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**President  
Julie Hughes**

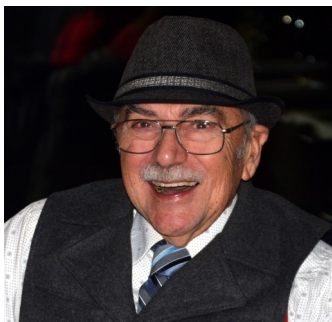
**H**i all of our WVCA members! We had a very exciting and successful June. Corvettes At the Carousel was a big success. Now that it is over, we can digest what worked and what didn't. These suggestions will make next year a bigger success. I want everyone to be thinking about next year's Show and Shine. I will be asking for volunteers to step up and commit to running next years Car Show. Remember that all of the forms are completed, so it would be getting the rest of the member volunteers to get started now.

President's Run is September 15-16. I hope everyone will commit to coming and enjoying the beautiful drive and the other activities that will be happening that weekend. Where we are staying has a beautiful warm pool, hiking trails, we will be staying in homes around there. I have, I believe 7 homes tied up right now. Once we find out how many are going, we can get the final plans completed. The homes are all together so we can have one main meeting house and go from there. We will finalize everything in August.

Have all of our members been thinking of some other trips we can take? I see by the emails a few of you like going during the week. Unfortunately some of us still work and can't get away during the week. Please speak up if there is somewhere you would like to go on the weekends. I know it's a busy time of year during the summer with family and friends visiting.

Please be thinking about what we can do as a club to celebrate our birthday, dinner, run, just whatever relaxing activity you would like to do. We need to do something!

Julie



**Al Manrubia**

**T**he last laugh

Our membership has always been encouraged to submit articles for our Glass Sass. I have been doing so for the last couple of years, but sadly, this will be my last and final article. Being handicapped, it has been a joy to contribute in some small way to the cause.

So now let me bend your ear for one last time. As I remembered over the last 5 years of doing the Iris Festival Parade with the Club, it has been nothing less than fun and excitement to participate in. All the cars that are there have been like a car show on steroids; all moving along in slow motion for the public to admire.

There are plenty of smiles and people waving at you constantly as you roll along keeping your place in the parade. It's the best place in the world to represent our WVCA.

I especially get a kick out of the children who are e so enthused about seeing so many Corvettes. *(Continued on page 3)*

**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:

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**"Be yourself; every-  
one else is already  
taken"**

**Oscar Wilde**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION**

JULY 5TH 2018

Meeting called to order by President Julie Hughes at 6:30pm

Members present: 28

Guests: Steve Halverson and Phyllis Martin /2002 Red Convertible

Birthdays: Dan Anderson 6<sup>th</sup>

Minutes Report: Tom Paddock

Changes to previous minutes: None presented

Motion to accept as published by: Bob Koenig

Motion seconded by: Paul Ennor

Vote by membership: unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Anderson

Amount in Checking:\$8217.70

Amount in Savings: \$ 3348.89

Amount Petty Cash: \$ 11.00

Total All Accounts: \$ 11,577.59

Motion to accept presented by: Stan Czerniak

Motion seconded by: Lucky King

Vote by membership: unanimous

Activities Report: Kent Muhle

Upcoming Activities:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jacket Night- Hosted by Bob and Annie Koenig @ Half Penny, 3743 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR. We will be meeting at Half Penny @6:00pm

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Cars and Coffee @ Dutch Brothers 3794 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR. Meet there at 8am.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> , Wednesday Night at PIR, this event is held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month, and up to 1600 cars show up for a Show n Shine, and there is drag racing too. The August Featured Club is Mt Hood Corvettes, and WVCA members are invited to park with them, meeting at 3:00pm at the nearby Burger King. Please email Ken Arck if you are interested in attending.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration recap:

Official count for the WVCA Cruise in at the Carousel was 103 Corvettes. All members that participated in making it happen were thanked for their hard work, especially Kent Muhle for leading this successful event. Stan Czerniak made a motion to start planning for next year, with a tentative date set for June 22<sup>nd</sup> .

The motion was seconded by Lee Hart and the members present unanimously approved this. There are some t-shirts left over that are available, contact Julie Hughes if you are interested in getting a couple for your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Annie Koenig had the prize for the penny count which was awarded to Al and Pat Manrubia for getting the closest guess.

A special thank you was sent by all members acknowledging the hard work of the 50<sup>th</sup> Committee participants, especially the work that Kent Muhle put into the success of the event.

