



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter July 2023

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President's Ponderings

Greetings:

Nothing beats the sound of a Corvette coming to life, it's a sound that never gets old. Neither does seeing a line of Corvettes heading down the highway. Fifteen cars participated in our annual June Club Retreat, this year in Shady Cove. The scenery was beautiful, the road was fun to drive, the food was delicious, and visiting with club members by the river in the evening was, as one club member said, "this is what it is all about". And he was right. Spending time with good friends that share a love of owning and driving Corvettes is what makes club membership fun. To top off a great trip, we received an invitation to visit a private car collection that included Ferraris, Porsches, Mercedes, Vettes, Mustangs, and a few other unique cars. What a treat.

Speaking of club members, I would like to welcome our newest members:

Terry and Patti

Scott and Michele

Terry and Christine

Our annual car show hosted by club sponsor Chevrolet of Bend was a huge success. The parking lot was full of 53 corvettes and a few more showed up just for fun. Thank you to our VP Tess Morton and our Treasurer Rich Morton for all their hard work, the Derr's for cooking and all the other volunteers that helped. Congratulations to the trophy winners and those winning raffle prizes. All the money raised will help support local charities to be chosen at the end of the year.

If you missed any of these fun events, there are plenty more coming up. Please check out our website, finish reading the newsletter, or come to the business meeting to learn more and sign up with our Activities Chair Sande Burgess.

Our last club business meeting was very special as we shared fond memories of Ann Lankford. Thank you to all that attended and supported Tom. Our next business meeting is July 12th at the Bend Elk's Club. The social starts at 6:00 pm and the business meeting at 7:00 pm. As a reminder, the August Business meeting has been cancelled.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Business Meeting.

**Dave Schneider
HDCC President**





Ice Cream Social Honoring Annie Langford

Following the June 14th business meeting there was an ice cream social honoring member, Annie Langford. As we all know Annie passed away November 29, 2022. This was the most attended meeting in years. Some of Annie's friends and relative attended form out of town. Tom provided a remembrance bag for Annie which included a bookmark, a picture of her car and dog Cloe and flowering bulbs to remember Annie. Sande and Tom spoke about Annie and others shared favorite memories.

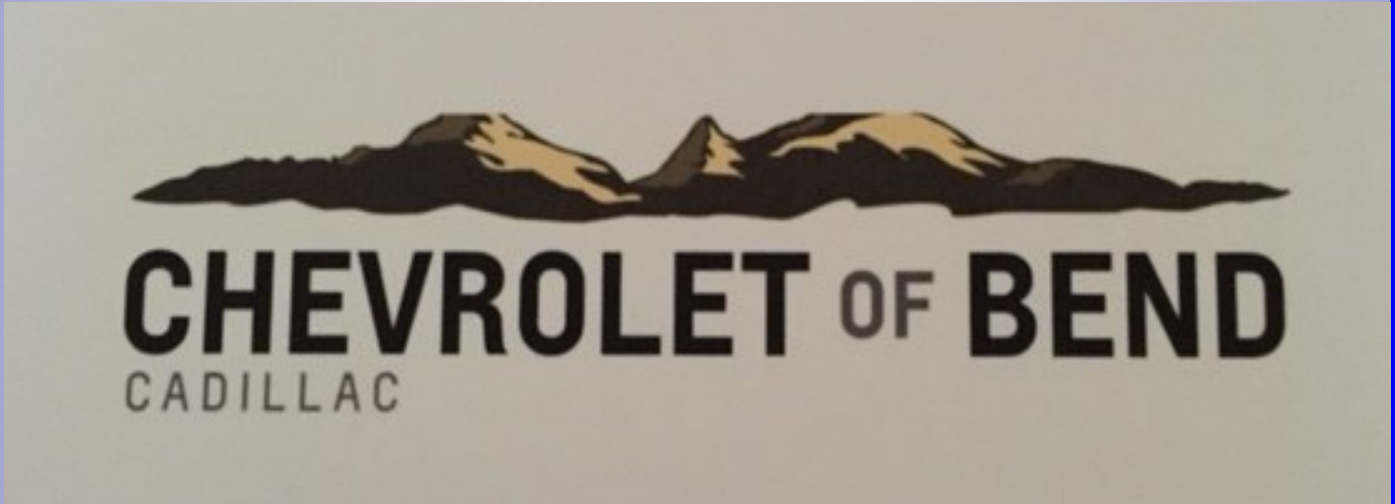


With such a great attendance the 50/50 Jackpot drawing was equally large. Jere Smith, who has been a member of HDCC for over 23 years won for the first time the sum of **\$175.00**. Way to go Jere, patience always wins out. The additional drawing of four sample bottles from Glazer 45 Distillery In Baker City was won by Sande Burgess..





