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Cascade Corvette Club:

As we have discussed for the last few months, this will be the last newsletter as we have known it. Microsoft is ending Publisher and as yet, have not offered a viable replacement.

Nancy & I have enjoyed publishing this newsletter for you for over 20 years. While the end will leave a hole, it is time to hang it up. We are one of two clubs in the state that still do a newsletter.

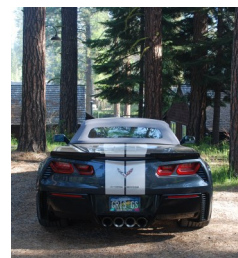
There are options available - if you subscribe to Facebook, there is a Cascade Corvette Club group page. Search "Cascade Corvette Club" and ask to join. A word of warning, you **must** answer all four questions asked or it will automatically decline your request.

cascadecorvetteclub.com - our club website. Simone does a great job keeping the website updated and this should be your first option to learn about what is happening. But she needs everyone to contribute. Send her notice of coming events and photos of past events.

Enough of that..... Let's move on to what we did in September and what's coming in October and beyond.

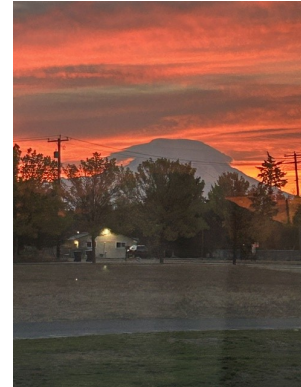
*"Sometimes the lights all shining on me,
other times I can barely see, lately it
occurs to me, what a long strange trip it's
been"*

Jerry Garcia



Sept. 9-10: Pre-Columbian Tour

This year's tour got off on a high-note by NOT driving on I-5 in Oregon! We departed Junction City on 99E, Peoria Rd to Corvallis, 99N to McMinnville. In McMinnville we got separated by lights and half our group missed the turn onto Hwy 47. Turns out the group that missed the turn drove a better route than those who followed the leader. We regrouped at McMenamin's Cornelius Pass Roadhouse for lunch. After lunch we tackled our first road construction detour. Google Maps showed the detour going left when in reality it went to the right. A cluster but we made it to US30 and Rainier, Oregon where we crossed the Lewis & Clark Bridge into Longview, WA. Our destination for the first day was Yelm, WA. If you ever have need to go to Yelm (Whaaat? Why?) we have a great hotel to recommend - The Prairie Hotel. Very nice and very affordable.



The next day we were off to the LeMay Collection at Marymount. This is much more "low-key" collection than the LeMay Museum in downtown Tacoma. Soon we were back on Hwy 7 headed to Morton and looking for lunch. And looking..... And looking.... It's a beautiful drive but no open restaurants! By the time we reached Morton, we were in dire need of lunch and a restroom. After two wrong turns and a mini-meltdown we dove into the first open restaurant we found and had a darn good Mexican lunch!

Eastbound and down on Hwy 12 to Yakima. Hwy 12 is another beautiful drive but after drinking 3 glasses of Diet Pepsi at lunch, *there are NO restrooms for 125 miles!!* Just outside Naches, WA we spotted a life-saving brewpub with two restrooms! They also sold **32 ounce cans of beer**. On to Kennewick.

Sept. 10-13: Corvettes on the Columbia

We arrived at our hotels the evening of the 10th and there wasn't much going on so a much-deserved time to mellow & chill. Friday was Registration, clean the car, get gas, go on the Poker Run, clean the car and go to the first hosted dinner. Saturday we got down to business at the Corvette show. Another great show with over 300 Corvettes. Clean the car again, clean the wheels, clean the exhaust tips, clean the engine bay while knowing all the time that the same '19 ZR1 convertible was going to win our class.....again.



Corvettes on the Columbia continued



We had our usual spot in the shade staked out, but the weather was not so hot this year.

Once again the show venue (Columbia Park) was



outstanding, the food trucks were great, lots of free Coke and water and a roofer with a wheel of fortune. I won a Yeti travel mug AND all the golf balls other members won.

The banquet that night was quite elaborate with testimonials from past Make-A-Wish families, the reveal how much money was raised for Make-A-Wish (\$117,000) and awards for the car show. I'm happy to report, in a field of truly outstanding Corvettes, Cascade Corvette Club took home 3 trophies including **Best of Show!**



Stan & Shannon Czerniak
1st Place - C7 Coupe



Bill & Marcia Stuart
3rd Place - C8 Convertible



David & Cindy Rockstein
Best of Show



Sept. 13 - Heroes & Hot Rods

While many of us were driving home from Kennewick, Gerry Swartz was a trophy winner at Heroes & Hot Rods Car Show hosted by the American Legion Post.

Sept. 27 - Jordan Chicken Run Car Show & Fly-In:

The 92nd annual chicken dinner, car show and fly-in was another huge success. I have heard 300 cars and I have heard 500 cars, I just know that there was a LOT! Most of these cars were new to us as most came from the area surrounding Salem.

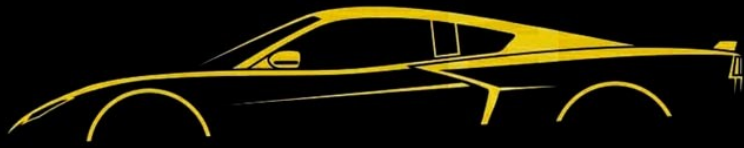
They pre-sold 2000 dinner tickets and the food was good! BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, noodles and all the dessert you could eat.

Lots of Corvettes at the show - our 4 from CCC/ BSCC and I saw several from the Salem clubs. Just a few of my favorite cars.



This was my vote for People's Choice





Misc. Notes

IT'S OCTOBER

That means it's time to nominate Officers and Board members at the October and November meetings. Be thinking about who you want to lead the club next year and nominate them at the coming meetings.

