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President Julie Hughes

I was sitting here this morning trying to remember all that we did this year. I am so proud of our membership; we all pitched in to make this successful Corvette year. Where we needed help, there was always someone stepping up to the plate. We took on Corvettes by the Carousel and our membership team did a fantastic job. I only have one more month as President and wanted to thank my outstanding board of Directors for all their hard work this year. I couldn't have done this job without you.

When Stan and the new board takes over, I will be there to help them in anyway I can. I believe in our club and the diversity that we have. Each and every one of you has an opinion about something even if you don't want to express verbally. I am looking forward to making 2019 a very successful year.

I am in hopes that next year we will have more trips planned during the weekend so that those members that are still working can attend. I know the retired membership will still be taking trips during the week. I know the President's run didn't happen this year. Maybe we can incorporate this trip. Have a great November. Julie



Vice President Kent Muhle

It's getting colder and the days are way too short. I got spoiled with the fantastic summer we had, and kinda got used to no rain and sun til 10. There is still plenty of daylight and it's not always wet, so I backed my tune off a little and am trying to keep my tires up to temp. It's one of the sacrifices you make when you insist on summer tires year round. Speaking of which, I just made my annual tire purchase, getting lots of new tread for the upcoming monsoon's. Y'all know how I drive, and will be impressed by the fact that my last set had 33,900 miles on them! Yes, they were shot, but still safe in the dry.

At the last General Meeting (which sadly I was unable to attend), Stan spoke about our meeting with Capitol Chevrolet. We went in looking for support for Corvettes at the Carousel II, Glass in the Grass, and were met with a very interesting proposal. They want to sponsor us for 2019, but year round, and not just one event. As mentioned in the meeting, they are paving a huge area and plan to have it set up really nice, with a grassy area with food carts. It would be super easy to hold a monthly Cruise-in there, and would generate lots of interest in our club as well as providing good advertising for Cap Chev. We could hook up with a charity and boost our publicity while helping out our community. Most of all, it would be a fun way to meet new people and promote our favorite sports car. Many of us already attend weekly or monthly Cruise-ins on a regular basis, so lets have one of our own. Basically, a Cruise-in takes a location, some advertising, and a few of us to welcome new folks and keep things in order. (Cont on page 9)

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.

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- Enzo Ferrari

MEETING MINUTES

WILLAMETTE VALLEY **CORVETTE ASSOCIATION**

NOVEMBER 1ST 2018

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

Members present: 30

Guests: Rholen and Trish Dougherty (came from Tillamook) 1996 Black on Black Coupe

Birthdays: Roger Burgess 4th, Sarah Fish 15th, Kathleen Ridge 19th, Ben Fish 27th

Minutes Report: Tom Paddock

Changes to previous minutes: None presented Next meeting first person to mention this when changes are brought up will get \$5 in 50/50 tickets. Motion to accept as published by: Bob Koenig

Motion seconded by: Vikki Arck Vote by membership: unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Anderson

Amount in Checking:\$7,334.46 Amount in Savings: \$3,208.97 Amount Petty Cash: \$ 11.00 Total All Accounts: \$ 10,554.43

Motion to accept presented by: Wayne Kreger

Motion seconded by: Paul Ennor Vote by membership: unanimous

Activities Report: Kent Muhle was not present so Stan Czer-

niak and Julie Hughes filled in.

Upcoming Activities:

Jacket Night- There will be no Jacket Night for November as it would be the day before Thanksgiving.

Christmas Banquet, gift exchange and stuffed animal collection- Julie Hughes is seeking a venue sometime between the 12th and 15th depending on availability. There will be more information at the December meeting. A decorating committee was formed headed by Andrea Massey with Sarah Fish and Sandra Stark. Sandra Stark brought up a motion to spend \$50 for decorations and seconded by somebody but all members present voted unanimously yes. Julie also mentioned having WVCA pay for part of the dinner cost, and a vote will be held at the next meeting after the venue and dinner cost is determined.

