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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Now that Thanksgiving has passed, that means that Christmas is almost here and time for the annual WVCA Christmas party, which has always been a great event.

This year it will be held on Wednesday December 16th at Delany Madison Grill in Keizer. Don't forget to bring a stuffed animal for the donation for local law enforcement agencies. These gifts are given to children by officers to help provide comfort for the children during times of crisis. This is another one of our great traditions where we give back to our community.

Soon it will be New Years, a time not only to look back and celebrate the past year, but also time to look forward and think about the upcoming year. At the January 7th membership meeting the budget for 2016 will be presented to the members and voted on. There is one more meeting of the Board to finalize some of the details, but the upcoming year looks very promising.

Last year the challenge was to get a high level of member participation at events, and that goal was certainly met and exceeded. This year's theme will be to get back to the core meaning of the clubs mission statement, **to create an esprit-de-corps for Corvette owners**. What does that mean? The term esprit-de-corps, by a Google search, is defined as a feeling of pride, *(continued on Page 3)*



V.P. CORNER

Seaon's Greetings: Our final event for 2015 is the Christmas Party. It will be held Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Delaney Madison Grill, 5745 Inland Shores Way N., Keizer, OR. Last chance to sign up is Monday, December 7th. If you choose, please bring a stuffed animal, which will be distributed to our local law enforcement officers to comfort children when they have to be taken from their homes. There will be a gift exchange not

to exceed \$15.00.

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by and the success of the club is because of your participation. This year my plan is to make the Activities Committee transparent. The first step is making sure all members know who has volunteered for the committee. Buzz Blogg, Barbara Fuller, John & Della Edwards, Julie Hughes, Tom & Shelly Paddock, and Maryann Burgess. If I missed anyone, my apology. Please don't be shy, give your ideas for events and drives to these individuals and then plan to lead the assigned sub-committee. Our Kick-Off meeting will be scheduled after the holidays. Our club is only as strong as your participation! Happy Holidays, Roger

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

December Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 3rd, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tom Paddock.

Number of members present: 26

Number of guests present: 0

December Birthdays: Lee Hart 6th, Sherry Chandler 11th, John L. Hatch 20th, Steve Tuttle 21st

Treasurer's Report: November Checking Balance beginning \$5,685.82 and end \$5,969.69. October Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.25 and end \$3,208.27.

Motion to accept the November Treasurer Report was put forth by **Lucky King**, seconded by **Buzz Blogg** and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the November minutes was put forth by Lee Hart, seconded by Buzz Blogg and passed without opposition.

Past Events:

November Jacket Night 11/18 hosted by the Burgess's at Geppetto's on Lancaster. It was well attended and the food was great.

Current Events:

Christmas Party 12/16 (Club)-Will be at Delaney-Madison Grill in Keizer, \$30 per plate. We are doing our annual stuffed animal drive for local law enforcement, bring a \$15 gift for exchange if you want to participate.

Donations: Willamette Valley Humane Society and Marion-Polk Food Share sent a nice thank you letters for our donation.

Budget Meeting: Board will have a final budget meeting on 12/7/15 at 6:00pm at Denny's.

Points: **Wayne Kreger** mentioned that there had been a miscommunication when the awards were ordered for the Annual Awards Banquet on October. The error was noticed when it was too late to fix in time. The point tallies were extremely close this year. 2 more plaques need to be order to give **Don Chandler** and **Al Manrubia** points awards.

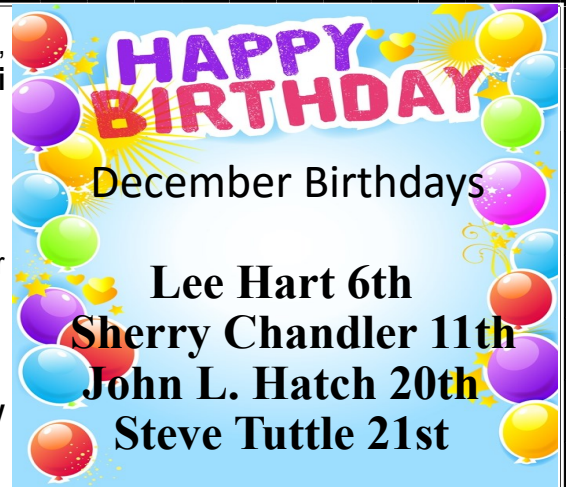
Motion: to spend \$50 on 2 more points awards trophies for **Don Chandler** and **Al Manrubia** was put forth by **Wayne Kreger**, seconded by **Lucky King** and passed without opposition.

