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Cripes, Holy mackerel, Geez, No way, OMG, LOL.

Crazy way to start the newsletter, but appropriate considering what Jim Garboden, Mike Donnelly, and I experienced a couple of weeks ago,

The three of us attended the Ron Fellows Corvette High Performance driving school in Pahrump, Nevada, at the Spring Mountain Racing Facility and Resort.

I need to say right now that I did not graduate. I'm sure you all know I have been suffering from severe back issues for quite a while, I knew going in it would take a lot for me to complete the 2 day school. I did finish the first day, but I started having back spasms and just didn't want to put anybody in a dangerous situation.

But, what an experience that 1st day was. I know all three of us watched Youtube videos of what to expect. But let me tell you that what you see in a video DOES NOT do justice to the real deal!!!

First the terminology. The absolutely superb instructor staff was fond of saying things like "when I say stand on the brakes, I mean STAND on the brakes", or when I say "GO GO GO" I mean just that, or "hey, you aren't driving your Corvette, you're driving ours. So DRIVE it as hard as you can." I can truthfully say I will NEVER drive my car like I drove their car. Most of the first day exercises centered on shifting and braking, with a lot of finding out what happens when you don't do it right. And although each of the 3 of us did a (one or more) spinout we did it on purpose.....or not.

Did I mention concentration? Concentration was the name of the game with the exercises. Let me tell you how hard I was concentrating during one session. The goal was to quickly get up to speed (70) then shift at the markers they had laid out. So during one of my runs I found myself concentrating on my moves so hard that when I was supposed to shut it down, I sort of missed that part. I only realized it when the instructor said "Sir, where are you going?" Embarrassing? Downright humiliating is what it was.

Bottom line is we all had a spectacular time. Spring Mountain was just a very classy place. Even if I didn't graduate.

Stan



"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough" - Mario Andretti

That may be true for a professional race car driver like Mario Andretti, but at Ron Fellow's Spring Mountain Performance Driving School, control is learned in conjunction with speed.

As several other Cascade members before us have experienced, the Corvette Owner's School teaches students about the intricacies of the latest Corvette while learning the basics of performance driving. The Corvette Owner's School is sponsored by General Motors in conjunction with Spring Mountain. Owners become eligible to participate by buying a new, never before registered Corvette. The new owner pays \$1000 and GM pays the remaining \$2695 for the two-day instruction, one night lodging at the Spring Mountain Resort condos and breakfast & lunch for students and guests.

Three Cascade couples were able to reserve at Spring Mountain this past March 11 - 12. Stiles, Donnelly & Garboden traveled to Pahrump, NV (one hour west of Las Vegas) to begin the adventure. Each day's instruction starts at 8:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. The amount of information has been likened to "trying to drink from a fire hose".

The first day is a combination of classroom sessions and in-car exercises designed to teach the student some basics that we take for granted - braking and steering. We all know that our Corvettes are equipped with ABS brakes (Anti-Lock Brake System), but how many of us have actually FELT the ABS in action. We first learned how to "panic stop", then learned how to steer ourselves out of trouble while panic stopping. We then moved to a wet skidpad for the figure-8 exercise. With the Corvette in Track mode, we attempted to negotiate a very tight figure-8. Everybody spun out at least once. The instructor then put your Corvette in Weather mode, and no matter how hard we tried, we could not make the Corvette spin on a wet surface. Next we moved to a very short semi-circular track where we began learning the basics of cornering. After lunch we moved to the actual track we would be using for the remainder of the session. We did one exercise in which we accelerated down the straight, then brake hard and down-shift. Turn around and do it again in the opposite direction. Repeat until you are comfortable with braking hard, then easing up on the brake and downshifting. *FINALLY*, we get to do laps on the track... at 35-45 mph to learn the layout, the braking zones, turn-in marker, how to clip the apex, unwind and accelerate. At the last classroom session of the day we are warned to get a good night's sleep, don't over-eat or over-drink because things are going to ramp up and get very intense the next day. That night all six of us went to Symphony Restaurant, the #1 restaurant in Pahrump for a *fabulous* meal. Jim G was so amped about the upcoming day that he could not finish his steak!

The second day was a whirlwind! 20-25 minute classroom session, 5-10 minute break, 30 minutes of track time. Learn something new about the car's functions, then go out and put that function to use on the track. All the while, the speeds increased. After lunch, just as the student's where beginning to feel pretty good about themselves and their abilities, we got to be the passenger (in our assigned Corvette) with one of the instructors. The only female instructor, Jenny, made a mockery of my lap times. My helmet was smacking the window and my ribs were bruised by the console - I finally had to grab the door handle and the "chicken bar" for support. But from that experience, we learned what it was really about to drive fast while still in total control. I learned where and when to brake, when to "balance" the car through corners and where to accelerate. Unfortunately, some of our classmates experienced "car-sick" symptoms during the ride-along and could not complete the rest of the afternoon.

