

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## GLASS SASS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Sorry for the late publication but Julie's computer finally gave it up after ten years. She was hoping it could be resurrected but is now shopping for a new one.

Spring has finally arrived — and with it, all the wild weather swings that Oregon loves to throw our way! But the good news is that summer's just around the corner, and that means it's time to start thinking about planning some cruises.

I'm hoping to put together a mix of Saturday and Sunday cruises this year, and I'll have sign-up sheets available at our monthly membership meetings. I've already got a few ideas in mind, but I'd love to hear what you think!

Here are some of the possible cruise destinations:

- Silver Falls
- Mt. St. Helens
- Coastal Loop through Lincoln City and Newport
- Wine Country
- Covered Bridges
- Mary's Peak
- Backroads to Sisters
- Columbia River Gorge
- North Coast (Tillamook and Astoria)

If there's a place you'd love to cruise to, let me know!

While we're talking about events, Nick Valenzuela brought up the annual club BBQ/Potluck during our dinner at Route 99. We've traditionally held it in June, but this year June's looking a little packed, and the weather isn't always reliable. What do you think about moving it to September? Would you like to have it at Powerland again, or should we try something new? It's something for us to start planning now.

I'm also lining up some cruises for Jacket Nights in June, July, and August. I'm trying to mix in some of our go-to favorites along with a new destination or two. And if a cruise

doesn't make the cut for a Jacket Night, there's a good chance it'll show up on a weekend instead.

Another event on my radar is the President's Run. I haven't nailed down details yet — it's still further down on my planning list — but I'd love to hear your thoughts. Should we plan an overnight trip this year? What dates work best for most people?

One last note — Julie Schwert is organizing a return trip to the Cowboy Dinner Tree, which is planned for August 9th. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet at an upcoming membership meeting.

I'm really looking forward to the sunshine, open roads, and seeing everyone out and about again. If you have any ideas, questions, or just want to say hi, feel free to reach out to me anytime at [andrea.smothers1@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.smothers1@gmail.com).

See you soon,  
Andrea

PS – Here's a link to an interesting article I read on new Corvette concept cars.  
<https://www.carscoops.com/2025/04/gms-corvette-concept-pushes-c9-into-radical-new-territory/>

## WVCA MEETING MINUTES

3 April, 2025

Meeting Called to Order 6:30 PM

Time: 6:30-7:30

Location: Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, Powerland Heritage Park, Brooks, Oregon

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1830 by Andrea Smothers.

Recognize new guests/introductions: Terry and Larry

March Birthdays announced by Dorothy:

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| ○ Martie Valenzuela | 9-Apr  |
| ○ Tom Paddock       | 10-Apr |
| ○ Gary Hill         | 16-Apr |
| ○ Darrel Holmes     | 17-Apr |

- Shane Massey 21-Apr
- Robert Crocker 29-Apr
- Don Christensen 29-Apr

## 2. Roll Call / Attendance

- Present: [List of board attendees: Andrea Smothers, Joe Peters, Kelly Smothers, Garry Hill, & 3 guests. 31 Members present. A quorum for a membership meeting will be twenty percent of all members of the Association and 2 officers (90 paid members, 18 members required for quorum).

## 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes have been distributed to you through the Glass Sass. Any additional updates to the minutes: none

## 4. Officer and Committee Reports\*\*

### - **President's Report:**

- The proposed changes to the bylaws and the constitution were emailed out to the membership on 24 March. I'd like to request a motion to approve the revised bylaws and constitution. (Member makes the motion, another member seconds). Discussion? Motion to accept, Sarah, seconded, TJ All those in favor all. those opposed - None.

### - **Vice Presidents Report:** Given by Joe Peters.

- April 12th - Cherry Blossom Run 9:00 AM New Harbor Freight.
- April 16 - Jacket night Nick & Martie Valenzuela La Hacienda Real 5024 River Rd N. Keizer Or
- May 10th - Cascade High School Car Show 10226 Marion Rd. NE, Turner Or.
- May 16 - Lamb and Wool Car Show 5:00 pm - Scio
- May 23rd-25th Big Sky Corvette Meet - Great Falls MT
- June 7th - Paralyzed Veterans Show and Shine 9:00 AM NWVC&MC Museum
- June 7th - Gears and Grapes Car Show - Patton Valley Winery
- June 15th - Willamette Valley Vineyard Car Show
- July 12th - Vettes at the Fort - Fort Langley, BC (BCCC)
- July 13th - 9:00 Springhill Park North Albany
- July 17-19th Vette Fest Boise Idaho
- July 18-20th - SOCA Corvette weekend. Grants Pass
- June 22 - Perfume and Exhaust all girls Cruise 10:00 - Walery's Pizza
- July 12 - Vettes at the Fort - Fort Langley, BC (BCCC)
- July 13 - 9:00 Springhill Park - North Albany
- July 17-19th Vette Fest Boise Idaho
- July 18-20 - SOCA Corvette weekend. Grants Pass
- July 26 - Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Foundation Car Show 9:00 am Sunrise Park Sublimity
- August 9-10 Corvettes Cars and Coffee
- September 16th The Wall that Heals

