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**President
Stan Czerniak**

As I look back on the past 12 months as the WVCA President, I am struck by not only how fast that this time has gone by, but more importantly by the quality of the members in this fine association. Probably, the most fun for me this past year, is that I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you much better. And as such I have come to really appreciate you as individuals who bring varied experiences and talents to the WVCA table! Collectively, I do not think there is a finer collection of CORVETTE enthusiasts anywhere! A car club or association President really has very limited "real" authority and quite frankly must rely on the members to help fulfill his/her responsibilities. In my experience with the WVCA, our members are always willing to step up to the plate to help get done whatever we set out to do!

It is because of our members that we have done so well in so many ways! Our Cars Shows and Cruise Ins have been a complete success by anyone's measure! We have had great Jacket Nights, Cruises, Parties, Charitable Events, Parade Participation and the list goes on to include our members participating in the CORVETTE CARAVAN, the CORVETTE BIRTHDAY BASH and the CORVETTE DAY at the World of Speed!!!

By any measure, we are doing a lot of things right and as an association, we are very, very healthy! Our Checking and savings account balances have never been this strong and stable! (Cont inued on page 7)



**Vice President
Shane Massey**

It's a new year and with it me as your new vice president. I am looking forward to an exciting new year for WVCA. Next year is going to be better than the last.

My Corvette Story

Andrea and I purchased our first (not the last) Corvette, a year and a half ago. We noticed a beautiful 2005 Z51 at a local lot by our house. We were not even planning on buying a car at the time. But we decided to check it out. To be honest, we were sold as soon the engine started and we heard the sweet sound of the Borla exhaust.



That was July 2018, the next day driving around in our new (to us) Corvette. We thought it would be fun to join a Corvette club. Andrea did some checking and found the WVCA's Facebook page. She reached out and we were invited to jacket night at the Half Penny. The experience was so welcoming. The group had us park with them. Everyone was so nice, that we decided to join. We had been members for only two months when I was asked to be the Activities Committee Chair for 2019. I have learned a lot this last year. WVCA has had a lot of fun. An Exciting 2019 in Pictures Here are a few of the exciting things WVCA did last year.

2019 Glass on the Grass: The best Oregon Corvette car show. Awesome cars, perfect weather, and great people. **(Con't on p 8)**

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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**The automobile engine
will come, and then I
will consider my life's
work complete.
Rudolf Diesel**

MEETING MINUTES

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2ND 2020

Meeting called to order by President Stan Czerniak at 6:30pm

Members present: 36

Guests: – Larry and Cathie Raaf. They are interested in joining the association. They attended the Glass on the Grass last summer and one of the cars and coffee events at Capitol Chevrolet.

New Members: None

Birthdays:

3 – Sandra Stark

3 – John Elegant

10 – Andrea Massey

19 – Lewis (LD) Thompson

24 – Andrea Smothers

25 – Annie Koenig

27 – Ann Salvatori

28 – Kay Hanson

31 - Vikki Arck

Minutes Report: Andrea Smothers

Changes to previous minutes: None

Motion to accept by: Kent Muhle

Seconded

Vote by membership: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Smothers

Amount in Checking: \$3,388.22

Amount in Savings: \$10,609.50

Amount in Petty Cash: \$11.00

Total All Accounts: \$14,008.72

Motion to accept by: John Elegant

Seconded

Vote by membership: unanimous

President's Report: Stan Czerniak

Holiday Party Review – 46 members attended the holiday party in December at Gustavs Bargarten in Keizer Station. Stan recognized Julie Hughes and the group that she put together for the success of the party.

Gift Cards – Gustavs Bargarten gave the association 15 \$10 gift cards for holding the holiday party at their restaurant. The membership discussed several options for the gift cards. Julie Hughes made a motion to charge \$5 for a \$10 gift card and sell them there at the meeting. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 17-18 January **Winter Rod and Speed Show** at the Linn County Fair and Expo in Albany.
- ◆ More info and discount coupons at: http://capitoldragster.com/winter_show.html
- ◆ 20-23 February **Portland International Auto Show** at the Oregon Convention Center
- ◆ More info at: <https://portlandautoshow.com/>
- ◆ 7-8 March **Salem Roadster Show** at the Oregon State Fairgrounds
- ◆ More info at: <http://www.salem-roadstershow.com/>
- ◆ 20-22 March **Portland Roadster Show** at the Portland Expo Center. More info at: <http://www.portlandroadstershow.com/Show-Info>

Vice President's Report: Shane Massey

January Jacket Night will be at The Yard Food Park in Salem on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM. Since it's located in Salem the plan is just to meet at the location.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the 2020 activities committee. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee please contact Shane Massey.

