



GLASS SASS

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President's Letter

By this time of the year I'm ready for some cooler weather and rain. The car shows and other events are starting to taper off and I'm looking forward to being able to slow down a little bit. August events included the Minty and T too car show where Pat Peters and I both won awards and won some great raffle prizes, a great weekend trip out to Cowboy Dinner Tree hosted by Julie Schwerdt, Lyons Firefighters Car show where Kelly took home an award and a lovely candle basket, lol, and a jacket night hosted by Joe and Pat Peters. Kelly and I took a trip up to British Columbia to attend the British Columbia Corvette Clubs 60th Anniversary car show in Kelowna. We made a vacation out of it staying in Leavenworth on the way up and Bellingham on the way back. The drives were great, the people friendly and the locations were beautiful. The anniversary events were not so great. Unfortunately the club had some challenges with the plan for their poker run, and the dinner events. I was honored to receive the NCRS Concours trophy for the event. The judging was based on the car's presentation and the distance driven. I think the distance part might have given me an edge. lol. Of the six trophies awarded I was the only person present at the awards banquet which I though was kind of disappointing for the club.

Although we are moving into fall there are still events happening. Please check out the events email or Joe's list in the minutes. Feel free to reach out to any of us on the board for more information. Of note this month is the Jacket Night on the 17th hosted by Julie

and Dave Schwerdt and the club picnic on the 21st of September. Julie Schwerdt and Pat Peters are coordinating the potluck for the picnic.

Due to illnesses, injuries and jury duties, Kelly Smothers managed the September club meeting as an Army of One, with Pat Peters as support. Thanks to them both for covering down for the rest of us. Our slate of nominees for next year's board is as follows:

Dorothy Ezell – President
Alex Penna – Vice President
Jamilah Mooney – Member at Large
Sarah Olshefski – Secretary
Dana Malby – Treasurer

The vote will be cast by voice as voted on by the members in attendance at the September meeting.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at the club picnic!

- Andrea

WVCA Meeting Minutes

Willamette Valley Corvette Association 4 Sep, 2025

Compiled by Kelly Smothers, Secretary

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

Present: List of board attendees: Kelly Smothers, Pat Peters. Andrea, Joe and Brent were all out tonight.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Kelly Smothers.

- 50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around
- Prospective new member application handed out (no new guests)
- 28 members in attendance. 19 required for quorum.

Agenda:

1830: CALL TO ORDER: Kelly

- Sign up sheets for the club picnic, Heritage show, The Wall that Heals escort and Jacket night were passed around.
- Recognize New Guests and Introductions: No new guests
- Birthday Announcements **Dorothy -**
 - Kami Wilson 3-Sep
 - Tom Kleve 16-Sep

- Nick Valenzuela 20-Sep
- Kent Muhle 26-Sep
- Jeanette Simpson 27-Sep
- Stephen Sims 27-Sep
- Duane Stark 29-Sep

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Andrea

- The minutes have been distributed to you through the Glass Sass. "Are there any corrections?" **No corrections offered.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brent Prepared, Kelly delivered.

- CHK = \$3,175.66 Savings = \$12,945.70 // .54 cents in interest. Total= \$16,397.36 Major Expense was Web hosting for 3 years 539.64 and Roths's catering for \$400 for Christmas Party

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Andrea

- August flew by. Here's some highlights from last month. Julie hosted a group trip to Cowboy Dinner Tree. She tried a new route over highway 26 to Bend and I think there was a little too much traffic, but the hotel was great, the rest of the drives were great, the food was great and there was no food poisoning this time for me, even better. I think we had about 10 cars show up for the Museum Cruise In. Thank you to everyone who attended for supporting the museum. A couple of us also supported the Lyons Firefighters Car show on the 16th of August. Kelly won a trophy for modern muscle. It's always good for him to win once in a while so he doesn't pout about it when I win. :) Kelly and I headed up to the great white north to attend the British Columbia Corvette Club 60th Anniversary Show. The location in Kelowna was beautiful, the hotel was very nice, the events and show were not very well organized though, unfortunately. Kelly and I took last weekend off from car things but I saw on Facebook that some club members got out and about to car shows and other shenanigans. Nick and Martie posted an invite to dinner on Saturday but I'm not sure if anyone took them up on their offer. I appreciate the effort though. As we hand over the club to the new board, one of their responsibilities will be to find out what works for them for communications.
- Speaking of electing a new board. Are there any additional nominations? If no, the nominees are:

President - Dorothy Ezell
 Vice President - Alex Penna
 Member at Large - Jamilah Mooney
 Secretary - Sarah Olshefski
 Treasurer - Dana Malby

