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Greetings Vettters. Looking at the Association calendar, it looks like another busy month with opportunities for you to get out with fellow Corvette owners and, uh, drive your corvette. Warning: food is usually involved.

Car Shows, Parades, Jacket Night, and a Cruise to Timberline Lodge, and my favorite car show of the year Cruising McMinnville. This is a PRE-REGISTERED event. There will be no day-of entries this year due to space constraints. Ticket sales begin JUNE 1st and end AUGUST 20th. Assigned check in times begin at 7:30am, the show begins at noon with awards from 4-5.

The Car Show ends at 5pm when our participants kick off the famous Third Street Cruise! Historic Downtown McMinnville has numerous shops, tasting rooms and restaurants to visit, and our Main Stage at The Oak will have live music all day. Please plan on staying until the Cruise begins. It's a really great event to get out, look at cool cars, oh, and eat.

Well, what can I say about July? It was our first cruise with the club to



Cowboy Dinner Tree and Julie and Dave (Yeah, I know it was mostly Julie) planned and executed a great event. I don't remember the exact count but 11 corvettes rings a bell, regardless of the Lepidoptera: Saturniidae (Pandora Moth) outbreak. It was interesting to see these large, in some cases 2 inch moths 'all over the place.



Google tells us that these outbreaks happen occasionally and last from 3 to 5 years. Why is it when we take cruises with Andrea Smothers, we run into bugs, makes you go h-m-m-m.

Joe & Pat Peters and Andrea and I took a few days near the end of the month to attend Valley Corvette's VetteFest in Boise Idaho. If you have never been to one of these large corvette shows, large meaning multiple day events, it was a great time.

It was a flawless check-in at the hotel/convention center and a couple days of planned activities such as a poker run that wound through the valley, and another scenic cruise to one of the local Dam sites, the car show was held at a local park. It was a hot day, 107, and luckily we were able to get under a few maple trees and it wasn't all that bad.



We had the opportunity to meet up with our friends down South, **Cascade Corvette Club** and had catered meals a couple nights. Live Band, Dancing, Raffles and a live auction. I might have bid and won a trip to a Caribbean location of our choice. I'm thinking Jamaica, (in my best Jamaican accent).

A couple new items this month. Since no one signed up to take the club on a cruise in August, Andrea is going to make a run to Timberline Lodge on 20 August. I currently have five folks on the list. As usual, I need to make reservations, so if you want to join us on that late August trip up the mountain (The Weather Channel is predicting a perfect day, 87 and Sunny. Probably low 70s on the mountain).

In Memoriam: Rick Ezell passed away on July 13th. Dorothy reached out to me this last week, and said she would like to join our association once more.

Copied from last month:

It's that time of year again when we are calling for volunteers and or nominations from the association to fill positions for our executive leadership/board of directors: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Member at Large. If you are interested, please let Wayne Kreger and or Julie Schwerdt know, they are in charge this year (nominations committee) for presenting the names to the association at our September meeting.

Brent Wilson is also taking names for the Budget Committee to review '23 and produce a budget for '24. Contact him if you would like to participate.

Club Picnic is scheduled to be at Chandler's field at the museum for September 30th. The current plan is to kill two birds that day. September 30th is also Corvette Day in Sherwood at Portland Cars and Coffee. C&C ends at 1100, and those that wish to attend this event can then drive down to Brooks for the picnic if they so desire. The picnic officially starts around 1:00PM. If I could get someone to head this up this year that would be great. Fall back plan will be inside the museum. Not quite as fun, but dry.

And for my last tidbit, the club is sitting at 99 members currently, and my spreadsheet is tracking 18 families interested in joining. Remember our Dues year (FY) is different from the calendar year. Sooooo, your dues for next year start 1 October. Brent Wilson will be happy to start taking your cash and checks after October 1st. Drive safely and smartly out there. *#SaveTheWave* Kelly



Needed to fill space so thought I would be able to do both fill space and send a message: Be careful out there this Summer!!X

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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**WVCA
MEETING
MINUTES**

August 3rd 2023

Route 99 for Dinner 18

New Visitors: None

50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around.

Prospective new member application handed out - Dave

CALL TO ORDER: Kelly

Thank you, everybody, welcome to the August 3rd Willamette Valley Corvette Association meeting.

Scott Savage a potential new member did get His C5 and if he goes to dinner with us tonight, he'll officially be able to get voted in next month.

