



CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

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Greetings, Willamette Valley Corvettes Members!

As I sit down to type this month’s President’s Corner, I am still buzzing from the excitement of our recent KeizerFest Parade. What an event! With 20 of our sleek, shining Corvettes gliding through the streets of Keizer, we not only stole the show but also had the honor of carrying the parade dignitaries. If I didn’t know better, I’d say our cars are starting to develop a taste for the limelight – and who can blame them?

Reflections on KeizerFest Parade: Let’s take a moment to appreciate the sheer magnitude of that day. Yes, arriving at 0715 hours is a bit early for some of us, but having a bit of social time, getting decorations on the cars, getting lined up and then lined up again, takes time. We really appreciated the patience that was given. Our club turned out in full force, and the sight of our Corvettes lined up and ready to roll was nothing short of spectacular. From the newest models, gleaming with high-tech prowess, to the classic beauties that remind us why we fell in love with Corvettes in the first place every car was a testament to our shared passion.

I overheard one spectator say, “Is this a car parade or a Corvette showroom?” I couldn’t help but chuckle, (I might have made that up). And let’s not forget the dignitaries who rode with us. They were all smiles, waves, and probably thinking about how they could convince their significant others that they need a Corvette in their lives. Both children and quite a few adults really appreciated the rolling stock of Stingrays. At least the parade sponsor that rode in my car.

Achievements and Gratitude: A huge **thank you** to everyone who participated and helped make this event a roaring success.

I’m pretty sure it was the largest participation from our club, and I’ll caveat, in my time with the club. Special shout-out to our event coordinators (Wayne insisted, and Andrea took the bull by the horns), whose organizational skills could put a drill sergeant to shame. Everything ran smoother than a freshly waxed hood on a summer day. (Okay to be fair a ceramic coated hood...)

We’ve shown once again why Willamette Valley Corvettes is more than just a car club. We are a community, a family even, united by our love for these incredible machines. Whether you’re driving the latest model with all the bells and whistles or a vintage gem that’s seen more road trips than most of us have had hot dinners, you are a vital part of this vibrant community. You know who you are.

Looking Ahead: As we move forward, there’s plenty more to be excited about. Our calendar is brimming with events that promise to be as thrilling as the last. Whether it’s our monthly cruises, charity events, or the much-anticipated Corvette Show in Eugene in the fall, there’s something for everyone.

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

June 6th 2024

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM

6:30 CALL TO ORDER: Kelly

- Recognize New Guests and Introductions: No new guest in attendance
- Birthday Announcements:
 - Wayne Kreger 6-Jun Dorothy Ezell 11-Jun
 - Maryann Burgess 15-Jun Don Chandler 21-Jun
 - David Dunn 21-Jun Ken Kafka 21-Jun
 - Bobbi Weber 24-Jun Jessica Chastain 26-Jun
 - Lori Palmer 29-June Pam Marshall 30-June

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Kelly No corrections were offered. Minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brent

- CHK \$ 4,750.67
- Petty Cash \$ 130.00
- Savings \$12,437.83 (Apr/May) .52 cents in interest.

I need a motion (Julie) & second (Shane) to accept the Treasurer's Report. All those in favor, any opposed. Motions passed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Kelly

- New members that meet membership requirements to join. No new members were voted on.
- Currently 14 folks are interested in the association and we currently have: Are you ready for this? 102 paid members.

We are also taking names for our summer time [Monthly Cruises](#)

If you are looking for other types of events such as: Technical events, track days, auto crosses, road tours, parades, and high school homecomings.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joe

- 26 June - Jacket Night 6:30 - Jamilah Mooney - Home Place - 1080 N 1st. St. Silverton Or
- May until August (28-June, 26-July, 30-August) Stayton's Last Friday TGI Friday - Cruise in - 3rd Street in Stayton - Enter from Washington Street 4:00 - 9:00 This was a lot of fun Perfect weather.

