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CMCS Board Meeting - Thursday January 7th



Family Pancake House, Redmond 17621 Redmond Way, Redmond, WA 98052 5:30 pm for food 6:15 pm for meeting

Info: Bill Cameron: VicePresident@CorvetteMargueClub.com Future Meeting: Feb 26, 2016

Saturday Social at the Plum - 9 am

Join club members and others for a breakfast social. Plum Delicious Restaurant, 3212 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton, WA The agenda is food and Corvette talk. Just show up and enjoy. The socials happen most Saturdays, except those with conflicting CMCS events. See the activity list.



Coordinator: Oran Petersen Activities@CorvetteMargueClub.com

Cover Car - Shawn Pollard's 1999 Black Coupe



I moved to Washington when I was 19 years old. After a few months I started working for Boeing. Not too long after that I bought my first Corvette. It was a 1984 Red Coupe Automatic. I loved the car. I knew it wasn't the best Corvette out there but it was mine and I loved it. But being a typical Boeing

employee, I was one of the many that got laid off. Then I had a choice to make, Corvette or Truck. Truck won because I needed it to work in landscaping or whatever else I could find for work.

I eventually went back to work for Boeing and of course was laid off 6-months later. This time I went to school at Shoreline community College. I joined the GM-ASEP program there and started to learn to become an Automotive Technician. I was well on my way in the program when Boeing pulled the funding for school from me. They claimed that I had prior education in Computer Science, which I did. So they wouldn't pay for me to go to school for anything but Computer Science. Except, because Computer Science was a saturated market at the time they wouldn't pay for that either. Now I was stuck between a rock and a hard place. Scott Main recommended me for a scholarship through the *Corvette Marque Club of Seattle*. And fortunately the club agreed. I received a scholarship for that quarter of school which was exactly what I needed to stay in the program and then prepare to pay for the rest of the program myself. If it wasn't for that scholarship from the club I probably would have never finished the GM-ASEP program.

Fast forward to June 2014. I am now a computer technician for Snohomish County. I have a wife and two children. I get a call from a friend (Best Friend EVER) in Maryland that he has the deal of a lifetime for me. He knows someone selling a 1999 C5 Black Coupe, 6-speed. It is in really good shape for the miles. Then he drops the price on me.... \$7,000. This is for a running,



driving 1999 Corvette. It took a little convincing but my wife agreed to let me buy it. She knew how much I kicked myself for getting rid of my last Corvette. So I buy the car and fly to Maryland and drive it home in what was to become the road trip of a lifetime. We just so happened to stop in Bowling Green, KY while the Corvette Homecoming was going on. We got to ride in a large convoy of Corvettes to the Corvette museum. It was amazing. Then we continued on across the country



stopping in Chicago, the Mississippi River, Devils Tower, and then on to "Beartooth Pass". This road starts in Red Lodge, Montana and goes up over 11,000+ ft. of elevation and back down into the north east corner of Yellowstone. Needless to say it was the most beautiful and fun drive I have ever been on.

Once back in Washington, I drop off my copilot and head home. I let my wife know, to let my son know, that I will be there any minute. He decides to wait for me outside. When I came down the street I see him with his back to me. So I give the car a good rev, which causes him to immediately turn to look at me. He is so excited that he just starts laughing. He couldn't control himself, he was so happy. Since then the Corvette has been a bonding experience for the both of us. We joined the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle in May I believe. And have been having a blast going to all of the events we could.

Cole and I both appreciate the kindness and acceptance that we have both received by the club and its members. Cole feels so special knowing he is in a Corvette club with his own name tag. I knew when I bought the car that it was going to be fun, but I didn't realize how much of an effect on my life it would have. It has become something more than a car to Cole and me. It has become a common ground for us. And hopefully it will continue on for as long as possible.



A couple of months ago, I suggested that GM would be better served to design an all-wheel drive Corvette rather than to try to meet the 20-30 year demand for a midengine Corvette. Of course the logic of either choice is to provide a way to put high levels of horsepower to the ground. Chrysler has beat GM to the punch as they have unveiled a Dodge Challenger AWD concept with an extra 75 hp added to its Hemi engine. Since they already claimed 707 hp, this is serious power. Of course they might not build it, but certainly they are testing the waters.

Probably a sign of my age, but I notice that I am seeing more obituaries for my younger days icons. In November, we lost George Barris. As a car customizer, Barris was best known for the Batmobile. He also had built a wild (and totally impractical) ride for the Seattle band, Paul Revere & the Raiders. While many of these later creations were more than a bit garish, he got his start building custom 1950 era

Mercury customs, chopped, dropped, lake pipes, spinner hubcaps et al. Those were classy early rods, and some of the first of the "late model" rods.

