WILLAMETTE VALLECORVETTE ASSOCIATION

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### VOLUME 40, ISSUE 5 **MAY 2018**



ooks like May might be a good month for all our members. I A hope you are dusting off your Corvettes planning day and overnight trips. I know some of our retired members are using the good days for trips to the beach to see the old sailing ships. Those of us who are still at the daily grind are dreaming of the day when we can take trips during the week. I want to thank all of the members working on the 50<sup>th</sup>. They are all working so hard to make this a special day for all of us.

Julie Hughes

Looking into the future we have a lot of trips planned. One I am especially looking forward to, is the Presidents Run. That overnight is scheduled for September 15th returning home on September 16th.

Keep reading the bulletin for hints as to where we are going. Your first hint: its 2 hours away North, South, East or West?

I noticed that Jacket night is still in need of some member volunteers to plan the 3rd Wednesday of the month dinners. Please let Kent know so we can fill up those events. You might want to look on the calendar on our web site to see what hasn't been chosen. That's all for now, hope to see everyone at Jacket night this month.



Kent Muhle

here is just a little over a month left before the biggest celebration in WVCA history takes place. As you can imagine, there are tons of details left to take care of, and time is slipping away like, well, like time always does. Trophies, shirts, prizes, games, hats, applications, memos, meetings..... Holy cow!

If you haven't registered yet, go to the website and fill out the form. If that's too much work, give me a call and I'll come to your house to personally sign you up. Here's what you get for your \$20. If you are one of the first 50 to register, you'll get a

really nice plaque for just being there! (Thanks Salem Electric) There are 17 award categories, from C1 to C7, and separate categories for the Z06, Grand Sport and ZR1 cars, not to mentioned Modified. We also have a Best in Show, and several other categories like longest traveler etc. In other words, LOT'S of trophies! We are putting together packets for all participants that will have some gifts, trinkets and gift certificates from local businesses. In addition to all that, there are some really cool raffle prizes, and some items that will be up for silent auction.

The show itself will be a hoot, with Russ Strohmeyer handling DJ duties, and several activities planned including scavenger hunts (kids and adults have their own) and walking tours. We have food vendors among others, so you won't go hungry either. (Cont on p 4)

**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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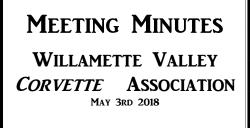
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Petty Cash: \$11.00

Meeting called to order by President Julie Hughes at 6:30pm

Guests: Ben and Sarah Fish 1989 Blue Coupe

Members Present: 30

Birthdays: Bob Koenig and Jim Tiano 11th, Sharon Walsh 12th, Paul Ennor 16th, Lucky King 27th

Minutes Report: Tom Paddock

Changes to previous minutes: None presented

Motion to accept as published by: Kent Muhle and seconded by Annie Koenig. Vote by membership: unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Anderson

Checking:\$9569.69 Savings: \$ 3208.85

Total All Accounts: \$ 12,789.54

Motion to accept presented by: Kent Muhle, seconded by: Vikki Arck

Vote by membership: unanimous

Activities Report: Kent Muhle

Upcoming Activities:

Tuesday 8th- Activity Committee meeting- location Capitol Toyota upstairs conference room @ 6:30pm

Wednesday 16th Jacket Night- Hosted by Tom and Shelly Paddock @ the Gallon House 219 Oak St Silverton OR. We will be meeting at the Harbor Freight parking lot located on N Portland Rd Salem, OR @ 5:30pm and departing @ 5:45pm

50th Anniversary Celebration:

Kent Muhle had the 50th Anniversary Polo and T-Shirts there and they looked great. The hats will be available in about a week. Kent also showed the banner, trophies and participation plaques. Kent also had a manila folder for all in attendance with all the information sheets and forms for members to solicit vendors and give other Corvette owners registration forms. Raffle donations are being collected but we still need more.

Stan Czerniak said this will be one of the best shows he has attended in relation to the amount of categories being awarded.

Wayne Kreger mentioned that Dave Walery got WVCA a spot in the parade and they could not waive the entry fee. This would be a great way to get some attention for our 50th Celebration and members wouldn't have to worry about somebody sitting on their car, so the \$35 entry will come from advertising budget. There was interest by members with a raise of hands and Kent

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Muhle will send an email with further information.

