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**President
Julie Hughes**

Wouldn't you know the cold weather has snuck in, although I do see some blue sky out my window. I wish we had one more trip on the agenda. As you all know the Presidents Run had to be cancelled. I feel that because of this, we won't try and reschedule for another date. It's getting too late now. Hopefully we can include this trip next year. I could hardly wait to jump into that warm water and let these old bones enjoy the warmth of Mother Earth.

I hope that the new members try and get involved in the 2019 Board to see what is happening behind the seams of our club. We always need your input. I know that you have some new ideas that will spur more members to join in and let us know what they are thinking. I am in hopes that some of you will want to be on the Board of Directors for 2019 or 2020. It really doesn't take that much time out of your month. I know we are all busy but we want to make our Corvette years fun and exciting for all our members and new members that will join.

Last month on the second Thursday of the month I had a chance to visit Mount Hood Corvette Club. They had a great turnout and were very welcoming to Dave and I. They don't run their meetings quite the same. We are more regimented and they shoot from the hip. Not sure which one appeals to me more, but they made it to the end with about the same results. I want to thank Ken and Vikki Arck for inviting us. I have been on a few of their trips and had a wonderful time. Julie



**Vice President
Kent Muhle**

Last Wednesday was my birthday. To celebrate, I took off with 7 of my closest friends and headed off to Crater Lake. The day dawned bright, if a little chilly. Since it was my birthday, I was barefoot and topless, my favorite way to drive. Upon arriving at the designated meeting point I was greeted by Ken and Sandra, who presented me with the most beautiful chocolate cake I'd ever seen. Blue frosting spelled out Happy Birthday Kent, and I was totally impressed. Then Roger and Maryann showed up with a Tupperware container filled with chocolate iced cupcakes. When Buzz and Barbara drove up and handed me a chocolate muffin I knew it was gonna be a good day.

One of the things I've done for the past 10 years or so (oddly enough this tradition started with my first Corvette) is to take a long drive on my birthday. The weather is usually sunny, and my destination is usually the coast. Something about pounding around twisty highways to end up with my toes in the sand (remember the barefoot thing) gets my head right for the next year.

Ever since I was a kid, I enjoyed impromptu cruises to the Oregon coast. One of my favorite things was to go through a tunnel. There are three ways to go through a tunnel. 1. Just take it like a normal road feature and do nothing. 2. Roll down your window and honk like crazy. My dad was a "honker". We took great delight in the echo's of the little Rambler American's horn feebly trying to fill the space. Got a semi to honk once and poor dad immediately felt very impotent. (Continued on page 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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Aerodynamics
are for people
who can't build
engines.
- Enzo Ferrari

MEETING MINUTES

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 4TH 2018

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

Members present: 38

Guests: Tom Kleve- 2005 Coupe former WVCA member back to 1971

Dave Parton 2003 Anniversary Edition

David Roby- 88 Coupe

Bob Farrand

New Members: Henry and Kelly Carpenter, Dave Schwerdt, John Elegant. Unanimously welcomed by all in attendance.

Birthdays: Sue Shiarla 5th, Ken Arck 16th, Al Manrubia 20th, Dave Walery 22nd, Claryce King 27th

Minutes Report: Tom Paddock

Changes to previous minutes: None presented

Motion to accept as published by: Kent Muhle

Motion seconded by: Paul Ennor

Vote by membership: unanimous

Treasurers Report: Jennifer Anderson

Amount in Checking: \$7212.46

Amount in Savings: \$ 3,208.95

Amount Petty Cash: \$ 11.00

Total All Accounts: \$ 10,432.41

Motion to accept presented by: Lucky King

Motion seconded by: Kent Muhle

Vote by membership: unanimous

Activities Report: Kent Muhle

Upcoming Activities:

October 5th – Homecoming Escorts for Yamhill/Carlton HS and Cascade HS. Enough cars have volunteered for both events. The Cascade crew will meet at Neufeldt's in Aumsville headed by Wayne and Janet Kreger. The Yamhill/Carlton HS crew will meet at the Barrel 47 in Carlton headed by Julie Hughes and Dave Schwerdt.

October 5th - Cars and Coffee at the Half Penny on South Commercial St. 10am to 12pm. Turnout by WVCA mem-

bers has been great during the previous dates.

October 10th Wednesday- Coffee and Cars Taco Bell 2093 Lancaster Dr. 8pm to 10pm.

October 13th Saturday- Coast Run headed by Tom Paddock. Destination TBD, members are meeting at the Big Lots parking lot behind the new Dutch Brothers at South Commercial and Barnes RD at 9:30am. Bring a full tank of gas and a couple dollars for a poker drawing.

