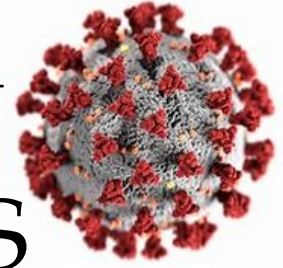




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**President
Stan Czerniak**

Well gang, last night, September 3rd, we had our first face-to-face general membership meeting in 6 months, thanks to Dan and Jennifer Anderson, who made the Salem RC Pilots Turner Flying Field available for our use!

And much thanks go to the 33 WVCA members that, braved the 90- degree temperature and short "dusty" driveway, to attend this meeting! WVCA member Stephen Sims, besides taking some great photos of this event, won the prize for having the dustiest CORVETTE!

And his secret for having this distinction, was that he drove the fastest on the driveway into the meeting area!!!

I thought this meeting was fun and we got a lot accomplished! Three new committees were formed to address essential upcoming Association functions!

The first committee will search out a future area where we can meet, in the event that Capitol Chevrolet decides that they will no longer host outside groups at their facilities.

The second will search out candidates for the WVCA 2021 Board of Directors! If you are interested in being a board member, please contact Committee Chairman, Joe Peters! We will vote on these candidates at our next meeting on October 1, 2020.

And, the 3rd committee will develop a 2021 annual budget, for the Association! Jennifer and Dan Anderson have for the 3rd year in a row, volunteered their home to host Budget Committee meetings!

For the rest of this message, I am going to share my initial experiences with my new C8 CORVETTE, since I have been asked so many questions about this.

On Tuesday morning August 11, 2020 I received a call from Capitol Chevrolet informing me that the C8, that I had ordered in August 2019 had finally arrived. So, as soon as we could, Shannon and I jumped in my truck and headed to Salem to see our new GLASS WONDER!!!

When we got to the dealer, we were led to where our C8 was parked and there greeting us was a completely wrapped, in white shipping cover, 2020 Stingray! Even with the full cover on, I thought the car was beautiful, at first sight, from all angles, in an exotic kind of way!!!

After, taking a few photos, I unzipped the cover enough to get into the driver's door and enter our new car for the first time. I have had two C7s since 2014 and still own a 2016 Z06, that I love dearly! But although, I am in fairly good shape and am still fairly limber, for an OLD MAN, I have always rubbed the side of the driver's seat with my back, when entering and exiting the car!

Getting into and out of the C8 for the first time, was noticeably easier than either of my C7s! I have since done this maneuver several more times and it really is easier to get in and out of! And as a bonus, the front seat of the C8 seems to have more side and head room than the C7. In fact, when I drove the car home on the next day, I had on a Cowboy hat and was able to do this with some head clearance, something that would have been more difficult in my C7.

So anyway, just before I was to take possession of my new car a Capitol Chevrolet representative gave me a briefing about the various features of the C8, including how to control the temperature, control and program the front end lift feature and a bunch of other stuff, most of which I have already forgotten, and will have to re-learn!

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But the coolest feature he showed me was the televised wide-angle rear-view mirror feature, that gives you an incredible view of what is behind your car, including the blind spots! This feature is tremendously helpful and makes driving significantly safer! Without this feature engaged, your rearview and side vision is extremely limited from the standard rearview setting! And it did not take me very long to much appreciate the value of this option!

The next thing that I noticed, besides how beautiful the interior was, was how much less I could see of the front of the car, when compared to the C7! Being mid-engined, the C8 has a much shorter front end than the C7! From the cockpit this is very noticeable and took some getting used to! But still present, although shorter, were the raised front fenders above the wheels! I have always loved this feature, shared by CORVETTES of several generations and am glad to note that this feature is still retained!

Finally, it was time to start the car and to begin the drive from Salem to Eugene, so I at last did what I had been dying to do for an awfully long time: I started the engine! My first impression after doing this, was that the exhaust sound was not as aggressive as I had hoped for! But then I realized that the exhaust sound could be dialed in to be more aggressive after the first 500-mile break in period had passed. Since the car was a Courtesy Delivery from Criswell Chevy in Maryland, the gas tank was near empty when I took possession, so I drove it to the nearest gas station to fill up the tank. When I arrived at the gas station, my new C8 immediately drew a BUNCH of attention from the 3 attendants! They were literally surrounding the car with many questions and well as words of admiration!!!

