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**WVCA President  
Kelly Smothers**

**S**pring is springing, a leak maybe. Last night the Board met to discuss events for the remainder of the year. The first out of the box club event will be SACC Cherry Blossom Run on 4/17 at 9am. We will be meeting at 8:30 (show) at Walery's Pizza to start together at 9 (roll) sharp. The 'poker' run is \$5.00 per hand and is a major fundraiser for SACC.

Shifting gears (see what I did there) this month I wanted to talk about the future of WVCA. Yes, I'm a new member, mostly considering how long some of you have been here, but I really like being involved in what I'm willing to donate my time to. Like you, my time is precious and I want the most out of it. Clubs and associations in general are a place for like minded people to gather and socialize about their passion. Pinpointing on WVCA, isn't that why you are a member now? Slipping into 3rd, (don't let the tach drop too far now) and from a strategic perspective, what is next for WVCA? There are many members that have been in and around this association for a long time, as well as new folks coming and going.

Do you ever ask what keeps members long term? Why do they stay, why do they leave? I think I have a unique perspective. I worked on a project for the VFW (this could be Lions, Elks, or Kiwanis, service organizations) a few years ago. The problem statement was how do we as an organization attract new and younger members to further our mission? Similar to our association, the VFW required joining criteria. You have to be a veteran who has honorably served overseas in an area of foreign conflict in order to join the VFW. WVCA requires you to own a corvette. So, we already have a short list to pull from for potential members. Let's be honest with each other, the demographics of our organization is a bit on the 'mature' side. But, I don't want to get too far past where I'm trying to go with this.

In my personal opinion, attracting and retaining members (demographics aside) is to keep the driving and social events in the club. Why did you join this club? Were you looking for like minded people to sit in meetings once per month? Or, perhaps you joined to get in your corvette and go for a drive with a like minded group.

Maybe you joined to learn more about your vehicle, where others take it for service, how to best fix that headlight or getting recommendations on a place to get it wrapped? Personally, I wanted to attend car shows. Andrea and I do just that. We love putting time and work into our rides, and then show them off, all the same time looking at other vehicles and talking to their owners. If you didn't know, I'm kinda a social person. ;) Not just corvette shows, I love the Corvette, don't get me wrong, but I am car make agnostic. I love them all. Okay maybe not a Kia.

One article I read most recently asked the question is this a car club or a meeting club? The COVID pandemic has really put a kink in our operational tempo, even with that, we are attracting new people every day. Driving your Corvette is a great socially distant activity.

4th gear. Sweat Equity. The club is its members. Are you a newer member? Get involved. I don't know how many times I've heard the line, we used to do that and it was fun. If you as a new member make the effort to be part of the change, put in the time, ideas, equity, you very well may produce the next big thing. And, honestly the reciprocal is if you are a long time member, show us how it's done. Hey, I'm an idea guy. Not great on execution sometimes, but a big idea guy.

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**Think Spring!!!**



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<http://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com>

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\*There's someone who wants to join us.\*  
\*Elizabeth, are you there?\*\*We can't hear you.\*  
\*Can you hear us?\*

#### **Called to order: 6:32pm**

Guests: Mark McKay 2015 Corvette convertible, Ryan Downy 2020 C8 Corvette. Ryan found us at Facebook.

22 in attendance including on-line

#### **New Members:**

Perry Lawson 2001 blue Corvette

#### **Birthdays:**

**Larry Cameron**

**Dan Motley**

**Tom Paddock**

**Lee Hart**

**Daryl Holmes**

**Shane Massey**

#### **Previous months minutes:**

Corrections or changes- none –

Motion to approve March 2021 Minutes. Motion to accept Joe 1<sup>st</sup>, Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup>. None opposed.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

March 2021

March beginning balance \$4,785.47

Deposits \$220.00 dues \$50 raffle

Interest \$0.01

Expenses \$0.00

Total Balance in Checking \$5055.48

Cash on hand \$101.00

Savings \$10,610.63

Total \$15,767.11

Motion to approve treasurer's report- Approved. Motion to accept Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> accepted. None opposed.

