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Don't forget our annual Car Show at the Half Penny in July. We need donations and member help to make this successful, so if you know anyone who may want to donate services or products or if you personally can donate something, it would help to make this event successful!

Save some time this Summer for the Lighthouse Cruise, the Rafting trip and the annual picnic; mark the dates on your calendars!!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



A while ago I happened onto the Facebook page of the North Illinois Corvette Club and really liked the way they had their page setup. I used this as a starting point to build a foundation for the

WVCA Facebook page. I have been posting about club events and general things of interest to Corvette enthusiasts. I also share posts from various Corvette pages and from Corvette Forum, really just about anything that contains interesting Corvette related content. If you do Facebook, please be sure to like our page, and encourage your friends to like it also. This will increase the frequency and front placement in the suggested sites, providing awareness of our club to potential new members.

Last month's membership meeting was one of

the best that I can remember. The 47 members and guests that attended were treated to an exciting multimedia presentation from Steve Tuttle about the Pre-Tax run. Steve used the big screen TV and a tablet to do a picture show of the run. The run was very fun and the pictures really showed that. Steve's commentary was humorous and I was really impressed with the way it all went together. This sets the bar pretty high for future run reports.

Just as the use of technology has increased from generation to generation in our Corvettes, we are also finding it becoming a useful tool in the operations of our club. From sharing past events to keeping members up-to-date on future events, information can be shared quickly and easily. I think this is an exciting time and we all get to be a part of this dynamic change to our club culture. *Tom Paddock*

V.P. CORNER



Greeting All, Welcome to the club Gary & Phyllis Whelchel, Dan & Jennifer Anderson and Ron &

Sharon (Morgan) Cota. May/June activities are as follows: May 16th, Keizer Iris Festival Parade, Meet at 8:30 at Wayne & Janet Kreger's home for coffee before the parade and then travel to the staging area as a group. For the 17th year our club has been chosen to escort the Keizer Delegates but we know the true Delegates are the cars. After the parade return to Kregers for a BBQ/Keg party. May 20th, Jacket Night is sponsored by Jim & Roxie Tiano. Members and guest will meet at Harbor Freight Park-

ing Lot on Portland Rd. N.E., Salem, OR, at 6:00 p.m. lead by our President (Tom) to Chan's of Dundee for good food and comradery. June 17th, Jacket Night, sponsored by Don & Sherry Chandler will be held at the Hitchin' Post, 8046 River Rd. N.E. Salem, OR. Meet at the Hitchin Post at 6:00 for pulled pork BBQ, beverages and good times. (Menu subject to change.) June 27th & 28th, Presidents Run. Mark your calendars for this one. Details at the June meeting.

May honors mothers, so here is a story about a little girl / single mother who had a dream. She writes: My obsession started as a little girl. My older brothers had a paper route and I would throw a fit to go along with them in our neighborhood just so I could see the yellow Corvette down the street. It turned out that it was a "77...My birth year! I knew then that someday I would have to have one myself. Years went by and the

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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May Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 7th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tom Paddock.

Number of members present: 40

Number of guests present: 7

Guests: John and Marti Graham – 2005 Black Convertible

Jon & Elisa Vittorio – 2009 ZHZ Hertz Convertible

Robert & Sharon Shelburne – 1998 Black

Lou Allen – C6 Roadster

May Birthdays: Joe Castro 8th, **Bob Koenig** and **Jim Tiano** 11th, **Paul Ennor** 16th, **Pat Manrubia** 24th and **Lucky King** 27th

New Members: Gary & Phyllis Whelchel, Dan & Jennifer Anderson and Ron & Sharon (Morgan) Cota were unanimously voted in as new members. They have met the membership requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Roach has moved to Springfield, he will continue his membership but resigned as Club Treasurer due to distance issues.

April Checking Balance beginning \$4,016.32 and end \$3,944.82, April Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.11 and end \$3,208.13.

Motion to accept Treasurer Report was put forth by **Wayne Kreger**, seconded by **Margie Castro** and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the April minutes was put forth by **Wayne Kreger**, seconded by **Della Edwards** and passed without opposition.

Announcements:

Past Activities:

Easter Brunch (Buzz/Barbara) 4/5- Silver Falls Conference Center.

Pre-Tax Run (Tuttles) 4/11- Corvallis area lunch at the Hole in the Wall BBQ.

April Jacket Night (Edwards) 4/15 – Drunken Cook on 12th Street in Salem.

Cherry Blossom Poker Run (Kreger) 4/18- Our stop at Half Penny from 1-3pm. Gathered 300# food for MPFS and earned \$1,240 for the Boys and Girls Club. There are still donations coming in from some of the stops.