June 22nd 2019, Corvettes at the Carousel II-Kent Muhle and Stan Czerniak met with Capitol Chevrolet and they are asking WVCA to come up with a schedule for more events to be held throughout the year. Several options were discussed and the new Capitol parking area could provide a nice venue. Ken Arck mentioned BBO, Paul Ennor mentioned having an NWAC sanctioned autocross and Wayne Kreger mentioned having an advertising plan. A proposal will be developed and presented to Capitol Chevrolet. All ideas are welcomed and the next meeting of the Cruise In committee is November 15th at the Capitol Toyota Upstairs conference room at 6:30pm. All WVCA members are encourage to participate. Sandra Stark mentioned that all the leftover goodie bag items have been used, and everybody should start collecting items for next year's event. A motion was brought forth by Wayne Kreger to set aside \$2000 for carousel expenses and was seconded by Ken Arck, all members voted yes unanimously.

SACC-

Wayne Kreger mentioned that on December 1st the Stayton Fire Hall will collect stuffed animals and toys for local distribution.

Bowling Green News-

Corvette Birthday Bash registration should be starting soon and 2019 Corvette Caravan updates keep rolling out.

Glass Sass-

Editor-In-Chief Buzz Blogg encouraged all members to send him an article for the newsletter; Al Manrubia is coming up with articles but Buzz isn't getting help with content.

Web Update-

Ken Arck asked that anybody with pictures from events PLEASE send them to him so they can be posted on the WVCA website.

New Business:

Julie Hughes read aloud a thank you note from Yamhill Carlton High School students thanking WVCA members for participating in their Homecoming Celebration and that they look forward to having us back next year. Roger Burgess who was in the Cascade High School crew talked about having the tops down just before the rain came. Wayne Kreger mentioned that there was another Corvette there, and that the driver was driving very irresponsibly. He contacted the school and told them he was not part of our group, and they responded in the future no other non-WVCA drivers would be allowed to participate.

Tech Time-

Lee Hart mentioned that changing your battery before that warranty is up would be a safe bet, his battery died in the garage after 8 ½ years.

Al Manrubia's neighbor moved and Al was able to get a Corvette telephone and an old WVCA jacket. Pat Ennor confirmed that is was a 2nd version.

Buzz Blogg showed a shirt he got a WVSR Cruise In and the fact it was something that appealed to him as a cool shirt, not just for the event.

Trivia-

The original front emblem and the horn button featured an _____, but the design had to be changed at the last minute when it was discovered that using this on a commercial product is actually illegal. EVERY member in attendance yelled "the American Flag".

50/50 Drawing:

- \$ 110 total collected by Roger Burgess
- \$ 55 to the club
- \$ 27.50 drawn by: Trish Dougherty with Andrea Massey winning.
- \$ 27.50 drawn by: Andrea Massey with Dan Anderson winning.

Meeting adjourned by Julie Hughes at 7:40

Some Thoughts on the start of Winter

By: Paul Ennor



So far this year I've been writing about WVCA's history as we celebrate this club's 50th anniversary. But I've just about drained the contents of my brain and I'm out of 50-year-old memories, Well, almost. But there's still a deadline to meet and space to fill in the Glass Sass so I'm about to do what any good author would do when faced with a looming deadline. I'm not saying that I'm a good author, just an author with a deadline ©. So hang in there as I ramble on and expound on various random thoughts in hopes of keeping my readers engaged for one more month.

I know Winter must be on our door step because I just saw my first advertisement for season ski passes. I don't ski myself and never have, but advertisements for sea-

son ski passes, just like seeing pickup loads of fire wood driving around always reminds me that winter is almost here. I've never been a fan of late fall and winter. I know that many people love this time of year with the changing season with its leaves turning color, cooler temperatures, Halloween candy galore, turkey and Christmas on the horizon.

But for me late fall has always meant everything is dying and it's time to stop driving my Vette. The days are getting almost unbearably short. We get up in the dark and its dark at dinner time. Switching to Standard time makes it even worse artificially. It's getting cold and damp. Fog hugs the river many mornings and dropping the top on my Corvette no longer seems pleasurable. Could it be that I'm getting old or could it be that I just can't stand the thought of enduring another two months of Christmas ads and music? Nope! I'm getting old, no doubt about it. Mystery solved.

