



# GLASS SASS

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**G**reetings Veters. Winter is here and well, Corvette season is almost here. Last month I discussed what to do this winter on the new C6. So far I've added tinted side lights, Black Z06 Wheels, Red Lug Nuts and red valve stem caps (yeah big deal there), LED lights to the rear, red jacking pucks, skip shift eliminator, lower brake light kit (you'll see), sequential tail lights, and we attempted to tint our own windows, I think I'll leave that to the professionals. Lol.

I've been spending a lot of time on paint correction, learning how, practicing and have decided that my problems will more than likely require professional help called panel painting. That is if I should give my paint guy two of my corvettes at the same time. Not that I didn't spend lots of hours trying to get it right. The Maryland weather did a heck of a job on that deep black, not to mention that car covers on cars, outside in the weather, wreak havoc on paint. Please, don't make this mistake on your investment. I also opened up the air cleaner and well, don't always trust the carfax, as the air filter was the original one from 2012, my car is a 2013, (they are dated) and was stuck to the mounting bracket, as I had to cut it off the bracket. I had to laugh as the Carfax had said it had been replaced at least 4 times. Hmm. Really now. Some lazy technician fixed it alright, and I'm betting the customer was charged for it.

I checked the cabin filter, and it too was saving seeds from some Maryland farmers field and was absolutely gross, so I replaced it with a nice charcoal filter. I also checked the oil. The car supposedly only had a 100 miles on a recent oil change, but the oil was black. I've been around cars my entire life, my grandfather was a mechanic, and well, that oil was black, and a couple hundred miles doesn't turn the oil black. I will not be buying another Corvette from Criswell Corvette in Maryland, You can be sure of that. I wrote Mike Furman a nice long note on my disappointment. Buyer beware. The oil life indicator said I had 90% life, so something isn't adding up there either. Baby Steps. I guess some people don't give their toys the same level of care now do they.

What's Next on the list? Replacing the Wheel Well Flare Molding on the front left and right. UV damage is very bad. Keep yours protected. I'll remove the duck bill spoiler and replace it with a ZR1 spoiler, Acrylic Taillight covers and then look at the engine bay. As I continue to give the Amish vette a run for the black beauty contest, I will also be adding a throttle controller to get rid of that annoying lag. Still looking for the right deal on a SCCA approved roll bar, probably the RPM 6pt, time will tell. Update on the mistress. Mike, my painter, hasn't really made any more progress that I posted last month. But to his defense, his team has been fighting covid and illness lately.

This month I have to report an incident that was observed by another local auto club member. There was a recent event in Silverton where some of our club Jacket sporting members skipped the line and cut in front of others that had been standing in line for some time. (Could have been a simple "hey Bob how you doing, and started a conversation, but the perception was cutting line") While this was the perception of the person that witnessed the event, truth could be different, and they didn't know the whole story. I would ask you to be cognizant of your surroundings and your actions if you are wearing your club jacket, after all it is a reflection of all of us.

After January's board meeting Shane and I will be updating our website with WVCA sanctioned events and other cruises, car shows and or runs that we know about. Please watch facebook for event invites.

Have a safe 2022.  
Kelly

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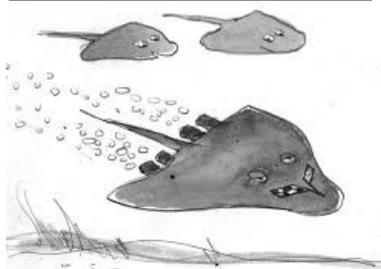
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"Cool. A Corvette stingray."

# Meeting Minutes

## Willamette Valley Corvette Association

JANUARY 6TH, 2022

**Called to order:** 6:30pm

**Guests:** None

**New Members:** None

**Birthdays:**

Kathy and Larry Raaf 1/2, Sandra Stark 1/3, Andrea Massey 1/10, Diane Kachaturian 1/11, L.D Thompson 1/19, Andrea Smothers 1/24,

Annie Koenig 1/25, TJ Andersen 1/26, Ann Salvatori 1/27  
Kay Hanson 1/28

**Previous months minutes:**

Corrections or changes to the minutes as published in the Glass Sass. None- Approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 6TH 2022 GENERAL MEETING:**