Coming Activities:

Iris Festival Parade (Kreger) 5/16 – NEED 21 CARS! We will meet at Kreger's at 8:30 for coffee and return for BBQ/keg after the parade.

May Jacket Night 5/20 (Tiano) – Chinese food in Dundee, leave from Harbor Freight at 6:00.

June Jacket Night 6/17 (Chandler) – Hitching Post can do prime rib or pulled pork \$8.

4th Annual Cruise In (Club) 7/25-Half Penny, please plan on donating items

for silent auction prizes or complete baskets. **Newsletter:** Thank you for the articles from **Steve Tuttle** and **Paul Ennor**, any and all may contribute. **Wayne Kreger** reminded everyone that future events should be included as well as past events.

Tech Time: **Al Manrubia**-received his Laguna Blue C-7, he has wanted this car since he was 14 years old.

Jon Vittorio- his tires are showing high pressure (38), decided to lower it.

Tom Paddock-changed his turn signal light and got his arm stuck much to the amusement of the neighbor kids.

Stan Czerniak- Manual transmission will be available after 2016, this was a big internet April fools hoax.

Trivia: What year was am/fm radio offered as a standard feature (1997) **Robert Shelburne** answered correctly.

Drawing: \$169 was earned. \$85 to the club, **Marti Graham** drew **Gary Welchel** for \$42, and **Sharon Allen** drew **Sally Hart** for \$42.

Adjourn at 7:12pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 5/10/2015

Secretary received the following moneys during the May meeting:

\$85 50/50

\$40 **Dan & Jennifer Anderson** Membership\

\$40 **Ron Cota & Sharon Morgan** Membership

\$30 **Robert Carroll** Membership

\$40 **Gary & Phyllis Welchel** Membership

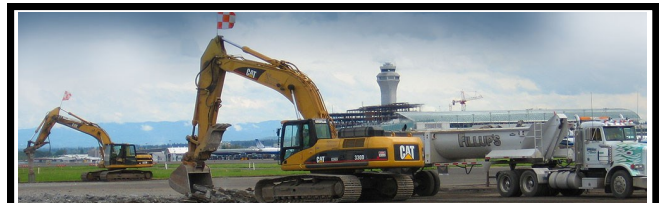
A total of \$235 was deposited in the WVCA U.S. Bank Account on 5/8/15



The Cherry Blossom Poker Run: Follow-up.

A record 298 cards were bought and approximately 300 lbs. of food donated at the poker run. After most expenses are covered approximately \$1240.00 will go to the Boy's and Girl's Club. It was a great day for a great cause.

Special thanks to **Don Chandler** for coordinating the eighth and last stop on the run with the Monty at the Half Penny. Very positive comments about the stop like, "The beer was so cold and tasted so good after the run" and "I loved the food." The SACC would like to see WVCA sponsor the stop for 2016. Thanks you to the Chandler's, the Edwards', the Castro's, the Paddock's, Buzz, Roger, and Janet for their help. Save the wave, *Wayne*



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What type of Corvette owner are you?

by: Paul Ennor

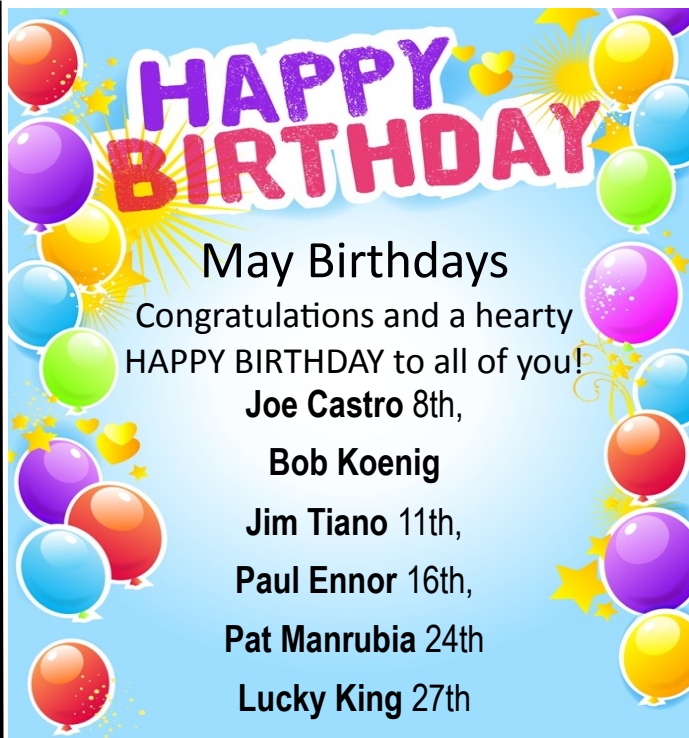
(Cont from April issue)

