



**CORVETTES**  
Salem, Oregon



# GLASS SASS

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WVCA President  
Kelly Smothers

**G**reetings and Salutations. I don't know about you, but I blinked and now it is March. I was extremely busy this month at work, and low and behold I looked up and a month went by. From following a few people on Facebook, I see that most everyone survived the ice storm. I am certainly glad we took down 7 giant oaks and some other cherry trees last summer that surrounded our house. We lost a few trees during the storm, but only one big limb near the house. No real damage, and now only a few days of chainsaws and we'll have more firewood. Luckily out here in the country burn season starts March 1st, so I'll be able to get rid of a few piles. (Anyone interested in a large bonfire?) As an added note, I will be out of the country during our May club meeting so Shane Massey will run things on May 6th.

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**Think Spring!!!**



Switching gears. If you're like me you are looking for events to get out of the house and see your friends, some nice vettes and other cool cars. One such fun event is the Cherry Blossom Run sponsored by the Salem Auto Club Council and will be held April 17th, 2021, 9AM-2PM and launch point is Walery's Pizza in West Salem. Andrea and I have it on our calendar and are thinking of a 8:00AM meetup time for club members that want to join us. You know, to give some a chance to make it on time for that 9am start ;) Perhaps a lunch gathering afterward?

The route and stops have not been solidified yet, but I understand we have historically sponsored a stop and may want to again. More will be discussed at our Thursday night meeting. Obviously we don't know what the Covid levels will be by then, but we can always hope.

Other events Andrea and I are planning on attending this year:

May 22-23 Salem Roadster Show

August 7th, KeizerFEST Parade (club event)

August 14th, [10th Annual Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show](#)

August 28th, 30th Annual [Crusin Sherwood](#)

September 10th-11th, 3 Rivers Corvette Club 2021 [Corvettes on the Columbia](#) (We currently have a schedule conflict, and are trying to work this one in)

September 25th, Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum Rendezvous Car Show. (Club event?)

Here are a couple event links I like to keep my eye on:

[Northwest Classic Automall Cruise News](#)

**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-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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Zoom meetings are just modern seances



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

## MEETING MINUTES

### Willamette Valley Corvette Association

MARCH 4TH 2021

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

**Guests:** Guests: Perry Lawson  
2001 C5

#### Birthdays:

Della Edwards 3/2  
 Dave Schwerdt 3/2  
 John Edwards 3/3  
 Rick Ezell 3/12  
 Bill Sellman 3/13  
 Jennifer Anderson 3/16  
 Stan Czerniak 3/18  
 Shelly Paddock 3/24  
 Sandra Kafka 3/29  
 Julie Hughes 3/31

#### Previous months minutes:

Changes for last month's minutes- Donation was \$250.00 not \$200.00. Move to accept last meetings minutes with exception. Joe 1<sup>st</sup>, Stan 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved. None opposed.

#### Treasurer's report:

March 2021

\$4,785.47

Cash on hand \$101.00

Savings \$10,610.63 (includes .09 interest)

Total \$15,497.10

Deposits \$50.00

Expenses in February \$0.00

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Joe 1<sup>st</sup>, Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup> accepted. None opposed.

#### President's report:

Meeting in person since COVID restriction has reduce. We are allowed up to 50 people indoors not later than 11pm. Outdoor is 75 people.

#### Vice President's report:

Jacket night- 17<sup>th</sup> Ratchet Brewery

There is a signup sheet to coordinate jacket night for future months.

Activities comity meeting 16<sup>th</sup> virtually to start planning 2021:

Cherry Blossom Run is on April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9am meeting at Walery's

Salem Roadster car show May 22, 23

NW vintage car and motorcycle Museum Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

Annual Rendezvous Car Show 9-4 Free entrance to Powerland all makes and models. RSVP number of cars.

PowerLand will have some kind of car show on June 19<sup>th</sup> will be here. More details to follow. The goal for of these shows is to promote the museum by having free shows.

Andy shared the power land newsletter that we are in.