Route 99 for dinner tonight. I have a show of hands. We like to remember, this is an eating club. And once the meeting is over we will head out for dinner.

I've turned on the recording. Member online, Buzz Blogg, Brad Barry and Richard Grabotin, we'll get started.

There were no folks available that met the requirements to join.

We have 17 people on the potential members list right now.

Birthday announcements for the month of August.

Bob Cozart	August 1st
Jim Jacks	August 1st
Drew Hills	August 2nd
Amy, Beli	August 3rd
Pat Peters	August 4 th
Jamilah Mooney	August 13
Cindy Tuttle	August 13 th
Rich Graham	August 14th
Buzz Blogg	August 17th
Randy Stockberger	August 19 th
Janet Krieger	August 20 th
Ron Leland	August 20th.

Approval of last month's Minutes: The minutes have been distributed to you through the Glass Sass. Are there any corrections? Hearing no further corrections the minutes are approved as distributed.

TEASURER'S REPORT: Brent Wilson

Brent notified that he still has names tags that are not claimed. A few expenses still sort of triggering in the car show. I just brought in window decals if you are interested in these, \$3 each so you can hit me up at the end of the meeting.

Checking:	\$ 11,776.69
Petty Cash	\$ 336.50
Savings	\$ 8,313.56 (\$0.35 Interest)
TOTAL	\$ 20,426.75

Motion to accept the treasurer's Report Joe and Julie.
All those in favor, unanimous none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Kelly;

Andrea and I, Joe and Pat, drove over to Boise for the Valley Corvettes VetteFest, pretty, pretty darnn good event in all reality. At least I thought so.

A little hot. I think we endured 107 degrees. It was a hot day there and luckily they parked us under the trees. Folks from Cascade, and there were quite a few people that came and they were parked out in the sun.

Jacket Night - Andrea and I are going to be hosting jacket night. Of course, you knew that. Coming up on the 16th of August at Golden Valley Brewery McMinnville, we leave from Walery's at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night. We will be taking 22 and then up 99 for folks that might live out that way, that want to meet us there at 99 and 22 junctions. Some folks will meet us at Golden Valley Brewery McMinnville.

Andrea and I are going to be running a cruise to Timberline Lodge on the 20th of August. We chose a Sunday so that you more folks could join us. More info to follow on that, but it's about a two hour drive up there. Don't plan on taking the freeways, plan on trying to traveling back roads. It's about 10 extra minutes or whatever, but I've scoped that out. I think it should be good. I would like to get numbers this week if I can or early next week at the latest so that I can make reservations. They recommend that for a larger group. So if we get what we normally get, you know, about 25 people, I'd like, I'd to make sure we have reservations for that spot. So let me know, I'll put that out in an email as well later.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Joe Peters

- 6 August - Tom Schmid Memorial for his wife Minty, car show - Wilco road Stayton Oregon 8:00 - 3:00
- 12 August - Corvettes on the Bay Ken Ware Chevrolet North bend Or. Pacific Corvette Club
- 12 August - Keizer Fest Parade - Wayne wants time to discuss
- 16 August - Jacket Night @ Golden Valley Brewery. Meet at Walery's @ 5:30 for a cruise to McMinnville's Third Street.. Currently 32 people: Kelly I would like to give a firm number this week.

- 19 August - Lyons Firefighters Association Car Show
- 20 August - Club Cruise to Timberline Lodge - Andrea Smothers 8:45 Harbor Freight North. 2 hour drive up. release on the mountain.
- 26 August - Cruising McMinnville <https://www.cruisingmcminnville.com/>
- 2 September - Willamette Valley Street Rods. (Salem Riverfront)
- 2 September - Celebrate Millersburg Car Show
- 14 September Thursday - Presidents run Columbia River Gorge
- 15-17 September - Corvettes on the Columbia (3 Rivers Corvette Club McCurly Chevy) \$225 event registration / Hotel extra
- 17 September - Mt. Angel Oktoberfest - Trophy We owe \$60.00
- 24 September - Jordan Chicken Run 10:30 - 3:00 Jordan Or. It's all you can eat chicken for dinner.
- 30 September - Portland Cars and Coffee CORVETTE Day / club picnic
- 2 November - Toys for Santa Cruise need to be brought this night (@ Club Meeting)
- 2 December - Santa Cruise (looking for signups)
- 16 December - Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Wayne Kreger

Wayne: The Keizer Parade. We've been part of that function since 1970's. I am asking that we again participate with as many cars as possible.