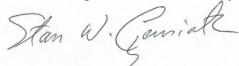
Finally, I got on I-5 and began the 70-mile drive to Eugene! My initial impressions were that the car feels extremely rigid/tight, but also extremely comfortable and smooth riding! The dual clutch transmission is smooth and very quick and crisp! I could hear every shift, but really could not feel much, if any progression through the gears, up or down!

The car is very responsive and feels very "planted" and with great traction! Although, I never had to negotiate any sharp curves, the ones I did go through were met in a very planted and no sway fashion! The short drive to Eugene was extremely fun and met with apparent admiration and curiosity from other motorists, as evidenced by several waves and thumbs up!!!

Our new C8 has now been to Bodyguard, in Eugene and has received a full front end XPEL, PPF as well as an XPEL Fusion Ceramic Coating! This coating is guaranteed for 4 years and the PPF is guaranteed for 10 years!

Now, I plan on spending many fun miles enjoying GM's latest version of the GLASS TREASURES that we all love!!!

Best Regards and stay safe,



Stan W Czerniak
President, Willamette Valley Corvette Association



Apparently our state is on fire this morning as you can see by the glow of the smoke from the Mt. Hood fire and another one that is in the Detroit area. We had lots of wind all night which fanned the fires and the number of fires will make it harder for our limited cadre of Firefighters to mitigate the damage.

I hope none of you have houses in any of the threatened areas.

This photo is of Lee and Sally Hart's house on 9-8-2020 at 8:15 am.

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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Always leave the top down in a convertible, even in the rain. Worst case scenario, you get to use the car pool lane

MEETING MINUTES

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 3RD 2020

Meeting called to order by President Stan Czerniak at 6:30pm

Stan started off the meeting by saying how good it was to have a meeting in person again after six months. Thank you to Jennifer and Dan Anderson for arranging the meeting site for us.

Members Present: 15 dial ins, 21 ish total

New Members

Rick and DJ Wadell? They just moved to Salem from Scappoose and own a red 2010 C6.

Birthdays:

4 – Charlotte Burton

6 – Annie Elegant

16 – Tom Kleve

25 – Pat Ennor

26 – Kent Muhle

27 – Stephen Sims

28 – Roxie Tiano

29 – Duane Stark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Guests

We had one guest. Dan Motley brought his son Jason, to the meeting.

Minutes Report: Andrea Smothers

Changes to previous minutes: None

Motion to accept by: Dan Motley

Seconded: Vote by membership: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Smothers

Amount in Checking: \$4,339.88

Amount in Savings: \$10,610.14

Amount in Petty Cash: \$141.00

Total All Accounts: \$15,091.02

Expenses in August

\$50.00 – Corporate Dues

Motion to accept by: Joe Peters

Seconded

Vote by membership: Unanimous

President's Report: Stan Czerniak

Congratulations to our Secretary, who won an award for best paint last month and the Newberg Corona Car Show.

From John Elegant: If you're thinking about getting a C8 many dealerships are already filled up on their 2021 C8 ordering lists. Some are already into their 2022 lists. There's also a list already started for the C8 Z06. John Elegant is willing to help anyone who is interested in a C8. He has quite a few contact thought the Mid-Engine Forum.

September 26 – For the President's Cruise to the Coast, right now there are 11 cars going.

Dinner will be at the Adobe. So far, we have two tables of ten.

Stan would like to start looking for a possible alternative meeting space to Capitol Chevrolet. At this point he is not sure if the club will ever be able to return to having meetings there.

Kelly Smothers has volunteered to collect suggestions for new meeting places and present a list to the board. If you have a suggestion please email Kelly Smothers or contact him through the club Facebook page. Stan is looking for a long term solution, for when Covid restrictions have passed.

Dan Anderson has reserved the location at the Salem RC Pilots Association, in Turner, for the next two months. 9493 55th Ave SE, Turner Oregon. We will let you know if the location changes.

The next committee needed is for the recruitment of next year's board members. Stan asked for someone to chair the committee. Joe Peters volunteered to chair the board. Stan asked everyone in attendance to consider participating as a board member.

September 12 – Southern Oregon Corvette Association is holding the 20th Annual Corvette Show and Shine in Grants Pass. <http://business.grantspasschamber.org/events/details/corvette-show-20th-annual-33846> The road down to Grants Pass is the perfect corvette road.

