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It is that time of year again and the WVCA has been asked to participate in the Keizer Iris Festival Parade on Saturday the 21st and there is a need for 18 cars. This is to carry the Mayor and other city officials at the start of the parade. This is one of the annual events that the WVCA has had a long history of participation. WVCA member Dave Walery is heading the parade and has offered that if we could come up with more than the needed cars the extras could travel immediately behind the dignitaries and keep everybody together while further helping promote the WVCA. Afterwards Wayne and Janet Kreger have offered their house for a potluck gathering and photo shoot in their park-like backyard. Please contact Shelly Paddock if you would like to participate as a carry car or just want to ride behind. This is a fun event and the Corvettes are really appreciated by everyone that lines River Road in Keizer. We really need people to sign up for this one and appreciate member participation for this annual event.

The WVCA was founded in 1968 and one of its original members is still active in the club today, our WVCA Charter Member Larry "Lucky" King. On the 27th of this month there will be a Birthday Bash for Lucky at the Elks Club at 2336 Turner Road S E in Salem. All members are invited to come and wish Lucky a Happy Birthday!

There are a lot of activities coming up so keep an eye out for email and website calendar updates. Thank you and "Save the Wave!"



Our club's 5th Annual Cruise In is scheduled for Saturday July 23rd which will come quicker than you think and much participation before, during, and after will be appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steve Tuttle, swtutt@hotmail.com, Tom Paddock, kehraus@msn.com, or me, rjburg49@gmail.com, and we will assign you to group to perform a specific task. For those not familiar with putting on this show here is a Task List for your reference: Items to make before show, Registration forms for cars. Placards with raffle # and content of raffle item. Flyers. WVCA brochures (about us). Supplies to rent, borrow or purchase: tables, chairs, corvette banners, decorations, tablecloths. Tents, awnings. Jars for raffle tickets. Wet Board/ markers. Pens, notepads, scotch tape, masking tape, scissors, push pins. Trash cans, extension cords for neon signs. Follow up/post show: Clean up the parking lot, return supplies, thank you cards for sponsors donations. Overwhelming isn't it? There will be more information as the show gets closer. May 18th, Jacket Night, sponsored by the Starks, with details at the general meeting prior to publishing. May 21st Keizer Iris Parade, 20 cars or more needed. Details at the general meeting prior to publishing. May 14th, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Caffeine and Gasoline at the Eurasia Café, 4500 Lancaster Drive N.E., Salem.

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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Willamette Valley CORVETTE Association

May 5th 2016

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

Number of members present:

Number of guests present: 3

Guests: Bob McLauchlan, VP of WVCA in 1970. He has a 1974 C3 in white for sale.

Ron and Christian Hostetter: they have 2 Torch Red Corvettes, 2014 C7 and 2016 Z06

May Birthdays: Joe Castro 8th, Jim Tiano and Bob Koenig 11th, Angie Harper 13th, Paul Ennor 16th, Pat Manrubia 24th and Lucky King 27th.

New Member: Dan and Joyce Fouts and Tom and Sharon Walsh have met the membership requirements and wish to be voted into the club. **Motion** to accept their membership applications was put forth by **Julie Hughes**, seconded by **Barbara Fuller** and passed without opposition.

Treasurer's Report: April Checking Balance beginning \$4,819.90 and end \$4,897.90. April Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.35 and end \$3,208.37.

Motion to accept the April Treasurer Report was put forth by **John Elegant** seconded by **Pat Manrubia** and passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the April minutes was put forth by **Gene Kraiter**, seconded by **Julie Hughes** and passed without opposition.

Past Events:

April Jacket night on 4/20/16 hosted by the **Tuttles** will be at Los Arcos on Commercial Street. Everyone met there at 6:30 and enjoyed the food and companionship.

Post tax run on 4/30/16 hosted by the **Tuttles** to Astoria with lunch at the Bow Picker. The weather was 85 on the coast and the food was great as usual. It was a long, fun, sunny day at the beach with 13 cars.

