

On Your Marque

March 2005

Some Moments in Life
Simply Leave You Breathless



Richard & Kaye Counce's 2003 Convertible



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On the Cover - Richard & Kaye Counce's '03 Convertible



I'm sure most folks are familiar with this saying;
"It's not how many breaths you take. It's the moments in life that leave you breathless."

This was the inspiration for the plates on our car..... **BRETHLS**

There are few tangible things in life that are purely for pleasure and leave one feeling excited, exhilarated, satisfied, and in awe the way that a very special Corvette does when you find it, sit in it, and drive it. You know when things are right and set themselves apart from all of the others. For Kaye and me one of these very special pieces of life is BRETHLS. Certainly, she's not a person (no car deserves to be raised to that level) but she does hold a very special place in our lives. BRETHLS is our third Corvette.

The first was a **1989 Arctic White C4 Coupe** with Torch Red interior. We bought that car from my brother and we were hooked. We picked it up in San Diego and brought it home to Seattle. From the border of Mexico to just short of Canada. Never driven a Corvette before and made our first road trip a big one. A trip we won't forget.

Our second was a **1999 Arctic White C5 Convertible** with Firethorn Red interior, an equally white top, and a number of performance options that were not typically on convertibles at that time. It was a unique car and had been built for and delivered to a GM executive and was not available for purchase the first year. And it was very white! I recall a few road trips where folks would get on the radio and refer to us as the "Maytag" Corvette. We took that car on the 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette Caravan. No one can ever describe how it feels when you ride cross-country with your friends and then join up in Bowling Green, Kentucky with thousands of other Vettes from all over the USA, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The group we traveled with from the Northwest included cars from Canada and Alaska. For our return trip Kaye and me came back by ourselves across the Southwest traveling as much as possible on the original Old Route 66. That was cool..... That ride is one that every owner of a Corvette should make at least once. Corvette wheels were made to touch that pavement. They're two pieces of history that share a special bond. Perhaps that can be another story for another time. This second Vette also had the BRETHLS plates.

Now for the **BRETHLS** of today that you see on the cover of the Marque. Creating that image of the car was a true labor of love. I clearly recall the first Millennium Yellow C5 I saw and knowing then and there that someday I wanted a car like that for Kaye and I. BRETHLS is a **2003 Millennium Yellow convertible** with black interior and top. This car is by far the most special of the three we've owned. We didn't get it from my brother. It wasn't built especially for someone else. It doesn't have every possible performance option. It's simply "Our Corvette" and it looks, drives, and feels just like we want it to.

This doesn't mean that we haven't done things that we thought would

make her even better and more fun. Aside from a set of really loud B&B exhausts we've spent most of our efforts on those things that enhance the appearance and make the car more personalized. This includes color keyed interior accents, several detail items that point out that this Corvette was built in the 50th anniversary year of its history, and other minor enhancements we liked. The point is that we have made BRETHLS into something very special in our eyes without caring about what others may see. We love this car. We were breathless when first finding her and we become even more breathless each time the accelerator touches the floorboard.

Now for us...

Kaye is a native Washingtonian. She and her sister were born and raised in Ellensburg. Her dad was the School Superintendent and all-around Mr. Fix-It while her mom was librarian, mother, and whatever else she needed to be. Kaye is an outstanding photographer and digital imager. Her work has been published in a variety of magazines and other formats. She has also been active in feral cat rescue and other animal advocacy activities.

I was born and raised with my two brothers in the Midwest on the outskirts of St. Louis. Today I vividly remember driving past the St. Louis Corvette Assembly Plant each day on my way to work. Seeing all those cars just waiting to be loaded and trucked all over the country. I've been here in the Northwest since 1981 and still can't handle the gloomy winters. But no-one could ever deny that this place is about as good as it gets from Spring through Autumn - Especially if you own a Corvette. Before moving to the Northwest I was living in Iowa. I still miss it. Yes..... I miss Iowa. It is a good place to be. Hot summers and cold winters and it seemed that most days had a blue sky. My mom was a beautician and home-maker. My father was a Railroader for the Missouri Pacific and I was a railroader too throughout my college years. If you like trains just get me going on the subject. Kaye and I also collect Lionel trains. I too am a long-time photographer and very involved in digital imaging. Photography became one of my loves over 30 years ago and will continue to be an important part of my life until I can't hold up the camera any longer.

Kaye and I met in 1980. I moved to the Northwest in 1981 and we married in Reno in 1986. We are both psychologists and work within the schools. We have combined our interests and skills in photography and digital imaging. Our work has been shown in several galleries and published in books, magazines, and articles. Photography has taken us to a lot of places and introduced us to a lot of folks we wouldn't otherwise have met. I guess Corvettes and cameras make up a big part of our lives. Our son and daughter reside in Orlando, Florida where she teaches and he is an auditor for a law firm.

Kaye is actually a descendent of the Studebaker family. In fact, every day we walk past an old red Studebaker pickup sitting quietly in our garage collecting dust. It was purchased brand new by Kaye's uncle in 1958. The truck will soon pass to the next generation. Our daughter and son-in-law have plans for shipping it East and restoring it.

I have no idea how many cars I've owned in my lifetime. Way too many for sure. I lost count a long time ago. My first was a green 53' Buick (more like a green Tank). The second was a red 65' MGB with the worst electrical system in the world. I used to have to get out and rotate the distributor while someone else cranked it to get the thing started. That was a shocking experience and my anxiety went sky high every time it had to be started. Its name-plate from the dash sits on my desk today. Maybe that distributor might have been a better keepsake. The rest of the cars that followed are pretty much a blur. It's almost embarrassing to think back about all of them and the money spent on them that I really didn't have. But BRETHLS has been worth it all. Worth that lifetime of searching that it took to find her.

Perhaps that's enough about BRETHLS, Kaye, and me.

Whoops! By the way..... We bought a new Chevy Colorado pickup in December for my daily driver. Yesterday it was T-Boned and the passenger side was pretty much wiped out. The good news is that I now have a reason to drive BRETHLS any day I want. For the moment she's not a "Garage Queen". I love it. Maybe I can delay the repairs for a few extra weeks.....

Remember, "It's not how many breaths you take....."

