



GLASS SASS

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President's Letter

Can you believe it's July?

At the membership meeting this month I discussed nominations and elections. The bylaws require a nomination committee to be appointed at the July meeting to nominate candidates for each elected office. Actually it says elective office and I think that might be a typo we missed. Haha. Julie Schwerdt has volunteered to lead the committee and Dorothy Ezell has volunteered to assist. Nominations will be accepted during the August and September meetings. The final list will be published in the Glass Sass in September and voted on by the membership present at the October meeting. This year none of the current board members will be returning to serve next year. Joe and Pat Peters and Kelly and I have been serving on various positions on the board for multiple years now and it is time for us to pass on the baton. At this point I am uncertain if Brent Wilson will be returning as Treasurer. Until that is determined I've asked the nomination committee to proceed as if all the board positions will need to be filled. The positions to be filled are:

President – Holds board meetings as needed, manages and oversees association business and meetings, appoints members to manage responsibilities as needed, and coordinates sponsorship activities.

Vice President – Acts as President when needed, acts as the public information officer, reports on events, and promotes social activities.

Secretary – Records minutes of all meetings

Treasurer – Manages all legal business required for the association, receives monies and pays debts.

Member at Large – Oversees new member applications, conducts 50/50 raffles and acts as liaison to SACC.

This is a general summary of the responsibilities. There are additional duties and the executive committee usually shares responsibilities depending on who is available to do what.

If no one is willing or able to come forward to take on these responsibilities there are provisions in the constitution for the dissolution of the club. I am hoping some willing volunteers will come forward and it doesn't come to that but there has not been much interest in years past. Joe, Pat, Kelly and I don't intend on leaving the club. We will certainly continue to be available.

As of July the club has 57 paid memberships and approximately 97 members. On average we see between 30 and 40 people at the monthly membership meeting. On average 20 to 30 of those same people attend the jacket nights. There's only a handful of us who go to car shows. This means we have about 50 people, who are members, who do not participate in the club or do so only rarely. We would love to see you at a meeting or a jacket night!

Speaking of jacket nights, we took a cruise out to Gilgamesh, The River, in Independence for the June jacket night. I took us out south of Salem for a beautiful drive through the countryside. I think we had about 12 – 15 cars and 24 people. Was a great drive and the location was perfect. I think Jamilah Mooney is going to take us back out there in October. If you missed it there's another chance!

On Sunday, 22 June, I led a cruise through the covered bridges around Stayton. I think we had a dozen cars or so. The weather looked kind of questionable the day before but it turned out to be a great morning cruise. We spent a little more than an hour on the cruise and then in true WVCA fashion we ended up with lunch at North 3rd in Stayton.

July is going to be busy for us. In addition to car shows, including VetteFest in Boise, Kelly and I are expecting to become grandparents for the first time. Our son and his wife are expecting our granddaughter to come into the world any day now as I write this letter. They live in Bend so I see a lot of extra reasons to travel to Bend in my future.

That's all I've got for this month. If you're reading this and haven't come out to a membership meeting or jacket night in a while I hope we will see you soon!

- Andrea

WVCA Meeting Minutes

Willamette Valley Corvette Association 3 July, 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: Andrea Smothers, Joe Peters, Kelly Smothers, Pat Peters, Garry Hill, 1 guest Larry Crooker. 30 Members present. A quorum for a membership meeting will be twenty percent of all members of the Association and 2 officers (99 paid members, 20 members required for quorum).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Andrea Smothers. Recognize new guests/introductions:

- 50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around
- Prospective new member application handed out -

Agenda:

1830: CALL TO ORDER: Andrea

- Recognize New Guests and Introductions: no new guests
- Birthday Announcements Dorothy
 - Brad Rehm 1-Jul
 - Jake Chastain 2-Jul
 - Susan Christensen 11-Jul
 - Chris Roethlin 16-Jul
 - Lisa Ennor 20-Jul
 - Maggie Cozart 24-Jul
- 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?"
 - When no (further) corrections are offered, "If there are no (further) corrections . . . (pause) . . . the minutes are approved as distributed/corrected." TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly
 - CHK = \$4,115.30_ Savings = \$12,944.62_ // \$107 Petty Cash and \$0.53 in interest.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Andrea

- Any New members that meet membership requirements to join? Larry Cooker (2001 Black Coupe) meets the requirements and was voted in.
- We still have decals available for purchase if you're interested.
- Route 99 is closed tonight. If anyone would like to recommend and organize a dinner event for tonight, please bring it up during new business.
- In accordance with the Bylaws a nomination committee is to be appointed at the July meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the August and September meetings. The final list of nominees will be published in the Glass Sass in September. The positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Member at Large, and potentially Treasurer. So basically the entire board will be vacant and needs to be filled. If there is no interest in participating as a board member, there are procedures in the Constitution for the dissolution of the Association. All that being said, none of the

current board members have indicated that they intend to leave the club. The new board will have resources for assistance. Request for volunteers for the nomination committee.

