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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



In last month's President's Corner I tried to write a little bit about some of the upcoming events on the WVCA Activities Committee calendar.

This month I want to discuss the 4th Annual WVCA/ Half Penny Cruise-in coming up on the 25th of this month. Each year this event has evolved and while there have been many changes since the inaugural event, it still remains as one of my favorite club functions. Last year the Statesman Journal listed it as one of the top things to do that weekend. At the last membership meeting, Don Chandler detailed some of the behind the scenes work that he has been up to, and this year the Cruise In sounds like it will once again raise the bar to a new level! Everyone who would like to be a part of the fun should contact Don Chandler: drchandler@petersoncat.com or Sherry Chandler: little-mousehead1@gmail.com There are many ways you can help and all help is appreciated.

My other favorite club event, which is held every month, is Jacket Night! This month Jacket Night is sponsored by Buzz Blogg and Barbara Fuller and will be held at Mangiare's Italian Restaurant in Independence, Oregon. I have had the opportunity to dine there several times in the past and have never been disappointed with the food or the service. This one promises to be another great time.

On Monday July 20th, WVCA is sponsoring a meeting with National Corvette Museum representative Gary Cockriel at Walery's Pizza . This will be a presentation about the museum and the importance of the maintaining the legacy of the Corvette, the automobile we all love, for future generations of Corvette enthusiasts. Gary travels the country making these presentations and it is a pleasure to have him available to speak to our club. I look forward to seeing everybody there representing WVCA. Please join us for an interesting presentation and a great pizza buffet.

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V.P. CORNER



Hello everyone. Isn't this Summer weather great for shining up your cars, putting some miles on them and cruising

this great state?

Speaking of this, June 27th 11 cars, 20 members, their guests and Max (Jeanie's rescue dog) followed President (Tom) to Silver Lake to the Cowboy Dinner Tree for a unbelievable meal, and then back to La Pine for the night.

If you missed out, see the pictures posted on our website. Upcoming Events: July 15th Jacket Night sponsored by Buzz Blogg & Barbara Fuller, will meet at the Walmart parking lot on So Commercial St. between 5:30 &

5:45 p.m., travel to Mangiare's Italian Restaurant, 114 S. Main St. Independence, OR. For those meeting at the Restaurant reservations are for 6:15 - 6:30 p.m. July 20th, 6:00 p.m., Meet and Greet Gary Cockriel, NCM speaker at Walery's Pizza, 1555 Edgewater St. N.W. Salem.

July 25th, 4th Annual Cruise-In, Sponsored by WVCA and the Half Penny Bar & Grill. Guest registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Cruise-In includes a D.J. many opportunities to win raffle prizes donated by local vendors and members. Good food and beverages, opportunity to display our corvettes and promote our club in the community. There is much work to be done by members, before, during and after to make our only club fund raiser a success. Contract Don and Sherry to offer your help. Hoping to see everyone at these events. *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 July Meeting Minutes Thursday July 3rd, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by President Tom Paddock.

Number of members present: 32

Number of guests present: 4

Guests: **Mike & Sherry McCall** 2007
 Kent Muhle 1999 Black C5 Z51 Coupe

Guest Speakers: John Elegant from Capitol Corvettes

July Birthdays: Sue Fine 2nd, Dan Anderson 6th, Henry Salvatori 9th, and Ray McKee 19th

Treasurer's Report: June Checking Balance beginning \$4,697.52 and end \$4,061.32, June Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.15 and end \$3,208.17.

Motion to accept the June Treasurer Report was put forth by **Lucky King**, seconded by **Paul Ennor** and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the June minutes was put forth by Wayne **Kreger**, seconded by **Pat Ennor** and passed without opposition.

Announcements:

Past Activities:

June Jacket Night 6/17 (**Chandler**) – Hitching Post in Keizer.
President's Run 6/27 & 28 (**Paddock**) – Cowboy Dinner Tree, we had 11 cars.

Current Events:

July Jacket Night 7/15 (**Blogg/Fuller**) – Mangiares, meet WalMart S. Commerical 5, leave 5:15 for Independence.

Gary Cockreil – National Corvette Museum – 7/20 6pm at Walery's. 4th Annual Cruise In (Club) 7/25-Half Penny, please plan on donating items for silent auction prizes or complete baskets.

