

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

CORVETTE ASSOCIATION



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GLASS SASS

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For those members who have not been in a meeting for a while, you are missing a lot. We are having fun and the 50th birthday is in the planning stages full swing.

The 50th planning committee and especially VP Kent deserves a huge vote of thanks for the hard work they are all putting into this event that is destined to be one of many!



President Julie Hughes

I started to review our budget that was due in January; sorry its so late but a lot has been happening. I think we have finally produced a Budget that we can work with. If the budget isn't presented during the March meeting I will make sure the budget is sent to all members by email.

A lot of exciting activities are happening behind the scenes right now, planning the 50th Birthday, deciding on what activities that will be happening starting the summer months. So far we have been to some exciting Jacket Nights. I hope all members will take advantage of the up and coming Jacket Nights in the future. I hope everyone will volunteer to help at the Show and Shine. We will need all the help we can get to make this an outstanding Corvette season. If you have any suggestion of places you would like to see this summer, please bring the idea to the activities committee. We are working hard to bring an exciting President's run this year, so be looking for those dates. I hope that we will see all of our members at future Membership meetings which are the first Thursday of every month.

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Vice President Kent Muhle

It's been spitting rain off and on, but while running errands today I spotted 3 C7's, a C6 and a fellow C5 driver. 6 Corvette owners out getting gunk on our cars and being very judicious with the skinny pedal. Bet we had the biggest smiles of anyone on the road!

Speaking of smiles, it sure seems like this little party we have planned in June is getting folks involved and excited again. I've never been part of a club sponsored event before, so I had no idea the enthusiasm something like this could generate. Also no idea of the cubic tons of work involved! Hats off to those of you who know how to do this stuff, and have gone there before. Wow! I'm sure there is a 12-step program available to you. "We came to realize we were powerless over car shows and our lives had become unmanageable". I suspect I may need that program some day...

There is a lot of work to be done. If each of us gets one sponsor and one car to enter though, the bulk of the work is handled. It's just that simple. This is such an easy sell to a Corvette owner not already a member of our club. We are going to have more legal fun than should be allowed. You won't want to miss it. This is also a very easy sell to sponsors and vendors. *(Continued on page 6)*



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

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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I have not failed. I've
just found 10,000 ways
that won't work.
Thomas A. Edison

MEETING MINUTES

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

MARCH 1ST 2018

Meeting called to order by President Julie Hughes at 6:32pm

Guests: Don Shiarla owns a 2004 Machine Silver Coupe

Members Present: 26

Birthdays: Della Edwards 2nd, John Edwards 3rd, Gary Burton 13th, Jennifer Anderson 16th, Stan Czerniak 18th, Gene Kraiter 21st, Shelly Paddock 24th, Sandra Kafka 29th, Julie Hughes 31st

Minutes Report: Tom Paddock

Changes to previous minutes: No changes noted

Motion to accept as published by: Gene Kraiter

Motion seconded by: Buzz Blogg

Vote by membership: unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Anderson

Checking: \$ 897.82; Savings: \$ 3208.77

Petty Cash: \$ 11.00; Total All Accounts: \$ 4117.59

Motion to accept : Bob Koenig; Motion seconded by: Gene Kraiter

Vote by membership: unanimous

Activities Report: Kent Muhle

Upcoming Activities:

The 50th Anniversary has consumed a lot of time and Kent Muhle and the activities committee are getting more future activities scheduled.

Wednesday March 21st Jacket Night- Hosted by Robert and Kathleen Ridge at Murphy's Grill 288 E. Ellendale Ave. Dallas, OR. Meeting at Walery's Pizza Parking lot at 6pm, scheduled arrival at Murphy's is 6:30pm

50th Anniversary Celebration: Kent Muhle

Kent Muhle and Buzz Blogg have worked very hard coming up with finalized versions of all the necessary 50th Anniversary forms which will be available for download from the WVCA website. Hard copies can be requested by contacting Kent Muhle. There are Entry, Letterhead, Vendor information and agreement, save the date and car drop-offs that have WVCA information that can be left on unattended vehicles.

Kent Muhle also mentioned that while there have been several vendors that have expressed interest, members are encouraged to reach out to any business that might be interested in a booth or sponsoring a trophy. Kent also mentioned that he was talking to a potential vendor that had already been contacted by Pat Manrubia. Way to go Pat! Liz Kraiter was also able to secure a BOGO for rides on the Carousel. There will also be a need for small items for the bags that will be handed out to participants. Anything will be appreciated no matter how small it may seem.