If you have paid any attention to my column, you know I like to follow the auction scene. Sometimes, I follow the auctions just to wonder what the bidders were thinking. Monterey in August during the Monterey Historic races and Pebble Beach is one auction after another. One trend I have noticed is that although some of the brass era cars still command top dollar, there is a lot more interest in later cars. Collectively at the Monterey auctions this past year, the era with the most cars sold (and money generated) was 1960-69, followed by 1970-79. I suspect much of this is due to the baby boomers buying the cars of their youth, but still it is significant trend. Will the trend continue with the next generation of buyers? Will the buyers be lusting over a 1982 Citation X-11? Stay tuned.

On a recent trip, Avis furnished us with a Ford C-Max hybrid. Now, this is the first hybrid I have ever driven. Once I got over the lack of sound, I found myself intrigued with trying to maximize the fuel efficiency. First, once I got it moving, I would immediately lift a bit so it would go into electric mode. Then on every braking episode I would do my best to recover the kinetic energy back into the battery. The dash monitor would actually tell me that I had recovered (for instance) 86% of the braking energy. When I finally figured out how to capture 100%, I fully expected the dash to light up with "WINNER, WINNER, WINNER, WINNER", ala Las Vegas. We were mostly in city driving, with some two lane, but no high speed freeway. The car delivered slightly better than 41 mpg, which amazed me and I purposely filled it as much as I could before I dropped it off, so it might have been even a bit better. Judy got very tired of my driving trying to maximize the efficiency, and I have to admit I was as slow as molasses. So the next time you are behind a hybrid driver who is trying their best to maximize their mpg, be gentle with the horn. Not everyone was so gentle with me.

Your club has a general charity, named after a former member Dee Esping. For many years we had a Thanksgiving turkey feast and charity auction in November. Members would donate items of interest for other members to bid on. The proceeds of the auction were used to fund charity activities in the following year. After our 2014 event, I approached many in the membership about taking on the role of charity auction chair for 2015. Many members responded that they felt the charity auction had gotten stale. Many also said that they liked having a charity within the club to share with those in the community less fortunate, but they really didn't want to come to the auction. However, they said that they would gladly contribute to the charity to avoid the necessity of the auction. Now is your opportunity to contribute to the charity. With your membership renewal, there will be an optional donation to the Dee Esping charity. Select the donation amount of your choice and include it with your dues renewal. Donations are allocated only for charity purposes. As long as we have funds in the Dee Esping Charity, the club will continue to help others in our community. Especially for the newer members, I should emphasize that the club also has a 50-50 raffle using tickets sold at the meetings. Half goes to the winner and half goes into a scholarship fund that is awarded annually to benefit an ASEP (auto technician) program at Shoreline Community College). Around the first of the year we have many requests for our money. I would hope that you would help continue the CMCS Dee Esping Charity and the good that it does every year. Your donation, in any amount, will help us continue that community support in the name of CMCS.

CMCS General Meeting - January 9, 2016



Denny's Restaurant - Kent WA 1246 Central Ave. North, Kent WA 98032 4 pm food * Meeting about 5:15 pm Order from the standard menu Separate checks

CMCS has a private closed-door room for this meeting. From WA-167 take the 84th Ave S (N Central Ave) exit CMCS Coordinator: Oran Petersen Activities@CorvetteMargueClub.com

CMCS General Membership Meeting Minutes December 19, 2015 Collector's Choice Restaurant, Snohomish WA by Mona Cox

Board members present were Kevin Jewell (President), Bill Cameron (Vice President), Mona Cox (Secretary), Steve Yabroff (Treasurer), Oran Petersen (Two Year Board/Activities), Kayla Main (One Year Board), and Bob Renner (Past President Pro Tem). Following a tasty Dijon chicken, salmon and prime rib dinner, president Kevin Jewell called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. He

welcomed everyone to the party, and thanked Father Christmas for visiting us prior to dinner. Kevin mentioned that CMCS received a thank you letter from Jubilee Reach, through which we adopted this year's charity family. This Christmas season, Jubilee Reach matched sponsors with 155 families that have 370 children. Kevin then noted that in recent years, the club held an annual charity auction. While it appears the auction idea ran its course, the Dee Esping Charity Fund is very much alive. Kevin asks that people still continue to donate to the charity fund.

Contributions can be given at any time; give to him or Treasurer Steve Yabroff. He noted that there will be a charity donation line on the 2016 renewal form. In 2015, charity funds were spent on the Veterans Home in Retsil, the Port Townsend Aero Museum, Toys for Tots, and for gifts for the Jubilee Reach family. Lastly, Kevin told all that the pronunciation of Marque is "mark".