Type-3

I was a type-3 owner for 39 years. This person bought this Vette a long, long time ago. Maybe new or maybe lightly used but this owner has put all or most of the miles on the car him/herself. It gets maintained when its needed, not when a computer says so. "This car doesn't need no stickin' computer!". If asked he'll tell you the oil gets changed every 3000 miles (usually), not at the dealer, in the driveway. His/her Vette gets washed on sunny days if it's necessary and waxed before the public is likely to see it in a parade, car show or whatever. It might even get vacuumed out when the carpet color starts to look like fall leaves, (or were those actually leaves?). This owner is fearless. His Vette has been everywhere from the East Coast to Canada. Its pulled trailers, hauled camping gear and been used as a commuter vehicle and maybe raced occasionally for fun. This owner has forgotten what that new car smell is like but at least it doesn't really stink anymore either, at least not since he found that Vanilla will cover up the scent of cat urine in carpet but will make the Vette smell like cookies for up to three years (don't ask). This owner may keep his car until death do they part. Or some other unfortunate situation force a parting of the ways.

Type-4

Oops, here we are in my current category, the type-4 owner, it's confession time now. This owner likes a particular Corvette series. You know C1-7. Whoever assigned numbers to the model years anyway. They used to be known as "straight Axle", "mid-year", "stingray" and "late Model". Then '97 came along and that all changed but I'm off subject here. Anyway, the type-4 owner likes what he likes and searches far and wide for the best affordable example of his desired "C-number". The search is most of the fun. Anyone can go to the dealer and buy a new one. At least that's the theory if money is no object. Type-4's have a lot in common with type-2's except perhaps the numbers in their



bank account. He's looking for a gem in the rough. The type-4 guy/gal will eventually locate a suitable nice looking low mile Vette, strike a deal and drive it home. That's when the fun starts. There's always those little problems that were known about when the deal was made and those things will be corrected first, maybe. But even if his "new Vette" is an extremely well preserved low mile example of his desire vintage, surprises will be waiting, not surprises like gold coins under the seat. No surprises that were either not disclosed or obvious when the deal was struck. This owner can look forward to months or maybe years (?) of surprises that need to be tended to. They just keep showing up like ants in the kitchen in the spring.

Seemingly small things like, a hinge that's bent a little resulting in weather-strip that leaks just a little, the heater control that's stuck just a little but then snaps off. The gas gauge that always registers 1/4 tank. The air conditioner that he/she knew didn't work and was no big deal in February when the car was purchased but seems like a bigger deal in August. The heater core that leaked all over carpet and steamed up the windows when it got cold and the heater was used the first time. Little by little the type-4 owner gets stuff fixed. All of a sudden a new Vette or a restored one doesn't sound like such a bad idea after all. Nickels and dimes do add up, but oh the fun. Do those other types of owners get the excitement of not knowing what new adventure is waiting for them the next time they start or try to start their Vette? Well, maybe the type-3 owner does and Type-2 doesn't need to and type-1 has a warrantee. At least the type-4 guy knows his car is safe in the garage and in no danger from suicidal deer.

Pretax Run



Wow what a day! Moved the trip from Saturday to Sunday and what a difference one day made. Beautiful sunny all day, we were able to comfortably drop our tops in the afternoon.

We had 6 roadsters and one coupe on the trip. In our group were two couples who are prospective new WVCA members. When you get a chance, take time to introduce yourselves to **Gary and Phyllis Whelchel and Ron Cota and his wife Sharon**. Both couples drive identical triple black C5 Roadsters!



Ron and Sharon

As proposed we drove on roads you would not likely have been on before. Views of the county landscape this time of year is beautiful. Traffic was minimal until we left Veneta on the way to Eugene. Getting through Eugene was a little challenging; we lost the last half of the cars for a moment but all ended up back together without any diversions.



Phyllis & Gary

Roger's "Road Kill" or "Deer Slayer" as he calls it, lived up to it's name by taking out a bird on the windshield, early on the trip. Fortunately it did not damage his beautiful car this time.

We discovered that the people who brought radios were on another frequency or batteries were dead. I had the only two radios that could communicate back and forth. Phyllis had my other radio and it came in handy going through down town Eugene. Their car was in the group that was temporarily out of sight from the lead group.

Lunch at the "Hole in the Wall" BBQ was good. They had a Sunday brunch special option with their regular menu. Parking was also good, we were able to all park together. Restaurant help was entertaining, they went out to the parking lot to check out our cars.