October 17th Wednesday Jacket Night- Hosted by Kent Muhle. The location and time will be announced via email and website.

October 27th Saturday- Fall Banquet- possible location Annette's in West Salem. There will be more information coming on this one.

December ??- Christmas dinner and stuffed animal collection, there will be more information at the November meeting.

June 22nd 2019, Corvettes at the Carousel II- the date has been secured with the City for the second annual event. The \$1363 fee for the venue has been paid and the check has cleared the bank. Here we go, Kent Muhle mentioned that last years event drew over 100 cars, so this year the goal is for 200!

Bowling Green News-

The new Mid Engine C8 Corvette will be introduced at the Birthday Bash. 2019 Corvette Caravan registrations are underway. Corvette sales for the last quarter were relatively weak and 14,881 units have been sold YTD.

Glass Sass-

Editor-In-Chief Buzz Blogg encouraged all members to send him an article for the newsletter; any topic is acceptable; your first Corvette, a recent trip or even your favorite recipe. It was discussed that members should submit a brief account of their Corvette story.

Web Update-

Ken Arck asked that any members not receiving emails please meet him after the meeting to

get set up. A form for the website was brought up by Henry Carpenter after he shared the actual procedure to do the form. Sounded like a good idea and Ken Arck said something can be setup.

New Business-

Elections were held for the new board and the membership voted unanimously for the following volunteers:

President- Stan Czerniak

Vice President- Kent Muhle (2nd term)

Treasurer- Sandra Stark

Secretary- Tom Paddock (2nd term)

Historian- Ken Arck (again)

Member at Large- Lucky King

The current board will serve until the January 2019 meeting.

Tech Time- Stan Czerniak mentioned the development of an advance manual transmission that may be going into future Corvettes. Wayne Kreger brought up an article by Motor Trend naming the Corvette ZR1 as one of the top sports cars, but not the top sports car. This sparked a spirited discussion about the media bias towards Corvettes, and the passion of those in the room was obviously tilted towards GM's finest.

Trivia- When the original Grand Sports were smuggled out of GM what key component was missing? Kent Muhle answered correctly with the 377cu inch V8 engine.

50/50 Drawing:

\$ 128 total collected by Buzz Blogg

\$ 64 to the club

\$ 32 drawn by: Dave Parton with Ken Kafka winning.

\$ 32 drawn by: Bob Farrand with Ken Kafka winning....again!

Meeting adjourned by Julie Hughes at 7:33

(continued from page 1) The third (and best) way to “tunnel” is to maximize your revs to acoustically blow the whole damn thing apart!! If you read my stuff, you will no doubt remember my Grandpa Elmo and his supercharged Stude. After giggling like a little kid for years at my dad's honking, I went through a tunnel with Grandpa and the Stude. I have no idea what gear or RPM he was at, but I felt as if I was next to a rocketship!!! He had a quiet smile on and told me he was checking his tune-up. Ever since then I honk horns when driving whimpy little commuter cars in a tribute to my dad, but tunnels have become a real thing for me after Grandpa passed.



So on the way back from Crater Lake I was in the lead, and what do I see up ahead? A birthday tunnel! I was only doing 65, so I dropped into second gear and had at it. Snapping off a 6500 RPM shift and taking it up to 6,000 RPM in third (105 MPH for those of you keeping score) I let out of it and listened to the glorious back-rap produced by the Billy Boat Pipes. And I knew what Grandpa was talking about. I didn't just buy my car and leave it alone. I have modified the engine, suspension, trans, brakes and have spent years fine-tuning my combination. I tune it myself using a computer, and change parameters to match temperature, type of driving I'm doing etc. So any noise, good or bad, is a direct result of my own two hands. The weather looked like it was gonna be perfect so I set my tune on stun.

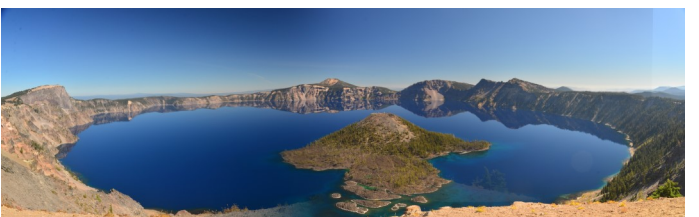


Those of you that were behind me definitely know if it was running well or not. I damn near deafened Maryanne (sorry), but I was just “checking my tune”. By the way, the tune was good..... I'm sure my Grandpa Elmo heard it, and agreed.....Kent



A nice trip to the Mountains on a Beautiful Sunny Day!

On Wednesday the 26th, five hearty individuals ventured off to explore the beauty of Crater Lake and most probably the 1st and last long cruise of the year. It is too bad too because the weather has been phenomenal for the last 2 months; perfect for an extended cruise!



