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Cover Car - Chad & Diane Gudjonson's 2002 Coupe



Diane (Di), Chad and Gracie, posed by their Torch Red 2002 coupe in April of 2020. They joined CMCS in September of 2005.

Chad wanted a Corvette after the C5's came out and got this one as a good mid-life hobby. Di figured it would be better than contending with another woman.

Their Vette was the cover car in October of 2005, almost 15 years ago, and a month after they joined CMCS.

The photos below are two of the 2005 cover shots. All photos then and now were taken in driveway of their Renton home.



They will celebrate their 27th anniversary in October. They have three children between them; Chad one and Di two. They have a grandson Taylor. Gracie, of course, runs the household.

Chad is in the Metal Industry and Di is retired.





Editors Note: Their 18 year old C5 is in pristine condition inside and out. It is parked in their "showroom" garage, designed by Di. Dee & I live only a block or so from them, and have watched many cars come and go over the years, but the Vette is a constant, and looks as good today as it did when new.



President's Letter By Shaun Hayes CMCS President



This has certainly been an unprecedented month for all of us. CMCS has made several adjustments due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

First, CMCS donated to the Hopelink organization to help those in need in the Puget Sound area. I am incredibly proud to be a member of an organization that makes community service and giving back a core part of how we operate.

Second, the board has been practicing social distancing and has begun using Zoom to conduct our board meetings. We conducted the April board meeting using Zoom. All the board members and several of the committee chairs were able to join and participate using the Zoom software. It was nice not having to fight thru 5 pm traffic on way to the Redmond Pancake House to get to a board meeting.

At last month's board meeting we discussed several items that impact the membership.

Bylaw changes: Everyone should have already received the all member email describing the key changes to the Bylaws recommended by the board. The recommended changes reflect how CMCS is currently operating and will update the Bylaws to reflect that. Please watch your email for an invitation to vote on these important changes. See CMCS Bylaws Proposed Amendments on page 6

New members: Due to the current COVID-19 crisis and the requirements for social distancing we have not been able to hold monthly in-person membership meetings. The board in consultation with Steve Yabroff, membership chair, has agreed to suspend the requirement for prospective new members to attend a membership meeting to join CMCS. Once we are on the other side of this situation Steve and the board will evaluate how this change worked for CMCS and decide on a path forward.

Events: When are we going to have our next in-person event? That seems to be the \$64,000 question that nobody has an answer to. CMCS will continue to follow the guidelines from the state and local health authorities regarding when and what type of events can be run. Looking forward at the events calendar, the upcoming autocross events, both NWACC and Viper Clubs, are still currently planning to go ahead. We have been in contact with the event organizers for NWACC and Viper Clubs and they have indicated that the Port of Shelton has given them additional time to decide if their events will run as planned. As soon as we have updated information, we will get an update posted to the website.



The CMCS All Corvette Show is still planned to run on August 2nd. Many of you may have seen that several car shows have been canceled during Washington's stay at home order. CMCS still has time to make a final decision on the All Corvette Show and we will keep folks informed regarding that decision.

Finally, we are looking at some possible events e.g. driving tours where we can maintain social distancing as a possible CMCS event. As we receive additional clarity on what type of travel and events are allowed, we will adjust and communicate changes to CMCS members.

I hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy. I look forward to a day, in the not too distant future when we can all get into our Corvettes and enjoy a nice cruise with several of our fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

CMCS Bylaws Proposed Amendments

Note: You may download the full Bylaws for reference at: https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/page-18061. (Login required)

Red: Delete Green: Note Blue: Add

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section II: Qualifications

D. **Affiliate Membership**. Any Full Member of single status may sponsor one person to be a dues-paying Affiliate Member. Determination of qualification for applicants to Affiliate Membership shall be by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(REMOVE) Applicants approved by the Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership at a general meeting by a two-thirds vote of approval by members present. Prospective Affiliate Members must be present at the general membership meeting at which their nomination is made. Affiliate Membership shall extend to the end of the fiscal year or may be terminated upon written request of the sponsoring member to *The Club* Treasurer.

NOTE: When we changed the bylaws last year to no longer require a prospective member to attend a meeting and be voted into the club we overlooked the above clause.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section III: Duties of the Vice President

The duties of the Vice President shall be to preside at meetings with the President and represent the corporation in the absence of the President, to direct the activities of the standing committees of the corporation, and to assume the duties of the President if the President shall resign or be otherwise incapacitated to carry out the duties of the office until the President resumes the duties or until a new President can be elected. The Vice President shall maintain a current inventory of property owned by The Club. The Vice President shall submit at least one nomination for each elective office to the Board of Directors, providing the Vice President already has the consent of said nominee.

NOTE: Added the responsibility to submit nominations for the board and deleted the committee that used to propose nominees. See below for the deletion of the committee.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section IV: Publicity/Community Service Committee (REMOVE)

The duties of the Publicity/Community Service Committee shall be to further the image and purposes of the corporation to the general public through available communications media. This committee shall be responsible for the organization and execution of community service activities approved by the Board of Directors. NOTE: We no longer have this committee.