Keizer fest August 7<sup>th</sup>. No other details

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> annual Cruise in Sherwood

July 10<sup>th</sup> Graffiti Night Roseburg

**Member at Large update:**

SACC April 17<sup>th</sup>-9-1 Cherry Blossom Poker run \$5 a hand. Last stop is Powerland co-hosted by Powerland and WVCA . Several people want to do the run. Andrea M. will sit at the table if we sponsor the stop. Will put it out to the club.

Before my kids take my keys covered bridge cruise April 3<sup>rd</sup> tentative.

Cars and Coffee- Cap Chev is unsure about hosting. More to come.

**Bowling Green update:**

Birthday bash is still on. Can register online or at the time.

Anniversary in September and is bigger than birthday bash

**Tech time/Corvette news:**

Kelly car is in the paint shop paint color name is brandy wine.

**Old business:**

Dan donated 250.00 to club and we will use it as seed money for our membership to Nation Corvette Museum. Benefits include but are not limited to the following: lifetime membership, 6 free tickets a year, name on plaque in museum, listed on their website, we would be listed among other Oregon clubs, facility rental option, publicity for club. A survey will go out to the club to see if we want to start a fund raiser for the rest of the funds.

US Bank Cost Control was approved by club. Forms are filled out and acct is in the process of be-

ing set up. It will charge the user a charge to use the CC rather than the club.

Amazon affiliate – We can create links and post them on our website, and we get 1-10% of what is spent as income. First put a recommendation, then a link to the product to Amazon. Motion to move forward with Amazon affiliate, Stan 1<sup>st</sup>, dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved none opposed.

There is a Gmail account created so we can share files in one place.

**New business or good of order:** None

**Trivia:**

How many times has a Corvette been in a movie worldwide? Answer: 3044

What movie and what year was the first Corvette on the big screen?

A 1954 Corvette was in “Kiss me deadly” in May 1955

A 1953 Corvette was in an Italian movie “Kiss me deadly” in December 1955

“Girls of today”

50/50 drawing- \$50 total. One winner today since we have a small group. Winner was Joe and Pat.

**Adjourned**

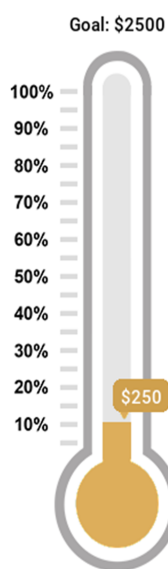
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## Salem Area Car Council events

You may not be into car shows and or parades, but just like to get out and drive. The club is always looking for people to sponsor those type of events.

I would like to wish a very happy March birthday to our following members:

<b>Della Edwards</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>Jennifer Anderson</b>	<b>3/16</b>
<b>John Edwards</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>Stan Czerniak</b>	<b>3/18</b>
<b>Dave Schwerdt</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>Shelly Paddock</b>	<b>3/24</b>
<b>Rick Ezell</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>Sandra Kafka</b>	<b>3/29</b>
<b>Bill Sellman</b>	<b>3/13</b>	<b>Julie Hughes</b>	<b>3/31</b>



### **Fundraising opportunity for WVCA**

Dan Motley has donated \$250.00 as seed money and a challenge to WVCA members to join the National Corvette Museum. NCM Lifetime Business/Club Membership is \$2500. There was a motion at our last meeting to take this out of club funds. However, those in attendance wanted to see if we could perhaps have a fundraising event instead. Please contact [Treasurer@willamettevalleycorvettes.com](mailto:Treasurer@willamettevalleycorvettes.com) to take this challenge.

#### Benefits of Lifetime membership in NCM:

- Lifetime membership to museum
- Name on plaque displayed in museum
- Listing on the NCM Website
- Plaque for your business to display
- Free quarter page ad once a year in an issue of *America's Sports Car* (upgradable)
- Included in annual "Business" directory
- Six free passes to Museum each year
- Discount on facility rental

Lifetime subscription *America's Sports Car*

Invitations to VIP functions at NCM

### Publicity for your company

Clubs such as the below belong:

Capital City Corvettes

Cascade Corvette Club

Mt Hood Corvette Club

Rogue Valley Corvettes

March Corvette Trivia!

