

2019-08 August 2019 – Crystal red Cruisin'

Well, the waiting is over and the C-8 Corvette Sting Ray has been revealed. To no one's surprise, it is a mid-engine, rear wheel drive configuration and is loaded with all sorts of technological innovations designed for comfort, handling, and speed. I was not surprised to hear that the transmission is an 8-speed automatic without an option for a manual transmission, since that is the direction that car manufacturers are going, and there is no turning back. At any rate, it is a beautiful car, and I am anxious to see which one of our members will be the first to have one.

I fondly remember going to Alan Green Chevrolet in Burien in the fall of 1962 to see the unveiling of the first Sting Rays which were a radical change from the C-1 model. The very idea of a coupe was a stark departure from the C-1's, which were of course all roadsters. At any rate, the C-2 model was a huge success for good reason and have retained great value over the years. I had the opportunity to drive John Thomas' 1963 Sting Ray Z-06 from Portland to Seattle one time and can still remember the feeling of driving that wonderful car.

The Fourth of July picnic at Perrigo Park in Redmond was a tremendous success, managed and organized by Mike and Bonnie Roylance, who once again put together an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Mike and Bonnie, who have announced that they will not be returning for an encore performance next year, so come and see me if you are interested to chairing the event next year. PLEASE!! It was great to see John Paul Nelson, who is a long-time member and thought to bring photos and memorabilia from the old days. Fun to see those things, thanks to John Paul.

CMCS had a good contingent at the car corral at the SOVREN vintage car races at Pacific Raceways on July 6th. Thanks to Bill Roberts for chairing this event, which is a great opportunity to show off your car, take it for a few laps around the Pacific Raceways road course, and see some great racing at the same time. Good bang for your buck.....

By the time that you read this, the Seafair parade season will have concluded and thousands of Seattleites will have had the opportunity to see many of our members' beautiful Corvettes, detailed to a fine degree, and driven by people with huge smiles. I have a feeling that there have been many Corvettes sold to people who have seen our cars in various parades and have just HAD to have one.... Thanks to John Kamm for his hard work chairing the parades division of CMCS.

Another of our big summer events was held on Sunday, July 28th. Chaired by CMCS Vice President Shaun Hayes, the All Corvette Show at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah was a huge success, drawing Corvettes of all vintages, and hundreds of spectators as well. It is hard to imagine all of the bits and pieces needed to put this event on, and Shawn is a master at doing it. Many car marques in the Pacific Northwest put on shows at this venue and CMCS is always the star for good reason. Thanks to Shaun and all who helped to put this grand event together!

Lastly, don't forget the Corvette Caravan launch at Evergreen Chevrolet on Thursday, August 22nd, early in the morning. Even if you are not going, it is a great opportunity to see Corvette people from the northwest leaving for Bowling Green and to wish them well. Thanks to our sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet for use of their facility for the sending off ceremony. See you there.....