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GLASS SASS

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WVCA President Kelly Smothers

Greetings Vettors. Fall is coming fast.

Can you believe that Fall is just around the corner. I love Fall colors. Can't wait for a couple drives around the countryside to see all the beautiful colors, experience a little bit cooler weather and maybe even see the rain. "Gasp" our cars will be safely in the barn.

As a reminder, if you or someone you have spoken to in our club is not getting our allwvca email, please contact me directly kjsmothers@gmail.com and let me know. I had a couple people approach me and as it turned out they were getting our email messages, but it was either going to spam or junk. So, please, help me help you. Of course, if it is going to a spam or junk folder, you probably don't read this either. Ah, the quandary.

Club Business - Great seeing so many people and so many awesome Corvettes at our August Jacket night. I will continue my mantra that this is an eating club with a car habit. Macleay Inn was the place, and it was a great evening cruise followed by some very good food. Thanks to Buzz, Chris, Roger and Kent for putting that evening together. We had a great time. September, Joe and Pat Peters will be taking us around the Stayton area for the evening. Can't wait.

Speaking of September, the President's Run continues to get inquiries and questions. Yes we are still on, and I haven't checked in a while, but if you are interested, please call Running Y Ranch and see if they have room. If they don't you are still welcome on the drive, you'll just need to get a room in Klamath Falls, which isn't too far away.

Caring on with my message from last month, Brent Wilson has sent out a note asking for nominations for our officer positions for 2022. If you have interest please contact him. As I mentioned last month, our fiscal year is getting ready to wrap up. According to our Constitution and by-laws our dues years are October through September.

Along with that are a couple must perform functions that need to be carried out. First, the Budget Committee that Andrea Smothers (treasurer) will be leading the effort on along with Larry Raff who volunteered at our August club meeting will be finalizing next year's budget and get it approved in a timely manner. Thanks again to our volunteers. It makes life so much easier for everyone.

Andrea and I attended the Cruising McMinnville Car Show and Cruise on the 28th of August and her C7 won a sponsors choice trophy. Well done Dear. It really looks very cool. So many people, 317 cars entered the show. It might have helped the show's overall numbers that Sherwood canceled their car show that was planned for the same day, but it was a great turn out for our community.

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Take a minute and remember 9-11 as we move into Fall.

At this month's General Membership Meeting I proposed the club purchase a new Public Address system and those in attendance voting on researching for a system for less than \$500. I asked and received input from a couple people and I will be sharing that information at our September meeting. Criteria: A System we can use inside and outside. I would like wireless microphones (adds cost) and the ability to add sound sources as needed (e.g., music, what have you)

I would like to remind many of you that we try very hard to keep our website; <https://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com/index.php/events> updated with events. You can also find meeting links to any online meetings as well.

I am posting what we are tracking for the remainder of the calendar year:

September

9/2 - General Membership Meeting - @ [Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, Oregon 97303](#) - We will have the room set up with social distancing in mind. Conference number for audio only: (518) 418-1943 to join via computer (you do not need video to watch, and can also dial in if you wish.) <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/wvca>

10th-11th, 3 Rivers Corvette Club 2021 [Corvettes on the Columbia](#)

9/11 or 12 Monthly Cruise: TBD Host: Need Host

9/15 Jacket Night: TBD Host: Joe and Pat Peters

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

9/25-26 [Salem Roadster Show](#)

October

10/7 - General Membership Meeting - @ [Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, Oregon 97303](#) - We will have the room set up with social distancing in mind. Conference number for audio only: (518) 418-1943 to join via computer (you do not need video to watch, and can also dial in if you wish.) <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/wvca>

10/09 or 10 Monthly Cruise: TBD Host: Need Host

10/20 Jacket Night: TBD Host: Need Host

November

11/4 - General Membership Meeting - @ [Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, Oregon 97303](#) - We will have the room set up with social distancing in mind. Conference number for audio only: (518) 418-1943 to join via computer (you do not need video to watch, and can also dial in if you wish.) <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/wvca>

11/17 Jacket Night: TBD Host: Need Host

11/30 Halloween Party - Trexler Farms

December

12/2 - General Membership Meeting - @ [Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, Oregon 97303](#) - We will have the room set up with social distancing in mind. Conference number for audio only: (518) 418-1943 to join via computer (you do not need video to watch, and can also dial in if you wish.) <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/wvca>

12/15 Jacket Night: TBD Host: Need Host

12/?? Christmas Dinner

As you can see, we still need hosts for Jacket Nights and Cruises. That's all I have this month.