On our route home we stopped at the Mohawk Covered Bridge for some quick photos of our cars at the bridge.

At each stop we handed out a playing card to each car. Not just any playing card, Iraqi War "Most Wanted" cards. At our last stop, in Sweet Home we determined who had the best stud poker hand and who had the highest "Most Wanted" Iraqi.

Cindy Tuttle had won the best hand with a pair of 10's! Ron Cota won the "Most Wanted with the Ace of Clubs, with the photo of Saddam's son Qusay! Each won a \$25 dining certificate, one for Half Penny Bar & Grill and the other for the Road House.



Cindy

In all, great day for a drive and great people to enjoy the day with! *Steve*



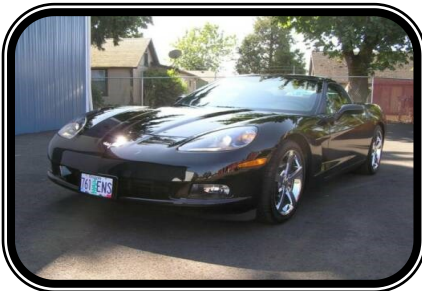
Ron and Sharon



Tom and Shelly Paddock has a 2004 commemorative edition LeMans Blue roadster and joined in September 2011



Henry & Ann Salvatori have a 1961 Ermine white/Silver Roadster and a 2003 50th anniversary Special Edition Coupe. Members since 1998.



Duane and Sandra Stark have a 1995 ZR-1 Coupe and a 2009 Black Coupe and have been members since 2010.



Steve & Cindy Tuttle have a 2015 Velocity Yellow Roadster and have been members since 2008.



Jim & Linda Vollstedt have a 2002 Magnetic Red Coupe and have been members since 2002.



WVCA Members and Their Cars



Dave Walery's New Toy

Dave gave me permission to feature his 1974 Corvette convertible. Dave bought this from a local estate sale sight unseen. Dave admits that this may not have been one of his best moments of judgement. So far the rebuild list includes:

- * Replace all wiring (mice ate them)
- * Replace all vacuum lines and hoses (mice ate most them)
- * Rebuild and upholster the seats (mice made their home in the originals)
- * Replace carpets, door panels and center console (mice evidence of what mice leave when living a Corvette)
- * Rebuild AC/heater system
- * Rebuild carburetor
- * Replace radiator
- * Replace suspension pieces
- * Rebuild the exhaust system
- * Replace front and rear fascias.

The damaged fascias were replaced with a 1974 front and 1982 rear. Corvette America corvetteamerica.com provided units that fit better than factory.

Is Dave serious about his 1974? He flew to CA to meet with Mike Curtis of Curtis Speed Wheels curtis-speed.com on the design of one-of-a-kind wheels. You may know of Mike Curtis for designing wheels for Boyd Coddington that were featured on the reality show "American Hot Rod" and for Chip Foose on "Overhauling." 18x8's up front and 18X10's on the rear with matching low profile tires. Dave can't wait to see the finished '74 and neither can I. *Wayne*

(cont from page 1) challenges of life put my obsession in check. As a single mother of three boys, their wants and needs outranked my want for a Vette. I promised my youngest son though that once his older brothers graduated, we'd start looking at Corvettes again. With the excitement building around the C7, I began building my own on the Chevrolet website, learning about the options. In preparation for maybe getting one of my own, I simplified my life and began paying off bills to free up income. I relentlessly searched dealer websites to see if any came up for sale to my liking until finally a sales lady in South Carolina told me that my "Prince Charming" had just pulled into the showroom that morning. The next day I had my Corvette. Along with the amazing feeling I get while driving it, the other thing I enjoy about it is getting to share it with my nearly 80 year old Dad who taught me the value of family and working hard for what you want in life. Jamie Renee Posey. (America's Sports Car, A Publication Of The National Corvette Museum). *Roger Burgess*

Iris Parade Great Success With Help of Weatherman!



We had 20 cars participating in the Parade on Saturday, including Randy from MHCC. After arriving at Wayne's and Janet's at 8am, we had a great Continental breakfast, as always, and did a little please-don't-rain dance, which apparently worked, as it was dry all day, keeping the cars dry and shiny.

After the Parade, around noon, we all headed back for the real highlight of the day and the great BBQ lunch provided by Wayne and Janet, and mostly prepared by Janet, as Wayne attests to.

Nice event, and of course Dave Walery provided unlimited access to very cold and tasty Keg



juice; Thanks Dave! Photos on website if you are curious.



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