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July Birthdays

7/7 Bill Sheaffer
7/10 Casey Gibbs
7/20 Don Ginter

July Anniversaries

7/4 Mark & Beverly Thorsell
7/9 Dave & Marna Parmen
7/21 Mike & Keni Broadley
7/22 Frank & Barbara Addressio
7/28 Earl & Debbie Byers
7/28 Sam & Carolyn Davis
7/30 Walt & Roianne Santos

HDCC Events

July 4th of July Parade, Redmond.

July 15th Touchmark Car Show

July 19-22 Vette Fest Boise, ID On line registration available on line (Valley Corvettes)

Aug 9-10 4th Annual wine Tour, Prosser WA

Sept 7-10 Corvettes of Fresno at Reno NV no information yet.

Sept 14-16 Corvettes on the Columbia No information available at this point.

Sept 27th Annual PMT

Important Days In July

1 July - National U.S. Postage Stamp Day

1st July - National Gingersnap Day

3rd July - National Fried Clam Day

4 July - [USA Independence Day](#)

6 July - World Zoonoses Day

7 July - [World Chocolate Day](#)

9 July- [National Sugar Cookie Day](#)

11 July - [National 7-Eleven Day](#)

12 July - [Paper Bag Day](#)

13 July: [National French Fry Day](#)

14 July - [Bastille Day or French National Day](#)

17 July - [World Emoji Day](#)

20 July - [International Chess Day](#)

22 July - [National Parent's Day](#)

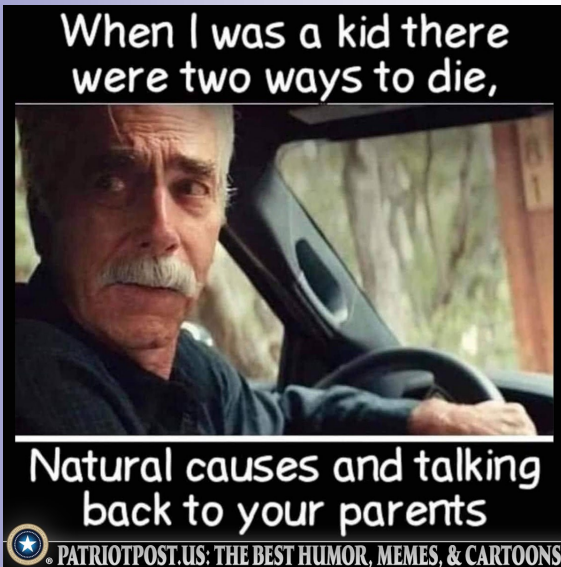
25 July - [World Embryologist Day](#)

28 July - [World Hepatitis Day](#)

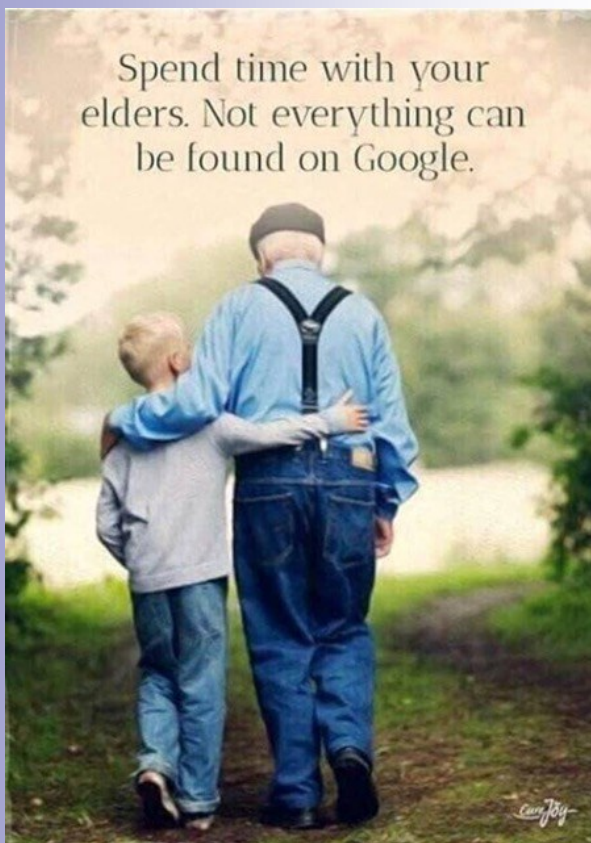
29 July - [International Tiger Day](#)

30 July - [International Friendship Day](#)

On the lighter side.



