



News Letter June 2026

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Hello WVCA Members,

Welcome to June where car shows are in full swing! Anyone who has information on car shows or cruises please share that on our Facebook page. And also, you can find more information on <https://www.nwcam.com>. As I sit here after injuring my leg for the second time in 2 months, I've had plenty of time to catch up on old TV shows such as Family Feud and watching some pieces of Jeff Dunham. On a 1970 edition of Family Feud there was one question that came up what hot sports car would your husband buy if he could buy any one he wanted? Highest answer was a Corvette!!!! And Jeff Dunham was talking with his puppet Walter the grumpy older man, and Jeff asked him what he thought about having his wife get breast enhancements. Walters answered oh no you can't put new headlights on a minivan and expect it to be a Corvette! Our Iconic car is everywhere!

Did you know that June 30th is National Corvette Day? National Corvette Day is celebrated annually on June 30th. It was officially designated by the United States Congress in 2008. The Day recognizes the Corvette's significance as a classic American sports car and its impact on the automotive industry



As far as club news the annual club picnic is being planned by a committee of some very wonderful ladies Julie Hughes, Kristi Rehm, and Marti Venezuela. So far a Save the date notice has gone out and that date is July 15th. There will be more discussion and information available at our July 02nd Club meeting and also in this Glass Sass!

Have a great month and Save the Wave! Dorothy

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

- **50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around**
- **Signup Sheet for June 17th, 2026 Jacket night- Brad & Kristi Rehm Hosting**
- **Dinner post meeting: The View at McNary Golf Course tonight and for the 02 July meeting thank you for the recommended by Larry and Cathy**

1830: CALL TO ORDER: Dana

- **Recognize New Guests and Introductions (NWCA and Rose City Corvettes):**
 - **Kelly and Keith (from both NWCA and Rose City Corvettes)**
 - **Debbie (from both NWCA and Rose City Corvettes)**
 - **Kevin (from Rose City Corvettes)**
 - **Mike and Susan (from both NWCA and Rose City Corvettes)**

- **Birthday Announcements Dana**

Color and Model Corvette They Own

Sarah		2017 Arctic White Z06/Z07
Olshefski	6/9	2022 Arctic White Z51
Dorothy		
Ezell	6/11	2010 Crystal Red C6 Coupe
Maryann	6/15	2014 Lime Rock Green Stingray
Burgess		Roadster
Don	6/21	2019 Torch Red Coupe
Chandler		
Ken Kafka	6/21	2024 Cacti Green Stingray Coupe
Bobbi	6/24	2023 Red Mist Metallic Z51/HTC
Weber		
Pam		
Marshal	6/30	2019 ZR1

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:: Dana

- The minutes have been created by Sarah and distributed to you through the Glass Sass. "Are there any corrections?"
- Motion to approve: TJ Anderson
- 2nd to approve: Pat Peters
- Approved at 637pm

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana ●

CHK = \$1424.96

- Savings = \$12,950.48 and \$ 0.54 cents in interest.
- Petty Cash: \$177
- Deposits: \$350 from Petty Cash
- Expenses: \$ Nothing going out and nothing in mailbox

CAR SHOW REPORT:

Flyers available for car shows will be at front table

Mid-Valley Auto Club Council Website to find local car shows <https://mvacc.org/>

Check out North West Auto Mall for more events/shows

Paralyzed Veterans of America on 13 June at the fairgrounds in the horse arena and indoors on concrete.

Langer Farms - Corvette Day get there early as the line gets long quick!

16th Annual Corvettes on the Columbia 10-12 September

21 June - Planters Day Parade; first year taking over from the Columbia River Camaro Club (CRCC); starts at 8a and ends at 6p; band, food, and 21 categories; voting by the Queen and her Court.

11 July 8a-2p Rose City parade in Portland; parade, cruise in and other events Saturday with the car show on Sunday.

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- **SACC - Joe Peters**
 - Last month SACC and now official Mid Valley Auto Council (MVAC)
 - The idea was that there are numerous clubs and when seeing the name with Salem in it, some assume it is just Salem area Corvette Clubs but it does include all areas hence changing the name.
 - Have had new members since changing the name
 - Website is up and running - owned by Tim Hayes

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Are we going to have a picnic this year
 - We should and will need to discuss with board members when all have returned.

FUTURE JACKET NIGHTS INFO

Those that have volunteered please at least a month prior to hosting let Dorothy know the location and the staging information.