Report: as of 6 January 2022

Deposits December Beginning Balance in Checking	\$4,868.57
Cash	
Christmas Dinner	\$292.00
Raffle (\$52 - \$16 back to Petty Cash) \$	\$ 36.00
Dues \$	35.00

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Total Cash \$363.00

Checks	
Dues	\$100.00
Christmas Dinner	\$144.00
CAN (Insurance Refund)	\$414.00

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Total Checks \$658.00

Electronic Deposits	
Dues	\$200.00
Christmas Dinner	\$162.00
Halloween Dinner	\$30.00
Bank Fee Refund	\$10.00

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Total Deposits \$1,423.00

Expenses

Post Office Box Payment	\$204.00
Christmas Dinner	\$1,638.00
Bank Fee	\$14.77
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Total Expenses	\$1,856.77

**End of Month Balance in Checking \$4,434.80**

On Hand Cash	\$101.50
Change to SS for Dinner	\$4.00
Reimbursement to AS for Receipt Books	\$12.00

Raffle Deposit \$16.00

**On Hand Cash Balance \$101.50**

**Savings (.09 interest) \$ 10,611.49**

**TOTAL \$15,147.79**

Christmas Dinner Deposits	\$598.00
Christmas Dinner Expenses	\$1638.00
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Balance	\$1040.00

Prepared by: Andrea Smothers, on 5 January, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Joe /2<sup>nd</sup> Buzz. Treasurer's report accepted as read.

**President's report:**

Be Mindful of your surroundings if you are wearing your club jacket outside a club event. Your actions reflect on the entire club.

We've had a couple signup events in the last three months that people signed up for and didn't show and or pay for the event. Halloween and Christmas. Those venues require the club to pay out, based on those that have signed up, so if you sign up, we are obligating money on your behalf, and you are expected to pay. This is my third year, and this has been a problem. I will be looking at a way to help rectify that. Whether that means online event tickets prior to the event or what have you. But to be fiscally responsible to the entire club, is the Boards job; it is only fair that if you sign up, you pay. Question: How many didn't show for the Christmas dinner? 7

Kelly has name tags. Pay me after the meeting please. \$9.00 each ..Pay Treasurer. Ken & Pam Marshall and Ken & Helen Outfleet (Massey's have their need payment and will get it to treasurer). Today's board meeting discussed: Corvette Canteen; has approval for \$1000 to get stock.

Items like window clings, t-shirts, sweatshirts, Polo shirts,

patches. What else might we like to see? Coozy was one suggestion. Send Kelly any other ideas you might have.

**Vice President's report:**

Jacket night at Blondzee's on Portland Road and Lancaster. February Jacket Best Little Roadhouse. No cruise for January or February.

Winter Rod & Speed Show in Albany fairgrounds on January 22.

Activities Committee Meeting Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 WebEx. Same # as our regular meeting. Will plan for Jacket Night and monthly cruises. Kelly is going to volunteer for a maintenance day at his shop one day this summer.

**COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

Christmas – Went great! Dave volunteered for next year.

High Desert Corvettes is planning their show for July 15-16 2022.

SACC & area events: Kelly reviewed some of the dates for upcoming events and they aren't accurate. So don't trust that; go to the actual event page.

NWVCMM Representative: Wayne Kreger. Museum would like articles from WVCA to put in their newsletter.

Bowling Green Update: National Corvette Museum: Tornado caused some issues for them.

Sponsorship Committee: Need Volunteers!!!! Reach out to Kelly if you would like to help.

Car Show Committee - Need Volunteers. A small group is already meeting including Kelly, Shane, Joe, Russ S. More volunteers would make everyone's life even easier.

**Member at Large update:**

Wayne and Janet had their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Bowling Green update:** None

**Tech time/Corvette news:**None

**Old business:** Did the stuffed animals get delivered from Christmas? Not yet- Will be delivered to Liberty House. Can still accept credit cards.