Cherry Blossom Poker Run on 4/23/16, WVCA sponsored the last stop at the Half Penny. There were over 240 cars entered, \$1,000 raised for the Boys and Girls Club and tons of food for the Marion-Polk Food Share. The weather was great and the cars were gorgeous, winning hand was 5 Kings. Thank you to the Paddocks, Wayne Kreger, Al Manrubia, and Buzz Blogg for working at this event.

Current Events:

Spring Cruise-in at Suburban Chevrolet in Sandy is 5/7. Stan Czerniak is entering his 2015 Corvette in this event. There will be over 750 cars and trucks entered in this show. Suburban is the largest seller of Corvettes in Oregon.

The tall ships will be in Newport 2 weekends in May. Reply to Buzz if you are interested in driving to see them and lunch at the Rogue Brewery on May 22nd, Sunday..

5/18 is May Jacket night hosted by the Starks. It will be at BlondZees on Portland Road. This is the old Shroeder's Guest House location. Everyone will meet there at 6:30.

5/21 is the Iris Festival Parade in Keizer. We need 18 cars. A decision will be made about the food at a later date. We can use the Kregers (and Walerys) for staging and a bbq afterward but they will not be hosting.

People's Church has invited us to join them for their Saturday cars and coffee from 7:30-10 on 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13 and 9/10.

Jeff Beck is at Maryhill Winery on 8/20. Tickets are \$90 each for premium reserved seats and we will be spending the night in The Dalles. The Tianos are hosting and will be collecting funds for those who want to attend. Angie Harper shared information about a local hotel that offers transportation to and from the concert.

G&R Machine in Donald is hosting a cruise in on 8/27 at the Fairground Pavilion. He is attempting to have the largest convertible show.

The Elegants offered to host the September Jacket Night. They will work something out with the Aspenwall's and their restaurant on Highway 22.

Corvette News: John Elegant attended the annual Corvette Bash in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He had a lot of information about the changes coming to Corvettes and the painting process. The prices of the new year base models will only be raising \$50. The new Grand Sport will have a Stingray hood, and red taillights. Some colors are Black Rose, Sterling Blue Metallic and Watkins Grey Blend. Production will shut down for 2 weeks this summer, they will start up again on 7/11 with the percentages produced being roughly 60% Grand Sports and 40% Stingrays.

Paint - The Corvette paint shop has some equipment from 1986, it is the oldest paint shop in use for new car manufacturing in America. The dated equipment has not kept up with changes in technology and manufacturing materials. The new paint shop is 13 acres, 455,000 square feet and 6 stories tall. By the end of 2018 model year it will be in use as a world class paint shop. The new longer, drying ovens allow for a longer, lower heat drying process which works with the materials being used now. Colors being used now will become Legacy Colors with 3 new colors a year being introduced. 2018 will have Pearlescent Metallic White, the other colors are a closely guarded secret. Mid-engine reveal will be at the 2019 January Show.

Charity Committee: Lee Hart requested information about progress of the Charity Committee. **Barbara Fuller, Julie Hughes, Cindy Tuttle, Tim Blaylock and Dawn G.** will be meeting on 5/9. This was the first opportunity they could all meet.

Birthday Party: Lucky and Claryce King invited everyone to join them in celebrating Lucky's 75th birthday at the Elk's Lodge on Turner Road on 5/27 at 6pm.

SACC: Wayne Kreger has been attending Salem Area Car Council meetings as the WVCA representative. The annual cost of this is \$30 and allows us to interact with other car clubs and promote our Annual Cruise In. He wanted to know if anyone wanted to attend meetings, the next one is the second to last Monday in May at Capitol Chevrolet. He will be more diligent in the future about bringing news back to the meetings to share with WVCA members.

Trivia: In 1982 something happened for the first time since 1954? **Brian Harper** answered correctly with no manual transmission.

50/50 Drawing: Thank you Jim Tiano for collecting \$115. \$57.50 to the club, **Dan Fouts** drew **Roxie Tiano** for \$28.75 and **Christian Hostetter** drew **Jim Hudson** for \$28.75..

