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I get inquiries from our WVCA website and Facebook page asking me to describe what our club is like. Most of our members have newer model Corvettes that we enjoy driving. While we have a yearly calendar with a list of scheduled events and runs, there are many times it starts with somebody's email commenting about what a nice day it is, let's go somewhere! We have fun doing things together and enjoy being with other members to share

the love of our Corvettes. This is a great group of people and I was greeted very warmly from the first meeting that I attended. We have a lot of fun together and new members are always welcomed with open arms and smiling faces.

The budget was presented at the January meeting, and there were some great ideas that got lost, even though there was a rather spirited discussion about other items presented. One of these new budget lines includes an amount for raffles to be incorporated into eight of the upcoming runs, with \$40 to be awarded between two 'winners'. This is designed not only to encourage member participation but also adding a new element of fun to things. This idea was originally presented by Steve Tuttle at last year's annual Pre-Tax run, and it was enjoyed by everybody that participated. Gift cards in the amounts of \$25 and \$15 were given to the winner and runner up. The activities committee, headed by WVCA Vice President Roger Burgess, will set up the criteria for the drawings with the help of the event host. This way there may be different ideas to facilitate the winners. Hopefully this will help to further the level of participation for these events. (continued on last page)



Hello Corvette Enthusiasts:

New Year's is a time to reflect on the year that is passing and look forward to the year that will be. The year ended with our annual Christmas Party at Delaney Madison Grill. 38 members enjoyed a night of great food, fun and giving back to our Law Enforcement Agencies with a table covered with stuffed animals. Thank you to all who gave to this cause.

A brief summary of 2016 club sanctioned events: **Feb.** Valentine Brunch, **Mar.** open for ideas, **Apr.** Easter Brunch, Pre Tax Run & Cherry Blossom Run, **May** Keizer Iris Parade, **Jun.** President's Run, **Jul.** "5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise In", **Aug.** open, **Sep.** Carousel Cruise In, **Oct.** "Friday Night Lights" Yamhill/ Carlton and Cascade High School Homecomings, Awards Banquet, **Dec.** Christmas Party. WayneStock will be held earlier this year. Dates, times and details will follow after the Annual Kick-Off Activities Committee Meeting. Jacket Nights will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., the following months: Jan. thru Sep. and Nov. Paddocks are the sponsors for **Jan.**, **Feb.** Kreger, **Mar.** open, **Apr.** open, **May** Starks, **Jun.** open, **Jul.** Manrubias, **Aug.** Arcks, **Sep.** open, and **Nov.** open. Several months are open for events. Suggestions are welcome.

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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# Willamette Valley Association

## January Meeting Minutes Thursday January 7th, 2016

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

Number of members present: 38

Number of guests present: 0

**January Birthdays**: John Elegant and Sandra Stark 3<sup>rd</sup>, Scott Albriton and Gene Kraiter 15<sup>th</sup>, Annie Koenig 27<sup>th</sup>, Kay Hanson 28<sup>th</sup> and Vikki Arck 31<sup>st</sup>

**Treasurer's Report:** December Checking Balance beginning \$5,969.69 and end \$5,486.69. October Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.27 and end \$3,208.29.

<u>Motion</u> to accept the December Treasurer Report was put forth by **Wayne Kreger**, seconded by **Della Edwards** and passed without opposition.

<u>Motion</u> to accept the December minutes was put forth by **Buzz Blogg**, seconded by **Wayne Kreger** and passed without opposition.

## Past Events:

Christmas Party 12/16 (Club)-Delaney-Madison Grill in Keizer, \$30 per plate. We did our annual stuffed animal drive for local law enforcement, and \$15 gift for exchange. The food was awesome with good service. The stuffed animals will be delivered next Saturday by President **Tom Paddock** and Member-at-Large **Lucky King**, the delay was to make sure the toys were not included in a Christmas drive by error.

#### **Current Events:**

Activity Committee will meet at the Burgess's on Wed. 1/27 at 6:30pm. We will divide people into sub groups to work on specific tasks. We will also work on the yearly calendar to pass out at the February meeting.

**Stan Czerniak** mentioned Willamette Valley Street Rod's car show in Albany on 1/22, PIR's big car show at the Convention Center on 1/30 and Hod Rod Show at the Expo Center on 3/18.