VICE PRESIDENT Bill Cameron has 3 club radios for sale, at \$228 each. Bill is still looking for people to run for board positions for 2016. Please let him know if you're interested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Mona Cox): The November 2015 minutes, as shown in the December 2015 newsletter, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Yabroff reported that the bills are paid and the books are in order. As always, copies of the Treasurer's reports were available for review.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Candy Turi): Rod and Gail Russell, Darryl and Getty Phippen, Dennis and Theresa Brown, Kevin and Natalie Simpson, and Larry and Jan Bughi were welcomed as new members of the club. Membership now stands at 282.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: (Oran Petersen)

- January 9 January General Membership meeting will be at Denny's in Kent.
- February 6 February General Membership and Board Nominations meeting will be at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton.
- February 26-28 (2 nights) Wet Weekend in Long Beach, Washington.
- May there might be a submarine tour at Bangor. Contact Bob Renner to get your name on the list.
- May 27-30 Big Sky event in Great Falls, Montana. Contact Tim and Mona Cox for information.
- June 3-5 Corvettes on the Columbia by the Three Rivers Corvette Club.
- June 10-12 Yakima Valley Vettes Vette-a-Bration

For details on all upcoming events, check the club website.

Committee Reports:

NEWSLETTER: Oran has a cover car for January. He encouraged the new members to submit photos and bios to him.

APPAREL: Marty Cameron; no report.

CHARITY: Marty Cameron reported that club members recently shopped for our adopted family and for Toys for Tots. All of our purchases have been delivered.

PARADES: Jim McDonnell absent; no report.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: John Thomas absent; no report.

NCRS: Gary Main noted that NCRS membership is open to owners of 1999 or older Corvettes. A Judging School will be held on January 9 in Gig Harbor at the Tacoma Narrows Airport Hanger.

NCM: Wes Holmes absent; no report.

NWACC: Brian Luessen absent. Kevin noted that there will be several Autocrosses next summer, mostly at Shelton. There will also be an Autocross School on May 15. WET WEEKEND: Oran distributed flyers for our 2016 Wet Weekend event in Long Beach, WA. He suggested reserving a hotel room at The Breakers soon. The flyer is also available in the events/Flyers and Forms area on the CMCS Web Site. Robb and Morlene Mitchell are in charge of the Saturday tour.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin noted that the December meeting is when the annual dues amount is set for the next year. The Board recommends keeping the dues the same for 2016 as they were in 2015. The members at the meeting voted to accept the Board's recommendation.

Kevin explained who Frank Olsheski was, then presented the award to Bill and Marty Cameron. Marty is the club's Apparel person, and was on the Charity Committee. Bill served as Vice President this year, and is a great champion for the Vettes for Vets events. Bill and Marty co-chaired the 2015 Lee Johnson Show and Shine event, and they always step up when something needs to be done.

50-50 DRAWING (Jack Goodman and Claudia Simmons): Steve Yabroff won \$70, which was half of the funds collected. The other half goes to the Shoreline Community College's GM-ASEP (Automotive Service Educational Program) to support a student sponsored by a GM dealer.

Additional raffle tickets were drawn, and eight people took home the table decorations. Oran mentioned that tonight's name tags are magnetic; you can keep your souvenir on the fridge if you wish. Oran also has C6 and C7 metal CMCS shields that mount using the rear license plate screws for sale for \$20 each.

Next Meetings:

- Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 7 at the Family Pancake House in Redmond. Eat at 5:30 p.m.; meeting around 6:00 p.m.
- Next General Membership Meeting: January 9 at the Denny's in Kent. Eat at 4:00 p.m.; meeting around 5:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mona Cox, Secretary

Christmas Dee Ann Esping Charity Report by Marty Cameron



With money in hand we took off to do some serious shopping for "TOYS FOR TOTS". Butch and Carol Feveryear, Kayla Main, Judy Jewell, and Beverly and Marty Cameron all went in separate directions and when our money ran out we had toys galore! All were fabulous shoppers and had picked just the right toys for the infants to teenagers. All of these toys were loaded into Santa's Zoom - Zoom cars as our granddaughters call them. Cars owned by Gary and Kayla Main, Butch and Carol

Feveryear, Oran and Dee Petersen, and Bill and Marty Cameron delivered toys to Coldwell-Bain in Redmond. They were the collection-drop off for TOYS FOR TOTS. We met the staff and a very handsome Marine Captain who was dressed in his dress blues. We all thanked him for his service. Santa was helping with the toys also. We then all went to Coho's restaurant for lunch and got warm and chatted.

