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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Valentine's Day Brunch 2/15
- Jacket Night 2/18
- Wine & Food Festival 3/13
- Easter Brunch 4/5
- Pre-Tax Run 4/11
- Cherry Blossom Run 4/18

The weather is getting better and the cars need to stretch their wheels a bit, so take the covers off, wash 'em and shine 'em and let's get the cruising season going full tilt!

There are so many neat places we can go this year; let's try to see what Oregon has to offer!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It is nearly Iris Festival Parade time and once again we will need member cars to carry dignitaries at the front of the parade. This is a great opportunity not only to show off your ride, but also an opportunity to put the WVCA in front of the public. This event is coordinated by WVCA member Dave Walery (also known as Mr. Christmas).

Dave is very active in our community and we are fortunate to have him as a WVCA member. After our monthly membership meetings, members and guests are always welcomed at Walery's Pizza in West Salem to enjoy the great pizza and beverages with a

WVCA club discount compliments of Dave. Giving to our community is part of what our club is about. And while it would be nearly impossible to keep up with Dave's efforts, this opportunity is an easy way to help. I personally enjoy this annual event but was very nervous about participating the first time (my car is a driver and isn't pristine) but I went ahead and did it anyway. The only things members need to provide are a blanket for people to sit on, and towels to protect the seats and other interior surfaces of your car. If you drive a coupe, the dignitary will sit on the halo, and above the waterfall on convertibles. In the past there have been struggles to provide the number of cars necessary to carry everybody, but WVCA members always come through in the end!

Tom Paddock

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Activities Committee met on January 28th. All members attended and some great ideas for new events were discussed. Overnight Gold Beach Jet Boat Trip, Overnight Cave Junction Oregon Caves Trip, Overnight or same day Crater Lake Run, Covered Bridge Tour. All are tentative and on the table for further discussion. Overnight Rockaway Beach and Light House Run will be scheduled for Sept. Sponsored by Gene & Liz Kraiter. Also suggested are some day runs. Please, if any member has a run in mind you would like to lead please send me a email and I will get it on the signup sheet at the general meetings and we can cruise this great state.

Past Event: January Jacket Night was sponsored by Steve & Cindy Tuttle. (see Jacket Night section). Scheduled Feb & March events: Feb. 15th Valentine Brunch, sponsored by John & Della Edwards. Meeting at Walery's at 10:30 a.m., cruising to Eola Hills Winery for Brunch. Feb. 18th, Jacket Night sponsored by Wayne & Janet Kreger. We will be meeting at and leaving from Harbor Freight on Portland Rd., at 6:00 p.m., cruising to the Mt. Angel Sausage Company, Mt. Angel, OR for brats, your favorite beverage and good times. Mar. 13th, McMinnville Wine & Food Fest., sponsored by Joe & Margie Castro. Meet at Roth's, Wallace Rd., West Salem at 3:00 p.m. and cruise to McMinnville led by Don & Sherry Chandler. March 18th, Jacket Night, sponsored by Tom & Shelly Paddock. Meeting at and leaving Harbor Freight, Portland Rd. at 6:00 p.m., cruising to the Gallon House Pub, Silverton, OR, for food, beverages and good times. (For more detail call the sponsors of the events.) Thank you. *Roger Burgess*

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 February Meeting Minutes Thursday February 5th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by President Tom Paddock.

Number of members present: 38

Guests: **Rich Graham** – 1980 (Black?) Project Car
Dan and Jennifer Anderson – 1995 Jade Green Coupe
Donald Bond 2007 Torch Red Roadster

February Birthdays: **Michelle Putman** 7th, **Tammy Blaylock** 9th, **Roman Baszniak** and **Mick Roach** 15th.

New Member: **Julie Hughes** was unanimously voted in as a new member. She has met the membership requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Money Market Balance \$3,940.58, Checking Account Balance \$3208.03

Motion to accept Treasurer Report was put forth by **Paul Ennor**, seconded by **Gene Kraitler** and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the January minutes was put forth by **Gene Kraitler**, seconded by **Lucky King** and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the revised By-Laws and Constitution was put forth by **Lucky King**, seconded by **Gene Kraitler** and passed without opposition (there was a quorum of members present). They have been distributed via newsletter according to the protocol. The revised versions will be published on the website.