**Donations:** Center for Hope and Change sent a nice thank you letter for our \$100 donation.

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

**Old Business:** Al Manrubia and Don Chandler received their belated member point trophies.

**Points: Wayne Kreger** reminded everyone that the points system was started in 1996 to increase participation, no one joined for the points, etc. He and **Lee Hart** gave a brief summary of a new individual points tracking system that will be voted on in the February meeting. More details will be included in the January Glass Sass. The By-Laws need to be clarified and reworded and the Secretary is encouraged to find someone to take on the points tracking and tally duties.

**Budget:** The 2015-2016 Budget was discussed, the main points were a proposed increase in dues from \$30 and individual to \$35 and from \$40 for a team to \$50. This is mainly to offset the increase in our regular NWAC dues. Purchasing D&O (Directors and Officers) Insurance through NWAC was discussed, this would be \$750 per year. Unfortunately in our society it is common to sue and also common to specifically name Directors and Board members in lawsuits, our current NWAC insurance does NOT include coverage for this, only general members. **John Elegant** and **Jim Tiano** both mentioned other clubs that they are involved in that have purchased this insurance, it would be hard to get board members to volunteer without it. There was lively discussion that will be continued on the February meeting with a vote taken on the budget.

**Motion:** To close debate was proposed by **Lee Hart**, seconded by **Wayne Kreger** and passed without opposition.

**Trivia:** What year did the lowest horse power for a V-8 come out in Corvettes, and what was the horse power? Answer: 1975 with 165hp, no one answered correctly.

Drawing: \$105 was earned. \$52 to the club, Pat Ennor won \$26.25, and Tom Paddock won \$26.25.

Adjourned at 7:50pm Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 1/9/2016



## Upcoming Car Shows in the Valley

**Albany Swap Meet** at the Albany Fairgrounds Jan 9.

**Canby Swap** Meet at Canby Fairgrounds Jan 17.

**Albany Car Show**, Albany Fairgrounds on Jan 22-23. John Elegant will be showing his awesome Z06 (WRP SPD)!

**Portland International Auto Show** at the Portland Convention Center from Jan 28-31.

Peterson Auto Auction at the State Fairgrounds in Salem on Feb 6

**Night of Rock and Roll, hot dogs, hamburgers and pop** from 6:30-10 at State Fairgrounds. Display Cars and fun, cost \$10, call Jim Billings for questions, 503-930-7151.

Salem Roadster Show, at State Fairgrounds Feb 20-21.

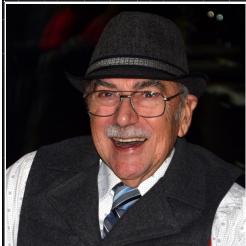
**Portland Roadster Show** at the Portland Expo Center, March 18-20.

**Also the Portland Cars and Coffee** still occurs every Sat from 8-11 am at the World of Speed in Wilsonville!

Thanks to Stan for this information!



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## On a personal note:

## By Al Manrubia

everal years ago, when I attended my first WVCA meeting, I remember I was in such awe seeing all the shiny Corvettes and being welcomed with open arms by the membership.

Over the years I have belonged to many clubs of different sorts. One being the Single Action Shooting Society that has over 99,000 members within hundreds of Clubs. In S.A.S.S. I had never met so many nice people as I have in all the clubs I have competed in. I never thought that it could happen again until it did at the WVCA.

Now I'm realizing that it isn't just about the shooting or the cars, but more about the people involved and the talents that they bring with them. It seems to me that the better

the people are, the more fun we seem to have!

The events at WVCA have been a blast such as the "runs", Jacket Nights, and the Picnic (Waynestock). My all-time favorite that makes me feel like a little kid waiting for Christmas is the "Half Penny Annual Cruise-In" car show. Those Corvettes are enough to make anyone's pulse skyrocket. The food, music and the Corvette people; it doesn't get any better than that. That is not to take anything away from the Homecomings or the Iris Parade where it really makes you feel like you are showcasing your Vette.

Fun, fun, fun. That is what the events at WVCA have been to me, thanks to all the hard working great people who really know how to enjoy life. On the road or not, the WVCA seems to be heading in the right direction thanks to some very nice and talented folks. I, for one, think that we all need to support our leaders as much as possible. Even with my stroke limitations, I know that I must try harder to support all of the WVCA endeavors because the outcome is more fun, fun, fun!

In closing, I must say a huge great big THANKS to everyone for not just owning a great car the Corvette is, but taking it farther, enjoying ourselves and having so much fun; this is really what the Corvette lifestyle is all about!