SACC Review: Wayne Kreger updated all the SACC activities:

Cherry Blossom Poker Run - A great day including the weather. 193 paper card sold and both food and cash collected for Food Share. One glitch of a person with a four of a kind but no contact address or phone number. This person would have received a 2nd place prize on \$75. SACC voted to send \$500 along with \$200 from Salem Electric to the Boy and Girl Club. It was discussed to change stops alternating every couple of years to add variety to the run.

Iris Festival Parade May 19-Seven cars for dignitaries. Need a good showing for the 50 anniversary promotional parade (10 or more cars) needed. \$35 entry fee.

Jacket Night beginning with a Corvettes at the Capitol showing May 16 - Sherry Candler will coordinate the Corvette's at the Capitol part of the event for late afternoon followed by a drive to a place to eat.

Friday 9:10 on KBZY Russ Strohmeyer will give a club member 3 minutes, maybe more, to promote our car show.

Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Foundation Stroh's Wed Night Cruise is 1st & 3rd Wed June - Aug 5:00 PM A & W Stayton Free Russ Strohmeyer 503-930-8976

Silverton Flywheels in First Friday Night Cruise-In First Fridays May - Sept 5:30 PM Downtown Silverton Free Brian Aust 503-949 -2911

Rollin Oldies Thursday Night Cruise-In Thurdays June - Sept 5:00 PM Red Robin Albany Free

High School Car Shows - Cascade May 12 \$25 entry fee. Proceeds go to Senior Class party. Stayton Car Show June 2 Entry Fee by Donation

Website Review: Ken Arck No update at this time

Glass Sass Review: Buzz Blogg Members are asked for any kind of articles please! Even pictures of your pets will be appreciated.

Bowling Green Update: Stan Czerniak: Two new colors for the Corvette were introduced at the Birthday Bash. They are Elkhart Lake Blue and Shadow Gray.

Stan mentioned a video showing a new ZR! vs a Hellcat Demon in a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile race, and the ZR1 wins by over a second. Being that the <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile is what the Demon was made for, this is a pretty hefty feat.

World of Speed in Wilsonville has a Saturday Cars and Coffee that members should attend, and also that the Fussy Duck has a Cars and Coffee starting the last Saturday in May. Sounds like a good time and these events are well attended by all kinds of car afficionados.

Old Business: The budget was presented in the Quick books format. Wayne Kreger made a motion to separate the operating budget from the 50th Anniversary event budget, seconded by Stan Czerniak. 29 voted for, 1 against. Jim Tiano will assist Jennifer Anderson and send revised sheets out.

Julie Hughes and Roger Burgess will contact the Delany Restaurant about the over-payment for the Christmas Dinner. They have been closed for remodeling.

Sandy Stark asked about the Honorary Membership status for Anne Salvatori and Kay Hanson. Lee Hart made a motion to designate them as Honorary Members, 2nd by Sandy Stark. All in attendance voted yes. They will be contacted and will be Honorary members of WVCA.

Tech Time: none

Trivia: What material is the floorboard of a C5 made of? Tim Walsh correctly answered Balsa Wood.

50/50 Drawing: \$100 total collected, \$50 to the club, \$25 drawn by: Sarah Fish with Tom Paddock winning

\$ 25 drawn by: Tom Paddock with Buzz Blogg winning \$25

Meeting adjourned by Julie Hughes at 7:45



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If that isn't enough to convince you to come, think about this. We are one of the oldest clubs around, and probably the second oldest in the NW. We have members who were with us since the beginning. We have promoted our cars and the Corvette life-style in general, and this is our opportunity to show pride in our club and our cars. I for one am thrilled to be a part of this organization, and am PUMPED to show our club and our cars to the public.

Don't miss this event folks, and please promote it to all your acquaintances. I look forward to seeing you all on the grass in front of the Carousel on June 16<sup>th</sup>!!!

HOW MANY OF THESE PAST EVENTS CAN YOU IDENTIFY BY EVENT AND YEAR??













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### Hooray Hooray for the First of May, Corvette Season Starts Today

The Spring installment in WVCA's 50th Anniversary History Series by: Paul Ennor

Back in the early days of WVCA May 1<sup>st</sup>, or to be more precise, the first Saturday in May, marked the official start of the Corvette season. Early in the morning of that particular Saturday every year the club members would gather at the old East Gate Shopping center located at Market and



Hawthorn in Salem to drive to the coast. Many years clubs from the Portland-Vancouver area would meet us there as well. From that starting point we would caravan south to Philomath where we would meet clubs from Eugene and Albany for the epic twisty drive West on Hwy 34 to Newport.