Announcements:

Past Activities:

January Jacket Night was hosted by the **Tuttle's**. We went to the Old Spaghetti Factory in Corvallis; our group met at the Delany exit off I-5 south and caravanned to Corvallis. The parking was a bit tight and the restaurant was very busy but the food was wonderful and everyone had a great time.

Activities Scheduled:

Valentine's Day Brunch (Edwards) 2/15-Eola Hills Winery in Independence, will meet at Walery's Pizza at 10:15 to drive to the brunch. This is a join activity with Mt. Hood Corvettes and is always very popular.

February Jacket Night (Kreger's) 2/18-Location TBD

McMinnville Wine and Food Festival (Castro's) 3/13

Easter Brunch (Buzz/Barbara) 4/5

Tax Run (Tuttle's) 4/11

Cherry Blossom Poker Run (Kreger) 4/18

Roger Burgess reminded everyone that anyone can put together an activity/run. It doesn't need to be club sanctioned, but only sanctioned events earn points towards member of the year.

Liz Kraiter, Della Edwards and Shelly Paddock are putting together a Lighthouse Run overnight trip, it was decided that the weekend of 9/12 would work best. More information to follow, **Liz** is leaving for a 6 week trip (lucky!) and **Shelly** will get information for the next issue of the newsletter.

Delaney Madison Grill in Keizer was approached as a possible location for our Christmas Party. The owner agreed and it was tentatively decided to have our Christmas party at this location.

Budget: The 2015 budget was distributed.

Wayne Kreger – Spoke about us sponsoring a stop on the Cherry Blossom Poker Run on 4/18. **Shelly Paddock** and **Della Edwards** volunteered to help along with others. **Monte** from the Half Penny is going to help supply whatever food/drink item we hand out and we will pass out information about our Cruise In in July.

Wayne also mentioned a national directory that the Willamette Valley Auto Council belongs to; we can have our Cruise In listed in this. Cruise In: Is July 25th at the Half Penny. Instead of the

Boomers playing we will have a DJ, this will help with announcements and raffle drawings, etc. People were reminded that the silent auction is our big money maker at this event and everyone is encouraged to contribute everything from complete baskets to miscellaneous items to combine into baskets.

Apparel: **Sherry Chandler** did not have a car at work and could not pick up the apparel order that was completed today. She will bring the order to our next meeting, if you want to pick yours up at the jacket night or Valentine's Brunch let her know and she will bring it then.

Newsletter: Don Lulay is a new advertiser; the cost is \$100 for 12 months. **Tom Paddock** mentioned having a member spotlight/human interest article. The advertisers will also be listed on our website.

Tech Time: Al Manrubia and **Tom Paddock** re-installed his rear window.

Roger Burgess put a coat of Expel on his car. He has asked the installed to come to a future meeting and do a presentation.

Ken Arck had his clear coat redone and talked about Rejex which helps deal with brake dust.

Trivia: What was the last year standard brakes were available on a corvette? Paul Ennor answered correctly with 1965.



Did You Know? Otto Graham, Pro Football Hall of Fame and coach of the Washington Redskins when hired in 1965, his contract included radio and television shows sponsored by American Motors and Chevrolet, the use of a car was standard with each. Since he had just purchased a Buick Wildcat, he asked his 18 year old son, senior athlete, Duey Graham if he would like a Gremlin or Chevrolet to drive since he was leaving for college that fall. Duey responded, "Uh Dad, what about a Corvette?"

Otto made a phone call then handed his son a note with a phone number. Said take this note to the local Chevy Dealer, have him make the call and you can order the corvette of your choice. Walking in, Duey approached the first salesman, and asked for the manager. When he appeared, Duey simply said I want to order a Corvette.

Taking one look at Duey he said, "Come on kid. Get out of here." Duey smiled, handed him the paper with the phone number on it, and suggested he call it. Duey didn't know who was on the other end but when he came back, he was a changed man.

"Yes Mr. Graham, whatever I can do for you Mr. Graham." The 1966 Corvette Duey ordered arrived six weeks later, just in time for him to drive off to college. Taken from article "Scoring Some Points with Son," published in America's Sports Car, a publication of the National Corvette Museum. *Roger Burgess*



My glass window story

By Al Manrubia

Pat and I have always agreed that our C-5 convertible has been warm and quiet with the top up (she likes it up and I prefer it to be down-weather permitting).

