



WILLAMETTE VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION  
**GLASS SASS**

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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:

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**Presidents Letter**

Happy February our month 2 of Corvette Heaven!? At least I bet our Corvettes are relieved to get some rest and relaxation before we ramp up for Car Show Season! You know I had an epiphany this last month.

Went out to start my other car you know one of those Prius' and it ran.

Went back in the house and when I came out it had died. Tried to start it and it was dead as a door nail. So called AAA to get it going! They came and tested the battery and it was bad.

Well cannot blame that on the beast as I bought it in 2019 and this was the original battery so got 6 years so it did okay! AAA driver did not have any replacement battery. He said it would be Thursday or Friday before the batteries came in so I decided to wait and in the meantime check everywhere else where the Prius battery was sold. Well, they were sold at Costco for \$136 but there was only one in the Pacific NW and it was in Federal Way Washington. So, no luck there.

In the meantime, my **Lil Red Corvette Prince** was my mode of transportation. And I'm not saying that was bad because I love to drive it, especially on backroads and cruises to Hood River, LaPine trying to catch Julie, and Boise for a fun three-day car show! But you know doing short trips, going to Costco, down to the grocery store, sometimes is not as fun, especially when those curbs jump out in front of me! And most of you saw that video on Facebook about how to get out of Corvettes, well I think I used all of them except jumping out over the door. Thank goodness I have great neighbors because I decided was ready to get that Prius going so my neighbor's husband took the battery out and went and bought a new one at the auto parts store and when I came back, I texted my neighbor and her husband came out and it was installed in minutes. Yes, I know I am sure I could have done it but I have some great neighbors!

**Well, driving our Corvettes cannot be beat but they are interesting to drive full time, from sneaky curves, to fitting in them a once-a-month trip grocery trip to Costco. Even though you turn heads driving, the 70mpg of a Prius is one plus I missed!**

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Car show season is just around the corner and members we want you to take advantage of some of the most fun times we have at shows. From detailing our cars to the rags down time, to getting involved in raffles and silent auction. One of note last year I attended was the show at Cascade High where the Seniors earn money for their party after graduation. They have an amazing silent auction, vendors galore, and raffles too. **I came out a winner and only I could come home with a 28 \* 28 picture of a bulldog and it fit in the trunk thank goodness!**

**So be involved, have fun in those upcoming car shows, cruises, and special activities!**  
***Be active because it is your club! President Dorothy Ezell***

## February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 CLUB MEETING MINUTES

- 50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around
- Sign-up Sheet for February 21<sup>st</sup> Jacket night- Al Penna Hosting
- Yearly Jacket Night Hosting Sign up passed around-Need 2 more hosts one for July and one for September- Dorothy will host one.

### 1830: CALL TO ORDER: Dorothy

- No guests or members in attendance
- Birthday Announcements Dorothy

**Lou Berry February 10-2014 Z51 Roadster Crystal Red 3LT**  
**Eva Mathers February 13-2023 Corvette Convertible Stingray**  
**Molly Hendricks February 18<sup>th</sup>-**

### LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Dorothy

- The minutes have been created by Sarah and distributed to you through the Glass Sass. No further corrections or additions. Minutes are approved as distributed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana**

- **CHK = \$1,134.96 Savings = \$12,948.38; Interest= \$.54**
- **Petty cash= \$300 dollars**
- **Deposits= \$135 for dues - 2 family and 1 single membership**
- **Expenses: \$400 withdrawal to Roths IGA Catering for Christmas Party; Jamila moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded and motion passed unanimously.**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT: Dorothy**

January 16-17 Winter Rod and Speed Show Linn County Fair and Expo Albany and Kelly and Andrea had been invited and showed 3 Corvettes. Several members attended to cheer them on!

On App Next Door an activities director for a nursing home was asking about any car clubs that were interested in bringing Classic cars to show residents there. She said they were looking for about 4 classic cars that is what they had parking for and a free BBQ would be done. They requested Classic cars-Jim Jacks is a classic any others?

### **VP REPORT:**

February 28-1 March, Salem Rod Show, State Fair Grounds. 9-6

May 9<sup>th</sup>-Cascade HS Car Show

Flyers available for several car shows - will be copies at front tables

Some shows that were shared:

Wild to Mild Motorsports Swap Meet, 2/7 in Salem @ fairgrounds: Columbia Hall

Oregon International Auto Show 2/19 in PDX @ Oregon Convention Center

Car Corral in Astoria- indoor swap meet 3/14

Portland Roadster Show

Cap. City Madness car show in Salem

49th annual custom and rod show in Medford 4/18-19

13th annual Cascade car show May 9 @ Turner OR

Salem Classic Car Auction May 16-17 in Salem

First annual High Tides and Low rides show and shine 6/6 in Winchester Bay (first show!)