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The next few track sessions became more and more intense. I felt that the next to last session on track may have been my best. I felt it was my fastest laps, I felt in control and was very happy with my speeds. I actually thought I was “pushing” the instructor at times. (Okay, let’s be totally honest for a moment - those instructors, driving Camaros, could drive away from us and make us look like fools any time they wanted) My last track session could have been my worst. For a split second, I lost focus coming into turn 1 at 113 mph. I remember the speed because I was looking at the HUD when I should have been planning my braking, down-shift and turn-in. As a result I braked a split second late and found myself in the middle of the turn instead of on the right apex. Had I accelerated like usual I would have been out in the rocks, which would have been **very expensive!** Spring Mountain doesn’t like you breaking their Corvettes. At the end of that session was when I realized I was drained, mentally and physically.

Let me tell you about the instructors - these men and women are great drivers and great educators. They all have racing backgrounds and can read what each student is capable of doing. Above all, they are patient. They do this 2-3 time a week, yet remain pleasant and patient with every student personality we can imagine.

After attending Spring Mountain, I have a newfound appreciation toward this incredible C7 Corvette. I also feel a greater admiration for the people who race these (or any) cars professionally. The level of physical fitness and mental focus required must be amazing.

If you are lucky enough to be able to buy a new Corvette, Ron Fellow’s Spring Mountain is a must-do.





Misc. Notes

Two events that Cascade Corvette Club has been invited to attend:

July 20 - Crescent Park Senior Living Show-n-Shine. (see registration form in this newsletter) We have been invited to attend and have agreed to be a trophy sponsor, so even though there is not a class for Corvettes provided on the form, we will still be welcome. Write-in "Corvette" in the "select your class" area at the bottom.

I just noticed that no times are listed on the flyer, but we will have time to verify that detail.

August 28 - Sasquatch Show-n-Shine at PK Park, presented by the Eugene Emeralds. This show-n-shine will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the paved lot next to Autzen Stadium. Parking passes are included with registration, but game tickets must be purchase separately. Parking attendants will be present at all times if you choose to leave your car and attend the game. Two awards will be given at approximately 6:15 pm - Best in Show and Emerald's Choice. Each winner will receive a trophy and have to opportunity to drive your car onto the field during opening ceremonies. Group ticket sales are available if we have a group of 20 or more.

A date of June 29 has been set for the "Corvettes on the McKenzie" club event at Rick & Kathy Garretson's home on the McKenzie River. Several details (potluck vs catered) are still undetermined, so save the date and stay tuned to learn the final details.

New Webmaster, Simone, is working with GoDaddy to develop the new website. We will notify you when it goes live.

SPRING CLEANING

If while spring cleaning you find unopened hotel shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, etc. and you are not going to use them, put them in a bag to give to Becky Stiles. She collects these items and takes them to women's shelters. Remember this while you are traveling this spring, summer and fall.

One of our members is working on a catered Winery Brunch in May. Final details, cost and date are yet to be determined, but info will be disclosed to the membership as soon as we know more.

Members have voiced interest in attending the "Spring Wine & Spirits Fair" at Spirit Mountain Casino on April 13. Free admission and free sample from 2pm until 7 pm. I suggest we leave Eugene around noon, sample the available wines & spirits until 4pm, spend a little money on the gaming floor, have dinner at the casino at 5pm and return home. Corvettes if weather allows or tin cars if wet or you are more comfortable not driving your Corvette on a function with spirits.



CCC at Oregon Gardens
March 21-22



Happy Birthday!

April 5 - Dick Mart
April 12 - Jan Willer
April 13 - April Wilson
April 16 - Don Thumel
April 25 - Ralph Bloom



2019 is going to be a somewhat unusual year for Cascade Corvette Club due to the Caravan coming up in August. We have already cancelled "Corvettes in the Park" in August due to apprehension about diminished attendance. Now the realization that some Caravan attendees, Nancy & I in particular, need to cut back on our Corvette events and travel this year to save for the Caravan. **But**, our need to cut back **should not** penalize the rest of the club. There are several major Corvette events that we usually take the lead on planning and implementing club travel and attendance. Just because we can't attend shouldn't mean that others don't. If there is interest in attending events like **Big Sky Meet** in Montana, **Corvettes on the Columbia** in the Tri-Cities, **VetteFest** in Boise or **Corvette Weekend** in Grants Pass we need to know. If there is interest by any club members we will send you flyers & registration documents for the event(s). If you would like we can offer advice on planning. We just can't go with you this year.

We will be working on several nearby events such as "Corvettes at the Carousel" in Salem, a June 29 event on the McKenzie River (details still being planned), Corvette City in Roseburg, Crescent Park Show-n-Shine, OPVA Car Show in Salem and the Sasquatch Show-n-Shine at PK Park.