- Julie Schwerdt and Dorothy Ezell volunteered to help with the nomination Committee.
- Sign up sheets are being passed around for the various events this month. We will start putting out sign up sheets at the beginning of meetings for people to look at and sign up prior to the meeting beginning to be collected after the meeting ends. The sign up sheets will include contact information for the host of the event. If you are uncertain if you can attend and/or decide to go later, or if you sign up and cannot attend later, the expectation is that you will contact the host and let them know. You may think that one person won't matter if you attend or not, but when 5 or 6 or more people all decide to attend or not attend it impacts the event and planning.
- Sunday, 13 July, Springhill North Albany Car Show supporting the Veterans Honor Flights - Leaving South Salem Safeway at 7:15 am.
- Jacket Night, Wednesday, 16 July, Markum Inn - Leaving the Stayton Park and Ride at 5:30 pm.
- Thursday, 17 July, VetteFest Boise ID - Leaving the French Prairie Rest Area (NB I-5 just before Wilsonville) at 8am. Stopping in Pendleton for lunch.
- Saturday, 26 July, Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Car Show - Leaving Stayton Park and Ride at 8am.
- On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, the museum hosts a cruise in from 4-8pm. The dates for July are the 9th and the 23rd.
- Mt Hood Train trip 2 August. See Dorothy Ezell. Leaving Wilsonville IHOP at 7am.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Joe You can find many more events @

<https://salemclubcouncil.org/>

- July 6 - Northwest Rod and Classic 9:00 - 4:00 Riverview Park Independence Or
- July 12 - HART Horse Adaptive Riding Therapy - 8:00 am 3065 Orchard Heights Rd. Salem Or
- July 12 - DonaldDaze - 11:00am - Main Street Donald Or
- July 13 - 9:00 Springhill Park North Albany
- July 16 - Jacket Night - Andrea Smothers - Cruise - Markum Inn
- July 17-19th Vette Fest Boise Idaho
- July 18-20 - SOCA Corvette weekend. Grants Pass
- July 25-27 - Spokane Glass on the Grass
- July 26 - Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Foundation Car Show 9:00 am Sunrise Park Sublimity
- August 2 Mt. Hood Railroad trip. See Dorothy Ezell.
- August 3 - Minty and T Too - 1255 Wilco Rd. Stayton Or. 9:00 - 2:00 Gates Open at 8:00
- August 9-10 Cowboy Dinner Tree Overnight
- August 16 - Lyons Firefighters Car Show - Lyons Firehall - 9:00
- August 23 - Cruising McMinnville - Downtown McMinnville
- August 23 - Corvette Drive In Night - Newberg
- August 30 - Endless Summer Cruise In - Clark College
- August 30 - WWSR Carousel Cruise - Salem Riverfront Park - 7:30

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

● SACC - Joe Peters - MAG Auction was successful. They will be back. ● Bowling Green Update: <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/06/2026-corvette-pricing-uncovered/> Compared to the preceding 2025 model year, prices for the 2026 Corvette have risen considerably. The Stingray and E-Ray each see an increase of \$1,800, while Z06 pricing climbs by \$5,700 and the new ZR1 is up \$7,200.

I watched an interesting YouTube video by C&S Corvettes on the 2025 Corvette Market Overview. They went through pricing forecasts for the next year for each generation. It was pretty interesting. You can watch it here: 2025 Corvette Market Overview (C1-C8)

OLD BUSINESS:

There was lots of discussion on what the different board positions do. These can be found in our Constitution and By-Laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dorothy Ezell and Eva Mather have started a facebook group called Corvette Ladies for those lady corvette owners, but all are welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1034927945396569>

TECH TIME: For those following the GM class action lawsuit regarding faulty transmissions. This last week a federal appeals court decertified the class action lawsuit stating there were too many differences among the issues to justify having one judge oversee the litigation. The case has been returned to a district judge for further review which could lead to smaller subclasses.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question

On July 23, the first Ford car was sold, marking a significant milestone in the history of mass produced vehicles. What year was it? 1903. Roger Burgess won a free ticket

The name "Corvette" was suggested by Myron Scott, who was a Chevrolet photographer and founder of the All-American Soap Box Derby. The first official Soap Box Derby race was sponsored by Chevrolet in 1934. The World Championships are held in which state? Ohio. Gary Hill won a free ticket.

50/50 DRAWING: How Much to the club \$76, how much to the winners 40/40? Winners were Susan Crowell and Bob Cozart.

ADJOURNMENT:

Secretary's Signature: Kelly J. Smothers, Secretary, WVCA, 3 July, 20

Additional News

Cruises in the Month of August

August 2 Mt. Hood Railroad trip. Call Dorothy Ezell 971-290-9529

- Make sure you called for Reservations
- Buy Parking Ticket

August 9-10 Cowboy Dinner Tree Overnight Call Julie Hughes 503-421-0733

- Please Make sure you have your Reservations at Best Western under Willamette Valley Corvettes
- Make sure you have chosen either Chicken or Steak let me know please
- Cost is \$50.00 Plus Tip per person must be cash payment only
- If you have any other questions, please call

Member Cruise	Best Western Reservation	Steak Chicken	
Dave & Julie Schwerdt	yes	1	1
Joe & Pat Peters	yes	1	1
Kelly & Andrea Smothers	yes	2	0
Brent & TJ Andersen	?	?	?
Nick & Martie Valenzuela	yes	2	0
John & Darla Eaton	?	1	1
Roger & Maryann Burgess	yes	?	?

Cover Bridge Cruise Led by Andrea Smothers







Hannah Bridge



Shimanek Bridge



Larwood Bridge





Hoffman Bridge



Gilkey Bridge



Member that went on the Cruise



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<http://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com>

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