September 19 – Paralyzed Veterans of America Annual Show and Shine, Home Depot on Hagers Grove, pre-registration is highly recommended. <https://oregonpva.org/>

Salem Area Car Council (SACC) Notes from Wayne:

At the last meeting, Tim Hayes, is starting on the 2021 car show list. Right now, Willamette Valley Corvettes does not have anything on the list. We can add Cars and Coffee when and if they resume.

The SACC is meeting at Wayne and Janet Kreger's house on **September 28th**. Wayne is extending an invitation to anyone from Willamette Valley Corvettes who would be interested in attending. Pizza and cold beverages will be served.

The Winter Rod and Speed Show is coming January 15 – 16. There is an early bird discount on registration if you register before 31 October. http://capitoldragster.com/winter_show.html

The Antique Museum (Powerland Heritage Park in Brooks) is looking to partner with car clubs and is offering a membership price of \$200 for the first year and \$100 for each additional year. This site could potentially host a car show, or even a club meeting. Benefits include use of the meeting space for club meetings, use of the grounds for one annual car show or a cars and coffee event, and marketing space for the association and club events.

Event Updates

The Cars and Coffee event at Capitol Chevrolet has been cancelled.

Jacket Night – Joe Peters: **September 16**, 6:30pm, North 3rd Bar in Stayton. Kelly Smothers will put it out on Facebook for RSVP.

Cruise In – Joe Peters: **September 20**, 9am – 1pm, no
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host cruise in at Regis Catholic High School, Stayton.

A big thank you to Julie Hughes for organizing two events for the club this summer. One was the ghost tour and the other was the weekend trip to the Cowboy Dinner Tree. Both were big successes and everyone who attended them only had great things to say.

Jennifer Anderson talked about last month's event at the KFC/A&W on Devonshire. The owner was really excited to have the cars there. There is another event coming up on **September 26th**, at the Commercial KFC by Fred Meyer, from 1pm to 3pm.

October 1st is the next club meeting and **October 21st** is the Jacket Night hosted by Kent Muhle. There is no sponsor for the cruise, tentatively planned for October 3rd or 4th. If you're interested please contact Stan.

November 5 is the date for the November meeting. The Albany Veteran's Day Parade for this year has been cancelled according to their website.

December 3 is the date for the December meeting. **December 5** is the PIR Christmas lights run. **December 12** is the tentative date for the Christmas Party. Julie Hughes is the chair for the planning committee. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Bowling Green Update:

The factory has started a second shift but otherwise no significant news.

Tech Time:

No news for tech time.

New Business

Bob and Kathleen Ridge have sold their Corvette and are pursuing other pastimes. They will be able to keep their membership for the current year but will not be renewing for the next year.

Dues are due in October and the budget committee also needs to meet in October. The Treasurer, Kelly Smothers, asked for two people to participate on the budget committee. Joe Peters and Jennifer Anderson volunteered.

Trivia

Which generation of corvettes had the shortest model year run? C2

What was the number of years made? Five years

Which model year had the longest run? C3

How many years? Fifteen years

50/50 Raffle \$109 collected by Pat Peters

\$22 went Kelly Smothers and Jim Jacks

We realized after the fact that this is bad math so Kelly Smothers and Jim Jacks are both owed an additional \$5.

\$55 to the club, and \$54 split between two winners (\$27)



Mid Engine Monthly Update: 2020 HTC Featured

This month we feature the exciting 2020 hard top convertible (HTC) mid engine C8. It started down the production line a few weeks ago, and are now arriving at dealerships. I was so fortunate to be invited to the HTC's original reveal and this is one amazing looking, functioning, and super performing Corvette convertible. If I were to do it over again, might I have skipped our loved 2020 C8 coupe and instead waited for the HTC? As we are now repeatedly reading of new and even used C8's selling at up to \$25,000 over their actual paid Monroney sticker, might the first HTC's go for even more than that?



Bowling Green Assembly plant continues to shine, having produced way more than 5,750 C8's since the May 26th production resumption (in fact by the time some of you read this it could be as many 6,500 could have been made (above and beyond the 2,741 made in the initial Feb/March first assembly period). The line is now functioning at its full assembly rate with both convertibles and coupe intermixed. While there was a C7

parameter that the no two convertibles could be nose to tail on the assembly line, we do not believe that this is the case for the C8; however, probably not three in a row.

Many months earlier, Harlan was caught driving a test version HTC.

