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Craig & Lorraine Crummer's 1996 Torch Red Coupe



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CMCS January 2007 General Meeting

Alfy's Pizza - Lynnwood

Saturday January 6th

Lunch at Noon

Meeting at 1 pm

Half-Price Pizza!



Directions:

Take the 196th St. exit off of I-5

Go west to 48th St.

Alfy's is on the SW corner.

Info: Al Dager 425) 391-3557

Al@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

CMCS January 2007 Board Meeting

Friday January 26th

6:30 pm Dinner - Meeting After

Oran & Dee Petersen's Home

10333 SE 190th St, Renton Wa 98055

(425) 277-6141 Oran@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Newsletter Assembly will precede the dinner, starting about 5:30 pm

For meeting details: Bill Cameron - Bill@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Directions:

From 405 take 167 South (1.8)

Take the 1st exit - S 180th St (hospital)

Left onto E Valley Rd

Left onto S 180th St (1st light) (.3)

Right onto Talbot Rd S (Hospital on left) (.7)

Left onto S 192nd St (.6) (Corvette Road)

Turn left onto 104th Pl SE (Eaglebrook)

Turn Left onto SE 190th St (Blue house on left)



Don't Forget - Deadlines Loom!

- January 9th Wet Weekend hotel reservations [page 11](#)
February 1st Wet weekend CMCS reservations (Meals) [page 11](#)
March 4th Officer installation banquet reservations [page 12](#)
March 31st CMCS membership renewal [page 8](#)

On the Cover - Craig & Lorraine Crummer's Red Coupe



As a former journalist, I am having difficulty separating this bio between the former owner of our C4 and our own story, probably because my seller turned out to be what everyone should experience in the purchase of a special car, finding the near-perfect Corvette owner/caretaker. In late July, we were privileged to take ownership of a 1996 C4 coupe with license plates LT4 Z51, Torch Red inside and out,

with black interior accents. As only Corvette aficionados would recognize from the plates, this car has most of the goodies of the Grand Sport and Commemorative Editions except for the paint jobs. This car, which we have named “The Torch”, is the sixth in a line of cars since 1972 owned by Martin Conyac, former CMCS member now living in Semiahmoo near Blaine, Washington and a member of the Bellingham chapter. Martin was eagerly awaiting delivery of his 2007 Z06 and I was fortunate in stumbling onto his internet ad resulting in some long phone conversations and a trip to their home in mid-July.

I feel the need to mention the changes in our lives that led to the ownership of this beautiful car. Lorraine and I have been spending time in RVs for our eight years of marriage, but found that her job changes and changes in my own health (try beating advanced lung cancer) that led to my disability retirement. After some brainstorming sessions, we decided to put the motor home on the market. Lorraine said let’s start a new chapter and do some weekend road trips, B&B’s, and so forth and “make memories”. She said start looking for your dream car and we’ll talk. Having owned and done some serious restoration work on a 1967 Austin Healy BJ8 and a 1964 Sunbeam Alpine, I had only had the British Sports car experience with a Datsun 240Z in the middle. Lorraine had owned two MGBs over a period of 8 years, thus both of us relying on gears and revs versus horsepower. Given my age and the times of my life when I had time to think about cars, I was mostly familiar with the “muscle car” image of the Corvette in the Sting Ray era, having owned a 1968 Olds 442 Convertible, my first car out of college. (We all have owned one that we should have kept, right?)

I started doing some research on the Corvette generations and had looked at a few C5s and C6s but concluded that the great engineering leaps from GM in competing with the European competition probably began with the C4 era and then the ‘96 last year of the C4s fell into my lap with Martin’s ad. I became seriously impressed with the evolution of this truly American car. It also fit into

our price range, given some other competing projects around the house. I wanted a driving car, not another project.

When we arrived at the Conyac's home on a beautiful Saturday and found out that Martin's wife is also a Lorraine, and he had restored an Alpine, it felt like predestination might be at work here. When he showed me that The Torch always



resided on a low ramp in his immaculate garage, he immediately shoved me under on the creeper to see that you could eat off the custom exhaust system and not a spec of dirt to be found, while he was demonstrating the keyless entry to my wife. Two hours later, when his Lorraine told my Lorraine that the car probably had 400 coats of wax on it, and Martin had already shown me the meticulous documentation including framed sticker and build sheet and that he regularly changed the brake fluid and went over every feature on the car, I finally said, "Martin, I think we can safely say that I have bought the car, but can we go for a ride before it gets dark?" During his first half of the demo with Martin in the driver's seat he had explained that a previous looker from across the border to the north had alternated between smashing his head from the seat to leaving his teeth marks in the dash, I was hoping I would make a better impression. Sort of like meeting the father of your date for the evening, yes? While I didn't send the 330 HP LT4 screaming, I managed some respectable up and down shifts and got Marvin's attention and tried to find out what you would ever do with 6th gear. He managed, "I can sure tell you have driven some British Sports Cars." I considered that a compliment.



