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# GLASS SASS

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**President**  
**Stan Czerniak**

**D**uring the Winter months and early Spring, I can remember how I wished it was late Spring or early Summer so that I could get outside more, have more fun rides with my CORVETTE and go to a bunch of Cruise Ins and Car Shows!!! Unfortunately, there is not much of that going on during those cold and wet months! I also hoped that there would be more opportunities and excuses for like-minded WVCA members to gather together and jointly be involved in CORVETTE related activities!!!

And while, with the advent of much nicer weather, we have certainly done more of this and have had several resounding Association related successes (largest attended ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW in Oregon, two very successful Cruise In's with our sponsor, Capital Chevrolet, several very fun Jacket Nights and a couple of WVCA runs), I still wish we could find more excuses to get together for WVCA related events, before the Fall and Winter rains return. Believe me, during those cold and wet months ahead, we will wish for the opportunities, that we now have and in the coming days, to enjoy our GLASS TREASURES and each other's company as CORVETTE OWNERS in the WVCA!

And although it is hard to believe that we are already counting our current days on the August 2019 Calendar, we still have a good two months or more ahead of us, to get together and enjoy our cars! *(continued on page 4)*



**Vice President**  
**Kent Muhle**

**I** generally like to find a topic for one of these missives and stick to it. But I have a whole lot on my tiny little brain, so this is gonna wander a bit...

First item. Thank you so much for the award you all bestowed upon me at the last meeting. I will tell you that little show we held this year consumed darn near my every waking moment from December until June. I can't tell you how many nights I woke up in a cold sweat imagining every possible "worst case scenario". Thanks to the show committee, who really deserved the award, none of my nightmares came to life. The pride I felt knowing that we pulled off the biggest show in Oregon in recent memory was indescribable. Y'all know I'm not a car show guy, but this ranks up there with the most memorable days I've

ever had.

Next item, the Cars and Coffee events seem to be doing well, and as Stan has noted we had 40 cars on a day when well over 400 were scheduled to be at other area shows. I couldn't make the last one, but plan to be there at the September C&C.

Which brings me to the next item. I pride myself on my driving ability and reflexes. By the grace of God and a very responsive car I've avoided several wrecks in the last few years due to inattentive, drunk, who knows what they were thinking drivers. A couple of weeks ago my luck ran out and I hit something in the road. *(Continued page 6)*

**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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A Little Levity:  
Who were the beta testers  
for Preparations A through  
G?

Why do they call it "common  
sense" when it's so rare?

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION**

JULY 21ST 2019

August 1<sup>st</sup> , 2019

Meeting called to order by President Stan Czerniak at 6:29pm

Members present: 41

Guests-John Freitas '89 Red Vert

New Members: LD & Sue Thompson were welcomed to WVCA by all in attendance

Birthdays: Jim Jacks 1<sup>st</sup>, Buzz Blogg 17<sup>th</sup>, Janet Kreger 20<sup>th</sup>

Minutes Report: Tom Paddock

Changes to previous minutes: None presented

Motion to accept as published by: Kent Muhle

Motion seconded by: Wayne Kreger

Vote by membership: unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Sandra Stark by Stan Czerniak

Amount in Checking:\$12,880.49

Amount in Savings: \$ 3,209.15

Amount Petty Cash: \$ 11.00

Total All Accounts: \$16,100.64

Motion to accept presented by: John Elegant

Motion seconded by: Kent Muhle

Vote by membership: unanimous

General Motors/ Mid Engine Corvette update: John Elegant

John Elegant talked about the C8 reveal that he was invited to attend, and said the C8 interior looks incredible. He mentioned that the row of buttons that has been a big topic of discussion sits lower than it appears in pictures and that many of them are for the passenger. With the engine in the back the dash sits lower and the steeper angle of the hood improves the view of the road. There is lots of room and is bigger than the C7. The seats are nice with the carbon fiber inserts like the C7 competition seats with 3 versions available. John's impression was that it is a big progression from the C7 and seems more like a C9. All season tires will be standard and the suspension will be softer offering a more comfortable ride that will have improved handling due to having the engine over the rear axle. The DCT transmission will be exclusive to the Corvette. John also offered some information that he asked not to have published.

