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All WVCA MEMBERS!

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**President
Stan Czerniak**

I sincerely hope that this message finds you and your loved ones well and in good spirits!

In the current Coronavirus situation that is being felt by all of us, we are faced with a type of challenge that is unprecedented and which leaves the immediate future in a very tentative state! In other words, right now it is hard to plan for just about anything and with any degree of certainty that our plans can actually happen. For example, I can't tell you if we will even have a face-to-face WVCA meeting in May, or whether some of our planned WVCA Spring or early Summer activities will happen! Hopefully, the current Coronavirus situation will

soon reach a plateau and become less and less of an issue in the month ahead! And as tough as this situation currently is, "THIS TOO WILL PASS"

But, in the meantime, we can still safely keep in touch with each other and even have some "fun" interacting on-line, or by phone and on Facebook (especially by becoming involved with our WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTES FACEBOOK GROUP!!! If you go to our FB group, you will see some really cool postings from your fellow ASSOCIATION members, that are CORVETTE related!

As an example, I love to read about, what the latest mods Kelly and Andrea Smothers are performing on their C3 and C7 CORVETTES, or being challenged by Andrea Massey to "flood" the site with photos of our members CORVETTES, or seeing the recent photo of Stephan Sims's beautiful C7 Grand Sport parked on the coast, or reading about Thomas Paddocks plans to install a Billy Boat exhaust with Speedway exhaust tips and a Borla x-pipe!

This is cool Thomas, but I know that your gorgeous Grand Sport will never be loud enough, no matter what you do to it !!! On our WVCA site, I also enjoyed getting to know Jim Hudson and learning about his great garage and shop set up! In addition, I recently learned about Don Chandler's plans to install a four post lift system in his garage, and got to see a recent photo of Brent and Trezure Anderson's beautiful yellow C4 Coupe!

And, I am that by now you are ready for me to shut up, BUT I could go on and on because there is a lot going on in our Facebook Group! And without question, I will bet that, you would enjoy seeing what you fellow members place on this site! And I will also bet that, each of you have cool CORVETTE related information that you could bring to this fun GROUP!

So let's please hear from all of you! For this is one GOOD and easy way that we can "SAFELY" escape from our current Coronavirus semi-quarantine and also to help pass the time pursuing our love of all things CORVETTE and keeping up with your fellow CORVETTE enthusiasts !!!



Vice President

There will be no VP article this month as we have run out of news!

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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Pandemic lockdown for this Corvette guy

By: Paul Ennor



Usually my monthly column focuses on WVCA history and how it relates to what's happening right now. But that's not going to work very well this month. There is simply no president for our current situation that will allow me to make any meaningful connection to past events in WVCA history. So, if my column this month seems way different than usual just hang in there and give me a bit of slack as I ramble on with some really disjointed personal family history and other stuff mostly unrelated to anything having to do

with Corvetting.

From My Socially Isolated Perspective

I'm not a Facebook user. As a retired I.T. guy I've avoided Facebook like the plague ever since it began because it was my feeling that posting everything about one's personal life on the Internet for the whole world to see raised serious security and privacy concerns. So, I have not been following anything on the WVCA Facebook page and I'm clueless about what any of you might have posted there. That doesn't mean that I haven't heard what a few members are up to. We all have our ways of keeping busy during this time of social isolation. Shane and Andria offered to help any of us who needed it and I thank you so much for offering to put yourselves at risk for benefit of the rest of us. Stan told me via Email that he waxed his Corvette. Then he got bored and waxed it again. Twice, Really (?) Then he waxed his pickup after which he said he was going to wax his tin car. Good Greif Stan! He said he likes waxing cars. I couldn't be any different. I absolutely hate waxing cars. Oh well, that's what makes life interesting.

