



GLASS SASS

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President's Letter

Welcome to May!

What beautiful weather we've been having, knock on wood. May brings the first car show of the year at Cascade High School. This annual event is super popular and is the high school's fundraiser for their Senior All Night Party. All the car shows we go to are to benefit one organization or another. It's also a social event. We go out for the day, support a good cause, set up our chairs, hang out with friends usually in a park, have a picnic, buy tickets for raffles, maybe buy some car swag or other goodies, and get out of the house for a while. Hope we see you at one of the shows!!

Speaking of shows, it looks like we have 4-5 couples going to Boise, Idaho for the Vette Fest. I'm super excited about that one. We went for the first time in 2023. It was a blast. This show is only held every other year. Don't miss out on this year if you're thinking about going.

We've had some new folks drop in on the club meetings and other events the last month or so. If you see a new face, please make them feel welcome! Terry Clark was voted in as a new member at the May meeting. Andy Thorton and Bob Adams introduced themselves. Please spread the word about what a great club we have! If you need club business cards we have plenty, just ask Kelly or me for some.

We also have window decals for sale. If you're interested in those, please reach out to me.

Nick Valenzuela mentioned to me the other day, that Maryhill Loops Road would possibly be open to the public early in May. I wasn't familiar with Maryhill Loops road so I went to the internet to find out more. Maryhill Loops Road is a historic and scenic roadway located in south-central Washington, near the town of Maryhill. Constructed between 1909 and 1913 by Samuel Hill, a prominent advocate for modern roadways and founder of the Maryhill Museum of Art, it holds the distinction of being the first macadam asphalt-paved road in the Pacific Northwest. Samuel Hill envisioned Maryhill Loops Road as an experimental route to demonstrate innovative road-building techniques. The 3.6-mile stretch features 25 curves, including eight hairpin turns, and ascends 850 feet at a consistent 5% grade. Hill collaborated with engineer Samuel C. Lancaster to design the road, which later served as a model for the Figure-Eight Loops on Oregon's Historic Columbia River Highway. Today, Maryhill Loops Road is owned and maintained by the Maryhill Museum of Art. While it is closed to regular motor vehicle traffic, the road is open to pedestrians and cyclists daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, the museum rents the road for private events, including automobile, motorcycle, bicycle, and longboarding activities. I reached out to the museum about the May event and also about renting the road. They weren't sure if they were going to have an open event in May due to a lack of volunteers. I'm also waiting for responses to some questions I had about renting. I will keep you updated if I learn any more.

In other news, my car went in to get the front end painted on 5 May and I'm looking forward to getting it back and on the road again! Have a fantastic May and get those beautiful cars out on the road!

WVCA Meeting Minutes

Willamette Valley Corvette Association
Compiled by Kelly Smothers, Secretary

1 May, 2025

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, Brooks, Oregon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Andrea Smothers. Recognize new guests/introductions: Andy Thorton 85 c4. , Bob Adams 21 c8 torch red

March Birthdays announced by Dorothy:

- Rob Louthan 2-May
- Brent Wilson 8-May
- Bob Koenig 11-May
- Randi Wells 13-May
- John Eaton 15-May
- Paul Ennor 16-May
- Sid Wells 20-May
- Larry King 27-May

2. Roll Call / Attendance:

Present: List of board attendees: Andrea Smothers, Joe Peters, Kelly Smothers, Garry Hill, 3 guests. 32 Members present. A quorum for a membership meeting will be twenty percent of all members of the Association and 2 officers (96 paid members, 19 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**

Treasurer's Report: Given By Kelly Smothers	Balance
Balance in Checking	\$ 3,774.30
Petty Cash	\$ 160.00
Savings	\$ 12,943.55
Interest	\$ 0.53

TOTAL	\$ 13,824.85

- President's Report:

- Any New members that meet membership requirements to join? Terry Clark was eligible and was voted affirmative to join the club. Motion to accept was made by Sarah, seconded by several people.
- Decals for sale \$10 each. If you're interested in ordering one please reach out to Andrea at andrea.smothers1@gmail.com. There are stickers and clings available.
- KeizerFEST Parade - The club is not planning on participating due to lack of interest. If anyone is interested in carrying a dignitary please let me know ASAP. Wayne got up and spoke about our involvement in the past, and hope that we continue to support our community in the future. If anyone wants to participate the club insurance will not be covering them and they will be under their own insurance.
- Bylaws and Constitution - I forgot to include the Bylaws and the Constitution in the newsletter last month. I'll try to make sure they go out with the May newsletter.
- Member Roster - We're passing around the member roster. Please check your info and add your Corvette, year, model (Z51, Grand Sport, Z06, Convertible, etc) and color.
- Mary Hills Loop Road, Close road, trying to open 10 May, volunteers to help out. Five cars at a time, curvy road. Potential Rental by WVCA? Club would need to run the event, people at the top and the bottom to control traffic, start/stop.