Upcoming Activities

March 2005

- 3/4-6 [Seattle Roadster Show 2005](#) (See page 36 in this newsletter)
3/12 [2005 Awards & Officer Installation Banquet](#)
(See page 9 in this newsletter)

April 2005

- 4/16 NCRS Judging School @ Stewart's Collision Centre in Burien. Wanna learn how it's done? Info: Arland Dower, (360) 896-5334 or Bob Johansen, (425) 869-9533
4/23 [24th Annual Tulip Rallye by MGCC NWC](#)
(See page 22 in this newsletter)
4/24 [All City Rally XXV](#) (See page 24 in this newsletter)

May 2005

- 5/27-28 [1st Checkerboard Vette Gathering - Primm, NV](#) page 17
5/27-29 Cruise to the Sky 2005 (See page 25 in this newsletter)

June 2005

- 6/3-5 Corvettes of Durham - Dream Vettes 2005
(See page 26 in this newsletter)
6/4 [CMCS 10th Annual Sea-Tac Show & Shine](#)
(See page 8 in this newsletter)
6/9-11 NCRS NW Regional Meet @ Seaside, OR
Info: Bob Johansen (425) 869-9533
6/19 30th Annual **NCRS Father's Day Picnic** @ Lake Sammamish St. Park **CMCS Info:** John Paul Nelson, III (206) 567-5433

**6/25-26 [RAD \(Kayla's Really Awesome Driving Event\)](#)
(See page 11 in this newsletter)**

6/25 Mt Hood Corvettes Owners BBQ on Saturday 9AM-2PM. \$20 gets you (2) BBQ lunches, raffle tickets, & gift (for 1st 100 cars). Friday night hospitality room. Request your registration form today from: John Campbell, Mthoodcorvettes@comcast.net

July 2005

7/6 School Daze Ground School. See page 27 in this newsletter.

7/9 12th Annual CMCS Saturday Night At The Ball Game with the Everett Aquasox "FrogStock" theme. Info: Ben Benninghoff.

**7/13 [CMCS School Daze - Driving School & Practice](#)
See page 27 in this newsletter**

7/15-17(*)2005 Corvette Weekend by Southern Oregon Corvette Assoc. returns to the Riverside Inn & Park in Grants Pass, OR. Jet boat trip on the Rogue River. This one's major fun! Plan ahead. More info to follow. Ritadw2002@yahoo.com

7/17-22 NCRS National Convention @ Park City, UT.
Info: Bob Johansen, (425) 869-9533

7/23 4th Annual CMCS CRISTA Show & Shine. Marque your calendar.

7/28-31 Boise Vette Fest 2005 by Valley Corvette Club of Boise, ID. Thurs registration and reception. Friday Auto-x, Road tour(?), & Drags. Sat Show/Shine, Corvette Seminar, Dinner & Dance, Sun continental breakfast.
Info: Larry & Marian Hollinger, hollingerl@aol.com or (208) 377-0476

7/29-31 ALMS Race @ PIR The American LeMans Series will be coming to Portland International Raceway again in 2005. Last year, the corral packages included special corral parking, paddock passes, parade laps on the track, and access to a car club hospitality area where you could purchase food/drink and have an opportunity to meet some of the ALMS drivers. Contact: Jeff Boerio jeff.boerio@intel.com

7/30 Spokane Corvette Club's Glass on Grass event.

August 2005

**8/6-7 [Women's Only Weekend \(WOW\) 2005](#)
(See page 28 in this newsletter)**

8/12-13 [6th Black Vette Gathering - Reno](#) See page 17 in this newsletter

8/12-14(*)Corvettes in the Park. No details yet, but apparently a Cascade Corvette Club (Eugene, OR) event.
Info may be at: <http://www.cascadecorvetteclub.com>

8/12-15 Rose City Corvette Club's "ROSE CITY CLASSIC" in Portland, OR. 4 days of hospitality, Show/Shine, Road Tour, Auto-X, Track Day @ PIR, and a banquet. Info: Alan Cohen www.rosecitycorvettes.org or (503) 465-2244.

**8/21* 9th Annual CMCS/Seaview Show & Shine. Date is tentative.
More to follow next month.**

8/26-28 Wild West Vette Fest 2005 @ West Yellowstone, MT by Corvettes of SE Idaho returns to Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, 1 (800) 646-7365. Bill & Dana Madsen pirate@srv.net or CSEI, PO Box 3519, Idaho Falls, ID 83404

- 8/27 NCRS NW Chapter Judging Meet, Bd Mtg, & Chapter Mtg @ Boerio's in Beaverton. Info: Jeff Boerio, (503) 628-8873 or Bob Johansen, (425) 869-9533
- 8/28 [XXX Drive-In All Corvette Show & Burger Bash](#)
(See page 29 in this newsletter)
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September 2005

- 9/2-3 [2nd Red Vette Gathering - Reno \(Any color Red\)](#)
(See page 17 in this newsletter)
- 9/9 [CMCS Group Mariners Baseball Night](#)
(See page 29 in this newsletter)

CMCS 10th Annual Sea-Tac Show & Shine



Saturday June 4, 2005

**SeaTac Village Shopping Center
S 320th Street, Federal Way
(Across from SeaTac Mall)**

Dash Plaques to 1st 100 Entries

Registration Starts 9 am

Corvettes in place, rags down 11 am

People's Choice

Trophies to Class Winners

Awards Presented at 2:30 pm

Open to all Corvettes and Corvette Clubs

Marque your calendar - More information to follow next month.



2005 Awards & Officer Installation Banquet
 &
 March General Membership Meeting

Saturday March 12, 2005



6:00 pm - No-Host Bar
 7:00 pm - Dinner
 Meeting to Follow
 RSVP by March 9th
Dressy Attire

COLLEGE CLUB
 505 Madison St.
 Downtown Seattle
 (Parking garage on 5th Ave. side of the building)

info:

Cece Nelson: (206) 567-5433

Sheila Wylie: (425) 822-0522 Sheila@corvettemarqueclub.com

Send a check written to: Corvette Marque Club of Seattle PO Box 534 Kirkland WA 98083-0354 Attn: Officer Installation Banquet	OR	Use <i>PayPal</i> www.CorvetteMarqueClub.com RSVP by March 9th
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Registration Form for Mail-in Reservations

Name (s):
Address:
City, Zip:
Phone:

Entree	Qty	Cost Each	Total	
Chicken		\$26.50	\$	Grand Total
Salmon		\$26.50	\$	\$

March 2005 CMCS Board Meeting

Friday March 25th
Rob & Sheila Wyllie's home
11110 NE 41st Dr. #44
Kirkland
6:30 Dinner, Meeting After



Directions

From I 405 (North or South)
Take the Hiway 520 exit West towards Seattle.
Take the 108th Ave. NE exit.
Turn Right at the light at the end of the exit.
Go straight through the light, up the hill, across the railroad tracks.
Turn right onto NE 41st Dr. (Watershed Park).
Go to the top of the hill. (multi story buildings)
We are in Unit #44 (building on the right).

Note: Parking close to the condos is limited, if all of the visitor spaces are taken go down the hill to the first stop sign, turn right, follow the road to the end past the town homes, there is a parking lot with a path leading up to the condo building

Membership Renewals - Do it Now

by Mona Cox



It's the time of year to renew your CMCS membership. Your 2004 membership expires on March 31, 2005. The CMCS Board of Directors recommended that the initiation and renewal fees for 2005 remain the same as for 2004. This recommendation was presented to the membership at the December General Membership meeting and was unanimously approved.

The rates for 2005 renewal dues are as follows:

- **Single Member** **\$35.00**
- **Couple** **\$50.00**
- **Single & Associate** **\$50.00**
- **Associate** **\$30.00**

Included in this newsletter is a **2005 membership renewal form**. I urge you to complete it and send it in soon. Please remember to fill out both the front and back of the form. Since this is your club, it is important that the Board get some feedback on the kinds of activities you enjoy and what you would like to see more of.

