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# Vette Gazette

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Hi Everybody,

Continuing on last months' theme of proposed holidays, I have a few more thoughts regarding April Fools Day. Many claim this day has its roots in old Roman holidays. Others say it started when January 1st became New Years Day in Europe. This is when the calendar was changed, those who thought that Easter was still New Years day got dates confused and this in turn led them to becoming objects of ridicule. My theory is as follows: April Fools Day originates from the vernal equinox, or the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This is when Mother Nature fools us with changing and unpredictable weather. Mother Nature is the original prankster and needs an intervention desperately. Mother Nature has been giving us the cold shoulder for a while now. Maybe she's pulling an April fools prank and is ready to send us a hot spell when we least expect it. I can't wait to break out the sunscreen. I am putting Mother Nature on notice I may need to litigate due to these cold-hearted pranks if the intervention fails!

Keep your fingers crossed Mother Nature isn't up to her old tricks with sucker holes in the coming days. For those of you unfamiliar with the term "sucker hole" it refers to those days where the rain stops, the birds start to sing and the air warms up. You head outside dressed for summer and then bam, the hail starts, the temperature drops by 30 degrees, your teeth start to chatter as you race home. Once you learn the signs you can usually tell when Mother Nature is having a good laugh at your expense.

There are a lot of club events coming up. Be sure to check the rest of this newsletter, the CCC Facebook page and the CCC webpage for more info. If you know of an event that hasn't been mentioned let Jim Garboden or me, your humble narrator, know about it.

A special thanks to our member Larry Simelius who suggested a club cruise to tour the Cottage Grove Carousel on Saturday May 8. Larry carved the lion on the carousel and I'm sure will be a great tour guide. Gerry and Connie Swartz are setting up the departure time and location. Lunch is to be decided but one suggestion is the Kings Winery. It's a \$pendy great spot to eat and last time the club was there a bald eagle came to visit for a minute.

The March breakfast was well attended by 25 members. We tried a new location at Foresters near West 11<sup>th</sup> on City View. This seems to be a good fit with the club, lots of parking and lots of table room with good food and good service. This may become a dinner location as well in the future. On a negative note, no Corvettes were seen. I blame this all on Mother Nature and am still considering taking legal action if she continues to misbehave. Maybe even a class action suit!

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> is the clubs' cruise to the Beaver State Corvette Club show at the Heritage Mall Car Show in Albany. CCC will leave at 10:00 a.m. from Starbuck's in Junction City. The plan is to have lunch after viewing the show. If you are reading this after April 1<sup>st</sup> then you'll already know how Mother Nature acted and if the intervention failed. The membership drawing of \$15 would have been won by Robert & Iris Edmiston but they were not present. The drawing will be for \$20 in April. The 50/50 drawing of \$34 was won by Richard Vejnoska.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Larry & Simone Thomas.

Next General meeting: Friday, April 14, 6:00 p.m. at Kendall Chevrolet.

That's all for this month,  
Your humble  
narrator and president at  
large,

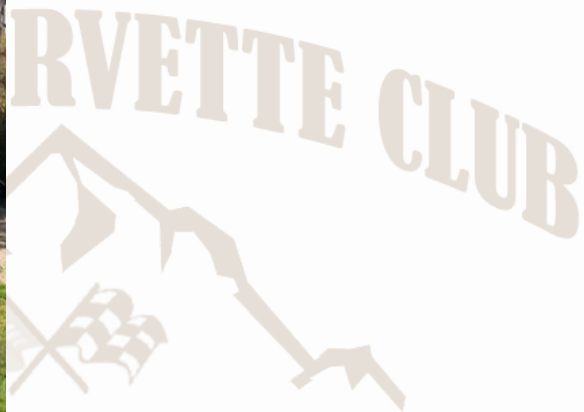
Matt





### Spring is in the air

March was brutal this year, but hope “springs” eternal for April. Only one event in April so far, but we can rectify that by hitting the road in our Corvettes. We just need an idea. Share your ideas for lunch cruises or covered bridge tours or historical tours or....



## COME SEE THE BROTHERS COLLECTION Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 10AM-5PM



You are invited to tour the world's most comprehensive collection of sports cars! Over 350 Muscle, Exotic cars, and vintage signs are on display in Salem's "best kept secret"

### The Brothers Collection

The Brothers Collection is a privately owned car museum closed to the general public. The open house is being hosted as a fund-raising event to support Chaplain **Scott Dye** who serves the Officers and Staff at the Salem Police Department. Public Safety Chaplaincy is a nonprofit organization.

