



## GLASS SASS

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### **President's Letter**

Here we are, its August!

July was very eventful for Kelly and I in unexpected ways. Our granddaughter was due to be born on July 5th. She finally made her way into the world via c-section on July 18th. Mom and Harper Evelyn are both doing great. We spent the week leading up to the 18th in Bend, hoping from one RV park to another waiting for baby and missed the July jacket night and the trip to Boise for VetteFest. I heard everyone had a great time at both these events but the baby snuggles were worth it!

Dorothy Ezell also took a group for a Mount Hood Railroad trip on the 2nd of August. From the pictures it looked like a good time was had by all. Thanks so much Dorothy for putting that event together for the club!

Other July events that the club participated in were the Springhill North Albany Car Show benefiting the Veteran's Honor Flights, Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Show which awards scholarships to high school students, and the Minty and T Too Car Show.

We've had quite a few people join us at the car shows this year. As a result Kelly has decided we need to host a detailing class at our house sometime this fall to share some of our tips and tricks. It will probably involve food because as he says we are an eating club with a car habit. Look for that in the months to come.

You may have heard from Julie or Dorothy with our nominations committee last month. They called the membership asking for interest in filling the vacant board positions.

Brent Wilson has decided not to return as treasurer, so all the positions need to be filled. We have an initial list of people who have expressed interest.

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

Don't hold back just because someone has spoken up about a position! If you're interested please come to the September meeting and speak up!!

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.

August is shaping up to be just as busy as July. Kelly and I are planning our own escape to Canada to attend the British Columbia Corvette Club Diamond Jubilee Event. Other events we have on our schedule are the Cowboy Dinner Tree overnight trip hosted by Julie Schwerdt 9-10 August, Night at the Museum at Powerland Park 13 August, Lyons Firefighter Car Show 16 August, and Northwest Corvette's Endless Summer Cruise In 30 August.

Hope you're enjoying the beautiful summer and getting out on the road. Take care!

- Andrea

## WVCA Meeting Minutes

Willamette Valley Corvette Association 7 Aug, 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, Brent Wilson.

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

- 50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around
- Prospective new member application handed out
- 35 members in attendance.

### **Agenda:**

#### **1830: CALL TO ORDER: Andrea**

- Recognize New Guests and Introductions: No new guests
- Birthday Announcements Dorothy - There were a couple changes to birthdays during the birthday announcements. Please make sure when the roster goes out that you are correcting it so we can acknowledge your birthday.

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.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Brent**

- CHK = \$4,115.30 Savings = \$12,945.16 // .54 cents in interest. Total = \$17,243.46

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT: Andrea**

- July was a very eventful month. Our granddaughter Harper Evelyn was born via c-section on Friday 18 July, 13 days after her due day and managed to throw all our carefully laid plans for July into disarray. I heard both the Jacket Night to Markum Inn and the trip to Boise for VetteFest were enjoyed by all while I was getting baby snuggles. Congratulations to Dorothy for her 3rd place trophy at VetteFest.
- Last weekend was the Mt Hood Railway trip. Thank you to Dorothy for arranging and leading that trip. This weekend is the Cowboy Dinner Tree trip and I'm looking forward to actually having dinner this time.
- The nomination committee has been busy at work over the last month reaching out to the club for interest in serving on the board. Julie, would you please give us an update? - See Committee Updates below.
- At this time I'd like to call for any nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor.
- The final list of nominees will be published in the Glass Sass in September and voted on in October. All the positions on the board need to be filled. In September we will also decide on the voting method.
- On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, the museum hosts a cruise in from 4-8pm. The dates for August are the 13th and the 27th. Is anyone interested in attending one of these dates? I'd like for the club to attend one and support the museum. Once we decide on a date I'll pass around a sign up sheet. August 13th was chosen during the meeting for our night to support the museum. Time and more info to follow.

