

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

I hope that all of you made it through our February snowfall in the Pacific Northwest. Just a little reminder that we do occasionally get some of the white stuff on the ground. I know my Corvette spent a couple weeks on the battery charger but its ready to get back out once we get a little warmer.

**Club meetings:** We held our February general membership meeting on-line on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The key new business item at the February general meeting was the election of officers for 2021/22.

I want to congratulate the folks that have been elected to serve as the club's officers next year. It is a commitment to serve on the board and I want to thank everyone that has graciously agreed to give some of their time to help the club to continue to serve its members. The following people were approved by a vote of acclimation by the membership at the meeting:

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

The March general meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and will be online. The meeting is posted on the web site and I'd like to encourage you to register and attend the March membership meeting as we will be inducting the new officers at this meeting. If you register online, you will automatically receive an email with all the details you need to attend the virtual meeting.

**Events:** The winter weather has not been conducive for Corvette driving events. We're hopeful that the weather begins to turn more spring-like soon and we can restart our social distancing drives. The social distancing drives were very popular last year, and given the current state of the Covid-19 situation, we're likely to be limited to these types of events for a bit longer. Some updates on some upcoming events:

*Wet Weekend:* Our activities chair, Kevin Jewell, looked at several possibilities for Wet Weekend but the conclusion of the research is that we can't find a place that would be able to accommodate this type of event in that timeframe. We considered just doing a drive and overnight but didn't feel that we could organize a first-class event given all the restrictions we are up against. The board made the decision that we are not going to run the Wet Weekend event this year. Kevin does have a couple if ideas for some longer loop type drives that would take a 5-6 hours which we can run when the weather improves, so watch for an event announcement in the newsletter and on the web site.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic: The city of Redmond has our name on the list for July 4<sup>th</sup> at Perrigo Park. At this point the city is not allowing these types of events to be held. Jan Harris has graciously agreed to be the point of contact for the club with the city of Redmond. If we get the approval to hold this event, we'll let folks know.

*Thanksgiving Dinner:* Westminster Chapel contacted Marty Cameron to let her know that they still aren't allowing these type of group gatherings. They also let the club know that they may be limiting or eliminating the ability to rent the facility for these types of events so the club may need to start searching for an alternative venue. If anyone knows of a possible venue that would be able to host a sit-down type dinner for 50-75 folks please contact Marty.

### **Charity**

Marty Cameron had a write-up in the December 2020 newsletter regarding the impact our charity work is having on children and families on the Eastside. This past year the club was unable to run the All Corvette show at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In. The All Corvette show is a major charity fundraiser, approximately \$2000, that support the Dee Esping Charity fund. This is membership renewal time and one of the options you have is to donate to the Dee Esping fund when you renew. I'd encourage you to consider donating to the Dee Esping fund to support the fantastic work that Marty Cameron and the other volunteers on the Charity committee have been doing.

The good weather is right around the corner. Its time to get those cars shined up and ready for some cruises on some twisty back roads.