Motion: to form a points committee of **Lee Hart** and **Wayne Kreger**, along with anyone else who wants to participate was put forth by **Marti Graham**, seconded by **Buzz Blogg** and passed without opposition.

Tech Time: **Ken Arck** got new wheels for his C7.

Trivia: Harry Bradley left GM to design the hot wheel cars. What year and model corvette came out 2 months before the actual car?
Answer: 1968 Stingray, no one answered correctly.

Drawing: \$85 was earned. \$43 to the club, **Wayne Kreger** drew **Henry Salvatori** for \$21, and **Henry Salvatori** drew **Sally Hart** for \$21.



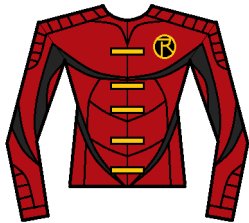
Adjourned at 7:00pm **Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 12/5/2015**

(Continued from Page 1 President's Corner) fellowship and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group, in our case it happens to be not only for our Corvettes, but also for the WVCA.

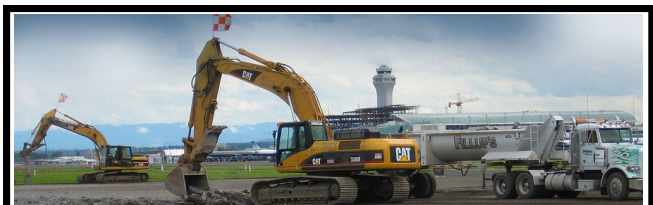
I have mentioned in the past that one of the biggest joys for me is not only driving my Corvette, but sharing the drive with other Corvette owners, seeing a group of Corvettes going down the road together is certainly something that people notice. I always enjoy it when we are out on a run and a random Corvette joins our lineup, even if only temporarily, to be part of the 'group'. Driving these beautiful performance vehicles is really a lot of fun, and I think fun should be the goal for this coming year!

In closing for this month, I want to say that I have had a lot of fun this year and look forward to having more fun this coming year as a member of the WVCA!

Save the wave



Jacket Night was sponsored by Maryann and Roger Burgess on November 18th, at Gepetto's Italian Restaurant and Grill. Twenty Four hungry participants were treated to fine Italian Cuisine. Corvettes in the parking lot were noticed by the staff who commented that the red and blue Stingrays had lights on and, if given the keys, they would be glad to turn off the lights. No owner fell for this trick!



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StingRay Gets Best Performance Car Award!



This year's performance car category was crowded with a number of strong contenders ranging from the scrappy and much-anticipated 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata to the pavement pounding 2016 Ford Shelby GT 350. But it was last year's winner, the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, that carried the day on the strength of overall performance that compares favorably with sports cars costing tens of thousands of dollars more. But beyond stellar performance, the 2016 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray offers the kind of comfort and drivability that takes it from a weekend- or special occasion-only fun car to a truly engaging vehicle perfectly suited as a daily driver.

Muscular V8 power

With 455 horsepower on tap from its 6.2-liter V8 engine, the Corvette Stingray offers the visceral off-the-line thrills that are pure old-school American muscle car. And yet, this pushrod V8 is infused with enough high tech, including cylinder deactivation, that it returns mileage competitive with most midsize sedans, with ratings of 17 mpg city and 29 mpg highway. Better yet, it offers world class sports car performance without having to charge a gas guzzler tax. Buyers can choose from either a 7-speed manual (with a cool automatic rev-matching downshift feature) or a slick 8-speed automatic (which also blips the throttle when selecting a lower gear). This deep reserve of power is also complemented by communicative steering, excellent brakes and, in our test car, the taut but supple Z51 performance suspension.

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 Multipurpose sports

Available as either a coupe or roadster, both models of the Corvette offer the opportunity for open-air motoring thanks to the coupe's lift-out roof panel, which is light enough to make removal a one-person job. The roadster has a power top that automatically raises or lowers in seconds and has enough layers to make it as nearly as quiet as some retractable hard-tops. Best of all, both models have a fair amount of cargo space aft so that you can carry a decent amount of luggage for a road trip or two golf bags to the country club. This high level of flexibility also underscores the fact that the 2016 Corvette Stingray is a car for all seasons and sensibilities.