Bill and I shopped for our adopted family of 4 kids this year. It was a lot of shopping to get the items on their lists. I treated myself and asked our Santa helpers to tag and wrap the gifts. What a delight not to have to wrap everything. Helpers wrapping were Carol Feveryear, Judy Jewell, Kayla Main, and Marty Cameron. Butch Feveryear and Bill Cameron helped supply gifts, papers, tape, and ribbon to the wrappers.

Mona Cox is a "SUPER" grocery shopper. She took over the essentials and grocery shopping for the family. We are so fortunate to have Mona love to grocery shop. If anyone can get a dollar's worth and more it's Mona.

Our family was found thru an organization named "JUBILEE REACH". It is located in the Bellevue, Lake Hills area and when Tim Cox, Mona Cox, Bill Cameron, and I delivered the families gifts and grocery items we were treated to a tour of their facility. What an awesome place. Please take a few moments and go to JubileeReach.org and see what they are all about. It is such a worthwhile community facility helping kids and families in this area.

This year we also donated to the Port Townsend Aero Museum. Oran & Dee Petersen drove out to Port Townsend and delivered our donation to the Museum in person. If you did not get a chance to tour this museum last summer you missed another great chance to see volunteers stepping forward and helping teenagers become adults with values and skills. If you would like to look them up on line go to. www.pfaeromuseum.com.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our charity function this year. JOB WELL DONE!

Respectfully submitted: Marty Cameron







Frank Olsheski Award

President Kevin Jewell presented the Frank Olsheski Award for 2015 to Bill and Marty Cameron. Their names are now engraved on the perpetual trophy, displayed at our sponsor. Both Bill and Marty are heavily involved in many areas and activities of the club. Bill is Vice President and co-champions the Vettes for Vets

events. Marty is the apparel chairperson and is performing club charity duties. Both have jointly acted as CMCS representatives for the Lee Johnson Corvette Show & Shine in past years, working with them to put on an outstanding show. Both Bill and Marty always step up to support CMCS as necessary for whatever is needed.

Upcoming Activities

Red text: CMCS Events

January 2016

- 1/2 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 1/7 CMCS Board Meeting (Page 3)
- 1/9 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 1/9 CMCS General Meeting (Page 7)
- 1/16 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 1/23 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 1/30 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)

February 2016

- 2/6 Valve Cover Races Swap Meet at Puyallup WA
- 2/6 CMCS General Meeting & Officer Nominations (Page 15)
- 2/13 Tacoma Corvette Club Open House @ Corvettes of Auburn. Noon to 3 pm.
- 2/13 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 2/20 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 2/26-28 Wet Weekend. 51st Annual. (Page 14)

March 2016

- 3/5 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 3/12 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 3/12 CMCS General Meeting & Officer Installation (TBD)
- 3/19 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)
- 3/26 Saturday Social at the Plum (Page 3)

May 2016

- 5/14 Autocross School Shelton. KevinandandJudy@comcast.net
- 5/15 Autocross Shelton. KevinandJudyj@comcast.net
- 5/27-29 Big Sky Event by Electric City Corvette Club, Great Falls MT, Heritage Inn.

June 2016

- 6/3-4 Corvettes on the Columbia by 3 Rivers Corvette Club. Pasco Red Lion Inn.
- 6/10-12 Vette-A-Bration by Yakima Valley Vettes. www.yakimavalleyvettes.com
- 6/12 Autocross Shelton. KevinandJudyj@comcast.nett

July 2016

- 7/10 Autocross Shelton. KevinandJudyj@comcast.net
- 7/15-16 Corvettes on the High Desert by the High Desert Corvette Club. For a Save-the-Date flyer go to the CMCS web Site: Events > Flyers & Forms.

August 2016

- 8/14 Autocross Shelton. KevinandandJudy@comcast.net
- 8/28 XXX All Corvette Show & Shine and Burger Bash. Details to follow

September 2016

9/11 Autocross - Shelton. KevinandJudyj@comcast.net

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2016 Coupe Z06 3LZ with Z07 2016 Coupe Zf1 Appearance Pkg Shark Gray/Black Shark Gray/Black

Auto8 \$106,980 Auto8 \$72,980

Current Pre-Owned Corvettes - Call For More Details								
Year/Model Corvette	Miles	Color	Trans.	Price				
2013 Coupe	8k	Night Race Blue/Black	Auto	\$42,500				
2012 Coupe GS	16k	Blade Silver/Ebony	Auto	\$44,980				
2011 Coupe JSB 3LT	17k	Jetstream Blue/Black	Auto	\$38,980				
2010 Coupe Z06 2LZ	16k	Torch Red/Black	Manual	\$46,980				
2009 Coupe 3LT Z51	12k	Cyber Gray/Gray	Manual	\$36.499				
2006 Coupe Z06 2LZ	13k	Victory Red/Black	Manual	\$41,980				

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Wet Weekend 2016 The Breakers Long Beach WA February 26 & 27 *51st Annual* *Scenic Tours* *Attractions*

Friday February 26

Tour from Fry's Renton to Long Beach. Lunch in Longview.