As always occurs at this point in the first year of a new generation Corvette, rumors abound about the next, in this case the Z06, model. Of course as we know, for every rumor that turns out to be correct, megatimes that amount turns out to be just plain wrong. However, what are the three most prevalent C8 Z06 rumors, though I would not put any stock in any of them being a "for sure" yet?



The C8 Z06 will be a 2022 model, revealed sometime during 2021 (this is the most probable rumor becoming reality); that the Z06 will be a naturally aspired, 5.5L flat plane crank motor; and, that it will redline at +8,500 RPM. For a complete discussion of the pros and cons if the latter two items were to become reality: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/179134-600-hp-z06-c8-coming-with-8500-rpm-red-line>

When Z06 facts appear — which unfortunately will not be for up to a year from now, and then for real within an official GM press release, that information will appear immediately at: www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com. At this time we need to realize that GM has yet to even state that there will be a C8 Z06. However, just as I had a deposit on the 2020 C8 mid engine for years before its reveal, I have had a separate deposit on a Z06 for 2 1/2 years. We will have a C8 Z06 , but will their annual amount be limited? Again that conversation is at the above link.

If you wish to learn more about the design considerations and reasons behind the formation of the C8, there was an interesting interview held with Chief Corvette Exterior Designer Kirk Bennion. Story and video are here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/178602-kirk-bennion-on-key-design-features-of-the-c8-corvette>

The C8 was selected to Pace this month's Indy 500. For pictures and more: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/177976-2020-corvette-stingray-is-the-official-pace-car-of-the-104th-indianapolis-500>

We recently learned from a Tadge Juechter video at the virtual Peterson Auto Week, that unlike typically, there will be no production interruption when the current model year ends and the new MY (2021) begins.

Tadge also talked about the two new colors of Silver Flare and Red Mist Metallic tintcoat and his personal passion for Red Mist. He has chosen RMMT for his 2021 captured test fleet car. As of yet however not one C8 has been painted in either color for us to see.



Speaking of 2021's, the best news is that not just that its MSRP is unchanged (announced first at in last May's NCM Bash), but that there are no price increases for either the 2LT nor the 3LT. With about 100 C8 options, all but four kept their 2020 pricing. The four that will have 2021 price increases include the front lift, Z51, visible carbon fiber mirror caps and the LPO black trident wheels. For complete pricing information: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/171871-2021-c8-pricing>

The McLaren is an outstanding sports car, known for its exceptional quality workmanship, its handling, but of course carrying a price tag many times what our C8's do. What does a professional McLaren salesperson think of the C8?

This is one amazing video: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/179769-what-does-a-mclaren-supercar-salesman-think-of-the-new-corvette-c8>

Thanks for reading. If I can ever personally be of help, please private message me at the MidEngineCorvetteForum ("John"). Thanks for saving the wave, and being a positive part of our growing Corvette community.

Jacket Night at Fort Hill restaurant was a successful outing with about 18 cars and 37 members participating. The food was pretty good and the service was lacking but everyone had a good time and a nice drive. Afterwards several members headed over to the Casino for some good times, so all in all it was a pretty nice night. We need to have this kind of participation with all of our events!!





2020: THE LOST SUMMER

By: Paul Ennor

How did you and your family, friends and Corvette spend this past summer? Over here in the Ennor house we did survive the Pandemic summer of '20 without anything notable to report.

Like several of you we attended the virtual meetings every month. It seemed to me that there were a lot fewer participants on my computer screen than I was used to seeing in person in Capitol's conference room. I don't know if this was due to a lack of interest in doing on-line virtual or if it was because many members just didn't have the computer hardware, software or knowledge to get online and participate.

There were a few actual get-togethers, only a couple of which Pat and I attended. Not because we lacked the ability to do it but mostly because of other personal commitments. One reason is that we have three dogs which makes overnight events really difficult for us. We just can't leave them home alone in the house for a weekend. My old '82 Vette has dysfunctional AC which I've been talking about having fixed. But talk is cheap and AC service on classic cars is not, so it just sat through most of the long hot summer while I drove our Jeep Cherokee. But I don't personally think it's right to drive a "tin car" on Corvette outings so we skipped a couple of hot long-distance runs. Owning a 38-year-old Corvette is always an adventure in discomfort. We expect to be hot in the summer, cold in the winter, and sometimes a bit wet in the rainy season.