**New business or good of order:** None

**Trivia:**Andrea S. put these together. 2009 movie starring Chris Pine, Zoe Silvana, and Lenard Neomi. What generation corvette was featured? C2 1962 Stingray. This 1978 movie stared Marc Hammel & Anny Potts had Corvette in the name. What year corvette was in it? 1973

What car did the corvette face off with in the movie? Trans Am Viva Las Vegas features what Year Vet and featured what actor and actress? 1964 C2 Corvette. Elvis Presley and Ann Margaret. **50/50 Raffle:**

Hill & Chandler won \$20.00 each.

**Adjourned 6:50pm**

The annual Christmas buffet was held on Friday the 17th and a great time was had by all with good food and a Christmas gift exchange. Lots of stuffed critters were donated as well to the Law Enforcement agencies to give to children who are involved in traumatic incidents.



## WVCA car events for 2022

### Jacket Nights

### Saturday/Sunday Cruises

### April

- ◆ 16th, Cherry Blossom Run Salem Auto Club Council

### May

- ◆ 21st - Salem Roadster Show
- ◆ 23rd - Iris Festival, \$35, 24 (around 15) cars
- ◆ Keizer fest August?

### June

- ◆ 18th Roll the Dice - Spirit Mountain

### July

- ◆ 15-16 Corvettes on the High Desert
- ◆ 23rd, 24th Annual Summerfest Car Show Brent Strohmeyer Memorial
- ◆ 30th Presidents run to Crater Lake

### August

- ◆ xx August Corvette Day - PDX Cars and Coffee
- ◆ 20th - Surf City Car show Chinook winds
- ◆ 27th August - Cruising McMinnville (I will be working this event)

### September

- ◆ 3rd - Carousel cruising to powerland (WVSR)
- ◆ xx NWVCMM Rendezvous

### October

- ◆ Homecoming Parade request
- ◆ Any other agenda items?
- ◆ Glass on the Grass Car Show 2023 - Date/sponsors/



Here is a current list of activities we would like to have for 2022. Please look them over and feel free to add an activity you might like to head up.

January, February, March, November and December are open for suggestions as well. Let's try to make this a fun year, but also remember the COVID hanging over our head that needs to be considered in any group activity.



## Mid Engine Monthly Update: January 2022

*John elegant*

*What do we know about the C8 world?* Actually lots of news starting with massive compliments to BGA team and their outside contractor teams for turning a tornado very-badly-damaged Plant, yet by the 7th work day after the tornado hit, with its consequent fire, partial roof removal, electrical problems inside from water pouring in and filling some of its the inside floor pits, BGA was up and running with two full shifts. What a testament to BGA's commitment and execution, their ending the year on a high note and to already working with those 115 C8 tornado-destroyed, owners' complete rebuilds already priority sequenced for complete re-do's BGA built over 400 C8's before that partial, pre-Christmas week was over — in spite of the fact that not all the tornado damage had yet been completed lay repairs. **KUDOS to BGA!** Based on known re-scheduled TPW's for those Stingrays which were going to be re-made after the tornado hit, their TPW's are being moved out an average of two weeks, again such a remarkably small amount of time due to the tornado's damage.

JD Powers determined that the # 1, 2021 sports car to buy is the 2021 C8 Stingray: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/340949-jd-powers-1-to-%E2%80%9821-stingrays>



*What we believe we know as 2022 starts...*

Might GM have inadvertently shown the two new-for-2023 colors at the LA Auto Show? We know the BGA can only paint 12 colors yet there were 14 in this display case there.

Then hours later a GM rep was seen removing the "Pearlescent Metallic White" one and the "Carbon Flash" black one — the metallic, sparkly black appearing to be the same color that was on the 2012 Centennial Corvette Special Edition, and even more interesting that rep was later overheard saying to a colleague, "we should not have put out these two" as he was physically removing the Pearl White and

the Carbon Flash black ones. Might there have been a slip up and for 2023, the regular Arctic white and regular, solid black are going on a one year hiatus replaced by the special white and black colors? And if so might one or both of those colors be part of the "70th Anniversary Design Package" which Harlan alluded to at last September's NCM Event. We shall see at this coming April 28th-30th Bash what are the new 2023 two colors.

Might the 2023 Corvettes finally have Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB?) General Motors spokesperson Stuart Fowle said that GM "remains on track to meet the industry commitment to automatic emergency braking by the September 1, 2022 target date."

