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Jim's Jumbled Thoughts.....

As your 2025 President, I want to thank everyone for allowing me another chance to lead the club. I also want to thank all those who stepped up to fill in for us when Nancy had her second knee replacement surgery in the middle of the busiest Corvette months. Happily, she is doing great and is pain-free for the first time in years.

Let's take a moment here to remember all our other members who have experienced surgeries and medical emergencies this year (at least the ones I know about) - Gerry Swartz, Rick Garretson, Jim Tatum, Gail Tatum, Larry Thomas, Bob Bailey, Stan Czerniak, Teach Girard, Cheryl Horowitz, Mike Larion, Marcella Madsen, Leo Perry, Don Thumel, Billy & April Wilson.

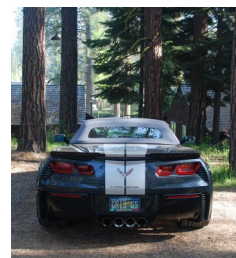
Nominations for 2026 are complete and you have all received your ballots. It appears the die is cast and you are stuck with me again for another year. And once again, I have a vision for 2026, but we'll go into that more in the January newsletter and meeting.

Finally, I want to ask those who have not yet renewed your membership for 2026, please consider renewing and help Cascade Corvette Club have another successful year in 2026.

Jim

*Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me
Other times I can barely see
Lately it occurs to me
What a long, strange trip it's been*

Jerry Garcia



Cascade Corvette Club 2025 Year In Review

What a year this has been !?! We have seen success and we have seen “obstacles”. Good times and bad times. Let’s look back at some of the highlights from 2025.

January Tell me one thing to like about January. Unless you were born in January, you probably hate the month also! But there was the Winter Rod & Speed Show in Albany. Two of our northern members displayed their Corvettes—Steve Benetti and Pat Melius. Suzi & Vic replaced their C5 with a Long Beach Red 2019!



February Valentines Day dinner at Forrester’s.

March Our first (and only) Burger Run...next year we have to do better. Man does not live by pizza alone.

April April started slow but built to a better second half. We escorted the SWV Honor Flight members on the first leg of their journey to Washington DC. Vic Blomquist (USAF) was our lone member on this trip.



Later in April we joined 3 other Corvette clubs granting a Make-A-Wish for a young man in Reedsport who wanted a parade in his honor. The support the community showed was heart-warming.



May We traveled over the mountain passes to Camp Sherman and enjoyed 3 glorious days at Lake Creek Lodge. It’s still not very warm in May, but the relaxation, fun and food make it worthwhile!



May North and south members met in the middle at Benny's Pizza Joint in Monroe for *really good pizza* and to see the newest ZO6 in the club.



June June was a *BUSY* month! Starting with the PVA show in Brooks. The President's Mystery Tour was held 6/14-15 and was the



last event we could do as Nancy's surgery was 6/16. We spent the night at The Mill Casino and the next day drove to Bandon for "Circles in the Sand". It was a blustery day, like 40-50 mph winds, so most of us did not make it down to the beach. But the views were gorgeous!

Next up was "Corvettes on the High Desert" in Bend and Dick & Sandy leading a tour up the McKenzie River for National Corvette Day.



July We kicked off July with our annual Hot Dog BBQ at the Halsey City Park. Springhill North Albany Car Show was attended by several members, then "Corvette Weekend" in Grants Pass followed. Thanks to Stan for the photo.



Nancy insisted she was ready to get out of the house, so we were able to lead the Crater Lake Tour. It was another beautiful day at Crater Lake. Spent that night in Shady Cove and Jeff lead us over Hwy 227 to Canyonville the next day. Nice Corvette road!! That was followed by the first Chief's Brewhouse Car Show (sorry I don't have photos as we were not able to attend).

August Our annual golf tournament, the "Stan Stiles Memorial" TNAT was held at Tokatee Golf Club. The same day non-golfing members enjoyed a club lunch at Sweet

Cheeks Winery. We held a successful fundraiser at Papa's Pizza for SWV Honor Flight and donated enough for one veteran to make the trip. August ended with another trip to the Coast for "Corvettes on the Bay". August was a BAD month for Gerry & Connie!



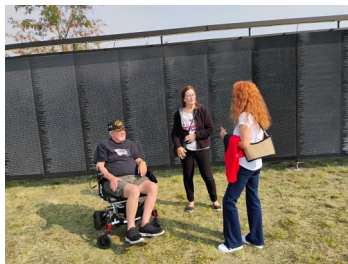
September

The return of the “Pre-Columbian Tour” saw us travel to central Oregon where the north and south groups met to continue our drive to The Dalles. That’s where we saw a hotel that floats!! Okay, it was actually a sternwheeler in the locks. Drinks might have been involved.

The next day we concluded our “Pre” tour and checked in to our hotels in Kennewick. Two new hotel venues for “Corvettes on the Columbia” which were very nice and convenient. The show itself seemed to be *slightly* smaller than previous years, but the quality of Corvettes shown was outstanding. We had two cars win trophies, Czerniak and Stuart.



Several members traveled to Independence, OR to view the Traveling Viet Nam Wall display. To all who served, “Welcome Home”.



Of course, we **had** to go to Café 22 after, it’s almost required!

On Sept. 25 we escorted the second group of veterans traveling on the Honor Flight and once again, had a great lunch in Harrisburg!

Our annual Chili Feed was held at Vejnaska’s with great food in a setting perfect for large club gatherings.

October Halloween at Thomas’ was smaller this year, but colorful with the costumes.