"You only posted 1,500 photos of your Corvette today. Are you feeling OK?"





My First Corvette

By Bill Scherrer

Those of you that know me can attest that I really love the C-1 Corvettes. I purchased my first C-1 Corvette 1961 while serving in the Army and stationed in Germany.

This Corvette was special since it was my first of 9 Corvettes I have owned. It was a 1958 "fuelie" and had been equipped with numerous racing options. I raced it many times at the renowned "Nürburgring" racetrack in 1961. I can assure you that this was one very fast sports car, I was competing against Porsches and Mercedes 300 L Gullwings.

High speeds can be a double-edged sword, great while on a racetrack, but not necessarily great on the street. As you can see from the before and after photos what can happen to a beautiful Vette when excessive speed is involved. My dream car was totaled as you can see in the photos.

Believe it or not, I found a 1961 Corvette frame in a German junk yard, which is interchangeable with the 1958 frame. I had to order numerous parts, including a complete front fiberglass clip from Los Angeles to rebuild the car. It me almost a year to make the car road worthy again.

I brought the car back to the Good Ole' USA when I returned home in 1963. It was unpainted, but running just like a "fuelie" should, FAST.





Pictures From
Shady Cove Trip





My First Corvette

John and Sande Burgess

When I was in high school a friend's father bought him a used 1956 Red Corvette. Talk about envy, I had a bad case but knew that wasn't in my future still having college and later the Army to traverse so stuck with my 1954 Ford two door.

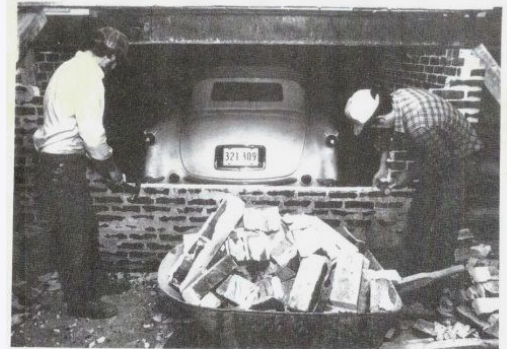
When I came back from Vietnam, I had save some money and purchased a new 1969 Pontiac GTO. The Corvette was still lingering in the back of my mind but still not the resources yet,(Money), After discharge from the Army I had a good job in the Portland area so once again looked into buying a Corvette. I found one at AB Smith Chevrolet on the west side of Portland. The dealership was closing, and this was the last car they had. Apparently, a father had ordered it as a graduation present for his son but thought better of the idea and did not accept the car. It was a Riverside Gold 1969 4 speed. I still have the window sticker; it was priced at \$5,958.00. I put about 30 thousand miles on the car in a little over a year. I had met Sande and she was 200 miles away round trip so you see how the miles added up. After we were married, I decided that for a young married couple to have a toy like a Corvette was inappropriate. That mind set lasted about 5 months and I succumbed to the Corvette magic again and bought a 1971 Steel City Gray LTI coupe. Anyway, nine Corvettes later, the thrill is still there. It is my belief that with the C5 General Motors started putting some effort in the design and quality of the Corvette. I have liked all nine Corvettes we have had, some better than others, but as I said, the thrill never goes away.





Entombed 1954 Corvette Goes to Bowling Green

The story starts, as you might expect, in **1954**. Richard Sampson of Brunswick, Maine, decided to purchase a brand new Corvette. The car, which bore the serial number E54S001147, was one of just 3,640 Corvettes produced that year. Excited to have the car, Richard drove it regularly for almost five years.



(A22) BRUNSWICK, Maine, Sept. 29 - ENTOMBED CORVETTE - Wesley Irving, left, and Will Irving remove a brick wall to reveal a 1954 Corvette convertible that was entombed for 27 years. The late Richard Sampson Sr. sealed the car behind brick walls in 1959, but no one seems to know why. (AP LaserPhoto) jhr090cmr--Inez Record Slug: Corvette Tomb