Wayne and Sherri

They have a car show at the city and it's an all car show. They do have a category for Corvettes. They have made the trophies really cool. This is in memory of his father. So he is the one that is putting this on. There are 100 spots available. You can go to the website and sign up and they're going have door prices like every 20 minutes. So lets ee if we can get some participation.

Joe Peters

So we're going to move on from there 16th of August Jacket night. As Kelly's already mentioned, if you haven't signed up and you're wanting attend, we have the signup sheet up here, please do so they can get an account of people so they know what to expect. They won't ever know what really to expect, but at least how many, so they can get an idea and provide enough seating for all.

19th of August is the Lions Firefighters Association car show. That's always a good show.

All the proceeds go to the Fire Association firefighters. 20th is the club cruise to Timberline. We've already chatted about that. Andrea Andretti will be leading the way. Trust me, it'll be a good deal. We're going to meet at 8 45 at Harbor Freight north.

26 August cruising McMinnville. That's usually a good deal. A lot of people go to that. If you just want to go and look at the cars, that's ok. If you want to park your car there, that's ok if you want to cruise, that's ok. If you don't, I guess that's ok too. And then we have Second of September Willamette Valley Street, Rods is having their car show at Salem Riverfront.

That's going to be a big show as well. Stro will be DJ and September Celebrate Millersburg car show. That's always fun. The whole town comes out - all 14 of them. 14th September, which is a Thursday is the president's run up the Columbia River Gorge. And after that, going to go from there to the Corvettes on the Columbia and Three Rivers Corvette Club and McCurly Chevrolet are putting that on 17th.

Octoberfest in Mt Angel and I'm going to need a check for \$60 so that we can get our trophies dialed in.

It's the Jordan chicken run on 24th of September starts at 10:30 to 3 o'clock at Jordan and they're going to have a chicken dinner.

September 30th is a Portland Cars and Coffee and Corvette day and our club picnic. Yes, it will be on September, 30th and Nick and Marty Valenzuela are going to help put the picnic together. There will be sign up for the picnic.

November 2nd meeting please bring unwrapped gifts for the Santa Cruise. Needs to be brought this night at the club meeting. So, just toys for tots. Ok. It doesn't have to be teddy bears. It doesn't have to be Barbie cars or any of that business. Just toys for kids and I think they want them unwrapped.

December 2nd is the Santa Cruz and it's in Stayton at the fire hall. That's always a fun time. They'll have a big breakfast and, well, we like to eat as well. That's what we do. And then last year we were like second for Car Club participation. Lets try and be number 1 this year.

December 16th is our Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

Wayne

We are going to take a line from the bylaws here. We get nominations from the room tonight and then in September, we vote. Basically, the sitting board has agreed to stay on. So, for that, according to the bylaws, unless somebody else wants this job, then, that'll be the slate unless there's a newcomer that comes up in the, September except for Dave, Pat Peters will be up for Member at Large. Dave is a nice guy and he's going to continue to help. That's what we'll be having and, we're just going to do a hand vote. I'm not a big fan of the ballot vote. So we'll go from there any questions about that?

Kelly

Ok. budget committee update any update from you doctor?. **Budget Committee - Brent Wilson:** The budget committee has not met yet because we're waiting on the initial presidential budget.

Kelly

Halloween Party, *Andrea Massey and Shane* have agreed to run the Halloween party this year. They are at the Jamboree tonight or through the weekend, I think. so they'll be sending something out and, and putting that together for me. So I really appreciate that. **Wayne:** anything from the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum?. No updates.

Bowling Green Update. The only update I really have is I got a note from John Warren, maybe something you did as well. They started taking dollars for the registration for the Northwest Caravan. Again, that event is basically 22nd to 31st plus the drive home. So it's, it's about, it's a good two weeks, of a lot of Corvettes. More information to follow on that or if you'd like to know more, I can send you in the right direction. We've got, some things for sale up here. We still have show shirts left over if you want one of those for \$20, and that's the end of the committee reports.

Jamilah Mooney: Can I just say one thing? I'll speak up. So when I was at the car show last week and I had a very nice chat with one of the big deal guys (Russ) from the Hot Rod Club who always beats us for participation because it turns out they don't actually even have as many members as we have. They have about two thirds as many members. So, basically, he sort of challenged me and what he was saying was that we would show up, we would win and that we have way more members than they have. So anyways, he and I had a little conversation about the whole thing and he was sort of egging me on, in my opinion, was that I think so.