This all came to an end one day when it became very drafty when the top was up! Lo and behold, we noticed that the rear window was loose and was halfway unattached. WOW what do you do in this case?? Can't be caught out in the rain anymore, for sure.

Anyway, the first thing that I did was to take our Corvette down to a shop that specializes in convertible tops, and of course, the first thing that the owner wanted to do was to sell me a brand new top for the car.

After more research, I found the rear glass window was merely glued in place and it is done with specific polycarbonate glue that attaches the glass to the canvas top. In talking to other C-5 owners, I found that this is a common C-5 malady. I even asked Tom Paddock about it because he has that wonderful C-5 commemorative edition convertible.

Now we all know what a great guy Tom is, because that is why we elected him as our Club President, right? Let me reinforce that by going one step further: Tom researched the type of glue that I needed and even went out and pur-

chased it!

After that, he took one of his off-days and came over to help me get the glass glued back in. After he devised a very clever method of using suction cups and a line that was tied between them and the ceiling of my shop, the glass was carefully glued and held in place for 48 hours. Tom even came over several days later to make double sure that the glue had cured properly; thanks a whole bunch, Tom!

Now that's my window story and I'm stickin' to it!

January Jacket Night

By Steve Tuttle

We arrived at the Park and Ride meeting location 30 minutes early and there was already three Corvettes waiting. There was a chill in the air as we talked, waiting for others to arrive. I was glad the drive to Corvallis was on dry pavement, as we made our way to the Old Spaghetti Factory. The Short days of Winter are still upon us, so the drive was in the dark. None the less, most people were driving their Corvettes. Even my "Ol Yeller" made it out of the garage.

Twenty of our friends joined us for a meal that was just what you would expect from the Old Spaghetti Factory, only a new location, the historic rail road depot. For Cindy and I, the Old Spaghetti Factory is one of our favorite restaurants. The location is right on the river, but at night you can't enjoy the view.

We thought there would be plenty of parking. That was not the case, every spot was filled before all the cars found a place. "Ol Yeller" and at least one other car had to find parking off of their lot. The Restaurant was packed!

Hope everyone had a good time and will be joining us again in February for Jacket Night.



25 Years Ago We...

For purposes of readability, the 1969 minutes have been summarized

As of March 6, 1969 we had \$163.59 on hand, tabled a discussion for an autocross, continued to look into license plate frames, and made reservations for a tour to Reno in May. Five prospective members were introduced and Jim Thompson was voted in.

March 13, 1969: the Autocross set for April 27, 1969 at the Salem Speedway, Larry King was looking into reservations for Reno and working on setting up a schedule of events, and it was decided to become acquainted with the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club so that we might learn more about the functions of a sports car club.

March 20, 1969: Our treasury had \$175.92, Reno reservations were still being planned, a sponsor was being sought for the Autocross, it was unanimous for a tour to the beach on April 6, and our first newsletter was named Corvetter Letter

(PS. What's a Salem Speedway)

Corvettes on the High Desert

July 22, 23, 24, 1994

Bend, Oregon

Mark your calendar for this premiere Corvette Weekend event at the Inn of the 7th Mountain in central Oregon.

The weekend will include:

- Friday** Evening games
Hospitality Suite with refreshments
- Saturday** NWACC Show & Shine/
Concours
NWACC Rally/ possible poker run
Awards Banquet/dancing
- Sunday** Raffle & Farewells

(information - Call either Mike & Kemi Broadley at 389-4687 or Larry & Shelley Prince 923-6201)

Salem's 7th Annual Custom Car & Speed Show

February 12 & 13 Oregon State Fairgrounds
Jackman-Long Building

Congratulations to all participants/workers on a job well done.

WVCA took Best Theme Award and took 2nd place in the Best Club Display category. First place went to some chain gang. Actually (since some of their members know where I live) that was a joke. The Salem Harley Owners certainly had a great location and again took first place for Best Club Display, the third year in a row. It was reported that every Corvette in the show took a 1st or 2nd place in the judging.

WVCA Members and Their Cars



Eldon & Judy Cannon have a 2007 Atomic Orange Roadster and a 1990 Anniversary and have been members since 2008.



Robert Carroll has a 1985 white coupe and has been a member since 2007.