June Jacket Night will be hosted by Brad and Kristi Rehm (Phone 503-538-1088) on June 17th at 6:30pm and will be held at Wooden Heart, 1410 OR-99W Suite 101, Dundee, Oregon 97115. Staging will be at Roths 1130 Wallace Rd. NW, Salem, Oregon. They will be distributing a flyer at the meeting of time and place of staging.

Sign-up sheet being passed around! Please be considerate if there are any changes or cancellations inform the hosts as soon as possible.

TECH TIME:

Nothing discussed this month

Corvette Trivia! 1 ticket each question-Sarah Anne

- 1. The Corvette has been produced in Flint, Michigan and Bowling Green, Kentucky. What year did Bowling Green become the permanent home?
a. 1981 b. Won by: Jim**
- 2. The Corvette has served as the Indianapolis 500 pace car more than any other vehicle. How many times has the Corvette been the official Pace Car for the Indianapolis 500?
a. 13 times Won by: Roger**

50/50 DRAWING: How much to the club \$85, how much to the winners \$41 for each winner?

#1: 413344 Dru #2: 413185 Bob

ADJOURNMENT: Dana at 6:58pm

WVCA ANNUAL PICNIC July 15th 2026



WVCA Annual Picnic sign-ups will be at the July Meeting. If you can't make the July meeting and you wish to attend, please let Julie, Kristi or Martie know how many will be coming from your family and this is a Potluck and what you will be providing toward the dinner.

Member Articles:



Gary Hill and I, Dru White, met online 13 years ago. What is ironic is that Dru grew up in Medford, Oregon and Gary grew up in Klamath Falls, Oregon. We both knew some of the same people and went to Lake of the Woods a lot but never met at that time. After a few phone calls and emails, they met and went on Dru's first motorcycle ride. Gary owned a custom Harley Davidson shop in Eugene for 40 years. Gary drove up to Salem and that was it. Our ceremony was held on the Willamette Queen 7 years ago on Cinco de Mayo.

Gary had owned three Corvettes but did not own one at the time we met. So, we started looking for a yellow convertible online. We found them on the East Coast, Texas and Southern California. Finally, one Sunday Morning we found one online in Springfield, Oregon. It is a 2006 C6.



[Hit the Road! Traveling in Your Corvette](#)

Tech Tips with Kelly Smothers

If you ask me, one of the greatest underappreciated joys of owning a Corvette is what it's like to actually drive one. Not just show it, not just park it in the garage and admire it — but really drive it. And here in the Pacific Northwest, we are genuinely spoiled for choice. The Pacific Ocean is an hour away. The Cascades are a couple hours in the other direction. Mt. Hood, Mt. Bachelor, the Columbia River Gorge — we live in one of the most spectacular driving regions in the country, and these cars were built for exactly this kind of road.

So, let's talk about road trips. Whether you're doing a quick day run to the coast or loading up for an overnight adventure like our trip to the Cowboy Dinner Tree, a little preparation makes the difference between a great story and a bad one.

[The Go Bag — Build It Once, Throw It In Every Time](#)

Here's a concept I've come to swear by: the Go Bag. A small bag or kit that lives ready to go, so when a trip comes together, you're not scrambling around the garage looking for things. Toss it in and go.

Here's what mine has in it:

[Roadside Essentials](#)

- **AAA Membership** — I'll be honest, I've called AAA more times
- **Portable jump starter** — Modern lithium jump starters are compact, powerful, and will fit in a Corvette. Don't rely on flagging down a stranger with jumper cables. Get one, charge it periodically, and forget about it until you need it.

- **Tire inflator** — A small 12V inflator is worth its weight in gold. Tires lose pressure on long drives, temperatures change, and you don't always have a gas station nearby when you need one (if they even have air available). Pair this with a quality tire pressure gauge.
- **Fix-a-Flat or tire plug kit** — Not a permanent fix, but it can get you to a shop. Know your tire type before you rely on this one — some run-flat setups don't play well with sealants. (I'll probably take flak for this, good old Les hates fix a flat).
- **Basic tool kit** — You don't need to bring a full toolbox, but a small kit with a multi-tool, zip ties, electrical tape, a few fuses, and basic screwdrivers has saved more road trips than I can count.
- **First aid kit** — A proper one, not just a couple of Band-Aids.
- Compact kits are available everywhere and take up almost no space.
- **Flashlight or headlamp** — Because car trouble doesn't only happen in daylight.
- **Reflective triangle or road flares** — If you're pulled over on a mountain road or a coastal highway, visibility matters.
- **Pen and paper** — Old school, but useful for exchanging information if needed.
- **Power Bank** — In these days of cell phones and gadgets, a 20K-24kmAh Portable Power Bank is a must have for trips. Quick charge, emergency backup you name it. Some have enough power to power your laptop.

