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ere we are again. COVID this, and CDC that and OHA says and the Governor proclaims and.. Are you keeping up? It really does look like there might be a light at the end of the tunnel. From my foxhole it is looking like more and more people (could be a sign that spring is here as well) are getting their Corvettes out and enjoying our very crazy spring here in the Northwest.

Several cruises are happening, cars and coffee are popping up from Sherwood to Albany, (Salem too). And several clubs around the region are busy planning their summer car shows, mostly betting that restrictions will lessen even more as July, August and September come around. I'm still thinking about Roatan though.

Here at the Smothers house, like a lot of other country dwellers, we are still cleaning up the place from the ice storms, oh, and of course trying to keep up with what those warm days in March are doing to the weeds, grasses and blackberries. Yep the dreaded yardwork. I kind of like being outside on the tractor though. From planting grass to finally finishing our retaining wall (back is better now thanks) to completely redoing the flower bed in the front of the house. There is nothing an excavator can't do.;) Spring is always busy around here.

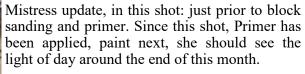
As the Summer closes in on us, I will be missing July's meeting. Andrea and I have a very close friend that is preparing to deploy to Kuwait for 18 months, and we have a gathering planned to honor him and wish him a safe and healthy return.

Speaking about the summer, as mentioned above there are a lot of events showing up on the calendars. Keizerfest, 10th Annual Veterans Salute, Cruisin' Sherwood, Cruisin' McMinnville, Carousel Cruise, all just in August.

Speaking of August, Corvette Day at Portland Cars and Coffee is August 14th. Roger and Maryann will be hosting Jacket night in June and Andrea and I will be hosting Jacket Night in July.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wayne Kreger 6/6, Dorothy Ezell 6/11, Maryann Burgess 6/15, Steve Halverson 6/17, Don Chandler 6/21, David Dunn

6/21, Ken Kafka 6/21, Joesph Kachaturian 6/24



Remember, lots of events are coming up, if you feel like getting out do so, if you don't at least check in online or call into our monthly call and check in please. Save the wave - Kelly



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 Northwest Car and Motorcycle Museum, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, Oregon 97303, or if you can not make it in person, you can go on line at https:// join.freeconferencecall.com/wvca 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-decorps 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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MEETING MINUTES

Willamette Valley Corvette Association

JUNE 3RD 2021

WVCA Meeting June 2021

Called to order:

6:32pm

Museum policy is clubs can decide if we want to require masks at the meeting or not. Motion to not wear mask made, Joe-1, Pat 2nd, none opposed. Approved no masks required at the meetings.

Guests:

Paul Lawry and Gina - '93 teal has been a member a little while but most during COVID time.

Ron Leland - Ran into Buzz in a parking lot 2000 Blue roadster

Dan Riches- 50th anniversary edition

Gary & Drew Hill - Yellow C5 been to Corvette Fun fest about 5 times. Good times. Has his corvette to wear out- not saving it for the next guy.

Nick & Marti Venezuela Blue Grand Sport. Has joined 2 meetings and multiple events.

Dana Malby - '04 Z06 has been a member a little while but most during COVID time.

Rock & Amy prospective new member at Mary's Peak cruise. Live near Wayne and Dave's neck of the woods.

New Members:

Nick and Marty Venezuela- - All in favor, none opposed. Approved new members!

Previous months minutes:

Corrections or changes- none

Motion to approve May 2021 Minutes. Motion to accept Joe 1st / Pat 2nd. None opposed. Minutes Accepted.

Treasurer's report:

May 2021

May beginning balance \$5005.33

Deposits \$64.17dues & 120.00 raffle

Interest \$0.01

Expenses \$0

Total Balance in Checking \$5189.50

Cash on hand \$101.00

Savings \$10610.89

Total \$15901.40

Motion to approve treasurer's report- Approved. Motion to accept Joe 1st, Jim 2nd accepted. None opposed.

President's & Vice Presidents' report:

Government order on Masks. It varies based on facility so have it ready in case.

May events-

Mary's Peak run. Meet up with West Coast Mustangs and Toxic Mopar group.

Salt Creek Run

Jacket Night at Los Palomas

Cascade High school Car show.

June events-

Mary Anne and Roger for June Jacket night

Sweet Home Sweet Ride- June 26th. Can register now.

July events-

Summerfest July 24th.

July Meeting Kelly and Andrea will be out. They're seeing off a good friend who is deploying to Kuwait for 18months.

