



News Letter May 2026

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President's Letter May 2026

Hello Vettters,

Welcome to May where car shows are getting into full swing! First, I would like to inform our membership that our Vice President Al Penna just this last week had major back surgery and will be out of commission for at least 3 months. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to have him back keeping us up to date on car shows dates and locations. In the meantime, 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>. Paul Ennor this month's birthday boy's Halloween costume gives us a hint that as the years go by sometimes you just can't do what you used to be able to do. At least that's what I'm finding out! I saw on the news that two airports had sinkholes appear on their landing strips, but I believe that Corvettes at the National Museum have them beat. On February 12, 2014, a natural disaster struck the National Corvette Museum when a massive sinkhole unexpectedly opened beneath the iconic Skydome, swallowing eight cherished Corvettes. Measuring 40 feet wide, 60 feet long, and 30 feet deep, the sinkhole captured global attention and became a symbol of resilience and restoration. The cars, ranging from unique prototypes to iconic classics, were recovered in a dramatic effort, with some restored to their former glory while others remain their damaged state as a testament to the event.

The eight cars swallowed by the sinkhole included:

- **2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 "Blue Devil"** (On loan from General Motors)
- **1993 ZR-1 Spyder** (On loan from General Motors)
- **1962 Tuxedo Black Corvette**

- 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette
- 2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette
- 1984 PPG Indy Pace Car
- 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette

Only three were deemed restorable: the 1 millionth Corvette, the 1962 Black Corvette, and the "Blue Devil" prototype. I was able to view the exhibit and damage. It really made you ill to see how those iconic cars were destroyed. Here are some pictures I took.



Have a great month and Save the Wave! Dorothy

Meeting Minutes

- 50/50 Drawing tickets being passed around
- Signup Sheet for **May 20th** Jacket night- Jamaliah Mooney Hosting
 - Dallas, OR at Dallas North Bar and Grill
 - Meet up at Malory's at 530p/leave at 545p/arrive 605p and will map quest to take Rickman Road since maps is not cooperating - backroad into Dallas
 - 2 set of speed bumps that may not be nice but next door there is spots to park as the buildings/businesses will be closed
- Prospective new member application handed out

1830: CALL TO ORDER: Dorothy

- Recognize New Guests and Introductions:
- Birthday Announcements **Dorothy**

Color and Model Corvette They Own

Louthan	Rob	5/2	1966 Red Coupe 300 HP 327 4-speed
			2014 Z51 Coupe 7-Speed
Wilson	Brent	5/8	2003 Anniversary Edition Red Coupe
Wells	Randi	5/13	2005 Precision Red Coupe
Ennor	Paul	5/16	1982 Collector; 1973 454 Roadster
Wells	Sid	5/20	2005 Precision Red Coupe
	Larry		1968 International Blue Roadster:
King	(Lucky)	5/27	1978 Anniversary Silver Coupe

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Dorothy

- The minutes have been created by Sarah and distributed to you through the Glass Sass. "Are there any corrections?" One correction to note Gary Hill will be hosting the July Jacket night instead of Gary Dental as was written.
- When no (further) corrections are offered, "If there are no (further) corrections . . . (pause) . . . the minutes are approved as distributed/corrected."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana

- **CHK = \$1,074.96 \$ Savings = \$12,994.94/ \$.54_cents in interest.**
- **\$480 dollars in Petty Cash (2 new members)**
- Deposits: **\$0**

- Expenses: **\$100 for securing meeting place**
- After going through non paid members, emails and calls, we did increase to 71 paid members
- Motion to approve: Julie
- Second: Ed

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Dorothy

Big thank you to Kelly Smothers for his tech article in this month's Glass Sass! Any additional articles suggestions for Glass Sass? All are welcome.

Christmas Party- Group consensus Keep as is at Roths IGA or do Oregon Gardens?

- Consensus to keep at Roths
- Can join Al when heading to the gardens on 14 Dec to go; \$20 to walk though lights and market fair; email if you have any questions or are interested to join

Based on last meeting minutes, interest in a new logo; need someone who is more experience with AI; need more members present; last time, lots of interest and lots of work put in, yet no one wanted to change it when it came down to it. Do not want members to spend on this time if we do not change it. Need a majority vote.

VP REPORT:

Any update on Christmas at Oregon Gardens - Keeping at Roths

May/June Car Show Information: and other relevant shows later in year for preregistration

May 9th-Cascade HS Car Show

Flyers available for car shows will be at front table

Events will be emailed out by Al.