We're also interested in what activities you'd like to help coordinate.

Info: Mona Cox (425) 488-9613 or Mona@CorvetteMarqueeClub.com

Kayla's



Really Awesome Driving

A CMCS Event by Kayla Main

June 25/26, 2005

The Plan - It's all coming together

Event



We just completed a pre-run of the **RAD 2005** route in late December, checked out all of the **COVERED BRIDGES** of **OREGON** that we'll be visiting, and nailed down the hotel(s) that we'll be using. Found some great eatin' spots, too. If you want to get a head start on reservations, here's the plan:

The "official" launch of the event will begin, as in past **RAD** events, on **Saturday morning** with a 9AM drivers' meeting. This year we launch from the parking lot of the **Super8 Motel** at **Kelso, WA** (exit 39 on I-5). There you'll get your first day's driving instructions for the self-guided tour that will take you south down the I-5 corridor checking out covered bridges. You'll hit the southern-most part of the route about lunch time in Cottage Grove, OR, then start working your way back north from bridge-to-bridge-to-bridge, eventually ending up at the **Best Western Inn** at **Albany, OR** for Saturday night.

Sunday morning there will be another drivers' meeting and another set of route instructions taking you over a bunch more "Corvette roads" to see still more covered bridges and ending up at **Tebos** in **Gladstone, OR** for lunch (and the world's finest strawberry shortcake!). From there we'll head back to wherever it is that we have to be on Sunday night.

Why the start from Kelso, you may ask? Well, if we're going to see the **COVERED BRIDGES** of **OREGON**, we must first get to Oregon. For those of us in the greater Seattle area, that means driving 130 miles or so before the 9AM tour start. Some of us (your tour leaders come to mind!) may not want to get up that early on Saturday morning. So, there are a couple of options. You can either start out really early on Saturday morning to make it to the launch point by 9AM...or...you can drive to Kelso on Friday evening, have a nice dinner en-route (we suggest the **Olympic Club** in **Centralia**...a really unique place), check into the Super8, maybe play a little "31", sleep-in on Saturday morning and still be ready to launch @ 9AM. The choice is yours.

With that in mind, we've blocked a group of rooms for our event at both motels as follows:

Friday, June 24th, at the Super8 in Kelso. Mention "CMCS" when calling (360) 423-8880 for reservations. "CMCS" group rate is \$46.65 + tax.

Saturday, June 25th, at Best Western Albany Inn. Mention "CMCS" when calling 1-866-890-0519 for reservations. "CMCS" group rate is \$65.00 + tax.

There will be many more details shared with you in the coming months,

but for now you have the critical stuff to make your plans for the weekend. As in past years, there will be a small entry fee (TBD) to cover the cost of dash plaques, printing route guides, commemorative goodies, etc.

As with all past **RAD** events this event is open to all Corvette owners. Club membership is not required. You just need a Corvette, a sense of adventure, and a desire to go on a **Really Awesome Driving** event with like-minded folks. Questions? Kayla@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up - Event Report *By David Woodcock*

February 6th - This time around, the turnout was great.

The weather, unfortunately, was not.

At 9:00 am Sunday the weather in North Seattle and most of the Puget Sound area was rainy and gray. Total turnout was sixteen somewhat less than eager looking faces. After grabbing our hard hats, vests and garbage bags, I directed the crew to not worry about anything smaller than a pop can, keep a brisk pace and "Git-er-done" as quickly as possible so that we can get dry and warm again. Fortunately, the rain subsided as we arrived at the starting point and the job went extremely well. It took us only a record 45 minutes to cover the entire area.

Items found were a large crane type lifting hook, a diver's fin and the assorted hub & center caps.

Thanks to **Tim and Mona Cox, Pat and Ron Schmaltz, Paul and Pat Luczyk, Jack Goodman, Claudia Simmons, Lyal Schlotterbeck, Dale and Susie Roberts, Don Gardner, Oran Petersen, Barin Yoder and Dan Roupe.**

Brunch was held at the Roupe home in Lake Stevens. Everyone enjoyed checking out the collection of GM toys in their impressive showroom (calling it a shop or garage just doesn't seem right) followed by well earned delicious eats prepared by **Janet Roupe and Rachele Woodcock.** Thanks to all! See y'all next time.





National Corvette Museum (NCM)
by Wes Holmes
(Local NCM representative for CMCS)
Corvette Quarterly



So you bought a new Corvette and then this new magazine, Corvette Quarterly, shows up in your mailbox. After awhile it doesn't arrive anymore. What is going on? Laraine Pugia, Corvette Quarterly subscription service representative, explained this at a C5/C6 Registry dinner during the Detroit Auto Show (NAIAS). When you buy a new Corvette you will receive a free 3 year subscription to Corvette Quarterly. When your subscription is about to expire you will receive a renewal notice. If you opted out of receiving information from GM you will not get the renewal notice. Laraine is trying to make it so that everybody gets the renewal notice. If you think that you should be receiving the magazine or have any other questions about your subscription please contact: Laraine Pugia, (586)558-3809
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Her information is also available inside Corvette Quarterly.

Tech Stuff - On-Line Corvette Forums



by Tim Cox

Last month I told you about online forums where you can get an unlimited amount of help and information about your Corvette. This month I'll tell you about some of the more popular Corvette Forums you should check out. First, let's review what a forum is. You can think of an online forum as a super-sized bulletin board. You don't "chat" with anyone in real time, you leave messages in a "thread" format. You ask a question and people answer back. It's that easy. Some forums have so many participants that you can easily get your question answered within minutes, making it useful even when you have questions on late Sunday evening. Another great feature is that all "threads" are stored so you can search for questions on a subject that's already been asked and answered. You can also search for vehicles and parts for sale or list your car for sale if you want.

First out of the chute is www.corvetteforum.com (CF), the granddaddy of all Corvette forums. Easily the largest Corvette community with over 80,000 registered users, Corvette Forum is an awesome website. If you can't find an answer to a question or an area of interest you just aren't looking hard enough. With at least 50 different forums there is something for everyone. Want to know the best tires to use on a ZR-1? Ask in the ZR-1 Forum. Want to know

how low you can lower a Z06 without changing any parts out? Ask in the Z06 Forum. Interested in a black '58 you hear is for sale in Memphis? Post in the C1/C2 section and see if anyone knows the history of the car. I saw a CF member post a pre-purchase report on a C4 for a fellow CF member that was incredible. This person had to spend 2-3 hours at a minimum to gather all the information he reported back to the prospective buyer. If you think waving at strangers on the road is cool just wait until a total stranger (but a fellow Corvette owner) types out a 3-page detailed report to you on how to change your seat covers yourself.