Adjourn at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 5/8/2016



FOR SALE

This is a 2004 Chevy Corvette Convertible 5.7 Liter 8Cyl, W/ Automatic transmission. Only 37,856 Miles and Stunning condition all way around . Non Smoker . Adult owned . Very well kept & maintained . Equipped with leather power seats, power windows, power locks, cd player, premium sound , premium wheels and so much more . It drives excellently & looks Sharp **\$21,995 Chuck/Donna Baker** at **redhotc5.db@gmail.com** or 503-859-7250 .



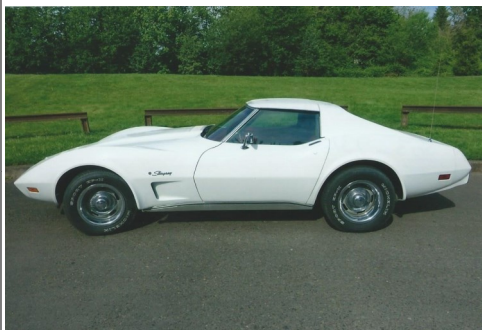
**FOR SALE
BY OWNER**
2009 Corvette Coupe

2LT equipment group, low miles only 5,093, Engine LS3, 6.2 Liter 430 HP, Transmission, 6-spd paddle shift automatic, removable roof panel, chrome aluminum



wheels, many extras, Black with Ebony interior. Cover included, Like new excellent condition! \$33,500.

Contact Duane and Sandy Stark for further information 503-949-9100



FOR SALE

This 1974 coupe is owned by a former VP of WVCA, Bob McLaughlin, who has owned it for 35 years and now wants to move on. It looks like it is in pretty good shape and has 104,000 miles on it. **You can reach Bob at 503-931-7116** and if you are interested, maybe he will cut you a sweet deal on a nice little project car!

On Sunday May 1st 14 or so cars headed to Astoria via twisty and fun driving roads, led by Steve and his Bumblebee. Unfortunately Ken had a flat on the morning of departure and could not make it, but a good time was had by all, including 3 or 4 cars from Mt Hood and a Stingray Forum member who lives in Portland.

After waiting for what seemed like hours we finally got out lunch at the **Bowpicker** and had a trolley ride on the waterfront. It was a great day and temps hit 85 with clear skies and zero breezes; PERFECT!!!

Thanks for the pictures Barbara!





Kent Muhle

Why Choose A Corvette?

Those of you that know of my health issues will please bear with me as I try to bumble through this article. I just got out of the hospital

Wednesday so here goes....

If you have been following my articles you know I like power, speed, cornering and two seaters but have been gravitating only to stuff made in the good old US of A. As I got older I figured that if I was going to complain about the US economy I better be buying US cars. For some reason I turned away from Corvettes cuz my drag racing friends told be they were too fragile for drag race use. Then the C5 showed up.

The body style had me, I ignored the wheels and I figured I had my car. But they were too expensive! At the time, I had just sunk close to 40k into my 82 Malibu Wagon, and even though it was a very cool car in the end it was a 1982 Malibu Wagon and had no real value. But I built it 5k at a time and it was cheap to insure. During the time I owned the Wagon I came up against a few C5's on the street and I was just as fast in a straight line, so I wasn't all that impressed. Keep in mind my Wagon had 3:90 gears, weighed 3400 lbs and had a fairly stout 350. If the race had a stop at the end or a corner anywhere near I would have been toast, and I got 13 MPG but it was quick and unusual.

I drove my first C5 off a lot on McLaughlin, and new WAY more that the salesman that took me out. It was a torch red 2000 coupe M5 and when I turned off the traction control he had no idea what I'd just done. 3,000 in first I jammed my foot to the floor and had to shift into second much quicker than anticipated. Third came just as quickly. The brakes reacted to my foot like the car actually wanted to stop and when I took the S-turn at the end of Oatfield I was convinced the car did it on it's own. The salesman was white as a sheet as I continued to test out our connection, but by the end of the ride even he felt confident. I would have bought the car on the spot, but I'm not a fan of red, and as it had a red interior to boot, it was just too much for me. But the hook was set.