There was discussion about T-Shirts and Annie Koenig and Lucky King mentioned that collared Polo shirts would look better for members and event T-Shirts to sell at the show.

Lee Hart made a motion to select the shirt and hat colors, that was amended by Duane Stark to see which colors will look best together with hats and that Kent Muhle would report back after some research. All in attendance voted yes unanimously.

SACC Review: No Update

Website Review: No update.

Glass Sass Review: Buzz Blogg

Needs articles please! Any kind of information will be appreciated., deadline is the weekend after each monthly meeting.

Clothing/ Apparel: Al Manrubia

Al Manrubia has secured pricing for a minimum of 12 hats at \$13.50 per hat. This includes front and side logos for the club and the 50th Anniversary. Colors would need to be the same with choices of Navy Blue, Khaki, Black or Sunset Orange (kind of burnt orange color).

Bowling Green Update: Stan Czerniak

Preparations are underway for the Birthday Bash to be held in April. The Mid Engine (ME) Corvette will probably debut at the Detroit Auto Show next January. Somebody who has seen one out of the camouflage coverings has commented that the ME looks like a cross between a C7 and an Astin Martin.

Old Business: Julie Hughes

The stuffed animals collected from WVCA members will be presented to Law Enforcement Officers by Lucky King and Julie Hughes. They are given to children to help provide comfort during crisis situations.

New Business: Kent Muhle

Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws have been previously presented and were put up for votes by the members.

Ballots for changes to the Constitution were put on ballots and the votes were tabulated by Lucky King, with all three items passing unanimously. These included changing the club purpose verbiage, eliminating the Member of the Year, and changing new officer terms to one year starting January 1st.

By-Laws changes were presented and voted with a unanimous show of hands by all present for each item presented individually. The changes passed included:

- ◆ Club purpose verbiage changed to match other instances.
- ◆ Dropping the member point system.
- ◆ Fiscal year changed to start January 1st.
- ◆ Budget committee to include incoming President and outgoing Treasurer.
- ◆ Changing Secretary duties to remove member point system accruals.

The changes will be reflected in the future online and all subsequent printed copies of both the Constitution and the By-Laws.

Open Floor: Nothing presented.

Tech Time: Stan Czerniak talked about the ability to have the ECM updated at Chevrolet Dealers with the same MRC settings that were developed for the Virginia International Raceway runs by the Z06 (improved time vs stock) and the ZR1 (record setting lap time!)

Trivia: Julie Hughes- On October 7th, 1953, VIN#51 Corvette was delivered to which Hollywood Actor? (This car is currently displayed at the National Automobile Museum in Reno Nevada.)

John Wayne was correctly answered by Buzz Blogg, and he received a unique Corvette Ball Marker as a prize.

50/50 Drawing: Annie Koenig sold tickets, and received \$78 total divided as follows:

- \$ 40.00 to the club ; \$ 19.00 drawn by: Don Shiarla with Liz Kraiter winning
- \$ 19.00 drawn by: Lucky King with Sally Hart winning

Meeting adjourned by Julie Hughes at 7:27

1968



The year WVCA started. In Albany Oregon a group of young Corvette enthusiasts got together to form a Corvette club they named Willamette Valley Corvette Association. Only a few months later WVCA moved its meetings to Capitol Chevrolet in Salem after being offered a sponsorship by Less Green, owner of Capitol Chevrolet.

Chevrolet introduced the first C3 Corvette based on the wildly popular Mako Shark show car, sadly replacing the beautiful C2 Corvette after only 5

years in production. But the basic chassis design of the new '68 remained basically unchanged from the C2 models. The C3 body style would remain in production for 14 years. And the basic 1963 chassis design lasted a record 19 years.

Oh, and then there were a few other things that happened in 1968 too:

- ◆ The Intel company was formed to manufacture the newly invented integrated circuit memory chip. Intel later broadened its product line to include micro-processors which lead to the PC, cell phones and on and on.
- ◆ The Boeing 747 flew for the first time.
- ◆ In May of 1968 Robert Kennedy campaigned for president in Oregon only a few days before he was assassinated in California.
- ◆ North Korea captured the USS Pueblo.
- ◆ The Beatles started a new record label calling it Apple Records.
- ◆ The war in Vietnam Nam roared on sparking huge demonstrations throughout the nation.
- ◆ Richard Nixon was elected president in a land slide.
- ◆ Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.
- ◆ In December of 1968 NASA astronauts in Apollo 8 orbited the moon for the first time in history on Christmas Eve.