We picked up the car a couple weeks later just after his Z06 arrived and I still tell Lorraine and my friends that every time I drive the car it takes a couple of hours to get the smile off my face. I love the feel of the raw power and handling it is capable of

delivering, but from my previous other comparisons, I realize that it could be unforgiving of arrogance and error and jump up and bite you at any time. I consider it a real privilege to own a car of this quality especially with the meticulous care lavished by her one owner. I hope I can come close to living up of to his standards, a very hard act to follow.

We have taken two road trips, including 1,400 miles to Reno in September for the National Air Races with a buddy from our RV club and a fun trip with Lorraine to her home town of Spokane. Experienced great joy with her at the wheel on the

way back doing 90+ UP the Vantage hill passing everything in sight and still in fifth gear.

Now to the pedigree stuff that we can print, I've already said that Lorraine is a Spokane native, middle of three sisters while I am the oldest of three boys and a transplant to Seattle from Iowa in the early 80's.

I have spent most of my life between broadcast journalism, sales, and construction project management. Lorraine has background in computer science and telecommunications and currently handles special contracts for the Seattle Housing Authority from which I retired in September after 13 years, culminating in management of their Construction Operations Group.

I have two grown sons, Chad, who has a 14 year-old daughter and Jason, also from West Seattle. Both are in real estate business. My daughter, Robyn, from my second marriage, lives in Portland, has a degree in communications, a two and a half year old daughter and husband, Elliott, who is finishing up his fine arts degree and is a commercial photographer.

I also enjoy building and flying large scale radio controlled airplanes, woodworking, and music. (started guitar lessons at age 60). Lorraine is an avid quilter with a some fair ribbons to her credit.

Lorraine and I want you all to know that we appreciate the warm welcome we were given by the CMCS folks and are looking forward to meeting more of you in the months and years ahead. Your wide range of activities and options make the chapter a very attractive place to meet, greet and learn from special people.

We look forward to becoming more involved as time, energy and other challenges permit. Warmest Regards, Craig and Lorraine Crummer

CMCS 2007 Calendars are Now Available

Get one at events/meetings, or by mail



CMCS 2007

Calendars are now printed. They can be purchased at meetings and events for **\$5** each, much of which goes to the Club charity fund. If you would like to get one by mail, send a **\$6** check for the calendar and postage to the club

address, marked "calendar". As usual, this calendar has 12 Cover photos, one per month, of Club member cars. Get one while they are hot!



*The Gospel,
According to
Gary . . .*

*by Gary Main
(CMCS President)*



Ah, yes...the NEW YEAR. When the debris of the past year is swept out the door and life begins anew...and, of course, new debris begins to accumulate. The days are (marginally) beginning to get longer and thoughts turn to getting the Vette out from under the woolly blanket and back on the street. Have you made all...or any...of those nagging little maintenance repairs you were going to do "this winter"? Time's a-wastin'. I'll soon be time to drive that Vette to our **42nd Annual Wet Weekend** (see details on [page 11](#)) at Ocean Shores. Is your Vette ready for the road?

CONGRATULATIONS!...to Marty Cameron, who received the Frank Olsheski Memorial Award for 2006. See details on [page 23](#).

Thanks to all who opened their hearts, and their wallets, for the generous donations made to Northwest Harvest and to our "adopted" families at Christmas time. A special thanks to **Ben Benninghoff**, our ringleader of the CMCS charity activities who coordinated it all. Check out the story & photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

We were saddened a couple weeks ago to learn of the passing of CMCS member **Dick D'Alessandro** after a long and difficult battle with cancer. May he finally find peace and may Lolly and the family find strength in the days ahead. CMCS was well represented at his funeral on 12/22/06. The club will be making a memorial donation in Dick's name to the Evergreen Hospice where he spent his final days.

At our January Board Meeting on 1/26, we'll be exploring new club sponsorship openings, options and opportunities. If you have an idea, now's the time to present it.

Looking down the road a bit, February is when we elect officers for the coming year. Have you thought about becoming a part of the team that directs this club? Now might be a time to consider it. If you want to volunteer (or attempt to "volunteer" somebody else) contact VP Bill Cameron with your ideas.

Membership Renewal - March Deadline

Our membership year is from April 1st to March 31st each year. During the first part of January you will receive a customized form pre-printed with your data of record. Just make any changes needed and send it to the club address with your check. Don't wait until the last minute or you may miss the April Issue of OYM, which is mailed the last week of March. If you take care of the renewal when you first receive the form you won't lose it, forget it, or give the dog a chance to eat it. Then you are happy, the club is happy and life is good.

Upcoming Activities

Note: CMCS Event Dates are in Red

January 2007

- 1/6 [CMCS January 2007 General Meeting](#)
(See page 4 in this newsletter)
- 1/7 [Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up](#) (See page 10 in this newsletter)
- 1/26 [CMCS January 2007 Board Meeting](#)
(See page 4 in this newsletter)

February 2007

- 2/3 **CMCS General Meeting. Old Country Buffet in Totem Lake. 9 am. This is the Officer Nomination meeting.**
- 2/10-11 [Corvette High-Performance Swap Meet.](#)
(See page 13 in this newsletter)
- 2/17-24 Glass Odyssey Corvette Club's one-week "Cruise to Mexico" aboard the Diamond Princess. All Corvette owners welcome. Club membership NOT required. Byron Faber, byfaber@centurytel.net
- 2/23-25 [42nd Wet Weekend - February 23-25, 2007](#)
(See page 11 in this newsletter) **Don't miss this classic event!**



The Board meeting and ballot counting will be on Friday.