Anyway, Buzz, Roger, Ken, Kent and Al ventured off and the first stop was Diamond Lake for a nice lunch and a visit with another Corvette owner from the area. This was followed by a drive around the crater with a stop for a small picnic to celebrate Kent's birthday for which we had plentiful birthday cakes! Chocolate seemed to be the flavor of the day but that was just fine with everyone!

Is it just my imagination or is there a giant stingray swimming in the lake?? I choose to think of it as an omen of good driving events to come!



On the 28th at the Friday gathering at the Half Penny, Julie presented the WVCA Corvette Car Show award for the "BEST C2 CONVERTIBLE" (witnessed by the WVCA group) to Dennis Robinson! At the car show, he had to leave prior to the award presentation and it took a while for Stan to track him down, but with the determination of Sherlock Holmes, he did it, and the deed was finally done. Nice going Stan! Dennis expressed appreciation to the club for "tracking" him down so he could receive his award!



...and another highly successful Jacket Night was had on Friday the 19th where almost everyone had ribs or chicken with a few steaks thrown in for good measure. Attendance was excellent and as usual the company was, too. It is really hard to beat the ribs at Café 22 and the peach cobbler was the best! Thanks again John and Annie for what is quickly becoming an annual event to look forward to!



The end of Summer

By: Paul Ennor

I had a serious case of writers block this month and were it not for Buzz reminding me at the last moment that I was about to miss this month's Glass Sass deadline there would be a blank spot here. But never fear; I came up with a subject just in time. So here goes: As I sit at my computer this morning, the Thursday before our first and perhaps only home coming appearance of the 2018 year I'm wondering just what interesting stories from years past I should share. Hmm... Let me think. In the background I just heard the TV weather guy telling me that he's forecasting Friday to be the first real rain storm of this fall. Or perhaps more accurately I should call it the 2018/19 rainy season. That being one of two seasons in the Willamette Valley. The other season being road construction season. So, the good news is that all those paving, widening, resurfacing, rock hauling projects will soon end only to be replaced by dark mornings and darker evenings with endless liquid sunshine falling from the sky for what feels like the foreseeable future. That's where we are this year. But what was the late fall season like in years past? Back in the 80's WVCA celebrated this seasonal transition in several ways. These were:

Homecoming season:

Back in the day several local schools sought out our services. Sometimes at the last minute and always almost on the same date. This year only two schools want us, but back then, Gervis, North Salem, McNary, Sprague, Cascade, the deaf school and a few others asked us to help out. Usually the weather was still dry unlike this year when it looks like we may need umbrellas. But always the kids were SO excited to have Corvettes at their schools.

Year-end Banquet:

The year-end banquet was a moving target for a couple of decades. Originally the club's fiscal year ran from June to July so the banquet was a summer event. Later the fiscal year was changed to run from November to October. At that same time, the banquet became known as the awards banquet. I guess that seemed to make sense because the club was trying anything to encourage more participation. Now we've moved to a calendar year. This makes sense for today's group. But in the process the formal year-end banquet has fallen by the way and the big awards part has been eliminated.

Halloween Party:

The annual Halloween costume party used to be a big deal. You wouldn't believe the work that some members put into their costumes. This event has now fallen into the history books because nobody has come forward to volunteer their time and home to host a Halloween party for quite a few years now.

The last gasp:

What was the last thing so many Corvetters did as the cold wet winter months lurked? Well, they parked their Vettes, called their insurance agent, and canceled the insurance on the Corvette until further notice. Why? Well, so many didn't plan to do any Corvette driving until May came around so canceling insurance was a way to save money that could be put to better use buying new parts for the Vette, getting it a new paint job, "hopping-up" the engine or what have you, to be ready for the next year's fun.

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The number of people worldwide who've **died since 2011 while taking selfies** (how many read this?)



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HOME NEW TOPICS WHO'S ONLINE MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR

We are very lucky to have the brains behind the very successful Midenginecorvetteforum as an esteemed member of our Club! Of course I am talking about our own John elegant, who will , from time to time provide pertinent and interesting information regarding the progress of the Mid Engine Corvette, which is scheduled for debut in 2020. To that end the link below should get you to some interesting stuff:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/9617-me-catching-air-more>

GM was soundly criticized by many of its C6 customers when they showed up at the dealership after the PDI, seeing the front license plate protruding-outward from the upper part of the front fascia. To say it looked like hell, would be a compliment.

However, GM totally listened to its customers' input, and in the C7 came up with an elegant solution for mounting the front plate, both looking nice for the 19 states that do not require one, yet for the 31 states that do so, creating an easily-installable and/or later "removable without visual consequence," front mounting plate option.