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Joe**

- \*\*\*2nd and 4th Wednesdays, the museum hosts a cruise in from 4-8pm. The dates for August are the 13th and the 27th.
- August 9-10 Cowboy Dinner Tree Overnight with Julie, make sure you get your reservations for the Hotel in LaPine (\$50 cash plus Tip for meal) Meeting at Woodburn Walmart at 0900 for an 0915 departure.
- August 12 - Foothills Church - 5:30 - 7:30 Fern Ridge Rd Stayton
- August 15 - Cornfest 400 Main St. Aumsville Or. 4:00pm
- August 16 - Lyons Firefighters Car Show - Lyons Firehall - 9:00
- August 16 - Driven to make a difference - Volcanoes Stadium - Funds for Salem Keizer School district
- August 20 Jacket Night 6:30 Hickory Spoon, Santiam Golf Course (no cruise)
- August 23 - Cruising McMinnville - Downtown McMinnville
- August 23 - Corvette Drive In Night - Newberg (this is sponsored by Rose City Corvettes with help from NWCA, potluck and friends and well, corvettes)
- August 30 - Endless Summer Cruise In - Clark College (NWCA)
- August 30 - WWSR Carousel Cruise - Salem Riverfront Park - 7:30
- September 11-13 Corvettes on the Columbia Tri-Cities Wa.
- September 13 and 14 Octoberfest Car Show (Two separate car shows) St Mary's School Mt Angel
- September 21 WVCA Annual Picnic 1-4 PM
- 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 sometime WVCA Halloween Party (Still in the planning phases)
- December 6 Santa Cruise Stayton Fire Hall 8:00am (remember WVCA, each person needs to fill out a card, regardless of the vehicle you drive, let's get that first place trophy this year).
- December 13 WVCA Annual Christmas Party (Roths)

## **COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

- Nominations Committee report: July Schwerdt presented the list of members interested in leadership roles.
  - President = Dorothy Ezell
  - Vice President = Alex Penna
  - Treasurer = Dana Malby
  - Secretary = Sarah Olshefski
  - Member at Large = Jamilah Mooney
- SACC - Joe Peters - No Update
- Corvette update: Nürburgring - The 2025 Corvette ZR1X and ZR1 set Nürburgring lap times of 6:49.275 and 6:50.763—surpassing the Mustang GTD. This outran the \$350,000-plus hyper-Mustang's lap time of 6:52.072.—and making the ZR1X the fastest North American production car. The Z06 Corvette also performed well with a

7:11.826 lap. The ZR1 has broken records at five U.S. tracks. This was done using GM Engineers, not professional drivers.

- Bowling Green Update: 2026 Corvette Pricing. This is the base price on each model.

26 Stingray \$71,995

26 E-Ray \$110,595

26 Z06 \$119,695

26 ZR1 \$182,395

26 ZR1X \$207,395

26 ZR1X Plus Quail Silver Addition \$241,395

### OLD BUSINESS:

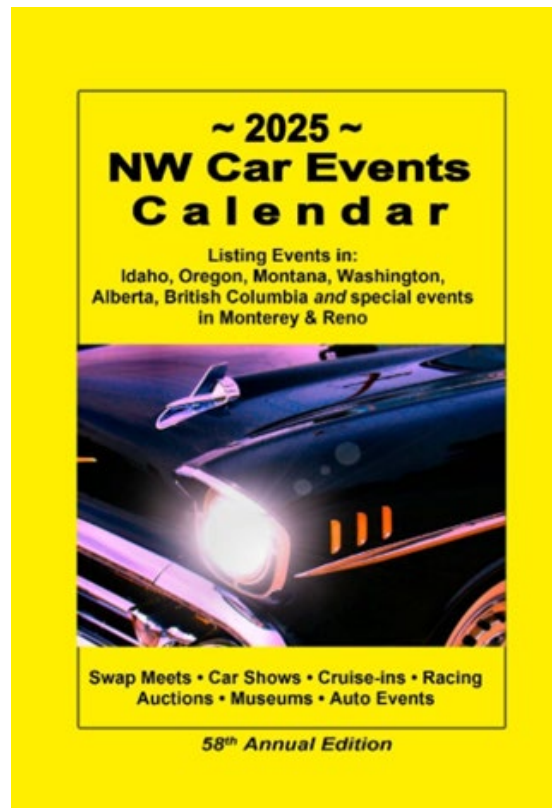
Minty & T Too car show; Andrea Smothers and Pat Peters won trophies. Great job.