Kelly

OLD BUSINESS:

The car show committee last bills, the dollar amount for the t-shirts came in, leaving us about \$6400 or \$6465 of net. So, there was a couple of proposals on the table. One was how much to donate to Liberty House, and how much to give to the Oregon Veterans Home for Holiday for Heroes programs. And then there was a motion for \$501 to the museum to beat the Mustang club. I'd like to make a couple of recommendations on what to donate to those organizations. Liberty House \$1000 Holiday for Heroes \$1000 and \$501 to the Car Museum leaving us about \$3963.65 to seed the next event. Any open discussion?

Many members agreed that the \$1000 sounds like a good donation Any further discussion?

Brett Wilson - Yeah, just as a comment when this rolls back around, I think these things should be established prior to the car show because I, do know there was a number of folks that were out hustling and trying to find things and unbeknownst to them, they assumed that all profits were going to these nonprofits. And so that's how they sort of portrayed that to entity. So I have no problem with what you're saying. That's totally cool with me. I'm just saying as an organization prior to us bringing a dollar in, let's establish and say X percent goes here. X percent. So that way there's some integrity when we're hustling. That's all I would ask. Thank you.

Kelly can't find any documentation on what was done in the past. **Joe and Pat Peters** went around to get sponsorships. The sponsors want to know what the money is to be used for. And we said, well, we're going to donate it. We didn't say all, we just said donate and if some of these, you know, we can get larger sponsors, and they find out, yeah, we just put it in the bank and had a dinner that's not going to fly. So I hear, what the doctor over here said is absolutely correct. We have to keep our integrity. We're not doing this to just make money for us. It's to make money for Charities. I move that we do just what you have on the paper, \$1000 to each and \$501 to the NWVC&MM. So next time we can say we gave over 35% right?

Kelly

Kelly said and we could give more, I'm just making a recommendation. We have a motion and a second on the table. Any more discussion? Right. Motion and a second on the table. \$1000 Liberty House, \$1000 for a holiday for Heroes program and \$501 to Northwest Vintage Car Motorcycle Museum. All those in favor say aye, any opposed, motion passes. I would say that doesn't mean that we can't give more money later. based on that.

Jim Jacks: So because we can have some level of precedence moving forward, just something to think about for next time instead of just \$501. Given that, we have a fascination with 1953. We might want to give \$553 to the museum. People will probably never understand why it's \$553 or more.

Kelly - I believe we did pretty well on the budget. We learned a lot from the car show. I know I learned a lot, but I documented everything. So you know, those things that I did wrong or we did wrong in general, we can fix, but we have an operating process now to run the next car show. Whenever that is, if that's in two years, like we've been talking about then in two years, you know. Hopefully we get more participation next time because that wore me out. So. All right. Thank you for that. Any other old business

Robert: Sir, the National Corvette Museum Caravan, the document, the date all registered for the caravan will receive the full list of hotel blocks for the date or for the trip. And the date to have that done is September 6th. You know, it's kind of handy to, to and get a discount on the hotel rooms and it's kind of nice to have everybody there instead of scattered all over the countryside. Ok.

TECH TIME

Julie Schwerdt - Well, last Christmas I picked the gift under the tree and it was a puzzle and I finally, after about four months, had it all together and we had it framed. Whoever gave this as Christmas gift thank You. We have a 1985 C4 corvette and the battery went dead. We changed the battery after viewing the video 4 or 5 times. Once we were done with the installation the corvette started right up.

Kelly - Hey, Gary, could you make sure you get a picture of her with that tonight for me, please? Thank you. That'd be awesome. I'd like to get that in the Glass Sass.

I don't know if folks remember Rick and Dorothy Ezell they were members of the club just before COVID. They basically left the club because Rick got sick. Well, Rick passed away on July 13th. So, and the reason I'm bringing it up tonight is Dorothy sent me a note. And she'd like to come back to the club so she'll be bringing her corvette and coming back and joining the Group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – NONE

Corvette Trivia: Perfect in the Corvette community. Prince was best known for his chart topping (several people yell out “Little Red Corvette” hit, Should I finish the question? You know, Jamilah loves this game.