He had a beautiful picture of a black C8 that he gave to Kent Muhle. The reveal party held at Buzz Blogg's house was a great success and with two viewing rooms there was enough space for all that attended to get a great viewing opportunity. John did not get on stage, we were all watching. For the most current information available be sure to register over at [MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://MidEngineCorvetteForum.com) , which is moderated by John.

President Stan Czerniak presented Kent Muhle with a framed appreciation certificate for his hard work and leadership for the successful Glass in the Grass event. Everybody applauded profusely. Stan also mentioned that if new members haven't paid their dues yet to please do so.

Activities Report: Kent Muhle—Upcoming Activities:

August 7<sup>th</sup>- A&W Stroh's Cruise In, Stayton Or. Get there early to find a spot. Free Ice cream cones and lots of cool cars.

August 10<sup>th</sup>- Hillsboro Airport Salute to Veterans Cruise in

August 17<sup>th</sup>- Monthly Cruise/ Bowpicker Astoria Or. Hosted by Tom Paddock meet at Walery's Pizza parking lot leaving at 9:30. Fantastic Fish and Chips and a drive through some twisties and the coast.

August 21<sup>st</sup>- Jacket Night/ Buffett at Trexler Farm 20146 Ferry Rd SE, Stayton, OR hosted by Paul and Pat Ennor. Starts a 6pm and cost is \$20.

August 24<sup>th</sup>- World of Speed Wilsonville Corvette Day- Meet at Harbor Freight parking lot and leaving PROMPTLY at 7:00am

August 25<sup>th</sup>- WVCA / CCC joint Potluck Picnic- 2:30 at Duane & Sandra Starks, 5895 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR

August 26<sup>th</sup>- SACC event at Wayne and Janet Kregers- Members are welcome, contact Wayne for more info

September 7<sup>th</sup>- Tacoma Corvette Club & Gamblin Chevrolet 1047 Roosevelt Ave East Enumclaw, WA- Parking opens at 9:00am. Entry \$25

September 14<sup>th</sup>- Day Cruise Ghost Town Cruise- more info at the September meeting

September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>- Mt Angel Oktoberfest Cruz'n Car Show- Wayne Kreger talked about this SACC event and there is a different show each day. Members can attend both days with trophies being handed out each day. \$15 registration fee per day.

September 25<sup>th</sup>- Mt Hood Corvettes Day at PIR- Special parking arrive at 3:30pm- more info at the September meeting

September 28<sup>th</sup>- Capitol Chevrolet Cars and Coffee 3<sup>rd</sup> event

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday- A&W 1215 W Washington St, Stayton Oregon Starts at 5:00pm usually around 120 cars attend so be early for best parking. Good music and A&W food too.

SACC update- Wayne Kreger

Wayne talked about a some bad actions by Corvette owners (not WVCA members) at a couple of local car shows. Presenting a positive model for the Corvette is at the root of what WVCA is about. Wayne also mentioned possibly our club taking a stance about such actions and discussion followed about possible avenues to promote the WVCA and Corvettes in general.

Glass Sass- .

Editor-In-Chief Buzz Blogg encourages all members to send him articles for the newsletter; any topic is acceptable; your first Corvette, a recent trip or even your favorite recipe. It was discussed that members should submit a brief account of their Corvette story.

Tech Time-

Jennifer Anderson is distributing a cleaning mitt for the outside of your car and one for the interior also. These were presented by a vendor at the Glass on the Grass and Dan commented about its effectiveness Contact Jennifer for more information.

Trivia- Stan Czerniak asked a several part question(s)- . First year C8 production may sellout soon. What was the highest sales year for Corvettes? Paul Ennor answered correctly 1979. #2 year for production? Kent Muhle answered correctly with 1984.

50/50 Raffle

\$ 140 total collected by Lucky King

\$ 70.00 to the club

\$ 35.00 drawn with Jim Tiano winning.

\$ 35.00 drawn with Jim Jacks (Birthday Boy) winning.

Meeting adjourned by Stan Czerniak at 7:31

*(continued from front page)* For example, in addition to a fun Jacket Night ahead for this month, sponsored by Pat and Paul, we also are planning a joint picnic with Capital City Corvettes, to be held at the Stark's residence and we have a once a year opportunity to attend the CORVETTE DAY as a part of the Portland Cars and Coffee at the World of Speed in Wilsonville on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 9:00am-11:00am!