Section VII: Nominating Committee (REMOVE)

The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to submit at least one nomination for each elective office to the Board of Directors, providing the Committee already has the consent of said nominee.

NOTE: This function moved to the VP responsibilities

Section V: Notice of Meetings

A written notice of each annual and monthly meeting of the members stating the place, day, hour and purpose of the meeting shall be published in the official publication not less than seven days of the meeting.

NOTE: Removed "or more than thirty days"

Section VI: Voting

All action except as noted in these Bylaws shall be by a simple majority vote. Matters requiring vote-by-mail ballot or electronic poll shall be determined by the Board of Directors who shall specify a reasonable time limit for the return of the ballots.

NOTE: Added "or electronic poll"

A member may vote by executing in writing a proxy. A proxy shall be valid for one meeting as executed in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the person executing it.

Under the Hood by Kevin Jewell



In the latest electric vehicle news, the National Academy of Sciences recently reported to the President that "All cars would eventually be driven electrically". The report further stated that success is dooming the internal combustion engine. Would it shock you to hear that the President receiving that report was Lyndon B. Johnson and that this

report was issued in 1966? The report further indicated that there were about 85 million vehicles in the USA. In 2018 there were about 276 million vehicles registered, with cars representing only 44% of that total. In the 54 years following the report the total number of registered vehicles has about tripled. According to one study the total registered electric vehicles is about 1 million. This number can vary depending on whether the reported total includes plug-in hybrids which still have an internal combustion engine as a range

extender. Once more, I have learned that we need to be careful not to believe everything we read, even when presented by the acknowledged "experts". In other electric news, Tesla continues to amaze me. Depending on the day you read the stock market report, Tesla has had a stock market value exceeding GM & Ford combined. Almost a week later, Tesla is reported to be the second most valuable auto manufacturer in the world; just behind Toyota. Again, depending on the day, Tesla's market value is approximately \$100 billion. In 2019 Tesla sold 367,000 cars world wide. Ford and GM sold a combined 5.3 million vehicles in the USA alone. For 2019, Tesla did have a profitable quarter, but still posted an annual loss of \$862 million. Compare that to either GM or Ford and I still stand on the side of the short sellers. However, for some time Tesla has had the last laugh against all the short sellers as Tesla's stock seems to be on a tear.

In this column I have previously discussed that horsepower is a calculated number determined by a formula that includes torque and time. HP=TorqueXRPM/5252. For simplicity we generally simplify the denominator to 5250 or even 5200. The Scottish engineer James Watt in the late 1700s published a well-established definition of HP as the ability of a horse to lift (via a pulley) 550 pounds in 1 second. This definition was used to demonstrate the power of the then newer steam engines. Since we currently rate the power of our Corvettes in horsepower, how do we relate our Corvettes to the electric vehicle in the next lane. Although electric motors can also be rated in horsepower, often electric vehicles are rated in kilowatts (1,000 watts, or KW). Did you notice that this rating also includes the word "watts"? Yes, the electric measure of work was named after the same James Watt. The relationship between horsepower and watts can be simplified to 1 HP= 750 Watts=0.75 KW. Yes, I am cheating a bit in that formula, but do we really care that it is really 745.7 watts instead of 750? The result is almost the same and it is easier to remember the simplified formula. This formula can also be stated as 1 KW=1.33 HP. With this relationship it is easy to see that the electric vehicle (EV) rated at 300 KW has the equivalent of 400 HP. Having gone through this comparison, everyone that has driven an EV knows that the EV has a different feel as to how it puts the power to the road compared to the gasoline powered car. Electric motors produce the highest torque at very low rpms, while internal combustion engines produce maximum torque at much higher rpms. In the greater Seattle area, we live near sea level, with high air pressure. I am sure you have experienced driving your Corvette in the mountain pass and found that since the air pressure is lower at higher elevations, your Corvette has less engine power. A few years ago, we had our C7 on a road trip heading towards Denver. Along I-70 the



Eisenhower Tunnel is at 11,200 feet elevation. The C7 cruised nicely but seemed to have half the normal acceleration as normal. Since the electric motor isn't ingesting air in the process, the EV should not suffer the same power reduction due to altitude. Moral to this story: Resist trying to race that EV in the Rocky Mountains.

If you have been following collector car auction results, you have probably been amazed that restomods are often commanding higher dollars than stock restorations. Restomods look fairly stock externally, but generally the interior, engine, transmission, suspension and brakes have been upgraded. Certainly the '63 Split Window is considered the holy grail of Corvettes by many collectors. At one of the recent Mecum auctions, three split windows crossed the block. The highest price was \$242,000 for a silver on red restomod. Next was a fuelie Bloomington Gold restored example at \$231,000. The final split window was an unrestored, low miles, tan over tan combo for \$126,500. Besting all the Corvettes was a 71 Plymouth Hemi GTX at \$253,000. Wow. It seems to me that the restomod could well be very dated in just a few years, but the proper restoration will always be stock. We already see cars like the '55-57 Chevys with C4 engine/transmissions. While that might still make an excellent driver, it is hardly the latest and greatest. These current Corvette restomods typically have C5-C7 (LS or LT engines) running gear. Do you think they will be dated in 10 years? If you are buying a restomod to drive, you are probably buying a better driving car than the stock original. However, if you are buying the restomod as an investment, I expect there are better options. Do you think any of those '63 split window Vettes at Mecum were bought to actually be drivers?