(submitted by Paul Ennor)



Hi WVCA members; I had a wonderful on Saturday. We went to the world of speed to view the corvettes on display. I can't believe what I saw there. There were new as well as old. I have to say how wonderful it is to see how their owners take such good care of them. I especially like this beautiful Corvette. *Julie*



I love the color. I am sure she shines in the sunlight. Dave and I saw some old Corvettes like these.



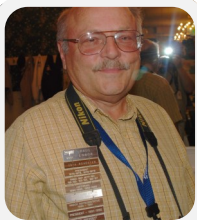
And of course there was a split window Corvette that I especially like.



I just had to take this picture for all the Oregon State Beaver members. Isn't this car a beautiful color. I looked for a orange and black Corvette but their just didn't seem to be one right now. I hope that all our members take some time out and go visit the World of Speed.

I know that the Activity Committee and the 50th Birthday Committee are working very hard to to make this year a memorable one.

Julie



Winter in the Willamette Valley for Corvette Owners *another romp through history*

By:Paul Ennor

At the March 1st meeting another member asked me, "What have you been doing this winter"? My answer was, "Not much except for taking care of our dogs, seeing doctors, picking our grandson up after school every day going to church functions, attending other meetings involving organizations that we belong to, stuff like that". This all got me to thinking when it was that I last drove my Corvette or even visited it out in the garage. "Not often", was what I came up with. I think the last time I washed it was in August or September. About all I do with my Vette this time of year is check to make sure the battery tender is still connected and plugged in so the car might start when the sun finally comes out and the days warm up a little again.

All this personal evaluation brought up old memories from years past, something bound to happen when someone has owned a Corvette for over forty years. This all drove me into one of my favorite winter activities; digging into my vault of WVCA historical junk. So, hang on as I take us for a drive through my memory. Guess what? Winter has always been a slow time in Oregon's Corvette community. In the earliest days of WVCA when the club was nothing more than a bad boy club, many members spent the winter in local taverns and bars searching for their own identities and/or female companionship. Enough said about that, OK? But as the years progressed and the ladies made their way into WVCA's social circle, everything changed.



Winter social activities became centered on more family friendly activities. More often than not these activities involved food. I can remember Chili feeds; those were a gas. Christmas, Valentines, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day dinners, any excuse go gather with friends and share a meal and some adult beverages while waiting for the sun to return. Back in the day these were always held at some member's home or shop.

Getting Ready for Summer

Speaking of shops, winter used to be a time to restore, clean, or even rebuild a Corvette for the coming Summer season.



The Era of winter car shows

In the early 1980's WVCA had grown to a very large club of active members. What hadn't changed was the winter weather. Salem winters were still wet and cold and members were just itching to do something with their Corvettes besides change the oil and wax them in the garage. At about that time local developers were building indoor shopping malls which were looking for ways to increase foot traffic during the slow winter months. This meshed very well with the Corvette community. The malls offered covered heated clean places, just what WVCA needed to show off our Corvettes. For several years WVCA partnered with both the Lancaster Mall in Salem and Heritage Mall in Albany to put on winter car shows.



An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space. "Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the Irishman says: "Never mind, I found one!"

(Continued from front page) We have forms available on our website that can be downloaded, and I can also email the forms anywhere, anytime. Sponsors and vendors will have all day exposure to upwards of 100 Corvette owners, and due to the heavy advertising at least 1,000 spectators. In a premium location. The day before Fathers Day for crying out loud!!! We all know a business we frequent that could benefit from this event. If they want to advertise, there are a bunch of ways to reach a ton of people, that range in cost from printing out discount tickets, to a \$1,000 T-Shirt sponsorship. If ANYONE has questions about how to get sponsorship or if a potential sponsor has questions call me anytime, day or night.

I've said it before. This is gonna be fun! Thanks to all of you for making our 50th Anniversary a resounding success.

Kent

MARCH 2018

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

APRIL 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 Jacket Night	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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 Kraiter Wayne and Janet Kreger
Sandra Stark Robert and Kathleen Ridge

Budget

Julie Hughes Dawn Gloeckner Liz Krater Jim Tiano Jennifer Anderson

Activities

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

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