

## **President's Message – January 2021**

We are at the end of 2020, a year many of us are anxious to put in the proverbial rear-view mirror. I hope that all of you had a joyful and safe holiday season. I am looking forward to 2021 and remain cautiously optimistic that we'll be able to have a fun and exciting calendar of events during 2021. I expect that the club will continue to hold virtual meetings for the next few months, so look for announcements on the website with details about when the meetings will be held and remember to register to attend the membership meetings. Registering for the events online will automatically send you an email with all the details you need to attend the virtual meetings. We will also be keeping our options open to run social distancing drives when we expect that the weather might cooperate.

**Club meetings:** We held our December general membership meeting on-line on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Thanks to Jo Anne and Dwain Knollman who attended with their Santa hats on and started a trend. I believe Kevin Wilson must have an extensive collection of hats as it seemed he had a new hat on every five minutes. It was great to see folks joining in with their hat collections and having a little holiday fun during our virtual meeting. The key new business item at the December general meeting was the review and approval of the 2021 membership dues structure. I am pleased to report that the membership approved the 2021 membership dues recommendations put forth by the board. The new dues structure has been implemented on the web site and we have opened up membership renewal on the site. We have already had several members complete their renewal on-line. If anyone has any issues renewing their membership, please contact Steve Yabroff or Alton Loe and they will be more than happy to help.

The second major piece of new business at the December membership meeting was the presentation of the Frank Olsheski Award. The 2020 winner of the Frank Olsheski award is Alton Loe. Alton has been instrumental in helping the club navigate a challenging 2020 as we moved from in-person to virtual. He has spent countless hours building and maintaining our web site and helping the club adapt to quickly changing conditions during the past year. The website was nominated for a National Corvette Museum award and ending up taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place for best web site this year. Alton also helped the club design and plan our new social distancing drive series that has attracted over 200 cars this year to come out enjoy the company of fellow Corvette enthusiasts and a social distancing drive in your Corvette. Thank you Alton for everything you do to help the club continue to be a vibrant organization.

**Events:** Even in December we managed a couple of social distancing drives. First up was a drive on December 5<sup>th</sup> from the XXX Drive-In in Issaquah to Snohomish. I believe that day broke the temperature records for Seattle. I don't think we could have asked for better weather. There is nothing like a sunny warm day to bring out the Corvettes and we had 20 cars join us for the event. We had a couple of new C8 owners find the event on the website and join us for the drive that day. Both couples ended up joining the club leading to an exceptional month recruiting new members. Next up was a drive on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Another sunny but much cooler day. We started the tour in Monroe and ended at the Tulalip Casino. We had 12 cars join the tour. The day started off cold and the first 20 miles through the backwoods of Monroe involved a bit more snow and ice on the road than we were expecting. I think we may christen that drive our Winter Wonderland cruise. The road conditions improved greatly after we reached Granite Falls and a few of us even dropped our convertible tops for the last 30 miles. It made me appreciate heated seats and heated steering wheel even more. Thanks to Kevin and Judy Jewell for

organizing both drives. If we see additional opportunities and we can organize a social distancing drive, we will send out an all-member email with information about how to register for the event.

**Club elections:** Our annual board of directors' elections are planned for the February membership meeting. Alton Loe has done a fantastic job recruiting members to run for a board position as well as fill key committee chair positions. First on the committee chair front I'm pleased to announce that Bruce and Lynn Boyd have agreed to take on the Membership role. Bruce and Lynn will be partnering with Steve Yabroff during this year's membership renewal process and will be taking on the rule full time starting in April 2021. I want to thank Steve Yabroff for his many years of service to the club in the membership chair role. We have had a terrific year recruiting and retaining members and looking forward to continuing success in 2021 and beyond. Next, I'd like to announce that Dave Cayton will be taking on the Adopt-a-Highway role starting in 2021. Adopt-a-Highway is currently on pause, but we are optimistic that this activity will be restarted sometime in 2021. I'd like to thank Kevin Wilson for his many years of service leading Adopt-a-Highway. He often drives by the stretch of highway we maintain, and his assessment is that it still looks pretty good. I am sure that first clean-up is going to next a few extra bags of trash.

Now on to the board of directors' positions. The following people have agreed to stand for election to the board of directors at the February meeting. If anyone else is interested in running for election this year, please contact Alton Loe to let him know of your interest.

President: Shaun Hayes

Vice President: Alton Loe

Secretary: Kevin Wilson

Treasurer: Robert Stone

2 Year Board: Marv Scott

1 Year Board: Kevin Jewell

Past President: Ken Jones

Marv Scott and Linda Scott joined CMCS this past year and its great to see them stepping up to help drive the club's event calendar. I will be making a motion at the February general meeting to waive the CMCS Bylaw requirement to have been a member for one year before running for a board position. This is a club of volunteers and it's great to have members like Marv and Linda who want to jump in and help make the club fantastic place to join with and participate in Corvette related activities.

Happy holidays and see you in the new year.