Cruise In: Will be 10am – 3pm. Breakfast and lunch will be available to purchase, there will be a DJ this year. Email **Don or Sherry Chandler** if you want to help assemble baskets or work at the cruise in.

Gary Cockreil: John Elegant spoke about Gary coming to Walery's on 7/20 and speaking about the National Corvette Museum. He has owned 30 corvettes in his lifetime. He also spoke about some big changes going on with upgrades and improvements. \$439 million is going into a new paint shop in Flint, Michigan. As of 7/14/15 there will be no more supplier credit union discount. The number of people ordering chrome wheels has dropped dramatically.

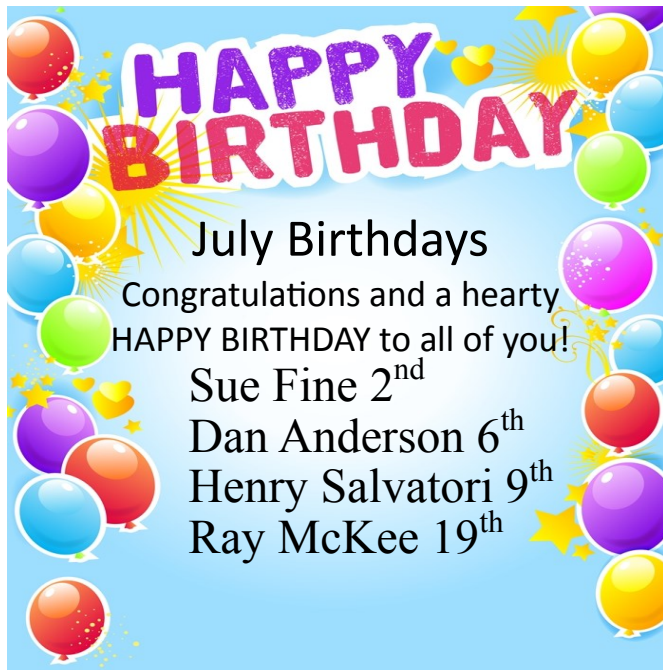
World of Speed: Vikki Arck volunteers there on Tuesdays. They have a cars and coffee there every Saturday from 8-10am.

Tech Time: Ken Arck purchased new tires, his had a little wear left at 21,000 miles but they are planning a long road trip and wanted to start with new ones.

Wayne Kreger met a past corvette designer on our road trip to La Pine last weekend. It was interesting to talk with him about our cars and corvettes in general.

Trivia: What year was the Lt1 introduced? **Kent Muhle** answered correctly with 1970.

Drawing: \$100 was earned. \$50 to the club, **Mike McCall** drew **Pat Manrubia** for \$25, and **John Elegant** drew **Pat Ennor** for \$25. Pat was obviously the lucky name tonight. Adjourned at 7:16pm Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 7/4/2015



GM Registers a Trademark for 'Corvette Manta Ray'

by [Keith Cornett](#) - Jun 23, 2015

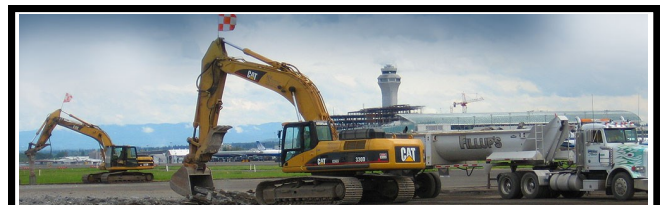
Thanks to some sleuthing of the US Patent and Trademarks database, the writers over at [AutoGuide.com](#) have discovered that last week GM filed a [trademark application](#) for 'Corvette Manta Ray' for use as "Motor land vehicles, namely, automobiles, engines therefor and structural parts thereof".

The trademark was filed last week by General Motors and you can see the trademark request from the USPTO below:

A filing of a trademark by General Motors is no small thing and they can point to future projects coming to fruition like the 'Corvette Grand Sport' trademarked in 2008 or the [Stingray](#) application filed in 2010.

Chevrolet has used the Manta Ray name previously as a concept car that closely related to the Mako Shark and the Mako Shark II.