March 2007

- 3/2-4 [Seattle Roadster Show 2007](#) (See page 27 in this newsletter)
- 3/10 [2007 Officer Installation Banquet](#)
(See page 12 in this newsletter)

April 2007

- 4/22 All-City Rally 2007 by Corvettes de Olympia.
www.corvettesdeloympia.com

July 2007

- 7/8 **CMCS ALL CORVETTE GATHERING & SHOW AT MILL CREEK. This will be our Second Annual gathering and show 'n' shine at Mill Creek during their festival. Our 2006 event was a smashing success. The city and merchants were thrilled to have us there. We're looking forward to another great showing for CMCS. Contact: Jay & Jan Cockrum (360) 387-3163. JJJ.Cockrum@wavecable.com**
- 7/13-15 CGCC's 5-Star Classic 2007 event. Save the date.
- 7/13-15 SOCA's CORVETTE WEEKEND 2007. Fri. Registration. Meet-n-Greet, Parking Lot Games. Sat. Show/Shine, Funkhana, Poker Run, Jet Boat Dinner Cruise or Dinner at Convention Center, Party, Dancing, Raffle/Door Prizes. Sun Breakfast, Awards, Farewells. Hotel is: Riverside Inn (800) 334-4567.

7/19-22 Boise, Idaho Vette Fest 2007 by Valley Corvettes. Auto-X, Drags, Show/Shine, Dinner, Dance, Raffle. HQ is: Doubletree Inn Riverside, (208) 343-1871, Event rate: \$88 & up. Event info: Terri & Bob LaCoy, (208) 989-0120 or blacoy@cablone.net
7/20-22 Corvettes of the Coos by Pacific Coast Corvette Club. Details coming/ Save the Date. Info: Ed Nielsen, (541) 267-2572

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
By David & Rachele Woodcook



Our area of I-5 needs a

CMCS Adopt-a-Highway cleanup.

Sunday January 7th 9:00 am

Let's all meet after the holiday break at the usual place (the bus barn parking) lot just south of the North 175th Street exit on I-5. Dress in your warm grubbies and bring your gloves. Rain gear might not be a bad idea either. We will have lunch afterwards. Remember that anything you find, you can keep. We've had fun comparing treasures at the end of the cleanup.

Dave/Rachele Woodcook (425) 334-8669

Woodcook@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Remember, anything you find you keep.



Wet Weekend Registration Form

The fee pays for 2 dinner meals and other Wet Weekend Expenses

Deadline: February 1, 2007



Name(s):

Phone

Address

City, St. Zip

Attending: x \$35 = \$

e-mail:



Please reserve early by sending your check (for \$35 per person) payable to:

CMCS Wet Weekend
PO Box 534
Kirkland, WA 98083-0534

Marty Cameron (425) 885-6102 Marty@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Kayla Main (425) 485-2131 Kayla@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

See the flyer on the following page

42nd Wet Weekend - February 23-25, 2007



This is our traditional winter get-away "Wet" can mean a lot of things!

Wet Weekend is our first official tour of the year, and everyone is always anxious to get out on the road after the long winter. Rain or shine (and many times the sun does shine in February), we'll have a great road tour to Ocean Shores.



Lodging



We'll be staying and playing at the Polynesian Condominium Resort. 615 Ocean Shores Blvd., Ocean Shores WA. A block of rooms has been held for us until January 9th. Rates range from \$90 to \$153.

Call now for reservations: **(800) 562-4836**

Be sure to let them know you are with the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle.



Friday Caravan to Ocean Shores



For those who can escape early on Friday and want to go with the Corvette Caravan, departure will be 9:30 am from the parking lot of Fry's Electronics just off I-405 in Renton.



Friday Dinner at Ocean Shores



We'll have our traditional "Spud Feast" around 6:30 pm in the big meeting room. Dinner will include salad, bread, baked potatoes with some kinda trimmings, dessert, pop and coffee. After dinner the board will meet in the same room, count the election ballots and QUICKLY handle any other necessary club business. All members are welcome at the board meeting. We'll then adjourn to start the traditional "31" tournament. Be sure to bring your quarters, your favorite beverage and your luck (or skill?) for playing "31".



Saturday Activities



Saturday you can rise & shine...or not...whenever you get "a round tuit". By Presidential decree, this shall be a laid back-low key (dare we say lazy?) weekend. Breakfast and lunch are on your own. Go shopping. Com to the beach. Go fly a kite. Stay in the sack and pull the covers over your head. Who cares? It's your call. If the weather is decent, an impromptu tour might happen so pack your radios to keep in contact.



Saturday Night Dinner



We will gather for a buffet dinner on Saturday night at ***Mariah's Restaurant*** adjacent to the Polynesian.

The buffet will consist of salads, veggies, Prime Rib and Salmon, and dessert. And whatever else Chef Gordon decides to add.

Cost - \$35 Pre-Paid Reservations



\$35 gets you Friday and Saturday dinner. (And More!)