Kelly p/s: Update on Mistress. She went in for paint last week. This week will be all new weatherstripping, seals, and a new top.

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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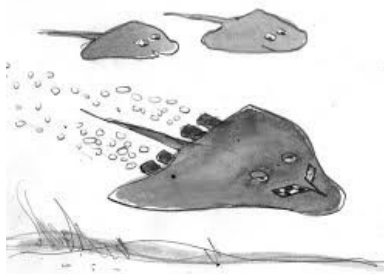
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"Cool. A Corvette stingray."

Called to order: 6:30pm

Guests:

Jason and Jennifer DiSenso - just got a C4.

Randy and Roxy Stockberger – Will get their official intro at the next meeting.

New Members:

None

Birthdays:

Pauline Kleve 9/16

Pat Ennor 9/25

Kent Muhle 9/26

Stephen Sims 9/27

Duane Stark 9/29

Roxanna Tiano 9/28

Previous months minutes:

Corrections or changes to the minutes- none .

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

Minutes Accepted.

Treasurer's report:

August 2021

August beginning balance \$5,313.51

Refund \$49.99

Deposits \$0

Interest \$0.09

Expenses \$253.90

Total Balance in Checking \$5,109.60

Cash on hand \$209.00

Savings \$10,611.15

Total \$15,929.75

MEETING MINUTES

Willamette Valley Corvette Association

SEPTEMBER 3RD 2021

Motion to approve treasurer's report- Approved. Motion to accept Joe 1st /Pat 2nd accepted.

None opposed. Minutes Accepted.

President's & Vice Presidents' report:

Chris and Buzz did Jacket Night last month. It was a great meet up!

Brother car Museum. It was "WOW" "World Class" "WOW overload" "It is something you would see in Vegas". If you get an opportunity to go DO IT!

Name tags are here for those who wanted them. \$9 each.

President's Run is 9/18-9/19. Overnight trip. If you want to attend reach out to Kelly soon. At last check there are a few rooms available.

Committee members that came up with the revisions are Kelly, Andrea, Shane, Andrea, Roger, Joe. These are an overview of the changes. Bylaws old and new have been emailed to every member for review. Bylaws items that were on the constitution moved from constitution to bylaws document.

Change dates to flow better like fiscal year and operating year being out of sync. Add to bylaws to give new members a nametag when they first join. The goal of this to help all feel more 'family'. **Standing activities committee and social media committee.**

We have a lot of activity on Facebook, and we want to bring in the younger generation so we can keep the association going for many more years.

Sitting members of the board have waived dues the years they serve. Feedback from the email- have board offset rotation and terms are 2 years so that the entire board can't leave all at the same time.

Goal is to include in the next Glass Sass and vote in October meeting.

Vice President's report:

Club cruise on 2nd weekend is going to be President's run the next weekend. If someone wants to get a group together on the 2nd weekend we can. Just send out an email.

Jacket night 9/15 Stayton Ixtapa meet at Home Depot at 5:30 and cruise over. If raining then there will be no cruise. Hosted by Joe and Pat.

9/25 Vintage car and motorcycle rendezvous at Powerland.

9/25-9/26 Salem Roadster Show at Fairgrounds

9/10-9/11 Corvettes on the Columbia Kelly and Andrea are going.

9/18-9/19 Octoberfest in Mt Angel

Cascade High School Homecoming is first weekend in October.

10/30 Halloween Party In conversations with Taste of Hawaii for the event. More details to come.

12/17 @ 6 or 6:30 Christmas Party @ Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby. Buffet will be ham, turkey, beef or chicken. Price per TBD. No Host bar. Will do gift exchange max \$25 and little stuffed animals for kids. Julie is coordinating.

Member at Large update:

Cars and Coffee in Stayton Fridays at 9am (be there at 8 LOL)

Octoberfest is 2 day car show and has a car show fee for each day.

