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Suspended - Saturday Social at the Plum - 8:30 am

Plum Delicious Restaurant, 3212 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton, WA
The agenda is food and Corvette talk. Show up and enjoy.



The socials are most Saturdays, except those with conflicting CM events. Info: Oran Petersen Newsletter-cmcs@outlook.com

The weekly socials are suspended for the duration of the restaurant closures due to COVID-19. Watch for notification of when we lift the suspension.



Crystal Red Cruisin' By Ken Jones CMCS Past President



Happy Spring 2020! This will be the last edition of Crystal Red Cruisin' since my second year as your President is coming to an end. It has been an honor to serve as the CEO of CMCS for these two years. As I have stated previously, I originally became a member of CMCS as a 20 year old kid who merely wanted to be associated with others who loved Corvettes as I did. As part of the handful of enthusiasts who originally formed CMCS and inserted the word Marque as a solid indicator that it was necessary that you owned a Corvette to join, I was proud to be a charter member. Things were much different back then, and the cars required a certain degree of maintenance in order to keep them in top notch condition, but it was a labor of love. Our sponsor, Alan Green Chevrolet in Burien, would often host "tune-up" sessions in their shop on Saturdays and charge just the cost of parts, which was very economical, i.e. 50 cents each for spark plugs.

I am excited that the incoming Board of Directors are all enthusiastic members who are committed to making the next year an enjoyable experience for all members. I know that Shaun has some great ideas particularly centered around driving tours, the new C8, and partnering with other Corvette clubs. As a board member, it becomes obvious in CMCS that we have many members ready and willing to "step to the plate" and take on some of the many tasks that are necessary to make the organization what it is. I am grateful for the efforts of these many members and we all know who they are.

Obviously, the COVID-19 outbreak has given us challenges and made differences in how we go about our daily lives, however we all have overcome challenges before and know that we will come through it, although with some disruption. As you are well aware, some CMCS activities have been canceled or postponed, and time will tell how long things will go on this way. In the meantime, be sure to follow health guidelines, and try to distance yourselves from those who may be ill.

In closing, I look forward to remaining on the Board as Past President, and continuing to participate in CMCS activities. Please give your support to the Board members, new and old, and enjoy our wonderful cars. We have a great Summer coming!



President's Letter By Shaun Hayes CMCS Incoming President



What a difference a month makes. The ongoing spread of COVID-19 and the incredible speed of change are creating unprecedented uncertainty. Our top priority is keeping our members safe. We have canceled upcoming CMCS events and we will continue to monitor the situation and follow the recommendations of the public health authorities. We'll be using our newsletter, web site and email communications to keep you up to date regarding the status of activities.

First let me say that its truly an honor to be a part of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle and to have the opportunity to serve as your President for the next year. I'm amazed by the energy and enthusiasm that our members bring to CMCS. That energy shows up in the vast array of activities that CMCS undertakes from our charitable giving activities during the holidays, community volunteer efforts like Adopt-a-Highway, our participation in community events like the multiple parades we support and the numerous CMCS events we hold during the year. It takes a dedicated set of individuals to plan and run these activities and I want to thank all of those that have helped CMCS make such a positive impact in our community. We are a club of volunteers and we need all the help we can find. I want to encourage everyone to think about ways you could contribute big or small.

As I look forward to the upcoming year there are some key priorities the board are focused on:

Driving, Driving, Driving: The activity that CMCS members have indicated they want to do more of is drive their cars. We are working very had to accommodate that request including; short drives to meetings, longer one day drives like the upcoming trip to Mount Baker planned for July 30th and multi-day trips such as the Driving Awesome Roads (DAR) organized by Candy and Craig Turi, Big Sky Corvette Meet organized by Oran Petersen, Corvettes on the Columbia organized by Alton Loe and Yakima Vette-A-Bration organized by Kevin & Judy Jewell. We are looking at some additional one-day tours later in the fall and we'll have more information once we finalize those details. We're hoping that we can provide a broad range of opportunities to enjoy driving your Corvette.

C8: The big news in the Corvette community is the release of the new C8 Corvette. The first C8's have been delivered to customers. Our sponsor,

Evergreen Chevrolet is anxiously awaiting their first delivery of customer C8's. I expect we'll start seeing the first C8's on the roads around here shortly. Several members have expressed interest in learning more about the C8 and getting an opportunity to see one up close. We'll be working with our sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet to see if we can arrange an upcoming C8 oriented event. We have added a C8 category for the All Corvette Show at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In on August 2nd. We expect that there will be a few C8's at the show so that should be a great opportunity to attend the show and hopefully see a few new C8's. Chevrolet has indicated that they have seen unprecedented interest in the new C8. We're expecting that several new C8 owners will be new to the Corvette marque. We'll be looking to introduce new C8 owners to CMCS and hopefully have several of them make CMCS their new Corvette club.