#### **President's report:**

COVID- Marion High Risk. Occupancy for WVCA in doors is 50 people, outdoors is 105 people. This is probably why Cars and Coffee in Portland area is going.

Survey to members asking who has got vaccinated came back with about 2/3 of respondents having got their vaccine. Vaccines will be available to all most everyone very soon.

# **MEETING MINUTES**

## **Willamette Valley Corvette Association**

APRIL 8TH 2021

Motley challenge to get \$ for national museum.

Board met as events committee. Shane will talk more about that.

### **Vice President's report:**

Jacket nights are happening now that things are opening a bit more. The signup sheet is available for members to coordinate the jacket night and for April's Jacket night to Half Penny.

Jacket night will meet at Riverfront Park or Walery's and cruise to Independence and back way to Half Penny. Steve will set coordinate ahead of time, if he ends up being out Shane will run it day of.

Signup sheet is available for members to coordinate the monthly cruise for the months of May-October. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month. It can be either one day Saturday or Sunday or overnight. Coordinator's choice. May-October.

Christmas in July/June- Julie is willing to help with June/July event and run December 2021 Christmas. We have the calendar at Powerland on June 19<sup>th</sup> without being charged for each car and we could do a picnic type thing.

SACC Cherry Blossom Poker Run April 17<sup>th</sup>- Meet at 8:30 at Walery's roll out at 9. We must wear mask at Walery's and each stop. \$5 per hand. Lots of fun cars and time to chat with car folks.

Signs go to Strohmeier once they come back at the end of the poker run. More coordination will happen offline.

Quick review of other events coming up this summer including but not limited to: Salute to Veterans, McMinville Drag the Gut, Three Rivers Corvette Club, Keizer Fest. August. Rendezvous, Carousel Cruise Willamette Valley Street Rods. Corvette's of Columbia. Details will be on our website.

Covered bridge cruise Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will add it to the webpage.

After the meeting today we are going to Hops and drops in Keizer Station. This counts as a WVCA event if you're wanting to join WVCA.

### **Member at Large update:**

See above about SACC Cherry Blossom Poker Run. SACC is building a new webpage. They had some canceled events showing as happening. Kelly reached out to them and got our canceled Car and Coffee removed.

### **Bowling Green update:**

None

### **Tech time/Corvette news:**

Mistress is in the paint shop.

Powerland has a couple Chevy Small Block V8 from World of Speed that are for sell. Chris-Craft Corvette

engines. They do not know what they are worth. We could put it on the buy, swap, sell page.

### **Old business:**

Payment processing system is active and CC payments are now accepted. Keeping in mind that there is a Charge back to the card holder of about \$1.50 on \$50.

### **New business or good of order:**

Dan Motley auction of items from National Museum. Maybe do a silent auction at Christmas in July event. There is also an online site Kelly found as an option.

Need WVCA business cards so members can share with people we meet. We have about 300 cards now we can pass out. We can get order more with budgeted funds and at that time we can add some additional contact info.

### **Trivia:**

In 2013 Callaway cars announced a new released body style what was it called? Shooting Brake (Kent) Aerowagon.

Shortly after the release of the Aerowagon matching trailer was released. What was it called? Aerowagonette.

Not only does it offer parents the "appropriate amount of isolation" from their children, but for those kids that may be heading down the wrong the path in life, the AeroWagonette can also be used for interventions though its innovative "Scared Sh\*tless Technique".

What date was the Aerowagon Aerowagonette package released: April 1, 2013.

It was an April 1<sup>st</sup> joke by Callaway.

50/50 drawing- \$50 total. Mark McKay won \$25.

### **Adjourned**

7:25



**Prospective member Ryan Downy's Gorgeous c-8**



I even heard the club used to go on camping trips together. We'll I can think of a bunch that might be interested in glamping. :) Let's do it. We've made some good friends here.

5th gear. We have several committees and events that need your involvement. In my opinion, you get from the club what you give.

To steal a famous line, "Ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for the club". Can you host a Jacket night, never done one, don't know how, just ask. Would like to go for a drive somewhere cool and would like to do it with some other like minded enthusiasts, just ask.