Pre-paid reservations Required by Feb. 1st, 2007!

See Registration form on the previous page.

Meal Reservations Required!

*2007 Officer Installation Banquet
&
March General Membership Meeting*

Saturday March 10, 2007



**6:00 pm - No-Host Bar
7:00 pm - Dinner
Meeting to Follow
RSVP by March 4th
Dressy Attire**

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

Info:

Cece Nelson (206) 567-5433

Al Dager (425) 391-3557 Al@corvettemarqueclub.com

Send a check to: Corvette Marquee Club of Seattle PO Box 534 Kirkland WA 98083-0354 Attn: Officer Installation Banquet	<p style="text-align: center;">Registration Deadline Sunday March 4th, 2007</p> Be sure and pick your entree.
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Registration Form - Officer Installation Banquet

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

Entree	Qty	Cost Each	Total	
Chicken		\$28.50	\$	Grand Total
Salmon		\$28.50	\$	

The Marquet Place Classified Advertising

For Sale: 1996 classy Polo Green Coupe, black interior with clear removable top and all options. Runs great! New tires and suspension.

60,000 miles.

\$15,400

Susie Roberts:

(425) 775-6247

(206) 618-7205.



CMCS 15 oz. Porcelain Coffee Mugs

Contact Bill Cameron if you would like to purchase one or more of the porcelain mugs shown. The cost for the mugs is \$8 each or two mugs for \$15. Mugs will be for sale at the Club general meetings until they are gone.



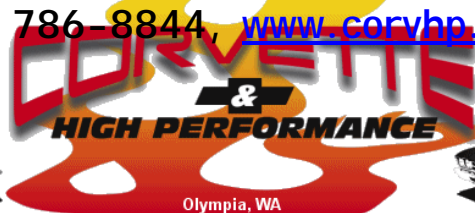
Corvette High-Performance Swap Meet

Western Washington Fairgrounds - Puyallup, Washington

February 10 & 11, 2007, 33rd Annual

Held in Conjunction with Silver's Collector Car Auction

(360) 786-8844, www.corvhp.com

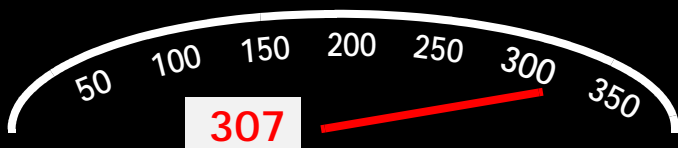


January Birthdays

Cheryal Heppner	4	Jan Ramsay	10		
Virginia Rayner	4	Dan Bechtol	12	Jack Goodman	17
Oran Petersen	8	Margaret Holly	12	FABULS Bob Newman	24
Jan Cockrum	9	Dan Roupe	12	Michael Rapkin	25
Susan Armstrong	10	Midge Moore	13	Cathi Vannice	25
Linda Elliott	10	Laura Jensen	14	Janice Krein	26
Kurt Geisreiter	10	Bob Bunn	15	Keith Haselfeld	29
Curt Heasley	10	Betty Yoder	15	Bruce Kelly	29



The Membership Tachometer *by Marty Cameron*



There were no new members at our December meeting. Our membership remains at **307**.

Dick D'Alessandro - March 1945 - December 2006

CMCS member Dick D'Alessandro passed away on December 16, 2006. He was 61 years old and had been a member of CMCS since June, 2000. Dick had fought a very difficult battle with cancer for the past year.

Dick was CMCS Treasurer in 2003 and 2004 and he and his wife Lolly were chairpersons and headed up the very successful Seattle in September 2004 event. Prior to his illness, Dick was the Santa Claus for the CMCS Christmas party, the CMCS Charity visit to Lakeview gardens Rest Home and the CMCS charity gift distribution to needy families. He was also the original auctioneer at previous CMCS Thanksgiving Charity auctions. He and Lolly drove their 04' Spiral Gray convertible in many parades and other events and have been very active in the club.



I thought it might be interesting for you to know a little about Dick outside of his CMCS involvement.

Dick led a very interesting and varied life that went beyond his CMCS connection. He was a Kirkland native and lived there his whole life. He worked for the City of Kirkland for 30 years and retired in 1994. He served in many capacities with the city and was active in the Kirkland Volunteer Fire Department until a permanent fire department was formed. Dick had many stories about his time fighting fires and providing EMT services, including taking delivery of a new fire truck in the northeast and driving it across county to Kirkland. It wasn't exactly like driving a Corvette but was a unique way to see the country!

Dick was "Mr. Baseball" in Kirkland. He coached youth baseball in Kirkland for over 30 years and is responsible for developing many kids in sports and other facets of their lives. He was very talented in this area and in recognition of his efforts he was awarded the Topps Amateur Baseball Coach of the Year for Washington State in the early 1990s. His extensive knowledge of baseball and his ability to recognize and develop talented young baseball players was put to good use as a scout for the major

league Toronto Blue Jays. If anyone had a question about baseball rules, situations or any other baseball question, Dick was the “go to guy”. He also coached youth football in Kirkland. As an added bonus, he met his wife, Lolly, through Youth Baseball in Kirkland! Dick was also a past President of the Kirkland National Little League.