Racing great Sir Stirling Moss died last month at 90. Moss started his racing career driving his father's BMW 328. In 1948 he used his winnings from competitive horse events to make a deposit on a Cooper 500 Formula Three car. Cooper later made his name in modifying Minis that won races and rallyes around the world. In 1954 Moss became the first non-American to win the 12 hours at Sebring. A year later, he won the prestigious Italian Mille Miglia, a 1,000 mile road race, winning in slightly over 10 hours. According to legend, he then drove overnight back to Germany with his girlfriend. Ultimately Moss won 212 of the 529 races entered. He was considered one of the best Formula One drivers, although he never won the world championship in Formula One. In his 7 years in Formula One, he finished second 4 times, and finished third 3 times in year end points. A 1962 crash at Goodwood (England) left him in coma for a month. After a 6 month recovery, he tested a Lotus at Goodwood and discovering that he was a couple of tenths slower per lap than before the accident, he decided to retire



from competition. Moss was a regular on Wide World of Sports auto racing with his color commentary until he left ABC in 1980. He then returned to racing in the British Saloon Car Championship driving for Audi. Moss also competed around the world in vintage events. While practicing for the 2011 Le Mans Legends race, Moss announced that he was retiring for good as he had just scared himself in practice. I wonder what it must have taken to scare Moss enough that he left racing for good. At his second retirement Moss was 81 years old. For many years a standard rhetorical question by British police on stopping speeding citizens was "Who do you think you are, Stirling Moss?" It was a fitting question. Once the British police stopped Moss on the streets driving a Mini. He was fined and lost his driver's license for a year. May he rest in peace.

Laps from the Past

50 LAPS AGO. May 1970. Frank Olsheski was president. The monthly meeting was held at Little Luigi's in Bellevue. The monthly OYM included a very detailed 4-page article written by John R. Thomas about the new electronic fuel injection (EFI) system (built by Bosch under license from an American firm, Bendix, that holds the patent) and explained how it differed from the Rochester mechanical fuel injection (MFI) on earlier Corvettes. Immediately following that was another 4-page article by Frank Olsheski further comparing the pros & cons of EFI vs. MFI and predicting that EFI was the wave of the future. WWSCC (Western Washington Sports Car Council) is still having trouble paying for the phone used to advertise activities. They are considering raising fees for each club per year plus a setcharge per each message put on the tape. Mike Gibben is taking orders for CMCS summer jackets. Letters from Longview and Tacoma Corvette Clubs were read to the membership in attendance in regards to their day out at SIR, and will have more information for us as it comes in. A New Jersey Club wrote asking for one of our CMCS patches or metal badges. The Indy 500 was shown at the Paramount Theater on closed circuit TV on the 30th. The Vancouver CC forwarded packets for registration. Frank O. went through their events scheduled and explained the costs. We are going to try and find a place for us to stay that may be less expensive. Frank Diss is checking on the Continental Grand Prix to see if we can get the parade lap and have a Corvette Cove. Jim Sacco, head of the parts department at Olsen Chevrolet also sent word that we can get a discount through him. A small discussion on the Autocross was conducted and everything seems to be ready to go. A tour to Sultan was conducted. Frank Diss reported on the SIR day sponsored by Classical Glass CC and noted they had a very poor day with no practice runs with those who knew that track, no supervision with what was being



consumed beverage wise. As a result Bill Donner had to run them off the course after one of the cars crashed into the pit area. We have Alan Green's sign to use at our next SIR event as an entrance sign for parking at the Corvette Cove.

40 LAPS AGO. May 1980. President Bruce Kelly conducted the meeting at Lee Johnson Chevrolet in Kirkland. Treasurer Dee Esping reported the club is in the black. Wendy Hodges thanked Bruce & Judy Artley for their assistance with the Sports Car Spectacular event. BMWACA Bavarian Blitz Autoslalom at Boeing/Kent, and the Acme Hdr Slalomania Boeing/Kent, as well as the Conference Race in Spokane events highlighted the month activities. The Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs (NWACC) held their event with the Olympia Corvette Club's Rally & Party activities. Membership stands at 81, a new roster is in the works. Event's chairperson Len Hodges notes some of the summer program includes; Seafair parade in August, Gold Panning trip in September, Snoqualmie Falls Breakfast, Zig Zag River Run at the Rain Forest or the Upper Skagit, Winter Eagles Trip Dec/Jan. With the business concluded, the membership took off for pizza and bowling. The monthly OYM included a description, by Newsletter Editors Jay & Jan Cockrum, of the CMCS insignia and how it came to be. It read, "Our insignia is a composite of excellent designs and ideas that were submitted by our members; The red, white and blue colors were chosen to signify our American heritage. The Corvette is still America's only true sports car. The white background denotes purity of a breed; we are truly a Marque Club - for Corvette owners only. The Stingray was chosen because it is symbolic of the year of our formation, 1963, and the crossed flags were taken from the General Motors insignia to further our identity with Corvettes of all vintages. The checkered flag to identify our Marque as first in class. Many of our charter members came from other clubs and brought with them the experience necessary for organizing a Corvette Club, hence the word Marque has a special meaning to us." First Class Postage to mail the OYM was 15¢.