Joe and Margie Castro have been members since 2007 and have a 2008 Velocity Yellow Roadster (Treasurer 2011)



Don & Sherry Chandler have a 1999 Red Roadster, a 2005 Victory Red Roadster, and have been members since 2009. (Vice-President 2011 & President 2012)



Gary and Linda Dental have lots of Corvettes! 2011 Crystal Red Metallic ZR1, 1994 red coupe, 1966 black 427 coupe, 1965 nassau blue roadster, 1964 satin silver roadster, 1964 saddle tan coupe, 1959 white roadster and 1965 rally red coupe They have been members since 2011.





Cherry Blossom Poker Run April 18th 2015

At the WVCA meeting on February 5, 2015, it was agreed that the club will participate in the annual Cherry Blossom Poker Run sponsored by the Salem Area Auto Council (SAAC). We will provide a 'stop' at the Half Penny Bar and Grill. Not only will this give the club an opportunity to assist in raising funds for the Salem Boys and Girls Club, but also to advertise the All Corvette Cruise In on July 25, 2015. We will coordinate with the SAAC and the Half Penny on the set up and personnel necessary for the 'stop'.

SINKHOLE DAMAGE REPAIRED AND DISPLAY IS REOPENED!

Thursday, February 12 marks the one-year anniversary of the day the car community collectively gasped at the sight of eight Corvettes tumbling more than thirty feet into the depths of a sinkhole inside the National Corvette Museum's Skydome. What could have been disastrous for the Museum, which celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2014, turned out to be a positive, landing the Bowling Green, KY attraction prime time news coverage across the globe and a 67% increase in attendance for the year.

"We were fortunate the good Lord was watching over us," said Wendell Strode, Executive Director, "because no one was in the Museum at the time." Security cameras captured the first moments of the 5:39am sinkhole collapse, and the footage has garnered 8.5 million views world-wide on YouTube, plus countless more via news media outlets and television documentaries.

Of the eight prized Corvettes claimed by the sinkhole, two were on loan from General Motors and the other six were owned by the Museum. All eight cars were recovered from the hole, each receiving various degrees of damage. Only three of the cars were deemed in good enough condition for restoration.

"General Motors came forward the day after the sinkhole collapse and offered their support in restoring the cars," Strode said. The 2009 ZR1 'Blue Devil' was repaired by GM this past Fall and unveiled at the SEMA Show in Las Vegas on November 4, 2014. The 1992 'One Millionth' Corvette began restoration at the GM Design Center in Warren, MI in January. The process is expected to take six months. The Museum will be

working with a private Corvette restoration shop to repair the 1962 Tuxedo Black Corvette. Currently six of the Corvettes are on display in the Museum's Exhibit Hall. All eight are planned to be reunited later this year when the Skydome construction is complete and the building is re-opened to the public for tours. The main portion of the Museum continues to remain open for tours during the construction process, which can be observed through a Plexiglas window.

The Museum's Board of Directors had initially voted to explore keeping a portion of the sinkhole open, but ultimately it was decided to fill it in due to cost, safety and appearance concerns. The process to fill the hole was completed in January, and micropile installation starts this month.

"We are currently working with Creative Arts Unlimited of Pinellas Park, FL to develop a meaningful, first-class exhibit to tell the story of our sinkhole," said Katie Frassinelli, Museum Communications Manager. "The construction team installed a manhole which leads into one side of our cave. The exhibit will incorporate a kiosk which connects to a camera and lights inside the cave, allowing visitors a live view of what lies beneath their feet. The exhibit should be educational and entertaining with plenty of hands-on and interactive features."

To commemorate the one-year anniversary of the sinkhole, the Museum has planned a ceremony featuring a recount of the discovery of the sinkhole by Betty Hardison, Museum Library & Archives Coordinator, who was contacted by the security company and was first on the scene. Zach Massey, Project Manager with Scott, Murphy and Daniel Construction will then share details on what work has been performed thus far, and provide updates on the remaining work to be completed. The ceremony will include an official unveiling of the restored 2009 ZR1 'Blue Devil' as this will be the first time it has appeared on display at the Museum since the repairs were completed. The Blue Devil was the first Corvette recovered from the sinkhole, cranking up for a crowd of cheering on-lookers.

"Everyone has joked that the Museum 'made lemonade' out of this situation, so we thought it fitting to end our ceremony with a lemonade toast to continued good fortune for the Museum," added Frassinelli. The ceremony will be live streamed via YouTube and can be accessed on the Museum's website at

www.corvettemuseum.org.



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