Last month we talked about Corvettes in a famous song, this month, I saw a post on Facebook talking about your favorite Corvette movie. Which in turn brought up the thought of how many times has a corvette been in a movie. Well according to the Internet Movie Car Database a mere 3044 times. So of course, that had me ask a couple more questions. What movie and what year was the first corvette on the big screen. 1954 Chevrolet Corvette C1 Convertible in *Kiss Me Deadly*, May 1955 and what was the oldest Corvette in a movie, 1953 Chevrolet Corvette C1 Convertible in the Italian movie *Ragazze d'oggi*. (*Girls of Today*) December 1955.

In closing this month's article, and as Spring and Summer creep up on us, if you see a nice day coming up (weekends for those of that work ;) ) and you'd like to sponsor a cruise somewhere down the road or to a destination less traveled, be sure to speak up and let the group know through the all-wvca mailing list and Facebook.

Stay Safe.

"Save the Wave"

Kelly J. Smothers

President

Willamette Valley Corvette Association



# Original 1959 Corvette From 'Animal House' Located—And It's For Sale!

By [Sherry Bryan](#) - January 27, 2021



Original 1959 C1 Corvette has been found in the garage of its original owner. And he has decided to sell. It makes us wanna shout!

When a cast and crew of talented outsiders descended upon Oregon in 1978 to shoot a film at the University, few could have anticipated the cinematic success that would be [Animal House](#). Following the hilarious antics of the Delta Tau Chi fraternity at fictional Faber College in 1962, the film became an instant classic and is considered one of the funniest films ever.

Featuring star-making turns from the cast, *National Lampoon's Animal House* became a cult classic. Side-splittingly funny, the endlessly quotable classic made the late, great [John Belushi](#) a bona fide star and is perhaps the quintessential college (or toga) film. It also happened to feature a red 1959 Corvette that left an indelible impression.



On-screen, the Corvette is owned by Delta's resident ladies man, **Eric "Otter" Stratton (Tim Matheson)**. And like its on-screen owner, the C1 Corvette got some memorable action even appearing on the poster.

So, like many, we wondered [what happened to the Animal House Corvette?](#) Well, it has been located; and in a pretty surprising place. "The movie was so zany...it wasn't really of interest to me," owner [Paul Smith](#) said to [Chadley Johnson](#). Johnson sat down with Smith to talk about the movie car as well as do a full walk-around. Smith has decided to sell the car through [Eyes on Classics](#) after it has quietly remained untouched in his garage.



If Smith's name is ringing bells, you might recall his run as a successful racer and [NHRA Champion](#). This is a true-blue car guy, and a pleasure to listen to.



He purchased the Corvette in 1975 from **Bob Cochran Motors** as a gift to his wife. After he left racing full-time, he started finding work in showbiz working on sets in transportation and as a driver. He heard Universal Pictures was planning to shoot a 1962-era film at the local University of Oregon and Paul was the guy.



The studio rented Paul's 1959 Corvette for four weeks for \$400. As a backup, they also obtained a 1959 C1 Corvette (different owner) to be used for additional footage and promotions.

When the film wrapped, Paul was on other pursuits. It is safe to say that Paul was not star-struck; rather he was focused on his work on-set. Although, you get the sense he'd rather be talking hot rods, and we'd listen to him all day

long. When the film wrapped he moved on to other automotive pursuits. And the Corvette? It was parked in his garage, collecting dust and sat idle for decades.

After wiping down the dust, the C1 Corvette is still stunning. It is also in pretty incredible condition. Having a gearhead owner kept it fresh, if unused.

"I can't ever remember driving it, to be honest," he says. "It just wasn't my type of car." Different strokes. We promise Paul will never be on double secret probation.