- Since we only have 1 nomination for each position I'd like to recommend the election be conducted verbally in October, can I get a motion to conduct a vote by voice?
- Bob Cozart made the motion to vote verbally in October, it was seconded by

Doug Hunter, and there were no dissenting votes. The vote passed.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Kelly

You can find many more events @ <https://salemautoclubcouncil.org/>

- September 11-13 Corvettes on the Columbia Tri-Cities Wa.
- September 13 The Dalles PVA Car Show
- September 13 and 14 Octoberfest Car Show (Two separate car shows) St Mary's School Mt Angel
- September 17 Jacket Night 6:30 Los Cabos Woodburn Or
- September 21 WVCA Annual Picnic 1pm
- September 27 Heritage and Ag Show Powerland Heritage Park 9:00am They would like to have a Corvette section. This will be a tribute to GM
- September 28 Jordan Chicken Run Jordan Or. 8:00am
- October 18 (Tentative) WVCA Halloween Party
- December 6 Santa Cruise Stayton Fire Hall 8:00am (*Everyone welcome, do not need to drive your toy, each person registers when entering the fire station for breakfast (it's how they count) and we are from WVCA or Willamette Valley Corvette Association.*)
- December 13 WVCA Annual Christmas Party

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- SACC - Joe Peters - No Update
- Bowling Green Update: General Motors is voluntarily recalling model year 2023–2026 Chevrolet Corvette Z06s and 2025–2026 Corvette ZR1s due to a potential fire risk from excess fuel spillage during refueling.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Roger Weber got up to talk about The Wall that heals and our participation in escorting the wall from the Salem Armory on 17th to Independence. - Vietnam Wall escort ride and sign up. Roger stated that we are NOT held to 15 cars so please show up on Tuesday, September 16th. We will meet at the National Guard Recruiting Center in Salem, Oregon, check in is at 11:30am. (restrooms will be available. There will be a drivers meeting at 12:00. We will be leaving from 2310 17th St. Salem Oregon (Armory) and escorting the wall to 1001 Deanne Drive, Independence Oregon. We leave at 1pm Expected to be complete about 2:15pm (you may want to have lunch before you arrive)
- Pat - September picnic and sign up. Pat stated that Julie will provide condiments. Several questions arose about what type of condiments i.e. Lettuce, tomatoes etc. She also stated a sign up sheet for what side dishes to bring would be forthcoming. Pat will be picking up Hotdogs, hamburgers and buns from Costco. A couple people have donated their BBQs for the event.

- Maggie Cozart spoke to the August 16 - Driven to make a difference at Volcanoes Stadium which was raising funds for the Salem Keizer School district. The show raised over \$4000 dollars for school supplies.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business.

TECH TIME: Kelly talked about the detailing class they would like to provide. He is looking for items that you would be interested in learning. Perhaps some tips and trips from proper washing methods, pre-wash, decontamination, wheels/tires, small details that make a large impact, towels/applicators, paint protection types, polishing basics, interior detailing, our favorite products, show prep and maintenance. Kelly was talking about having the class at his shop, but Nick Valenzuela proffered having it at the museum prior to the picnic.

Marti Valenzuela is looking for a C7 Visor sticker in matt finish that would cover the stock safety information on the visor. Kelly offered to check with Andrea that she may have the tools to make something personalized.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question

September 30th is supposedly the best day of the year to buy a car. It's the last day of the month and the last day of the third quarter. September is typically the month when automakers start the push to get rid of the current year models. In which year did Corvette sell the most cars? **1979** with 53,807 units produced. The Base Corvette Sport Coupe retailed for \$10,220. Brad Rehm guessed correctly.

Shaquille O'Neal recently received a custom built Chevrolet C8 Corvette Z06 that was stretched to accommodate him. How many inches was the chassis stretched by? **20 inches**. Doug Hunter guessed correctly

The car has custom floor mats with his logo and the video shows him putting his feet up on the door sill which makes me cringe.

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/09/watch-shaq-take-delivery-of-his-stretched-c8-corvette-z06-video/>

50/50 DRAWING: How Much to the club \$70, how much to the winners \$30 to Brenda Kirasich and \$30 to Marti Valenzuela.

ADJOURNMENT: Route 99 for dinner.

Secretary's Signature: Kelly J. Smothers, Secretary, WVCA, 7 August, 2025

Additional News

Cowboy Dinner Tree Cruise





WVCA POTLUCK ANNUAL PICNIC

Date: September 21ST

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: 3995 Brooklake Rd. NE, Salem

All members and their families are invited.

Corvette for Sale

Al Manrubia – 2015 Laguna Blue Z51 Roadster Convertible, 11,000 miles, Z51 package, Chrome Wheels, Good condition, all maintenance done, asking 46,450.00 phone number 503-391-8917

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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