New Business: There is a WVCA jacket that will be raffled off after ticket sales during the August and September meetings.

Tech Time: Al Manrubia mentioned that he has had a couple instances when he tried to fill up with gasoline and the pump shut off prematurely. Since Oregon has attendants at the gas stations who are told to pull the nozzle after it shuts off, you could think there is a full tank.

This seems to be a common problem, and the best advice was to set and keep track of mileage between fill ups, and to hold the gas nozzle at 90 degrees while dispensing gas to prevent things from prematurely going off.

Paul and Pat Ennor reacquired their 1973 Red Convertible from the person they sold it to. They are the original owners and bought the car new at Capitol Chevrolet in 1973.

Stan Czerniak let everybody know that John Elegant has started a new internet forum for the Mid Engine Corvette, and encouraged WVCA members to support John by becoming members. Early members will receive a designation of founding member.

All C7 owners are to watch for a possible gas tank leak, and GM has sent out letters to owners about this. If you smell gas, or notice a small spot after parking, contact GM to get the fix for this problem.

Trivia: The split window concept for the 1963 Corvette was previewed nearly a decade earlier on which post war GM vehicle? The Oldsmobile Golden Rocket is the correct answer. Nobody correctly guessed so the 50/50 tickets went unclaimed this month.

50/50 Drawing:

\$ 78 total collected \$39 to the club

\$ 19.50 drawn by: Steve Halverson with Duane Stark winning

\$ 19.50 drawn by: Dave Schwertd with Ken Arck winning

Meeting adjourned by Julie Hughes at 7:25

*(Continued from page 1)* That's not to mention the pre-adults (13-17) who have that glaze in their eyes for wanting a Corvette like I did when I saw the first one in 1954. They will yell out "Nice car or Nice looking ride". Lots of thumbs up too.

That's what brings me to this point about our last Iris Parade. We were riding along, 2 cars abreast with myself on the right side of the street. We were about  $\frac{3}{4}$  done through the parade when I approached a very crowded corner of people who were all pointing their hands at me.

I didn't know what they were seeing and as I rolled past them, all of the people let out a very loud HOO-RAH and the children were jumping up and down wildly. Even some of the men were pumping their fists up and down, as if to say "you're doing great".

I even thought I heard faintly, "He did it!". I was completely confused because nothing happened like this before in previous parades. It finally made sense when a very large woman bellowed out to me, "You just ran over a huge mound of horse poop!"

Apparently hose fun-loving folks were just waiting to see who would be the first to hit the pile that the pooper scoopers had missed. Everyone got a good laugh out of it.

Later, after I had stopped, I found the right front tire and fender well all splattered in horse poop! To this day I'm still laughing about it because there could never be another parade like that one! Signing off. Al





On June 30th, which coincidentally is the Corvette Official Birthday, Stan led about 10 of us to World of Speed for the Portland Cars and Coffee in Wilsonville. The day started off cloudy and iffy, but by noon it was great and we headed off to the Cruise-In diner in Hillsboro for a great lunch and fun time with the Owner, Terry Hummel. Terry is an extreme fan of Corvettes and he has lots of photos of all kinds of cars in his restaurant.

He now has one more as we have sent him another for his wall of fame. Below are just a few of the pix we took at the events so you can see what you missed if you weren't with us.



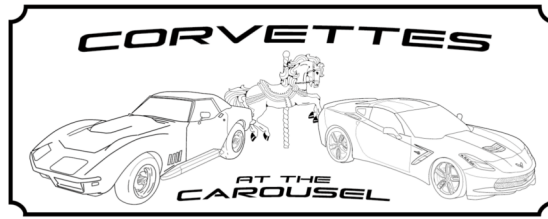
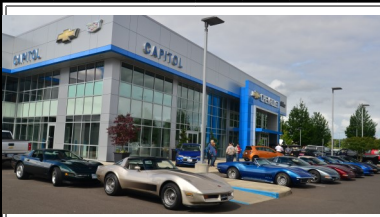




## After the Cars and Coffee, the Lunch Experience







The show is over for this year and everyone can take a collective breath and rest easy; We have made a profit..not much but still a profit!

The 50th committee has already met to debrief this show and start planning for the next one, and hopefully they will stay over on the committee because they did such a great job!

Word is that several people in the know gave us kudos for an excellent show. Russ Strohmeyer, who attends hundreds of these events in a year thought it was one of the best he has seen.wow!

We hope that we can attract more vendors now that we can show them what they missed out on; we need more FOOD!!