Dick’s working career was spent mainly in the purchasing and acquisition field. He served in that capacity with the City of Kirkland, Paccar and the City of Shoreline. He was a Past President of the Washington State Purchasing Managers Association and traveled to various places to speak at meetings, conventions, etc. He was a well respected person in his profession and those who worked with him are very complimentary of his professionalism, “people skills” and over-all talents.

Besides Corvettes, and prior to his illness, Dick was an avid golfer and enjoyed all sports. He and his wife, Lolly have played many golf courses in the Northwest. My wife, Lorrie and I were fortunate enough to play with them very often and we were able to watch Lolly score a hole-in-one at the very difficult Desert Canyon Golf Course, near Wenatchee. Dick and Lolly’s view of a near perfect weekend involved loading the golf clubs in their Corvette (luckily they drive a C5) and heading somewhere to play golf! They also recently bought a snowmobile but were unable to use it very much, due to Dick’s illness. If you get the chance, ask Lolly about her maiden solo voyage on the snowmobile!

Dick was the ultimate family man. Everything he did revolved around family and friends and he was unselfishly loyal to both. He and Lolly have three children and 8 grandchildren. He was a devoted parent and grandfather and was happiest when he was around them.

An indication of the type of man Dick was is the fact that he was virtually a magnet to children. Children naturally gravitated to him and he always took the time to get down on their level and communicate with them. I think most of us agree that children can be a pretty good indicator of a good person and their attraction to Dick proves it.

Our granddaughter, Danielle, was afraid, at first, of Dick and it was because Dick had a beard. She didn’t like men with beards, even Santa Claus. Dick decided he was going to win her over and one day while she was visiting us we looked over and saw Dick on the floor with her as she put all her play jewelry on him! He was soon wearing a tiara, earrings, necklaces, rings and all sorts of things. Before long, they were both laughing and giggling and have been fast friends from that time on. Dick would never let a child or adult be uncomfortable around him and figured out a way to make them comfortable.

Dick was laid to rest on December 22nd at a funeral service conducted by CMCS Chaplain, Jim Gwinn. The service was very nice and the very large number of people attending the service were an indication of how many people were proud to call Dick their friend.

Lolly, who works for Frontier Bank in their Woodinville office, plans to stay in the area where she can be around family and friends. I’m sure you will all join me in wishing her the best during this difficult time.

If I had to describe Dick in just a few words it is that Dick was a nice man who never had an unkind word to say about anyone. Simply stated, Dick was a “good guy”.

By Dennis Montgomery

His friend and someone who feels proud to have known him

The CMCS Dee Esping Charity - Event Report

Adopt-a-Family 2006

by Gary Main



On Saturday, December 16th, Our CMCS Santa and five elves braved fallen trees and power outages to deliver Christmas presents to three "adopted" families in the Bellevue & Redmond area. Just getting to the homes was a bit of a challenge this year due to blocked streets and dark traffic lights.

Preparations began long before Dec. 16th, first with gathering of donated funds and merchandise from various sources during the prior year, then selecting the families to be supported, followed by the last minute shopping and wrapping. The shopping/wrapping crew consisted of **Ben Benninghoff**, **Judy Jewell**, **Bill & Marty Cameron**, **David & Margaret Ormerod**, **Al & Jean Dager** and **Mona Cox**. Many other CMCS members and friends had made contributions during the prior year that made this day possible.

The "storm of the decade" on Dec. 14th & 15th that brought the greater Seattle area to its knees didn't stop CMCS Santa and his five elves on the 16th. Slowed them down, perhaps, but didn't stop them. CMCS Santa (aka **Ben Benninghoff**) chauffeured by **Jan Harris** in her '04 Torch Red sleigh, appeared at the appointed place at the appointed time and appropriately attired. They were joined by elves **Bill & Marty Cameron** in their '00 Bowling Green sleigh, **Gary Main** in his '67 Sunfire Yellow sleigh and **Kayla Main** driving the freight truck filled floor to ceiling with wrapped presents for the adopted families. Within the span of a couple hours, much of it spent in various traffic jams, deliveries were made to three families with a cumulative total of 19 kids and 4 adults. If you want to witness genuine joy, you need look no further than the faces of those kids and their parents. Or, check out the faces of Santa and his elves. It's hard to tell who was having more fun.





Once duties were done, the Santa Caravan adjourned to the Redmond Claim Jumper for Hot Buttered Rums...lots of 'em...and eventually, an early dinner. Being one of the few places with power, the Claim Jumper was overloaded making service really S-L-O-W. There was ample time for conversation. Stories that surfaced amongst the Hot Buttered Rums will no doubt guarantee that Santa's

bag will be a bit fuller at the next CMCS Christmas party. Let your imagination run wild...or come to the next Christmas party and be a witness.

If you've ever wondered why CMCS does these charity activities, you need to come along on just one Adopt-a-Family at Christmas event. It's a very uplifting and unforgettable experience. Dee Ann Esping's dream and her legacy are alive and well. Dee would be proud.