Comfort and Sustenance

- Water — more than you think you need, especially on hot summer days in the mountains
- Snacks that won't melt or make a mess — the interior of a Corvette is not the place for a chocolate bar in August
- A small cooler or insulated bag if you're doing a longer run
- Phone charger and backup battery pack

- Sunglasses — obvious, but forgotten more than you'd think
- A light jacket — the coast and the mountains can both turn cool quickly even in summer

Day Trips vs. Overnight Trips

For a day run — a cruise to the coast, a loop up to Mt. Hood for lunch, a run through the Gorge — your Go Bag pretty much covers you. Throw it in, top off the gas, and go.

Overnight trips require a bit more thought. Space in a Corvette is a known quantity, so packing efficiently matters. A soft duffel generally works better than a hard suitcase in the rear storage area. Roll your clothes, keep it lean, and remember you're driving a sports car, not a minivan — and that's exactly the point. I mean really, there is more room than a Prius after all.

Overnight Trips — A Few Things Worth Thinking About

Parking and Hotel Logistics

When you're booking a hotel for an overnight trip, don't be shy about calling ahead and asking about parking arrangements. Many hotels have a fenced lot, a covered garage, or a section of the lot that's better lit and less trafficked. Ask for it. Most front desk staff are happy to accommodate — especially when you mention it's a Corvette. In my experience, people respond well to that. When you arrive, take a lap around the parking situation before you commit to a spot. Corner spots, well-lit areas away from shopping cart corrals and high-traffic lanes, spots where your car isn't sandwiched between two trucks — all worth the extra thirty seconds.

Key Fob Security — RFID Pouches

This is something more people should be thinking about. Modern Corvettes with proximity key fobs are convenient, but that convenience comes with a vulnerability. Bad actors can use signal amplifiers to clone or relay your key fob signal and unlock — or in some cases start — your car without ever having the key. It sounds like science fiction but it's a real and growing

problem, especially in hotel parking lots and tourist areas. The solution is simple and cheap: an RFID-blocking pouch. They're a few dollars, they look like a small wallet or case, and you drop your key fob in it when you're not using it. No signal in, no signal out. It's one of those things where the cost of not doing it is potentially very high. Pick one up and make it part of your travel habit.

On the Road Situational Awareness

Keep your registration and insurance accessible but not visible. Don't leave anything of value in the car overnight if you can avoid it. And if something about a parking situation doesn't feel right — trust that. There's always another hotel.

Some of My Favorite Roads and Runs

I'm asked fairly often about favorite road trips, and honestly, it's hard to narrow down. Living where we do, there's no shortage of great options. A run out Highway 20 to the coast never gets old. Mt. Hood loop on a clear fall day is as good as it gets. Mt. Bachelor on a summer morning before the traffic peaks, there's a reason the club has made the run up to Mt. Hood more than once, smoke and all.

One overnight trip that deserves its own paragraph — or two — is the Cowboy Dinner Tree run, and if you've been on it, you already know why. This is one of those WVCA traditions that has taken on a life of its own, and a big reason for that is Julie Schwerdt, who organizes and leads the whole thing with impressive skill and good humor and patience (). Pulling together 8 to 10 couples, coordinating the route, the lodging, the timing — it's no small thing, and Julie makes it look easy. The club is lucky to have her. The destination itself is a central Oregon icon — the Cowboy Dinner Tree is the kind of place that feels like it exists outside of regular time. But honestly, as good as the dinner is, the drive is half the experience. The scenery through that stretch of central Oregon is just stunning — wide open

landscapes, high desert, the kind of roads that remind you exactly why you bought a Corvette in the first place. Rolling through that country with 8 or 10 other Corvettes in the rearview mirror is one of those experiences that's hard to put into words. If you haven't made this trip yet, put it on your list. Talk to Julie. She'll get you sorted.

But if you ask me about my all-time favorite — the one that will live in WVCA history forever — it must be the Crater Lake run. The Grasshopper Run, as some of you know it. If you were there, you know exactly what I mean and you're smiling right now. If you weren't there, ask someone who was. It's the kind of trip that becomes part of the club's identity, and it's a reminder of why we do this — not just for cars, but for the people and the roads and the moments that happen when you point a Corvette toward something beautiful and go.

Here's hoping we add a few more of those trips to the list this season.

— Kelly

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