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Due to changing circumstances, Terry

Roach has resigned as Treasurer of WVCA and Barbara Fuller has been asked to fill in for the remainder of the year, effective immediately, and she has graciously accepted the temporary position. Thank You Barbara!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This month's issue of Glass Sass will have the addition of upcoming events as well as the normal reporting on past events. This will hopefully allow members an additional resource for keeping up with the busy schedule that our Activities Committee has put together.

This month I will be taking the WVCA on the annual President's run. Normally the destination is a mystery, but I wanted to do something that I have heard about since I joined the club. We will be going to The Cowboy Dinner Tree in Silver Lake Oregon, south of Bend. This will require an overnight stay so I thought the mystery should be

gone. But if the near legendary stories are true, we are in for a great dinner experience. The menu offers a choice between a 24-30 oz steak or a whole roasted chicken. Both items are served with a salad, soup and baked potato. Afterwards we take a short drive to La Pine where we will spend the night at the Best Western. There is plenty of secure parking and there is a pool and hot tub available that are open 24hrs. (Children's hours are between 9am and 10pm). They also offer several complimentary breakfast options in the morning. On the return route we will take a nice drive with a few twisty roads winding through the beautiful mountains that divide the eastern Oregon from the Willamette Valley.

Another upcoming event that I would like to see WVCA members attend is the Meet and Greet with Gary Cockriel (*cont. on back*)

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V.P. CORNER



Greetings Members and welcome to guests, **John & Marti Graham, Jon & Elisa Vittorio, Robert & Sharon Shelburne and Lou Allen.** Hope you will join in our coming events and become members. A big thank you to **Buzz Blogg** and all who attended the Mini Wet Vette Parade. It brought a sparkle to Dr. and Mrs. Casterline eyes as they were seated in the shiny Corvettes with walkers loaded in the trunks and whisked away from the retirement home for a pizza party with family members and club members. Other residents watched with puzzlement and envy. It made me think of how much my dad would have enjoyed

an evening out like this in his elder years. Upcoming Events: June 17th, Jacket night, 6:00 pm sponsored by **Don & Sherry Chandler** at the Hitchin' Post, 8046 River Rd N.E. Salem. Sherry's theme is: Hawaii Night, so wear appropriate apparel. June 27 & 28th, Presidents Mystery Run. Should receive details soon. July 15th, Jacket Night, sponsored by **Buzz Blogg and Barbara Fuller.** Details to follow at the July general meeting. July 25th, 4th Annual Cruise In at the Half Penny sponsored by **Don & Sherry Chandler** with help from club members. Please plan on donating items for silent auction prizes or baskets. Contact Sherry & Don or me to drop off donations.

Food For Thought: THE ELUSIVE MID-ENGINE CORVETTE. Under discussion - and often under development - since 1960. Recently a spate of breathless magazine stories (*cont. P7*)

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:

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Willamette Valley Corvette Association June Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 4th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:27 PM by President Tom Paddock.

Number of members present: 24

Number of guests present: 6

Guests: Robert & Sharon Shelburne – 1998 Black

June Birthdays: Terry Fine 5th, Tim Blaylock and Wayne Kreger 6th, Mary Ann Burgess 15th, Eldon Cannon 17th and Don Chandler 21st

New Member: Jon and Elisa Vittorio and were unanimously voted in as new members. They have met the membership requirements. **Gary and Charlotte Burton** were unanimously voted in as returning members.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Fuller was appointed as interim Treasurer by President Tom Paddock to serve until the term is up October 31, 2015.

May Checking Balance beginning \$3,944.82 and end \$4,697.52, May Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.13 and end \$3,208.15.

Motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report was put forth by Liz Kraitter, seconded by Della Edwards and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the May minutes was put forth by John Edwards, seconded by Wayne Kreger and passed without opposition.

Announcements:

Past Activities:

Iris Festival Parade (Kreger) 5/16 – We had 21 CARS! The Kregers graciously hosted a continental breakfast and great BBQ afterwards.