How the C7 accomplished this was via a front plate license plate mounting system, an "aero cover," here explained to Keith Cornett of CorvetteBlogger at NAIAS, literally right during 1.13.13 Reveal event, by C7 Chief Exterior Designer Kirk Bennion. Of particular importance in this 2:00 video, is Kirk's noting first, that the front aero cover for the license plate mounting system is, *except for track usage*, more efficient than without it, and second, his noting the it attaches/detaches *very* readily without drilling any holes in the fascia. Good job GM!

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/11642-front-plate-c8-appearance>



Elections!

On October 4th 2018 the annual officer and Board Member elections was held after nominations had been presented and polls were closed. This year we changed the terms of office so that all positions are now effective on January 1st of each year instead of October as in years past, resulting in an additional 2 months of service for the current Board.

The present slate of members will continue to serve until December 31st this year. It is very difficult to get anyone to accept a nomination to any of these positions, and therefore it is always a challenge to fill all of the positions each year without poking and prodding of those folks who break down and volunteer.

As a result of this, our current President Julie Hughes, has served for the last two years and is prohibited from running again for this year. Tom Paddock has volunteered again this year, making it his 3rd time as an officer, so these folks have done their share for the good of the Club. Kent Muhle has agreed to continue as Vice President, and the Club thrived under his activities leadership and especially how he organized the car show this Summer which has received accolades from almost everyone who attends very many of these events. Jennifer Anderson did a nice job overseeing our \$.02 interest and banking activities as Treasurer. Kathleen Ridge has been our ambassador as Member At Large and was in charge of steering new members in the right direction.

There are a few other unsung heroes who make sure everything in the background runs smoothly, so thanks to you as well and stepping up again, Ken Arck (webmaster), Buzz Blogg (newsletter and in-house publications) and Wayne Kreger (sacc rep).

At the October 4th meeting, the nominated officers were voted on and we are proud to congratulate our new incoming officers and to thank the outgoing Board members for jobs well done this past year! Incoming officers are:



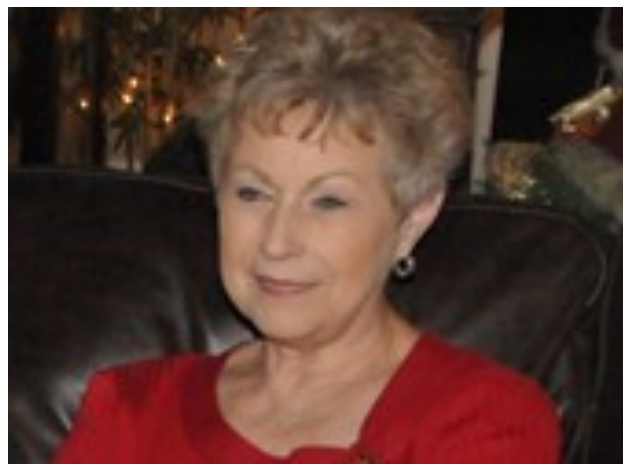
Stan Czerniak President



Kent Muhle Vice-President



Tom Paddock Secretary



Sandy Stark Treasurer



Lucky King Member at Large



Ken Arck Webmaster/Historian

2019 Board Members

As is the case every year, we performed our community service obligations by escorting the Princesses, and sometime Princes, around the track so they can be presented to their schools and especially their proud parents. While these photos may not do the event justice, we have to remember that it was raining and crummy and slightly disorganized by the faculty responsible for this event. There was also a football injury which delayed the process as well, so without further explanation here are the photos we did get.



OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Meeting 6:30	5 <i>Half Penny Friday car event 10- noon</i>	6
7	8	9	10 Cars/coffee 8- 10 pm Dicks on 2093 lan- caster	11	12 <i>Half Penny Friday car event 10- noon</i>	13 Coast Cruise TBA Tom if good weather
14	15	16	17 Jacket Night	18	19 <i>Half Penny Friday car event 10- noon</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Half Penny Friday car event 10- noon</i>	27 Fall Festival Banquet?? Annette's?
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER 2018

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2018 Standing Committees

Carousel II Glass in the Grass Car Show June 22nd 2019

Kent Muhle (Chair) Dan and Jennifer Anderson Lucky King Dawn Gloeckner
Bob and Annie Koenig Ken and Vikki Arck Stan Czerniak Julie Hughes
Sandra Kafka Shelly Paddock Gene and Liz Krater Wayne and Janet Kreger
Sandra Stark Robert and Kathleen Ridge

Budget

Julie Hughes Dawn Gloeckner Liz Krater Jim Tiano Jennifer Anderson

Activities

Kent Muhle (chair) Stan Czerniak Shelly Paddock Ken Arck Vikki Arck

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