The Manta Ray was actually built using the 1965 Mako Shark II (XP-830) as its base and so it retained many of the Mako Shark IIs features which were many. The Mako Shark II set the design standard for the C3 Corvette but as a concept car it included a clamshell hood and an all-aluminum ZL-1 V8. *(continued P 4)*



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The C-7 Speeder

By Al Manrubia



New Corvettes can be very expensive and many owners have had to wait for retirement before turning in their used Corvettes to purchase a brand new one.

This is supposedly a true story about one such elderly retired man who went to Florida to live out his Golden years with a newly purchased Z51 Stingray roadster.

The car had a lot more power than he had been used to and it was hard to keep the speed down for a 78 year old man! Lo and behold, he was speeding one day when a police cruiser lit him up from behind and told him to pull over.

As the old man pulled over to the shoulder of the road, he thought he noticed two figures in the patrol car. He immediately panicked and gunned the Corvette and sped away at a high rate of speed. Later, down the road, he began to think about what he had done and decided he had better pull over again and wait for the trooper.

As the trooper caught up and pulled over, a very bewildered police officer could not believe what had just happened, so he approached the elderly gentleman and said "you will need to give me a really good reason why you did that before I throw the book at you!"

At this point, the driver said "Let me explain: Many years ago when I was still driving a C3 Corvette, my wife was having an affair with a Highway Patrolman, and she eventually ran off with him. That damn patrolman looked a lot like you, officer, so when I saw your cruiser pull up behind me, I thought you were bringing her back!"

The patrolman said "drive safely, and have a nice day!"

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The Manta Ray had changes to front grill and a new spoiler while the rear received the most dramatic changes including a flying buttress replacing the Mako's Venetian blinds rear window treatment. The side exhaust pipes were redesigned to be a bit rounder and they were eventually offered on the 1969 Corvette Stingray. Today, the car resides at the GM Heritage Center.

So what does this mean for the C7 Corvette? Well, having the Manta Ray trademark would give the Corvette Team the option to offer a "Manta Ray" special edition or an appearance package which would play off the Stingray name.

The team has already said that the Stingray and Z06 are all that's going to be for models in the C7 generation, so the special edition makes the most sense. Less likely is the idea that 'Manta Ray' would be the successor to the Stingray as a C8 model. While the name evokes the 1969 concept car to Corvette history buffs, to the general public Manta Ray is better known as the [super criminal mastermind](#) on Spongebob than as a Corvette model.

So keep your eyes and ears open for the Corvette Manta Ray. We are also still watching out for a couple other GM trademark registrations waiting to come true like the [L88](#) and the [ZORA](#). (*Corvette Blogger*)

[Official 2016 Corvette Pricing Has Been Released](#)

In addition to the across-the-board increase, also released are the prices for the three Design Package RPOs and the MSRP for the [2016 Corvette C7.R Edition](#).

The three Design Packages require either the Stingray 3LT or the Z06 3LZ. Then, depending on which of the three Design Packages you order, it will include the following charge:

- Twilight Blue Design Pkg (ZLD): \$3,500 MSRP
- Spice Red Design Pkg (ZLE): \$3,500 MSRP
- Black Suede Design Pkg (ZLG): \$3,995 MSRP

The Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition Coupe requires the Z06 3LZ package and the preliminary MSRP will start at \$111,400

PRESIDENT'S DAY CRUISE TO COWBOY DINNER TREE



On a beautiful, but very hot Saturday morning ten cars and their drivers headed off to the great President's Day Cruise, which was led by President Tom. He had us travelling over a very nasty route by standards of most drivers..twisty, curvy and hilly, but for us Vette folk, it was a dream run!

A few hours and a few stops later we ended up in Sisters,-Bend-LaPine and checked in to the motel. Headed out about 3 for our 4pm dinner reservation and made it with literally 30 seconds to spare! As usual, the staff oohed and awed over our rides while we were seated and ready to eat. The actual Cowboy Dinner Tree is at the right!



A bit of explanation for those who have never been: it is not cushy or fancy, but the food and company and waitstaff were excellent! Sunday morning we headed towards home and had a great drive via MacKenzie pass which is now open. It is familiar to most of us but this year they have apparently opened up the pass to a new activity..Hula Hooping! Now I know you are wondering what I have been eating or smoking, but I actually had proof in the event you doubt my veracity! And while we did not see any Hooping going on, it does not mean that there wasn't!