Based on that super quick BGA production resumption, by the best calculations us outsiders can do, and using what GM told us about the end of the 2022 Corvette production, even though they used

the word “estimated” in their written, internal communication to its Chevy dealers, and even if we were to factor in those lost tornado assembly days, this still would leave us with the end of the 2022 model year being around mid-May. While the tornado provided more support for the wisdom of GM always using the words estimated and “subject to change,” as the tornado just reinforced to us and as Covid parts supply issues have haunted all of U.S. manufacturing and delivery schedules for now 1 1/2 years, that internal GM scheduling document stated that 2023 Corvette production start just three days later than the May 6th end of the ‘22 MY — so now again now let’s be thinking around mid-May for its start. As all you followers of GM introducing its new model year Corvettes have known for many years, this would be a very early model year start. Might this have a lot to do with the many 2023 Stingray enhancements and the introduction of the exciting new Z06? You all know the answer to that.

How would such timing jibe with the schedule for the April 28th-30th NCM Bash — an event in which new model year changes are every years shared, including that event historically being the event when we have traditionally seen GM introduce the new-for-next-year Corvettes colors??? How do these things fit with a sentence in the GM scheduling document that, the “First Allocation Cycle/Order Entry” would be March 31st? Even if that date were to slide backward those same two weeks to approximately April 10th, would that mean that even before the 2023 changes are typically presented at the Bash, that first allocation customers might have to make their ordering decisions before they have full component, color, and option knowledge?

Or as some are exciting wondering, might we instead have a sequenced, these first four months of the 2022 new year, some progressive rollout of 2023 information for both the Stingray and the Z06 as the following?

\*The Z06’s MSRP, conspicuous by it not being part of the formal October 26th Z06 Reveal, might it be shared sometime this January?

\*Will next the 2023 model Fleet Order Guide be released this February? It would add so much

information to the details of the Stingray and Z06 2023 model year’s changes.

\*The 2023 Build and Price Guides are expected to be first shared in March. Might if the original shared GM schedule remains intact, initial 2023 allocations be granted to dealers at the end of March?

\*Lastly could we see the first 2023 orders matched-with-allocations go in in early to mid-April — for according to that internal to its dealers’ document, 2023 production is estimated to start on May 9<sup>th</sup>. However that document was not specific as to whether that production might be just Stingrays or might also include the first of the customer Z06? This critical omission, was it deliberate, is a key for us understanding Z06 timing roll out.

Have we learned anything more about the Z06 this past month? First that BGA is continuing to produce captured test fleet vehicles for further street and track verification and development. Here are six Z06’s we learned were heading to GM’s Milford Proving Ground in Michigan. We see for the first time, Z06 Graphite wheels on one.



Further, we have gained a little more knowledge about both the standard and the Z06’s high wing. While the high wing is standard on the Z07 model, one can get either the standard Z06’s calmer standard, deck-mounted spoiler or the full high wing aero packager as an option on the standard Z06. Lots of more aero details here:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/340534-the-standard-z06-spoiler-thread-with-and-without-wickerbill>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/340475-the-z06%E2%80%99s-high-wing-thread>

Many contemplating a new Z06 are evaluating its standard version versus the Z07. The question of the Z07's ride quality is often considered yet we are snail awaiting many eternal evaluations of the question, "how does it differ in stiffness from the standard Z06". Or put another way, "what's it going to be like to drive on the street? Too harsh or just right? This adds a little more to that ongoing discussion. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-stingray-z06-powertrain-performance-wheels-tires-aa/341705-comparing-c8-z07-vs-z06-ride>

Have a C8 Stingray and yet like/want the look of the C8 Z06's carbon fiber wheels — but do not want to pay for carbon fiber? Your wish is going to be soon available: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/341062-z06-looking-mrr-f23-forged-19x8-5-and-20x11-delivery-in-spring>

May 2022 be a great Corvette driving year for you, a very safe time for you and your family. Here is to many miles of Corvette driving smiles!

*John*



Kent Muhle recommended I send these photos to you to place in the newsletter. He did a wonderful job for me and it is very much appreciated. Other club members would like to know as well. Kent is a great C-5 resource. Replacing glove box, driver bolster, and climate control . Ron Leland



## 2022-23 Standing Committees

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**Andrea Smothers (chair)**

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