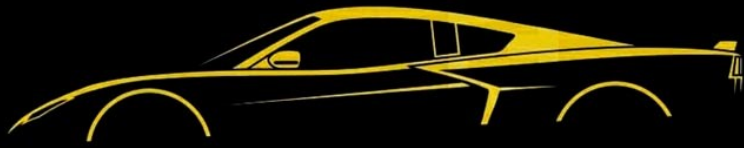


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Questions? Call Scott @ 503-339-5379



## Misc. Notes

Heritage Mall Corvette Show  
Beaver State Corvette Club has established a tradition of displaying their Corvettes inside Heritage Mall in Albany every March or April. Cascade Corvette Club will gather April 1 to tour to Albany to support their efforts. We will meet at the Starbuck's in Junction City (across 99W from Safeway), departing at 10 am. Lunch in Albany after attending the show. 😁

Speaking of Starbuck's in Junction City, the Board regretfully decided to not promote the Cars & Coffee we tried to start last year. Whether it was the distance to JC or the day we chose, we never saw the amount of attendance we had hoped for. 😞

The proposed club-wide garage sale idea "died in committee". Securing a location to hold such an event proved too difficult.

**Golf Days**  
Dates have been set for two Corvette Club golf days.  
Beaver State has chosen June 28 at Spring Hill Golf Club.  
Cascade Corvette's TNAT will be August 1 at Tokatee Golf Club.

A day at Woodburn Drag Strip has been proposed by a member. The Board will be looking for dates or special interest races and will announce some options later.

The Mary's Peak Cruise will be held May 29. More info will be announced when available.

June 30 (Friday) is **National Corvette Day!** The first Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, MI on June 30, 1953. We cannot let this anniversary pass this year without doing something! Various ideas are being discussed and plans will be announced.

Three of our Veterans will be honored on the April 26-28 Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Pete Lightcap, Navy - Joe Heidrick, Air Force - Gene Kidd (BSCC), Navy.

Congratulations and Welcome Home





## Happy Birthday!

**April 5 - Dick Mart**

**April 12 - Jan Willer**

**April 13 - April Wilson**

**April 16 - Don Thumel**

## Club Clothing

We have two options for embroidered club clothing & hats.

Fiddler's Green Golf Center  
Embroidery Dept.  
can order anything you like  
and will embroider our club logo  
for a small fee.

Or you may take in any  
garment, regardless where it was  
purchased and they will embroider  
the club logo for you.



As I sit here at my computer on March 26 wondering what to write about this month, I glance out the window and see snow falling. That is NOT the inspiration I was looking for. Our daphne bloomed one month later than usual, the daffodils (in So. Eugene) refuse to bloom and I see frost on the roofs every morning. I want to be detailing (and driving) the Corvette, working on home improvement projects and getting the garden ready to plant. Hard to get enthused about any of that when it's 37 degrees and snowing.

We have season tickets to Duck baseball and softball—who wants to sit in the stands when it's 42 and raining?



Our friend Stan Stiles is recovering from another major back surgery. I need to get their Corvette detailed for the coming year, but first we have to get it running. Leo and I will work on charging or changing the battery, then we have to wait until it get over 60 degrees before I can detail and apply ceramic.

Okay, enough whining about the weather, let's end this on a high note. Ummm.....

Oh wait, I know. One of our members is taking delivery of his new '23 70th Anniversary Corvette soon. There may be a reveal party.