I suppose that that is about enough whining. So, let me just talk a little about summer stuff that this club did in the years before the pandemic. Way back 47-years ago when I joined WVCA in the summer of 1973 the club was much smaller. We only had 15 or 20 members back then and we were all men in '73. Wives/families were not yet considered club members. And us guys were all 20-something at the time. Our interests revolved around; Corvettes, fast driving, and beer, for the most part. Not necessarily in that order.

Corvettes, gas, and beer were cheap at the time. Not a great combination as you can imagine. So, the mid-1970's WVCA events were nothing like later year events. I'll leave the rest to your imagination. Or ask me sometime in private and perhaps I'll tell some old stories from that time. But I'm not going to put anything in writing that I might have to deny sometime in the future.

After the very early days of WVCA the ladies and families became active participants in WVCA. The club became very family oriented in the 1980's. In those summers we had a lot of very diverse events. WVCA members got quite wrapped up in donating our time and our cars to haul various festival courts in local parades. For a decade or two it seemed like there was not a single festival, parade or corn shucking that WVCA was not a part of. We had a lot of fun, often pairing our parade participation with a drive in the country coming and going.

Of course, there was often a stop at a tavern somewhere along the route home. Pot lucks and house parties were also in vogue in those days as the club was small enough that all the members could easily fit in most of our homes or back yards. "Social distancing"? We never heard of it or even imagined it. Those were the days. Summer for many years always included a club campout. I don't remember when that fell by the side of the road but I think I miss those. Let me move on here. I started writing about the lost summer of 2020 and sort of got off the track, didn't I?

So here we are. It feels like we've all moved into the twilight zone sometime this year doesn't it?

I was out in my garage. Not the nice clean well-organized garage that a lot



of you enjoy. No, mine is more like the farm garage of old with cars, tools, parts, garden implements and other paraphernalia everywhere. Mine is a space where everything has a place and everything is in that one place as my father used to say.

Watch "The Pickers" on the History Channel and you might get the idea of my garage space, although I don't have nearly the amount of stuff that you see on that TV program. So there on the wall behind the bench is an old poster from a 2003 State Fair car show. Another now dead event. Heck there's not even a State Fair this year. It's a casualty of the pandemic along with so much else. Oh, by the way, do you remember when Oregon license plates were all yellow with blue letters? Before that they were all blue with yellow letters but I don't have one of those.



Then I glanced over to my right and noticed that my

old '73 Corvette had somehow let its mask slip and it was no longer in compliance with Kate Brown's order to wear a face covering indoors. I hope that it's not reported to the Governor's office! My 73 spent the entire summer well socially distanced except for one short drive when my daughter took it out on the 4th of July. My driver Corvette, the 82 Collectors doesn't fit in my garage but it's also spent much of the pandemic well covered and socially distanced in the car port. Sad isn't it? I hope this mess gets resolved before the summer of '21.

While the summer of 2020 has been a complete bust

as far as Corvette activities goes, nature seems to have enjoyed the year. Perhaps too much. Last year my 4 apple trees hardly had a single apple on them. This summer they have made up for it. So if any of you need some apples, call me and come pick them yourself for free before they spoil and fall off the trees. By the way, these are organic apples. Some may have worms but there's no extra charge for the protein.



The Monthly meeting was a bit different from those in the past this month. It was outside in a venue provided by Dan Anderson with aerial entertainment as well. The weather was great and everyone had a good time.



We may be using this venue for the next several months while we can find a permanent meeting place. Not sure, however that we will be able to have entertainment provided by Dan, but maybe those of us who have the planes could get some flight time with our planes and drones if we get permission from Dan's Club. wouldn't that be fun??



**2020 WVCA PICNIC
at Wayne and Janet Kreger's home**

The **WVCA Corona picnic** was well attended at Wayne and Janet's on the 22nd. Everyone brought their own lunch (better than a pot-luck) and Lee brought his 1930 Studebaker that he has been restoring to show us. He had plenty of tales to tell regarding the progress.

Thanks again to the Kreger's for their beautiful offering for the event.



Stuck in the turf



2020 Standing Committees

Carousel III Glass on the Grass Car Show June 22nd 2021

TBA (Chair) Dan and Jennifer Anderson Lucky King Bob and Annie Koenig
Ken and Vikki Arck Stan Czerniak Julie Hughes Sandra Kafka
Shelly Paddock Wayne and Janet Kreger Sandra Stark
Robert and Kathleen Ridge Roger and Maryann Burgess Steve Halverson
Kent Muhle Special Advisor

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