Partnering with other Corvette Clubs: We're a club of Corvette enthusiasts and there are many others like us in the Pacific Northwest. I'd like to have CMCS continue to build and strengthen its ties to other clubs in the region. CMCS is a member of the Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs (NWACC) and there are several folks that already participate in the NWACC autocross and Show N Shine events which brings together Corvette owners from around the Pacific Northwest. Last year Oran Petersen organized a very successful Wet Weekend event which included members of Corvettes Unlimited of Bellingham club. It was great having members from both clubs join us for dinner and the Bellingham club arranged a wonderful drive for everyone on Sunday. I'd like to explore ways for CMCS to partner with other clubs in the region to run joint events. I would like to see us make our newsletter and website a key resource for every Corvette owner in the region. We'll be adding events for other clubs to our site, making it easier to find Corvette events that are happening in the region and to enable folks to meet and participate with other Corvette enthusiasts.

We have a great year ahead of us with many opportunities for everyone to come out and enjoy their Corvette and the company of other Corvette fans.

Canceled - April CMCS Board Meeting - See the CMCS Website Canceled - April CMCS General Meeting - See the CMCS Website https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/events

Editor's Note: Due to the many and unknown rapidly changing factors in our world and the CMCS environment at this time, I find it less than prudent to publish upcoming events that cannot maintain social distancing and established group criteria by their nature. I will continue to monitor the situation to keep the printed and online newsletter as current as possible. Use the online newsletter to determine the most current info. Compare the date in the Activities banner for status.

Cover - The Faulkner Corvette Fleet



Forest joined CMCS in May of 2019. He "joined" the Corvette community many years ago, and has worked with long-time members such as Rick Stark and other racing enthusiasts, including Jeff Weymouth. When he acquires a Corvette, he can't bear to part with the ones he has, so he now has a fleet of 5, all in pristine condition and very driveable. Forest does almost all of the maintenance, restoration and detailing on the cars. (He did have someone install a new top

on the 1954 roadster.) The 2017 Grand Sport is designated as Whende's car.



This Big Block C3 Mako has mean looking side pipes, and their "growl" backs that up big time. The British Green factory color is perfect for it.

With the help of a lift, all five cars fit in his garage.

Forest is a "building engineer" by profession, and spends his time doing design, building and restoration of downtown Seattle skyscrapers.



Forest also believes in variety. He has a C1, C3, C4, C5, & C7, giving a span of 64 years. Colors include black, white, silver, green & gray. (Not all Corvettes are red.) There are both automatic and manual transmissions, including the infamous Doug Nash 4+3 in the C4. He has an in-line 6, Big Block, Grand Sport, & Z06. And both a convertible (roadster) and coupes, including T-top and Targa.

Editor's Note: When I contacted Forest to discuss the potential for a photo shoot he was very accommodating. He spent half a day or more posing and detailing his cars in preparation for the shoot. No small task when you have 5 cars. Only one other CMCS address has 5 Corvettes on record, so Forest is tied for "most Corvettes" in CMCS. With a rare 1954 and a rare 68 Big-Block, Forest most likely owns the most rare Corvettes. Visiting his place was like a trip to a Vette candy store.

Autocross Schedule - 2020

For information contact Kevin Jewell: (Send email) (425) 885-0103

All events are held at Shelton, Sanderson Field.

Saturday events are operated by the Viper Club.

Sunday events are operated by the Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs.

May 16/17	June 13/14	July 11/12	Aug. 15/16	Sept. 5/6
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June 27/28 - Super Viper over-the-top weekend.

A fun weekend by the Viper club that is not part of the point system. Different events are in planning. More to come on this event.

Under the Hood by Kevin Jewell



Drag racing is notoriously noisy. Visit Pacific Raceway when the funny cars, or even the Pro-Street cars are racing, and you better have your good ear plugs with you. Last fall, a group of Northshore High School students, all participants in their Automotive Technology Center, set a drag racing world record at the strip in Woodburn, OR. They went

against convention and built an electric drag vehicle. This effort started in 2014, so we can assume that dozens of students had a hand in the vehicle. Their new electric record is 8.328 seconds at 166 mph. It is hard for me to imagine a vehicle that fast, that doesn't make a lot of noise. I suspect that the ASEP program at Shoreline Community College has added an electric vehicle component as GM builds more electric cars. I wonder how many of the Northshore HS students graduate to go on to the Shoreline program.

We are proud to claim that CMCS is going to be celebrating our 57th year, having been founded in 1963. In my search, the oldest marque club I have found was the first BMW club that started in 1927. BMW didn't even make automobiles in 1927, so this was a motorcycle club. Have you wondered about the dues cost to maintain CMCS? In the January, 2020 newsletter, there was a comment that the dues in January, 1970 were \$13/couple. Our current dues are \$50/couple, or \$70/couple if you want a printed newsletter. A dollar in Jan, 1970 was worth 6.8 times todays dollar. Doing the math indicates that the 1970 dues were the equivalent of \$88 today. Appears we have a relative bargain in our dues. I suspect one current factor that is different from 1970 is our concern of liability in these litigious times. CMCS spends a considerable amount of our annual budget on liability insurance including a separate policy for special coverage for director and officer liability. If you have ever been reluctant to volunteer for a leadership role in CMCS, you should be reassured that CMCS maintains the D&O insurance plus general liability coverage.