May Jacket Night 5/20 (Tiano) – 24 people went to Chinese food at Chan's in Dundee. Round Table Pizza 6/1 (Blogg) – 7 cars joined Dr. Casterline (98) and his wife for a ride and pizza.

Current Events:

June Jacket Night 6/17 (Chandler) – Hitching Post in Keizer, this will be a Hawaiian theme.

President's Run 6/27 & 28 (Paddock) – Cowboy Dinner Tree at 4pm, staying overnight at Best Western in La Pine (\$120) for those who wish to stay overnight.

July Jacket Night 7/15 (Blogg/Fuller) – Leave Harbor Freight at 5:30 for a mystery dinner.

4th Annual Cruise In (Club) 7/25-Half Penny, please plan on donating items for silent auction prizes or complete baskets.
Gold Beach Jet Boats 8/8 & 9 (Tiano)

August Jacket Night 8/19 (Paddock)

Waynestock 8/22 (Club)

Stayton: Wayne Kreger mentioned that there is a cruise-in on the first Wednesday of the month at A&W in Stayton.

Photos: Lee Hart mentioned that there is room for car photos at Walery's. Instructions are available on the website for submitting them to Lee or can be emailed to Lee directly.

Motion: To reimburse Lee the cost (under \$5) of printing and displaying photos was put forth by Liz Kraiter, seconded by Wayne Kreiger and passed unanimously.

Tech Time: Jim Tiano purchased a D35 Optima battery off Amazon for \$186. This is a great price.
 Al Manrubia-wanted to know about radios and if the club was going to continue to use them. It was decided that a group needed to get together and make sure everyone's radio worked together, There has been some difficulty in the past.

Trivia: 1963 was the only year for a split rear window, how many were produced? Correct answer 10,594, no one answered.

Drawing: \$80 was earned. \$40 to the club, Liz Kraiter drew Elisa Vittorio for \$20, and Rich Graham also drew Elisa Vittorio for \$20. This is the second month in a row that a newly voted in member won the amount of their yearly dues.

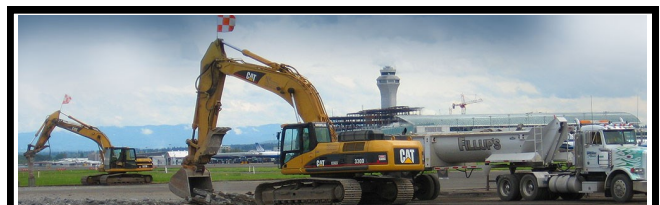
Adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 6/6/2015

Secretary received the following moneys during the May meeting:

40	50/50
40	Jon and Elisa Vittorio Membership
40	Gary and Charlotte Burton Membership

A total of \$120 was deposited in the WVCA U.S. Bank Account on 6/8/15.



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How to experience all this in less than 2 days

By Jim Tiano

On August 8th, members of WVCA will be in their Corvettes, embarking on another adventure in the Pacific Northwest. This trip of about 700 miles will begin in Salem. The first leg of the trip will take us south on I-5 to exit 162 or west to Drain Oregon. The country between Drain and Reedsport is a beautiful trip thru the coastal range, often along the Umpqua River.

Prior to reaching Reedsport, we will pass the Dean Creek Elk viewing area. It's a meadow area



backed by hills and is often populated with Roosevelt Elk. You want to bring binoculars to scan these magnificent "ghosts of the forest". Reedsport is a short drive past the reserve and is a pretty community of

just over 4000 residents. It is a gateway to the Northern and Southern segments of Hwy 101 along the Oregon Coast.



Reaching the junction, our group will head south on 101, following the Oregon coast line thru Coos Bay, Bandon, Port Orford, and then crossing the bridge into Gold Beach at the mouth of the

Rogue River. Depending on the time, we will be checking into the hotel and getting ready for an exciting jet boat journey on the Rogue River.