Similar to CF is www.corvetteactioncenter.com (CAC). CAC has probably just as many different forums to choose from as CF but doesn't have nearly the membership base. This means that it may take a little longer to get your questions answered. CAC is near and dear to me because it's the only online community that dedicates a forum to Callaway Corvettes. I get instant access to all things Callaway there so it's high on my list. CAC also has a forum devoted to NCRS, which I don't believe CF has. That may be important to you. Z06Vette.com can be found at <http://www.z06vette.com/index.php> and it's also one of my favorite Corvette forums. Devoted solely to the Z06, virtually any question about the Z06 and its sibling FRC can be found here. Pat Colwell, a CMCS member, is one of the moderators of Z06Vette.com. The last community I regularly visit is the relatively new corvettemechanic.com found at <http://corvettemechanic.com/board/index.php>. This site is run by several people, at least one of which is a professional Corvette mechanic. Their focus is on helping people fix their cars but can be a little slow in getting back to you. Their specialty is the C4 and C5.

I've gotten a lot out of these sites and I know others have as well. Ask Dennis Montgomery how he fixed his ZR-1 with a very simple repair someone gave him on CF. He also got some free GSC tires from someone looking to unload them. Rob Wyllie found someone in a heartbeat that wanted his exhaust when he changed his out. The Whidbey Island tours in late fall of a few years ago came about directly because some of us on CF started talking about it and then just did it. Another great reason to go to these sites is that they have links to every sort of Corvette vendor out there. You'll find stuff you never dreamed of. There are hundreds of reasons to check out at least one or two of these places and I hope you take the time to do just that.

Don't Forget

Awards Banquet Deadline - March 9th
Membership Renewals - Due now - Do it now



Decisions Decisions by **Tim Cox** President



It's been twelve months since I took over as President and time sure has flown (or driven) by. We've been through a lot over the last year and I would like to take this time to thank everyone that helped get things done. First to thank is the Board of Directors--Dennis Montgomery, Paul Luczyk, Dick D'Alessandro, Sharon Bloom, Bill Cameron and Sheila Wyllie. For those of you that don't know, the Board is the group of people that orchestrate and watch over the majority of what I will loosely call "events". Between General Membership Meetings and Board Meetings alone, that's 23 events in one year (the Board gets December off). This is an enormous task requiring a lot of cooperation from many people. That brings us to the next group of people to thank—the spouse of each and every Board Member. In some cases (like mine) a spouse serves in a visible manner as a committee chair. In others, the spouse helps out behind the scenes with little or no recognition. These people—Rob Wyllie, Marty Cameron, Ed Bloom, and Lolly D'Alessandro are the unsung heroes of the club and deserve a special thank you.

Next to be thanked (or thanked again) are the committee chairs. Some committee chairs are Board Members while others report to the Board, but all have important jobs. The chairs of 2004 were: Mona Cox (Membership), Lorrie Montgomery (Car Shows), Sheila Wyllie (Activities), Dick D'Alessandro (Seattle In September), Cassie Black (Charity), Dave Woodcook (Highway Cleanup), Ben Benninghoff (Historian), Wayne Kanaby (Parades), Bob Bunn (Webmaster), Oran Petersen (Newsletter), Jay Cockrum (NCRS), Kayla Main (NWACC), Wes Holmes (National Corvette Museum) and Jim Gwinn (Chaplain). Please take a moment to look over this list again and look at the assignments. Putting a few words down on paper does not do justice in conveying the amount of combined work these people did last year. These people devoted a great deal of their personal time last year to "run" our club and I think they did a marvelous job. Lastly we have people that don't have any fancy title or assigned job but end up doing lots of work for the club anyway. People like Gary Main and Rick Milsow come to mind as people that tirelessly work behind the scenes to get things done. Hopefully I'll be able to thank all these people at the March Awards and Installation Meeting on March 12th.

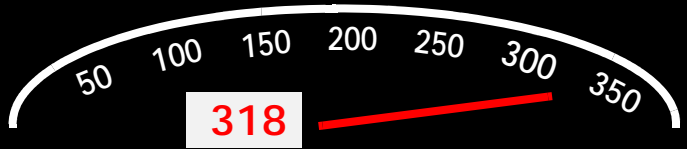
It's been quite a year for Mona and me and my last thank you is aimed at everyone in the club. We thoroughly enjoy all the camaraderie and the events we attend and hope we've been able to give back to the club even half of what we've taken out. We hope to see you on the road...

Tim and Mona



The Membership Tachometer

by Mona Cox



We met at the Old Country Buffet in Kirkland for the February 5th general membership meeting. As usual, the food was plentiful and tasty, and we had a great turnout. Eight people joined the club, and all own red cars. Membership now stands at **318**.

New CMCS Members - February 2004



Brad Thomsen and his 13-year old daughter Emily (we'll meet her later) live in Sammamish. Their goal was to purchase a Corvette by December 15, 2004. On December 10, they bought their 1990 red roadster! Their license plate appropriately says GOALS. Brad is a member of Toastmasters International, LeTip International, and the National Association of Realtors. Emily likes to attend hot rod shows and golf with her dad. She also reads Corvette books. Actually, Brad says she probably knows more about Corvettes than he does...



Mike and Laura McGinty join us from Duvall, with their 2005 magnetic red coupe. They own one of the first C6s in the club. Mike enjoys hunting, fishing and golf, while Laura likes traveling, lighthouses, and sewing.

Dave Richmond and Jangy Te live in south Seattle. They own a 2004 magnetic red coupe. One of Dave's interests is "NASCAR, NASCAR, and more NASCAR"!! He also enjoys motorsports, motorcycles, ATVs, boats, social events and car rallies. Jangy likes sewing, cooking, social events and spending time with her family.



George and Aida Walden hail from Republic. We all know that Corvette owners like to drive and it's a good thing, since it's about 300 miles from Republic to Seattle! They have a 2005 magnetic red metallic coupe on order, and will take Museum delivery in April. They are members of the C5/C6 Registry, the Spokane Corvette Club, and are lifetime members of the National Corvette Museum.

They travel extensively in their Corvette, and enjoy hiking in Washington, Idaho and Hawaii. They also enjoy gardening, fishing, boating, boat camping, and playing tennis.

March Birthdays

Susie Roberts	2	Vonnie Bellinger	12	Mike Westbrook	25
Mimi Willden	4	Sue Smith	13	Steve Eriksen	26
Rob Wylie	6	Kari Black	15	Dan Stewart	26
Brian Dolgoff	7	Allison Kramer	16	Ginny Brightwell	27
Shane McBride	8	Mike Bohanan	18	Gammon Chapman	29
Ben Remak	11	Gary Embree	20	Lynnette Wilson-Hein	29
Val Korry	11	Dick D'Alessandro	20	Joel Morris	29
George Walden	11	Jerry Yoder	21	Brad Thomsen	30
Jeff Weymouth	11	Judi Harper	24	Jim Micus	31

1st Checkerboard Vette Gathering - Primm, NV (Red & Black Vettes)

(any color Red), (Black & ??? okay-but main color must be Black)

May 27, 28, 2005 – **Memorial Day Weekend**

Buffalo Bills Hotel/Casino, Primm, NV

checkerboardgathering@corvettecruzin.com for
registration form and room reservation info.

www.corvettecruzin.com

6th Black Vette Gathering - Reno (Black & ??? okay-but main color must be Black)

August 12/13, 2005

Reno-Hilton Hotel/Casino, Reno, NV

blackvettegathering@corvettecruzin.com

For registration form and room reservation info.

www.corvettecruzin.com for pictures of previous events

2nd Red Vette Gathering - Reno (Any color Red)

(Red & ??? okay-but main color must be Red)

September 2/3, 2005-**Labor Day Weekend**

Reno-Hilton Hotel/Casino, Reno

redvettegathering@corvettecruzin.com

For registration form and room reservation info.