Kelly

His chart-topping hit Little Red Corvette upon his death. Chevrolet crafted a way to say goodbye to Prince by featuring a little red Corvette advertisement with six simple words, baby. That was much too fast. **Question is, what year did Prince die? The second question, What year did the song Little Red Corvette premiere? That's it. Right on the dot**

Pat 1 ticket

Jamilah 1 ticket

50/50 DRAWING.

CLUB 86.00

Jim Jacks **\$42.00**

Cathy Raaf **\$42.00**

Andrea Smothers **US Flash Drive**

Jamilah - can I ask one more thing. Does anybody have a C3? I'm over that whole C3 thing and I have a manual. I'd like to get rid of these. And I have, this is pretty special. I paid \$100 for it 20 something years ago on ebay. This is the complete Corvette instruction and manual for every year of the C3. It has every single wiring diagram in. **Richard Grabotin**, would like the manual.

We had 43 people in attendance tonight. Good Night, off to Route 99 Adjournment 7:20



C-5 CORNER BY KENT MUHLE **WHEN IS A CAR MORE THAN A CAR..**

I heard from my painter the other day, and he's putting the final coat of primer on the Amishvette this weekend. The bodywork is done, the many modifications are completed, the suspension is repaired, and all the new weather-stripping pieces are here. I may be on the road again before my birthday!

As my faithful readers know, the Amishvette got hurt 7-7-22 by a moron in a van. I'm still recovering, and so is the Amishvette, but it's taken longer to get back “on the road” than I thought. When the insurance dust finally settled, I got 9k to fix him. Using good used parts, I could have brought him back to life for about \$1500, as I had most of the parts needed in my garage from years of hoarding. He ran hard and looked pretty nice for a 190,000 mile autocross/daily driver, but looked old and tired when parked next to a show car. The short story is that I decided to put the extra \$7500 plus, um, a few \$ more, and give the Amishvette some love with custom bodywork and a whole new paint job. (Cont Page 10)



Mid-Engine Monthly Update: C8 News: 2023 Model Year Ends & 2024 Begins By John Elegant @ MidEngineCorvetteForum

End Of 2023 Production:

Additional surprise “bonus” allocations were granted in the middle of July. Included for some dealers were more Z07 aero packages than they had gotten in total for the previous entire year this year. Some dealers also received additional surprise Stingray allocations.

The 2023 model year was extended by a week, so the last day of 2023 production is now through Friday, September 12th. It is nearly certain now that the 2023 model year will have over 50,000 C8 Corvette units produced, thus being the third highest Corvette production ever in our 70 years. Will that one-week manufacturing extension bump in 2023 production lead to the 2nd highest ever? And, is there now a shot (although very remote) of breaking the all-time record from 1979 of 53,708 units built in total? It will be a “photo finish”...we can’t wait to see!

2024 Ordering: When Will It Start?

Thanks to Ken Fichtner, we have excellent end of Summer/start of year information. During July, GM shared both 2024 Build and Price tools and the 2024 Order Guide. See Build and Price, allocation dates/starts, and other key details, and what’s new for 2024 are here:

*2024 Build & Price: <https://bit.ly/477aLYc>;

*2024 Standard Features & Option Order Guide bit.ly/3YaGWSc



2024 E-Ray picture credit and thanks to GM

2024 Price Changes:

2024 price increases were a major relief to most who were/are ready to place their 2024 orders. With all the year-to-year changes for the Stingray and Z06, (i.e.: the six new standard safety features and the self-closing frunk, etc.), many were pleased that the price increases were in the \$2,000-\$3,000 price range. The E-Ray's price remained unchanged from \$102,900, which was announced in January. Overall, most were expecting an average price increase of \$5,000 (due to earlier-announced safety enhancements).

*DFC (Delivery Freight Charge)

Delivery charge for all 2024 Corvettes increased \$200 to \$1,495.

R8C Museum Delivery

*Chevrolet increased the price of the R8C Museum Delivery for first time in 15 years, from \$995 to \$1,495. If you are still wondering as to what a Museum Delivery entails, here is a good video showing what it's all about. Thanks for Jeremy Welborn for excellent videography and narrative: https://youtu.be/TS_HiOOtQCw

BGA Production: Rockin' It!