Another sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to organize/host Jacket Nights for the rest of the year.

2019 was a great year full of outstanding activities and Shane is looking forward to 2020 being even better.

Bowling Green Update: Ken Arck

According to a whisper from John Elegant, the bash registration is open. The National Corvette Museum Michelin Bash is 23-25 April. As in past years there will be a large contingent of GM engineers and designers from Warren Tech Center, and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant ready to answer your every question. We are also expecting several configurations of the new 2020 Corvette. More info at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/michelin-ncm-bash/>

Mid Engine Corvette Update: John Elegant On February 9th, which is a Sunday, McCurley Chevrolet in Pasco, Washington, is hosting the 2020 Corvette Mobile Tour from 10 AM – 4 PM. The highly anticipated 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray will make an exclusive appearance at McCurley Integrity Chevrolet (for the only Northwest stop) before it officially goes on sale.

This is the biggest Corvette event yet for this storied automotive icon. This U.S. tour will give enthusiasts around the country an up-close look at the first-ever production mid-engine Corvette - offering a new standard of design, performance, technology, and craftsmanship. The tour includes a hands-on look at the new Corvette as well as numerous interactive displays. At these events, vehicle specialist will host customers interested in learning about the new mid-engine supercar, display customization parts (seats, wheels, accessories, ect.) and teach people how to personalize their own Corvette.

This one-of-a-kind fan experience is fitting for the first-ever production mid-engine Corvette, a vehicle that invented the American sports car segment when Chevy debuted the first generation in 1953. This Next Generation builds upon, but also redefines Corvette's legacy.

If you are interested in attending, there is a group going. Please contact Shane Massey or John Elegant.

More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/622439284822366/>

Tech Time: John Elegant mentioned TCT Wraps if you're interested in vehicle wraps or window tinting. He's seen their work on several cars and was very impressed. <https://www.tctwraps.com/> While he was at their shop he noticed they were using short car lifts for all their work.

There was some discussion about where to get a lift like that and how handy it would be for doing detail work on the bottom half of your car. Costco sells the QuickJack, 5,000 lb capacity portable car lift for \$1,199.99.

Billy Boat Exhaust is planning on new exhaust system products for the C8. <https://www.bbexhaust.com/>

More vendors and products for the C8 can be found at <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/>

Tom Paddock talked about his throttle response controller. It is supposed to eliminate the response delays from your electronic accelerator pedal, allowing your engine to respond faster and resulting in much faster acceleration. He said it was pretty cool and took about a minute to install.

Tom says when you punch it and usually you get that rev/hesitation before it accelerates, you can actually set it so it's like BAMM!!!! (<---Tom's words) and the first time you do that it's pretty interesting. So if you want your car to go BAMM!!! see Tom.

Decades: Here comes the 20's

By: Paul Ennor



Here we are rushing head-long into the 20's! Not the roaring 20's of the 1900's with prohibition, speak easies, model-T Fords and Edison phonographs. Nope, it's the 2020's with legal marijuana, craft beers, eighth generation Corvettes, and the Internet. All of this is sure making me feel old. I'm really stuck in the 1960's. I still listen to the 60's station on XM radio! The pace of change almost puts me in shock at the very thought of it all. It seems like just last year we crashed through some time barrier and arrived in the 21st century and survived Y2K (remember that?). What happened to the last twenty years?



The 2000 Corvette still seems new to me but it's not! The 2000 C5 is twenty years old now! As old as the first '53 Corvette was when I bought a new '73 Corvette way back in 1973. Two more generations of Corvettes, the C6 and C7 have come and gone since the year 2000. Talk about time flying!

As we venture into the 20's the much anticipated C8 Corvette is soon to arrive in a few lucky owners' driveways. Well, they will as soon as Chevy gets the Bowling Green factory retooled and starts building customer Vettes again and gets done messing around with "dealer allocations" and a few other minor annoyances. And it's about time too. I remember back in 1973 when I bought my first Corvette, "confirmed rumors" were everywhere back then that the 1974 Corvette would be a mid-engine Vette. Pictures and stories about the new four rotor Vette were in every automotive magazine and the Glass Sass too. But, as we all know, those rumors were just that, not confirmed rumors but wild unfounded speculation rumors and a late-70's mid-engine Vette never happened.

Rumors of a mid-engine Vette went back even further than that, clear back to the late 1950's and 60's. It's sure taken GM a long time to actually move the engine behind the seats. But from what I've heard the wait will be worth it. Meanwhile we have been treated to five more generations of front engine Vettes. What would the world have been like without the C4, C5, C6 and C7 Corvettes? I guess we'll never know but what I do know is a lot of Corvetters own one of those generations and have grown to love them.