We all have our interests, likes and dislikes. What are the rest of you doing during this time of isolation? A drive alone in the countryside would seem to be isolating enough and the spring flowering trees sure looked nice enough to enjoy from behind the wheel of a Corvette but I only ventured out once to drive by the Capitol Mall and see the flowering cherry trees in bloom. It was just a drive-by. Over here in the Ennor house the TV has gotten a good workout. I'm sure Pat is thanking DirecTV for the Hallmark Channel. I'm thankful for the Internet. I don't feel isolated at all what with Google, Amazon, Kindle books, Email, and various news feeds available on my computer and tablet.

Just one Corvette thought, then I'll move on. With the pandemic shuttering the Bowling Green Corvette plant at least for a while. It looks like the 2020 model year may be one of the shortest runs in recent Corvette history. Maybe this will make 2020 Corvettes more sought after by collectors in the future.

Now A trip in my "way Back Machine"

This makes me wonder what people did during earlier pandemics before we had these modern conveniences. Which got me to thinking; the last real world-wide pandemic was exactly 100-years ago in 1918-19 when the Spanish flu was killing thousands around the

world. What did everyone do back then? I wish I had ever asked my grandmother about that time in her life but she's been gone since 1968 and it's too late now. But guess what; I have pictures and a story I remember that took me back and may just blow your mind. Here we go:



The year was 1919. The location, McKenzie Pass Oregon. My Grandfather, and Grandmother de-

ecided to move to the Willamette Valley from Blackfoot Idaho with the three boys, my two uncles and my Father. This picture from my extensive family archives of Photographs shows them as they made their way into the Valley. It took the family two years to make the trip. That trip today from Blackfoot to Salem, according to Google Maps, would take just eleven hours. Although there were cars by the early 19 teens, they were crude, slow and expensive. My family was not rich enough to afford one. So, Horse power of the real variety is how they moved the family from Idaho to Oregon. They undertook this trip during the height of the Spanish Flue pandemic. I'll bet that they didn't give a single thought to social distancing during that trip though.

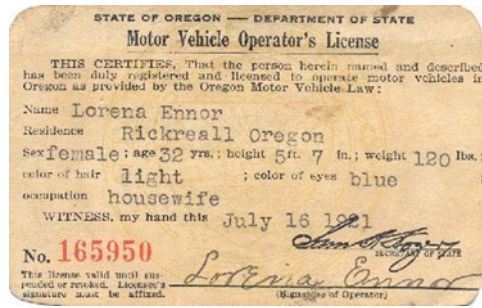
I mean, how much more distant could they get than walking and riding part time in three horse drawn wagons. They did make it to Oregon, my father was only 5 at the time.



After settling near Rickreall in Polk County on a small farm they did finally buy a Model-T Ford and had it for a short time but Grandpa

could never figure out how to drive anything other than a team or horses. A story grandma told us was that he tried once to drive the Model-T, got it moving but couldn't figure out how to stop it, hollering "whooh, whooh damn it" while pull back on the steering wheel as hard as he could and he drove it right through the closed barn door. And he never tried to drive again. He lived until 1944 and never drove a car again.

Grandma did get a driver's license in 1921 though and she must have driven the Ford a little because I still have her 1921 Oregon driver's license: Note that there



was no DMV then. Oregon drivers' licenses were issued by the Secretary of State. No pictures, nothing, just a piece of paper. It's a wonder I

still have this. It's a testament to the fact that I never throw anything of historical interest away.

The point of the story is this: They survived that pandemic and we will all survive this one too. Stay safe and well and please don't drive your Vette through and barn doors.

In other News:

Coca-Cola: while the "launch" of a helium variant of the soft drink is not going to fool too many people, full marks for the quote from Kate Miller, its UK marketing manager.

She says: "We're delighted to be launching Coca-Cola Helium this year – it really inflates our range of drinks and lifts our fans' spirits. Popularity of Coca-Cola continues to balloon and this new variant is set to be a flyaway success."

This is the April Fools Day Story For Kids. There are so many different stories about how 1st April came to be celebrated as April Fool's Day. But the most widespread one is on the calendar. Long, long time ago, in the year 1582, Pope Gregory the XIII introduced a new calendar, the Gregorian calendar. This calendar started the New Year on the 1st of January.