Mostly off freeway (back roads)

Social and Dinner Hosted by CMCS at The Breakers Meeting Room

February Board Meeting at The Breakers Meeting Room

Saturday February 27

Tour to Astoria OR or Tillamook OR - Long or Short (Your Choice)

- Columbia River Maritime Museum Astoria (One Hour from Long Beach)
- Astoria Column
- Tillamook Creamery (Two Hours from Long Beach)
- Tillamook Air Museum
- No-Host Lunch (Your choice of location)

Dinner at the 42nd Street Cafe & Bistro, Long Beach

- No Host
- Order from Menu
- Restaurant is closed to public for our event

Sunday February 28

Caravan home (Different scenic route than used for arrival)

The Breakers Registration Information

210 26th Street NW, Long Beach WA 98631 (800) 219-9833 or (360) 642-4414 <u>www.breakerslongbeach.com</u> Mention "Corvette Club" for the discount rates

Bedroom Unit - \$98.10

One Bedroom Condo - \$134.10

Two Bedroom Condo - \$179.10

Other options available - Ask The Breakers folks

Dog Friendly - \$15 per night

No room block assigned. Make your reservation soon!

CMCS Registration Information

RSVP - \$15 per person pre-pay - Deadline February 15th Mail to: CMCS, PO Box 534, Kirkland WA, 98083-0534 Includes: Friday Social * Meeting Room Fees * Printing * Dash Plaque



have a 2007 maroon convertible. They like to take road trips and go camping, boating and bird hunting.

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Ken & Natalie Simpson have a 2002 yellow convertible. They are first time Corvette owners. They like to hunt, fish, take horseback rides and car trips.



Rod & Gail Russell have a 2007 red convertible. Rod is a retired Seattle Fireman. This is his 2nd Corvette. They are purchasing a 2016 this year. They have a Christmas Tree Farm in Snohomish. They take Corvette trips with two other couples. They wish to expand their Corvette friends.

January Birthdays

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Ernie Fletcher	3	Roxanne Diss	14	Kevin Simpson	21
Shawna Wortman	3	Kimberly Sharp	15	Larry Rude	22
Virginia Rayner	4	Jack Goodman	17	Bea Orton	23
George Rinehart	5	Gene Haubrich	18	Julie Main	24
Josie Crabtree	7	Mark Lundquist	19	Janice Krein	26
Oran Petersen	8	Rod Russell	19	Jon Echols	29
Joe Powell	8	Lynetta Showaker	20	Bruce Kelly	29
Jan Cockrum	9	Lon Turner	20	Scott Main	29
Midge Moore	13	Anh Bianco	21	Vicki Rinehart	29
Shawn Pollard	13	Joyce Jones	21		

Laps from the Past

by Ben Benninghoff - CMCS Historian



50 LAPS AGO: January '66. President Ed Baker opened the monthly meeting. Club Sponsor, Alan Green Chevrolet said they would no longer have Club meetings at his dealership. Roy Danielson was introduced as the newest Club member and then attending guests were introduced. Election nominations were scheduled for a later date. Roger Orth noted Club jacket patches were two-thirds the size of the car badge. John Thomas moved that the Club purchase the jacket patches and adopt Dick Stanley's plan, which was seconded. Before a vote could be taken, Bob Morse asked to table the motion until more was found out. Ed Baker noted that annual dues were payable in March. There was a rallye with the blind in which the navigator would follow directions in Braille. Wally Arrowsmith said the trophies were printed in Braille and presented to the winning navigators. Ed Baker discussed the possibility of a Coast Guard trip. The Tour to Grayland was scheduled for February 12th with members staying at the Log Cabin Courts. John Thomas reported on last month's Christmas Party. He then presented a report on the insurance the Club would need to host an autocross; \$35 for each event. WWSCC (Western Washington Sports Car Council) suggest that each club have at least one championship event a year, and that points gathered would go towards an overall champion at year's end. Bob Morse proposed the Club sponsor an event and apply for a championship event, which was approved by those in attendance. It was decided to set a date of May 1st to host a Rallye, Autocross, and a Parade.

