



# GLASS SASS

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President  
Julie Hughes

Happy June to all our members. The flowers are blooming, summer projects are starting and when you wake up and look out at the sun, doesn't this beautiful weather scream road trip? This looks like the start of all our Summer adventures. Be sure and look at the WVCA web site for exciting activities that will be going on this month, next month and beyond. The 50<sup>th</sup> activity committee has worked hard on Corvettes by the Carousel June 16<sup>th</sup>. Here is our chance to show off our Corvettes to the community, and welcome Corvette friends to our club. I hope everyone will think about coming to the Presidents run in September. Another clue, our mileage is under 250 miles one-way, and if you missed the first clue 2 hours away North, South, East or West.

If any of you would like to go somewhere special this summer please give Kent our VP & Activities chairman a call. He would love to hear from all of our members. For the last few months he has been very busy with the 50<sup>th</sup> committee; they have all done a wonderful job putting this all together.

Ok I will give you another clue, a picture on page 4...Julie



Corvettes at the Carousel is Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, so make plans to show up and have fun in the park and maybe take a trophy or raffle item home PLUS chow down at the various concessions and booths.



Vice President  
Kent Muhle

Our number one purpose according to our Constitution, is "To create Esprit-DE-Corp among Corvette owners". What the heck does THAT mean? Webster defines it as "a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group." At the last General Meeting and dinner afterward, I saw that in abundance!

We have a few short days before our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, **Corvettes At The Carousel**. What a ton of work! The amount of hours some of our members have put in is staggering! From the initial work Liz Kraiter did in setting up the venue, to the free storage provided by the Starks, the managing of entrants, donations, vendors etc. by Annie Koenig, Jennifer Anderson and Sandra Kafka, not to mention all the time Buzz has spent in front of the computer creating trophies and documents, this is truly a group effort. Along the way, we have promoted our show and our cars by participating in the Iris Parade (thanks Wayne), invading a few Cars and Coffee events (thanks Stan), and we even had a nice showing in front of the State Capitol arranged by Sherry Chandler. And it's been fun!

Last night at our meeting there were several members in attendance that hadn't been there for a very long time. I apologize for taking up most of the darn thing, but as I went down the agenda and described the events I could feel the excite-

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Visit our website for more current information regarding our Club activities and events:

<http://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com>

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One advantage of talking to yourself is that you know at least somebody's listening.  
Franklin P. Jones

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION**

JUNE 7TH 2018

Meeting called to order by President Julie Hughes at 6:31pm

Guests: None

Members Present: 38

Birthdays: Wayne Kreger 6<sup>th</sup>, MaryAnn Burgess 15<sup>th</sup>, Ken Kafka and Don Chandler 21<sup>st</sup>, Tim Walsh 27<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: \$9202.77

Amount in Savings: \$ 3208.87

Amount Petty Cash: \$ 11.00

Total All Accounts: \$ 12,412.66

Motion to accept presented by: Stan Czerniak

Motion seconded by: Ken Arck

Vote by membership: unanimous

A motion that the amounts for the Cruise In be presented separately at the next meeting:

Motion by Wayne Kreger

Seconded by Annie Koenig Vote by membership: unanimous

Activities Report: Kent Muhle

Upcoming Activities:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>- Activity Committee meeting- location Capitol Toyota upstairs conference room @ 6:30pm. This is the last one before the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the Carousel.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jacket Night- Hosted by Tom and Shelly Paddock @ Gilgamesh Brewing, 2065 Madrona Ave SE, Salem, OR. We will be meeting at Gilgamesh @ 6:15pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Cars and Coffee @ Les Schwab 2350 Mission St SE Meet there at 8am.

Kent urged WVCA members to attend one of the local cars and coffee each month to not only have a good time, but promote our club too. Upcoming C&C events are being added to the event calendar on the WVCA website.

July 11<sup>th</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, Ken will update at July meeting, but we may be able to get in with the Mt Hood members.