Several weeks later a friend of mine called and asked if I was still looking for a C5. I said yeah, but I just couldn't justify the 15k at the moment. He told me this was a one owner C5 Z51 M5 Coupe with 54k and if I acted before noon I could have it for 10,500 cash. I have never moved so fast! I drove up and there it was. Black with black interior and new Chrome C6 wheels and tires on it. It wasn't perfect, but there were no major issues and

it drove perfectly, so I took it home. The more I drove the more I got this silly grin on my face. It didn't matter what speed I was at, with a tip of my toe I was suddenly going a lot faster. Free-way on ramps are a challenge and a delight, and I can climb on top of a stop sign before hitting the brakes. It's comfortable on long trips and gets 32MPG at 70MPH.

I have a friend who just bought a Miata. Nice little car. Does everything my Corvette does except go. On a race track you have to keep the speed up in a Miata. Put a wheel wrong and it takes laps to regain your place. That's called a momentum car. Very rewarding if that's your driving style. My Corvette on a race track demands a different kind of attention. I have no problem with momentum. I can generate too much momentum in 50'. I have to make sure I use tons of brake at the end of the straight cuz I'm just flat flying by then, and at the apex feed in the power just right to build for the next corner without looping the car. It's exciting and requires a real skill level.

My Neurologists are debating about whether I can ever drive again. If I can, I can't wait to feel the joy American's true sports car offers. If not, I've got some memories that will never fade thanks to that little black car sitting in my garage.

Thanks to Kent for his series of personal experience articles regarding his various cars and here's to remission if not total recovery; we wish you well, Kent!!

A man walks into a bar and has a lot of drinks. He gets completely wasted. He mentions to the bartender that he has his girlfriend sitting in his new corvette outside so she can drive him home.

While the bartender went outside to throw out the garbage he notices a corvette with a man and a woman making out in it. He goes back into the bar and tells the man to go check on his girl.

The man leaves and comes back laughing and staggering a few minutes later.

Confused the bartender asks what is so funny.

The man replies, "My friend Bobby is so wasted he thinks he's me!"

source: <http://www.jokebuddha.com/Corvette#ixzz480YUkNEs>





Continuing trivia...

Corvette 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 Trivia

1960

Production reached 10,000 for the 1960.

The first American production car to provide sway bars both front and rear.

The first time Nylon belted tires became available.

Trivia Corner

1961

The "Wide Whitewall" tires was last featured on the 1961 Corvette.

The 1961 Corvette was the first to remove the "round" nose emblem and replace it with the "CORVETTE" which was spelled out as individual letters.

The big grill teeth vanished forever in 1961, it was replaced by a fine mesh screen in the radiator opening.

The last year for optional two tone paint.

The first to produced over 300 HP from the fuel injected 283 CI V8. The engine (RPO 354) produced 315 horsepower.

1961, is the first year of the trademark quad taillights and the last year for the 283 CI engine.

\$3,934.00, the base price of a new 1961 Corvette.

1962

1962, the last year for the power top on the convertible and the last of the solid rear axle corvettes.

After 1962, the power assisted convertible top would be gone.

Stiffer springs were offered as an option that help improve handling.

1963

The 1963 Corvette was built on a redesigned frame and with full independent rear suspension. The combination of the frame/suspension became effective that it lasted until 1984.

The buyers could select on either a coupe or convertible for the first time.

Mitchell designs became the basis for the 1963 Corvettes.

1963 offers, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning and leather seats as new options.

In 1963, leather seats were made available to some colors.

There was a change in weight distribution from 53/47 to 48/52

that makes it much better to ride and significantly better handling.

Compared to other Corvettes, the 1963 had wider front brake drums.

The first year for the electrically operated hidden headlights and the optional 36 gallon long distance fuel tank.

The one and only year for the split window coupe.

The Grand Sport Corvettes were first produced. The Z06 high performance option were offered to buyers, there were 199 approximately built.

1964

The roof vents became a reality with the blower motor located below the driver side rear fender.

4 engine variations of the 327 engine were made available.

For a set of 5 you could have an Aluminum knock off wheels at only \$322.