Corvettes on the Columbia: a few members have signed up already; will reserve a table so all can sit together for dinner; clipboard will be passed around to get a starting headcount; this is for each night, 3 different events, and will get a table for each day; Main convention Center, all rooms booked but there are other options.

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- SACC - Joe Peters -

OLD BUSINESS:

New Logo Design Review: Member Volunteer needed to run the review, set an end date before bringing the designs to the club.

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FUTURE JACKET NIGHTS INFO

We need one more volunteer to host a jacket night this year in September. If interested let Dorothy know! I can do it if we do not have any volunteers

Those that have volunteered please at least a month prior to hosting give Dorothy the location information and if cruising to the logistics for meeting up so a signup sheet can be prepared for the meeting before you are hosting the jacket night!

NEW BUSINESS:

May jacket night will be hosted by Jamaliah Mooney on May 20th at 6:30pm and will be held at NORTH DALLAS BAR & GRILL- 170 E Ellendale Ave, Dallas, OR 97338, (503) 623-4494. Sign-up sheet being passed around! Please be considerate if there are any changes or cancellations.

TECH TIME:

Tech time items or suggestions: Anyone know where to find a spoiler for a black C5 corvette or a C7?

- West Coast Corvettes
- Mid Motorsports

Donated Car cover for C7 or C8

Corvette-Trivia! 1 ticket each question: 1982 was the last generation of which Corvettes? - cannot decide the right answer but Joe and Jamaliah both said what the Trivia Card said.

In what year did seat belts become standard equipment on all Corvettes? - 1958, won by Danny?

How many lights were on the 1958 Corvette? - 4 lights, won by someone who was not named.

50/50 DRAWING: How much to the club \$47, how much to the winners \$24?

Winner #1: 413016 - Female member but no name tracked

Winner #2: 413034 - Male member but no name tracked

Winner #3 (for the donated prize): 412981 - Female member but no name tracked

ADJOURNMENT: Dorothy

50/50 Winners

Winner #1 Maggie Cozart

Winner#2 Dana Malby

Winner #3 Maggie Cozart

Monthly Articles:



Show Time! Getting Your Corvette Ready for the Season

Tech Tips with Kelly Smothers

Before we dive in, a quick nod to last month's article — if you missed it, we talked about waking your Corvette up after winter storage. The big takeaways were getting your battery load-tested (not just checked with a voltmeter!), checking your tire age using the DOT code on the sidewall, keeping an eye out for rodent damage especially on older cars, and doing a good once-over on fluids, brakes, and rubber seals before you head out for the season. If you have questions on any of that, track me down at a meeting — happy to help.

Now, on to the fun stuff.

Welcome to Show Season

Cars & Coffee, regional Corvette shows, concours events, trophy competitions — whatever level you're playing at, show season is here and it's time to make your car shine. Whether you're a first-timer just pulling into your first Cars & Coffee or a seasoned competitor chasing trophies, a little preparation goes a long way. Let's talk about how to get your car — and yourself — ready.

Start With a Clean Car — And I Mean Really Clean

Here's something every show judge knows that casual spectators don't always think about: at most Corvette shows and many car shows in general, judges are going to ask you to open things up. Hood, rear hatch, a door or two — it all gets looked at. And here's the thing — a shiny paint job can hide a

lot of sins from twenty feet away, but the moment that hood goes up, there's nowhere to hide. A judge who knows what they're looking at can tell in about thirty seconds how well you actually take care of your car. So clean everything, not just what people can see from the outside. And you know, hide it under the hood.... You know you're thinking about doing just that.

Washing — Pick Your Method

If you're hand washing, the **two bucket method** is the way to go. One bucket with your soapy wash water, one bucket with clean rinse water. You dip your wash mitt, scrub a section, rinse the mitt in the clean bucket before going back for more soap. This keeps you from dragging the dirt and grit you just picked up right back across your paint — which is exactly how swirl marks happen.

If your car doesn't get terribly dirty between drives (and let's

be honest, most of ours don't), a **waterless wash** is a great option. A quality waterless wash product and a stack of good microfiber towels can get your car show-ready quickly without the hose and buckets. I mean, you're really just 'dusting' your car anyway, and well, I'll be honest, you'll be 'dusting' it during a show here in the valley as well: Pollen, dusty field, these cars attract dust like iron to a magnet.

Starting From Scratch? Start in the shade.

