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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



The past year has gone by very quickly, and soon it will be time for the annual awards banquet. This is where all those member of the year points that are mentioned all year finally begin to mean something.

The current WVCA Member of the Year, Don Chandler, has set the bar pretty high for all those that will follow. The top ten members with the highest point totals are considered for this honor. While I know that people don't consider the points when deciding to participate on a committee or go to an event, it is a nice way for the club to show appreciation and recognize their efforts.

The points are accumulated throughout the year by attending WVCA sanctioned events. These are the things listed on the calendar that Roger Burgess, the Activities Committee Chairman, updates at every monthly meeting.

If you think you might need help or have any questions about how to proceed with setting up an event, please feel free to reach out to Roger or someone on the board for assistance. It is very easy and everybody enjoys something different for a change of pace.

Participation has been spectacular this year, and there has been strong support for our ongoing and annual events.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Half-Penny Cruise-In was a huge success this year, and Waynestock2 with the Yellow Jacket count was highly anticipated. *(continued on back page)*

**V.P. CORNER**



The events for the remainder of the year were discussed and finalized at the last Activities Committee Meeting on Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks to all Activity Committee Members for their guidance, support and participation for a successful year. Also thank you to

all sponsors of events, leaders of drives and member participation.

Last scheduled events: Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Yamhill / Carlton Homecoming. Sponsors Castro's and Chandlers. Drivers with cars have signed up and have the details. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, Cascade High Homecoming, sponsored by Kregers. Need 10 drivers and cars. Participants meet at Neufeldt's Restaurant, Main St. Aumsville between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. and travel to Cascade H.S. after dinner. Signup sheet will be passed around at Oct.

General Meeting. Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, Awards Banquet, Sponsors, Activities Committee. Oak Knoll Golf Club, 6335 Hwy 22, Independence, 6:00 p.m. Beef, Chicken, or Salmon, No Host Bar, Awards, Door Prizes, and 50/50 Raffle. Sign-up sheet was sent around at the Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting. If you can't attend the meeting contact Shelly Paddock, 503-871-4466, [shelly-rocks2@gmail.com](mailto:shelly-rocks2@gmail.com) no later than Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, Jacket Night, sponsor Burgesses. 6:00 p.m. Meet at Geppetto's Italian Restaurant, 616 Lancaster Dr. N.E. Salem. Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party Delaney Madison Grill, 5745 Inland Shores Way N., Keizer, Activities Committee, Liz Kraiter, Della Edwards, Shelly Paddock.

Bring small stuffed animals for distribution to local law enforcement offices. Animals are handed out to children when removed from their homes. One gift for each participant for the gift exchange should not exceed \$25.00.

"Save The Wave"

**Roger**

**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:

<http://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com>

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# Willamette Valley Corvette Association October Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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

**Number of members present: 45**

**Number of guests present: 1**

**Guests:** Ken Kafka, 2008 C6 Crystal Red Metallic

**New Members voted in:** John L. Hatch 1994 C4 Midnight Red, motion was put forth by Wayne Kreger, seconded by Al Manrubia and passed without opposition.

**October Birthdays:** Ken Arck 16<sup>th</sup>, Al Manrubia 20<sup>th</sup>, Dave Walery 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jim Hudson 26<sup>th</sup> and Claryce King 27<sup>th</sup>

**Treasurer's Report:** September Checking Balance beginning \$7,296.15 and end \$7,304.15. September Money Market Balance beginning \$3,208.21 and end \$3,208.23.

Our annual charitable donations will be distributed this week, \$100 each to Salem Friends of Felines, Willamette Valley Humane Society, Marion-Polk Food Share and Center for Hope and Safety.

**Motion** to accept the September Treasurer's Report was put forth by Wayne Kreger, seconded by Bob Koenig and passed without opposition.

**Motion** to accept the September minutes was put forth by Lucky King, seconded by Vikki Arck and passed without opposition.

### Announcements:

#### Past Events:

September Jacket Night 9/196 (Arck) – Chevy's in Lake Oswego, parking was a pain but the food and company were excellent.

#### Current Events:

Yamhill/Carlton Homecoming 10/2 (Castro/Chandlers)-Meet at Roth's in West Salem at 5pm, dinner at Barrel 47.

Cascade Homecoming 10/8 (Kreger)-Meet at Neufeldts at 5:30pm

Awards Banquet 10/17 (Club) – Oak Tree Restaurant. Meet at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. There will be annual awards, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

November Jacket Night 11/18 (Burgess)-Geppetto's on Lancaster, meet there at 6pm.

Christmas Party 12/16 (Club)-Will be at Delaney-Madison Grill in Keizer. We are doing our annual stuffed animal drive for local law enforcement, bring a \$25 white elephant gift if you want to participate in that.