July 21st Smothers are hosting Jacket night

September events-

Corvette on the Columbia Sept 9-11 Big car show with lots of events.

Vice President's report:

Jacket Night June 16th at Mar-kum Inn. Meet at Harbor Freight at 5:30 to leave at 5:45 for dinner at 6:30. Roger says that he found good roads to drive and will have parking saved for us.

Per Chris: Aug. Jacket night at McCleay Inn and we are set there and they will also have reserved parking for us.

June 12th Cruise to Paulina Lake 4 hours each way-leave at 8am, eat at Lodge and drive back. Route to be determined and posted on website, Facebook and email.

Typical meeting place when we do cruises. If we are heading north we usually meet at Harbor Freight on Portland Road. If we go east we meet at South Home Depot. If we go South we meet at Safeway on S Commercial. If we go west we meet at Wallery's Pizza in West Salem.

Al made a request to do a Crater Lake run this year so he can bring his Grand-daughter. September 18-19 seems like the only weekend not booked with other car events. Kelly will plan it as the Presidents run. More info to come.

Tri Cities is Second weekend in September

We have people planning Jacket Night Thru September.

Museum Rendezvous is Sept 25th

June 19th Christmas June to make up for missing the 2020 Christmas Party. Summer picnic is still up in the air. We will talk more.

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Nick- got a Borla X pipe in the mail today and will put it on soon.

Kelly- The Mistress is stripped and primmered. paint is next week and should be done except the new top by the end of June. Color is called Brandy Wine. It's a medium read with a little zing!

Does anyone want to go to Hops and Drops after the meeting tonight- yes there are some. We will coor-

dinate after the meeting.

Old business: None

New business or good of order:

October fest sponsorship trophy of \$50- Wayne 1st, Shane 2nd approved- no opposed.

Trivia:

What is the name of the 1st all electric C7 Corvette? Genovation GXE. Cost \$750,000. 75 have been made. Faster than the C8 with the Z51 package.

Raffle:

\$123.00 \$30 X2 winners.

Winner #1- Chris; Winner #2- Nick

Adjourned 7:21









Corvette Summer Traditions of the 1980's & 90's

By: Paul Ennor

Last night Pat and I attended our first in-person club meeting since January 2020. Covid sure took a toll on our weekly/monthly/yearly routine. I've gotten used to virtual meetings but I'll never liked them. Watching the president conduct

a meeting on a small screen while not being able to hear or see anyone else in the room and being muted is not a suitable substitute for actually being there in person. It's feels like being served an ice cream cone with no ice cream in the cone. It gives you something to hold on to but when it's over it leaves you with an empty feeling.

OH, and I was overjoyed to find that the club voted to ditch the masks at the June meeting. It makes those 2-shots I got worth it. I sure hope that this marks the end of WVCA's covid era! This brings to mind a quote from Winston Churchill in a speech he made to the English people after the Battle of Briton. Prime Minister Churchill said, "This is not the end. It's not even the beginning of the end, but it is perhaps the end of the beginning".

Here in our house, we got our vaccinations, both doses. Please get yours and then I hope the club can look forward to being together again in person. OK, that's enough about that! I'm going to move on here and write about WVCA summer activities and traditions from decades past:

Way Back in the 1970's

We were a lot younger back in the 1970's. It was a half century ago. Where did the time go? Willamette Valley was a lot smaller club back then. There were only three generations of Corvettes then. They were called "straight axel", "Mid-Year", and "Sting Ray", or (C1, C2, C3) as they are called today.

Club activities back then mostly involved being together. ALL club members were male in the 70's. The ladies were not offered membership until the 1980's. It was a different time. Formal meetings were bi-monthly and events were fairly informal. It was common to drive somewhere on the spur of the moment just to be together in our Vettes and go someplace. Almost always the biggest decisions were, where, when, and who would bring the keg of beer. Beer was essential for every club event. A day on the little North Fork swimming required keg. If there was no keg BYOB was the order of the day. If any beer was left it was taken to someone's house and the impromptu party would finish it off. Unlike today, food was often an after thought and was left up to chance.

Planned events often involved participation in NWACC concours and Autocross events of which there were al-

ways six to choose from every summer. NWACC event locations ranged from Vancouver BC to Eugene.



The very first long-distance club event that I attended was in Kalona British Columbia in 1973. That was quite a drive but made worth it to hang out with some Canadian

Corvetters and of course bring home some much anticipated Labatt's beer which we smuggled across the border in the spare time carrier of my 73-Vette.