It's also the time we begin asking you to renew your membership for 2027. Renewing before the first of the year helps the Secretary build our roster and email lists, helps the Treasurer establish the year's budget AND we don't have to send you nagging emails in March!! Besides, 90% of your spouses say it makes a great Christmas present. (I just made that up) Please print and mail the 2027 Membership form found in this newsletter.

Among items the Board will be discussing this month are a Halloween Party (?) and menu and costs for our Annual Meeting / Christmas Party at Shadow Hills Country Club.

There is still some great weather ahead in October for a drive. If you have a favorite place to picnic or a restaurant you like for lunch, share that with the club and let's make a day of it.

Cascade Corvette Club and Beaver State Corvette Club are jointly registered for the Albany Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11. If you would like to be included in the parade, please let Terry Thompson know.
5gables@comcast.net or
541-905-3785.

OCTOBER 11

Chili Feed & Brats Potluck

Look for the flyer in this newsletter for more info. Dig up your best chili recipe and bring it to Richard & Sherry's for everyone to enjoy ! The club is supplying the brats, buns and condiments. You provide the chili, salads, appetizers, cornbread and desserts. This year we are asking members to BYOB wine and beer. (Richard usually has some on hand, but for insurance reason the club cannot purchase or provide alcohol)

Tentative date for our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange is December 13, 2:00 pm at Roaring Rapids Pizza.

The last club breakfast of the year will be October 27, 9:00 am at Forrester's We will re-start the monthly breakfast meets in March 2027. See you there for good food and conversation.

This is the last time I get to use this one.....

**Accuracy Is Our Watchword
We Never Make Mistakes**

Goodbye Publisher, it's been fun working with you.



Happy Birthday!

October 5 - Sarah Myers

October 8 - Dennis Cannon

October 10 - Gerry Swartz

October 20 - Lonnie Hinde

October 21 - Bruce Alford

October 21 - Craig Hawks



A personal note from your ex-newsletter editor and soon-to-be ex-President.

To quote President Lyndon Johnson, **I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your President.**

I have been (and plan on continuing to be) a member of this great club since 1985. I have been President more times than I can count. I love this club. But the time has come to take a step back and let someone else take the reins.

The reasons for this decision are many, but “burnout” is one. The three years we put into planning and implementing the 2024 National Corvette Caravan was exhausting and not fun. I have not had the same passion for planning and leading since.

Another reason is my hearing. During my last hearing test before new hearing aids, the tech told me I have 90% loss in my right ear. A lot of people don’t understand how isolating and exhausting this can be. I can’t hear many of you at meetings. Any background noise drowns out normal conversation and I have to turn to Nancy for a “translation”.

Does this mean I am going to “go away” or disappear? No! Some may wish for that, but I still plan on doing one or two events or road trips each year. And I’m more than willing to help whoever takes on that role in the club.

Doing this now gives you time to decide who you want as President next year.

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.



**October 5
Board Meeting**

**October 9
General Meeting
6 pm
Kendall Chevrolet**

**October 11
Chili Feed Potluck
Richard & Sherry's**

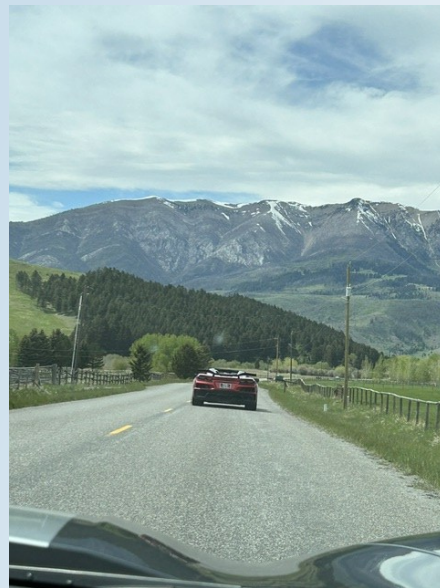
**October 27
Club Breakfast
Forrester's**

**November 11
Veterans Day Parade
Albany, OR**

**December 6
Year End Banquet / Christmas Party
Shadow Hill Country Club**

**December 13
(tentative)
Cookie Exchange**

Some highlights of 2026



Big Sky Corvette Meet



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FIND NEW ROADS™ 

KENDALL
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Chili Feed, Bratwurst & Potluck



October 11, 1:00 pm
at
90560 Diamond Ridge Loop
We will meet at the McDonalds in Coburg at 12:45
and lead the group to the destination.

Please RSVP to duckvett@comcast.net and let us know if you plan on bringing Chili, salad, appetizers, side dishes, cornbread or dessert. We will also need grated cheese and diced onions.

Richard and Sherry will provide lemon water, lemonade and some diet soda. Please feel free to bring your own wine or beer.

Keep in mind the weather in October could be “chilly”.





**Cascade Corvette Club
Membership Registration
2027**

Annual Dues: Individual \$50 Couple / Family \$60	\$
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Please mail check to: Cascade Corvette Club
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 Eugene, OR 97405

Name	E-mail Address	Birthday (Month / Day)

Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone(s)	

Your Corvette Information

Year	Model	Color	Custom Plate

Special Features

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Yes / No - Permission is granted to share the above information in the club roster.

Yes / No - Permission is granted to use my vehicle images and information in the club website and newsletter.

I / We hereby apply for membership in the Cascade Corvette Club Inc. in the classification above. I / We agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club and the regulations governing its operation as adopted by the membership.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

October 2026

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*Board Mtg
Thomas'
6 pm*

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*General
Meeting
Kendall
6 pm*

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*Chili Feed
Potluck
1:00 pm*

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*Club
Breakfast
Forrester's*

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