- 🇺🇸 June 8 - Paralyzed Veterans of America - NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum @ 9:00 am \$15:00

- 12 June 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the AC&M Museum 4:00 - 8:00

- 🇺🇸 15 June - Club Picnic Wayne Kreger --WVCA BBQ Pit Roast and Picnic - Wayne has a few things to say**

- 22 June - Carlton fun days car show - Carlton OR

- 23 June Perfume and Exhaust all girls cruise NO BOYS ALLOWED \$5.00 10:00 Walery's Pizza

- 28 - 30 June - High Desert Car show Bend OR

- 29-June - Sweet Home Sweet Ride Car Show - Sweet Home OR

- JULY 11TH CLUB MEETING

- July 13- Vetts and Hops for Vets - club cruise? Andrea.

- July 14 - Springhill North Albany Car Show-Gates Open@8:00 \$25 Registration

- 🇺🇸 July 19 - 20 - Cascade Corvette Club, Corvette's at Kendall

July 20th Bay City Cruisers - Car Show Newport - Isaac Palmer - <https://www.baycitycruisers.com/>

- 26 - 27-July - Spokane Glass on the Grass - Spokane Wa.

- 27 July - Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Car Show - Sunrise Park in Sublimity

- 🇺🇸 August 10th, Corvette Day, Portland Cars and Coffee/Sherwood, Langers

- August 17, 2024 - Endless Summer Cruise In - 9:00 - Ilani Casino Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield Wa.

- NW Caravan August 22-28, 2024 Bowling green 29-31 August.

- December 7th Christmas Dinner Roths.

Jacket night Hosts full for the year.

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- SACC & area events: Joe Peters Cherry Blossom wrap up - Any Comments

- NWVCMM Representative: Wayne Kreger

Bowling Green Update: National Corvette Museum Corvette Caravan PNW Caravan August 22-31 2024 - Larry Raaf

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed by-law addition - Use of Club Personnel Roster

- The Club Personnel Roster, which includes the names, contact information, shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer and used exclusively for the purposes of club administration, communication, and event planning. The roster is to be kept confidential and may not be shared outside of the club or used for other purposes other than club business without the express written consent of each member listed. Any member who misuses the roster or violates the privacy of other members will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the club's By-laws. I need a motion, 1st (Jo Ray) & 2nd (Shane), discussion, **Motion passed to accept by-law addition.**

Club Picnic, Wayne needs help or we are going to BBQs and bring your own drinks. Need sign up for side dishes. Kelly, Nick, ? will cook meat.

NEW BUSINESS:

June 21st, 2025 has been chosen for our Glass on the Grass 57th Anniversary Bash. DJ is lined up, paperwork is in the process. Volunteers are need for the different committees. Sponsorship calls and planning calls.

TECH TIME:

Bobs Car needs \$13,000 in repairs due to Logs.

Jim Jacks Cap Chevrolet Top Tech is Shane Lucas is back at work.

Jamilah has new Battery

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

50/50 DRAWING: How Much to the club \$57, how much to the winners \$28?

Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question

Question: In what year did the Corvette first feature a V8 engine? Answer: 1955 Robert Crocker

1. What is thought to be the Prettiest Corvette Colors (pick one) Must have full name. Amy Belisle

a. **Riverside Red** - Era: 1963 Why It's Loved: This vibrant red is one of the most iconic Corvette colors, especially popular during the 1960s.

b. **Le Mans Blue** Era: 1969 Why It's Loved: This deep blue color is associated with the racing heritage of the Corvette and is highly regarded for its striking appearance.

c. **Sebring Silver Era:** 1957, revived in later years Why It's Loved: A classic and elegant color that showcases the Corvette's sleek design lines beautifully.

Torch Red Era: Modern Why It's Loved: A bold, bright red that continues to be a popular choice for its sporty and eye-catching look.