I dutifully recorded the major January vehicle auctions. Mecum in Florida is usually the first one, followed by the major Barrett Jackson auction in Arizona. There is a significant difference in the "soul" of these two auctions. Probably the biggest difference is that the Mecum vehicles generally have a "reserve price". If the bids don't get to that reserve "The Bid Goes On" and the car is listed as a no-sale with the hope that the buyers and sellers will get together out in the parking lot to complete a sale. Yes, you can often find out the final price, but I find it much more satisfying to see the immediate sales price which helps me decide whether I thought the vehicle was "well sold" or

"well bought". Mecum this year had 3,500 vehicles cross the sales block and as usual we find a few poor sellers. One seller had bought a 1982 Firebird convertible as soon as GM had announced that they were discontinuing the Camaro and Firebird. It was a fully loaded convertible and the seller probably assumed they would make big money later. The '82 was presented for sale with only 600 miles and sold for \$7,500. A well-used, and loved, '98 C5 purple Pace Car was sold at \$15,000. Not hard for me to determine which of these two was the successful seller. There were literally hundreds of Corvettes at this sale, so if you watched you probably had your own favorites or noticed trends. Generally, the high horsepower Corvettes are always preferred over their less powerful brethren, and that was still true to some extent. However, a couple of almost base models commanded premium prices. A silver '63 split window, 300 hp/4 speed car sold for \$140K. A silver '60 230hp/4 speed example went for \$175K. The silver '60 was reported to be a 98.9 point concours example. In contrast to these higher dollar sales was the white '63 split window, 300hp/4 speed example that sold for \$75K. One of my favorites was the resale red '64 C2 convertible 365 hp/4 speed car that didn't originally sell at the high bid of \$48K. I never did understand what happened, but the bidding was re-opened before the car left the arena and it then sold for \$52K. The car was nice, but not spectacular. I was automatically drawn to this '64 when the auctioneer announced that the seller had owned this car for 45 years. Now, there was a loved car. Many Corvette owners also appreciate English sports cars. A gorgeous silver '62 Jaguar E Type, reported to be a 98+ point example, sold for \$230K.

I am one of the CMCS members that prefers to get our newsletter in paper copy and willingly pay the premium that this entails. I simply find it more enjoyable to read longer documents in paper form than on my computer screen. We all know that printed media is having a hard time as more and more people discontinue this option. In the last few months we have lost two of our major automotive publications. First, "Autoweek" announced with much fanfare that the latest issue was the last issue, and this last issue was presented as somewhat of a tribute issue. Then I received the February "Automobile" issue which looked much like all the previous issues. The editors reported on their 12-month experience with the Kia Stinger and then introduced the Hyundai Veloster N that they had just added to the fleet for the new 12 month trial. With a total lack of fanfare, a couple weeks later I received a form letter informing me that "Automobile" has ceased publication. I can only imagine the blood bath that must have occurred when someone from management had to announce to the entire staff that the magazine was no more. Close to home, those of you that still read "The Seattle Times" know that our local newspaper is having their own problems.



The classified ads used to supply a significant source of revenue for the paper. I can remember many a Sunday morning pouring over the automotive classics section or even the normal car ads. A very similar revenue situation existed for home sales. As the advertising revenue has decreased the paper has been further reduced in editorial content by the reduction in reporters. Last summer, we renewed our annual subscription to the "Times" at a 15% price increase. We understand that the "Times" needs revenue to exist, but I wonder how many more annual increases like that we will accept. Even before that increase we were the only remaining household in our cluster of 6 mailboxes/newspaper slots to receive the printed "Times". It is a rapidly changing world for print media. I do have a Kindle which I find very convenient for travel, but normally I much prefer a book.

Laps from the Past

50 LAPS AGO: April 1970. The general meeting was conducted at the Ponderosa in Renton. (Frank Olsheski was President) Events included a Tour to the Notre Dame hydroplane racing facilities. A good time was had by all, except for Brucie Kelly. Reportedly young Brucie was disappointed because his dad wouldn't get out of the driver's seat so he could get a chance to sit behind the wheel. The tour was followed with dinner at the Hippopotamus next door. A tour to Troublesome Creek was canceled due to bad weather. The CMCS Newsletter editor was Mike Gribben. WWSCC (Western Washington Sports Car Council) dues were renewed. CMCS supported 8 honorary members. CMCS insurance was through the NW Rallye Council at a cost of about \$50 to \$60. Joe Bridgeman was the CMCS representative to the Council.

40 LAPS AGO: April 1980. President Bruce Kelly conducted the general meeting at the Cellar Restaurant in Bellevue. Buffet style meal was \$6.00 per person. Membership Chairman Howard Esping reported 69 full members, 9 associates, and 2 affiliates. There were no new members. Bruce Kelly read a letter received from former sponsor Allan Green Chevrolet. Jay & Jan Cockrum did a superb job co-editing their first CMCS newsletter. Jan noted that articles for the newsletter need not be typed, just legible, as Jay is an excellent typist and CMCS has a new typewriter. CMCS sponsor Lee Johnson was contributing \$100 a month to support the club. Howard Esping reported the NW Open, an NHRA event, was scheduled for May. Members all learned what a "flopper" is, thanks to Howard. Rick Stark spoke briefly on the Corvette Roadsters that are being produced by Paul Stedman, Bill Haeger, & Pete Bova, while confirming his plans to participate in the Trans-Am racing this year in Portland for the Rose Cup.