1965

More rubber were added to the road and increased the stock tire size to 7.75x15 from 6.70x15, the first time ever in Corvette history.

The first appearance of the factory installed side mounted exhaust systems. there were 759 orders.

The only year for the 396ci 425hp engine option.

Nassau Blue was the most popular exterior color in 1965.

The first year to have the smooth block hood and the "power bulge" or big block hood.

The last year for fuel injection of the small block engines.

The 396 Turbo-Jet side emblem was only used in 1965.

Corvette 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 Trivia

1966

The M22 4 speed standard transmission, is the least ordered option in 1966.

Last year for the Aluminum knock off wheels, later replaced by bolt ons in 1967.

Headrest's and shoulder harnesses were first introduced.

Because of the upper limit of 5.0 liter on engine displacement, the 1966 Corvette was not considered as eligible for the SCCA Trans Am.

Corvair, the only eligible car for Chevrolet.

The Holley Carburetors became standard equipment for Corvettes.

They don't write songs about Volvos.



Little Red Corvette' By Prince Isn't About A Corvette At All

BY [SEAN SZYMKOWSKI](#)

— APR 22, 2016

Occasionally, there's an idea so perfect where everything falls into place. Imagine writing songs, or music. Everything has come along, but one thing simply doesn't fit. That's exactly how one can explain Prince's "Little Red Corvette."

Following the sudden passing of the star, [Jalopnik](#) took a look into one of Prince's most popular hits, "Little Red Corvette." You'll be surprised to learn that the song isn't even about a Corvette, and the American sports car wasn't involved in the writing process, either. (*GM Authority*)

Instead, Prince came up with the very first lyrics to the song while napping in Lisa Coleman's pink Ford Edsel. It's clear, the song simply would not have been as catchy with the "Edsel" name.

Between naps, Prince continued to pen lyrics to the song, eventually writing the "Little Red Corvette" portion. There's never any mention of the pink Edsel, most likely for the greater good. Because they don't write songs about Edsels, and not many wrote music like Prince.



Dave Walery made his annual stop in at the May Meeting to drum up cars for the Keizer Iris Parade AND to let all those at the meeting know how much he appreciates the support of the Club. To make his point, he provided

FREE PIZZA for all those present at the meeting (to those of you who did not come; see how much you miss when you do not attend the meetings!!!) So a big SHOUT OUT goes to Dave for his generosity to the Club and hopefully we will have enough cars so he will not have to go to the Mustang Club for cars!



To our newest members **Tim and Sharon Walsh and DK and JE Fouts.**

We hope you will enjoy our Club and activities and that you will be a part of some activities and committees that

will make this a better Club! You can bring fresh ideas and points of view to the Club that will enhance it for all members. WELCOME!

A Quiz for you..answers on back.. no cheating!!

- 1) What year was dual point distributors first used in? (A)1956 (B)1957 (C)1958
- 2) What year was the last year exhaust was through the bumper? (A) 1959 (B) 1960(C)1961
- 3) What year were big block engines first available in? (A)1965 (B)1966 (C)1967
- 4) In 1956 what percent of coves were painted a different color? Less then ___%
- 5) What year was the last year of the tooth grill? (A) 1959 (B) 1960 (C) 1961
- 6) What percent of Corvette sold in 1972 were coupes?
- 7) What year was aluminum valve covers first available in? (A) 1956 (B) 1957 (C) 1958
- 8) How do you tell the difference between a 1960 and a 1959?
- 9) What year was telescopic steering column first available in? (A) 1965 (B) 1966 (C) 1967
- 10) What year was the last year of aluminum knock off wheels? (A)1964 (B)1965 (C)1966
- 11) What year was the last year Corvette were built in St.Louis? (A)1967 (B)1972 (C)1980
- 12) What was the top speed of the 1998 Corvette? (A) 175 MPH (B) 180 MPH (C)185 MPH

Answers to quiz on Page 7:

- 1-a
- 2-b
- 3-a
- 4-40%
- 5-b
- 6-75%
- 7-a
- 8-seat stitching...1960 vertical and 1959 horizontal
- 9-a
- 10-c
- 11-c
- 12-a



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