The last few weeks the Bowling Green Assembly Plant has had days when they produced over 200 total C8's. Rumors are that it will not be an isolated accomplishment, but that it is going to be the daily production goal for the rest of the 2023 model year. Of course, now that BGA is adding the E-Ray into its daily mix, we all wonder how they are going to accomplish that. More specifically, we still have no knowledge yet of what the percentage mix will be, (i.e.: the daily numbers of average Stingrays versus E-Rays versus Z06s units built). We often hear that that mix will be 40%, 30%, 30%, but that is just a rumor. And of course, as all of us long term Corvette new model watchers have seen over the years, there will be a S L O W, progressive ramp-up for the newest model. Just like the Z06, it could take a full six months for the E-Ray to hit its stride with a succession of 40+ units possibly being built per average day. A behind the scenes fact is that starting the middle of July, dealers were actually able to submit the first of those 2024 E-Ray orders into the WorkBench Connect ordering system. But E-Ray orders submitted during July came to a screeching halt at 1100 status

that entire month. Yet, some of the custom VIN option cars (those with custom VINs that GM approved), are now moving forward in some fashion.



The Potential Upcoming Strike? Will It Happen?

The UAW is doing more than posturing as there is a looming nationwide GM, Ford and Stellantis strike (although most likely they will chose one OEM at a time). Could it still be avoided? Both the UAW and all three OEM's hope so. But the new UAW leadership is taking the most aggressive stance, stating some new and major requirements are non-negotiable demands. Still, this is their initial public presentation and who knows what the actual tone is at the bargaining table.

We all remember that during the very beginning of C8 customer production, there was a nationwide UAW strike, which started on September 19, 2019. It stopped all C8 production for eight full weeks. What would the consequences be on GM as a whole? And, more specifically, on our 2024 Corvette? No one knows for sure. But we will eagerly watch as this unfolds on a national scale. Negotiations started week of July 19th with the current contract set to expire on September 14th. Might that expiration date have something to do with GM extending 2023 production one extra week through Friday, September 12th?

On a more positive note, right now, 2023 Corvette production continues to happen at an accelerated rate. Who would have thought six months ago that over 50,000 C8's would be made this year? The previous three year average for 2020/2021/2022 production was just 24,256 units. Doubling that unit average this current model year is truly a massive achievement. We commend the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and its workers for this accomplishment!

Extremely Sad News About A Corvette Legend: Reeves Callaway Passes Away

Reeves Callaway was a true Corvette legend, a wonderful person, and was admired and like by all who met him. Moreover, he was a Corvette genius e.g., his 1988 "Sledgehammer Corvette" exceeding 254 miles per hour). Besides being such a wonderful person, he was an engineer right before his untimely death. Just two months ago he finished developing a C8 supercharged version — with its 687 horsepower and 643 lb/ft of torque. It is very eerie to hear his excitement of his testing in this video, knowing that he recorded this recently but is now gone. Here's a memorial tribute to him: bit.ly/3O5DDax. RIP Reeves. You were one of the very best in so many ways.

Corvette Racing Wins WEC Championship!

Corvette Racing put another exclamation point on a stellar 2023 season when the team wrapped up the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) GTE Am class title with two rounds remaining. Corvette Racing scored the 2023 FIA WEC GTE Am title in the 6 Hours of Monza. {Source: Corvette Racing}

With the Summer halfway through, hopefully you've been burning rubber, cruising, or maybe car-showing your Corvette. And, at the least, spending time driving your Corvette on some curvy roads, your summer has given you some quality Corvette time. Here's to many more miles of Corvette driving smiles!

John

(Cont from P 7)

The longer story involves the pain of having a car in "paint jail" for over a year with all the delays and do-overs a complete paint job usually entails. Perhaps I'll get into that in a later article.

If I was smart, or even just logical, I'd have put him back together and continued to enjoy the ride. With the extra \$ left over from the insurance, I could have bought a low mile car with better paint, swapped all the good stuff over from the Amishvette and then sold my old buddy.

I'd have a low mile car with all the good parts plus a good title, and wouldn't have missed two summers worth of events. Since I'm neither smart or logical, I'll end up with a car creeping up on 200,000 miles and a reconstructed title which makes absolutely no sense at all.

I've owned a bunch of cars, some quicker, some flashier, but there are a few that really were special to me, and were much more than just transportation. The cars that I just bought and drove never reached the "more than a car" status, but the ones I got deep into and modified to suit my strange aesthetic sometimes got way under my skin.

14 years ago when I bought the Amishvette I had no idea that he would be one of those cars, but the truth is I can guarantee you I'll own that car until one of us finally expires. It's my job to keep him in good health, and I've spared no expense over the years to make sure he's got the best parts, and is routinely inspected. In return, "that stupid car" as my second ex referred to it, has taken me on many adventures, and kept me going when my health issues felt overwhelming.

