

The CMCS President's Column for April 2020

What a difference a month makes. The ongoing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the incredible speed of change are creating unprecedented uncertainty. Our top priority is keeping our members safe. We have cancelled upcoming club events and we will continue to monitor the situation and follow the recommendations of the public health authorities. We'll be using our newsletter, web site and email communications to keep you up to date regarding the status of club activities.

First let me say that it's truly an honor to be a part of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle and to have the opportunity to serve as your President for the next year. I'm amazed by the energy and enthusiasm that our members bring to the club. That energy shows up in the vast array of activities that CMCS undertakes from our charitable giving activities during the holidays, community volunteer efforts like Adopt-a-Highway, our participation in community events like the multiple parades we support and the numerous club events we hold during the year. It takes a dedicated set of individuals to plan and run these activities and I want to thank all of those that have helped the club make such a positive impact in our community. We are a club of volunteers and we need all the help we can find. I want to encourage everyone to think about ways you could contribute big or small.

As I look forward to the upcoming year there are some key priorities the board are focused on:

Driving, Driving, Driving: The activity that club members have indicated they want to do more of is drive their cars. We are working very hard to accommodate that request including; short drives to upcoming club meetings, longer one day drives like the upcoming trip to Mount Baker planned for July 30th and multi-day trips such as the Driving Awesome Roads (DAR) organized by Candy and Craig Turi, Big Sky Corvette Meet organized by Oran Petersen, Corvettes on the Columbia organized by Alton Loe and Yakima Vette-A-Bration organized by Kevin & Judy Jewell. We are looking at some additional one-day tours later in the fall and we'll have more information once we finalize those details. We're hoping that we can provide a broad range of opportunities to enjoy driving your Corvette.

C8: The big news in the Corvette community is the release of the new C8 Corvette. The first C8's have been delivered to customers. Our sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet is anxiously awaiting their first delivery of customer C8's. I expect we'll start seeing the first C8's on the roads around here shortly. Several members have expressed interest in learning more about the C8 and getting an opportunity to see one up close. We'll be working with our sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet to see if we can arrange an upcoming C8 oriented event. We have added a C8 category for the All Corvette Show at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In on August 2nd. We expect that there will be a few C8's at the show so that should be a great opportunity to attend the show and hopefully see a few new C8's. Chevrolet has indicated that they have seen unprecedented interest in the new C8. We're expecting that several new C8 owners will be new to the Corvette marque. We'll be looking to introduce new C8 owners to CMCS and hopefully have several of them make CMCS their new Corvette club.

Partnering with other Corvette Clubs: We're a club of Corvette enthusiasts and there are many others like us in the Pacific Northwest. I'd like to have our club continue to build and strengthen its ties to other clubs in the region. CMCS is a member of NWACC and there are several folks that already participate in the NWACC autocross and Show N Shine events which brings together Corvette owners from around the

Pacific Northwest. Last year Oran Petersen organized a very successful Wet Weekend event which included members of Corvettes Unlimited of Bellingham club. It was great having members from both clubs join us for dinner and the Bellingham club arranged a wonderful drive for everyone on Sunday. I'd like to explore ways for CMCS to partner with other clubs in the region to run joint events. I would like to see us make our newsletter and website a key resource for every Corvette owner in the region. We'll be adding other clubs events to our site making it easier to find Corvette events that are happening in the region and to enable folks to meet up and participate with other Corvette enthusiasts.

We have a great year ahead of us with many opportunities for everyone to come out and enjoy your Corvette and the company of other Corvette fans.