The jet boat trip is approximately 80 miles, 40 up and 40 back. According to the long running Jerry's Jet Boat service, we should have plenty water, even if we have a dry season between now and August. On the way back, we will stop in the histor-



ic portage point of Agness Oregon. Dinner is served in several venues, mostly BBQ, that the group selected at departure. We head for the hotel at the end of the jet boat trip for an evening of conversation and well, doing whatever you like to do at the coast.

Early the next morning, Sunday August 9th, the group enjoys breakfast and then hits the road for another beautiful drive thru the California Redwoods. I've been this route several



times many years ago and the trees are nothing short of spectacular!

Upon exiting the forest, we head north, crossing back into Oregon on our way thru Cave Junction. We re-connect with I-5 at Grants Pass and head east for a short distance

until reaching the junction at Gold Hill Oregon, where we will take 243 North thru the mountains to Crater Lake. We should reach the lodge at around 12:30 and just in time



for lunch at the lodge. This lodge is a magnificent structure that is a must see experience.

After a good meal, there is time for walking around the lodge rim of the lake and the opportunity for world class picture taking.

The contrasting blues of sky and lake with white fluffy clouds is nothing short of breath taking. Of course, there is a tourist



shop at the lodge for those who want to take a little

something from the lake back home with them.

When the group is ready to depart for home, we'll take a vote on direction. Both options take us thru Chemult, Oregon, an old logging community. From there we can either head west, passing Crescent Lake, on to Oakridge, Pleasant Hill, Eugene and then Salem. The other option is to stay north on 97, traveling thru La Pine, Bend, and then heading west on Hwy 20 to Salem.

That's our trip in a nutshell. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me as soon as possible. The closer we get to trip day, the harder it will be to get reservations on the jet boat and hotel. "Save the wave"

LIGHTHOUSE RUN AND FRESH PACIFIC SEAFOOD DINNER IN ROCKAWAY

This is an overview of the beach weekend in September on the 12th and 13th. We will leave South Salem from the Safeway past the Kuebler exit at 8:00AM and go through Corvallis to Newport on Highway 20. The first lighthouse will be the Yaquina Head Lighthouse and Visitor's Center. This is the tallest lighthouse on the Oregon Coast and has been restored and serves as an aid to navigation since 1873. The area has an Interpretive Center, craggy headlands, lava formations, and tide pools and those pesky hiking trails.



Then on to what makes this group keep going; lunch at the Rogue Brewery. After we have gotten our strength back, we will travel a short distance to the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, the only wooden lighthouse on the Oregon Coast with attached living quarters. It is a working lighthouse with self guided tours.

We will then drive up the Coast on highway 101 to Tillamook and turn off to go to Cape Meares State Park and the Cape Meares Lighthouse. This will be a great place to stretch the legs and take a short hike along the Coastline down to the lighthouse. This is the shortest lighthouse on the Oregon Coast. You will be able to go up to the top and get a close-up view of the lenses. There is also a small gift shop housed in the bottom of the lighthouse.

Just a short walk is the famous Octopus Tree, the largest Sitka spruce in Oregon.

Then on to the Kraiter's house for dinner and walking on the beach in Rockaway. The Silver Sands Resort is a short two blocks from their house. After checking in, walk on over to their house for a fresh seafood dinner and just relaxing. Menu will consist of some or all of the following depending on availability. Crab, Oysters, Steamers, Potato Salad, Salt Bread, Tossed Green Salad, Ice Cream and Iced Tea. Other drinks are BYOB.

On Sunday we will all parade up to Wheeler from the hotel at 9:15 AM for a breakfast buffet on the Nehalem Bay at the Tsunami Bar & Grill. He is opening up for our group and preparing a breakfast buffet. After breakfast you have the day to yourselves. There is no structured event past 11:00 am.

The cost: Lunch at Rogue Brewery on your own

Entrance Fee at Yaquina Lighthouse - \$7.00 (or free with a "Golden Age Passport" or an "America the Beautiful Pass").

