

The CMCS President's Column for June, 2020

The Covid-19 crisis continues to challenge us to find ways to adapt. We are starting to see some green shoots of hope on the horizon while at the same time having to press pause on several club activities. Let's start with the good news.

New members: We continue to add new members. Steve Yabroff is doing a fantastic job reaching out to prospective new members and walking them thru the new member application process. Take a look at this month's Membership Tachometer to read about the nine new members that have joined the club. We had a very successful membership renewal this year and the club is currently at 244 members.

Virtual meetings: The board has been holding its meetings virtually using Zoom video-conferencing software for the past couple months. The board decided that Zoom was working well enough for us that we held our clubs first virtual general membership meeting on Thursday, May 14th. It was great being able to get folks together virtually and share updates on what is going on and what activities we are looking as the Covid 19 situation improves. We did find an upside to the virtual meeting when Tim and Mona Cox were able to join us all the way from Montana. We plan to run June and July's general membership meeting using Zoom as well so watch your email for the meeting invite and plan to join the meeting if you can make it.

Motorsports: The state recently decided to allow motorsports activities to resume during Phase 1. That means that activities like Autocross and High-Performance Driving Events (HPDE) can now proceed if the organizers have the appropriate protocols in place. As a result this decision the Port of Shelton has agreed to allow autocross to resume and both the Viper club and NWACC have been able to secure the dates on May 23rd and 24th respectively to run the first autocross of the year. There will be a number of changes to how the event will be run e.g. social distancing, masks, no ride-a-longs that participants will need to adhere to but I'm sure a number of autocross enthusiasts are going to jump at the opportunity to participate.

Social distancing drives: We have some folks that are arranging some impromptu drives. Several folks have been able to get out and enjoy their Corvettes and the spring weather. If you are interested in hearing about upcoming opportunities to take a drive in your Corvette, please reach out to Alton Loe. We are looking at driving tours where we can maintain social distancing as a possible club event. As we receive additional clarity on what type of travel and events are allowed, we will adjust and communicate changes to club members.

We need your vote: Everyone should have already received an email invitation to vote on the proposed Bylaw changes. It only takes a minute to complete the poll. Please check your email and click on **Go to Poll Page** and vote.

Now for the less encouraging news. The board has made some tough decisions to cancel several upcoming events due to the current Covid 19 crisis and the social distancing restrictions put in place by the State of Washington. The following events have been cancelled or will be rescheduled.

May adopt a highway: This event will be rescheduled for a later date.

June general membership meeting: The drive and lunch at Angelo's restaurant have been cancelled. We will be holding the general meeting via Zoom. We will look at rescheduling a future event at Angelo's when the situation improves.

July 4th membership picnic: The city of Redmond decided to cancel group events at Perrigo Park thru July 4th. We'll ask Jan Harris to show up early on January 2nd 2021 to secure July 4th 2021 for next years CMCS picnic.

Parades: All of the parades during the month of July have been cancelled.

All Corvette Show: We have cancelled the All Corvette Show planned for August 2nd. We plan to run the show again next year.

When are we going to have our next in-person event? That is still an unanswered question. At this point we anticipate that the state will need to reach Phase 4 for us to hold an in-person event with 50 plus people. The club will continue to follow the guidelines from the state and local health authorities regarding when and what type of events can be run.

I hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy. I look forward to a day, in the not too distant future, when we can all get into our Corvettes and enjoy a nice cruise with several of our fellow Corvette enthusiasts.