We always wore our club colors proudly. Everyone in every Corvette club wore their club jackets proudly wherever we went, local or long distance.





Today complex planning for food seems to be a necessary part of every club get together, whether it's a spur of the moment drive somewhere or a more complicated cruise it seems like the plan always

requires some sort of a restaurant to be included as the end point of the drive.

Back in the 1970's food didn't seem to be as important to us as it is today. Sometimes we'd just grab a burger "someplace", sit by our cars and get on with the rest of whatever we were going to do that day. Things were re-



ally informal on most summer weekends. Those were "The crazy, lazy, hazy days of summer", like the 1963 song by Nat King Cole mentioned. Sometimes I wish we could return to those happier days when life was simpler. Somewhere along the timeline things got more complicated, didn't they?

WVCA Summer Activities in the 1980's

The summer season in the 80's often started with a long drive to Reno Nevada on Memorial Weekend to attend a big Corvette event put on by Reno Corvettes called the V&T Tour.

It involved a car show, formal banquet and a cruise around the Reno, Tahoe, Virginia City area. The V&T weekend was always a ton of fun. It was a 1000-mile round trip but we didn't seem to care back then. Gas was cheap, Reno rooms were reasonable plus there were casinos, something only Nevada had back then.

WVCA changed with the times. The men and boys that "were" the club back in the 70's got married. We even finally had one or two single lady Corvette owners join the club. We had our first female club president, Carol Taylor in the 80's. WVCA became a family-oriented group. Summer activities changed from hanging out in taverns and drives with a keg of beer to more sedate and legal activities.

Traveling and even camping with a family in a Corvette can be done with careful planning, creative packing and



sometime a 2nd car tagging along to haul the rest of the stuff, but it's not that easy. Somehow the club members in the 1980's managed to hang together and still maintain a Corvette life style even with a fam-

ily. The club had a tradition of a summer campout most summers in the 1980's.

A few members would tent it with a Corvette but as time moved on most would buy some form of RV and leave the Corvette home for these campouts.





Well at least the smart ones left the Vette home Then there was the one "hard core Corvetter", ME! I decided to installed a trailer hitch on my 73 Vette, bought a small used Shasta travel trailer and drug

that trailer to a few campouts before I too succumbed RV life style shortly after the birth of our second child. I always enjoyed those summer campouts with WVCA.

The club went to quite a few picturesque Oregon locations, often with a lake because some member always had a boat we could play with. Suttle Lake, Cove Palisades, Foster Lake, and Detroit were some of the club's destinations.

As the 80's rolled along Family activities and non-Corvette gatherings began to take over the time of lots of the members. But always the friends made through WVCA stayed together even as our children grew up.

We still attended monthly club meetings and planned events which more often than not involved Parades, family gatherings, shop tours, picnics, pot lucks and back yard parties at a member's home. For a few years a group of members who owned boats got together each summer, rented a house boat on Lake Shasta in California for a week of fun on the water wit lots of beer of course.

That should do it for this month. I hope you enjoyed a short look-back at the way things were a half century ago. Have a safe, fun healthy Summer of 2021.





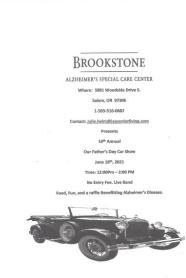




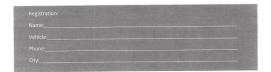












THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

July 4th Festival

20th Annual Cruise In

Where: Knox St. Monmouth Cost: \$10.00 per vehicle When: 9 a.m.—2 p.m. July 4, 2021

Ering your classic car and receive 2 lunches provided by PCL



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Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8 News: What Happened; Is Happening; And, What's Next (John Elegant)

Future C8 model Corvette mules were found testing in Ohio, and then a week later, were discovered a couple of different times in Colorado. Colorado is always a favorite place for testing new models, with the Rockies



being a perfect location for high altitude testing. Might these miles be Z06's, ZR1's and/or might there be an E-Ray be hiding among these? As Tadge said in the new C8 Stingray book, we do things by "hiding in plain sight." So what is being shown or not shown here?