During our meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> we passed around a sign-up sheet for those members who were interested in attending, CORVETTE DAY, which is a once a year event and is dedicated to and in honor of the cars that we love, THE AMERICAN CORVETTE! After the sign-up sheet was collected, I was disappointed to see only six cars signed up for this event? Compare this to last year's attendance, when, even though, it was pouring rain most of that day, we had almost 3 times that many cars to attend (with the number of WVCA cars attending at 17)!!! I really hope that we can increase that number by quite a bit, so that we can show our support for the ONLY CORVETTE DAY EVENT, that I know of to be held anywhere around here! The best way to ensure that anyone will want to put on a CORVETTE DAY, in the future, is to have plenty of support and participation from we CORVETTE owners! Without this support, who in the future will want to even plan such an event?

So please reconsider your plans for August 24<sup>th</sup> and let me know if you will help us to get our CORVETTE DAY attendance from WVCA members substantially increased! Besides that, it should be a really fun activity, driving to this event with a long line of WVCA CORVETTES rumbling down I 5 and viewing a bunch of CORVETTES and visiting with many CORVETTE owners, once we get there!!!

There are also several more WVCA activities ahead, during August and September that should provide all WVCA members, with fun CORVETTE related activities to be involved in!

Several months ago, I related how I had purchased my first CORVETTE ( a 1969 red roadster) three years after returning home from Viet Nam and how two years after that I had to very sadly sell it, to get enough money for a down payment on my first house! Well just as soon as I could, one year after buying the house, I went into further debt and bought my second CORVETTE, which was a 1970 gold coupe! Everything was right about this car, except that it had an automatic transmission and out of the 7 CORVETTES that I have known, it was the only one to have this distinction! Well, after the thrill of having this practically new CORVETTE began to wear off, I found myself disliking the automatic more and more and to be longing for having a manual shifter in my right hand and a clutch on my left foot, and running up and down through the 4 gears; as part of the fun of driving a high performance car! Of course, this was back in the day when manual transmission cars could be driven much faster than automatics! And "BOY" has that ever changed!

So, after having owned this beautiful gold (AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION) car for less than one year, but not being satisfied with it, I did what any foolish, irrational, impulsive young man would do and I traded it in for a 1971 LT1 yellow CORVETTE coupe with a, oh yeah, 4 speed manual transmission!!! Never mind, that I took a bath financially with this very foolish transaction and nearly lost my shirt by paying for a very steep depreciation on the practically new 1970 Vette. However, the really important thing for me was that I now had the absolute car of my dreams!!! And "OH" how I loved my LT1, with it's constantly ticking solid lifters and its incessant need for a complete tune up every few thousand miles!

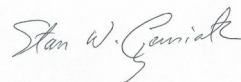
Whenever I was driving this car, in my mind, there was nobody who was cooler than me, except maybe for Mario Andretti!!! But Mario and I (also in my mind) were "BROTHER'S OF THE WIND"!!! Oh to be young and foolish again, there really is something to be said for that! But I can't remember what that was, because it was so long ago!!!

In closing, I would like to wish all of our members, who are accompanying John and Annie Elegant on the upcoming Caravan to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, much fun, excitement and a VERY SAFE and TROUBLE FREE JOURNEY, there and again when returning home! We, who are staying here, are looking forwards to hearing about your adventures, when you return! Also, it would be nice if you brought me back a C8 mid-engine Corvette!!!

Thank you all much for making the WVCA a GREAT ORGANIZATION to belong to!

Sincerely,

Your Association President,



Stan W Czerniak



**W**ell, in spite of the fact that there were 3 Cruise Ins in Salem last Saturday morning (July 27, 2019) and two Major Car Shows within 20 miles, we still had a respectable showing at our second joint Capital Cars and Coffee!!! Our final total showed that 40 cars showed up to enjoy the weather, cars, coffee and comradery with fellow car lovers!!!

WVCA was well represented with a majority of the cars, followed by a fun lunch in Turner that was organized by Buzz!!! The only problem with lunch was that I wasn't sure if we were going to have to take a train to get there !!! Nice job Buzz and that was fun with 17 of us in attendance and a cool menu!