**Awards Banquet:** (Amended motion) Liz Kraiter moved that the club subsidize the cost of the Awards Banquet dinner in the amount of \$15 per person. This will bring the member cost to \$15 each. Al Manrubia seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

**Dues:** Annual dues are due, you can't vote in the Board elections if your dues are not current. \$40 family and \$30 individual.

**Board Elections:** 45 votes each for:

**Tom Paddock, President**

**Roger Burgess, Vice President**

**Barbara Fuller, Treasurer**

**Shelly Paddock, Secretary**

**Steve Tuttle, Member-at-Large**

Ken Arck as Historian was on the ballot, this is an appointed position but did receive 44 votes. Tom Paddock appointed him for another annual term.

**World of Speed:** Vikki Arck mentioned that Saturday at 8am is the Cars and Coffee meeting in Wilsonville at the World of Speed. Anyone interested in attending meet Tom Paddock at Harbor Freight at 8am on Saturday and we'll caravan there.

**Tech Time:** John Elegant mentioned that the Corvette Plant will close down for 7 days in October. There is huge secrecy about why and what it happening, guesses ranged from new paint facility to assembly changes.

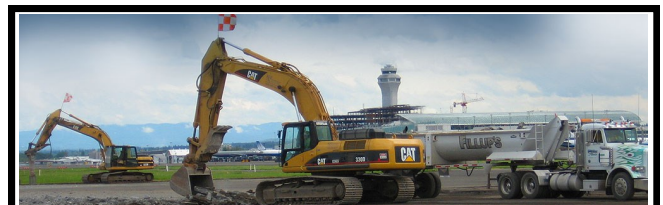
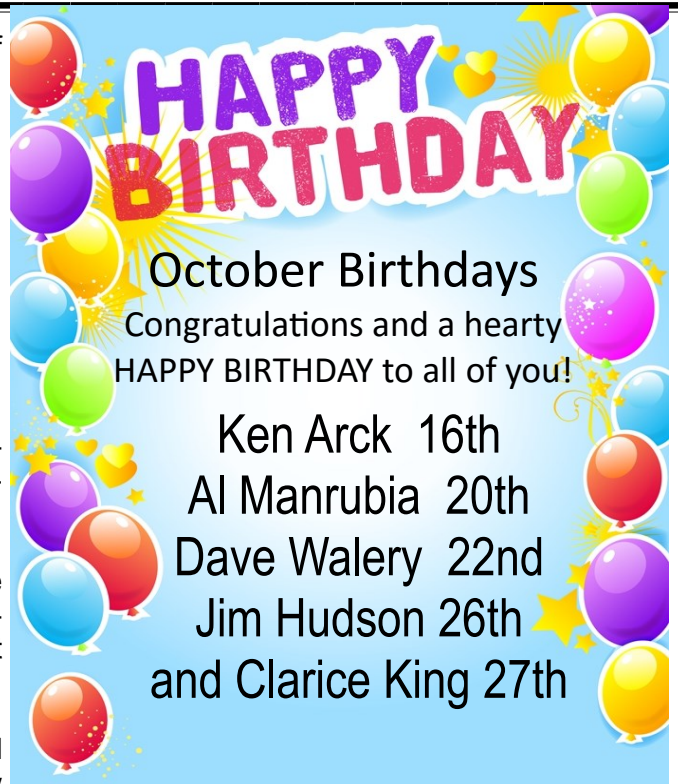
Gene Kraiter asked about recommendations for a good radar detector.

**Trivia:** In 1951 who conceived the corvette? Ken Arck answered correctly with Harley Earl.

**Drawing:** \$122 was earned. \$61 to the club, Ken Kafka drew Sally Hart for \$30.50, and John L. Hatch drew Tom Paddock for \$30.50.

Adjourned at 7:31pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Paddock - 10/2/2015



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## No More Manual Transmission Cars: Blame "AEB!"

*By John Elegant*



I am seeing many models that already have automatic emergency braking (AEB) on ALL their automatics, but not on their manual transmissions. Last time I saw a major study, automatics accounted for 92% of all new car purchases. Insurance companies are instituting bigger and bigger discounts for cars which have automatic braking. Putting these three things together, **does this agreement signal the absolute death knell of the manual transmission car?**

Yes, it does. Get used to calling it "AEB," for new acronym for automatic emergency braking. The following quote is from Lund, who is the head of the IIHS (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety).

"The evidence is mounting that AEB is making a difference," Lund said. "Most crashes involve driver error. This technology can compensate for the mistakes every driver makes because the systems are always on alert, monitoring the road ahead and never getting tired or distracted." And, according to IIHS's report, "the technology can reduce insurance injury claims by as much as 35 percent. IIHS said as many as 20 percent of crashes could be prevented by the technology. "Do the math. That's 5 million crashes every year -- 20 percent reduction means 1 million less. Those are big numbers," Rosekind said." (Both above quotes are thanks to the Detroit News.)