The plan was to have as many Corvettes as possible arrive at Parade sponsor Hayden Chevrolet on Hwy 101 in Newport in time to get organized to be in the Newport annual Loyalty Days parade which started at noon. There were often a number of girls from various courts looking for rides through the parade and we of course obliged them.

Several years over 100 Vettes show up. One Hundred Plus Corvettes as a single parade entry would string out over a mile on the parade route. It was quite a sight to see. Of course, I can't publish a picture for a couple of reasons; One, I was in the parade and not on the side lines to shoot pictures, Two, how could anyone, even Buzz, get a mile or more of Corvettes strung -out in single line in one picture.

Over the years the character of our participation changed. Early-on members with headers were allowed or even encouraged to uncap them, make as much noise as possible and even do burn-outs in the parade to entertain the local residents. I'm not sure the

local people saw it as entertaining as our members did, because after a couple of years we were banned from doing all that noise and danger. After the parade Corvetters would gather at some local motel to enjoy each other's company. Early-on these gatherings were very informal. In later years the whole event morphed into a much more formal and expensive event with entry fees, reservation, door prizes and so forth.

So, this was how WVCA kicked off the Corvette season from, oh, 1969 to sometime in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the beginning WVCA tagged along with Cascade Corvette Club out of Eugene who was the original sponsor. After a year or so Loyalty Days was co-sponsored between the two clubs, then WVCA took it over as the only sponsor after the Eugene club lost interest and it continued that way until enough people bought Corvettes on the coast and sometime after 2000 and they formed their own Corvette club on the Coast and the took over sponsorship. Currently I haven't heard anything about a loyalty Days event anymore. I suspect that it's passed into the history books.

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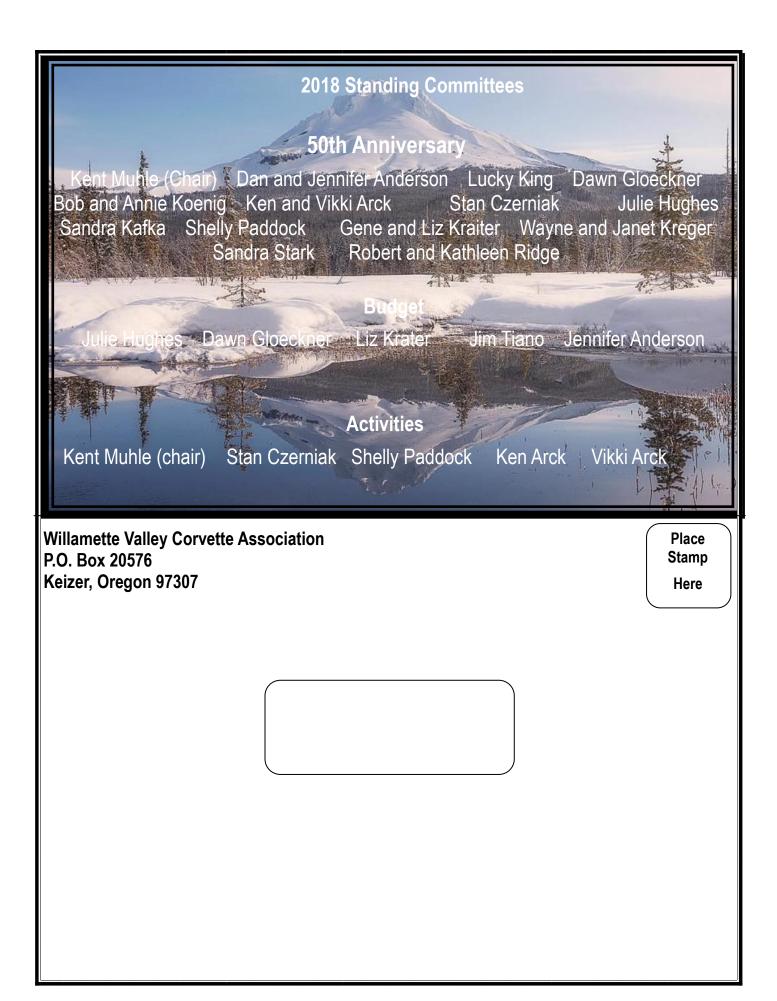
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Monthly Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Jacket Night	17	18	19 Iris Festival Parade
20 Autocross	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
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3	4	5	6	7 Monthly Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Corvettes @ the Carousel
17	18	19	20 Jacket Night	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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