Now hang in there with me while I once again jump back in Corvette time a few years. A couple of weeks ago a club member asked me if I had winter tires for my Vette. "What?", I said. I didn't even know that was an option. Back in the 70's, 80's and early 90's I drove my 73 Vette in all weather conditions year-in and year-out on the same set of BF Goodrich TA radials. That old C3 did quite well in the snow and hardly noticed the rain, except that GM designers of that era seemed to have ignored one little law of gravity, that being that water tends to run downhill. So, they did such odd things as put some weather stripping on the top side of the rear deck on the road-ster instead of on the bottom where it could control the water as the car aged a little. So those C3 and earlier cars tended to leak a little in heavy rain. But fiberglass doesn't rust and carpet and vinyl can be wiped dry with a towel. I'll move on here before I offend any other old GM engineers out there.

Anyway, let's get back to tires; There are three types of tires. One: Performance tires. Those come stock on new Corvettes I've been told. You see, I've never owned a Corvette newer than a C3. Tire type two: all season tires. I guess my old TA's were that type. And the third type: winter (snow?) tires. Hmm, let me know if you've ever put those on your Corvette.

Along with three different types of tires there seems to be three different types of Corvette owners. They kind of match the tire types. There are performance drivers. These people love long winding roads with smooth blacktop or better yet a 200MPH drive on a German Autobahn. Corvettes were engineered for these people.

I'll bet that very few Corvette owners take anywhere near full advantage of the capabilities Chevrolet built into our cars. Nope, I suspect that most of us fall into the type-2 Corvette owner category. We love our Vettes, like to drive them on dry days on empty country roads and/or drive them daily to work, school, the store, vacation trips, etc. And maybe when the opportunity presents itself, we wax them up and put them in a show-and-shine or parade.

That's cool. Admit it, isn't that why you bought your Vette in the first place? Then there is the third type of Corvette owner; This person has a Corvette parked in the garage or other storage much of the time and it rarely sees the light of day. I hate to admit it, after almost 50-years I'm afraid that I've fallen into this final category.

Back in the day if you had told me that my Vette would be a "garage queen" someday I would have scoffed at the very thought. I think I need to get into Corvette rehab and fix this in myself. Whatever. I'll bet you're wondering if I'll ever bring this column to an end. And yes, I will.

Winter is almost here. Hang in there my Corvette friends. Enjoy your Vette(s) in whatever way brings you joy, even during the long dark wet Oregon winter. June 2019 will be here soon enough along with our second annual Corvette show in River Front Park. So keep the Vette looking good through this long dark winter and remember to "Save the Wave".



Jacket Night 10-17-18 at Mangiere's









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MidEngine Monthly Update: # 1

By John Elegant

Thank you for allowing me, as a guest, to share with your club a monthly **mid engine Corvette update** article. A mini-background: I am a long term Corvette lover just like you; had a craving for one since I first got in a ride in a new, 340 HP, factory 4 speed, factory air, 1963 split window. I am a currently 20 year NCM Lifetime and Annual Contributing member; own a 2015 Z06 -- to be replaced next September with the 2020 mid engine C8; and, am the Co-Captain of the Pacific Northwest part of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan (our 5th).

Thanks to commercial artist and fellow Corvette fanatic **fvs** ("FirstVetteSoon"), we have a refined front quarter render of the 2020 Corvette. As he always acknowledges, "what I render, will be done better by GM."



While my next month's C8 article will focus on its six highly debated, Corvette traditionalist, hot-button issues, today we focus on the many patents GM filed and/or received the last 1 1/2 years for engineering/design components that *could* be found on the C8

- 1). Active Aero Components: Two patents (first: March, 2017; second: August, 2018):
- a) https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/119-me-to-feature
 -active-aero
- b) https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/4392-new-me-patents-approved-for-active-side-skirts-spoiler-downforce-generating-ducts
- 2) Convertible Air Buffeting Deflector (also reducing drag, increasing fuel economy): https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/6570-me- 'vert-air-deflector-patent
- 3) Twin Stage Turbo Motor: https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/5676-me-t-s-turbo-patent

4) Hydraulically Actuated DCT With Clutch Pedal?