The photographer from Eckler's took lots of photos and did interviews with many of us, and they will be in the Fall Eckler's catalogue, and maybe on the cover! With national coverage like this, it should be easy to attract vendors and participants next Summer.

THANKS to the many members who did the work necessary to make this show a HUGE success, and in particular, Don and Sherry Chandler, who could not make the show because they were in AZ. Don contributed his nice huge trailer to shuffle stuff back and forth, PLUS a substantial financial contribution, and we owe them huge THANK YOU for their generous contributions of time, money and resources. Sherry arranged for us to show our cars and advertise at the Capitol as well.

John and Annie Elegant contributed a really nice collection of raffle items from John's personal collection of trophies and memorabilia accumulated over many, many car shows, etc.

Many others contributed time, money and resources and everyone really chipped in to make this event enjoyable and fun, It was good practice for next year!







In addition to the aforementioned people, we cannot forget our very generous sponsor Capitol Chevrolet, represented by **Carrie Casebeer** and **Jeff Schutt**, without whom the show would not have been the success it was. We hope that the success of the show this year will motivate them to help us next year as they did this year. The publicity this event can generate is good for us and them, too.

The 50th Committee who did the bulk of the work to get this event up and rolling need to be recognized for their excellent work as well: Kent Muhle (Chair), Daniel and Jennifer Anderson, Lucky King, Dawn Gloeckner, Bob and Annie Koenig, Ken and Vikki Arck, Stan Czerniak, Julie Hughes, Sandra Kafka, Shelly Paddock Gene and Liz Kraiter, Wayne and Janet Kreger, Sandra Stark, and Robert and Kathleen Ridge.

Russ Strohmeier really had the place rockin' and the music never stopped. Excellent audio system for large venues, and we hope we can get him for next year.

We needed more food vendors and next year when we can show them the size of crowds they can expect, it should not be a problem. Placement will be better as well next year and, like everything in life, we learned a lot from this year to apply to next year to make it even better. We are sure it will be faster and cheaper, as we will have stuff ready to go that we had to buy this year, and we can re-use most of our banners and signs as well.

We ran out of goodie bags, so if anyone knows some business that might donate to us again, please see if you can procure some great stuff again. We had a lot of positive comments on the quality of the goodie bags.

Too soon it will be Fall and then Winter and this will be just a memory, but come Spring, watch out, because we will attack this project head-on and in full force and it will be awesome.

What do you think of Glass In The Grass for our theme next year???? Just kidding.....







### A TECH TRICK

By Al Manrubia

It was because of the time that had to be taken up at the June meeting for our 50th anniversary that we had to forego the tech-time section. At this time I will share my tech

time story.

Several meetings ago I went to the gas station to top off my C-7 stingray. It was showing close to empty so I said "fill 'er up"

It was then that things got real strange when it only took \$24.50 to top off. Driving away, I noticed that the fuel gauge still showed near empty. As strange as that was, I only suspected that the fault was due to a bad service hose. Later, just for the heck of it, I went to another gas station and said "fill 'er up". This time the pump clicked off at about \$7.00; strange enough for me to realize that I had a bad sending unit in my fuel system. Oh boy; now I'm starting to think of big bucks for a fix at the dealership.

Later on at the after-meeting at Walery's I got into a casual conversation about my gas gauge trying to show empty when, in fact, it was nearly always full. This one got everyone's heads really spinning with the conclusion that the sending unit had gone bad.

It was then that Ken Kafka threw in an idea that I will never forget. He said to disconnect the negative post on the battery and wait a few minutes before hooking it back up. I was puzzled by this and asked "What the heck would that do". He replied quietly that this would allow any computers in the car to re-boot themselves. Worth a try, right?

At my shop I had to find where the battery is located on the C-7. Nowhere under the hood, but in a weird corner of the trunk. I disconnected the battery and waited a while before hooking it up again. Later on, I started the Vette and "voila" the fuel gauge showed FULL and has operated perfectly ever since. No other problems with the rest of the car either. Thanks Ken!!! Happy Driving everyone...AL

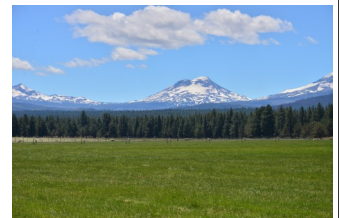


We had a great cruise to Sisters and back via McKenzie Pass; you should have been there!

The weather was perfect and the adventurous 4 of us had a nice day with a HUGE lunch at the Gallery in Sisters.