ADJOURNMENT:

Route 99 for dinner after the meeting. 7:30

(Cont from cover page) The PVA car show at Powderland is on for the 8th of June and our club picnic is 15th June. I just heard that Willow Creek is also having an event that day, so look out for rogue trollies. Andrea and I will be judging.

The first week in July, Andrea and I are going to Vancouver Island and ultimately BC for the Vettes at the Fort Corvette show at Fort Langley National Historic Site.

Yes, we are taking the toys across the ferry. Should be interesting. Later in July is Vettes and Hops at Ron Tonkin Field, an event to raise funds for Northwest Battle Buddies. Hillsboro Hops play the Tri-City Dust Devils. On the 20th of July is Corvettes at Kendal in Eugene, Andrea and I will be judging.

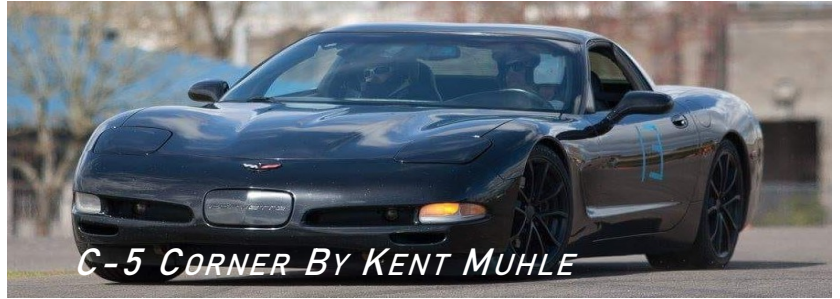
Kelly



A few more pics from the picnic and thanks to all who documented this gastronomious event for posterity!



The Keizer Iris Parade was held on Saturday, May 18th and was celebrated along with the 40th year since the St Helens volcanic eruption.



C5 Corner Benefits of Belonging to a Club

My first club experience was in the 80's. While out cruising one night in my 70 4-4-2 I met a guy who invited me to come to a meeting of the 4-4-2 Club of Oregon. I joined at the first meeting, and I think for all of \$20 I got a year membership and a T-shirt. I eventually became president for a couple of years, and during that time we had somewhere between 20 and 40 members. If I recall, we met once a week at Stark Street Pizza and had a monthly newsletter that we typed out, copied off and mailed to our membership. It will surprise no one that I wrote a monthly article for it, aptly titled "Waste-gate".

Club activities consisted of the monthly meetings, cheering each other on at the drag strip, cruising 82'd avenue every Friday and Saturday nights, and having a yearly event we named the Blue Food Rally. We were mostly racers, but there were a few show cars in the group as well. The best part of belonging to the 4-4-2 Club of Oregon was the vast technical knowledge in the membership. One of our members owned Supercars Unlimited, which exclusively supplied parts for Oldsmobile. Their motto was "Cutlass and 4-4-2 is all we do", and wrote the most complete guide to correct factory parts, codes and stampings I've ever seen. As a club, we swapped engines, modified transmissions, and got together often to work on each others cars.

I was known as the "Quadrajete Whisperer", so somewhere around 83 or 84 we went to the Washington County Public Access TV station where we were allowed to produce a 30 minute video titled "Dr. Olds Performs a Carbecktomy". I wish I still had a VHS copy, but it showed how to remove, rebuild and tune a Q-jet. Our little show played on cable access TV for a few years, and we got a request from the "Goat

Herd", the local GTO club, to buy a copy of it which they showed at one of their meetings. We got a nice letter from them several months later detailing how they met at a members garage with a 4x8 table and TV/VCR set up. 6 or so guys showed up, carbs in hand, and they had a group rebuilding session. I sold my Olds by the end of the 80's and lost track of most of the members.

