

The CMCS President's Column for July, 2020

The state of Washington is starting to re-open a bit after a couple of months of stay-at-home orders. We have been able to run several social distancing drives during the past month and autocross events are running. While we have seen some progress, we have had to cancel several upcoming club activities, specifically parades and the submarine tour at the Bangor Naval Base. We continue to hold our board meetings and general membership virtually, but we are looking forward to hosting our first in person membership meeting in August.

Virtual meetings: We held our second virtual general membership meeting on Thursday, June 18th. It was nice being able to have folks join us virtually and see several familiar faces. It appears many members are getting pretty good using Zoom video conferencing technology. I am thinking that was not a skill most of us expected to be learning this year. We plan to run 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. Michael and Melissa Olejniczak have graciously agreed to host the club at their home for an outdoor picnic style general membership meeting on August 22nd. We are looking forward to welcoming our membership back for our first in-person general membership meeting. Now all we need is a nice sunny day for the event.

Social distancing drives: We have had several club members arrange social distancing drives which have proven to be very popular with club members. During May and June there were eight drives run with over 60 cars participating. I want to thank the folks that organized and ran these drives; Alton Loe, Kevin Jewell, George Rinehart and Martin Burgisser. Organizing a drive takes time to plan and lead and I appreciate that members are willing to volunteer their time so generously and create the opportunity for club members to enjoy socializing with others member and enjoying their cars. We also have some upcoming drives planned e.g. July 4th to Buckley organized by Oran Petersen and Kevin Jewell, July 30th to Mount Baker organized by Kevin Jewell and Alton Loe, and August 1st to Port Townsend organized by Mike Gleeson. We have also added a Not a Car Show, Just Lunch with Corvettes event at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in on August 2nd. We couldn't run the All Corvette Show on August 2nd so we decided we'd invite folks to come to XXX Root Beer Drive-in to enjoy lunch and the company of fellow Corvette enthusiasts. If you have a favorite drive that you'd like to lead please contact Kevin Jewell or Alton Loe and they'd be happy to help you organize the drive and promote your event to the club membership.

Motorsports: The Port of Shelton has agreed to allow autocross to resume and both the Viper club and NWACC have been able to run two auto-cross events thus far. Mason County recently received approval to enter Phase 3 re-opening which will open a few additional opportunities e.g. ride-along that were not allowed under the Phase 2 re-opening guidelines. The Viper club is holding a special event July 27th and 28th and the next NWACC autocross is scheduled for July 12th.

We need your vote: Thank you everyone that voted on the Bylaw changes recommended by the board. The changes were approved, and the updated CMCS bylaws will be posted to the website.

I hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy. I look forward to August when we hope to hold our first in-person general membership meeting.