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/10616-is-this-a-duel -clutch-transmission-with-a-foot-hand-manual-shift-alternative

GM has been busy lately developing potential engineering advances and body design patents. Only several years from now, will we know which ones were "defensive patents"; which ones did not work out; or, which ones became reality on our C8 next generation

Thanks also to **fvs**, we have a C8 interior rendering of what the C8's front with a license plate would look like:



Thanks for reading. If you are interested, there are 300 *other* mid engine C8 threads at: www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com. John (Reachable on the forum via a PM to "John")



Happy Thanksgiving!



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The History of the "C" Generation indicator. The C designation didn't begin until the 5th Generation Corvette. Below is the breakdown for the illustrious Chevrolet Corvette which started production in 1953.

The 1979 Corvette had the largest production totals with 53,807(all coupes). I truly believe that GM would like the C8 to have a goal of 50,000 per year to be produced so stay tuned and touch base with me regarding any Corvette info, new or used. 301 212 www.corvettefurman.com 4420 email mfurman@criswellauto.com

I'm now in my 41st year selling Corvettes! *I will be out of the office Nov 2nd-4th.

C1 ~ 1953-1962; C2 ~ 1963-1967; C3 ~ 1968-1982 C4 ~ 1984-1996; C5 ~ 1997-2004; C6 ~ 2005-2013 $C7 \sim 2014 - C8 \sim 2020 -$

(I have owned 18 Corvettes...C3 is the only generation I haven't owned...yet)

I am continuing to sell and deliver many Corvettes (new and used) weekly. Please contact me directly for details on my 100+ new C7's already at Criswell, or to get info on inbound C7's, or may I help you custom order a new Corvette. I am getting all new orders picked up by GM, their becoming sta- my date-and-time stamped, 2020 C8 pre-ordering tus 3000. weekly. Even though ZR1 orders remain list. I know with the amount of my current sales, that "very limited allocation," they too are being delivered monthly. Please call me at my desk direct line so I can get your C7 heading your way in the soonest postime: (301) 212-4420, or email at: mfurman@criswellauto.com

Is there a mid engine Corvette coming for 2020? Not according to GM. However, does it tell you something that 4 different mid engine (ME) test cars were tested the Nurburgring last month? I can not remember GM ever sending that many of a new generation to test in Germany, so their commitment to getting the C8 right is forceful.

I am continuing to stay abreast of the latest mid engine information, renderings, spy pictures and more at: www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com. three hundred threads there already, and as that fairly new site has already been cited/linked by eight major automedia, they must be on top of cutting-edge, mid engine news. Here's some of what is now featured there, but as it is updated immediately as new C8 info breaks, I am myself checking in there many times weekly, and as time allows, choosing to do so daily.

Latest front quarter view of the ME by the best C8 renderer, IMO, fvs ("FirstVetteSoon"):

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/ main-forum/11876-new-fvs-front-quarter-render

3D GIF Rendering of the C8 "In Progress": https:// www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mainforum/13464-chazcron-c8-gif-work-in-progress

Exciting, though just 17 seconds long, 360 rotisserie view video of a C8 rendering:

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/ main-forum/12973-exciting-c8-360-video-rendering

Might "Zora" (what some are calling the next Corvette), have an active spoiler as an option?

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mediscussion-photos-videos/12909-c8-hidden-activerear-aero-spoiler

Why now could we be getting a radically new, mid engine possibility? Actually, there have been six decades of Corvette mid engine prototypes, as detailed here:

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/ main-forum/15-9-mid-engine-corvette-prototypesthat-never-made-it-to-production

I am looking forward to talking with you, whether to assist you in getting your C7 now, or you wish to join my earned mid engine allocations will be considera-

*Looking for a special Corvette themed present?

Introducing Corvette Special Editions by Keith Cornett:

When the first Corvette was introduced to the public in 1953 through the traveling caravan known as GM's Motorama, everyone knew there was something special about two-seater sportscar. Each subsequent model continued to strengthen that position. But how do you upgrade America's favorite sports car? Make it a special edition!