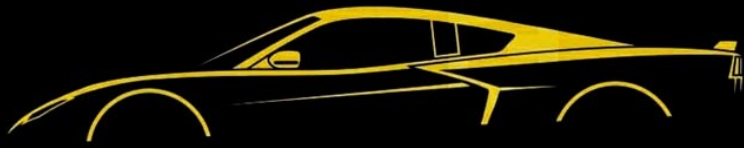
November Veterans Day Parade in Albany is always heart-warming experience. This year with the good weather the crowds were massive with lots of kids waving flags and thanking veterans.

CCC held our annual toy buying spree at Fred Meyer (who gave us a \$100 gift card) and then delivered the toys to Kendall Chevrolet to be given Pearl Buck Center.



As part of our annual giving we presented a \$500 check to Springfield HS “Family Resource Center”.





Misc. Notes

Three events coming up in early December.

December 7:

Our Annual Meeting / Christmas party will be held at Shadow Hills Country Club, 92512 River Road, Junction City. Meet & Greet, No-Host bar at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required.

December 9:

Shore Acres State Park Christmas Light Display. This is **not** a Corvette event. For those registered, we will all be traveling to North Bend individually and checking into the Ko-Kwel Casino Hotel **before** 4:00 pm! We have two shuttles reserved, one leaves at 4:00 pm and another at 7:00 pm. If you are scheduled on the 4:00 pm shuttle, arrive early enough to check in and make your shuttle time. If you need to check your shuttle time, contact Nancy.

December 14:

The annual Christmas Cookie, Candy and Puzzle Exchange will be held at Roaring Rapids Pizza, 4006 Franklin Blvd, beginning at 2:00 pm. We have the larger of the two private rooms reserved. We ask that you bring 2 dozen cookies or candy per person participating. All the cookies and candy will be displayed and you choose 2 dozen assorted to take home. (Be sure to bring a container to take your treasures home) And...if you have any jigsaw puzzles you don't want to do again, bring those and exchange for new (used) puzzles. No guarantees that all puzzles aren't missing some pieces.



Many of you know member Don Thumel as a professional musician, composer and songwriter. Don has been absent recently as he works through some medical issues and gets his next Corvette. But he has kept busy composing and recording two new albums including a Christmas CD titled "Buttons & Bows" and in a completely new genre for him, a country album called "Gone Country". Don is selling his new albums as CD's for \$15 (includes shipping). Please contact Don by email at info@nwpianogallery.com



Another note about one of our donations this year. The club donated \$500 to the Family Resource Center at Springfield High School. We saw the need first-hand. If anyone would like to make your own donation of food, clothing or monetary, contact Jim & Nancy or Sandy Mart. Or simply drop by the office at SHS and make a donation to "**Family Resource Center**". Thank you.



Happy Birthday!

December 3 - Norm Oswald
December 4 - Robin Lindly
December 4 - Mary Hobson
December 4 - Valerie Menge
December 5 - Shelley Swift
December 7 - Jan Heidrick
December 8 - Cindy Rockstein
December 11 - Shirley Wolfe
December 13 - Trinity McLean
December 13 - John "Teach" Girard
December 14 - Don Wittish
December 15 - Spencer Johnson
December 20 - Pat Melius
December 26 - Charlene Thumel
December 27 - Nancy Schrieber



2026

Let's talk about the up-coming year and this newsletter. I want to be able to do a more complete job of informing members of coming events. But to do that, I need your help.

I know that we have many members whose focus is car shows, but I do not have access to the information stream that many of you have regarding these shows. My hope is that I can publish a *complete* list of car shows - Corvette shows, open car shows, anything you're interested in - in each month's newsletter. If you know of a show, have a list of shows, see a flyer, or hear rumors of a show, please send me an email or text message or smoke signals!

1, 2 & 3-day events. The last two years Vic & Suzi have planned a 3-day stay at Lake Creek Lodge, which has been a great success. We know that not everyone can enjoy a mid-week excursion like this, so if you have a favorite place that could accommodate 15, 20, 25 people, let's discuss some options.

Last year we talked early about a lunch run or burger run each month of the year. We did exactly two. Even a 3-hour drive for lunch (Camp 18? Pelican Pub?) can be a fun day. We just need you to say, "hey, let's do !!

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.



December 7
Annual Christmas Party
Shadow Hills Country Club

December 9
Shore Acres State Park
Christmas Light Display

December 14
Annual Cookie Exchange
Roaring Rapids Pizza

We already have tentative dates on two events in 2026.
Let's fill up our year with club activities for all members and all interests.

Big Sky Corvette Meet
Bozeman, MT
Memorial Day weekend 2026

June 26 - 27
Corvettes on the High Desert
Bend, OR

2025



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Along with the Year In Review we like to take a closer look at our roster to see where we stand on total memberships, total number of Corvettes and the breakdown of colors on our Corvettes. This breakdown includes new members who have joined for 2026.

Total Corvettes = **90**

C1 - 4 The oldest C1 is a 1956.

C2 - 5

C3 - 10

C4 - 5

C5 - 14

C6 - 14

C7 - 18

C8 - 20 The newest C8 is a 2025 E-Ray

The most popular color is.....**RED**! We have 37 covering all shades of red. That equals 41% of the 90 Corvettes.

Surprisingly, the second most popular color is Gray with 12 Corvettes (13.3%).

All shades of blue come in 3rd with 10.

White - 8

Silver - 8

Black - 6

Yellow - 4

Green - 1

Orange - 1

Pewter - 1

Beige - 1

Gold - 1





Cascade Corvette Club Membership Registration 2026

Annual Dues: Individual \$40 - Couple / Family \$45	\$
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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:** _____

December 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Santa Cruise Stayton</i>
7 <i>Annual Mtg Christmas Party 1 pm SHCC</i>	8	9 <i>Shore Acres Christmas Lights</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Christmas Cookie & Candy Exchange</i>	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 			



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