## 2018 Corvettes To Have 12 Colors; And, First Beam Set for the New Corvette Paint Shop at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant

**Introductory notes**: While we all have suspected that the new paint shop would be located outside of the existing Bowling Green Assembly Plant (BGA) building, this is the first GM confirmation of that. By building an additional 450,000 square foot addition to BGA, that obviously leaves the current 435,000 square feet inside the Plant where the current paint shop is located, to be eventually empty by the spring of 2017. What better place for building the new mid-engine assembly line, whether it be for a Corvette only version, a Cadillac only one, or for both a Corvette and a Cadillac mid-engine sports cars? And since the mid-engine is "off the record" going to be a 2018 model, timing certainly is not a fluke. As noted below, the new paint shop is scheduled to be completed in April, 2017, so perhaps the last few months of the C7 production will have the benefit of the Plant shop's state of the art equipment. (John Elegant)

\*\*\*Article below thanks to CorvetteBlogger, by Mitch Talley.

"Let the countdown begin."

The first of some 11,000 pieces of steel was put into place Monday as construction of a technologically advanced paint shop at the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green began in earnest.

When all is said and done in early 2017 and the first car is expected to be painted in April that year, Corvette customers (perhaps mid-engine customers, too, we can hope) will begin seeing a much higher-quality paint job and an expanded color palette.

That first beam, which was 55 feet long and weighed three tons, is part of the northeast corner of the new paint shop, which will be 450,000 square feet – half the size of the current facility

First Beam Set for the New Corvette Paint Shop at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant "It's a landmark day to see this happen," Plant Manager Kai Spande said.

According to Spande, the expansion "is for the customers," noting that because the plant is painting carbon fiber and specialized plastics, all off of the body, special processes used only in Bowling Green will be implemented.

"From an operational standpoint, we will have more automation, but that will be balanced out with increased complexity," Spande said, "so it doesn't make our jobs easier, but it will make a better product for our customers."

Chuck Valentini, body systems manager, said the new shop will be able "to do some colors that we can't do today while also raising the quality level up," thanks to additional spray capabilities, spray booths, and automation.

The expansion means that 12 colors will be offered instead of the current 10, along with some tri-coats that use a ground and a mid-coat application to produce white diamond colors for a more fluorescent depth to the finish.

"Because of the additional automation we'll be able to offer the additional colors that our customers want that we are not able to give them today," Valentini added.

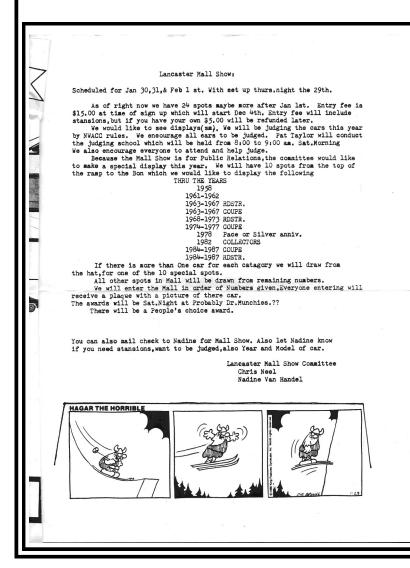
The new plant will also be good for the environment as a state-of-the-art paint recovery operation will be built under the booth.

While base paint in the air currently gets trapped in water, then is filtered out to leave a sludge to dispose of, the new paint shop will have a dry scrub system using limestone to recover the paint, keeping it dry and creating a recyclable application that can be used to make concrete. "This represents a much better waste stream than what we currently have," Valentini says

Construction crews will put up an average of 50 pieces of steel each day to stay on schedule and should have the building enclosed by this May, allowing the new equipment to be installed in time for the first car to be painted in April 2017

"You can bet that I'll be here to see that first car coming off the line," Site Project Manager Marc Roberts said."

http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2015/12/15/first-beam-set-for-the-new-corvette-paint-shop-at-the-bowling-green-assembly-plant/





What was WVCA doing during the winter doldrums in 1987? In the late 1980's and early 90's the club used to put on Corvette car shows in local malls. Here in Salem the Lancaster Mall used to work with

us to put on these shows inside in the warmth of the mall. The Salem shows were so successful that eventually Heritage Mall in Albany also approached us and we held similar events at that mall a couple of times as well. Part of the fun involved gathering as a group to build plaques for each participant. The plaques were always hand made out of wood, had a dash plaque for the event and a picture of

the participants' Vette taken at the show. Here's an example from the 1991 Lancaster Mall show, which proves two thing: 1) the shows were real, not a figment of my imagination, and 2) I never get rid of anything



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The annual Christmas party was held at Delaney Madison Grill in Keizer on the 16th and was well attended. The food was very good and everyone had a nice time as always. There was the usual stealing and re-stealing of the gifts, but, in general everyone was happy with the ones they chose.