**It was the Deltas  
against the rules...  
the rules lost!**



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## Mid Engine Monthly Update: What Is New? What Is Next?

*By John Elegant*

What do we know about the end of the 2021 year and the start of 2022 MY?

Here's what we know about the 2021's ending schedule: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/242785-2021-my-build-out-official-gm-information>

We also have learned that as the 2021 MY ends, three current colors will be leaving for good (two prematurely), and that there will be three new colors for 2022. The three going goodbye are Sebring Orange, Zeus Bronze, and Shadow Gray. No new color replacement specifics have been announced yet but probably the three new ones would be announced at the NCM April 20th-22nd Bash. Some wonder if we would see Shadow Gray metallic being changed to the very popular, customer-highly-requested, gray # 4 C8.R?



We heard from Brembo that they created for the Cadillac CT5-V their newest, 4th generation, carbon ceramic brakes. Separately we became aware that one new Blackwing Caddy will have a magnesium wheel option. So might both of these be options be part of the C8 Z06, even standard on the Z06/Z07 version? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/241407-c8-z06-to-have-carbon-ceramic-brembo's>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/241316-might-c8-z06-mag-wheels-be-an-option>

With the dearth of competition for the C8.R this year here in the U.S., in order to fine tune the C8.R for the 24 Hours of LeMans, there is a likelihood that the C8.R's are heading to Europe for two, pre-LeMans, WEC races. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/241701-c8-r-s-possibly-headed-overseas>

Z06 testing continues. It was captured by Motor Trend and also on the streets of Arizona. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/234763-c8-z06-mule-captured-on-track-with-video-thanks-to-motortrend>

Right hand drive C8's were caught testing. The first batch of about 300 are heading to Japan, later some to Australia and England: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/240369-right-hand-drive-c8's-spotted-testing>

The AWD, hybrid E-Ray testing continues, with E-Ray mules being caught twice this past month: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/237687-e-ray-mule-caught-by-gm-authority>





Will the E-Ray C8 be introduced ahead of the Z06? I raised that question a good amount of time ago, presenting it then a “left field” rumor, but if as two birdies have chirped that C8 Z06 development has further to go, could the E-Ray jump ahead of the C8 Z06? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/238267-factors-suggesting-the-e-ray-could-be-the-2022-introduced-c8>

When the E-Ray was first conceptualized, very few Corvettes fans came forward with other than with a big “raspberry,” saying they would NEVER own a hybrid Corvette. But “times are a changing” (thanks Bob D) with now roughly 1/3 of MidEngineCorvetteForum members saying they would seriously consider on E-Ray. So how would a C8 E-Ray’s components differ from the C8 Z06’s? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224392-z06-vs-e-ray-components>

Or if neither the C8 E-Ray or the Z06 are ready for 2022 model year introduction, currently estimated as happening in late August or early September, how about a special edition 2022 GTLM Championship edition preceding both? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/240930-2022-gtllm-championship-special-edition-c8>

Thanks for tuning in this month. As always, if you wish to communicate directly with me, please private message “John” @[www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com).

Most importantly be safe as we head into our spring, lots of miles of Corvette driving smiles to all...

## COVID CORVETTE YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Paul Ennor



My usual monthly column subject matter is about the history of WVCA mixed up with other often miscellaneous eclectic subject matter that pops into my head as I sit at my computer randomly stabbing at the keyboard. This time will be different because my mind is only going back one year in history. So, think back yourself. It was only one year ago that we first heard about Covid-19. Nobody knew much about what it was in March of 2020. In the Corvette world most of us were excited about the new C8 mid-engine Corvette. We’d just watched Chevy’s slick introduction video. We were still attending club meetings in person at Cap Chev and making plans for all of the events that we were sure would happen in the summer of 2020. Then out of the blue the “stuff” hit the fan. That little virus bug started killing people. At first, up in the Seattle area in a nursing home. Then the rest is history.