Roger Webber got up to talk about “The Wall that Heals”. The Wall That Heals is a program of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), the nonprofit behind the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. As the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall, it features the largest replica to tour the country, honoring over three million Americans who served in the Vietnam War and bearing the names of the 58,281 who made the ultimate sacrifice. This year the city of Independence is sponsoring the event. Find out more here: <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/thewallthatheals2025/>



Jim Jacks got up to talk about the little “Yellow book” produced by NW Car Events Calendar has listings of events all over the NW, Swap meets, Car Shows, Cruise-ins, Racing, Auctions, Museums and Auto Events. Their website is:

<https://www.nwcareventscalendar.com/> and you can purchase a paper copy or a digital PDF.



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On The Cover: 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air (Photo © P. DuPre/AutoWord; All Rights Reserved). One of the acclaimed "Tri-Five" Chevrolets from the mid 1950s, the '57 Bel Air is beautiful, while also being practical as a sedan or even in a station wagon version. It is, perhaps, the most popular of the three Tri-Five models. Certainly, with its large fins and smiling chrome grill it is an eyecatcher, thanks to GM executive and stylist Clare M. Mackichan.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** no new business.

**TECH TIME:** Kelly = Show of hands of folks that would be interested in a 'detailing' overview to get your ride 'show' ready? I had about 15 people that showed interest in a 'prepping for a car show' tech class. Date to be announced soon. Dorothy asked from the floor to also have a list of 'tools of the trade' to take on cruises, items that can fix small issues that might arise while out and about.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Corvette Trivia!** 1 ticket each question

The very first automotive death occurred in August. What year was it? 1869 It involved an experimental steam car built in Ireland. Brent Wilson Guessed it correctly.

The Corvette is well known for its fiberglass body, but unknown to many people, General Motors once built an aluminum Corvette. General Motors teamed up with aluminum foil maker Reynolds to build an experimental Corvette. This distinctive "study vehicle" proved that an all-aluminum car was just as strong as one made of steel, but about 400 pounds lighter. The XP-895 Reynolds car was more expensive to build than the traditional fiberglass-bodied Corvettes so never went into production. What year was it? 1972 Martie Valenzuela guessed correctly.



**50/50 DRAWING:** How Much to the club \$76, how much to the winners \$36 to Al Penna and \$36 to Dorothy Ezell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Route 99 for dinner. ADJOURNMENT:

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

## Additional News

### **Our Trip to Vette Fest in Boise**

A Journey of Speed, Style, and Community

Planning and Preparation

It began with shared stories of our last Vette Fest tour with the Corvette Club members that participated at the last Vette Fest. We talked about how great the venue was and what kind of Judges they had. All the different Corvettes and all the cool modifications. And that Andrea had won the modified class.

We talked Nick and Martie, Julie and Dave, and Dorothy, into joining, Kelly, Andrea, and Pat and I, on this years pilgrimage to Vette Fest. Each of us, in love with the roar of a V8 engine, especially Nick, and the sleek, sculpted lines of America's sports car, agreed that Vette Fest in Boise was not to be missed. We pored over routes, compared hotel options, and talked endlessly about the cars we hoped to see—classic Stingrays, cutting-edge C8s, maybe even a rare ZR1 or two. For weeks, our group chat was abuzz with updates: detailing appointments, last-minute tune-ups, questions about the weather, and speculation about the lineup of cars.

The days leading up to our departure were a flurry of activity. Our own Corvettes gleamed beneath the sun after a painstaking polish, interiors dusted, tires checked and pressure perfect. For many of us, this trip was not just about attending a festival, but about the drive itself—the journey through, Oregon, and Idaho's varied landscapes, highways flanked by the Columbia Gorge, rolling hills, and distant mountains, and the steady pulse of anticipation that quickened as Boise came into view. After all the anticipation, Kelly and Andrea stayed behind to be with there kids to bring a granddaughter into the world.