30 LAPS AGO: April 1990. Club sponsors were Lee Johnson Chevrolet, Rick Stark Enterprises & Western Corvette Supply. A Progressive Dinner Tour was held with the 1st stop being Chuck & Candace Egner's Woodinville home for hors d'oeuvres & wine. 2nd stop was at Ed & Midge Moore's home in Bothell for more wine & libations, all manner of salads, casseroles & other hot dishes followed by the General Membership meeting conducted by Vice President John Bell. There were no new members. The meeting adjourned after 15 minutes when those attending learned that dessert was ready at the 3rd stop of the Progressive Dinner Tour, in Marysville, at the home of John Bell & Linda Wimer. Following dessert all watched "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure". The MG Club Tulip rallye, and a 7th Annual Wash-N-Shine sponsored by Western Corvette Supply also highlighted the month's activities.

20 LAPS AGO: April 2000. Dick & Jane Shimanek's stripped-down-to-the-bone-primer-and-then-some 1968 LeMans Blue 390 hp, 427 Sport Coupe on wheels in the driveway, a beauty only a mother could love, was the cover car. President Jan Cockrum conducted the general meeting at Barnaby's Restaurant. A total of 11 new members joined CMCS: Tim & Mona Cox, Russ Jensen, Doug & Dawn Genzlinger, Jim & Tammy McCormack, Loran Sears & Gay-Lynn Westhaver and Jack Goodman & Claudia Simmons, bringing the total to 188.

10 LAPS AGO: April 2010. Mike & Bonnie Roylance's 2006 Monterey Red coupe was the cover car. President Al Dager conducted the general meeting following a pizza party at Alfy's Pizza in Lynnwood. Gene Cottrill joined CMCS bringing the total to 218. Gary Main led a tour to the 29th Annual Tulip Daffodil Rallye, hosted by the NW chapter of the MG club, staged at the Cascade Mall in Burlington WA. John Thomas took over the duties as the chair of Adopt-a-Highway. Parade Chair Jim McDonnell reported on the La Conner Parade and the tour of the PACCAR facility. Al Dager reported that Club sponsors, Lee Johnson & Speedway Chevrolet, doubled their sponsorship fees to CMCS. Proposed changes to CMCS bylaws were approved by those in attendance: a change to synchronize the CMCS fiscal year per the bylaws with the fiscal year on file with the IRS (April 1 through March 31); and the removal of the Telephone Committee as it was no longer needed.

5 LAPS AGO: April 2015. Bill & Marty Cameron's 2000 Bowling Green Coupe was the cover car. President Kevin Jewell conducted the meeting at Bob's Burgers & Brew in Tulalip WA. New members were Elton and Genny George, bringing the total to 238. Events included the La Conner Parade, MG Car Club Tulip Rallye and an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup session. The



newsletter held the 2nd installment of Steve Yabroff's documentary of the 2014 National Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Due to length, it was published in serial form in about 5 consecutive newsletters.



The March meeting was canceled. There are no new members.

Our final membership count for 2019/20 is 265.

For those that have not renewed for 2020/21, take note that the deadline is March 31. The April "grace period" is only a buffer before archiving your record. You are not a "member in good standing", and are not eligible for the April and beyond printed newsletters or sponsor discounts; and cannot hold a CMCS office or committee position.

Renewal Status: 120 addresses (211 members) to date.

April Birthdays

Jeffrey Hunter	1	Kathy Luessen	12	Stewart Lowe	25
Cindy Tracey	2	Diane Knutson	13	Michael Armstrong	26
Bob Spurr	3	Kim Mason-Hatt	19	Jane Armstrong	26
Steve Kyle	6	Mike Roylance	19	Lynn Boyd	30
Michael Orias	8	Tatyana Hernandez	23	Butch Feveryear	30
Steve Rummel	8	Jennifer Auguston	25		

CMCS Mt. Baker Tour - Thursday July 30th

One Day, All Day

CMCS Coordinator Kevin Jewell





More detail to follow as the tour date nears. Hope to see you there!

Save the date and register now.

We are doing this tour on a weekday to avoid heavy weekend crowds at Picnic Point, our destination at Mt. Baker. It can be busy on weekdays as well, so we need to limit our tour size.



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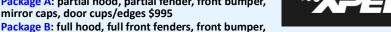
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Parades by John Kamm <u>i.kamm1952@hotmail.com</u> 425 643 2604

Greetings from the Northern Command center. I, like most of us, am hopeful the cold, rain and basic bad weather is in the rear view mirror. And with it warming up, the need to take the Corvette out for a drive is

overpowering. So while you ponder where to go, also consider a parade or so in your summer fun.

This year, we have parades for every Corvette and location. Only the Seafair Torchlight parade is for the rag top guys. So if you have considered doing a parade, or just want to know more about them, please contact me. Parades are a fun community event. They require only for you to attend and maybe clean your car a bit. Then sit back, enjoy the event, have a ton of fun, then wonder why you waited so long to join in.

All of the parades do have a car limit. At this point in time, we are over 55% full on all of the events. So rather than later, now is a great time to get your name on one of the lists. We still have room for you. You do need to contact me to sign up. And you can do that by an e-mail to me, use the CMCS website, or a phone call.

The full list of parades is on the CMCS website, CMCS newsletter and below. Take a look, get signed up and be set to have a blast in one or more of our parades this season. Your Corvette will be happy you did.