Recently, ten major automotive manufacturers just signed an agreement for the upcoming use of AEB. Almost every auto industry analyst predicts that AEB will become a NHTSA requirement no later than 2020, but implemented perhaps a few years thereafter to give the last of the manufacturers a time to implement this truly lifesaving system. From, and with thanks to ET Auto.com, "Federal officials say automatic braking can help avoid rear-end collisions, which accounted for one-third of all police-reported car crashes in 2013. Studies, including a recent IIHS report, also show that AEB technology can reduce insurance injury claims by as much as 35 per cent.

The ten automakers are Volkswagen and its luxury car division [Audi](#), [BMW](#), Ford Motor Co, [General Motors Co](#), Mazda Motor Corp, Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz, Tesla Motors Inc, [Toyota Motor Corp](#) and Volvo AB. And besides these ten, there are several other manufacturers currently offering AEB right now, e.g. Subaru. "NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind told reporters Friday that AEB should become standard among the automakers faster than the seven to eight years it could take to develop mandatory regulations to deliver the technology to consumers.

"It's visible and the pressure's on to make this happen fast," said Rosekind, who announced the agreement at an IIHS safety test facility 100 miles (160 km) from Washington in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. The NHTSA plans to make a series of new auto safety initiatives during the fall, he said.

Only about 4 per cent of cars built in North America this year will have automatic emergency braking, according to the business information firm IHS Inc. Toyota said earlier this year said that by the end of 2017 it would offer such systems in option packages for nearly all its models, with the technology packages ranging from \$300 to about \$500."

**Those addicted to manual transmission cars may only have another eight years to buy their last one.**



## "Blue Demon" Brings Home The Gold!

Rogue Valley Corvettes' Fall Classic car show selected Stan's Blue Demon as its "Best Corvette." Congratulations Stan!!! For those who have not seen his beautiful StingRay:



## Jacket Night



We had a nice turnout for September's Jacket Night, which was held at Chevy's restaurant in Lake Oswego and hosted by Ken & Vikki Arck. Everyone had a fun time including some of our newer members!

Ken was impressive as he ordered in Spanish but when the waiter brought a Big Mac and an order of fries, Ken asked "What is this? I ordered a chicken tamale and soft chicken taco!!!"

"It's what you ordered", said the waiter. "You might want to brush up on your Espanol!"

Despite that, a good time was had by all!





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## Annual charity donations are dispersed

Our year long efforts to raise charity money through the garage sale sponsored by Kay Hanson and the sale of Tailor-Made Tiles samples donated by Jeff Howell of Tailor-Made Tiles came to a close on August 27, 2011.

John and Della Edwards, Barbara Fuller and myself were able to deliver a total of \$930 dollars to charity. The three charities that the club voted on last February were the United Gospel Mission, Salem-Polk Food Share and Salem Friends of Felines. Each received a donation of \$310.00. Each of the charity representatives expressed deep gratitude for the donations. They related that in these difficult financial times cash donations, such as ours, is a celebrated event.

Each organization asked us to express their thanks to our members and to relay how much our gifts meant to them. So "Thank You" to all the members who donated and participated in the garage sale and to those who succumbed to my pressure at the Dessert Social and bought tiles, a license plate and other items donated by Mr. Howell. A little goes a long way when helping the needy. Hopefully someone else will be able to continue this tradition. *Clay*



## Out and about...

On Sunday the 26th, eighteen adventurous souls in 9 waterproof plastic cars ventured out into the torrential rain to check out the Fall colors. Along the way we met a few hundred equally determined bicyclists on a mission of their own, so we shared the backroads for a while before parting ways. The colors had not quite turned yet, but we had a good time and the weather cooperated and got pleasant once we got out of the Salem area. Had a nice lunch at Giovanni's in Mill City and got home in time to do some yard work etc. While it may have been the last of the cruises, it is not the last of get-togethers and other events. Gervais High School Homecoming is Friday the 1st of October and cars are need for this event and other Homecoming activities at other area schools, so don't forget to volunteer for some of these activities which are part of the public service we provide to the region.





# HOMECOMING!

Friday night the usual suspects headed off to the Yamhill-Carlton homecoming/football game to do the usual dinner and parade. As usual the princesses were beautiful and the guys were all dressed up too. The weather held up again for us and everyone had a good time. The staff and students gave us a warm welcome and the kids really seem to like the ride we give them around the track in the shiny Vettes, even though we drove through a farmer's dust wake on the way over, tarnishing some of the shininess.





*(continued from front page)* Jacket Night is something I look forward to each month. I enjoy the opportunity to get together to talk about Corvettes and catching up what is going on with everybody. Our love of Corvettes brings us together, but we all love good food too!

As I come to the end of this month's Presidents Corner, I would like to thank everybody for their dedication to making WVCA the great group that it is.

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