Christmas Banquet - Santa Photos

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CMCS Club Officer Nominations in February

The time is drawing near for our annual election of officers. Nominations for these positions will be held at our February 2007 general membership meeting at the Old Country Buffet at Totem Lake.

This is your personal invitation to become involved and see what really makes this club so special.

Ask yourself what are your favorite things the club does. Do you have a special knack for numbers? Or do you like writing or maybe organizing something? If any of these questions have sparked an interest then please call me or call any board member. We're all listed on [page 2](#) of this newsletter. This club has been in existence for a long time so there are many people who have served before. They can be a wealth of information and help to those who offer to serve in the coming year. All you have to do is speak up. Even if you haven't yet been in the club for a year and would like to run for an office, we can work that. Our By-Laws address this issue. Following is a brief summary of the duties of each elective office:

PRESIDENT: Presides over the general membership and board meetings and, if needed, any special meetings. Also appoints Committee Chairpersons.

VICE PRESIDENT: Presides over the meetings in the absence of the President. Directs the activities of the standing committees. Maintains a current inventory of property owned by the club.

SECRETARY: Takes minutes at general membership, board meetings and special meetings. Handles other club correspondence as required.

TREASURER: Will provide accurate books on all club transactions related to collecting money and paying the bills. Reports the club financial status at each general membership and board meeting.

1-YEAR MEMBER AT LARGE: This is the remainder of a 2-year term so there is no election for this office. Help the 2-Year Member at Large if needed.

2-YEAR MEMBER AT LARGE: Is the Chairperson of the Activities/ Program Committee. This committee coordinates the programs for and location of club meetings. The Chairperson submits to the Vice President, the schedule of activities. (Note: this Chairperson is NOT required to plan all of the events/activities. Various club members organize individual events. This Chairperson's responsibility is to simply coordinate and report to the VP.)

There's no rocket science involved in any of these official positions. Anyone with the desire and fire can easily do any one of them. I can tell you from experience that the best way to enjoy this club or any club is to get involved in the operation of it. So, what are you waiting for? Throw your hat into the ring!

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Funny Foto - You Want What From Santa?



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Christmas Party Banquet - Event Photos



Reception



Over 60 members attended the 2006 Christmas Banquet in Auburn on December 10th.

We enjoyed an excellent salmon and beef broil buffet "lunch", a visit from Santa, and good company.

*Marty Cameron Presented the Frank
Olsheski Memorial Trophy*



The board voted Marty Cameron the recipient of the perpetual Frank Olsheski Memorial Trophy for outstanding service during the year 2006.

The trophy has a Santa figurine, and changes hands at the Christmas Banquet each year. Marty's name has been engraved on the plaque. She will hold the trophy at her home for the coming year.

Most of you know Marty, as she is usually involved with either running an event, helping others run their events, or otherwise providing help as needed for the many club events and activities held during the year.

She is also the Membership Chairperson.

Congratulations Marty!

Frank Olsheski Award - A CMCS Tradition

by Jay Cockrum



Why does The Corvette Marque Club of Seattle have a **Frank Olsheski Award**? Why is it presented at the annual Christmas party? Who was Frank Olsheski?

Many CMCS members over the nearly 44 years the club has been in existence have contributed much of their time, abilities and knowledge to make the Corvette club what it is today.

For years one who stood out was **Frank Olsheski**. He probably held every club office, board, and committee position, many more than once. He organized, led and participated in events. His home was the official mailing address for CMCS. Frank promoted the club to Corvette owners wherever he went. He was a CMCS cheerleader.

On his personal side, Frank was raised in Seattle and attended the U of W, earning bachelor's and master's degrees. He lived in Bothell and rode his bicycle to his work as an industrial arts teacher at Interlake High School. Mr. O, as he was known at school, was devoted to his career in education and was honored as the state's top industrial arts teacher.

With CMCS, one of his favorite things was being Santa at the CMCS Christmas parties. Members would earn, by their actions throughout the year, "gifts" that would be presented in the proper fashion from Santa's Bag. The neat thing was that these were hand made. Frank was proud of his Polish heritage and the bag contents reflected it. John Paul Nelson III recalls one such item as being a long set of wires attached to a small battery on one end and a lighted earring on the other, probably because John was one of the first men in CMCS sporting an earring. Because she complained about the Membership Meeting dinners always starting late, Jan Cockrum remembers getting a small lunch box with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The stories go on and on.

Frank Olsheski was 41 when he passed away from complications of cancer in 1984. Initiated by club members Neil and Noreen Millen, a perpetual annual award was donated to keep the memory of Frank's enthusiasm alive. Since Santa at Christmas was him, that is the reason CMCS presents **The Frank Olsheski Award** at that time to a member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty during the year.

A great tradition, indeed.

