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WVCA President's Letter-January 2026

A BRAND-NEW YEAR BEGINS I LOVE CORVETTE PEOPLE

Hello WVCA members!! As I get familiar with my duties of President, this one is brand new for me! I hope that you will enjoy and look forward to all the opportunities that being a member of the **WVCA** brings. January is the beginning of ramping up a new season of car shows, cruises, and activities that happened with your club.

Our job as officers is to help lead the way and since we are starting with all new officers: President Dorothy Ezell aka duct tape, VP Alex Penna, Secretary Sarah Anne Olshefski, Treasurer Dana Malby, and member at large, Jamilah Moody, please go easy on us as we learn our positions and responsibilities.

In explaining why I love Corvette people, I must reflect at least on a few of the activities I participated in this past year. Besides, the usual car shows locally there was the Boise Vette Fest a three-day celebration and I do mean

celebration of our iconic cars from C1's to C-8s.

This show was the first for me in several ways.

It was the first time I came away with an actual third place plaque for the C6 Coupe category. Now, that may not sound like a big deal but as I picked up the plaque I looked up to heaven and thanked my husband Rick for all his hard work and bling he just kept adding to the Vette. Geez, I thought at the time that getting our 2010 magnetic red C6 his second Vette would satisfy him. And it did partially, man little did I know how many upgrades, accessories, time, and more money spent could add to our lives. Just a little experience everyone should be ready for.

Just to explain why I love Corvette people, they are down to earth, friendly, helpful, and accepting. After all many of my activities, I bring one of my relatives or friends.

My sister-in-law Linda came with me to Boise and was my navigator, and heavens, she was a big help that hotel was a maze. And I gave her the task of shining up the Vettes wheels. She said next time you take the wheels showing me her black hands.

Then when I got back from Boise my brother said "next time I get to go" so he came with me on the trip to the Cowboy Tree Dinner. Julie masterminded the trip including a goody bag for each of us.

Well, we were her little chicks and mother hen kept track of us in her rear-view mirror. And I mean that literally she is a force to be reckoned with trying to keep up with. But we all managed to get there in one piece with lots of fun passing cars and just showing off our Vettes on the way. And oh my, the Dinner was amazing! My brother was in seventh heaven bringing back his cooler full of leftover steak, etc.

Many times, I brought friends to club events and each time everyone was welcoming and friendly to them. That is why I love Corvette people!

This is just a peek at what you can have when you participate and help with the activities of the club! Do not be shy and have fun! After all, that is only one of the bonuses of owning a Corvette as you fly down the backroads around corners, to car shows, cruises, escorting the Traveling Wall, it goes on and on. Well, I will end my letter of the month with that! Be active because it is **your** club! **Prez Dorothy Ezell**

Reminder: If you have not paid your dues for 2026, do it now, please or by next membership Meeting you will be deleted from our roster and email lists which includes news on club events.

Meeting Minutes-January 8th, 2026

- +50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around
- Yearly Jacket Night Hosting Sign up passed around
- Prospective new member application handed out - No new members

1830: CALL TO ORDER: Dorothy

- Recognize New Guests and Introductions:
- Birthday Announcements **Dorothy**
 - Larry Raaf 1/2 2019 Elkhart Lake Blue coupe
 - Cathy Raaf 1/2 2019 Elkhart Lake Blue coupe
 - Sandra Stark 1/3 1995 Red ZR1; 2015 Stingray Z51 3LT Red Roadster
 - Andrea Massey 1/10 2005 Z51 Red C6 Roadster
 - Alex Penna 1/20 2003 Red Anniversary Edition
 - Andrea Smothers 1/24 2018 Ceramic Matrix Gray GS Coupe
 - Trezure Anderson 1/26 1993 Black Rose Metallic C4
 - Ann Salvatori 1/27 2003 Anniversary Red Special Edition

Approval of Last Month's Minutes LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Dorothy

- The minutes have been created by Kelly and distributed to you through the Glass Sass. "Are
- there any corrections?" No Corrections; Motion to approve: Sarah; Second: Jamiliah

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana

- As of January 8th. CHK = \$1,399.96 Savings = \$12,947.84 // .54¢ interest.
- \$211 dollars in Petty Cash.
- Deposits: \$135
- Expenses: Club Insurance paid; 2 name tags paid (members not in attendance to receive), \$500 donated to Toy Drive; Post office dues paid.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Dorothy

- Here we are, January, the beginning of the new year for WVCA.
- And with that, all things will be new, starting with new officers. I would like to introduce them and ask them to share information they would like to share.
 - President: Dorothy Ezell
 - Vice President: Alex Penna
 - Secretary: Sarah Anne Olshefski
 - Treasurer: Dana Malby
 - Member at Large: Jamiliah Mooney
- On 1-2-26, Andrea emailed the new board our current up to date roster and at that time,

She suggested that we remind past members via call/email who has not renewed membership as a final reminder.