We can help you through that. Interested in a particular event, found one you like, and think it would be a good club event. Speak up and share it.

Our Events Committee, led by our Vice President Shane Massey can use your help planning events throughout the year: Jacket Nights, Weekend Drives, Cars and Coffee events around the area, (Eugene to Portland). An active club equals an active membership. We also coordinate events with Salem Auto Club Council.

6th Gear. I'm running out of gears. And rarely do I use these gears anyway. So in closing, please get involved. It's your club. Safe and happy driving.

Save the Wave

Kelly Smothers

President,

Willamette Valley Corvette Association

## Meeting and dinner after...



On the 4th Thursday at 6:30 we had our scheduled monthly Club meeting at Antique Powerland in Brooks. I have to tell you, I have never been there and it is a very nice place and very much larger than I had anticipated. Our meeting room is at the end of the road after you enter through the gate and go to the end of the road on the right. There are antique vehicles including some cars and farm equipment.

We had some yummy muffins to snack on and, as always, one of the new guys won the 50-50 pot which was a nice incentive to join!

We had some guests which was nice, and hopefully they will become new members.

We need Club members to start attending the monthly meetings again because absent that, some members will never see each other and then what is the point of being in a club??

We need to be social for the good of the membership and right now only about 50% are participating in meetings.

We have no idea how much longer this COVID is going to last but we could grow old waiting for it to be over before participating, so if you have both of your shots come on down and let's get down to the business of having fun with our rides!



## RANDOM CORVETTE SPRING THOUGHT

*By: Paul Ennor*

I'm afflicted with writers block this month so don't expect too many historical stories for this April. Today I saw a news feed article that asked the question; "*Why do some people buy their dream car and never drive it?*"

The picture accompanying the article was on a '71 Corvette. Well, the article suggested a few reasons as its author rambled on. This got me to thinking about myself and the fact that I have two Corvettes parked around my home, one of which I don't drive at all anymore and one that has seen just over 150 miles since the pandemic hit us. OK, I know, someone probably needs to slap me silly for this but it is what it is. Anyway, I'll bet you're wondering where I headed with this, right?

With my mind churning against a bad case of writers block and pushed by a looming Glass Sass deadline and powered by random thought about of why I don't drive my Corvettes more and why I still even keep them I find myself once more sitting at my computer churning out text. So, here goes.

I'm not sure that a Corvette was ever my dream car. It never even entered my mind as a car I wanted to own until 1973. I was driving a Camaro and an El Camino in '73 when Chevrolet revamped the already 5-year-old C3 design by simply replacing the chrome front with and painted urethane bumper while leaving the chrome bumpers in the back and removed the egg crate side vents opting for a simpler and easier to wash open revers scoop. It was really a minor change to the aging design.

Then they plaster the car mags with advertising showing just the car. Why that '73 roadster caught my attention I don't know, but it did, and all of a sudden the 73 Corvette became my dream car. To make a long story short I bought one. It was the first new car I'd ever purchased. I didn't park my dream car. I drove it everywhere for years. And I kept it and drove it until 2011 when a stroke made driving a standard transmission car difficult and potentially unsafe.

During the almost 4 decades of driving my 73 I became very involved with WVCA and formed life-long friendships and habits of attending meetings and events. My Corvette was a social vehicle. Without it I would never have met and married my wife, Pat. I would have never made so many great friends either. So why do I keep my "dream car" that's an aging degenerating presents in my garage? Habit, I guess. Combined with memories trapped somewhere in that red fiberglass body.

I tried to let the old girl go 7 or 8 years ago. I sold it then, and used the money to buy an 82 automatic Vette that I could still drive so I could stay active in the Club. But the 82 just isn't the same. It's still a beautiful C3 body but it's not my "dream car". So, what did I do? I bought back my old 73 from the guy I sold it to after he ruined it with an engine rebuild that made it a whole lot less fun to drive and destroyed its originality. It's still a 4-speed car and I still can't drive it safely. So, my "dream car" just sits today unused and little loved.