Last year we had "100" Red Vettes attend

Come join the fun this year

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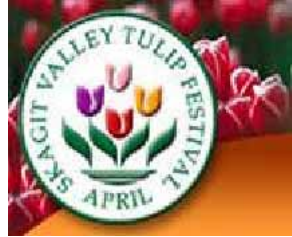
We have pins of our CMCS Shield for sale for \$3 each. They will be available at our events until all are gone.

See Sheila Wyllie to get one.

24th Annual Tulip Rallye by MGCC NWC



April 23rd, 2005
9:30 am
Start at Cascade Mall
I-5 exit 230
\$10 in advance or
\$12 on day of event.



Each car club will have a First Place finish for 24th Annual LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye. Non-club entrants can win in "open" class. This year's course will revisit the beautiful countryside around LaConner and Whidbey Island. You and your navigator will enjoy spectacular scenery while touring; so don't leave your camera behind.

This event is a gimmick rallye, where questions take the place of time/distance checkpoints, so anyone should be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Please note -- speed is not recommended! You might want to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at the end point while the scores are being tabulated. Our ending point is still a mystery - even to us.

Fill out the form and send it with **\$10 U.S (\$12 day of event)** per car. Please remember to bring along some canned food for donation to Northwest Harvest.

Info: Ken Bottini (425) 883-9615.

See you there!

Directions: From I-5 take exit 230 and head east on Highway 20. Take a right at stoplight onto South Burlington Blvd. Take a right at next light onto Cascade Mall Drive. Go straight until you see the white MG Car Club tent, where you will check in. All rallye information and car number will be issued on the day of the rallye.

CMCS Caravan to the Rallye

Depart from Canyon Park Shopping Center @ 8am sharp!
I-405 Exit 26 (West of the freeway)

Gary Main (425) 485-2131 or gary@corvettemarqueclub.com

MGCC Tulip Rallye Registration Form

Name	Phone	
Address		
City	St.	Zip
Type of Car:	or	Car Club: CMCS or
Entry Fee (\$10 per car, \$12 day of event)		\$
Event Dash Plaque \$5 US each		\$
Event t-shirt: Short sleeve \$15 Med Lg XL XXL		\$
Event t-shirt Long sleeve \$22 Med Lg XL XXL		\$
Make checks payable to MGCCNWC TOTAL:		\$



Mail to:
Tulip Rallye, c/o K. Bottini
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January New Member - Dave Johnson

As promised in the February newsletter, pictured is Dave Johnson, who joined CMCS at the January meeting. Welcome to CMCS Dave.

All City Rally XXV

Corvettes de Olympia and the Northwest Region SCCA present:



All City Rally XXV



Our 25th Anniversary

Sunday, April 24th
Gould Chiropractic Center
704 S. Lilly Rd.
Olympia, WA USA

Starting from 9 AM to 11 AM
\$15 per vehicle entry
Trophies and Dash Plaques
Raffle prizes

Take exit 109 off I-5, west on Martin Way, south on Lilly Rd, left into start.

A 75 mile gimmick-type cruising Road Rally, not a speed event, on all paved roads, in the country. All vehicles are welcome.

Bring:

- Your car with proof of insurance
- Driver and navigator with sense of humor,
- Clipboard with paper and pencils. Maps of SW Washington may be useful.
- Finish at an Olympia area establishment with food & drink available.
- Dual trophies (driver and navigator) for top 5 cars, plus "dead last but finished."
- Dozens of great door prizes will be raffled!
(One free raffle ticket with your entry plus you may buy more.)



Your car will go through a brief safety inspection (horn, lights, signals, etc.) at the start. All proceeds to Corvettes de Olympia scholarship fund for students in the automotive program at South Sound Community College.

- **Information from Rallymasters Bill Hassen at 253-841-7093 or Duncan Johnson at 253-848-7066 or see www.corvettesdeolympia.org**



Entrants under age 18 require parent/guardian to sign liability release

To Pre-Register mail this form and \$15 to Corvettes de Olympia, PO Box 2154, Olympia, WA 98507

Driver _____ Navigator _____

Address _____

City/State/ Zip _____

Club Affiliation _____

HYALITE CORVETTE CLUB - BOZEMAN, MT

REGISTRATION FORM

Cruise to the Sky 2005

34th Annual Montana Big Sky Corvette Meet - May 27-29, 2005

Please Print or enter on computer. One Registration form per couple.

Limit of two cars per registration. ID Drivers with Cars.

<p style="text-align: center;">Headquarters</p> <p>Bozeman Best Western GranTree Inn I-90 & N 7th Ave. (800) 624-5865 (Ask for Sales Office to book room)</p>	<p>Bozeman Days Inn (next door to GranTree) (406) 587-5251 Each hotel will host about half our group</p>
\$75/night at either hotel. Parking lots adjoin.	



Name(s)						NCCC #s		
Address								
Phone			e-mail			Miles driven to Bozeman		
Club								
	Year	Odomtr	Cpe	Vert	Hrd Tp	Color	Engine	Plate#
1st Car:								
2nd Car:								
Explain plate if not obvious:								

Car Class Autocross only (Select the one(s) that apply.)					
A 53-82	B 84-96	C 97-04	D 01-04 Z06&C6	E Hvy Mods & Slicks	

Car Class Show 'n Shine only (Select the one(s) that apply.)							
A 53-62	B 63-72	C 73-82	D 84-90	E 91-95	F 96-00	G 01-05	

Registration Fees:			Office Use Only	
Before 5/1/05	Single \$75	Couple \$140	Date Rec'd	
After 4/30/05	Single \$85	Couple \$160	Check #	
Kids under 16	Each \$25	Total:	Reg \$Paid	
Checks payable to: Hyalite Corvette Club 1050 Cobb Hill Rd. Bozeman, MT 59718			Reg # Car 1	
			Reg # Car 2	
			Date Input	
			Confirm Sent	
			Packet Made	

Please let us know which events you expect to enter. Club & Individual Trophies - enter and enjoy them all.

Show 'n Shine Saturday Morning____ Fun Run/Rally Sat. after lunch____

How many in which car?____ Auto cross Sunday AM____ Men____ Women____

For our event NCCC Regs require Auto cross Helmet Snell 2000 or Snell 95 with manufacture date after 5/29/95, current car registration, insurance & driver's license.

Passengers & first timers encouraged.

All attendees will sign Insurance Waiver at check-in which will be good for all events, all weekend.