30 LAPS AGO. May 1990. President Cloyd Jackson conducted the meeting at the Nelson Estates. (CMCS members John Paul & Cece Nelson's home on Vashon Island). Darlene Landry joined CMCS, bringing the total to 91. A Tune-Up Session was held at Rick Stark Enterprises in Kirkland. Rick and his staff were available to assist with any problems. Members could purchase parts at a 25% discount. President Jackson proposed the sharing of information and/or specialized equipment that various members may have in the interest of improving the performance of their Corvette. As a starter, he offered the use of his recently acquired Vericom 200 Performance Computer.



20 LAPS AGO. May 2000. Charter Member Tom Marzullo's 1971 Black T-Top 454ci 400+hp 4-speed w/ Hooker Header side mounts was the cover car. President Jan Cockrum conducted the meeting at the Original Oyster House Restaurant in Discovery Bay. Prior to the meeting CMCS participated in the 105th Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade. New members were; Kristi Eveland, Wes DePew & Wanda DeLeo and Bobby & Jennifer Read, bringing the total to 193. Western Corvette Supply hosted their annual Show-n-Shine at the Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, with CMCS supplying support. CMCS members also attended the 29th Annual Big Sky Corvette Meet in Bozeman, Montana during the Memorial Day weekend.

10 LAPS AGO. May 2010. Gary & Carol Maxwell's 2003 Anniversary Red Coupe was the cover car. President Al Dager conducted the meeting following dinner at Chengdu Chinese Buffet in Bellevue. Membership Chair Jean Dager announced CMCS membership at 227 with Allen & Mitzi Mechum joining us. Activities for May included a 38 mile cruise to the Cold Stone Creamery in Woodinville after the meeting, the Anacortes Water Festival, an NWACC Autocross, Big Sky in Montana and Vette Rides for Veterans in Retsil. Gary Main added further details for past Vette Rides. Marty Cameron was collecting clothing, books and other items for the veterans. Marty & Bill Cameron introduced their new granddaughter, a 1-year-old model fresh off the production line.

5 LAPS AGO. May 2015. Jeff & Cindy Smith's 2006 Silver Coupe was the cover car. President Kevin Jewell conducted the meeting at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed a road tour to Classic Reflection Coachworks in Tacoma, who us gave a presentation on their business. They convert newer Corvettes into older Corvette body styles to make great retro looking cars. The Glass Odyssey Corvette Club joined CMCS at the presentation and at our CMCS General Meeting following. Membership stood at 248, with no new members at the meeting. May activities, in addition to Classic Reflection Coachworks, included: An autocross school and autocross event sponsored by NWACC, A tour to the Big Sky Corvette event in Billings MT coordinated by CMCS members Tim & Mona Cox over Memorial Day, and a Vettes for Vets event in Retsil WA coordinated by CMCS member Gary Main (Sponsored by the Glass Odyssey Corvette Club.) A number of veterans got rides in our Corvettes.





Membership is 243 as of May12 6th

John C Thomas currently owns a 1994 Admiral Blue Coupe with only 4,000 original miles, and showroom condition. He has owned 8 corvettes ranging from 1965 to 2011. He retired on December 31, 2019. He also owns a 1966 Jaguar E Type convertible, which he often shows. He was born and raised on Mercer Island and lived in Dallas for 3 years. Has an MBA from University of Puget Sound and began business career as a CPA. Over 30 years in executive management and healthcare, and most recently was Executive Director at Proliance Surgeons, Inc. He also enjoys Analysis and is a private and the surgeons and also was Analysis.



daughter (she owns and shows Arabians) and is a private pilot. Please give John a warm welcome.

(No Photo) Mike Stapleton owned a 1999 C5 convertible and just bought a 2016 Black Stingray Coupe from our sponsor, Evergreen Chevrolet (Worked with Tony T and Tony Rehn Sr., said they were great to work with.) He is a Harley Davidson rider, and a senior golfer. He is especially interested in autocross & track days, and wants to meet other CMCS members. Please welcome Mike to CMCS.

(No Photo) Rick & Kelcie Peterson, looked for over a year to find just the right Corvette, his first one. He found a 2004 Lemans Blue Coupe with just 24,000 miles. It was a one-owner car that was always garaged! He loves car shows and cruising/tours. He also enjoys golf, fishing, shooting, RV trips, going to Seahawks and Huskies games, and working with his Doberman, Leelu. He has two grown children and five grandchildren. He is a graduate of UW. Please give Rick & Kelcie a great CMCS welcome.