**April 1-2**  
**Heritage Mall Corvette Show**  
**BSCC**  
**Albany, OR**

**May 6**  
**Visit Cottage Grove Carousel**

**May 21**  
**Brothers Car Collection Open House**  
**Salem, OR**

**May 26 - 29**  
**Big Sky Corvette Meet**  
**Helena, MT**

**May 29**  
**Mary's Peak Cruise**

**June 10**  
**OPVA Car Show**  
**Salem**

**June 10**  
**Goldson Grange Car Show**

**June 17, 2023**  
**Glass on Grass**  
**WVCA**

**June 18**  
**Waypoint Comm. Church**  
**Fathers Day Car Show**

**June 20-24**  
**Reno Tour**

**June 24**  
**Sweet Home, Sweet Ride**  
**Sweet Home, OR**

**June 28**  
**BSCC Golf Day**  
**Albany**

**June 30**  
**National Corvette Day**  
**(activity TBA)**

**July 8**  
**Corvette City (Graffiti Weekend)**  
**Roseburg**

**July 9**  
**SpringHill N. Albany Car Show**  
**Albany**

**July 15**  
**Central Lane Show-N-Shine**  
**Eugene**

**July 20 - 22**  
**VetteFest**  
**Boise, ID**

**July 20, 2024**  
**Corvettes on the High Desert**  
**HDCC**

**August 1**  
**TNAT Golf Day**

**September 15 - 16**  
**Corvettes on the Columbia**  
**Tri-Cities, WA**

**August 22, 2024**  
**National Corvette Caravan**  
**Sandy, OR to Bowling Green, KY**  
**(if you're good we'll tell you how to get back home)**



**August 1**  
**CCC Golf Day**  
**Tokatee**

**August 12**  
**Corvettes on the Bay**  
**North Bend / Coos Bay**

**September 9**  
**Jim Sigel Corvette Show**  
**Grants Pass**

**September 15 - 16**  
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**AS A KID, I USED TO  
WATCH THE WIZARD OF  
OZ AND WONDER HOW  
SOMEONE COULD TALK  
IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A  
BRAIN. THEN I GOT  
SOCIAL MEDIA.**

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### Cascade Corvette Club History



2013 - CCC in Napa, CA



2007 - President's Mystery Tour to  
Jacksonville



2014 - CCC at The Biltmore Estate, NC



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# Car Stuff

2021 Coupe. Arctic White with Tension Blue interior, 3LT. Miles are unknown, but I assume low. Asking \$87,000 obo.

541-643-2952 or 541-643-2953.

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[terrismitty@hotmail.com](mailto:terrismitty@hotmail.com)



2021 Hard Top Convertible. Arctic White with Jet Black interior, 1LT, less than 4000 miles.

Asking \$82,500. 541-912-4660 or  
[info@nwpianogallery.com](mailto:info@nwpianogallery.com)

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FIND NEW ROADS 

**KENDALL**  
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Welcome to the first ever meeting of ADA, Aggressive Drivers Anonymous.

My name is Jim and I'm an aggressive driver. By that I mean I like twisty roads and a stiff suspension. I am also addicted to long, straight desert highways with unrestricted views and 460 available horsepower. I have been known to "nudge" the speed limits from time-to-time.

But what I want to talk with about today is a danger to all of us and it is becoming more prevalent. Road Rage. I read recently that incidents of road rage in Oregon are up dramatically over the last 3 years. The pandemic has a lot to do with that. We live in a very angry society, angry and impatient.

Here are some ways to prevent road rage and remove yourself from the situation if you find yourself involved with an angry, impatient motorist.

**Drive polite:** Avoid tailgating, cutting off other drivers, or brake-checking.

**Slow down:** Let aggressive drivers go, get out of their way and let them attract the unwanted attention.

**Get away from aggressive drivers:** Don't try to outrun them, sometimes that is what they want. Find a way to distance yourself from them. When on the freeway that might mean taking an exit. If they follow you and you feel in danger, now is the time to call 911.

**Don't make obscene gestures or yell at other drivers:** Okay, I am guilty of yelling at stupid people, but I don't "single finger salute", that is a personal trigger for me, so I don't do it to others.

**Don't honk your horn:** Unless you are trying to warn others about imminent danger. Honking and flashing high-beams in anger can quickly escalate.

**Call a road rage hotline:** Many states now have aggressive driver hotlines where you can report dangerous drivers. Instead of confronting an aggressive driver, simply let the authorities know what, where and when.

**Avoid making driving a competitive sport: WHAT??** No way am I going to let that Prius pass me! Okay, stop. Take a breath. That Prius is not trying to race you, he's just driving like a dumba\*\*. Don't take the bait.

**Apologize if you've done something wrong:** If you made some mistake that could be offensive, simply smile and wave (all your fingers).

**Have reasonable expectations about your travel time;** Give yourself plenty of time and don't set unreasonable expectations for how fast you'll get to your destination.

**Call 911 if you're under attack:** If another driver attacks you, call 911 immediately and stay on the phone with the dispatcher. If possible, drive to the nearest public location with witnesses. Do not drive to your home



# April 2023

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