40 LAPS AGO: January '76. President Sam Sakura presided over the monthly meeting held at the Royal Fork Restaurant in West Seattle. Membership reported that a new membership roster would be included in the next published newsletter OYM (On Your Marque). NWACC (NorthWest Association of Corvette Clubs) held a swap meet in Centralia and conducted a meeting where rule changes were discussed. There was a follow-up meeting at Neil Millen's to discuss rule changes the Club would like to see take place. It was approved that the Club would park cars at SIR (Seattle International Raceway) for two events in April and May for future track time for Club sponsored NWACC events. Club activities included an evening of bowling at the Hiline Lanes in Burien. A form for buying club jackets was to be in the next newsletter. Sam passed out plaques for volunteers who worked past SIR events. Members attending Club Christmas Parties were required to pay the predetermined amount no matter if they eat or drink or not. Those that volunteered to assist with sponsor Lee Johnson Chevrolet's Christmas Party were thanked. A nominations committee was formed to gather the names of members interested in running for the upcoming board elections. The Club's annual Awards Banquet was scheduled for March; the destination was still in the works. Following the Club Christmas Party, an auction took place with the proceeds going to the Variety Club Telethon.

30 LAPS AGO: January '86. President Mike Shelly got the monthly meeting started at Club sponsor Lee Johnson Chevrolet in Kirkland. Membership reported the Club is somewhere between 107 and 110; a final count was to be announced at a later date. The annual Wet Weekend was set for February 22 at The Resort at Port Ludlow. The Club's annual Awards Banquet was set for March 8th at the Turtle Too in Auburn. A track date was scheduled for March 15 at SIR; Neil Millen & Daryl Odegaard volunteered to co-host the event. Nominations were opened for the 1986 officers and board members. (Note: There are no historical records for Board meetings in 1986. I have been granted

permission by the Board to include relevant information from Board minutes with these Laps articles when there is insufficient Club history or newsletters to draw upon. Postage required to mail member's newsletters in 1986 was 22 cents each- Ben.)

20 LAPS AGO: January '96. Member Ben Benninghoff's 1976 Burgundy Stingray T-Top with Hooker side pipes and solid chrome American wheels with a 100-watt stereo system was the featured Corvette on the newsletter cover. Rick Stark blueprinted and balanced the 350 4-speed prior to Ben's trip/caravan to the opening of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1994. This was Ben's first Corvette and he felt like Batman driving his Batmobile. President Bob Lazaroff presided at the monthly meeting held at the China Passage Restaurant in Bothell; 47 members and guests were in attendance. Dickie & Mary Short and Jim & Sue Tait were voted into full membership bringing the total to 166. Club activities included an evening of Midnight Bowling at Hiline Lanes in Burien. John Paul Nelson III announced NCRS (National Corvette Restorer's Society) would host their annual Father's Day Picnic and Corvette display at Lake Sammamish State Park on June 6. WCCC (Washington Car Club Council) planned to schedule a meeting during the February Puyallup Swap Meet on the grounds 'somewhere.' NWACC also planned to have a meeting during the swap meet at Mitzel's Restaurant. There were raffle tickets available for the Charity Quilt that was to be given away at the annual Awards Banquet in March. VP, Ben Benninghoff was seeking nominations for the upcoming election for Board positions. Ben & Bob Barnott were working on organizing an August 3day tour to Vancouver Island and the city of Victoria, B.C. They were in contact with the BC Corvette Club which has met with CMCS in the past, and will put on a tour of their island. The weekend was to include a day outing to the Butchart Gardens and a fireworks display in the evening. A very nice story in the newsletter written by Sandy Lazaroff noted the Club's involvement with sponsoring less fortunate families over the Christmas holidays. Four years ago a tradition began with the Club supporting families who were in need with gifts and food. Dee Esping began this project while chairing the Club Charity Committee and it has been a favorite Club activity ever since. A Corvette Marque Club of Seattle Brick has been installed at the National Corvette Museum. Thanks to all contributing to the project. Santa presented a rather unique gift from his Bag at the Christmas Party providing the venue for Max van Vlick to propose to Gayle Richards before 68 attending members.

10 LAPS AGO: January '06. Gene Kinnunen's 2005 C6 Velocity Yellow convertible was the featured Corvette on the newsletter cover. Gene retired from Boeing after 35 years, while wife Pat, or Trish as she likes to be called, had worked for Boeing for 20 years so far, but, noted she might have to spend 'at least' another 4 years before retiring due to Gene's Corvette. President Gary Main opened the monthly meeting held at Alfy's Pizza in Lynnwood.