Editor's Note: Since we cannot presently hold social gatherings we are temporarily suspending the bylaws requirement that new members join CMCS at a general meeting. Therefore we are sometimes not able to get new member photos for the tachometer in a timely manner.

May Birthdays

Daniel Overby	5	Claudia Simmons	16	Margaret Ormerod	25
Chad Gudjonson	6	Donna Embree	17	Ron Kuehner	26
Howard Esping	10	Brian Luessen	19	Cheryl Hayes	28
Joan Hintz	10	Mark Grosvenor	21	Shari Roberts	30
Douglas Henning	13	Marlow Krein	24		

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Canceled CMCS General Meeting - Saturday May 9th Canceled per COVID-19 Restrictions

Taster's Wok

15128 Highway 99, Lynnwood Noon Lunch • 1:00 pm meeting

CMCS General Meeting - Saturday June 20th Tentative based on COVID-19 Restrictions

Angelos of Burien

601 SW 153rd, Burien, WA
Eat at 3:30 pm - Meeting After
Order from Banquet Menu
Separate Checks
No Tour

Reserve for attendance by June 17
Event Coordinator: Kevin Jewell



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.

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

Join CMCS members and others for a breakfast social.
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 CORVETTE

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.



Parades by John Kamm j.kamm1952@hotmail.com 425 643 2604

Well welcome to May. It seems like it was only yesterday we were moving our clocks ahead, somehow we missed daylight savings time and hit the twilight zone. Oh how things have changed for everyone in just the past 45 days.

As I stay deep inside my Parade command bunker, I am learning that many events set for May/June have been or are about to be canceled.

In my talks with the guys at Seafair, AT THIS TIME, they are planning on a full schedule of civic events, parades and so forth for July.

Now all this can change, as the virus keeps screwing up our long awaited summer. But with that in mind, parades are still a GO. And I have listed attached ALL our planned parades. With every parade I am over 65% full to the Max. number of cars that can be involved.

If you have any interest in being involved in a parade, or want more information on parades, please contact me. You can use the CMCS website, my E-mail or even call on the phone. But after this mess we have/are going thru, it will be a big "feel good" moment to give some relief back to the communities by a big parade. And a huge presents of Corvettes, always brings smiles to everyone.

About the huge Torchlight parade, I am still in need of 7+ convertibles. And I would like to keep this all within CMCS, but I have also been contacted by other clubs asking if they can join us. Its all a logistics thing. Its just much easier if everyone involved in this parade is in the same county. So if you have a soft top, want to be involved in a huge parade, be on TV and meet some very neat military and VIPs, this is the event for you. Please get in contact with me

Everyone stay safe, wash your hands and we will get past this......John

2020 Parade List

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

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report



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The repercussions of the Novel COVID-19 virus continues to impact many of our daily activities and short-term plans, as well as limiting our opportunities to get together for Corvette related fun. The only good thing happening here locally is we've had some

fabulous early Spring weather here in the Pacific Northwest. Hopefully you've had some time to enjoy your Corvette, whether on a nice drive, washing it up, or modifying it with additional goodies. Gas is relatively cheap; the traffic is fairly light, so it's been a perfect time to socially distance yourself with a cruise in your Corvette.

With "stay at home and avoid other people" directives in place, many of us have turned to technology to help us stay active and engaged in our communities. It's very easy to stay engaged with the Corvette Community through the Internet and I've enjoyed seeing so many photographs of and reading various articles about beautiful and unique Corvettes. The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is no different than we are in these challenging times and is adapting to the realities of our current situations. The NCM closed to the public effective at 5pm Wednesday, March 18 and is still closed. This closure does NOT affect the R8C Museum Delivery program for new Corvette owners picking up their cars, and there is still a lot going on at the museum. Here is some of the latest news from our friends at the NCM.

<u>Museum Debuts Free Educational Video Series':</u> With many children and families spending time being 'healthy at home,' the National Corvette Museum has debuted a free video series, offering educational and fun content for all ages. Vettecademy offers topics related to Corvette, the Museum and other automotive areas with a new video debuting each weekday on the Museum's Web page:

https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/educational-programs/vettecademy/and on YouTube:

htps://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5Syfif2eF-NmzTLVdEHmSUZozO8RvN27



"Many museums across the country are offering free virtual content to stay engaged with their audience while attracting some new fans," said Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. "As a nonprofit foundation, our mission is to educate the public. We developed these videos to not only provide educational content, but also be entertaining and engaging." Thus far, topics for the episodes have included Corvette Generations, the Museum's Sinkhole and ME-chanics: How to Change a Tire. While the series is geared towards school-aged children, adults are encouraged to tune-in, too. Episodes go live Monday through Friday at 10am CT, and past episodes are available on both platforms, as well as embedded on the Museum's website.