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

Kent Muhle presented the schedule of events and gave a rundown on all the positions needed for event at the C@C. Members volunteered to help where needed, and this looks like everything should go smoothly. The weather looks like it is going to be perfect and there will be setup on Friday night and then again Saturday morning. Members are encouraged to wear their red Polo's and name tags. Anybody with radios or walkie talkies are welcome to bring them. The finished trophies were presented and they look very nice. There has been a lot of work put into this by Kent and all the members of the 50<sup>th</sup> committee, and all members appreciate their efforts. John Elegant donated some legacy Corvette brochures and some models that are going to be raffled at the 50<sup>th</sup> event.

Tech Time: none

Trivia: GM entered the space race by providing the \_\_\_\_\_ 7 astronauts brand new Corvettes for publicity and advertising benefit. Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom were known for racing theirs on Florida's Space Coast Highway near Cape Canaveral. Ken Arck answered correctly with 'Mercury'.

New Business: WVCA welcomes new members Ben and Sarah Fish along with Kelly and Cherie McDonald.

#### 50/50 Drawing:

- \$ 120 total collected
- \$ 60 to the club
- \$ 30 drawn by: Vikki Arck with Tom Paddock winning
- \$ 30 drawn by: Annie Koenig with Dan Shierla winning

Meeting adjourned by Julie Hughes at 7:45

(cont fm p. 1) excitement in the group. We have volunteers for all the positions we need, and everyone seems committed to making this party a success. After the meeting I spoke with a few "returning" (?) members and they said they were looking forward to the show, and more importantly that the "one community" aspect of the club seems to have returned.

I submit that this event, our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is helping us achieve our number one purpose. I for one, am feeling that "pride, fellowship and common loyalty". Who knew all you had to do to get it is to work your butt off!

See you at Riverfront Park on the 16<sup>th</sup>!!!!



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During the past few months we have had the pleasure of welcoming the following new members to WVCA and we sincerely hope they will become a permanent part of our Vette Family!

**Sarah & Ben Fish, blue '89 Coupe**

**Kelly & Cherie McDonald**

**Donald Shierla 2004 silver coupe**

We hope to see you folks at our Summer functions!!

## Happy 65th birthday to the iconic Chevrolet Corvette

**F**or car enthusiasts, there will be an important birthday in 3 weeks, and we should not let it go unnoticed. I propose we organize a nice day trip to Crater Lake, or Bend and McKenzie Pass or even Mt Hood, and show our enthusiasm for this vehicle to everyone on the road, and conveniently, it falls on a Saturday! Maybe a cruise to World of Speed on the way.

On June 30, 1953, the first Corvette rolled off an assembly line in Flint, Michigan, beginning 65 years of what would become known as "America's sports car."

While it's easy to look back on the Corvette's history and see the car for the icon it is, it probably wasn't apparent to anyone in 1953 that a Chevrolet sports car would last this long.

[Debuting as a concept car](#) at the General Motors Autorama in New York City on January 17, 1953, the Corvette was named after a type of small, fast warship and was designed to take on small European sports cars.

However, while the first Corvette definitely looked the part, its anemic "Blue Flame" six-cylinder engine and automatic transmission meant it didn't have much grunt. Chevy was considering scrapping the car until rival Ford launched the Thunderbird in 1955.

Thanks primarily to the influence of Zora Arkus-Duntov, who became the car's Chief Engineer, the Corvette eventually got serious. He transplanted the then-new Chevy small block V8 into the 'Vette, and took it racing.

The Fabulous Fifties look of the original (C1) Corvette was replaced by the equally iconic Sting Ray in 1963, and performance continued to improve. The number "427" and the names "Z06" and "Grand Sport" first entered the Corvette lexicon with this second generation.



Julie's secret destination



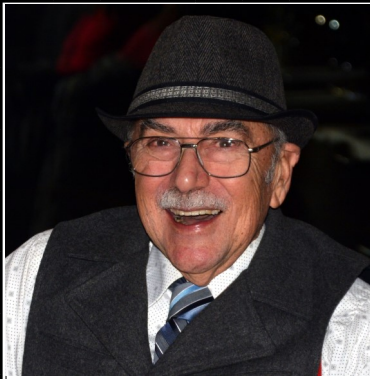
On Saturday May 12th a pretty nice group of members headed off to Portland Cars and Coffee at Wilsonville at 7am! We got there before gates were opened and after a 15 minute wait we were allowed to enter. Our intent was to promote the Car Show but they explicitly did not allow flyers or handouts, so we did the best we could. Weather was a bit cold and skies were grey but about 10:30 when the event was over, the sun came out and it was beautiful the rest of the day.