In **1959**, feeling the continual disappointment of driving a car that his wife did not enjoy, Richard decided he no longer wanted to drive it either. However, he wasn't ready to part with the beautiful Corvette that had so completely caught his attention a half-decade earlier. Instead, Richard Sampson elected to do something immensely unconventional with his Corvette. Mr. Sampson was in the process of erecting a new building to expand his chain of local grocery stores. During a meeting with his construction company, he expressed his desire to have his Corvette entombed in the new store. The construction team obliged and Sampson's car was carefully encased, brick-by-brick, within the new grocery store. Richard Sampson stated in his will that his Corvette was not to be removed from his man made 'time capsule' until the year **2000**. A small viewport was built into the tomb. Shortly before Sampson's death in **1969**, he rescinded the stipulation that the car should remain entombed. The grocery store was purchased by new owners in **1982**. When the new owners purchased the building, it was with the understanding that the car must be removed from the premises. This 1954 Corvette has changed hands a few times since then and even crossed the Barrett Jackson auction block in 2016. However, the car has accumulated only 2,344 miles since new.

Today, this unique Corvette was donated to and resides at the [National Corvette Museum](#). The donors, who wished to remain anonymous, felt that the Museum could properly preserve the car for future generations to experience and enjoy. The [Corvette Museum](#) has since had the Corvette's body decomposition stabilized and sealed to prevent further damage to the car. The car is now on permanent display at the [National Corvette Museum](#).

from Palm Springs Corvette Club (Steve Madsen)



Tom Gray

My First Corvette

It's not a Corvette but.....

I was born in Texas, but raised in the Midwest and Seattle area. Dad was in the hotel and restaurant business, so I was a bellman or line cook during my teen years. I enlisted in the Navy and trained in electronics, as a Reactor Operator on a Nuke Submarine. I worked in the Power Industry turning Uranium into electricity, and then turning water into electricity here in Oregon. I've pedaled a bicycle thousands of miles touring the northwest.

About 15 years ago, bought my first Corvette; a beautiful white over red C4 roadster. Joined the Corvette club in 2007 and met Annie about then. Our lives merged. I sold my C4, and my '39 Pontiac hotrod...too many toys. I'm a five decade motorcycle rider, and four decade private pilot...my true passions. I have three kids and they have kids as well.

Flew myself and X-honey into Medford airport to visit her X-MIL. We were picked up at the airport by a neighbor in the '39 Pontiac. He mentioned he was going to sell it. The price was reasonable, the hook was set, and he reeled me in! Someone else did the work. Drivetrain was Ford 302, C4 tranny, Rumbled big time! Chevy rearend. Stock body and stock front end, so it still has drum brakes-you hoped no one pulled out in front of you! Most didn't as they were wide-eyed staring at what was coming toward them! It became known as the Big Yellow Bug Smasher! I had it almost 20 years. Backseat had a foot and a half of knee room-enough for leg wrestling





Judy McClean's Life History In Cars

Green Mustang: Late 60's. My dad let me drive it off the showroom floor, and I had just gotten my driver's license at 16! I drove it to the beach every weekend. One time there was a surfboard split in two in my freeway lane, & there was no time to go around it, so I drove between the halves. Very scary if a piece had flipped up & hurt the new car. But I drove through with heart pounding.

My next car was a red Camaro - 1973, which my dad bought for me brand-new. It was a V-8 & had a lot of power, at least for me! I drove it until 1990 when I was parked at a restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach, Southern California. A drunk driver drove through a red light & plowed into a CORVETTE that was parked behind me, which propelled me into the car in front of me, which was a Lincoln Continental. My car was accordioned & totaled.

So, my dad bought me a brand-new '90's red Thunderbird which had automatic seatbelts - you just turn over the engine & the seatbelt moved into place! After enjoying the car for about 12 years, I let my kids drive it occasionally which was its demise!

In 2003, my dad, once again bought me a car. This time it was a red Toyota Celica GTS which was the sports model with a wing in the back. I still drive it to this day. It has 210,000 miles on it and speeds along & corners like a maniac. I've passed middle schoolers & they want me to honk the horn thinking it's a race car, and sadly it only emits a slight "beep beep"! I love my car!



More Shady Cove Pictures





Lithia Motors-HDCC Car Show 2023

The car show was a great success. At last count there were 53 Corvettes entered. The total proceeds was around \$2,700 which includes a \$500.00 donation from Scott and Leslie Chaney (Prestige Hardwoods & Flooring). Very generous of you both. Many thanks to Tess and Rich for organizing the event as well as the many volunteers.. Special thank you to Phil & Linda Derr for the hot dogs and hamburgers. Also Steve Madsen & Johnson Brothers Appliance for providing the water and refrigerator..



Harry Bongers

Mayor's Trophy



Terry Bagwell

Dealership Trophy

Sherriff's Department trophy



Reg Crossan

Peoples Choice Trophy