Now as we enter the second decade of the 21st century those who can afford one of these new C8 Vettes can look forward to hearing the engine roar from behind them like an Indy car. Putting groceries under the hood could take a while to get used to □ but I'm sure C8 owners will adapt just like I did way back in the 1960's when I owned a Corvair with a rear engine and front trunk. If I sound a bit jealous of the lucky few who will soon be driving a new C8 it's because I am. I hope one of you lucky C8 owners might offer me a ride when you get yours.

Oh, and just for the fun of it... Here are a couple of pictures showing what Chevy almost did mid-engine wise to the Corvette back in 1973-74 versus what's going to be built this year:





Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant)

The 2020 Stingray “start of customer C8 production” is about month away. What has been accomplished? Let’s start with the 2020 Stingray already earned the “Top Ten Best” Car & Driver award, then we move forward to its also winning the Motor Trend **Car of the Year** award.



Let us look at just a two-option C8 and see how well it performs, e.g., a Stingray with the Z51 and the mag ride options, with its standard 495 HP/470 TQ “LT2”, and its’ also-standard, 8-speed DCT (dual-clutch trans); including transportation, is \$66,890. It has accomplished:

- ◆ 0-60 = 2.8 seconds (November, 2019 C&D)
- ◆ 1/4 mile = 11.1 seconds @ 123.2 MPH (MT, Oct, 2019)
- ◆ Top Speed = 194 MPH for the entry version, non-Z51 Stingray (GM.com)
- ◆ 60-0 Stopping Power = 97’ (MT, Oct, 2019)
- ◆ Lateral Cornering = 1.09G (AutoWeek, November, 2019)

How does the 2020 StingRay’s 0-60 time compare to other notables?

1. The 2020, 789 HP, McLaren Senna took the same 2.8 seconds to reach 60 MPH as did the 2020 Stingray, but the Senna costs \$1,400,000 (C&D, November, 2019); and,
2. The 770 HP, 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby 500 GT takes 3.5 seconds to get to 60 MPH (C&D, November, 2019). That’s 0.7 seconds **slower** -- yet the Mustang has 760 HP (+265 horses).

Where are we now in the C8 pre-production process?

The last C7 was completed; the Bowling Green Assembly Plant has been converted to 100% C8 production; and over 1,200 BGA employees have been trained to “level four” job skill mastery (the highest performance level).

Between December 9th and January 31st, BGA will assemble approximately 350 “captured test fleet” C8’s for further street and track evaluating/refining.

Starting at 6:12 AM, Monday, Feb 3rd, C8 Stingray **CUSTOMER** cars will be assembled.

One of the most fascinating Corvette video interviews I have ever seen, is this delightful ride with Tadge Juechter being driving in a HTC Stingray (hard top convertible) by none other than Jay Leno. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/95487-fascinating-autoline-tadge-c8-interview>



Another exciting video is the following video teaser showing the new C8.R on the main runway at the Kennedy Space Center and footage from Sebring race track. By the time many read this, the C8.R will have already completed its first major pre-race test, the Daytona Roar Before the 24 (January 3rd-5th); more excitedly, the first actual 1st race of the C8.R will be at the Rolex 24 (Jan 25th/26th) just about three weeks away. First this teaser video:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/95623-c8-r-video-teaser-including-at-kennedy-space-center-and-sebring>

Then, here are links to both events:

<http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/Events/2020/Roar-Before-The-Rolex-24/Roar-Before-The-Rolex-24.aspx>

<https://www.imsa.com/events/2020-rolex-24-daytona>

The eight week strike, which delayed C8 customer production by that amount, had *upsides*, specifically giving Corvette team engineers that much more time to refine the StingRay's software controlling its transmission, suspension, steering, braking and more.

Consequently, when Randy Probst re-tested the Stingray roughly eight weeks after his first August testing, he was *much* more positive about the C8. He suggested some improvements to GM to improve those systems. GM listened to many.

Here is that MotorTrend article after those upgrades <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/94661-randy-on-c8-track-further-handling-improvements>

Hopefully, the C8's capabilities for real over-the-air (OTA) software updates can further modify the software helping to control its transmission, suspension, steering, braking, etc., *will allow more, future refinements to occur while we are driving our 2020 C8's down the road.*

To round out the major C8 accomplishments and notables since the last issue of this article, is this truly fascinating interview of Tadge Juechter by Autoline. Whether one is a C8 fanatic, or just mildly interested in how Corvette engineering becomes reality, here you go: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/95487-fascinating-autoline-tadge-c8-interview>

Thanks for reading, and as always, I would like to directly communicate with you when you contact www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com, your sending a private message to "John".