Hotel room from 109.06 to 129.87 (We have ten rooms reserved, please write your name next to the room you want)*

Breakfast \$12 to \$15 depending on how extensive of a breakfast we want.**

* The rooms have been discounted if we pay on one credit card. Liz will collect the money for the room.

**If we do not get enough people for a private breakfast we will eat at the Sand Dollar on your own located in Rockaway. *Liz Kraiter*

WVCA Members and Their Cars



Ron Cota and Sharon Morgan have a black C6 Roadster and have been members since 2015



Jeanie McClelland has a 2002 Red Coupe and has been a member since 2015



Julie Hughes has been a member since 2015 and has a 2006 Black Coupe.



Stan Czerniak has a 2005 Z06 and a 2015 C7 (both coupes) and has been a member since 2014.



Gary and Phyllis Whelchel have a Black C6 Roadster and have been members since 2015





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On May 3rd Steve led 5 cars on some very cool and twisty roads because it was a great day for a drive and you just can't waste those great days! It was tops down fun all the way and we had a few photo opportunities with some



bridges. We all had a good time and stopped by a sub-shop/ A&W in OakRidge for lunch on the way. Those of you who did not go, you missed a cool trip!



(cont. From P1) have informed us that the next-generation Corvette will pack its potent powertrain behind the cockpit. And the next ZR1 potentially named "Zora" – could debut as early as 2016 as a separate, mid-engine (ME) '17 model. Low volume (perhaps 1,500 units per year), very powerful (700-plus hp) and carrying a six-digit price, it would go down in history as the first-ever production ME Corvette. There are some very valid reasons to relocate Corvette's engine: styling, image, performance, handling dynamics and the need to attract younger buyers. But, as always, the list of reasons mitigating against the move: cost, complexity, packaging, cooling, cargo capacity, is a long one. That's why it hasn't happened yet, and why it probably won't soon. To provide a contextual basis for today's ME discussion, you can read more in the June edition of Corvette Magazine.

Roger



One of the members of the Stingray Forum who lives in Wisconsin and used to live in Oregon indicated he was coming back to celebrate his Dad's 99th

birthday in KEIZER. Buzz read the post and suggested they get together with other Corvette lovers for a get-together and show his Dad, a Corvette lover, some Corvettes.

So, in the rain, naturally, eight or so cars from WVCA and John Elegant showed up to parade the family to Round Table Pizza in Keizer Station to celebrate the big day and discuss cars. Everyone had a great time and it really made his day!

The son was Vern Casterline Jr., and the Dad, Vern Casterline Sr. was a long-time Dentist in Keizer. A ride for Dad in John's Z06 was the most he could hope for and he loved it! Thanks go out to those who showed up to make this person's birthday perfect!



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(cont. from page 1) on Monday July 20th. Gary is the Development Coordinator at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green Kentucky, which is located across the street from the Corvette Assembly Plant. I met Gary several years ago and was really impressed with his knowledge and enthusiastic love of Corvettes. After enjoying some Pizza and beverages, Gary will make a presentation about the National Corvette Museum. The NCM is an important part of raising awareness, as well as maintaining the history of the Corvette. This will be held at Walery's Pizza in West Salem at 1555 Edgewater St NW in our room. I would also like to thank John Elegant for helping to bring Gary to Salem. This promises to be an excellent evening.



The following weekend is our Annual Cruise In at the Half Penny located at 3743 Commercial St SE on Saturday July 25th. This event has been one of the highlights every year that I eagerly wait for. The addition of a Music DJ this year will also take less space than a live band so there will be additional seating and comfortable spacing for cars. WVCA members and non-members are welcomed to come and share their love of Corvettes. Last year our Cruise In was one of the top things to do that weekend according to the Statesman Journal. Let's make this year another success!

Participation from members has been very strong and seems to be growing stronger.

Thank you for your support!

Tom Paddock

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