2020 Parade List

Date	Parade
July 4	Bothell
July 11	Wallingford
July 18	Des Moines
July 22 (Wed)	**Greenwood
July 25	*Seafair Torchlight (convertibles)
Aug 15	Snoqualmie Railroad Days
	Saturday except Greenwood (Wed)
*All parades are	open to all Corvettes except Torchlight

Canceled - March General Meeting - No Minutes

(This meeting was canceled by the CMCS Board in a preponderance of caution due to COVID-19. There are no minutes.)

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report



by Kevin Wilson (Local NCM Ambassador) kevinwilson@q.com (206) 286-8750

Here it is just after St. Patrick's Day and as I prepare this report for our April newsletter a lot has changed over this past month. Turns out we here in the Puget Sound area are at the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak here in the

USA. With businesses closing down right and left, employees being urged to work from home and social distancing underway, I'm sure we're all feeling the impact. The only good thing happening right now is this week has been beautiful and sunny with temperatures edging towards 60 degrees. A perfect time to socially distance yourself with a cruise in your Corvette, perhaps to hunt down a package of toilet paper. Oh yeah, the traffic is a lot lighter too. The impacts have spread well beyond our area and are being felt throughout the USA, and the world at large. That includes at the National Corvette Museum (NCM). However, there are some good things happening there as well, read on for the latest news out of the NCM.

Museum impacted by COVID-19: The National Corvette Museum closed to the public effective at 5 pm Wednesday, March 18. This closure does NOT affect the R8C Museum Delivery program for new Corvette owners picking up their cars. Additionally, the Corvette Cafe is available for carry-out and delivery (through Uber Eats). At the National Corvette Museum the top priority is the health and safety of their visitors, volunteers, staff, their families and the community. While there have been no known cases of COVID-19 at the museum or in their community, the decision is based on guidelines from the CDC and public health officials attempting to slow the spread. They will continue to monitor guidance from local, state and national officials and will announce a reopen date once it is known. Museum hosted events in March, April and early May have been rescheduled or postponed.

Museum administration will continue to work behind the scenes, offering customer service and managing the many on-going programs and projects, including renovations to the Performance & Racing Gallery, Design & Engineering Gallery and new Entombed Corvette display. Additionally, the Museum will be launching a new educational



series, posting live videos each weekday at 10am CT geared towards kids and families on their Facebook page and YouTube.

Please consider supporting the Museum through the purchase of tax-deductible Memberships, https://corvettestore.com merchandise, Corvette raffle tickets, commemorative bricks, admission tickets for a future visit or any of the many other fundraising programs offered at https://corvettemuseum.org.

Museum's Experimental Mid-Engine Corvette Featured at Amelia

Concours: Many of you already know that the new mid-engine 2020 Corvette is six decades in the making and is the fruition of a dream of Zora-Arkus Duntov, the "Father of Corvette". In 1957, Zora believed that a mid-engine Corvette would offer the best combination of balance, visibility, acceleration and braking, and many other GM engineers throughout the years have desired to mass produce a Corvette with the motor amidships. But up until now the few that have been built in prior years have been few and far between and then only as one-off prototypes or racers. I've featured a couple of these rare Corvettes in prior OYM articles. Now to celebrate the arrival of the next generation Corvette, Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance is hosting the 'Silver Anniversary Amelia's Mid-Engine Corvette' class on March 8, 2020. Displayed as part of this class includes the Museum's recently acquired 1973 XP-987 (picture below, the red one), along with Chevrolet's 1964 Grand Sport IIB research vehicle, CERV I, CERV II, Corvette XP-819, XP-895, Aerovette, CERV III and the Indy Corvette.



"Word has quickly spread that we now own this one-of-a-kind Corvette with a rotary engine, and we've been receiving a number of invitations to show it off at various events throughout the country," said Derek E. Moore, Director of Collections / Curator at the Museum. "It's a common practice of automotive museums to attend a lot of these shows because not only does it bring the museum out to

different parts of the country, it helps you meet prospective donors and prospective partners in projects."

Museum President and CEO Dr. Sean Preston echoes Moore's sentiment. "One of our goals is to get the Museum out into the car community more. We want to reach people that may otherwise never be exposed to the National Corvette Museum and may not have the opportunity to visit."

This will mark the first appearance of the one-off experimental 1964 GS IIB outside the Chaparral Gallery of the Petroleum Museum in Midland, Texas. Applying the name



Details on the 196 Grand Sport IIB from Amelia island Concours

Corvette to the nose and flanks of the GS II likely disguised GM Chief Engineer Frank Winchell's ambitions to create a state-of-the-art Chevy-powered prototype race car and successor to the Corvette Grand Sport.

The 1960s were years of revolution in motorsport. Engines moved behind the driver. Wide tires replaced the skinny high-profile rubber that had been Formula 1 and sports car orthodoxy. Aerodynamics practically became a religion. And no one was more in tune with the new rhythms of race car design than Cal Tech engineering graduate, Chaparral creator and Rattlesnake Raceway owner Jim Hall. He opened his doors to Winchell & Co.