- Vice Presidents Report: Given by Joe Peters.

- May 10 - Cascade High School Car Show 10226 Marion Rd. NE, Turner Or. We are going to meet at the Stayton Roths Store @ 7:15am to cruise to the Show
- May 16 - Lamb and Wool Car Show 5:00pm - Scio
- May 21 - Jacket Night - Dorothy Ezell The Cazadero Steak Restaurant 352 OR-211 Estacada - Meet at Woodburn Walmart at 5:30pm
- May 23 - 25 - Big Sky Corvette Meet - Great Falls MT
- June 7 - Paralyzed Veterans Show and Shine 9:00am NWCMM Museum Brooks
- June 7 - Gears and Grapes Car Show - Patton Valley Winery

- June 7 - 8 MAG Auction - State Fairgrounds
- June 14 - Roll the Dice Car Show - Spirit Mountain Casino
- June 22 - Perfume and Exhaust all girls Cruise 10:00am - Walery's Pizza
- July 12 - Vettes at the Fort - Fort Langley, BC (BCCC)
- July 13 - 9:00am 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 9:00am Sunrise Park Sublimity
- August 9-10 Cowboy Dinner Tree Overnight

- **SACC:** Joe Peters - no report

- **Bowling Green Update:** Bowling Green Update: A total of 31 Bowling Green employees were let go last Friday. The Bowling Green plant was already idled for several weeks this year, with another week of downtime planned for May. Reports indicate that the plant shutdown is related to inventory control, as well as line upgrades to support production of the C8's widebody exterior panels. The plant idling and upgrades were expected to precede job cuts at the facility. Reports also indicate that an additional 43 assembly line employees who self-selected for early retirement will have their employment at the facility end on June 1st. Production of the mid-engine sports car has dropped off considerably, with production over the last three weeks ranging between 29 and 94 units per day, as compared to 140 to 180 units per day prior to the plant idling earlier this year. Several other key members of GM's Corvette team have also seen a shakeup lately, with Corvette Product Marketing Manager Harlan Charles pushed into early retirement this past February, and Exterior Design manager Kirk Bennion leaving the company around the same time after four decades at GM.
<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/04/31-workers-laid-off-indefinitely-at-corvette-bowling-green-assembly-plant/>

5. Old Business

Dorothy old business, Mt Hood railroad, two person railbike, battery assisted tour. Three choices to choose from. No dates set yet.

6. New Business

None

7. TechTime

C8 Corvette vent wash covers - Paragon Performance \$149.95

<https://www.paragonperf.com/c8-corvette-coupe-dry-vent-blocks.html?srsId=AfmBOorhomKucy7wvjvDn-hFpDIr07R9eoTKKsiKBj4J0Wd87S2IJ0aKp>

At the 28th Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash in April GM announced two new colors for the 2026 Corvette, Roswell Green Metallic and Blade Silver Metallic. Rapid Blue and Sea Wolf Gray are being retired.

8. Good of the Order

Trivia: Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question

It was just announced this week that the 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 will serve as the pace car during the 109th running of the Indianapolis 500. Including this time, how many times will a Corvette have been the pace car for the Indy 500? 22

<https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/a64634561/chevrolet-c8-corvette-zr1-pace-car-2025-indianapolis-500/>

What year did the Corvette first serve as the official pace car for the Indy 500? 1978

50/50 amounts \$43/\$43/\$86

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm by Andrea Smothers.

Next Meeting: June 5th, 1830, Powerland Heritage Park

Secretary's Signature: Kelly J. Smothers, Secretary, WVCA, 1 May, 2025

Additional News

Dave Schwerdt shared a photo of his Corvette on our Facebook page. Looking good Dave!



Gary Hill celebrated his birthday during the April Jacket Night at La Hacienda Real in Keizer. Thanks to Nick and Martie Valenzuela for hosting!!



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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