

The CMCS President's Column for August, 2020

We have been able to run several social distancing drives during the past month and autocross events are running as well. 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.

Club meetings: We held our third virtual general membership meeting on Thursday, July 16th. Thanks for those that were able to join us for July's membership meeting. 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. We have 25 folks signed up to attend. If you plan to join us, please go to www.corvettemarqueclub.com to register for the event.

We plan to run the 50/50 raffle during the July 30th Mount Baker tour and the in-person meeting in August. The 50/50 raffle supports the GM ASEP scholarship at Shoreline Community College. The program supports training the next generation of technicians that could be working on your Corvette in the future. CMCS member Scott Main runs the GM ASEP program at Shoreline Community College. Scott published an article in the [July Newsletter](#) explaining how they have adjusted to delivering automotive training in the era of Covid-19. We do not know how many opportunities we are going to get to run 50/50 raffles this year so we are hoping to have a couple of very successful raffles this month. We want to continue to support the GM ASEP program and the fantastic work Scott is doing to train the next generation of GM technicians

Social distancing drives: We were able to run a very successful drive and lunch event to Wally's Drive In in Buckley this month. We had 28 cars registered for the event which was organized into two different groups to help manage the crowd at Wally's. Oran Petersen lead the early tour and Kevin Jewell lead the later tour. It was great that the tours overlapped a little to allow both groups were able to see and say hello to each other. There is a very nice park right behind Wally's that allowed our members to set up lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy their food. Thanks to Oran for proposing this tour and working with Wally's to ensure that they were prepared to feed such a large group. Thanks to Kevin for agreeing to lead the later departure. We have some upcoming drives planned e.g. 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. Kevin is looking at some additional driving opportunities for August and September so watch the newsletter and the web site for new opportunities to join other club members for some time in our Corvettes.

Motorsports: The Viper Club held their Super Viper autocross event Jun 27th and 28th. The event introduced a couple of new formats. On the first day the participants ran five consecutive laps on the course - it is truly a challenge to stay focused when running five consecutive laps. On the second day they ran a three-car relay race. You could make up or lose a lot of time based on how fast you can get the baton from one car to another. It was great getting an opportunity to try out some new formats. The Viper and NWACC organizations ran their standard autocross event on July 11th and 12th. It's been great seeing a few new faces from CMCS participate in autocross this year. Autocross has proven to be quite popular. Both the Viper and NWACC organizations limit the number of participants. If you want to participate in autocross you will need to pre-register at [NWACC](#) and [Viper](#).