On the way to the Lavabeds we were stopped at a viewpoint and met a nice young guy who was very complimentary of our kinda dirty cars. After talking with him for a while, he told us that he worked for GM in Detroit designing the interiors for our cars! Turned out that, according to him, he designed the Brownstone and Kalahari interiors for Roger's and Buzz's cars as well as the convertible tops. He told us that he had to be sure they went with most of the existing colors for these years ('14 and '15), so that was very cool as well! We thought he did a nice job with our rides!!

Coming down the other side of the mountain we ate lunch at a great little restaurant that Tom picked out and had way too much to eat considering we were all packing half a cow in our coolers which was leftover from Saturday's feast. Many of us will be munching on great 2" thick steak for an other couple of days and that is a good thing! Thanks, Tom for a great ride and a fantastic dinner, and as usual, if you missed it, it was your fault!!





Ron Cota and Sharon Morgan have a black C5 Roadster and have been members since 2015



Stan Czerniak has a 2007 Z06 and a 2015 C7 (both coupes) and has been a member since 2014.



Gary and Phyllis Wheelchel have a Black C5 Roadster and have been members since 2015



Gary & Charlotte Burton have a 2007 Machine Silver Coupe and have been members since 2015. Former members re-joining.



Mike and Jane Hanauska have a 2005 C6 Torch Red Coupe Coupe and have been members since 2013



WVCA Members and Their Cars

John's Corner: What's Hot, What's Not & What's Next?

(Guest editorial by John Elegant)



2015 Corvette Production Totals:

While, at first, it may seem that Corvette year over year production slowed down, with 34,240 units being made during the 2015 model year (MY), compared to the 37,283 Corvettes made during the 2014 MY, that would be apples versus oranges, for during the 2014 MY, the production of Corvettes took place over 13 months, (though, admittedly, the first few months were "slowed-down, initial ramp up mode" due to the new C7's coming online), yet 2015 production occurred in in only 10 months. Bowling Green Assembly continues on a sustained over time basis of 10 hours per day, with occasional, additional Saturdays to try and keep up with new buyers wanting their C7. It is not projected that the current overtime, 50+ hours per week basis, will be reduced in the near future. And, demand remains extremely strong, especially from new to Corvettes, first-time buyers. The average age of the new Corvette buyers dropped from 61 years old just three model years ago, to now 52 years of age, a welcome sign for the sustainability of the Corvette for the next many decades.

Some of the key 2015 stats include Arctic White being the most popular color, followed by Shark Gray, Black and then Torch Red. The least popular were Night Race Blue and Daytona Sunrise Orange, both, with the same exact 1,417 sales, with the third least popular being Blade Silver.

Z-51's account for 40% of all 2015 sales, with Z06's accounting for 25% of all 2015 Corvettes sold, and the track model subset, the Z07, being less than 10% of all sold.

Eight speed automatics (the only auto now), accounted for the traditional 2/3's of all Corvettes sold. Convertible sales diminished to less than the historical 1/3 of Corvette sales to just 19%, perhaps reflecting the love affair new C7 buyers are having with the coupe's styling.

Corvette buyers' enchantment with the black interior continued, with just over 50% buying it in one of its variations, vinyl/leather, all leather, some suede, etc. Competition seats accounted for 12% of all sales.

And confirming, and in fact the accelerating recent trend, chrome wheels now accounted for less than 1/3 of all 2015 Corvettes -- a far cry from just three years ago when chrome wheels were over 60% of the last year of C6 'Vettes.



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which doesn't include the \$995 delivery fee. The C7.R Edition can be ordered in Corvette Racing Yellow or Black exteriors.

There is a lot included in the C7.R Edition but some of the highlights for the exterior are the Black Z06 wheels with the yellow stripe, yellow brake calipers, visible carbon-fiber package, the new visible carbon-fiber hood, Spectra Gray grille and vents and a unique C7.R graphics package.

Inside you'll find a Jet Black leather trimed and suede-wrapped interior, Competition Sport seats with embossed/laser-etched logos, yellow contrast stitching and the carbon fiber interior package. A very cool indoor car cover with the C7.R racing graphics is also included.

The 2016 Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition is limited to just 500 units and its expected availability is during the 4th quarter of this year. So if there is interest, you should get with your Chevrolet dealer immediately.

The 2016 Corvette Model Year will begin production on Monday, June 22nd. (Corvettefurman.com)



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