- I will also be confirming at the meeting if what was emailed on the 2nd was the punt and kick of records to the new officers of a cleaned-up roster, the email distribution list, and the Facebook Account.
- Kelly, Dana, and I met on January 5th and all Treasury documents and the PO Box keys were transferred at that time. On the 8th Kelly, Dana and I will meet at the West Salem US Bank to transfer signing authority from past officers to Dana and I. So, depending on what transpires of a review of the club documents by Dana, we may have an abbreviated Treasurer's report this meeting but be in full swing for an update at our February meeting.
- Results of the Santa Cruise on December 6th. The Willamette Valley Corvette Association placed 2nd in the attendance category. And we thank all of you that came even without your Vette, (for example a truckload by Bob and Susan Crocker) with their additional family members to add to our attendance at the Cruise in. Our club did donate \$500 to the cause and it is my understanding that over \$7,000 was raised to help buy toys for children in addition to all the toys donated. And the third time was the charm; I and my Vette Prince won first place for best decorated vehicle at the cruise in. Thanks to everyone who voted for us!
- The Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 13th at Roth's Event Center in West Salem. Shenanigans included the gift exchange, a table decorating contest, the Ornament contest, and Christmas Party outfit contest. Table #5 with Sarah, Rex, TJ, and Brent won the table decorating contest. The ornament contest was won by Sarah and she also won the Christmas Party outfit contest. Way to go Sarah! I can say a great time was had by all and that Roth's Catering did a great job serving tasty food with even extra to go home.
And we need to thank Andrea and Kelly for their immense work on not only this Christmas Party but for everything they have done for our club these past six years. Your dedication and help to keep our club going for our members has been tremendous and we are going to have hard shoes to fill. But I am excited for the special characters we have coming in as officers and we will do our best to help make YOUR club fun and exciting (as long as you members are all in).
- Kelly and Andrea have been invited and will be showing 3 Corvettes at the Winter Rod and Speed Show Linn County Fair and Expo Albany OR on January 16-17. Have some fun attending and help cheer them on

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Alex

- January 16-17: Winter Rod and Speed Show at Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany, OR
- February 28-01 March: Salem Rod Show at the State air Grounds
- May 9: Cascade HS Car Show

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- SACC - Joe Peters Will have update during February meeting
- Bowling Green Update: The National Corvette Museum is expanding with a new 66,000-square-foot Collections facility, scheduled to open in Fall 2026, to house and preserve historic Corvettes and artifacts, with behind-the-scenes tours starting in early 2027. Recent news also includes new board members, a new Director of Membership, and the delivery of

the 20,000th Corvette through its R8C program.

- Cherry Blossom Poker Run in April
- Committee Appointments
 - Webmaster - Kelly Smothers
 - Glass Sass Newsletter Editor - Julie Schwerdt
 - SACC - Joe Peters and Alex Penna
 - Historian - Marti Valenzuela and Gary Hill
 - NCM Ambassador - Kelly Smothers
 - Membership – *Officers*
- Activities - Is there someone interested in planning any?

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder brought up by Andrea to make sure we reserve Roth's now for our 2026 Christmas Party. Dorothy owns this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dorothy - wanted to share that the Corvette Ladies group I started is now up 248 members including Lithuania.

Sarah - wanted to bring up holiday stuff we did and wanted to see if the club would be interested. Powerland hosted their 6th annual Holiday Sparkle event that is a free drive through event where you get to see all the lights and decorations the volunteers put up and then you can vote on your favorite. They do this on weekends during the holidays; it is free to enter; they have Santa and hot cocoa at the main bundling they set up for all to park and enjoy. I wanted to put this as an event if there are people interested.

Kelly - We used to do Kaiser lights and drive through seeing the houses decorated.

Roger Weber - I have the optional break cooler kit from my C8 Z51. If anyone is interested in them, I am willing to just give them away.

Alex - I wanted to plan a Valentines Day short cruise; not on the 14th but near the date; can do this as a Jacket Night and take a nice short drive and then grab something to eat afterwards.

Dorothy, I get this thing from the Corvette Blogger - they have several articles about Women. I also have something called the WE Initiative that stands for Women Endeavor and it is a program by the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) aimed at attracting and engaging female Corvette Enthusiasts, showing them the benefits of NCRS beyond just judging, and encouraging more women to join and participate. (shared info packets at table)

TECH TIME: Nothing was set for this/no one spoke up but Jamillah whispered to Sarah to share her gift - **Sarah - Santa delivered 2" headers to me for Christmas so we will be installing them once the X-pipe is back in stock and getting it tuned.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question

1. Exterior Emblems were removed from the standard hood and fenders in 1967, 1968, or 1969?
Julie won with 1967

2. What was the base price of a 1966 Convertible Corvette. Going to let you all guess before I narrow it down for you (no right answers yet but good ones). The choices are \$4,029, \$4,084, \$4,177. **Sarah won with \$4,084**

50/50 DRAWING: How much to the club _\$99_, how much to the winners _\$48_?

1. **Marti** won the first ticket
2. **Susan** won the second ticket

SPECIAL DRAWING: Look under your chairs. There are 2 stickers placed randomly and if you find one.

1. **TJ Andeson** found first sticker and received a bag
2. **Second sticker was not found**

ADJOURNMENT at 724pm: Route 99 for dinner after the meeting.

Monthly Event Pictures

Jacket Night January 8th 2026



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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