For Corvette enthusiasts wanting even more deep dives into the history of America's iconic sports car, the Museum is launching a second video series entitled Fully Vetted. The series debuted on Tuesday, March 24, and features Museum Director of Collections/Curator Derek E. Moore and Museum Historical Media Coordinator Bob Bubnis who will 'decode Corvette history.' "Our Fully Vetted series is designed to provide a digital touch-point to Corvette fans worldwide while also offering educational and entertaining content for those wanting to soak up as much Corvette information as possible," shared Sean. "Derek and Bob will share in-depth stories, the lore behind the brand, and a behind the scenes view of America's Sports Car."



Fully Vetted was originally planned to be a fee-based series but has since been deemed as free content. "We decided to give the content away as a 'thank you' to those who have supported the Museum, but definitely welcome tax-deductible donations to help us continue providing educational content through these challenging times," added Sean. Currently, Fully Vetted will have new episodes on Tuesdays and Thursdays around 4pm CT. Museum members can log into their account to view the videos, and non-members can sign up for a free account on the Museum's website to view the content.

National Corvette Museum Held Online Car Show in April:

Celebrity judges, sponsors, trophies and more bring the fun of car shows to those sheltered in place. With spring car shows, races, and other automotive events having been canceled or rescheduled, the National Corvette Museum pulled together resources to offer then next best thing - an online car show.

"Being a 501c3 nonprofit foundation we started brainstorming ways to keep our audience engaged and the idea of an online car show emerged," said Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the Museum. "We created a number of categories that people entered including the opportunity to share a little extra about their car - so rather than have judging like a typical car show, it's fun, celebrity choice awards."

Corvette elite through the generations were quick to jump on board with the idea. Joining the line-up of celebrity judges include retired Engineers and Chief Engineers Gib Hufstader, Dave McLellan, Dave Hill and Tom Wallace, Designers Peter Brock, Jerry Palmer and Tom Peters, racers Tony DeLorenzo, John Heinricy, Andy Pilgrim and Johnny O'Connell as well as Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan, past and present GM Corvette Plant Managers Kai Spande, Jeff Lamarche, Dave Tatman, Wil Cooksey and Paul Schnoes, Corvette Hall of Fame inductees Reeves Callaway and Mike Yager, Corvettes at Carlisle's Lance Miller, and Museum President Sean Preston.

A total of 24 awards were given (out of 1668 entries), including one for each Corvette Generation (1041 entries), Corvette Race Cars (44 entries), Best Story (381 entries), Most



Unique/Personalized (202 entries), Plant Manager's Choice, President's Choice, People's Choice and a Club Participation Award to the Corvette Club with the highest percentage of participation. For the C8 award (11 entries), Ralph White has donated two Next Generation Corvette Counter Stools with backs. Honorable mention certificates will also be awarded.

"We encouraged all enthusiasts to enter, even if they don't normally enter their car in shows. We created categories that give everyone a fair shot at walking away with some recognition," shared Sean. "One category focuses solely on the story behind the car and we loved reading the submissions!" Corvette enthusiasts entered the show on the Museum's website from April 6 - 12. The cost to enter was \$10 per car, with the option to add on additional judged categories for \$10 each. Enthusiasts could enter more than one Corvette by using a separate online entry form per car. Each household that entered received a commemorative dash plaque. All entries and the winners are posted on the Museum's website: https://www.corvettemuseum.org/onlinecarshow/judging occurred the week of April 12. The Museum posted a video announcing the winners on Thursday, April 23. Awards were mailed to each



winner or are being held for pickup at the Michelin NCM Bash, currently slated for May 28-30.

"During these uncertain times the Museum has worked hard to keep as many of our staff employed as possible. The car show is not only a fun way for people to get involved in the car hobby at a 'social distance' but will hopefully generate a little revenue for the Museum while we are closed. We are excited for everyone to fill our website with images on their beautiful Corvettes!" added Sean.

The awards were made possible through the generosity of several businesses, Clubs and Corvette Store partners, including Artisan's, Callaway, Custom LED Service LLC, Dana Forrester, Huntington Sheet Metal, Kim's Gold Dust, Mid-America Motorworks, NCM Fighter Squadron, Ralph White, Ready Motorsports, Titan Lifts, Vince Con Corvette, Volunteer Vette and Zip Corvette. "We sincerely thank those businesses who jumped on board with this endeavor. We realize budgets are tight for a lot of companies, so it means a lot that they choose to support what we are doing and to help keep the car hobby alive," said Sean.

Avanti II: Donated Car with Corvette Components: The NCM is all about Corvettes and that includes gathering a collection of other vehicles that have a significant tie to the Corvette story. I've featured stories on some of these unique vehicles, and here is another:

Like many auto enthusiasts, Bernard "Mike" Hammer had set his sights on his dream car decades before he'd have the opportunity to actually own it. It was 1962, and his stepfather was in the market for a new car. "He took me with him one, to keep me out of the mischief that I always seemed to find, and two, because he didn't know the difference between a crankshaft and a camshaft. I had just stuffed a small block in a Sprite, and that thing was quick!"