This new 192-page book from Keith Cornett of CorvetteBlogger.com details the 43 "official" Corvette Special Editions produced by Chevrolet that range from the 1978 Silver Anniversary to the 2018 Carbon 65! Although not official special editions, a section is dedicated to some of the historic models and RPOs that Corvette collectors and enthusiasts consider today to be "special". And finally, the book takes a look at some of the most popular third-party special editions from Motion Performance, Greenwood, Callaway, and others.

Corvette Special Editions is a 10x10 inch coffee table with 460 photos, illustrations and graphics. The cover featuring the 2017 Corvette Grand Sport Collector Edition with the #005 1963 Corvette Grand Sport is a definite conversation starter!

Corvette Special Editions carries an MSRP of \$44.95 by the publisher and Keith is offering signed copies for that price at https://www.corvettespecialeditions.com. Many of you may not care whether it's signed or not (which is perfectly fine), and if that's the case, you can also find it here at Amazon.com: https://amzn.to/2pq8ZOd

The cars and coffee on Fridays at the Half Penny has gotten embarrassing. Originally, Willamette Valley Street Rods started this and invited other clubs and WVCA took them up on their offer.

It wasn't very long before we out numbered them and we have continued to do this to date. It looks like WVCA has another tradition to keep up, and so, rain or shine, we almost always show up.

Case in point: last week when it was rainy and nasty on the appointed Friday at the Half Penny, hardly anyone did show, EXCEPT AL! He showed up and represented us with a sole member of WVSR and they had a nice chat and breakfast anyway! Good for you Al!!!

So we rolled downtown to the Half Penny and, much to our surprise, no one was there from WVCA!'

As I represented our Club, I met with Frank, who solely represented WVSR, He has a very nice yellow '54 Chevy pickup and he was all dressed up in his Club attire. After a great breakfast and a few good laughs we headed out. When I got home it only took about 10 minutes to wipe down the Blue Vette.

That very, very soft rainwater is so pure that the Vette shined brightly again. I think that the Vette smiles at me as if to say "Let's do this again and I promise, Corvettes don't melt in the rain."

(Cont from cover page)

We have seen a resurgence in new membership and an enthusiasm that leads me to believe next year will build on the success we had as an organization in 2018. Tom and I remain on the board, and our new president-elect Stan Czerniak along with our new treasurer-elect Sandra Stark are committed to making 2019 a banner year for WVCA.

I envision a monthly Cruise-in with our name alongside Capitol Chevrolet as it's sponsor, a Corvettes at the Carousel II, Glass in the Grass with over 200 cars, and a heap of fun cruises, shows, dinners, picnics etc. This is your club kids, and you can make of it what you will. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved at whatever level you're comfortable with, ya just gotta call one of the board members and get to it.

Remember that WVCA is a CORVETTE CLUB, and as such is not involved in any politics or religion. Except for the offerings I seem to give up from time to time to the God of Speed. Happy holidays everyone, stay safe and drive those Corvettes when you can.



It's Friday October 26th and the weather here in Salem is iffy. Some drizzle and some raindrops. Now the question of the day is to go or not to go to Cars and Coffee at the Half Penny.

I looked at my Corvette and It looked back at me as if to say "start me up and let 's roll. I'm not ready for Winter yet!"

The weather is drying up, going to be totally sunny this Thursday, the 8th and so all are invited to the following mini-trip if it would interest you. Met at "Pressed Coffee" In Dallas (the block before the Courthouse) @ 10:22:22 AM; leave there at 10:44:44 to head down the Applegate Trail for great Thai and fantastic American food (yeah I know a very strange combination) at "The Woodsman" restaurant in Philomath. After lunch, those who wish, could head south out of Philomath down, IMO, the best 2 mile curvy stretch in the state, then up to the Top of Marys Peak, then home as one wishes; however some have already told me that they will be heading directly north after lunch, returning up the Applegate trail. Or whatever other way home you might wish. Hope some more join us. John & Stan

November 2018

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