YEAR	RECIPIENT
1984	Valerie Johansen
1985	Jan Cockrum
1986	Jan Cockrum
1987	Mike Shelly
1988	John Paul Nelson III
1989	John Thomas
1990	Kayla Main
1991	John Thomas
1992	John Bell
1993	Sandra Green
1994	Cloyd Jackson
1995	Gary Main
1996	Ben Benninghoff
1997	Oran Petersen
1998	Gary Main
1999	Barbara Jackson
2000	Gary & Kayla Main
2001	Cassie Black
2002	Jane Shimanek
2003	Lorrie Montgomery
2004	Montgomerys
2005	Kevin Jewell
2006	Marty Cameron

CMCS General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2006

by Mona Cox - Secretary



After partaking of the Muckleshoot Casino's fabulous buffet in the Chinook Room, Santa, whose visit was coordinated by Ben Benninghoff, came to visit. The membership had been encouraged to bring small (okay, 15 pounds of concrete is not exactly small!) gifts for other members. The gifts were to reflect something that had happened to or with the gift recipient during the past year. Santa's bag contained, among other things, wrapping paper, said concrete, a cookie, Pepto Bismol and margarita salt. All gifts came with an explanation. Following Santa's visit, President Gary Main called the general meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members present were Gary Main, Bill Cameron, Mona Cox, Rick Milsow, Kevin Jewell and Al Dager.

Absent was David Ormerod.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Gary noted that Treasurer David Ormerod wasn't at the meeting to report, but the club is solvent.

Membership: No new members joined CMCS this month. Marty Cameron reported that membership remains at 307.

Activities: Al Dager reminded us to attend the January and February 2007 meetings. Check the website and the newsletter for details. February is the officer nominations meeting.

Wet Weekend will be February 23 through 25 at the Polynesian at Ocean Shores. More details to follow.

Newsletter: Newsletter Editor Oran Petersen again noted that he has 2007 CMCS calendars for sale. The calendars feature CMCS cars, and cost \$5.00 each, much of which goes to the Dee Esping Charity Fund.

Adopt-A-Highway: Gary reported, for Dave and Rachelle Woodcock, that we're scheduled to clean our section of I-5 on Sunday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. Plan to attend.

Charity: The Santa brigade will meet Saturday, December 16 at noon at the Azteca Restaurant on 148th in Redmond. They'll leave Azteca between around 12:30 p.m. to deliver Christmas gifts to our 3 adopted families. All elves are welcome. Gary Main's '67 yellow roadster is available to be Santa's sleigh, if necessary, but Gary thinks Santa needs to arrive in a red

roadster. The call went out for said car. Jan Harris asked some questions about Santa...

National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS): Asleep for the winter.

National Corvette Museum (NCM): Gary noted that CMCS has renewed its museum membership for another year.

Parades: Parade season is over for this year. Jim McDonnell mentioned that there's an arts festival in Langley the weekend after July 4; he'd like to get a group together to attend.

Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs (NWACC): Tim Cox reported that NWACC has been put to bed for the year.

Old Business: Gary noted that the new CMCS website needs car photos. You can add them yourself. Check it out.

Bill Cameron again asked members to consider running for a position on the board. If you're interested, let Bill know. His phone and e-mail addresses are near the front of the newsletter and in the Membership Directory.

New Business: Gary told those gathered that the Board recommends that the dues for 2007 remain the same as they were in 2006. John Thomas made a motion to accept; Ben Benninghoff seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. It will continue to cost \$65 for a single to join, and \$85 for a couple. Renewal dues will remain at \$35/single and \$50/couple.

The **Olsheski award** is given each year to a person who has gone above and beyond for the betterment of CMCS. Gary presented the award to this year's recipient, a very surprised Marty Cameron.

The **50/50 pot** was \$249, of which Jan Harris won half. The other half went into our scholarship fund for the Shoreline Community College automotive program.

There were beautiful red table runners on each table. Marty Cameron offered them for sale for \$15 each. See her if you're interested in purchasing one. People were also reminded to take the candy on the table home with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. We'll see you at Alf's Pizza in Lynnwood at high noon on January 6 for the January general membership meeting!

Respectfully submitted by Mona Cox, Secretary

Happy New Year

March 2,3,4

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Seattle Roadster Show



This year the show coordinators are requesting that entries be limited to Pre 1972 roadsters. Also, club participation is being limited to a maximum of 6 cars.

Due to these restrictions CMCS will not have a Club participation in this year's show.

If you wish to enter your car as an individual you can find the forms and information that you need at www.hotrodshows.com.

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



33 LAPS AGO: JANUARY '77. The monthly general meeting was held at the Hyatt House, presided over by President John Thomas. Forrest gives the run down on the WWSC Awards Banquet where CMCS was well represented. Roger Ellingson & Roger Orth both receiving 1st place awards in their respective class. Pat Padilla and Rick Hults are voted into membership. The Board offers its nominations to the membership for the next Board Officers elections. Bruce Kelly announces his resignation from his board position. Dick Stanley gave a talk on his trip to St. Louis to pick up his new car. Amendments proposed to the club's constitution are read, moved to approve, seconded, and voted to approve measures. Also changed the date for club dues to come due for the coming fiscal year. Membership 'almost' approves of a certain style of jacket to meet club membership's approval.

30 LAPS AGO: JANUARY '77. Monthly meeting kicks off at the Cellar in Bellevue by President Les Hodges. Tom Janecky and associate member Judy James become the latest club members bringing the total to 130. Bowling Party in Bellevue highlight the club's activities. NWACC; Neil discussed rule changes & the Centralia Swap Meet. WWSCC Autocross in Lacey and Steve Forbes volunteers to be the club representative. Rule changes now allow men to compete in women's classes, and vice-versa. Club jackets topic surfaces again (10 years and they still can't decide!?!- Ben). Many thanks to Don Schwab for the excellent Christmas Party he hosted.