I joined WVCA in 2015 as I had just moved to Salem, and didn't know anyone in town. Tom Paddock was president at the time, and he was was my first contact in the Salem area. I remember my first meeting well, as I correctly answered both the trivia questions for the night. They have become much more difficult since then. In my 9 years of membership I've made many good friends, who helped me out through some very tough times. I served as Vice President for a couple terms, and was the point guy for our 50th anniversary car show "Corvettes at the Carousel", as well as the 2019 "Glass on the Grass" show. Both were a lot of work, and there were more than a few moments of panic involved, but those shows created memories that will last a lifetime.

Since joining WVCA I've been to club members weddings, funerals, and birthday parties. I've moved an hour away from Salem, but still keep in touch with my Corvette friends, and as soon as the AmishVette returns, I'll be attending more events. In the meantime, I'll continue to fill a page for the newsletter every month, and continue to provide any technical help I can to any members who need it. I owe our organization a lot, so Ill do anything I can do to keep the Corvette spirit alive.

Join for the camaraderie, join for the food or join for the knowledge. Get involved in the events, and I guarantee you the benefits to you personally will be impressive and irreplaceable.

Disclaimer

C5 corner is based on my experience with my own car for over 12 years and 120,000 miles and counting. The length of each months column prevents me from going into as much detail as needed, so consider these episodes as simply an overview of what I've done. I will include average prices and names of places to get parts, but you should do your own research before attempting the changes I suggest. Your mileage may vary as they say, and not all recommendations I will make will work for everyone's style of driving. If you have any questions or need any help feel free to contact me. Modify at your own risk, and have fun.



JUST A FEW STATISTICS

By: Paul Ennor

Here we go again. I just flipped over the next page on my 2024 Corvette wall calendar and good grief, it's June already. Half the year is over. My June Corvette picture is a beautiful 62 Vette. This got me to thinking about the last time I saw a C1 Corvette at any of our events. That thought got me to wondering how many Corvettes of each generation are owned by WVCA members. Buzz does a good job of documenting these sorts of things with our club roster and his "owners and their cars" publication. So, since it is time to put out another column for the Glass Sass, I thought it might be sort of interesting to do a short statistical analysis using the data at hand to document the Corvette generations that currently comprise the cars owned by our members as of the middle of the year 2024. Since it's an election year there are lots of statistics being shoved in our faces on an almost daily basis. So, feel free to simply skip this if you are sick and tired of statistics.

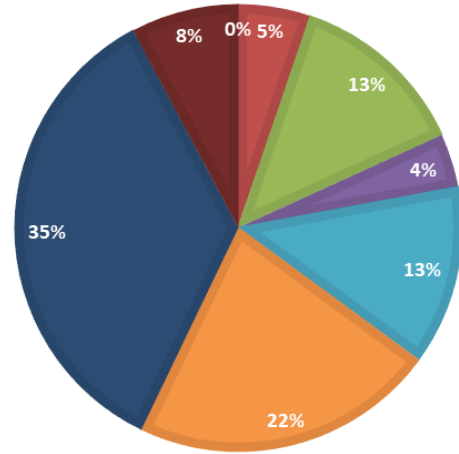
First, the necessary disclaimer that always accompanies a statistical presentation: *These numbers are based on the latest official WVCA roster available to me as of April 2024. Because members are continually buying and selling Corvettes, new members are joining and because they may not always notify Buzz of additions or deletions, the accuracy of this analysis is subject to an error percentage of plus or minus zero to one hundred percent.*

The annual Picnic was held in questionable weather on Saturday the 15th, with pre-picnic rituals taking place on the 14th evening. Some of the key members who did most of the work partied till late, and like the Beatles song goes, "I'm fixin' a hole..". Pics below and thanks to those who were invaluable in the set-up, clean-up, and making sure everything went well, which it did.

We start out with a primer on how to cook the beast and prepare it:



WVCA VETTES BY GENERATION



c1	0	0%
c2	4	5%
c3	10	13%
c4	3	4%
c5	10	13%
c6	17	22%
c7	27	35%
c8	6	8%







Your rocks
are just
about done
Wayne!!!