Here's to many more miles of Corvette smiles in whatever Corvette you are now driving!



(Continued from President's Corner) And a count of the number of current individuals, on our membership roster, totals a very respectable 78 members! Not too many years ago, we had half that number as WVCA members! And the feedback that I get from many of you is that most of us are having fun, doing fun things that are CORVETTE related! We take care of business as needed, in and outside of our meetings, but we also do this in a climate of respectful fun!

So, let's all work together to continue our successes and to increase our level of fun by making a New Year's resolution to make the WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION even better in 2020 than it was in 2019!

To this end, we are off to a good start and we have a new Board of Directors, who are committed to work towards doing just that! In the coming year, your Board members will be introducing some new, innovative and exciting initiatives that will not only improve our operation but will also involve new fun and exciting activities for our members! Stay tuned for more about that and please trust my assertion that your association is in good hands for 2020!!!

As a final note, as one looks at our 78 members strong association, what is apparent is that collectively, we have a tremendous amount of CORVETTE related experiences, knowledge and yes frankly "TALES TO TELL" that would be great and maybe beneficial to share with other members! And we do have several of our members who are absolutely outstanding in doing just that. Paul E, John E and others come to mind in this regard. And like most of us, we/ they do this in a number of ways both informally and formally, in conversations and meetings!

But they also take an extra step by sharing their CORVETTE related experiences in our monthly newsletter "THE GLASS SASS"! I for one really look forward to reading whatever CORVETTE related news, information or "TALES" that any of our members have to share! So please (occasionally or often) take a few moments to jot down some of your CORVETTE related experiences (good or bad) and e-mail them to Buzz to be included in future issues of the GLASS SASS!!! We will all benefit from whatever CORVETTE related experiences and/or information that you want to share!

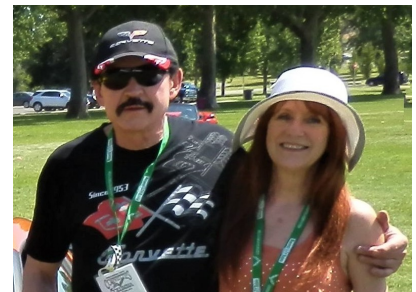
In closing, I want to wish all of you a very SAFE, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, FUN and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Best Regards,

Your Association President,

Stan W Czerniak

During the last days of December, 2019, Stan got married to his long-time girlfriend, Shannon Wright. He kept it pretty close to the vest and very few, if any, members knew until He announced it at the Monthly Club Meeting. Congratulations to Stan and Shannon, and we hope the next chapter of your lives will bring you good things!!





Capitol Chevrolet/WVCA Cars and Coffee 3 times

We had over 80 cars at the first May the 4th be with you themed cars and coffee.



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Stopped to take aerial photo with Shane's drone and crashed it....



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C-8 reveal watch party on Jacket night

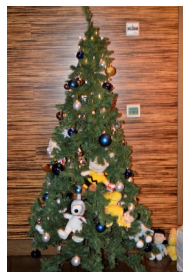


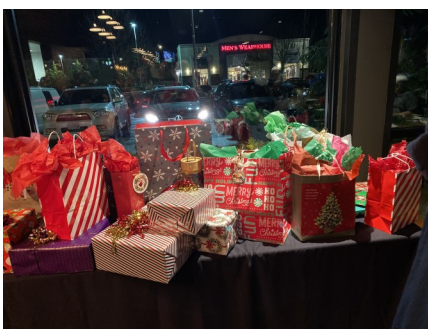
Halloween Party





Holiday Party





Miscellaneous Fun Stuff



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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.

Trivia

The Sting Ray nameplate was introduced in 1963 and was originally two separate words. The Sting Ray nameplate was not used on the 1968 model and when it returned in 1969 the models used the "Stingray" name as one word, without the space. 1976 was the last year the Stingray nameplate and model was used until the C7 generation in 2014.

50/50 Raffle

\$136 collected by Andrea Massey \$ 68 to the club, \$ 34 to Karen?? and \$ 34 Buzz Blogg

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM

2020 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
Sandra Kafka Shelly Paddock Wayne and Janet Kreger Sandra Stark
Robert and Kathleen Ridge Roger and Maryann Burgess Steve Halverson

Budget

Julie Hughes Jim Tiano Jennifer Anderson John Elegant

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