20 LAPS AGO: JANUARY '87. Monthly meeting held at Lee Johnson Chevrolet in Kirkland with President Frank Brese. NWACC; John Nelson agrees to take the position of club representative. Membership stands at 116. The board presents their nominations for new board members to the membership. A new typewriter is needed for the club

10 LAPS AGO: JANUARY '97. John Schute's 1970 Cortez Silver Corvette Coup his featured on the newsletter's cover. President Gary Main gathers the flock during the Miss Budweiser Hydroplane tour in Tukwila. Thanks to Loran Sawyer, club member and pit team member for the Miss Budweiser for hosting the event and the grand tour of the facilities and meeting their new driver Dave Villwock for owner Bernie Little. Jim Micus set up the final act; serious eating at a local Round Table Pizza in Southcenter. Steve & Maureen Barbee, Steve & Robin Cassidy, Carl & Lorene Davidson, and Fred Waits were all accepted as new club members bring the total to 161. Club votes to accept the proposed changes and updates to the club's constitution & by-laws. Barbara Jackson notes the club should see their sign up soon on the portion of

highway I-5 we've been assigned to maintain as part of Washington State's "Adopt A Highway" program. The Adopt A Family for Christmas was a big success and attended by many of Santa's Elves. Santa's joy diminished upon noting all the little helpers left Santa in the parking lot of the Kingdome without letting him know where they were going to get something to eat. Remember the "Bag of Balm" he received for another incident earlier in the year, Santa went home and applied a generous portion to the rash. Northwest Harvest Food Bank sends their thanks from CMCS donations of \$366 and several bags of non perishable food items.

5 LAPS AGO: JANUARY 2002. President Jan Cockrum attracts the attention of those gathered at the Skyway Park Bowl and Casino in Renton for a meeting. Thanks to Jim & Linda Micus for hosting the event where bowling and miniature golf was enjoyed by several club members. Marshall & Christy Cutting, Bob & Karla Kothenbeutel, and, Robert Bean are all accepted into membership for a total of 298.

National Corvette Museum News

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com>

by Vince Perriello
NCM Staff Member & CMCS Member

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We want to take a moment to thank you for your support and friendship.

We would not be where we are today and could not plan for the future without the strength you have given us as members and supporters. From our family to yours – best wishes for a happy and rewarding 2007!



C5/C6 Bash Update

Registration for the C5/C6 Bash, April 26-28 is open and over 150 people have already registered. We think you are going to be excited about all of the new activities added to this year's bash event agenda. Included is everything you would expect like autograph sessions, seminars, speed events, and road tour excursions - but this year's Bash offers even more!

- 2008 Corvette introduction and opportunities to be drawn for a "ride-with" for pre-registered participants.
- Join NASCAR's Rick Hendrick for a special "meet/greet" fund raising event in the Skydome.
- C5/C6 Registry 10th Anniversary Celebration with music, dancing and dinner with a "Margaritaville" theme.
- Corvette Racing Celebrity Golf Challenge.
- Corvette Racing Awards Banquet, car shows, GM Customer Assistance area, and much more!

Register online at:

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

All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative dash plaque and lapel pin in addition to a personalized event badge. We look forward to welcoming you for the first event of the 2007 season!

Gathering Event Registration Opens

Registration for the C4/ZR-1 Gathering event is open! The event is scheduled for May 3-5 and offers road tour excursions, seminars, autocross, dyno pulls, celebrity/peoples choice car show, live auction, drive-through trouble shooting with Gordon Killebrew, banquet, and so much more.

This year's event also features a special Callaway Corvettes display in the NCM circle! All participants pre-registering before April 23, 2007 will receive a personalized event badge and a commemorative dash plaque as part of their registration. Register for the Gathering at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/gathering/info.shtml>

2007 Hall of Fame Inductees Selected

Our 2007 Hall of Fame inductees were selected last week as part of our 4th quarter NCM Board of Directors meeting. Corvette Racer, Douglas Hooper; Corvette Technicality Specialist, Gordon Killebrew and Corvette Designer and Stylist, Carl Renner will be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame as part of our 13th Anniversary Corvette Celebration over Labor Day weekend.

Inductees are selected based on nomination information and materials provided to us by our membership base. The Corvette Hall of Fame was created by the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors in 1998, its purpose to confer the highest honor and recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette. The award recognizes those people who have made significant contributions to their respective fields, each having reached the highest level of accomplishment. Inductees must also possess the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of the Corvette and the National Corvette Museum.

Information on previous inductees can be viewed online at:

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your choice, so pick the artwork that best represents you and/or your club!
 Find out more about reserving your spot as part of this fund raising
 opportunity at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/donations/bench.shtml>

January 2007 Calendar

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February 2007 Calendar

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25 CMCS Wet Weekend page 11	26	27	28	The February Board Meeting will be held Friday at Ocean Shores. Ballot counting.		

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