Andy from Power Land would like one of the WVCA members to join their board so they can get input from us.

Bowling Green update:

9/2 is the 27th anniversary for Bowling Green Museum. New President & CEO Sharen Brawner was announced.

There are a lot of benefits to being members of Bowling Green so go to the website and check it out.

2023 Z06 will be revealed on 10/26th at the museum.

Tech time/Corvette news:

None

Old business:

2023 Car Show Committee. Andrea decided she can't run it but will help. So Joe's next up to lead the committee. Joe says that we could join Russ's show next year so we can get our feet wet at having the show at Power Land.

PA system: Gary did some leg work for us. We can get a PA system with 2 speakers, 2 stands 4 mics that run on battery and have other options for \$402.00. Motion by Julie to get the \$402 PA system, seconded by Joe 1st /Roger 2nd accepted. None opposed. Motion Accepted.

Mr. Wilson set up digital nomination for the next board.

Budget committee will be meetings soon and membership dues are due October. We can take CC if that is your choice.

Sponsorship Committee needs put together. This group will be a big part of the car show.

New business or good of order:

Investing for a business and none profit would require a committee to find a way for us to invest, create investment policy. This would be supported by the board. The board would be the controlling member of how the funds are invested. Does the Association want to do this?

Do we have members that want to take the lead? If there is interest in that than those members should reach out to the board. Taxes are paid on any profit made. The risk/reward ratio is not worth the effort. Why do we have savings? The savings is what is authorized by the state for 'club preservation'. Funds to rent a hall for meetings and expenses like that.

We are a 50c7 and a 50c7 is a nonprofit for the benefit of the club. So the funds we have are for the club. "Seems like a lot of work for little return", "the liability is very high to the club", "I think we should just bury this very a very long time" "Those that want to invest- why are they not forming a committee?"

Trivia:

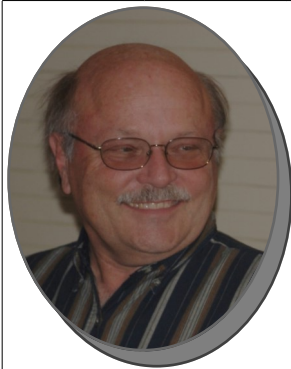
From Paul- What year was the first Chevy V8 made? 1917. What was the first vehicle that that engine was in? Chevy Series D.

Raffle: \$13 to each winner, Winner #1- Pat Winner #2- Julie

Adjourned 7:44



Looks like everyone was having a good time at the meeting and thanks to Kelly, this is the first meeting on record when the newsletter was able to be sent out within 2 days after...thanks Kelly! Thanks to Steve Sims for the great photos!



SEPTEMBER 2021

By: Paul Ennor

I'll start off with a short paragraph or two on resent topics before I tell this month's "Old story": It seems like every time that I see an old friend, neighbor or casual acquaintance that I haven't seen, talked to in person or called on the phone at least weekly since the beginning of the pandemic I get the same question, "How are guys doing?" I'll bet that you probably get the same question yourself.

I often struggle to come up with an appropriate answer. It seems obvious that since we are talking in person that I must not have contracted the Covid virus and passed away, just yet anyway.

I find it difficult to think of a good response to that question to start a conversation these days. I'm guilty of asking the same question myself. The pandemic and incessant daily/hourly media coverage where the media do their best to sell fear over and above providing important information about the events of the day seems to be dragging our brains into twilight zone of sorts which leaves many of us at a loss for how to even interact with other people. We're forced to hide behind masks like outlaws from an old Western movie and mumble our way into simple conversations through a couple of layers of cloth. So, we mumble, "how are you doing?" and hope that the response will be a positive one, not something else that we dread hearing.

That's enough of my editorializing for this month. Now it's time to move on with a more interesting story. OH, and by the way, "How are you doing?"

At Jacket night last month, the conversation at our table turned to the subject of this monthly Glass Sass column. I suggested that I'd sure like to see some of them write an article so we could read about other people's life, history and Corvette stories. The only response I got was, "That would be hard". I thought to myself, "No, it's not hard at all what's hard is knowing when to stop

writing", but I dropped the subject and the conversation turned toward how much a couple of them look forward to my column every month.