We stopped by Suttle Lake on the way and it was as beautiful as ever; what a great little lodge and a view to die for!

Al, Stan, Roger and Buzz were the ones lucky enough to go but there is always another run if you are inclined!







## Home Again

By: Paul Ennor

In 2012, a year after having a stroke which resulted in my left side losing a lot of strength, I sold the 1973 Red 4-speed Big Block Roadster that I bought new in '73 to a fellow who offered me what I thought was a more than fair price. They say that men don't cry, "wrong!", at least I cried as the Vette I had owned for 40-years went down the road. I soon came to grips with my loss, as I searched the internet in vain for an acceptable replacement Corvette to fill the empty spot in my garage and heart. A year later I found and bought a low mileage 1982 Collector's Edition Vette with an automatic, purchased it and begged the Club to reinstate me because I had let my membership laps during the year that I was Corvetteless. With a vote of the Club members reinstating our membership we tried to jump back into WVCA like nothing had ever happened. Our first event with the '82 was a Half Penney Show in 2013 I believe. But somehow there was something missing from my Corvette experience. That something was the '73 Vette. People were impressed with the '82 Collectors but it just wasn't me. I never got over not having a convertible and I missed my RED Vette. Fast forward to June of this year...

Pat and I are now both suffering the slings and arrows of age and were unable to put in anywhere close to the effort we wanted to put into helping with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show at riverfront park. Still, we managed to clean up the '82 Collectors, gather some old memorabilia and enter our car in the show that Saturday. Then, Sunday morning came and I opened the Sunday Statesman-Journal to find a feature article on the Mid-Valley section with a picture of a much younger me, my old '73 Vette, my daughter and son sitting in it along with an article my daughter had initiated about growing up with the 73 Vette and all of her associated memories. OK, fast forward again, one day...

My phone rang and I answered it, it was the guy who had bought my '73 Vette five years ago. I was expecting him to apologize for missing the show because I had sent him a personal invitation a week before the show. But no, he simply said, "Paul, I'm going to sell the 73 I bought from you. Could you pass the word around your club and see if anyone is interested"? Countless mixed emotions filled my brain. I stutted and said I'd pass the word around and hung up. I sat in my office chair almost sick to my stomach. You see, although that Vette wasn't mine anymore I'd always known that it had a good home and was at least still in town. I stood up and went to the living room and told Pat the news. After an extended silence she said, "Get it back". I said, "how? We don't have that kind of money". She said, "we'll ask the credit union". So, to make a long story short, yah I know it's too late for that. We have my original 1973 red 454 roadster back in our garage. It's had work done that I'd never had done, like hot rodding the engine, and it still needs new paint, new upholstery and a new soft top. I sure wish the interim owner had invested in that stuff and left the engine alone but at least our old family member is home. Now I have too many cars and not enough garage space.



There are a bunch of T shirts left from the show, so if you want a white T shirt, they are going cheap. Contact Julie if you want one...or 2.



Pics are on the website if you have not seen them.



Sam..are  
you  
serious?



Thanks also go out to Judy and Roman Baszniak for providing the iconic 3 cars that are on the back of our jackets and our logo today! For those of you who do not know, these 3 cars are theirs and the same ones that were in the park at our show. We tried to get them in the same configuration but could not find a mountain for the background!



We had the privilege of having a RARE Vette (which won Best Of Show) that is valued at \$250,000 or so, and it was headed off to the auction after the show, I understand, AND the owner is interested in joining our Club! How cool is that???



Live history on our jackets featuring our various logos over the years. You know you have been a member for a long time if you have a white jacket or a brown patch!! Photo courtesy of Tom. Jacket color and logos have been a point of contention for most of our history and likely will continue to be an issue as we progress in future years.



# JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Monthly Meeting 6:30	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Jacket Night Half Penny	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Monthly Meeting 6:30	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Beaches with Mt Hood</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



2018 Standing Committees

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50th Anniversary

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Dawn Gloeckner	Bob and Annie Koenig	Ken and Vikki Arck
Stan Czerniak	Julie Hughes	Sandra Kafka
Gene and Liz Krater	Wayne and Janet Kreger	Shelly Paddock
Robert and Kathleen Ridge		Sandra Stark

Budget

Julie Hughes	Dawn Gloeckner	Liz Krater	Jim Tiano	Jennifer Anderson
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Activities

Kent Muhle (chair)	Stan Czerniak	Shelly Paddock	Ken Arck	Vikki Arck
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