Membership noted the current level of membership was 317 after welcoming Pat & Danny Rice, Craig Turi, Michael & Jane Armstrong, and Ed & Yumi Johnson. Charity Chairs Janice & Marlow Krein brought a notebook full of names thanking CMCS for our generosity in sending their New Orleans Corvette club numerous gift cards to help them through their hard times from their recent hurricane that ravaged their homes. An announcement was made that UHF radios were available for purchase. VP Kayla Main noted she is heading the Nominations committee collecting member's names for Board's slate of officer nominees. Per Board Minutes, President Rick Milsow conducted the Club's Board of Directors meeting at Club sponsor Seaview Chevrolet in Lynnwood. Approximately 26 cars were signed on for the coming 41st annual Wet Weekend next month at Port Hadlock. Kevin Jewell reported on the Roadster Show in Seattle scheduled for March 3rd and 4th. Neal Maddy was furnished Club funds for decorations at the Roadster Show. At present the owners of eight Corvettes had signed up for the display, but 4 more would be nice to have a complete yearmodel display. Kevin announced he had set up an outing for the Club to attend Vintage Racing in Redmond, including a tour of their facilities along with a general membership meeting for this coming April. Majestic Glass Corvette Club expressed a desire to join us at the facilities and for lunch & tour afterwards. Don Gardner made it known that the city of Issaquah was planning a car show on June 25; the "Whalers Band" was going to provide the entertainment. Don also brought up the XXX Corvette Show in Issaquah; the Montgomery's were to chair this event for the second year. Jan & Jay Cockrum were going to be chairing a Mill Creek Corvette Show on July 8. Rick Milsow noted he was trying to contact the new head of Crista Ministry to see if they would like to continue our association with them for future Corvette shows and Club meetings. Kevin reported the Club had received funds from Club sponsor Speedway Chevrolet in Monroe to cover costs of trophies for this year's Seattle In September event. Rick noted he had discussed the Club website reorganization's progress with Bob Bunn. Jim Micus agreed to build a Club trophy cabinet where the Club's awards and trophies could be displayed at Seaview Chevrolet; the project was approved and funded. A conference call took place between several Board members and the Club's insurer, K&K, concerning what the Club's liabilities entailed. Kayla Main presented the list of member names to be placed into nominations for the 2006 Board Office positions.

5 LAPS AGO: January '11. Jerry & Judi Harper's 'new' 1996 Torch Red LT4 roadster was the featured Corvette on the newsletter cover. As an aside, the same Corvette photo was used on the 1996 December OYM (On Your Marque) newsletter cover. The 1996 Corvette was the last year for the C4 series. Judi Harper passed away November 2010. President Al Dager called a "Saturday morning" monthly meeting to order at the Old Country Buffet in Factoria. VP Steve Yabroff noted he had UHF radios for sale at \$204 each. Steve explained,

especially to the new members, that the 2-way radios the Club been using for several years have been very helpful keeping tours together, to let others know if one is experiencing mechanical problems or has become lost. Activities Chair Mark VerMurlen announced several upcoming Club events and that the next Wet Weekend was scheduled for February 26-28. Membership Chair Jean Dager introduced prospective members Mike Senko, John & Brian Eames, and Gary Rozmierski & Fran Bedard; all were welcomed into full membership for a total count of 262. Steve Yabroff announced the names placed into nomination for the Board officer elections and opened the floor to other members wishing to be considered. The General Meeting next month will review the names and take one last selection of names for consideration, then ballots will be mailed out to the membership and collected & counted at the Board meeting in conjunction with the Wet Weekend outing. Apparel Chair Bonnie Roylance noted she had, and will have, Club shirts, jackets, and other Club items for sale at future Club meeting. NCRS representative Stan Trask announced that NCRS will now allow Corvette years from 1953 through 1996 to join their organization. A Club volunteer was needed for the new position of Advertising for our monthly newsletter, OYM. Al recognized Marty & Bill Cameron as January Honorees for their dedication to the Club. There was a memorial for Judi Harper later in the afternoon. The Club made a donation to the Highline Cancer Center in her name. Dennis Montgomery noted his new feature, "Ask the Mechanic" was up and running on the Club's website. Questions posted to the column were to be answered by auto mechanical experts at Club sponsor's Speedway and Lee Johnson Chevrolet dealerships. A late announcement concerning the upcoming 46th annual Wet Weekend events was discussed. Three 3 tours; one each day were planned. To date, there were 31 cars going, and 23 people had contributed to organizing the outing. The 37th Annual Corvette High Performance & Swap Meet was set for the Puyallup Fairgrounds, February 12th -13th. Gary Main hosted the Valve Cover Race(s) on Saturday the 12th in conjunction with the 3rd New Generation Automotive Exhibition event for the under 40 crowd. Gary included printed rules in the January newsletter. Note: the 'over' 40 aged contestants were to be welcomed only on Sunday the 13th. The annual Officer and Installations Awards meeting was planned for Shawn O'Donnell's American Grill & Irish Pub in Everett on March 12th.