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June 3rd 4th & 5th 2005

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Saturday planned activities including

- Driving Event
- Guest Speaker
- BBQ
- DJ and party outdoors (weather permitting)

Sunday program includes

- Concours or Dream Vettes show
- Partner program (off site)
- Draws/Prizes/DJ
- Awards Ceremony

Registration packages will be forwarded to clubs and individuals who are interested in participating in this event. Package will include information on hotel rates, registration and weekend events

To receive a registration package call (905) 723-9375

CMCS School Daze - Driving School & Practice

Wednesday July 13, 2004

7:00 am to 3:30 pm

Pacific Raceways



Tech inspection will be conducted prior to the event. The Northwest Region of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) will help with the operation, track safety and instruction. All Porsches must be accepted through the PCA inspection program.

A ground school, mandatory for first-time entrants and recommended for all, will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at Shoreline Community College, Automotive Service Education Bldg. This school will cover the use of flags, driving lines, apexes, braking technique, car prep and more.

First Driver	\$135.00
Second Driver same car	\$100.00
Instructor (1/2 1st driver fee)	\$67.50
Race Day registration	\$160.00
Late tech inspection 7/13/05 (after 8:15)	\$25.00

This is a great opportunity to see why you bought a sports car in the first place.

Club membership is not a requirement to participate.

This event is limited to these marques:

Corvette	Porsche	BMW	Ferrari
Lotus	Viper	Alfa	Audi
Camaro V8	Firebird V8	Cadillac	CTS-V

*On-track instruction will be provided by qualified instructors. You will be given sufficient track time to develop and hone your driving skills. Drivers will be divided into 4 run-groups based on experience and skill level, limited to a maximum of 40 cars per run-group. **This is not a race:** Some restrictions will apply to passing and proper track manners will be strictly enforced. No one under 18 years of age will be permitted on the driving course. Track safety is paramount and safety rules will be strictly enforced. Helmets (Snell 95 or later) and proper clothing (long pants, long sleeve shirt and closed shoes) are required. Insurance regulations require that all roadsters have a hardtop and/or a roll bar installed.*

CMCS School Daze 2004 - Contacts

For additional information contact:
Rick Milsow (Bothell) (425) 486-2309
Ron McDuffie (Edmonds) (206) 542-1966
Don Schwab (Bellevue) (425) 643-4404
www.corvettemarqueclub.com

CMCS School Daze 2004 - Registration

Name(s):

Phone:

Address:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

Car Make & Model:

Year:

1st driver

2nd driver

Skill level (Check one for each driver)

Beginner: No previous Pacific Raceway or track experience

Advance Beginner: Some previous track experience

Intermediate: Track experience at speed

Mail the form and a check made to CMCS for the appropriate amount to:

**CMCS School Daze
PO Box 534
Kirkland WA 98083-0534**

Women's Only Weekend (WOW) 2005

August 6 & 7, 2005

Leavenworth, WA

Enzian Inn

(800) 223-8511

Mention the "Seattle Corvette Group" #7181

Linda Micus (425) 254-9763

lin98indy@aol.com

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***Get a friend or relative and start
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Friday September 9, 2005 at 7:05 p.m.
Seattle Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles

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Mona Cox

14631 104th Ave. N.E.

Bothell, WA 98011-7206

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February General Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2005

Kirkland Old Country Buffet

by Bill Cameron - Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:20 am by President Tim Cox.

He first thanked the staff of the restaurant.

All Board members were present:

Secretary's Report: Bill Cameron asked for a motion to accept the January minutes as issued in the February newsletter. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dick D'Alessandro gave a report on the club's financials.

Membership: Mona Cox introduced eight new members as follows:

- **Mike & Laura McGinty** from Duvall with a new C-6 Magnetic Red.
- **David Richmond & Jangy Te** from Renton with a 2004 Magnetic Red.
- **Brad & Emily (daughter) Thomsen** from Sammamish with a 1990 Candy Apple Red roadster.

- **George & Aida Walden** from Republic (Eastern Wa.) They will be taking possession of a new C-6 Magnetic Red (museum delivery) in April. Many of you already know George & Aida from their participation in several Club functions.

Our membership is now 318. Mona also requested that everyone get their renewals in. Please note if you are a member of the National Corvette Museum for Wes Holmes.

Activities: Ed Bloom

- **Adopt a Highway:** 2/6/05 and after cleanup you are invited to the Roupe's for lunch.
- **Wet Weekend:** 2/18,19,20/2005 Harrison Hot Springs.
- **Officer Installation Meeting:** 3/12/05 at the College Club in Seattle.
- **Big Sky Event:** 5/26 - 5/31/05 (contact is Tim Cox).
- **The RAD Event:** 6/25-26/05 (contact is Kayla Main)
- **School Daze:** 7/13/05 (contact is Rick Milsow).
- **Mariners Baseball Night:** 9/9/05 (contact Mona Cox).

Newsletter: Oran Petersen has CMCS calendars for sale \$5.00 each. He made a plea for more cover car photos and profiles.

Charity Committee: Cassie Black noted that the balance of unused Charity funds from 2004 are being given to Northwest Harvest.

Old Business

Banner Contest (contact Tim Cox with your ideas and artwork) free membership for 2005 if your idea is selected.

Election of Officers: Paul Luczyk opened the floor for nominations for the following.

- **President:** Dick D'Alessandro and Rick Milsow notified Paul that they would run prior to the meeting.
- **Vice President:** Paul Luczyk to run for a second term. Kayla Main was nominated by Wayne Kanaby at the meeting.
- **Secretary:** Bill Cameron notified Paul that he would run for a second term prior to the meeting. Lyal Schlotterbeck was nominated by Gary Main at the meeting.
- **Treasurer:** Lorrie Montgomery notified Paul that she would run prior to the meeting. Janice Krein was nominated by Bob Bunn at the meeting.
- **2 Year Activities:** Kevin Jewell notified Paul that he would run for this position prior to the meeting. No other nominations for this position.

Ballots will be mailed by 2/7/05. They must be returned by mail to the club post office box by February 23, 2005.

Meeting adjourned: 10:00 am.

Submitted by: Secretary Bill Cameron

CMCS School Daze - What it is

by John R. Thomas

(You Should Probably Participate)

The School Daze driver education program that we hold in July is the outgrowth of a long tradition of the Corvette Marque Club to:

- (1) Help members be safe in driving their Corvettes and
- (2) Enjoy this experience.