St. Helens Elks Cruise In 7/11 @ St. Helen's Oregon- COULD BE A GREAT CLUB CRUISE In

Happy Days Cruise in Aug 2 @ Gladstone

**Millersburg Car Show (year three!) Check out the Fliers August 1 @ Millersburg (Al is willing to coordinate)**

If anyone is interested in taking the lead on ANY of these (or other car shows/cruises) let the club know and we'll get it on our activities list!

**6/20 Father's Day Cruise In @ Corvallis - Al is willing to Coordinate.**

**14th Annual Spring Hill Car Show, July 19 @ Albany, OR. Al will take the lead on this car cruise (thank you!)**

**Tri-Cities Corvettes on the Columbia Car Show September 11, 12, 13.** Hotels are already out for Tri Cities corvette club (volunteered by Andrea Smothers). Reservations sell out quickly, so make your reservations now. You can typically cancel up to 4 days before the event without cost.

## COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- Bowling Green Update: The 2026 Christmas ornament is available.
- **Committee Updates**
  - Membership-WVCA Officers will be calling all unpaid members to see interest.
  - Activities-?
  - Club doing a car show?**OLD BUSINESS:**

Club activities in 2025 included: Several car shows attended like the Cascade HS Car Show, Paralyzed Veterans car show, Boise Vette Fest (held every other year) and many more available, Cowboy Tree Dinner, Escorting the Traveling wall of Healing from Salem to Independence (Very emotional escort), and Vettes for Vets parade in McMinnville (Also very emotional) , Chauffeuring the Cascade High School princesses onto the field for their homecoming (Brings back memories.)



**January 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 Jacket Night**-at Margarita Factory Thanks to Larry and Cathie Raaf for hosting a fun night!

**Jacket Night hosts:** Thanks to all that signed up for hosting jacket nights in 2026! We have 2 months open. Dorothy will be hosting one we need 1 more member to host- July or September.

### FUTURE JACKET NIGHTS INFO:

**February Jacket Night: 21 February and hosted by Al Penna.** More info provided at 05 Feb meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Valentine's Day Ideas:**

Al suggested we meet up and drive to Oregon Gardens for dinner. Leave noonish from Elmer's in Woodburn, then drive to OG for arrival around 1pm.

Two options after lunch:

Option 1- for folks who want to walk the gardens (if weather is good)

Option 2 -follow Al to a place to have dessert. Stop halfway between Oregon Garden and Salem and have 'surprise dessert' (shh probably Willamette Valley Pie Co. Shh!).

Then go our separate ways after dessert and/or garden visit.

**Christmas party is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Add to your calendar now!**

**Dorothy** shared history about the "brown jacket era" of WVCA. Club was formed in Albany OR, in July 1968 by Corvette enthusiasts. Soon after, Capitol Chevrolet offered in early 1969 to host WVCA.

1980 the first issue of Glass Sass was sent out to members in October. (Kelly has an actual copy of the first copy! It is scanned but currently not on the website). When it is pay particular attention to the advertised price for a split window corvette on p. 3.

#### **Corvette-Trivia! 1 ticket each question**

1. "What is the largest car show in Oregon?" Portland Auto Show - TJ Anderson won!
2. "What year was WVCA incorporated?" 1968 - Nick Valenzuela won!
3. "What was changed on the logo?" Salem was removed because we have members all over - Marty Valenzuela won!

**50/50 DRAWING:** How much to the club **\$47**, how much to the winners **\$24** each winner.

**Brent Anderson** won both of the **\$24** 50/50 raffle

**Glass Sass Distribution** Kelly shared that they switched over to the old WVCA List serve apologies for any names that did not transfer over. Kelly recommended that members check SPAM email to see if it went there. Kelly took down names of those who may have missed the Glass Sass. Julie and Dave Schwerdt, Nick and Marti Valenzuela, and Maggie and Bob Cozart- are all on the list. Please add "WVCA" as a contact and trusted sender so it does not go into the spam folder.

**April 18 Cherry Blossom Poker run: \$5 per poker hand + Canned food. Very fun event.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Dorothy: Meeting adjourned 7:04pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Secretary Sarah Olshefski*