Thanks much to Wayne for bringing the WVCA tent and to Shane for returning it and for bringing the Food Share barrels ( which we filled up to 65 lbs and also received a cash donation)! Thanks also to Thomas for doing a great video of the event, which included a view of a brand spanking new ZR1 Corvette that had been delivered to the proud owner only that morning!

Thomas's video and photos of this Cruise In can be found on our Face Book page, so take a peek!!!

In closing, a reminder to all that the nice days of summer are going by really fast so let's get together more often with our "fun cars" and do more "fun" things together!!!

Sincerely, Your Association President,

Stan W Czerniak



## Amity Fire District: Pancake Feed and Car Show

It was fun, this morning (July 28th) the blueberry pancakes were great, there were some great cars there also. If we do it next year ,it would be nice to have more club members join the fun. Shane



*(Continued from cover)* Could have been worse, I was able to swerve and collect the object with the passenger side which blew both tires, shattered both wheels, cracked the front fender and rear quarter, destroyed the rear inner fender liner and popped the passenger side muffler off the hanger.

Here comes the fun part, dealing with the insurance. Ask Mr. Paddock about the recent experience he just had with his C5 convertible. The value we both have been given for our cars is laughable, and when you tell them you have a line of credit available to buy 100 of them at that price they say they don't do business that way. My advice (and I'm sure Tom will chime in here) is to call your agent tomorrow and find out what they would pay you in case of a total. You'll be shocked. My 99 C5 Z51 M6 coupe with an engine still under warranty, a rebuilt trans and rear-end, new Z06 clutch with new clutch master cylinder, upgraded suspension and brakes with all new braided lines and new master cylinder, complete new cooling system including water pump, aluminum 2 row radiator, new shroud, new fans, new aftermarket fan controller, all new hoses, belts, pulleys, tensioners, mounts, MGW shifter, a \$2,000 Billy Boat Fusion SS exhaust, Callaway intake, 30 day old complete ceramic coating is worth \$7,750. Can you buy a decent C5 with none of the above extras for \$7,750?

Next Item. The new C8 is awesome! If you've never driven a mid-engined car before prepare to be amazed. If you've never driven a DCT before prepare to be amazed. If you buy just on looks you'll either love it or hate it. If you drive just to have a Corvette you'll love it. I promise you will be the center of attention wherever you go. If, like me, you want the maximum in performance, this car will shock you. You Z06 guys are gonna be blown away every time a base model C8 eats your lunch. But when the Grand Sport, Z06 and Zora variants show up, everyone else will just go home. For performance freaks, the good old days are NOW!!

Last Item. This association is going through a really strong growth period right now. We are voting in new members each month, and are having very productive and fun meetings. I love the energy and excitement that seems to permeate each meeting. We need to keep up the momentum. Share the love with other Corvette owners and remember that we are here to promote our favorite American Sports Car. See you at the next event, and keep the shiny side up...Kent

Below is an article from the 2010 Glass Sass and is a reminder of the type of group activities that we can do and have done in the past. We really had a great time on that cruise and we all have some great memories of these trips.

### **The Great Corvette National Park Tour of 2010**

On July 15th, seven cars and 14 Club Members headed off into the wild unknown for a National Parks Adventure. John and Della, Buzz and Barbara, Steve and Cindy, Joe and Margie, Jim and Kerry, Bob and Vickie and Clay and Lan left home for a tour of all the national parks in the mid west and western states. Starting out, they went to Couer de' lane Idaho and toured the lake, and then headed off to Glacier National Park, Lewis and Clark caves, and then Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Monument Valley, Bryce Canyon, Zion, the Grand Canyon and our favorite Las Vegas! After that we went different directions but John and Della and Buzz and Barbara continued on to Death Valley and Yosemite before heading home after 4000 miles and 11 days of fun, frivolity, great food and company and other activities. We all had such a good time that we decided that what happened on vacation stayed on vacation, so you had to be there to really find out how much fun we had!



# 2019 Standing Committees

Carousel III Glass on the Grass Car Show June 22nd 2021

Kent Muhle (Chair) Dan and Jennifer Anderson Lucky King  
Bob and Annie Koenig Ken and Vikki Arck Stan Czerniak Julie Hughes  
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Robert and Kathleen Ridge Roger and Maryann Burgess Steve Halverson

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