In the first five years of the club's history, we had a large percentage of members who wanted to participate in racing events put on by SCCA or IRDC and also who wanted to autocross. We had some already-licensed SCCA drivers, such as Rick Stark, Dick Stanley, Ed Baker, and Ken



Deckman. (Dick and Ed were our first and second president, respectively; Dick, Ed and Ken have all been deceased for some years now.) So we organized several different sorts of driving opportunities at what was then called PRI (Pacific Raceway, Incorporated), which then became SIR (Seattle International Raceway) and now just Pacific Raceway (PR). We had some very informal events where Roger Orth and I would decide to get maybe 10 or 12 cars together on a nice afternoon and just go out and try to learn on our own. At that time you could go out to the track when it was not in use, pay \$5 per person, and then drive the track for the day. That group sometimes included a few Boeing co-workers who did not own Corvettes. I remember one in particular, John Cramer, and his well prepared Hemi Charger. We also had a series of more organized club driver training events where the club rented the track. We would start with follow-the-leader sessions and then progress to open-track periods. Experienced drivers would ride or drive with the less experienced, and the club would organize that to help the novices. We did not have to have insurance in those early days and we did not think about having an ambulance or EMT standing by, so costs were really low—my memory says about \$10 per person.

Our driver education program became much more refined in the 1970's. We had to have insurance, and the club did various sorts of work for and with SIR to help pay for the track rental. Many people who did a lot of work to help with the program then are still in (or back in) the club or at least are in touch. I would mention Jeff Weymouth, Frank Diss, Ron McDuffie, Don Schwab, John Grosso, and Neal Millen—and many of these made their first steps in car preparation and high-performance driving with Rick Stark and his team. By the late 1980's with the growing cost of a track day, we started to include Pacific Northwest Region of Porsche Club of America (PNWR/PCA) and also Rain Country Corvettes to help us with putting on the event and to get more attendance. RCC was a small club very dedicated to performance events

from auto crosses to racing. Val Korry and Rick Spellman helped us significantly, and Rick coined the play on words, "School Daze." In this era John Bell and Cloyd Jackson of CMCS helped greatly with the development of ways to make the event safer as did Darrell Havens from PNWR/PCA. Today we are very fortunate to have the team headed by Rick Milsow and including Gary and Kayla Main, Don Schwab and his sons Ryan and John, Ron McDuffie plus newer members Bob Bunn, Lyal Schlotterbeck, and Tim Cox (perhaps ex officio) and Pat Hillyer from PNWR/PCA to carry on the tradition and keep this great opportunity available with super enthusiasm.

So there is some idea of the program, based on how it developed, but exactly what is it today? It consists of a well-refined program to teach drivers of Corvettes and compatible cars to understand and be comfortable with their reactions and the cars reaction in conditions where traction limits play a major role and quick natural response is essential. We separate the participants into beginner, intermediate and advanced groups so that each can learn with others of roughly equivalent experience. Newcomers must attend a ground school a week in advance where our very experienced instructors Ron McDuffie and Pat Hillyer cover all aspects of what you need to do to stay safe and come home with a car in good condition. We pay special care to the absolute beginners and make sure they have an instructor in the car with them in at least their first on-track session. We still use follow-the-leader laps to help beginners find the correct line. As a beginner you will learn to feel where the car needs traction and what inputs (steering, braking, acceleration, or preparation) maximize available traction and maneuvering capability. We emphasize how important it is to look ahead, searching for apexes, undulations, and other cars. As students advance we will help with teaching of heel-and-toe shifting in manual transmission cars.

It should be emphasized that these techniques, which need to be part of your natural repertoire of driving, are very important in emergency and some non-emergency conditions on the highway. Since the late '50s the Corvette has been America's premier high performance sports car and as such it provides great fun in driving, from smooth easy driving on roads and highways to competitive events. Our driver-training program is aimed primarily at teaching you to be safer with the car on the highway and is not a competitive event. However, it also provides an introduction to learning techniques that are useful in competitive events.

Don Kitch, who runs the ProFormance Driving School at PR, tells many stories of how his training has helped him avoid highway accidents. I remember he told how one time when he was driving along State Highway 18 (the highway that goes to PR, and one which is notoriously dangerous), he was able to avoid a major crash because he was aware what was happening way ahead of him with his driving school habits. I feel that I have avoided

numerous accidents through natural reactions developed in years of various driving events and practices. One that always comes to mind occurred on returning home from a skiing session at Snoqualmie Pass in my '65 396 SS Malibu Chevelle. There was a real muscle car, but not the best for snow. With four people on board I got slightly into a rut alongside the cleared roadway. I held course with just the slightest correction and the car continued its natural direction (by laws of physics—conservation of momentum) straight ahead and then regained the cleared roadway without fuss. The passengers on board noticed what had happened and remarked on the recovery. What must be avoided in such an occasion is the tendency to jerk the wheel back for a quick return to the main track.



You can learn even more if you take a 2- or 3-day course at a major driving school, such as the Spring Mountain Motorsports Advanced Corvette Driving class in Pahrump, where a number of us are headed this spring. But the cost advantage to our own 1-day event is enormous. The major school costs you about

\$2500 for 3 days, plus the cost of transportation, lodging and meals to go to the school. Kitch's ProFormance class can be taken for considerably less, but yet I think his prices run about double our rates. I advocate that you try as much as you can afford.

The subtitle that you should probably participate means that I recognize some of you have Corvettes that are not suitable for our event. As a couple of examples I would cite first a nice big block car from the 1965 through 1974 era. Big blocks have a tendency to lose oil from around the pickup in a stock oil pan. On numerous occasions at the track these motors spun a rod bearing due to lack of oil. These motors could be made to survive with appropriate pan modifications, Accusumps, or best of all a dry sump. So a race-car prepared version of one of these cars would work just fine. A second obvious example is a Blue Flame Six car from the period 1953 to 1955. On the other hand, I believe quite a few of you, who have classic concours cars, also have a car from the C4 to C5 and maybe even C6 generations. These cars can easily be prepared for a day at the track, although careful attention to the technical preparation requirements of our school is necessary for everyone. If you plan to concentrate on learning smooth technique and avoiding maximum driving levels, you will have a fun learning day with low-cost preparation, preparation which should leave your car in a better state of maintenance.

Laps From the Past or Marque in Time A CMCS history feature by Ben Benninghoff



30 LAPS AGO: MARCH '75. President Dee Esping and First Man Howard open their home for all to attend the monthly meeting. If anyone seeks the new NCRS rule book, see Neil Millen and \$2. A Competition Committee has been organized and approved, representative Ernie Kahler has all you need to know; new rule' must have 57% of the members present at all the competitive events. WWSCC is gearing up for its summer menu, and the insurance policy and rider

have been finalized. Awards Banquet is held at the Beef n Brew in Renton at \$7 per person. The newly elected Board Officers for 1985 are; President- Sam Sakura, VP- Dale Ellis, Treasurer- Cindy Rathbone, Secretary- Wendy Hodges, and Board Officer- Ernie Kahler. The Equipment Chairperson need to be replaced in lieu of John Thomas's absence.

20 LAPS AGO: MARCH '85. President John Thomas calls the monthly meeting to order after a dining experience at the Papillion Café & Bar. Awards are passed out to the out going board officers, and the new one's are announced; President- Mike Shelly, VP- Valerie Johansen, Treasurer- Ernie Kahler, Secretary- Diana Anderson, Board Position- Byron Crocker. The President's gavel & a copy of Robert's Rules of Order exchange hands between the old and new presidents.