Back in 2016 when I was told I'd never drive again, I got rid of my daily driver, a hemi powered black (imagine that) 2014 Grand Cherokee SRT, and kept the Amishvette safely tucked away in the garage.

I visited him as often as I could, and kept working with my doc's hoping for the day I'd prove them wrong. That first drive after 6 months of waiting was a joyous experience! Once again in early 2021, my neurologist yanked my drivers license and it was the same struggle. Do I keep the car or trade it for something more suitable for my condition?

I worked hard at my physical, speech and vision therapy until I was able to pass the driving tests, and once again my buddy and I were back on the road terrorizing the streets.

When is a car more than a car? When no matter how illogical it is to keep it, you do whatever you can to do so. I'll bet many of our club members have a car like that. Ask Paul Ennor....



DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

By: Paul Ennor

If you're of the early boomer generation, the title of this article brought back a memory didn't it? If not or if you're too young to remember Laugh-In on TV just move on:

In the past month or two Kent Muhle and I have spent several hours on the phone just talking about stuff. Often not important stuff, just random stuff. One evening we talked about what was important to us when buying a car. Kent, it turns out is a Zora Duntov kind of guy. That means performance is his top priority in a car. On the other hand, I'm definitely a Harley Earl kind of guy. Which means styling and bling are the most important qualities I look for in a car. Luckily it turns out that the Corvette seems to check both of those boxes on our individual list which is probably why we both own a Corvette and belong to this club. It's good that we both found common ground and we both like to write as a hobby or Buzz would be left with a lot of blank pages in the monthly Glass Sass.

I digress, so I'll move on. Just when I was convinced that there were only two types of car buyers my nineteen-year-old grandson said something that knocked me right out of my complacent thinking. He told me he doesn't really like my Corvettes that much. After getting over the shock of that statement and accusing him of not being my grandson, I asked him **why?** He said he didn't care what a car looks like or how fast it can go. He only wants a car that was comfortable, reliable, and got him where he needed to go with no hassle. Hmm, I thought to myself. There are actually three types of car buyers. Then a few days later Kent came to visit me. He was driving his silver sedan, not his Vette. Which made me think again. Gee, I don't drive my Vette that much at all either. I drive my Jeep SUV most of the time. And when I really want a comfortable but fun drive to the coast or mountains, I drive my V6 Camaro RS. Both those "other cars" have working AC unlike my old Corvettes. They are easier for my disabled body to get in and out of more easily and they have modern conveniences and XM radio with the 60's channel. I'm rambling here again, sorry.

Don't get me wrong. I love my Corvettes, even the one I don't drive with my bum leg anymore. I have one I CAN drive, one I've owned for fifty years that I never drive and two "other cars" all in a 2-car garage and car port. I've always had at least one "other vehicle" because well, a Corvette just isn't practical for most of my daily needs, it's just a toy that lets me stay in the club with people I like. Sometimes I need to haul more than two people someplace. Sometimes I need to haul stuff like plywood, bark dust, firewood, household goods, bags of groceries, a couple of dogs, you name it or even tow a trailer.

This got me thinking about the other cars I've owned in the last fifty years. I've had five or six different pickups. Three or four different SUV's, a full size van, three Camaros, two '59 Chevy's including one El Camino and a half dozen other coups or sedans. I've tended to go for cool styling or different looks that stand-out from the crowd when I choose my "other vehicles". That's the Harley Earl side of me showing. I could list them all here and/or include pictures but I will save you that tedium. You're welcome. All those vehicles came and went to meet the changing needs throughout my life but the Corvette stayed with me through them all.

I've been mostly a GM/Chevy guy just because I used to like to work on my own vehicles and I knew GM quirks best. But I've done a Jeep or two, one Ford (big mistake), a Pontiac (oh ya, that was a GM car) but I've shied away from foreign cars, except for my very first car which I got free. That's another story, but I will not go down that road today. I bring all of this up this month for two reasons:

1. Buzz needed to fill pages.
2. To unload my brain of random junk and get it into everyone else's brain and give you all something to think about. HA HA.

I know the rest of you have your "other cars". This could be a great topic of conversation. Let's hear it. So, until next month, have a great August and **SAVE THE WAVE!** (Oh, you don't need to wave at "other cars" ; they'll think you're nuts!)

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