Mid-Engine Monthly Update: What is C8 New and C8 Next?

By John Elegant, MidEngineCorvetteForum

Bye-Bye To Seven (7) 2024 Colors; SORP for 2025 Model Year

In a surprise move, GM recently announced to its dealers that seven of the twelve colors for 2024 are going away, giving us their last DOSP (Dealer Order Submission Process) dates:

*Amplify Orange - 6/27 *Accelerate Yellow - 7/11 *Silver Flare - 7/11 *Cacti - 7/25 *Carbon Flash - 8/1
 *Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic - 8/1 and, *Hypersonic Gray - 8/8

The last chance to order DOSP dates means that the 2024 model year will be produced at least into August or maybe even into the middle of September. This further suggests the start of the 2025 model year production will be between September 3rd and September 16th. However, while the dates for ending 2024 colors are defined and located within the GM “Global Connect” software ordering system, the estimated 2025 start of regular production (SORP) are just that (e.g., a hopefully-informed prediction). There is nothing within GM’s Global Connect nor any other written communication from GM to its dealers containing the 2025 SORP date. And as always, GM reserves the right to change schedules as their external supplier and otherwise conditions change... bit.ly/4aD7i4b

New Colors For Next Year

At the NCM Michelin Bash, the three “new” 2025 colors were announced for the 2025 model year.

They were Hysteria Purple Metallic, Sebring Orange (actually a “repeat re-introduction color” even with the identical paint code of that same-name color which was originally available for 2020 and 2021), and lastly a new “Competition Yellow” — which is a “purer” yellow with a lot less green than the Accelerate Yellow, which is going away. What is surprising about the massive color reductions is that it will leave no silver color for next year. This is especially interesting, since every year since 1996, Corvette has offered a silver color. Finally, whereas the entire C8 generation has had twelve or more colors, the reduction to only ten colors for 2025 was and is a surprise. However, perhaps “The General” has one more surprise up its sleeve when the ZR1 is introduced (i.e.: for the first time the ZR1 might have unique colors?). Speaking of the ZR1, what do we know about the ZR1 and its upcoming reveal?

Before we leave the new-for-2025 announced colors, we are awaiting the first fully painted C8 in both Hysteria and Competition Yellow. Repeat rumors are that a ZR1 public show car was already painted in Hysteria. But as of yet, that is still unconfirmed. Here is the Hysteria sample GM shared with us at the Bash (thanks to Steve Garrett at CORVETTE TODAY):



ZR1 Facts & So-Far Unknowns

We have recently seen many sightings of the ZR1 captured test fleet vehicles in Colorado. Thanks to Colorado Car Spotters for their keen eye and then sharing their findings with us.

We know a couple of other things about the upcoming ZR1. First, GM ran a 15 second teaser video about a month ago. It is still available on GM's YouTube website. The interesting tag line is, "The Unthinkable Is Coming This Summer." While that teaser implied it would be revealed this summer, but we have no actual reveal date yet. What does the word "unthinkable" mean? Could it be a front corner under splitter mini-wing? This was a patent that GM filed for years ago. And as shared in the following link, that advanced zero cornering was field tested several years ago on a C8 verification test, which included not only the top members of the Corvette team, but also Chevrolet President Mark Reuss: bit.ly/3KgRMQF

Alternatively, could the ZR1 have all wheel drive? Could it be that for the first time the ZR1 has unique color (s)? We do not know the answer to any of these questions and thus await its reveal.