More Laps to come...

National Corvette Museum News

by Vince Perriello



I'm having fun.

I hope you noticed our shiny new website that we launched at the end of September. We've pretty much settled in now, and I have been busy since. We replaced the system we use for membership, events and donations at the end of October. I've been working to complete the replacement for the online part of this for Event Registration and by the time most of you read this we will be live on it and Bash registration will be active.

At the end of January we will be replacing our point of sale system in the Store and about a month later we'll be unveiling a completely new online Store website. It's going to be great. We think you'll like it a lot, too!

So - if you see me and I seem to be a bit out of breath, that's probably the reason.

Have a great 2016!

West VA Student Creates Model of Museum's Sinkhole

Alexis, a 5th grade student from West Virginia, created an AMAZING model of the Corvette Museum and our infamous sinkhole for her school science fair project. We were so impressed with her work we wanted to share her story of why she picked our sinkhole, plus she does a great job of explaining how a cover-collapse sinkhole happens, along with doing a demo of her project.



Check out the story, photos and video clip at http://

www.corvettemuseum.org/west-virginia-student-creates-model-of-museumssinkhole/

2016 Corvette Hall of Fame Announced

The National Corvette Museum has announced the following inductees to be recognized as part of the 19th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2016: Bob Bondurant in the category of Racing; Ralph Kramer in the category of GM/Chevrolet; and Donna Mae Mims in the category of Enthusiast. These three individuals will be recognized with the highest honor bestowed by the Museum for their contributions to the past, present and future of Corvette.

Bob Bondurant helped to validate the Chevrolet Corvette as a world-class sports car during its early years, winning on racetracks in both the U.S. and abroad. In 1959 he won 18 of 20 SCCA-B production races and from 1960-63 he won 30 of the 32 races he entered. Today, Bondurant has graduated over



500,000 students ranging from celebrities, military officers, professional race drivers, teens and driving enthusiasts to be better, safer drivers at the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving in Phoenix, AZ.

Ralph Kramer was one of the first Chevrolet executives to bolster GM support for the Corvette Museum in its founding years, helping establish connections, opening doors, and preserving history. Had it not been for him, the one-millionth Corvette likely would not be a museum display piece today. During his tenure in

Chevrolet public relations from 1973-1995, he managed the brand's pace car and race engine presence at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, later becoming the Speedway's public affairs director and director of the Hall of Fame Museum.

For Donna Mae Mims, a.k.a. "The Lady in Pink," it was love at first sight when it came to Corvette. After purchasing one brand new from Don Yenko Chevrolet, she soon joined the Yenko/Chevrolet race team that dominated A/Production and B/Production SCCA racing with Corvette. Mims served as Manager of Hi-

Performance at Yenko Sports Cars, was a freelance writer for several car magazines, and inspired Adrienne Barbeau's character in the Cannonball Run movie. She was active in the Steel Cities SCCA Region, Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania, Three Rivers Corvette Club (which she founded), Steeltown Corvette Club, and Tri-Rivers Car Club Council.

The induction ceremony and banquet will be Friday, September 2, 2016.

New to the Floor - 1954 Motorama Corvair Experimental Concept Car Replica

The 1954 Corvette Corvair concept was a two-door fastback, two-passenger coupe. When it debuted at the 1954 GM Motorama in New York City, it was a ruby red color, but was repainted a light sea foam green for the subsequent Los Angeles show. The Corvair used the Corvette's front end, though it sported ribbed air intakes on the hood that routed air

to the interior and fender vents that allowed heat to escape the engine compartment. The Corvair had a wrap-around windshield and the roof was aircraft-inspired sweeping back into the chrome-trimmed license plate housing, which resembled a jet-fighter exhaust port.

This Corvair was built by Brett Henderson of Blue Flame Restoration with the help of the owner, Michael Terry. Every effort was taken to duplicate the legendary Motorama Corvair. All the body panels except the two front fenders were custom built, including all of the window glass. The car is on loan from Michael Terry of Greenwood IN and can be seen in the "Town Square" exhibit area of the Museum.







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