The duo found their way to a Studebaker dealer, and Mike shared with his stepfather that the Lark was the Indy Pace Car that year. While his stepfather was looking at the Lark, a Gold Avanti caught Mike's eye across the showroom. The



1977 Studebaker features Corvette engine and fiberglass body

Lark was the Pace Car, but the Avanti was given to the winner of the race, Roger Ward. Later, Andy Granatelli took three Avantis to Bonneville and set 29 world speed records in a gold one. "Here I was, standing next to a gold Avanti. My mind could see Andy getting out of it and saying, 'Your turn, kid.' I



did my best to tell him that was the car," remembers Mike. "Nope, he ended up getting a Buick Special station wagon. That gold Avanti hit the top of my bucket list."

It wasn't until 2017 that Mike's path would again cross a gold Avanti. "My wife of 40 years passed away, and having nothing else to do, I'd drive around and see the country." Mike was in San Jose, CA, about 300 miles from home, when he passed a speed shop that had a 1977 Gold Avanti II parked out front. "The business was one that put people that own race cars together with people who drive race cars, and the owner had the car outside as a sort of calling card. I asked him 'do you ever drive the thing?' and he said, 'very seldom,' so I said 'well, I'll just buy it from you then.' I trailered it home, fixed it up and the only show I ever put it in, it got first place."

After purchasing the car, Mike went to work on it. He rebuilt the engine and cleaned the car up. The interior was in good shape to begin with, and it had very low miles. "When the Avanti II came out, they were essentially handmade, and they were made to order. You told them what you want, and that's what you got. The original owner wanted it gold, with gold shag carpeting, and even gold shag carpeting in the trunk. The gold leather seats have velour inserts, and Avanti even threw in a pillow for the back seat."

Mike had only owned the Avanti for about two years when he came to the decision to do something else with the car. "Vietnam gave me two Bronze Stars for valor, a Purple Heart for combat wounds, and Parkinson's. The medals were put in a frame by my wife and left alone. I wish that the Parkinson's was that easy. It is getting along, and I can no longer enjoy working on cars." Mike shared that while he enjoyed having the car, he wanted to preserve it. "When you've got Parkinson's, you shake a lot. I was outside washing it and I broke the radio antenna. It just happened that I got the Museum's magazine that said they were looking for cars that had Corvette components, and this was made with a Corvette engine, so I contacted [Derek] and he said 'yeah, we'll take it." Not only does the Avanti have a Corvette engine, the fiberglass body is manufactured by the same company that has made the Corvette body since 1953.

Mike is not only an Avanti fan, he's also a Corvette enthusiast. Having owned three Corvettes Mike also has a 2020 Torch Red Corvette on order. "The Corvette I had when I married my wife was a C3 - a 1971 Convertible. And then you have kids and they don't like to be tied to the roof, so you get a series of four doors. When the youngest got married and moved out, we went car shopping. I decided we'd look at the new Pontiac GTO that had just come out. The guy opened the hood and said, 'it's got a Corvette engine'. My wife said, 'that's nice, but it's ugly.' So, we looked at the Cadillac. The guy opened the

hood and said, 'it's got a Corvette engine.' My wife looked at me and said, 'if every thing's going to have a Corvette engine then let's just get another Corvette!"

Mike ended up buying a 2004 Magnetic Red Corvette in 2005. The couple tuned in to watch the debut of the C7 in 2013, and Mike's wife was on board with getting another. "She looked at me and said, 'do you think they have that in the same color as ours?' And I said, 'I don't know.' And she said, 'if they do, get one.' If your wife tells you to go buy a new Corvette, you don't hesitate!" Mike ordered a 2014 Crystal Red Corvette in March 2013 and took delivery in October - the Friday before their wedding anniversary the following Monday. Sadly, Mike's wife passed away in 2016. Mike drove the car in her memory in the 2019 National Corvette Caravan, offering the passenger seat to a Corvette enthusiast from Australia. He's looking forward to taking delivery of his 2020 later this year at the Museum. Thank you to Mike for helping tell the story of other vehicles with Corvette components!

Current Corvette Raffles: The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fund-raiser that helps to keep the museum operating. 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 in to the NCM site. Either way, please jot down on the bottom of the form "Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson NCM Ambassador" so CMCS gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order (kevinwilson@q.com). Here is the current Raffle line-up:

2020 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Coupe Limited to 2000 tickets - Price: \$200 Drawing: May 29, 2020 2:30 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:

- MiM Branson Experience: May 26th -30th, 2020; Branson, MO (Sold Out/Waitlist)
- Michelin NCM Bash @ NCM Re-Scheduled to May 28-30, 2020 (Registration open)
- MiM Bash Tail of the Dragon Run & Biltmore: Re-Scheduled to May 31-June 3, 2020, Biltmore Estate N (Registration closed)
- 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; (Registration open)
- 2020 NCM-MiM Le Mans Tour: Re-Scheduled to Sept.11-22, 2020. England & France (Sold Out)
- MiM National Parks Tour: Sep 20-26; AZ & UT; (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- NCM 26th Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Sep 3-5, 2020 (Reg open 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)

Did you know: The Discovery Channel debuted a new DRIVEN TV series on Monday, March 30? The series features Galpin Auto Sports' President Beau Boeckmann, custom car builder Dave Shuten and customization specialist "Mad Mike" Martin (best known for his appearance on MTV's Pimp My Ride"). The series focuses on saving automotive history and rescuing 'car culture from oblivion.' The trio will uncover historic and one-of-a-kind cars to rebuild and reintroduce back into the automotive history books. The National Corvette Museum will be featured on the Wishbone episode, set to air on May 11 at 8 pm CT (check local listings).