We did learn one answer, thanks to an insider...the answer as to a highly-debated ZR1 powertrain question - will its LT7 be a flat plane crank or a cross plane crank engine? The answer we learned is that it will be a flat plane and that it also will be a turbocharged. That information then inspired tons of follow up questions and debate as to how much power would it have, would its displacement be downsized to make up for the extra harmonics a turbo-charger always creates and what would be its torque, etc? Stay tuned, for while rumors of it having 850 HP abound, and its base price could possibly be \$150,000-\$159,995 MSRP, none of those things have been remotely verified. Heck, we still don't know when or where the ZR1's will be revealed. As we earlier discussed, the two leading candidates for the ZR1's reveal are Corvettes At Carlisle which takes place the next to the last week of August, or the end of the National Corvette Caravan at the National Corvette Museum (August 29th-August 31st), when thousands of Corvettes will be arriving at National Corvette Museum. But as the 7/18/19 C8 original reveal was a magical date, could GM this time have 7/18/24 as the ZR1's reveal date? With Executive Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter officially retiring at the end of July, does that also effect its reveal date? Here are some articles with lots of pictures of several ZR1 mules that have been fairly recently spotted testing: bit.ly/4byj1ST and: bit.ly/3wSahaZ

Chevy Revised Its C8's "Build and Price" Site

Chevrolet's updated site has made it easier and quicker to build your C8 Corvette online. However, it does not appear the "visualizer" is going to be updated.

In the interim, C8 build and price configuring can be done here: bit.ly/4bS1K6R

E-Ray's Roll Out Pace Continues To Be Measured, But A Recent Uptick?

As of the end of May, only about 400 E-Ray's were built Typically, 25 E-Rays have been built each week. However recently, we have seen days in which the daily average jumped to 8 cars. Clearly, this is another example of a supplier-parts-induced, slow ramp up. But perhaps the recent daily production bump-up indicates that daily levels are finally increasing on a regular basis. If the above speculated end of the 2024 model year holds true and if the enhanced daily pace were to continue, it is estimated that about 900 total 2024 E-Ray's would be built right now; getting another 600 built over the next 3 to 3-1/2 months would be a boon to those awaiting their E-Rays.

E-Ray's Success in One Lap of America

The E-Ray just competed in the "One Lap of America" race. It did really well, finishing second in its class behind a Tesla Plaid. Congratulations to the E-Ray drivers Cody Bulkley and Andrew Simrell! Our E-Ray traveled over 4,500 miles over 8 days between races — including completing in more than 10 race events during that time.

National Corvette Museum Rated 2nd Best Automotive Museum In The U.S.

USA Today just awarded the NCM 2nd place as the "Best U.S. Car Museum." [Quote=USAToday] *The Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, takes the top spot in the list of top-10 automotive destinations, followed by the third-ranked Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Notably, the National Corvette Museum is the highest-ranked museum dedicated to a single brand or model, surpassing the Porsche Experience Center, which placed seventh, and the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, which ranked ninth.* [Quote].

It's nice to see the National Corvette Museum ranked so highly. Nevertheless, visiting the NCM is a treat, especially with their program of periodically introducing new exhibits.

I'm so glad we are now in our Corvette driving season. Those of us who parked them over the long winter are so happy to re-experience driving them. Many are planning for lots of summer driving. Many are now going on cruises, car shows, cars-and-coffee, and even started prepping for this August's National Corvette Caravan ([Caravan - National Corvette Museum](https://bit.ly/4bS1K6R)). Here is to mega happy miles of smiling Corvette driving!

Thank you. John

2024-25 Standing Committees

Carousel III Glass on the Grass Car Show for 2025

Kelly Smothers (Chair)

Andrea Smothers, Shane & Andrea Massey, Joe & Pat Peters, Wayne & Janet Kreger, Julie Hughes, Dave Schwerdt, Dru & Gary Hill, Al Manrubia, Dana Malby, Tom Paddock, Nick & Martie Valenzuela, Larry & Cathie Raaf, Steve Sims, Buzz Blogg, Chris Roethlin, and organizer Extraordinaire Kent Muhle.

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Brent Wilson (Chair)

Activities

Joe Peters (chair)

Kelly Smothers, Joe & Pat Peters

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