But back then, information took a time to spread as there was no phone or the internet back then. So for a long time, many people did not know about the change in the calendar. And those who knew about it refused to accept the new calendar. These people continued to celebrate the New Year's Day on 1st of April. Also, read The Foolish Disciples.

The people who had accepted the new calendar now started making fun of these non-believers. They would lead them to believe in things that did not exist or even send them on fool's errands. Errands that did not exist!

Eventually, the new calendar was accepted worldwide but the pranks stayed on. Friends, siblings, relatives, and even parents often play their tricks on their loved ones on 1st of April. All the pranks are just for harmless fun and never to hurt anyone. They usually end up with the pranksters shouting out "April Fool!" and peels of laughter from everywhere.



Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8's Are Arriving In Customers' Garages But Nationwide We Are Dealing With The Way More Important Corona Virus Pandemic

Most important is the health of our country and its families. The virus had a specific C8 consequence of temporary cessation of production — but that we know that is small in comparison to the significantly more important corona virus crisis. As a start, GM is assisting in our nation's fight against the virus: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/general-forums/wheeled-transportation-section/128860-gm-assisting-in-ventilator-production-in-conjunction-with-key-partners>

Of course Corvette related, the virus already bshut down Bowling Green Assembly (BGA) plant. Here is GM's press release announcing at least a short term shutdown: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/127660-2020-a-short-run>

During the current BGA shutdown, the completed C8's were transportation backlogged there, here's some good news: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/128641-2020-corvettes-will-continue-shipping-from-the-plant-to-dealers-during-shutdown>



At this time, BGA is currently scheduled to resume on April 6th...

It is so exciting that after 60 years, no more talk and now we have action, that some C8 are now being driven by owners, including one on a 2,400 mile cross country road trip already.

For those who are still enjoying seeing many media videos from GM's "C8 First Drive" that I attended, thanks to Jeremy Welborn for creating in one place a complete collection of the C8 being driving both on great country roads and then one day later on Spring Mountain Motorsports Resorts tracks: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/114921-2020-corvette-first-drive-program-media-videos-all-in-one-place>

GM is wanting C8 owners to have multiple ways to learn about this car, and to that end, GM is very soon sharing 24 new videos to help you learn more about your car and its operations. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/113937-24-new-gm-c8-videos-coming-real-soon-to-help-us-learn-more-better-operate-our-c8's>

While waiting for your C8, here's a link to get you directly to its Owners Manual. 335 pages of reading and information, and then next link and info to four other GM C8 manuals: <https://my.chevrolet.com/content/dam/gmownercenter/gmna/dynamic/manuals/2020/chevrolet/corvette/2020-chevrolet-corvette-owners-manual.pdf?fbclid=IwAR04LMqSCbS8FhiGhUquS64k618cd8MoHvH2oWGloF0bCCUSRHpUv0Rawg>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/118232-more-c8-manuals>

Like to learn about the mid engine Corvette's engineering? Don Sherman wrote a gem of an article from the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE): <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/123330-sae-engineering-the-chevrolet-corvette-s-first-ever-mid-engine-architecture>

We are starting to see a few visible carbon fiber aero systems, option 5VM, show up installed on a very few new Stingrays (as it was massively constrained). Here is close up in a wonderful video of that option's splitter and side rockers as done by ACS Composite: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/121571-5vm-visible-carbon-fiber-ground-effects-unboxed-video>

Consequently, we are starting to see many install C8 accessory install videos. Here's one on converting the Z51 standard spoiler to a high wing and then some more detailed ones. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/125360-install-video-brake-ducts-underbody-shields-splitter>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/128307-diy-c8-5vm-splitter-install-instructions#post128877>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/128392-diy-c8-5vm-rocker-install-instructions>

As we deal with current extreme medical times, we thank all who assisting others, and like you we understand that while Corvettes are important to us, especially those awaiting their C8's, all this is less important than our country dealing with our nation's overriding problem of the virus and its consequences on growing millions of us, either medically and/or financially. Thank you for reading. John Elegant

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