Hall's remote Rattlesnake Raceway test facility offered Winchell the perfect cover to shield the GS II from prying eyes and lenses and cold winters. In the wake of the American Manufacturer's Association ban on direct factory racing participation, companies like Chevrolet were limited to creating research vehicles and assisting private teams. That's precisely where the GS II fit perfectly.

The GS II was based loosely on Chevy's Monza GT concept car that used Corvair running gear in Chevrolet's first monocoque design. But unlike the Monza GT, the GS II took the theme several steps further by using thin-gauge steel and an experimental all-aluminum 327 V8 engine that was mated to a bespoke single-speed automatic transmission. In the years that the Corvette Sting Ray was the latest design, the GS II was a bolt of engineering lightning created by an all-



star squad: Larry Shinoda (who designed the C-3 Corvette Body) designed the GS II's svelte body. The radical single-speed automatic transmission was developed by Chevy's Jerry Mrlik. It was a confluence of the latest thinking and it looked and acted the part.

In 1964, after a brief testing period, the GS II was returned to Michigan and destroyed. An updated GS IIB was then built. The monocoque chassis was riveted and bonded together using 0.032 sheet aluminum. The body was revised to accommodate wider tires. GS IIB was then shipped to Midland where it underwent extensive testing. The Amelia's 2003 honoree, Jim Hall, was behind the wheel for the majority of the GS IIB's high-speed runs.

"The Mid-Engine Corvette Class is a dream class," said Bill Warner, founder and Chairman of the Amelia Island Concours. "Having a historically significant car at The Amelia that's never been seen in a concours before is a dream for us. Thanks to Chaparral and the Petroleum Museum that dream has come true."

Museum Delivers First R8C Optioned 2020 Corvette: On Tuesday, March 10 the National Corvette Museum celebrated the first Museum-delivered 2020 Corvette. Glenn and Andrea Johnson of Port Neches, Texas were the first customers to pick up their 'next generation' midengine Corvette through option R8C, the Museum Delivery Program. When ordering a new Corvette, customers may select option "R8C," designating their car for Museum pickup. The 'red-carpet' VIP experience includes signage welcoming the customers to the Museum, a guided tour of the Museum where their Corvette is on display (and plant tour when available), a quality and detailed orientation on the car followed by celebratory drive out of the Museum for photos. Delivery customers are provided with the opportunity to take an NCM Motorsports Park-owned Corvette for touring laps around the road course to round out their day.



VIN 29, a Torch Red Stingray Coupe, arrived on Friday, March 6 along with ten other R8C optioned cars and one car for the NCM Motorsports Park. This was the first R8C Delivery for the Johnsons, and the sixth Corvette they have owned. Glenn joined the Museum's board of directors in

2015 and currently serves as chair.



"Being involved with the Museum, I felt that not only does their Delivery program do such a good job, but it is also another way we can support the mission of the Museum," shared Glenn.

The Johnsons first purchased a 1982 Corvette, which they kept for several years. In 2005 he and wife, Andrea, had retired and shortly thereafter purchased a 2007 Convertible. It was a car that they traveled very little in at the time. While surfing Corvette, Glenn came across the website for the National Corvette Museum and decided to join as a member. They'd visited Bowling Green in 1989, touring the Corvette Plant, but had not returned since. "I got online and saw where the Museum was having an annual celebration, and asked Andrea if she'd like to go to Bowling Green. She said, 'you're actually going to take your car?' It's a day and a half drive for us. But we got in the car and came!" "I always encourage other Corvette enthusiasts to get involved with the Museum at whatever level they feel comfortable, to get involved with their local Corvette club, and to DRIVE their Corvette and enjoy it," added Glenn.

"We thank the Johnsons not only for taking delivery with us today, but also for their thirteen years of supporting this nonprofit foundation," shared Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. "People like Glenn and Andrea are the lifeblood of this organization and we love being able to celebrate such a fun and exciting day like this with them."

The Museum will deliver nearly 600, 2020 model year, Corvettes over the next several months. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Museum Delivery Program, with over 12,000 Corvettes having been delivered at the Museum since the program's inception.

Commemorative items that are incorporated into the Delivery Program include the option to place a unique decal on the inside of the drivers' door jamb to signify that the car was picked up at the Museum. Customers are presented with an individual one-year NCM membership, special lapel pin and a recognition plaque. R8C delivered Corvettes also feature a special license plate frame, and an interior nameplate with the customer's name, date of delivery and VIN inside the car. Exclusive NCM Delivery merchandise may be ordered by participants. Customers who are bringing children along for the experience can notify the Museum to receive special perks through the Glazer Family Delivery Program.

Deliveries can be viewed world-wide on the Museum's webcams at corvettemuseum.org. New Corvette buyers can add option code R8C to their order through any dealer. The program is an additional \$995. Additional details on R8C and other unique programs are available on the Museum's website.