There was no interest in a cruise afterward, even though it was a weekend, so Buzz and Roger headed off into the wasteland, stopped at the Cruise-in Diner where we chatted with the owner for a while about cars; he is definitely a car guy! A good time was apparently had by all and now we are looking forward to the Capitol get-together on the 16th and hope we have at least as much participation as we did today!



## CORVETTES AT THE CAPITOL ON MAY 16TH





## Just another point of view

**M**y question has gnawed on me for some time. At every monthly WVCA meeting, I keep trying to remember to bring it up at Tech Time, but keep forgetting to do so.

I know that there are some smarter people in the room than some of us old guys and who might have an answer.

My question is: "Why did the Corvette designers forego the Chrome wheels and go with the black wheels? Let me explain something; I'm a big fan of the 40's, 50's and 60's when cars were not afraid to wear a substantial amount of chrome. To me, cars have a much classier look when they are adorned with chrome in the right places and as a foot note, us old guys

never get tired of polishing it!

Now I know that the Corvette racers are usually a bright yellow with black wheels and I know that those two colors are striking and impressive, but on the opposite end of the spectrum, I don't think that a blue or black Vette doesn't stand out with black wheels. Those sparkly, shiny Chrome wheels would make all the difference in the world.

Just this year, I passed on a pretty good deal on a 2018 Grand Sport because it wore those wheels. I guess that I am a diehard chrome guy. Then again I've noticed that 95% of all new cars today wear some combination of shiny wheels, mostly being of the chrome type.

Anyway that's just my view from my little corner of the world. Let's face it; all Corvettes are gorgeous, no matter how much or little chrome they have on them.

Al Manrubia

An old chrome guy



## A WISH

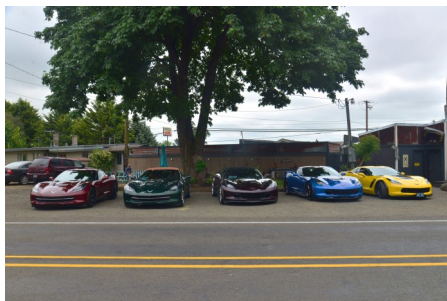
**O**n May 13<sup>th</sup> I received an email from Wayne Kreger regarding a 50 year old man. He is a cancer patient whose wish was to own a Corvette when he was 30. But because of his illness that was not possible. His wife Diane wanted him to have a special 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. I contacted her and offered to take Chris for a ride. This was supposed to be a surprise. Chris volunteers at the Fire Department and was scheduled to work the day of his party. Diane left strict orders he was to come directly home and

get dressed because he was to be picked up at 3:15 pm. Once I arrived he came out and saw my black beauty. He couldn't believe his wife would do this for him. On our drive he asked why I would rent the car and driver. I told him that Willamette Valley Corvette Club provides Community Service to the Salem and surrounding small communities. We drove from Woodburn to Mount Angel to Silverton. I was to drive 45 minutes and then deliver him to the party. The road we took was curvy, S turns, and all I could hear was woo woo. He enjoyed the route. Dave and I went to the 70's party, had a great time dancing and enjoying music and food. I felt good knowing I brought a smile to his face. I hope that someday everyone has an opportunity to bring happiness to someone in need.

# 2018 IRIS PARADE



# JUNKYARD BURGER RUN



# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Corvettes on the Columbia</i>	2 <i>Corvettes on the Columbia</i>
3	4	5	6	7 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Corvettes @ the Carousel</i>
17	18	19	20 <i>Jacket Night Gilgamesh Paddocks</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Cars and Coffee 10-12 Les Schwab airport</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30



# JULY 2018

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

## 2018 Standing Committees

### 50th Anniversary

Kent Muhle (Chair) Dan 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 Krater Wayne and Janet Kreger  
Sandra Stark Robert and Kathleen Ridge

### Budget

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