The Police department should be happy with the selection of bears that filled up a table; they use the bears to give to distressed children in need of comfort.

















































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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Terms used to describe WVCA activity need to be defined and consistent so we all understand what is meant by them.

"Activity" is anything members do with the association – whether it is being in social groups at meetings and events, wearing WVCA apparel, helping with a project as a committee worker, being a committee chairperson or being a host.

"Committee" is a person or group who plan, organize and accomplish social events; and, do association tasks other than officer responsibilities.

"Event" is tours, jacket nights, cruise-ins or any social events that require planning and organization by a committee.

"Host" is a member who provides their property in or on which an event is held.

These terms designate which activities WVCA members do to earn participation points.

We have identified 5 activities that deserve recognition:

- 1 Attending meetings and events
- 2 Wearing WVCA apparel
- 3 Serving as a committee worker
- 4 Serving as a committee chairperson
- 5 Being a host for events at the host's home or property

(Being an officer is an activity, but officers are not considered in the point system.)

All activities must fall into these 5 categories to be manageable and understandable when awarding points toward member of the year.

All tasks performed by members of WVCA are coordinated by a committee chairperson and may have one or more workers or assistants – except officers.

By defining these terms used in our association, we are able to comprehend how the recognition of participation points system is intended to work.

Please read through section <u>Section 3.4, 3.41 and 3.42</u> in the current bylaws that are located on the website. Please note that it is redundant in places and not clearly written.

Then, read the committee's proposed changes. You decide which is more understandable and effective, and bring that vote to the meeting in February. If you have questions, comments or find any inconsistencies, please call or email me.

Respectfully, Lee Hart 503-362-4010 leesallyhart@comcast.net

(Proposed changes to bylaws to facilitate participation point tabulation) 1/07/15

## Section 3.4 – Recognition of Participation

- A. WVCA Members will earn one participation point for each of the following:
  - 1. Attending regular meetings and sanctioned events.
  - 2. Wearing WVCA apparel, name tag, or shirt with WVCA logo at meetings and events.
  - 3. Being a working member of a committee appointed by the president or Vice President.
    - a) Activities of WVCA that require work, except officers, are termed "committees."
    - b) Writing an article for the newsletter will be a committee of one worker.
    - c) Members may seek approval to do projects as a committee.
    - d) See Section 6.3, C (Responsibilities of Secretary) for guidance on tabulating points.
- B. Members will earn two participation points for the following:
  - 1. Being a committee chairperson for an activity or event.
    - a) Only when more than one member is on a committee will there be a chairperson.
- b) Webmaster and Newsletter Editor are chairpersons of their committees and will earn 2 points per month
- C. Members will earn three participation points for the following:
  - 2. Hosting an activity at their home or property,
    - a) "Host" is the person who owns the property where the event is held.
    - b) If a member is both committee chair person and host, that is: 2 + 3 = 5 points.
- D. Ten members who have earned more points for participation than other members during a fiscal year will be recognized by WVCA with an award of:
  - A certificate of appreciation and a pin, a plaque or something deemed affordable and appropriate by the outgoing board of directors.
    - a) Awards given to each of 9 members, not being Member of the Year, will have the member's name and the year of service inscribed.

#### Section 3.4 Member of the Year

- A. Procedure for selecting a Member of the Year:
  - 1. A member who earns most points, as outlined in section 3.4 will usually be designated: "Member of the Year."
    - a) In a case where there are extenuating circumstances (which must be detailed in board meeting minutes) directors have the option, by majority vote, to select a Member of the Year from the 10 members earning the most points.
    - b) Total meetings attended by a candidate, or other appropriate means, may be considered when a tie must be broken in the total number of points earned.
  - 2. In a case where both family members earn the same number of points, there will be only one award given with both names inscribed.
  - 3. Members of the board of directors will not be eligible for Member of the Year because they have the option to choose who that member will be.

a) Board members – except past president – will receive other awards for participation.

[See section 3.42] (Note: The above item is here because there is a bylaw proposal to recognize officers.)

## Section 3.41 – Recognition of Member of the Year

- A. Award will be a plaque or something deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
  - 1. Recognition and presentation will take place at WVCA's Year-end Banquet.
    - a) Award given to Member of the Year, will have the member's name and year of service inscribed.
  - 2. Expense of all awards will be part of the annual budget.
  - 3. Dues for a single member or "family couple," will be waved for the next year as an additional award to the Member of the Year.
  - 4. A photo of a Corvette owned by a Member of the Year will be shown on the roster.