Why, you ask? Good question! Maybe because I still have a deep emotional attachment to that car. There are too many memories associated with it and partly because I'm too financially locked into it, having spent way more to buy it back than got when I sold it, and partly because my daughter who grew up riding in that 73 as a young child still loves it and does take it for a ride every now and then. As for the 82 Collectors, you ask? I keep it so I can still go places with the club. That is if this pandemic thing ever eases up. So there's my story about my dream car.





# Mid Engine Monthly Update: Lots Of C8 News

## *John Elegant*



It is exciting that several upcoming several C8 models are now being tested. We think this is the E-Ray:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/250891-camouflaged-c8-corvette-prototype-driveway-find>

Thanks to “Corvette\_Ron\_Himself” for capturing pictures of a C8 mule, one showing bigger tires than even those on the 755 HP, 2019 ZR1 — both diameter and width, e.g. 345/R20/25’s: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/249469-345-25%E2%80%99s-confirmed-by-corvetteblogger>

We also saw in an earlier AutoBlog article a picture of a front tire of a mule being a 275/30/20. Wonder what upcoming C8 model is going to need those massive tires? While we have seen this before thanks and credit to Don Sherman @ Hagerty, here is

what he said a year ago, repeated this past month as the progression of upcoming C8 models: 2022 Z06 with 650HP & 600 TQ; 2023 Grand Sport (E-Ray) with 600 HP & 550 TQ; and the 2024 ZR1 with 850 HP & 825 TQ.

The 2021 model year appears to be a short one based on an internal GM schedule. The very last week of production as currently scheduled is July 19th. However, in a recent great Corvette Nation podcast, Harlan acknowledged it could be a little later but then added nowhere near as late as 2020 production was.

It is always fun to listen to Harlan. In the podcast we learned within his response to a specific question by a MidEngineCorvetteForum member which was, “what also besides the PDR did you push for in the last two generations?” He responded the “hard top convertible was something I presented as a C8 proposal in 2013.” Thank you Harlan! Whereas in C7 and earlier Corvette generations the convertible was about 20% of customer orders, it has C8 doubled: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/245769-it-s-here-harlan-charles-answers-your-questions-on-the-corvette-today-podcast>

<https://anchor.fm/steve-garrett/episodes/CORVETTE-TODAY-46-Harlan-Charles--Corvette-Product-Manager-Answers-YOUR-Questions-About-Corvette-er100d>

There will be three replacement colors for 2022, a new orange, gray and a brown; that is based on two European Corvette dealership sites: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/243930-here-are-the-internal-gm-names-of-the-new-exterior-colors-for-the-2022-corvette>





Perhaps as GM did once during the C7 generation for Corvette Racing Yellow, when they used the C7.R to “advance present” a following model year customer color, did GM just do this again with “Hypersonic Gray Metallic” being on both of the C8.R’s that raced at Sebring??? Here’s more info and one of many pictures within the thread:

As GM announced last fall, at the beginning of this calendar year they were going to make right hand drive models for overseas shipment. RHD’s were recently caught testing here. The first batch of about 300 are

heading to Japan, later some to Australia and to England: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvette-forum-photos-videos/240369-right-hand-drive-c8-s-spotted-testing>

It is good news that a C8.R is entered in some WEC Endurance races in Europe to prepare for the 24 Hours of LeMans (even though we just saw the LeMans race has been Covid postponed until August). Glad to see Oliver Gavin is going to be back in the driver’s seat for one of the WEC Endurance races, for the SPA World Endurance Challenge race: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/250858-after-sebring-c8-r-s-will-go-to-spa-with-driver-thoughts-on-lemans>



If you have yet to see the striking 2021 Sky Cool Gray and Strike Yellow interior:

As our weather starts to improve for most, we are heading for many miles of Corvette driving smiles. And as many are getting their Covid shots, that too will bring more of us out for larger numbers of Corvette fun times.

I am always available to “talk” with you via a private message to John at [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com).

May you stay safe!

### Pix from the Bridge Tour





## 2021-22 Standing Committees

**Carousel III Glass on the Grass Car Show**      **Cancelled for 2021**

**Andrea Smothers (Chair)**

### **Budget**

**Andrea Smothers (chair)**

### **Activities**

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