### - **Treasurer's Report:** Given By Brent Wilson

Balance in Checking

Balance  
\$ 3,774.30

Petty Cash	\$ 107.00
Savings	\$ 12,943.02
Interest	\$0.54
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TOTAL	\$ 16,824.32

- SACC: Joe Peters - Cherry Blossom Run Volunteers needed at the registration area this year. Lisa Ennor and Julie Schwerdt. Bring canned food and \$5.00 a card.

- Bowling Green Update: Nothing of note.

#### 5. Old Business:

- GLASS SASS: If you are interested in contributing an article, photo, or anything to the newsletter please submit it to her by the 15th of the Month at jewel-e1952@hotmail.com
- Surveys for events mt hood railroad, jet boat cruise. Blip in the newsletter as well. See Dorothy.

#### 6. New Business: Summer Shenanigans: Looking for ideas for summer cruises.

Discussion: Talked about a lot of pop-up cruises.

#### 7. TechTime -

This week from GM Authority:

General Motors is poised to launch a new special edition variant of the Chevy Corvette C8 carefully tailored to fans of New Balance footwear. The new Corvette New Balance Edition will feature several unique touches that are sure to resonate with traditional Corvette fans, including a vehicle baseball cap and polished chrome wheels. The interior is also unique, with a trim-specific layout, special upholstery, with unique accommodations to assist ingress and egress.

“The Chevy Corvette New Balance Edition has been in hibernation for some time now, but we think it’s ready for its big reveal,” said Chevy Corvette chief, Judge Tagler. “The Corvette NBE was known by its internal codename, ‘Grand Jort.’ Luckily, the name never made it into the hands of the press. We pride ourselves that this special edition Corvette didn’t leak to the press prior to its big reveal today.”

The exterior of the new Vette NBE features a crisp white paint finish, which is matched with polished chrome wheels that shine brighter than a South Florida sunrise. The suspension was modified as well, and can be raised by 12 inches to assist passengers and drivers in entering and exiting the vehicle.

The updates continue into the cabin, where we find the Vette NBE fitted with a trim-specific cockpit design that’s more friendly to the target market. A unique denim

upholstery scheme lends the C8 interior the familiar appearance of an old pair of blue jeans. What's more, the Corvette NBE includes something called a "seat horn," which, according to Chevrolet, provides additional assistance when it comes to sliding into and out of the C8 cabin, much in the same fashion as a shoe horn when slipping into a pair of New Balance shoes.

To sweeten the deal, each Vette NBE includes a free voucher for an early-bird special at the local diner, as well as two pairs of white knee socks.

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2024/04/gm-set-to-launch-chevy-corvette-new-balance-edition/>

Pratt Miller Motorsports, the team that prepares and races Corvettes in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, recently chose New Balance shoes for their race crew, further solidifying the brand's association with the Corvette world.

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/news/theres-a-new-balance-of-power-at-pratt-miller-motorsport/#:~:text=It%20should%20come%20as%20no,Gold%20for%20nine%20years%20running>

8. - Good of the order:

Trivia:

Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question

What year was the New Balance Arch Support Company founded? 1906 Sarah won.

What year did Corvette introduce a removable hardtop option? 1956

The Bloomington Gold is the first and longest running Corvette certification program in the world. Held in June, the annual event is famous for its Bloomington Gold Certification which sets standards for verifying Corvette authenticity. The most prestigious award is Bloomington Gold Certified, which means the car is at least 95% factory original in appearance and components. What year did the event start? 1973

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8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1930 by Andrea Smothers.

Next Meeting: May 1st, 1830, NWVC&MM

Secretary's Signature: Kelly J. Smothers, Secretary, WVCA, 3 April, 2025

## Additional News

### ATTENTION ALL WVCA MEMBERS

I'm coordinating efforts to do two activities for the WVCA. #1 is a cruise to Hood River and then a ride on the Mt. Hood Railroad. So far I have 19 individuals interested in this which gives us a 15% discount on the train trip! #2 is a cruise to Gold Beach, overnight stay possibly in Coos Bay and jet boat ride up the Rogue. I have 11 members of the WVCA interested. This newsletter is reaching out to all members. If you're interested in any of these cruises and activities please get in touch with me at [dj@ezbulldogs.com](mailto:dj@ezbulldogs.com) or by text or phone at 971-290-9529!

Save the Wave! And join us for a good time! Dorothy Ezell

**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. We welcome all Corvette enthusiasts and prospective members to 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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