Letter to Tom Paddock ~ WVCA President requesting a new by-law:

In years past, a group of members would usually acquire awards for officers of WVCA that would be presented at the end of the year banquet. There was never any provision in the bylaws to do this that I can find.

For a few years, there were wooden plaques acquired that had half of a wooden gavel and a black medallion with a gold WVCA emblem imbedded and were given to Presidents at the end of the end-of-the-year banquet. I do not know who paid for the plaques. My investigation as to how these awards were acquired is ongoing. Larry King and Paul Ennor say that they know those awards were given but are not sure who paid for them.

It is difficult to entice members to be officers for WVCA. It can be a difficult, time consuming and nerve racking job. Therefore, I am proposing an addition to our bylaws that will ensure that officers are recognized for their work as an incentive to other members.

I am asking you to proceed with this addition to the bylaws, as shown below, in accordance with our constitution and post it in the newsletter See ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS Respectfully submitted, Lee Hart

## Section 3.42 – Recognition of officers

- A. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Member at Large will receive recognition for their service as officers.
  - 1. In August, the current president will appoint a committee to handle the design and procurement of these awards.
    - a) The committee will consist of at least 2 members that are not officers.
    - b) All 6 awards need not be the same.
    - c) This recognition award will be a certificate of appreciation and a pin, plaque or something deemed affordable and practical for outgoing board of directors.
    - d) Awards will have the member's name, position held and the year of service inscribed.
    - e) Expenses of these awards will be part of the annual budget.
    - 2. Awards will be presented at the awards banquet by the Member of the Year.

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## Opinion

Last night's monthly meeting consisted of some lively discussion regarding Directors and Officers insurance and raising the club membership dues to \$50/yr. for a couple and \$40/yr. single. The D & O insurance is only part of the increased costs affecting the need to increase membership fees. The cost of our previous insurance has essentially doubled from the time our membership fees were last set.

I think the room was unanimous about <u>not wanting</u> to pay for additional insurance! But the reality is that we live in a sue-happy society. Just driving one of those fancy cars make you a target! The question about <u>risk</u> really amounts to the risk someone is willing to accept for volunteering to serve our club. Knowing that you could be sued for the actions of someone else when you weren't even present., how many people do you think will remain on the Board of this Club? How many of you are willing to accept that Risk?

Sure, others among you have served without this coverage; I myself served. This is different than when I served previously. I was told, and believed, that the insurance the Club had, covered me against a law suit, minimizing my possible risk. I strongly recommend approval of the budget, purchase of D & O insurance, as well as increasing the membership fee as mentioned. Steve Tuttle



Directors and officers liability insurance

Directors and officers liability Insurance (often called D&O) is liability insurance payable to the directors and officers of a company, or to the organization(s) itself, as indemnification (reimbursement) for losses or advancement of defense costs in the

event an insured suffers such a loss as a result of a legal action brought for alleged wrongful acts in their capacity as directors and officers. Such coverage can extend to defense costs arising out of criminal and regulatory investigations/trials as well; in fact, often civil and criminal actions are brought against directors/officers simultaneously. Intentional illegal acts, however, are typically not covered under D&O policies.

It has become closely associated with broader management liability insurance, which covers liabilities of the corporation itself as well as the personal liabilities for the directors and officers of the corporation.

#### Background]

The insurance is closely related to corporate governance, corporation law, and the fiduciary duty owed to shareholders or other beneficiaries. Under the United States business judgment rule, the directors and officers are granted broad discretion in their business activities. In the United States, corporate law is typically at the state level; corporations are often domiciled in Delaware due to its developed corporate law and tax benefits. Publicly traded companies are subject to more federal claims, particularly due to the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## Corporate indemnification

In the United States, the articles of association often includes an indemnification provision holding the officers harmless for losses

occurring due to their role in the company. The purchased insurance is typically in addition to this corporate indemnification, or reimburses the corporation. In some states corporations may be mandated to indemnify directors and officers in order to encourage people to take the positions and in most cases the corporations have the option to indemnify their officers. However, in certain cases the corporation may be explicitly forbidden from indemnifying such director or officer. Liabilities which aren't indemnified by the corporation are potentially covered by certain types of D&O insurance (particularly Side-A Broad Form DIC policies).