Current Corvette Raffles: The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fund raiser that helps to keep the museum operating. I typically mention these at our monthly meetings and in the Newsletter. All you need to do to enter a raffle for a chance to win one of these fabulous Corvettes is go to the NCM Raffle web page: https:// raffle.corvettemuseum.org/ click on download an Order Form which will enable you to open or download and print the latest form. Just fill it out & send it in to the NCM with a Credit Card number, and they will purchase the tickets for you and enter it into the raffle drawing right there in Kentucky! Also please note, there is now an "Enter Interactive Mode" button you can use to print out a form that has your Credit Card number scrambled, if you are queasy about mailing your full credit card information. To use the Interactive mode you must have a user ID and log into the NCM site. Either way, please jot down on the bottom of the form "Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson - CMCS" so our club gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order (kevinwilson@q.com). If you would prefer to purchase tickets with cash or a check you will need to bring your form to a CMCS meeting, and I can get it processed. Here is the current Raffle line-up:

2020 BYO Corvette OR \$60,000 cash option Limited to 1500 tickets - Price: \$250 Drawing: April 24, 2020 3:00 pm



2020 Black Coupe Unlimited tickets - Price: \$20 Drawing: April 25, 2020 - 2:00 PM.



Here are the lowest priced Raffle Tickets by far!

These are the least expensive tickets at just \$20 and it's a new C8! These tickets make a great present. Give the top part of your form to your gift recipient.

2020 Torch Red Corvette Coupe Limited to 1500 tickets - Price: \$150 Drawing: April 30, 2020 2:00 pm



Current National Corvette Museum Events: The NCM is busy planning some great adventures (and right now postponing and canceling because of COVID-19, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM) for the year. So be sure to keep an eye on this space for additional upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. Registration is open on some of these events now and they fill up quickly. You can find more details about these events and sign up for them here:

https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/.

These are the events currently posted by the museum:

- Michelin NCM Bash @ NCM Re-Scheduled to May 28-30, 2020 (Registration open)
- MiM Branson Experience: May 26th -30th, 2020; Branson, MO (Sold Out/Waitlist)
- MiM Bash Tail of the Dragon Run & Biltmore: Re-Scheduled to May 31-June 3, 2020, Biltmore Estate NC (Sold Out/Waitlist)
- 2020 NCM-MiM Le Mans Tour: June 5 16, 2020. England & France (Sold Out/Waitlist)
- MiM Colorado Springs: July 12-17, 2020; Pikes Peak Drive (Sold Out/Waitlist)
- MiM Northeast Ohio: August 2-7, 2020 (Registration opens Spring 2020)
- 2020 Le Mans Viewing Party at NCM: Re-Scheduled to Sept 19-20, 2020; (Reg. open)
- MiM National Parks Tour: Sep 20-26; AZ & UT; (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- NCM 26 Anniv. Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Sep 3-5, 2020 (Reg. late Spring)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 1: 9/28-10/3 (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 2: 10/12-10/17 (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 3: 10/19-10/24 (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- MiM Michelin Corvette Racing Weekend @ AACA Museum, 10/23-24, Hershey, PA (Spring Reg.)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 4: 10/26-10/31 (Registration opens Summer 2020)

<u>Did you know:</u> The new 2020 Corvette offers 12 unique exterior colors and six interior color themes, along with special packages, and additional accessories to match the customer's desires?

The exterior colors are: Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat, Torch Red, Sebring Orange Tintcoat, Accelerate Yellow, Black, Shadow Gray Metallic, Zeus Bronze Metallic, Blade Silver Metallic, Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic, Arctic White, Rapid Blue, Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic

The interior colors are: Jet Black, Sky Cool Gray, Adrenaline Red, Natural/Natural Dipped, Two-Tone Blue and Morello Red. In addition to the interior themes, customers will also be able to choose their seat



belt color. The colors that will be offered include: Black, Blue, Natural, Torch Red, Yellow and Orange. With the most options ever for Corvette, customization options allow the customer to create their own design statement.

That's all for now - Save the Wave!

CMCS General Meeting - Saturday May 9th

Taster's Wok

15128 Highway 99, Lynnwood
Noon Lunch • 1:00 pm meeting
Thai & Chinese Menu
Soups/Salads & Seafood Plates
Order from the menu with separate checks
Lunch menu available



Register by May 6th on the CMCS website for attendance count Coordinators: Kevin & Judy Jewell (See contact page)

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - May 31, 2020 (Rescheduled from April 19th)

by Kevin Wilson kevinwilson@q.com (206) 286-8750

As a result of the COVID-19 and the resulting social distancing, we've rescheduled our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup session to Sunday May 31st. To those who volunteered for the April event, Many Thanks! I hope you can make the May date work.

I have some volunteers for the May date but need more! Please consider volunteering for and joining in on this fun & easy community service activity. It takes about an hour and a half to clean our section of I-5, utilizing 8



volunteers to clean up & 2 drivers. We typically start at 9:30 am. It's a natural way to get started in one of our many club activities. Come join us, the more the merrier! Please let me know by email if you can join us.

This is our 22nd year of cleaning this section of I-5, which is the Southbound shoulder area near N 175th Street in Shoreline. We completed our last cleanup on Sunday November 10th 2019.

We need more drivers with vehicles holding 5 or more passengers, in the driver pool. Two vehicles transport the crews to and from the cleanup site for each session. The rear vehicle needs a 2-inch hitch receiver to hold the state mandated diamond "Road Crew Working" sign to help protect you. The

front vehicle does not need a receiver. Both vehicles need a 12-volt power receptacle for a nifty magnetic strobe light placed on the vehicle roof. The driver gets to sit in the vehicle out of the weather with climate control, and listen to music if desired. Typically, if the driver pool is large enough, you only provide driver services once per year. Please let Kevin know by email if you can help so we can discuss details.