I certainly won’t depress you further the details rest of 2020. Suffice it to say that the 2020 Corvette season along with almost everything else in our lives was tossed into disarray. The view of the world from my recliner remains the same. Whatever the TV is showing. Normally I document events with tons of pictures that I keep on an external hard drive organized by year and month. As I looked back on the 2020 collection it is absolutely dismal. Not much there I want to remember. Just bear with me as I guide you back through the year of 2020 as seen through the eye of my camera and my fuzzy memory.

### January- February 2020

The new mid-engine C8 was here. Well, not right here in Oregon but excitement among Corvette fans was high.



Meanwhile a good old Oregon winter storm bashed the coast with waves worth seeing, not in a Corvette but Pat and I did go watch driving our SUV. Meanwhile a good friend passed away from the effects of an unknown virus they couldn’t identify. Covid-19 was only something in China at that time but I’m personally convinced that Covid was the cause of our friend’s demise right here in Salem before anyone recognized it.

### March-April 2020

Covid-19 dominated the news. People were getting sick and dying, mostly in New York, but not yet in the Willamette Valley, thankfully. People were scared, especially front-line medical workers. In April a pop-up cruise was organized by the Willamette Valley Winery and we drove through some affluent South Salem neighborhoods to say “thank you” to those doctors and nurses facing the new pandemic head on. It might have been an empty gesture but it made us feel like we were at least doing something and it did get us out of the house for one evening.





The normally busy Corvette month of May was empty of club activities. In June, suffering from cabin fever, Pat and I took a drive alone to the top of Mary's Peak where I took some nice landscape pictures. This might make for a great Club drive some sunny clear day in the future. Let's keep it in mind.

**July 2020**



In July I found this picture: Members all masked-up sitting in Walery's parking lot for an impromptu cruise-in. Well at least it got us out of the house. It was sure better than virtual club meetings. In my opinion virtual gatherings from our living rooms via computer just don't cut it.

**August 2020**



All August had to offer was the one and only jacket night I attended in 2020. It was at Fort Hill near Grand Ronde. I think the looks on those unmasked faces kind of sums-up the mood of the year don't they.

**September**



All hell broke loose in the Santiam Canyon on Labor Day. The sky turned brown while some prior WVCA members lost their homes and cars to the conflagration. Lives were lost and some of the most beautiful scenery in Oregon along with several small towns were destroyed and changed forever.

Covid didn't take a break either. The entire world held its breath waiting for a vaccine and wearing masks and staying home. WVCA managed to sneak a few cars out for a benefit cruise-in in Stayton. \$20,000 was raised for victims of the fires. A drop in the bucket really but at least we were doing something to help where we could.



**October-December**



Of course with Covid-19 running amok there was no Halloween Party or gathering. So we celebrated Halloween at home as best we could. Everyone wearing masks of course ☺ I hope. The 2020 Corvette season for what it was worth over. I was personally growing weary of virtual meetings. Cap Chev let us know that we were not welcome to return there for "real" in-person meetings anytime soon. The board tried to hold in-person club meetings at Antique Powerland when the Governor relaxed restrictions temporarily on such meetings. I understand that a few members attended in person but I did not. I tried to join on-line once but Internet problems at PowerLand made attending on-line virtually impossible. *Pun intended.*

WVCA Christmas festivities, always a highlight of the year were canceled due to Covid-19 as well and club members settled into their own isolated cocoons for the winter with visions of future Corvette drives swimming in their heads.



**January**

**-February**



Vaccines arrived. I sure hope that they will fix the mess we are in. I'm looking forward to seeing some of my Corvette friends in person again, going to a restaurant, attending a meeting and walking into a building without a mask. Here in Salem it's been easier to get a vaccine appointment than it has been in some other parts of the State. Pat and I have had shot #1 with #2 scheduled soon. I sure hope we can get Corvetting rolling again sometime this year. That is if my old Vette will even run after sitting under its cover for so long. Hang in there everyone I think I see light at the end of the tunnel, and I hope it is not on the front of a big ole train!



## 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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