### **Brief history**

The insurance was first marketed in the 1930s by Lloyd's but into the 1960s the volume sold was "negligible". Corporations began to allow for corporate indemnification in the 1940s and 1950s. and the 1960s "merger mania" was followed by costly litigation.[6] In the 1980s, the United States experienced a "D&O crisis" along with the overall liability crisis, with increased premiums, reduced availability, and numerous additional exclusionary clauses in the insurance policy. Due to changes in securities laws in the 1960s, the insurance was sold primarily based on the concerns of directors & officers of "personal financial protection" but the coverages have evolved so that personal and corporate indemnification are both considered. The 1995 decision of the 9th Circuit in Nordstrom, Inc. v. Chubb & Son, Inc. resulted in the emphasis in "Side C" (corporate entity) coverage. The decision resolved an "allocation problem" of how to allocate costs between individual insureds, as the corporation was typically not insured while individuals were. There is no standard D&O form, but each has shared a similar outline.

You can read more at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Directors\_and\_officers\_liability\_insurance . You can type into your search line D&O Insurance to find many articles about it. Copied from the internet by Lee Hart - 01/08/2016 In order to make the suggested changes to the Recognition Point system, this modification to responsibilities of secretary should be approved to agree with it.

(Proposed changes to bylaws to up-date responsibility of SECRETARY):

- C. SECRETARY is responsible for:
  - 1. Being guided by Article X part #59 & 60 of Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure which pertains to secretaries.
    - a) See #59 & 60 at: http://www.robertsrules.org/rror-10.htm#59
  - 2. Recording minutes of all meetings in a book, on paper or suitable storage device.
    - a) "all meetings" include minutes from board meetings.
    - b) A suitable storage device could include a USB flash drive.
  - 3. Having custody of meeting minutes for the previous ten years.
    - a) Paper copies of minutes will be kept for two years.
    - b) Digital or electronic copies of minutes should be kept for at least ten years.
  - 4. Submitting minutes to webmaster for publication on the website.
    - a) Minutes of regular meetings should be submitted within within 14 days.
  - 5. Assembling prospective member packets for Member at Large to distribute.
  - 6. Receiving applications of prospective members from Member at Large.
    - a) Reports to membership when a prospective member is eligible for membership.
  - 7. Recording participation points earned by members as prescribed in Section 3.4.
    - a) A suitable paper form will be used to tabulate points.
    - b) Secretary may delegate point tabulation to another officer or member of WVCA.

note of explanation for the inclusion of the proposed changes in by-laws in this issue: it is required when ever there is a change in by-laws or Constitution.

At the monthly meeting on January 7th the attendance was down from all the celebrating the New Year I guess, so some of you may be unaware of what was discussed (There will be some voting next meeting so if you want your wishes to be heard, you will need to attend, PLUS that will make the 50-50 bigger!).

Some of you may have heard that we have recently become aware of the need for insurance coverage for Officers and Directors (Board Members) which we have not had before. It is expensive (\$750/year for coverage of 5 members), but as with all insurance it is totally a waste of money, unless you need it, like car and home insurance.

We know that few, if any, of you are uninsured for your cars or home or recreational vehicles, because there is always that one chance in a million that some tragedy will befall you. Without coverage you are hanging in the wind like dirty underwear on a clothes line; you are in trouble!

This money has to come out of our budget (we have the money), and there are some members who do not see the need for the coverage and maybe you are in that group, but we have to keep in mind that unless you are willing to serve as a Board member without any protection from lawsuits, we need this safety net, as disagreeable as it may be, so please try to make it to the next meeting and make your wishes heard and the majority will rule, much as in the rest of our fine country these days.

I personally would like to thank the current and past Boards for stepping up and making the hard decisions, some of which are not popular, again, like governing bodies in the rest of our country. And as always, if you do not like the direction we are traveling in, it is up to you to step in and run for office next year; you probably won't have much opposition! *Editor* 

(continued from front page) While some of the best times I have had on runs have been with small groups (if two or three cars qualify as a group) it is still the line of many Corvettes together that generate public attention while driving down the road.

This year the goal for the WVCA should be not just about member participation, but also about having more fun. The budget hopefully shows that the current board is taking steps to achieve this goal. As we head into the driving months, I encourage members to not only participate, but to help keep the fun factor moving towards an all time high.

An oldie but a filler!!! Lighter Side: Billy, forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was mad. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!!" The next morning when his wife woke up, she looked out the window to find a box...gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale... Billy was last seen at the local dealership in the Corvette Salesman's office signing paperwork! Let's all have fun and make this a Great Year. Roger





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