In return for our service we get:

- A sign posted along the freeway that identifies CMCS as the volunteer organization responsible for keeping this section of the freeway clean.
- A little fun morning exercise with other CMCS members.
- The satisfaction of supporting our community.
- To keep any good items we find (tools, cash, gift cards, other treasures)
- To wear a cool yellow hardhat and orange safety vest
- An opportunity for "brunch" at a nearby restaurant following the cleanup.

Membership Cards for 2020/21

Your new personalized membership cards are in the centerfold of the April OYM if you get a printed version, or are sent through the USPS mail for the few that do not. You may need to show your card at Evergreen Chevrolet



and at RAD to get their published membership discounts for service, maintenance and more. Keep it close.

If you can't find your card, or if you prefer, you may also display proof of membership on your smart phone using an app. Instructions are on the members-only page on the CMCS website. You must be logged in to the CMCS website.

You may also order a replacement printed card with an email to Oran Petersen: **Newsletter-cmcs@outlook.com**.

The old cards are not valid after March 31 and cannot be used to get discounts, even during the CMCS April grace period.

For those renewing after the OYM printing, your card(s) will be in the following newsletter, a month later.



Activities Current as of 4/18/20

Red text: CMCS Events · Magenta text: Autocross · Green text: Parades

April 2020 (Meetings are Canceled)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

The CMCS April Board & General Meetings are canceled. Check the website for current event status.

https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/events

See the CMCS website for current April activity status.

May 2020 (Tentative per COVID-19 status)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DAR	2 No Social DAR			
3 DAR	4	5	6	7 Board (tentative)	8	9 No Social General Meeting (Tentative)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Social Autocross
17 Autocross	18	19	20	21	22	23 Social
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Social
31 Adopt-a- Highway						

5/1-3 Postponed Driving Awesome Roads (DAR)

Non CMCS

5/7 CMCS Board Meeting - Family Pancake House

Board

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Meeting

5/22-25 **Canceled** Big Sky 2020. Hyalite Corvette Club • Bozeman 5/16-17 Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field Page 8

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Autocross

5/31 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Session Page 24

Activity

June 2020 (Tentative per COVID-19 status)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Vettes on the Columbia	6 Social Columbia
						MGCC Show
7	8	9	10	11 Board	12Yakima	13 Social Yakima Autocross
14 Yakima Autocross	15	16	17	18	19	20 No Social CMCS Gen Mtg
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Social Autocross
28 Autocross	29	30		•		

6/5-6 Corvettes on the Columbia

http://www.3riverscorvetteclub.net/corvettes-on-the-columbia/

Non CMCS

11/14	CMCS General Meeting and Thanksgiving Potluck. Westmins chapel, Bellevue. Marty Cameron coordinator.	ter Meeting
	November 2020	
9/12	Tacoma Corvette Club Corvette Show. www.tacomacorvette.com	Non CMCS
9/5-6	Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field Page 8	Autocross
9/5	September 2020 Corvettes at the Marina by Corvettes of Grays Harbor Westport, WA www.corvettesofgraysharbor.com	Non CMCS
8/29	ECC All Corvette Show, Route 2 Taproom, Monroe WA.	NON CIVICS
	2020 Sea to Sky - Wheel & Rails. All Corvette Weekend Event in BC. by the British Columbia Corvette Club. https://www.bccorvetteclub.ca/squamish-2020	Squamish, Non CMCS Non CMCS
	Judging Meet at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. For more details: https://nwncrs.org .	r Non CMCS
	Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field Page 8 NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) NW Chapter hosts a	Autocross Regional
8/15	Snoqualmie Railroad Days Parade Page 16	(Parade)
	https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-3763336	Activity
8/2 8/11	XXX Drive-In All Corvette Show by CMCS CMCS Sub Tour (Members Only). For Details, CMCS website:	Show
	August 2020	
7/30	Mt. Baker tour sponsored by CMCS. Page 13	Activity
7/25	Seafair Torchlight Parade (convertibles only) Page 16	(Parade)
7/22	Greenwood Parade Page 16	(Parade)
7/11-12 7/18	Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field Page 8 Des Moines Parade Page 16	Autocross (Parade)
<mark>7/4</mark> 7/11	CMCS General Meeting & Picnic. Perrigo Park, Redmond Wallingford Parade Page 16	Activity (Parade)
7/4	July 2020 Bothell Parade Page 16	(Parade)
6/27-28	Super Viper Fun Autocross Weekend @ Shelton/Sanderson Field. Not part of the point system Page 8	Autocross
6/20	CMCS General Meeting. Angelos of Burien, 601 SW 153rd, Burien. Eat at 3:30 pm. Order from menu. Separate checks.	Meeting
6/13-14	Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field Page 8	Autocross
6/12-14	Yakima Vette- A-Bration http://www.yakimavalleyvettes.com CMCS Tour to Event Coordinators: Kevin & Judy Jewell.	Non CMCS
6/6	All Corvette Show by Majestic Glass Corvette Club , Anacortes, http://www.majesticglass.org/myweb7/code/car_show.htm (6/7: Open Class Car Show) Waterfront Festival Weekend.	WA. Non CMCS





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