Comfort and convenience with a competitive edge

Corvettes have been criticized in the past for interior shortcomings, but those have all been addressed with high quality materials, comfortable and supportive seats and a comprehensive yet intuitive dash layout. The Corvette benefits from the Chevrolet MyLink infotainment system featuring Apple CarPlay that makes phone and device pairing simple, and with a combination of touchscreen and redundant controls on both the center console and steering wheel, providing the driver any number of ways to interact with the vehicle without distraction. The Corvette's full-color head-up display also offers up a wide variety of configurable information that allows you to stay focused on the road ahead. Another factor contributing to the car's everyday livability is the selection of drive modes ranging from Touring to Track that adjusts the suspension, steering response and throttle sensitivity to match. Touring is the most compliant; Sport is comfortable enough to be used in most on-road driving, while the stiffest of all, Track, is best left for racing circuits.

While the 2016 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray is not cheap-base price on our convertible test model starts at \$64,400-it remains an attainable dream that can go toe-to-toe with the Porsche 911, a car costing many thousands more. With its smart styling, strong resale and all-around abilities, the Corvette Stingray remains one of the best performance cars on the road today.

Pull quote: "But beyond stellar performance, the 2016 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray offers the kind of comfort and drivability that takes it from a weekend- or special occasion-only fun car to a truly engaging vehicle perfectly suited as a daily driver."

Above article thanks to Kelley Blue Book; for more:

Corvette Trivia..seemingly trivial but actually useless information with which you can amaze and astound your friends

In 1951 a group of Harley Earl's "Special Projects" crew began work on a GM sports car. Bob McLean designed a general layout for the car which was originally code named, "Opel."

William Durant, the founder of GM, said a wallpaper pattern he saw in a Paris hotel in 1908 inspired the bow tie logo. Supposedly, he ripped off a small piece of it and brought it back to Detroit.

Myron Scott, at the time Chevrolet's Chief photographer, is credited with coming up with the Corvette name, drawing from the small, fast warships of the "Corvette" class.

The Jaguar XK120 is believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette.

The Corvette was the first and last car with a true "wrap-around" windshield.

Corvette was not the first to be made with a fiberglass body, but it was the first to be built by a company the size of Chevrolet.

Corvettes have been assembled in three different cities. Flint, Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and Bowling Green, Kentucky.



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Merry Christmas to everyone and
best wishes for the New Year!

Flashback from December 2011

Marion's Bob Koenig hits blood-donation milestone



Retired Stayton/Marion area farmer Bob Koenig figured it was just another routine donation; something he'd done 100 times before – literally.

But when a local news photographer greeted him at Foothills Methodist Church in Stayton for the Nov. 16 Red Cross blood drive, Bob realized his wife, Annie, had been up to something.

Bob, 73, was about to hit a milestone with his 100th blood donation. Annie, along with Red Cross officials, were happy to see that milestone highlighted.

“He was surprised by the photographer,” Annie said. “When he got home he said ‘well you’ve sure been busy, haven’t you?’ And he hugged me.”

Bob proceeded to share with his wife how the photographer, Anna Reed, followed him through the process, including his “juice time” after the donation.

“It was very special for him,” Annie said.

Donors like Bob Koenig are also very special to the Red Cross.

“Someone from Red Cross called us to make the appointment, and when she pulled up Bob’s record she mentioned that it would be his 100th donation, and said that was a lot,” Annie shared. “I think she said something about helping up to 300 people just from his donations alone.”

Daphne Mathew, communications manager of the Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region, said the group is beyond grateful for its frequent donors. Reaching the 100-pint mark is a testament to that frequency.

“I did the calculation,” Daphne explained. “If a donor can give blood every 56 days (the most frequent allowable rate), if he were to donate every year for 17 years straight, he would hit that mark.”

She added that in the Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region, there are 490 donors who’ve reached the 100-pint milestone through the single-pint donation process. Bob’s recent donation did not just hit that landmark, but it came at a time of the year when the Red Cross normally encounters a dearth of givers.

“During the winter months and especially around the holidays, blood donations tend to decline,” Daphne said. “Long holiday weekends, like Thanksgiving, pose an extra challenge when many donors are traveling to be with family and friends.

“The Red Cross encourages people to make an appointment to donate blood or platelets and give a meaningful gift to a patient this holiday season – the gift of life.”

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The above article appeared in the Statesman journal and the Stayton Daily Mail in late November commemorating Bob’s great record of donating blood 100 times! Nice job, Bob!



Our best wishes go out to Roger and Maryann Burgess this season. Maryann has recently undergone surgery and is at home recuperating after a lengthy illness, and Roger has also had some surgery as well, so in the Burgess household it's not the blind leading the blind but the equivalent, whatever that is! Here's hoping that the new year will bring good health to Roger, Maryann and all of our WVCA family!

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