That's all for now - Save the Wave!

Autocross Schedule - 2020

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

At the time On Your Marque went to print, both the Viper and NWACC May autocross events were still scheduled to happen. Both groups are watching the State guidelines to abide by State requirements as they change.

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 Canceled	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.

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - May 31, 2020 by Kevin Wilson kevinwilson@g.com (206) 286-8750

Canceled



Next Adopt A Highway Cleanup postponed until May 31st 2020: The next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up session was going to be held April 19th, 2020 appropriately during Earth Week. However, Mother Nature had some early Spring plans of her own, and as a result of the Corona-Virus outbreak and subsequent social distancing etc. we've re-scheduled the event for May 31st, 2020. Currently the State of WA should be "open for business" by then. To those who volunteered for

the April event, Many Thanks! I hope you can make the May date work.

I've got a couple volunteers for the May event but need some 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 more as drivers. We typically start at 9:30 am. It's a natural way to get started in one of our many CMCS activities. Come join us, the more the merrier! Please let Kevin know at kevinwilson@q.com if you'd like to join us.

This will be our 22nd year of cleaning this section of I-5, which is the Southbound shoulder area near N 175th Street in Shoreline.

Additional Volunteer Drivers needed for Drivers Pool: We need a few more volunteers with multi passenger vehicles to be in the Drivers pool to be transporters of our volunteer clean-up crews. It is helpful (but not necessary) if the vehicle has a 2" square receiver hitch (to hold a sign). The driver duty is the best duty on the cleanup team effort as you get to sit in your vehicle out of the weather with appropriate climate control, and you can listen to your favorite tunes. In addition, you get to have a nifty magnetic strobe light on your vehicle and if you are the rear vehicle you get to sport a "Road Crew Working" sign to help protect all of us. Typically, when the driver pool is large enough you would only have to provide your driver services once a year. Please let me know if you can help out & we can discuss details.

In return for our service we get:

- A sign posted along the freeway that identifies Corvette Marque Club of Seattle 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, eash, gift eards, other treasures)
- To wear a cool yellow hardhat and orange safety vest
- An opportunity for "brunch" at a nearby restaurant following the clean-up

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Lonely Kevin is still looking for some May volunteers to help out with the Highway clean-up!





Activities Current as of 5/25/20

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

May 2020 (Tentative per COVID-19 status)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 No Social
3	4	5	6	7 Board (On-line)	8	9 No Social
10	11	12	13	14 General (On-line)	15	16 No Social Autocross
17 Autocross	18	19	20	21	22	23 No Social
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 No Social
31	(All May I	neetings a	t restaura	nts & autocro	ss are cand	eled)

June 2020

The CMCS General Meeting date, time and format is to be decided at the June Board meeting. Online Zoom most likely. Check the website event list and expect email from the website for current information on this meeting.

Meeting

6/11 CMCS Board Meeting - Online Zoom 6:00 pm Contact Shaun Hayes for participation details.

Board

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Autocross

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Autocross

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Autocross

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Activity

August 2020

8/11 CMCS Sub Tour (Members Only). For Details, CMCS website: https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-3763336 Activity

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(Parade)

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Autocross

8/20-24 NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) NW Chapter hosts a Regional Judging Meet at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon.

Rescheduled to August 18-20, 2022.

For more details: https://nwncrs.org.

Non CMCS

8/28-30 2020 Sea to Sky - Wheel & Rails. All Corvette Weekend Event in Squamish, BC. by the **British Columbia Corvette Club.**https://www.bccorvetteclub.ca/squamish-2020 Non CMCS

8/29 ECC All Corvette Show, Route 2 Taproom, Monroe WA.

Non CMCS



Meeting

	September 2020	
9/5	Corvettes at the Marina by Corvettes of Grays Harbor Westport, WA www.corvettesofgraysharbor.com	Non CMCS
9/5-6	Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field Page 25	Autocross
9/12	Tacoma Corvette Club Corvette Show. www.tacomacorvette.com	Non CMCS
9/18-19	Corvettes On The Columbia - Rescheduled from June http://www.3riverscorvetteclub.net/corvettes-on-the-columbia/ CMCS caravan departs 9/17: Alton Loe coordinator.	Non CMCS
	November 2020	
11/14	CMCS General Meeting and Thanksgiving Potluck. Westmins	ter

December 2020

chapel, Bellevue. Marty Cameron coordinator.

12/12 CMCS General Meeting and Christmas Party - Everett Golf and Country Club Page 27 Meeting





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