10 LAPS AGO: MARCH '95. Terry & Tina Thorson' 1979 L82 T-Top Sports Coup is highlighted on the monthly newsletter cover. President Dave Barlia brings the flock together at the Yankee Diner in Ballard for the annual Awards Banquet & general membership meeting. Larry Upchurch was voted in as the newest member, bringing the total to 98. The Tom Armstrong tour and visit to his car collection was an event to remember. Dee Esping motions that the club become more 'available' to the communities needs, suggesting we get involved with the Washington State "Adopt-A-Highway" program where we as a club make an outing once a quarter to help keep out highways clean. Dee will look into the particulars and get back with the details. Lots of awards and plaques of appreciation given out to the old farts, I mean, the out going board officers. President Barlia was surprised to receive a large portrait of his wife by Ben, taken while waiting in a buffet line at the American Ram (it that's not 'full circle' for our group of little adventures, I don't know what is). The new Board Officers for 1995 were announced; President- Bob 'Rocket Scientist' Lazaroff, VP- Ben Benninghoff, Treasurer- John Thomas, Secretary- Barbara Jackson, 2 year Board Officer- Verlene Sawyer, 1 Year Board Officer- Kayla Main, Past President- David Barlia. Ben is looking into a repeat outing to the Everett Giants single A baseball team. They are changing their name, and affiliation to the Seattle Mariners, but no name was available yet.

5 LAPS AGO: MARCH 2000. Elliott Morris' 1967 Lynndale Blue 435 hp, 427 roadster is a thing of beauty on the cover of the monthly newsletter. President Frank DePuy presides at the meeting at the College Club in Seattle during the annual Awards Banquet. Jack Goodman & Claudia Simmons show up as guests, but since they look so hot all dressed up we let them in anyway. Membership stands at 224. Thanks to the Berrio's for their generosity during the past Christmas Charity event and to Roger Smith for the turkeys given to each family, and the mission. Roger may always be the lone "NO!" when approving new members at meetings, but he's always been YES up front when it comes to helping others less fortunate than ourselves. The Micus's also receive a big thank for organizing fun events throughout the year. The Christmas Raffle took in over \$792 dollars for this year, and Vince & Christine Perriello donated Motorola Radios as the prize, won by Coleen Thompson. Now she can get a hold of her 'squeeze' any time she wants. Bob Barnott notes that the 2002 Seattle In September just landed its first 'paid' sponsor; Taylor's Auto Body in Renton. Awards given out to the membership were; Alyshia Main- Volunteer Of The Year, and, Cassie Black- New Member Of The Year. The new board officers are presented; President- Jan Cockrum, VP- Bob Barnott, Secretary- Mike Thompson, Treasurer- Oran Petersen, 2 Year Board Officer- Cassie Black, 1 Year Board Officer- Barbara Jackson, Old/Past President- Frank DePuy. The old ones went home with gifts of appreciation while a cake on fire was presented to Mimi Willden as everyone say Happy Birthday totally off key. *Ben*

Seattle Roadster Show 2005

March 4th through 6th 2005 at the Exhibition Center

CMCS Participants in the Show



1963 Blue Coupe - Karam

1964 Red Roadster - Helgeson

1988 Red Convertible - Maddy

1988 White Anniv. - Petersen

1996 Red Convertible - Harper

2004 Red Convertible - Roupe

***This is a great show.
Be sure and make plans to
attend.***

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C5/C6 Bash Event Update

GM Powertrain's Base Engine Design System Engineer, Mark Damico will be presenting an exciting seminar at the C5/C6 Bash on the Gen3/Gen4 small block engines, particularly the new LS7 offered in the new Z06 Corvette. Mark's expertise in this area will offer an insight that is guaranteed to inform and update us. We invite you to join us!

Corvette Racing Awards Banquet at C5/C6 Bash

Over 150 event participants attending the C5/C6 Bash have a seat reserved at the "Corvette Racing Awards Banquet" planned as one of the top highlights of this year's event. Special guests, exciting presentations and an evening filled with special moments from Corvette Racing's 2004 season makes this one of the "must attend" features of the bash. The banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 250 participants and space is available on a first come-first serve basis.

Pre-registration ends April 6. Register online for the C5/C6 Bash and view the exciting agenda at:

http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml

50th Anniversary Caravan DVD Is Here

The highly anticipated 50th Anniversary Caravan DVD featuring caravan footage, interviews and clips from the 50th Anniversary event activities is now available in the Corvette Store! The caravan video is an award winning production by dedicated volunteers who donated their time and effort to its creation. Under the guidance of husband and wife team Dave and Dale Dunn, volunteers from caravans across the globe snapped stills and captured video showing the excitement of being caravan/event participants. Dave and Dale worked for more than a year to pull together a video that tells the caravan story. The video was entered into the Communicator Awards where it competed in the Video/Film/Multi-Media category and entries were judged on quality, creativity and resourcefulness. In the video category under External Communications Documentary, the 50th Anniversary National Corvette Caravan DVD won the Award of Distinction, competing against productions from MTV, Speed Channel and other media outlets. The 50th Anniversary Caravan DVD is available through the Corvette Store for \$19.95. Order at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

Upcoming 2005 Events (Schedule At A Glance):

- **April 2-9** Western Caribbean Cruise
See <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/cruise/>
- **April 21-23** C5/C6 Birthday Bash
See http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml
- **May 12-14** ZR-1/C4 Gathering
See <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/gathering/info.shtml>
- **May 26-28** Corvette Forum Cruise-in
See <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/forum/info.shtml>
- **July 21-23** Z06 Fest
- **September 1-4** Corvette Celebration/HOF
- **September 15-17** Camaro/Firebird Invasion
- **September 29 - October 1** Pace Car Reunion
- **October 13-15** C3 Extravaganza

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Personalize a historic flint brick with a commemorative plate highlighting an anniversary, birthday or Corvette Club name for the Corvette enthusiast in your life! This unique gift is one they will cherish because it was preserved from the Corvette Assembly Plant in Flint, Michigan where the 1953 Corvette was built. You can recognize a special occasion or offer a flint brick to your Corvette Club or members. You can even mark your participation at an NCM event and select a specific numbered brick with up to five digits up to 45,000. These special pieces of Corvette history are available at \$100 for NCM members and \$150 for non-members. All non-members ordering a flint brick will receive a “complimentary” Individual membership to the Museum. Find out more about these new flint brick selections at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.com/flint-bricks/index.shtml>

Add to the Documentation of Your Corvette

The Corvette show season is just around the corner and now is the time to prepare and gather the documentation on your Corvette. Build sheets, window stickers, original dealer brochures, and the Corvette Black Book are available through the Museum’s resource center and you can save by ordering the complete package. Build sheets are available on years 1981 through 2005 and can be laminated. Learn more and purchase your Corvette documents by contacting Betty Hardison at: betty@corvettemuseum.com or: https://www.corvettemuseum.com/library-archives/build_sheets/index.shtml

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Officer Installation Banquet deadline is March 9th. Don't miss it.

Be sure and attend the Roadster Show at least one day.

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