At that point I said, "I'm running out of stories. I don't know how much longer I can keep it up". A suggestion then came from one of them to retell some already told stories. So, guess what? This month all you're going to get from me is a rerun. I thought summer reruns ended with Labor Day.

Oh well! So here goes... This September 25th marks 45 years since Pat and I were married. So here goes. If you've read this story before, I'm sorry. Don't blame me. Place the blame on those who won't share their own fresh stories.

GETTING HITCHED THE CORVETTE WAY

It was in 1976 that I asked Pat to marry me and take on the responsibility of family life. If it were not for the Corvette club, we would have never met in the first place so it was only natural that our Corvette friends would be included in our wedding. Involving our Corvette friends ended up making our wedding day nothing like we planned.

Our plans called for a small church wedding with a reception off-site at Pringle Hall, where we could have alcoholic beverages which the church would not allow.

We invited our close friends, relatives, and of course as previous mentioned, the Corvette club members. Two of my best friends, as well as my brother were on my side of the aisle. Pat had, her sister, my boyhood best friend's wife and a co-worker's wife, standing up for her. The Corvette club President, Dude Sohn, who was a fatherly figure gave Pat away since her father was no longer with us.

All went as expected during the ceremony. We moved the wedding party to the rented hall a couple of miles away for the reception, and that's when things got out of our control, and I mean they got way out of our control! We greeted our guests and managed to get to the part of the proceedings where we cut the cake.

Right after that thing just sort of came unraveled from our standpoint.

Someone persuaded Pat to go out to the parking lot on some pretext. Meanwhile a couple of the ladies kept me busy and that kept us apart. Once Pat was in the parking lot, someone pulled Al's pickup around, and My best man, Al picked up Pat and tossed her in the back of the pickup truck with a couple of our other "friends" and off they went.

It wasn't long before one of the ladies came running up to me and said that the guys had kidnapped Pat, but I was not to worry because she was sure she knew where they went. These 3 ladies would take me to find her. The three of them and myself all piled into a 68 Corvette roadster, top down, with me in the passenger seat, two of them in my lap and the other driving and off we went to find Pat, or at least that's what they told me.

Now naturally this had all been pre-planned by these people, and I would later find out that my father was even aware of the plan. The guys had taken Pat to a tavern on the North end of Salem. The girls took me to a tavern on the out South. Their poorly coordinated plan was to take each of us from the far sides or town toward a tavern in the middle some place where we would all meet and they would get us back together, but only after getting Pat and I really drunk.

Meanwhile, the wedding party continued on at Pringle Hall without either of us present and our invited guests left wondering what happened to the newlywed couple.

Apparently, the plan had some timing flaws because the girls were never able to get together with the guys. You have to remember that Cell phones were not even invented in 1976 so the whole ill-fated plan depended on careful planning and coordinated timing.

Good luck with that because there was way too much beer and confusion mixed with it. In the end the four of us in the Vette and the four in the pickup all visited each tavern in the route, from opposite directions, Pat and the guys from North to South. The girls and me from South to North. We never saw each other, like two ships passing in the night the entourages never even saw each other.

The guys ended up taking Pat back to our house where my family was waiting for us to go to dinner. The girls ended up returning me, drunk as a skunk, to the now empty hall to pick up my old 47 Chevy, thoroughly decorated with "just married graphics" which I drove alone back home.

I think that I'd have felt really stupid had I been able to feel much of anything at all about then. Back at the house I found Pat, almost as drunk as I was but a whole lot madder, sitting with our family who had been waiting for us to go to dinner for quite some time.

My Dad thought the whole incident was pretty funny. My Mom didn't see and humor in the situation at all. Pat was ready to kill a couple of guys and probably would have if she could have been able to stand

up to take a swing. I was drunk, mellow and had just spent the past 3 hours riding with 3 girls in a Corvette, 2 of them in my lap, and drinking free beer.



No story of mine would be complete without a picture. I'm sure you had visions of my Corvette decked out in Just Married glory. Sorry. I didn't let my so-called friends have a crack at the Vette. We drove my old '47 Chevy to the wedding because I knew full well that there would be some mischief planned. I just had no idea the extent of the extent of it. The two guys WVCA members seen in this picture are Al Elsenraat and Ron Trembath. Both deceased.



Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8 News

John Elegant

GM just announced that the Z06 will be revealed on October 26th with teaser pictures and this video but did not yet announce its reveal location; more here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/302444-october-26-2021-z06-reveal-date#post302795>

Excitingly there were six different Z06's which were captured with light camo testing in mid-August on the Nurburgring. There are 15 precise photos shown within the following thread, though another 150 at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com (MECF) including showing its greatly-revised front fascia with an additional center heat exchanger, incredibly large front splitter, massively-revised side scoop (even though still partially hidden it looks a lot alike the C8.R's), changed rear fascia with its four center mounted exhausts, and for this Z06/Z07 version its carbon ceramic brakes, carbon fiber wheels, its large "bird" high wing, etc: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/299795-pics-z06-with-light-camo#post299938>



<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/299527-z06-has-4-center-tip-exhaust-setup>

But will we also see at this Oct 26th reveal a hard top convertible version of the Z06 or is that not coming until months later?

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/296681-z06-reveal-but-no-htc>

We are expecting both the entry version Z06 and the Z07 version with its high wing at its reveal. Here is a good collection of comparative pictures showing them

in thin zebra-vinyl-camo and how they are quite different visual versions, yet are both wide-bodied, have the identical powertrain, and look a fair amount like the C8.R:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/301124-entry-z06-w-blade-spoiler-smaller-splitter-the-ring>

For those who missed it this last month but are Z06 intrigued with GM's official reveal announcement of it coming this fall, GM teaser's video includes its high pitched, perhaps up to 9,000 RPM, wailing flat plane crank motor:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/290427-gm-officially-confirms-with-z06-press-release-and-video>



Want to further hear the incredible DOHC, Z06 motor at speed? If you one watches only one video of the Z06 testing at speed at the Nurburgring, this is the one which will give you chills:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/301960-another-new-z06-ring-video-thanks-to-auto-addiction#post302013>

There are 6 additional Z06 videos at the N'Ring within MECF.

But did GM just give us an equally massive surprise at the Nurburgring and test the E-Ray right along side the Z06 there, e.g., Tadge's preferred program of "we hide things in plain sight?" If you have any doubts, might this link with its internal video erase them; might it convince you that the E-Ray was actually there testing at the Nurburgring too?:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/302936-run-silent-run-deep-e-ray-in-ev-only-mode-shown-here>

Could the E-Ray itself be an additional massive surprise at the Z06's reveal that October 26th evening? We initially heard the 2022's would start in the end of summer (Sept 27th TPW), then it was revised forward to the week of 9/13 as per below, but now we have confirmed that the first 2022's start down the assembly line as early as during the middle part of the week of September 6th:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/298389-2022-c8-s-start-tpw-9-13>

We are just now seeing the new-for-2022 colors on a full sized C8 (rather than just a fender shared with

us before). The first one we saw in a complete C8 was Amplify Orange, captured by professional Craig Marcho — who was at NCM getting his new C8 Museum Delivery. Going to be a lot of happy folks choosing Amplify, but please know it is a tint-coat and not a metallic.



Also at Carlisle and at NCM's 27th Anniversary event, GM also showed for the first time both complete Hypersonic Gray Metallic and Caffeine C8's. Pictures and a video of them are at this thread:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/304200-new-hypersonic-amplify-orange-pics-thanks-to-mike-furman-criswell>

When will the E-Ray be coming? In addition to the above possibility, there are a lot of different ideas about that with some believing it will be revealed as a 2024 model year, others saying "no" that the ZR1 will jump ahead of it and that the E-Ray instead become a 2025 model. In either case we have learned the E-Ray's massive tire sizes are: 275/20 & 345/21. Will it have over 600 HP coupled with its all wheel drive and so be even faster 0 to 60 than the Z06? Many think however that after 60 MPH the Z06 will kill it in the quarter mile. More info is here:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/302319-might-corvette-e-ray-debut-a-few-months-after-z06>

Thanks for reading. May your summer continue for several more months; may you be safe and happy; and, may you continue to be driving your miles and miles of Corvette smiles. John

2021-23 Standing Committees

Carousel III Glass on the Grass Car Show for 2023

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