### **The Journey to Boise**

We set out early from the French Prairie rest area off of I-5. The convoy of Corvettes—each painted in a different hue, from classic Crystal Red, Long Beach Red, Laguna Blue, Admiral Blue. The drive to Boise became an event in itself. Every gas station stop became a mini car show, attracting curious onlookers and fellow enthusiasts, eager to admire the meticulous care lavished on every vehicle. We had a great time with the speed and the corners. Of course we followed the speed limit to the letter. I'm just not sure which letter.. (Oh, who am I kidding)

### **Highlights of Vette Fest**

As we got to our Hotel, we noticed Corvettes everywhere in the parking lot. We were greeted by friendly Hotel staff and even friendlier Valley Corvette Club members. They all went out of their way to make us more than welcome. Thursday evening started with

a social with hors d' oeuvres, and a no host bar. All of the people were fun and loved talking about their cars. Imagine that.

Friday started with a breakfast buffet. Our entry fee picked up the tab for breakfast every day. We then had a poker chip run through the Boise countryside. We stopped at three great places to eat and picked up our poker chips. We received one chip for the driver and one for the navigator. If we ate at one of the restaurants and took our receipt back, we would get an extra chip each. The fun part was that we didn't know how many points you got for the different colored chips. Needless to say, we didn't win, but we had a great time and great food. We had a great dinner Friday night with 2 drink tickets and a great buffet. There was a live auction to benefit Type one Diabetes research. Lots of cool things were auctioned off. They made over \$22,000, which was great. This was followed by a live band and dancing.

#### Vette Fest Car Show

Saturday started off with a breakfast buffet again and then to the car show. It opened at Kleiner Memorial Park at 8:00. This is a beautiful park with plenty of trees. There were 144 beautiful cars attending this year's show. One of the greatest pleasures of Vette Fest was simply walking among the cars, each one a testament to an owner's pride and dedication. Dorothy won 3rd place for the C-6 generation. Her husband would be proud. The show was over by 1:00. That was perfect. Saturday evening was the awards banquet. It was a great buffet also with a bar and two drink tickets. It was a blast with the awards being handed out, and after there was a live band and dancing.

#### The Journey Home

Sunday we had the breakfast buffet and got ready to head home. We once again followed the speed limits to the letter. (Sure we didn't) It was a fun drive stopping along the way for fuel and to eat lunch in The Dalles. We even got to see airplanes scooping water out of the Columbia River to dump on fires in the areas. Vette Fest reminded us that at its heart, the Corvette community is a family—one that welcomes newcomers with open arms and celebrates the passion that brings us all together. Whether you come for the cars, the camaraderie, or the sheer thrill of the open road, memories waiting to be made, and we made some good ones.

Joe Peters



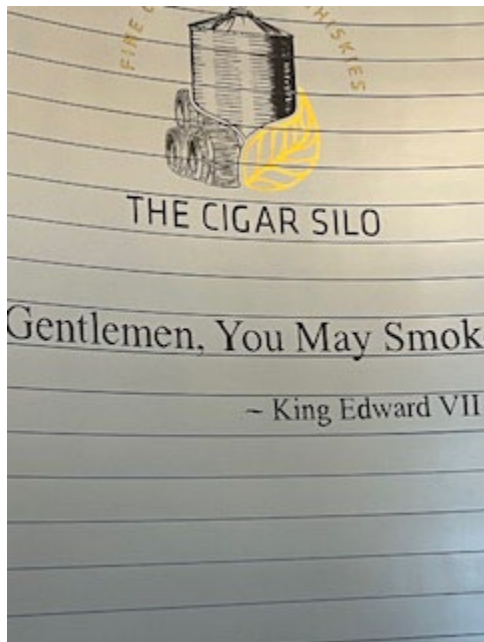


Vette fest Boise, Idaho

Boise Cruise on Friday



Resting



Lunch on the way Home The Dalles

Other Event Pictures

Mount Hood Railroad Cruise - Dorothy Ezell



Crown Point







On the Train



Going Toward Hood River







Pear Orchard



Beautiful Old Home near the Pear Orchard

## Minty & T Too Car Show



Andrea Smothers



Pat Peters





## 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. Signup sheet will be at September Meeting.

**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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