Car should not be hot to the touch. If it's been a while, or if you want to really dial things in for the season, consider doing it right from the ground up:

Start with the two bucket wash to get the car clean, then follow up with a **clay bar** treatment. Clay bars pull out the bonded contaminants that washing alone can't remove — industrial fallout, tree sap, brake dust, overspray — and leave

the paint feeling like glass. You'll know it's working when you feel the difference.

From there, you have options. A **three step polish** — compound, polish, and then a protective topper — will give you the deepest, most corrected finish and is worth it if you're going for serious competition. Or if the paint is already in good shape, a **one-step polish followed by a wax or sealant** can get you right where you want to be. There are so many good products on the market and honestly, so many ways to be successful with these cars. Find what works for you. Many people are brand loyal, we have our favorites as well.

Afterthought: Well, when I first came to this club, I was told a trick that sticks in my memory. Bugs.. We all get them. A little warm water, let sit a couple minutes and presto.

Don't Forget the Glass

This one gets overlooked more than you'd think — clean all your glass, inside and out. Windows, mirrors, the whole works. Hazy or streaky glass stands out at a show and it's such an easy fix. A good automotive glass cleaner and a clean microfiber will handle it. And yes, the inside matters too — judges and spectators look through those windows.

Tires and Wheels — Don't Let Them Let You Down

This is one of the most commonly overlooked areas at car shows, and honestly it's a shame because it's one of the first things people notice when they walk up to your car. You can have wheels coated in brake dust and your tires look like they've been sitting in a driveway since 2003, it undermines the whole presentation. Start with the wheels. Brake dust is corrosive and bonds to wheel surfaces over time, so use a dedicated **wheel cleaner** rather than your regular car wash soap — it's formulated to

break down the iron deposits and brake dust that regular soap won't touch. Get into the spokes and the barrel of the wheel as best you can. A set of **wheel brushes in different sizes** makes this a whole lot easier and is a worthwhile investment if you don't already have them. Andrea and I remove the wheels and clean each individually before a big show. It's a time investment that brings home great returns.

(Spelled TROPHY).

Once the wheels are clean, a **wheel wax or sealant** will protect the finish and make future cleanups much easier — brake dust wipes right off a sealed wheel versus really digging into an unsealed one.

Now the tires. Clean them thoroughly first — you want to remove the old tire dressing and road grime before you apply anything new. A stiff **tire brush** and some all-purpose cleaner

works great here. Once they're clean and dry, apply a **tire dressing** for that finished look. A word of advice though — go for a satin or natural finish dressing rather than the high-gloss “wet tire” look. At most shows, judges and enthusiasts tend to prefer a clean, natural look over tires that look like they were dipped in motor oil. Less is more.

And as we touched on last month — while you're down there, take a look at that DOT code and remind yourself how old those tires are. A great looking tire that's seven years old is still a seven year old tire.

Bring a Touch-Up Kit

Here's something every show-goer learns the hard way at least once: many shows are held on grass, and grass means dust, pollen, and all kinds of airborne debris that will settle on your freshly detailed car within the first hour. Pack a small

bag with:

- Microfiber towels (bring more than you think you need)
- Glass cleaner
- A quick detailer spray or light topper for dusting off the paint between admirers
- A small interior wipe-down cloth

You don't need to re-detail the car in the field, but being able to give it a quick once-over before judging starts can make a real difference.

Display Boards — Optional, But Worth Considering

You absolutely do not need a display board for a casual Cars & Coffee or a club show. But once you start attending larger events, you'll notice something — people stop and read them. Spectators, other enthusiasts, and yes, judges, genuinely want to know the story of your car. Year, original color, engine

specs, modifications, restoration history, fun facts. A tasteful display board invites conversation and gives your car a voice when you're off getting a hot dog. If you're getting into it, it's worth thinking about.

Pack for the Day — Take Care of Yourself Too

This one might seem obvious but it's easy to forget in the excitement of getting the car ready. Car shows are often long days in the sun, frequently on asphalt or open fields with zero shade. Pack smart:

- A comfortable folding chair — your back will thank you
- Plenty of water — more than you think, especially on warm days
- Sunscreen — reapply it
- Something to keep you entertained during the slow stretches — a book, a podcast, good company

- If you have a pop-up canopy, bring it. We do, and it's one of the best show investments we've made — great for keeping the sun off you, your passengers, and yes, the four-legged family members who come along for the ride

One Last Thing

Show days are supposed to be fun. Don't stress over every speck of dust or spend the whole day hovering over the car (Like Joe and I do). Talk to people, look at other cars, share stories. That's the real reason we do this — the community is as good as the cars.

See you out there!

— *Kelly*

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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