'm hoping more and more that the general motoring public doesn't crash into us. I'm convinced that lights and sirens turn the average lousy driver into an extraordinarily lousy driver. I have seen more bonehead moves today than in the last 10 years.

We pull out onto Wallace Rd, sirens wailing, and blast off. Well not exactly. Turns out that even in a life or death drive, ambulances rarely go much above the speed limit. Our driver tells me that studies show exceeding the speed limit rarely gets the patient to care any quicker, and actually puts people in more danger. As I'm being bounced around in the back, another reason for prudent speed becomes evident. When the medic is working on a patient, it appears they can provide better care if they aren't being slammed around as if in a washing machine. Now the fun part, as we charge toward a red light. I've always wanted to smoke through a red as if I owned it, and now's my chance. And we come to a complete stop. As soon as eye contact is made and everyone is playing nice, we mosey on through and back to the speed limit. Actually, if the light is green we also slow way down, as flashing lights and sirens (as I mentioned before) turn drivers into idiots.

We've only had one call that required lights and sirens. The other calls have been just cruising. And that's probably the most interesting thing I've learned. I've always assumed an ambulance was just driving around for the sheer joy of it unless they were all lit up. The truth is that half of the time there is someone in the back. And that person may or may not be getting a needle poked in them during the ride. Therefore, the driver is working hard to be as smooth as possible. That means they are more often than not driving UNDER the speed limit, and taking corners and bumps at a very slow rate. This often make folks driving behind them a little tense. People think they are so important and in such a hurry that sometimes they whip around us and dart back in front hitting the brakes before the next light. Sometimes this causes the driver to yell "hard stop" so the medic will grab something in order not to become a patient themselves.

We've arrived at the location, and have parked in the parking lot as close to the patients location as possible. We've no choice at this point but to block a couple cars in. We hope nobody blocks us in, and believe it or not that actually happens from time to time. After evaluating the patient it's lights and sirens again as we zip to the hospital. Again, it's remarkable how NOT fast we are going, but there is a ton of traffic and we are passing it all. Ummm, except for the occasional pinhead that doesn't pull over, or worse yet, just stops where they are. That's when the air horn can be useful. Gotta tell you, an air horn on my C5 would be a worthwhile investment. And then the airhorn is useless, cuz both lanes are filled and stopped. Except that we can go in the oncoming lanes. SLOWLY!!! Driving in the wrong direction looks cool in the movies, but is a freak show in the real world. Fortunately it's over quickly and we are back in the correct lanes.

We make it to the hospital and transfer the patient to the ER. This gives me a chance to reflect on some rules of the road regarding emergency vehicles. As far as an ambulance is concerned, it's best to always assume there is a patient in the back, and give them a lot of respect and room. If flashing lights are behind you, pull the hell over to the far right as soon as you can. Do NOT pull to the left. Do NOT just stop in a lane. If you are stopped at a light and an ambulance comes up behind you while your light turns green, try to pull to the right but don't just jam through the light, as the ambulance may be trying for a right turn. *(cont on page 8)*

(Cont from page 6) Here is perhaps the most important tip I learned. Lights and sirens make people drive more stupidly than normal. Be hyper-vigilant when you see them. Lots of wrecks occur cuz people get "deer in the headlights" syndrome.

I came away from my 12 hour stint with a new found respect for emergency vehicle drivers. My ambulance driver had to contend with traffic while making sure the medic and patient in the back were comfortable. She had to know the best route to get to our destination at whatever time of day that occurred, had to work the siren and horn with one hand while driving with the other, all the time evading idiots and keeping the public safe. I came away totally blown away by the skill set required. And you can bet your last dollar that I will share the road with our emergency vehicles in a different way now that I've been on the other side of the lights.

Thanks to Kate Crain, Clinical Coordinator at Falck ambulance for letting me ride along, thanks to my driver and EMT Alicia Baber, and to my medic Brian Jones. What an amazing day. Now about that airhorn for my C5...



Committees for 2017

Budget Committee

Julie Hughes, Jim Tiano, Barbara Fuller, Wayne Kreger, Shelly Paddock, Dawn Gloeckner

Activities Committee

Dawn Gloeckner, Rich Graham , Janet Kreger, Jim and Roxy Tiano, Vikki and Ken Arck, Shelly Paddock, Kent Muhle, Roger Burgess.

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