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/265271-c8-corvettezr1-z06-prototypes-testing-in-ohio

Speaking of, how about 0-60 MPH for the C8 Z06 in 2.49 seconds and 5.58 seconds to 100 MPH

sound? Does that seem right to you? This is what a self-proclaimed "math nerd" calculated by using actual track measurements. Those reference measurements being shown on a video of a mule at GM's Milford Proving Ground, repeatedly practicing "launch control." Here is more of what he found:

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/269242-c8-z06-2-49-seconds-to-60-mph

From two extremely reliable sources, the C8 Z06 is still under development and still is not meeting all performance and durability criteria. What does that exactly mean is happening right now? 1) GM is making more captured test fleet beta mules to continue the testing and development process; and 2) to do that they have to assemble more than the previously few hand built ones in Michigan, e.g., the "alpha test mules." So starting about a month ago Bowling Green Assembly plant was integrating the first of the Z06's into the BGA assembly line. A few were built in that first week.

How that went, both well and not well, resulted in analysis and refinements of those assembly procedures and/ or "lifting assist" assembly equipment to insure that all build-execution-criteria were being progressively being obtained. [To build the first C8 at BGA, admittedly a ten times more complex process than creating the first Z06 on the line, took 206 hours at BGA.] Then the following week, after the first Z06's test vehicles were introduced into BGA, a few more Z06's were added into the customer-Stingray-producing main assembly line. Each week the building of Z06 mules gets better, more efficient, resulting in higher quality mules; all these improvements being based on those initial, and progressive-week incremental Z06 assembly line learnings. Still there are *many months* to go.

The good news is that knowing Tadge's insistence that nothing will be sold to customers until GM is sure that it meets every production and performance standard they have established. These new test vehicles are known as N50's (as explained below in the link). Does this mean that customer Z06's are going to be soon going down the line? Sorry but definitely not, for we are a long way from that becoming reality.

In fact still (IMO) about eight months from its reveal.

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/263986-yes-great-news-about-n50's -starting-next-week-at-bga

However, the news is not all good regarding the reveal and subsequent customer production timing of the C8 Z06. We know for sure that at least one of the Z06's development standards/requirements has not yet been met. That comes from an impeccable source but I cannot even hint any more as to "what" is that potential item is that is still needing more development, nor from whom that information comes.

Of course that means further testing as we discussed above; and perhaps even some engineering changes to some of the parts in those Z06 CTF's (captured test fleet) mules. As noted, we have a VERY LONG WAY yet to go.

How many parts are in a C8 Z06 that are different from the C8 Stingray? That is not yet precisely known at this time, so we go to our factual, historical information that there were 750 parts in the C7 Z06 that were different from the C7 Stingray. [Source: Phil Minch, Assistant Chief Corvette Engineer] But things are not that simple, i.e., we cannot conclude that same differential number for the C8 Z06 but instead we believe that the 2023 Z06 will have over 1,500 new parts different from the C8 Stingray.



How come that number just doubled? The Z06's new flat plane crank, dual overhead cam motor (DOHC) alone has about 750 more parts compared to its overhead valve (OHV) LT2 sibling — for always DOHC motors are way more complex, have lots more moving parts, than do OHV's.

It was exciting that Corvette HTC paced the Indy 500. This is the 18th time a Corvette has paced the Indy 500. However to our best knowledge, this one was unlike a couple of previous Indy 500 Pace cars, and will not become a special edition that

would be order-able/purchasable at your dealer. It is an Indy 500 "one off."

Regarding how to properly daily drive of our C8's, GM reached out to the MidEngineCorvetteForum (MECF), asking us to help spread the word on how to appropriately drive the C8's LT2. They specifically stated that we should drive it **spiritedly** once it has been warmed up. Heck, it's a Corvette — and it needs to be "exercised!" Full details at are the following link, e.g., GM's "how to drive the C8" written directions.

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/270594-keep-your-lt2-motor-spiritedly-running

2022 model year C8 ordering and information release details have been recently included in an internal GM memo to its dealers. If a 2022 is part of your future, here is where you will find the dates when the different parts of the 2022 purchasing roll out process would occur: https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/270546-2022-c8-ordering-details

Interestingly, the current production schedule also calls for the 2021's to be made until late August — and perhaps even into the first few days of September. That would result in approximately 25,000 C8's this model year, a major improvement on the 20,387 C8's made for its 2020 rollout year. You smart readers that went to that Link have just realized that this will be the second year in a row that the year-to-next-year model transition is without a break.

However with the 2023 changes coming to both the Stingray and the introduction of the Z06, there will be a significant BGA "re-tooling close down time" during the summer of 2022. As more info is learned, it will be shared at MECF as "breaking news." This last month alone MECF pioneered the release of quite a few newly-learned C8 information items.

Now that the weather is in full spring bloom, I hope you are now experiencing lots of Corvette miles of driving smiles. Thanks for reading. John

2021-22 Standing Committees

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