It is looking more and more like the "North Coast Tour" that I have been talking about probably will not happen this year. At least not with Nancy & I leading. Now if someone want to take the reins and lead a tour, that would be great! We want the club to remain active, we just can't be there with you. VP Jim

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.



Up Coming Events

- April 25 - 28, 2019**
“The Bash”
By Michelin
National Corvette Museum
Bowling Green, KY
- April 27**
“The Best Corvette Show
By a Dam Site”
Hosted by Wenatchee Valley Corvettes
- May 24 - 26**
“Big Sky Meet”
Missoula, MT
- May 31 - June 1**
“Corvettes on the Columbia”
Pasco, WA
- June 22, 2019**
“Corvettes at the Carousel”
WVCA
Salem, OR
(see registration pg 9)
- June 29**
“Corvettes on the McKenzie”
Details TBA
- July 12 - 14**
“Corvette Weekend”
Hosted by SOCA
Grants Pass, OR

July 13
3rd Corvette City
Hosted by Timberland Corvette

July 17 - 20
“VetteFest”
Boise, ID

July 20
Crescent Park Senior Living
Annual Show-n-Shine
(CCC trophy sponsor)
(see registration pg 7)

July 27, 2019
OPVA Car Show
Salem, OR

August 10
Salute to Veterans
Car & Motorcycle Show

August 22, 2019
Departure from PNW
National Corvette Caravan

August 28 - September 1, 2019
25th Anniversary Celebration
National Corvette Museum
Bowling Green, KY

August 2020
Vettes on the Rockies
Steamboat Springs, CO

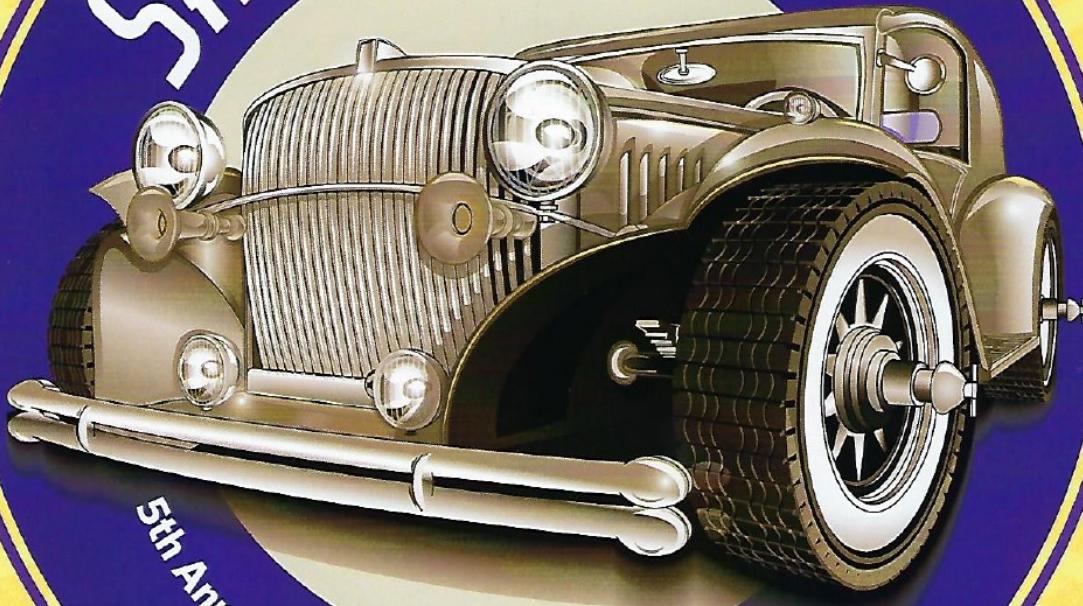
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Accuracy Is Our Watchword

Saturday, July 20

10:00am-2:00pm

*Receive a free
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each registration!*

SHOW & SHINE



5th Annual Car, Pick-Up, & Motorcycle Show
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Phone:

Address:

Email:

Vehicle Type & Year:

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Please select your class: Pre-'40's '40's '50's (excluding Tri-5's) Tri-5's '60-'67 Foreign (up to '76)
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\$88,275



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3LT, automatic
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Email (for confirmation and last minute info):

Club Affiliation (if any) _____

Number in car: (1) _____ or (2) _____ (check one)

Year _____ (C1) _____ (C2) _____ (C3) _____ (C4) _____ (C5) _____ (C6) _____ (C7) _____

Coupe _____ Convertible _____ Modified _____

ZR1 _____ Z06 _____ Grand Sport _____

Participant #1 (driver/owner) Print: _____

Participant #2: Print _____

Local hotel/motel information can be reviewed here:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g52053-Salem_Oregon-Hotels.html

If you are interested in staying in Salem please check _____ and we will get back to you with available rate specials.

Liability waiver: Willamette Valley Corvette Association, Capitol Chevrolet, Vendors and all associated facilities assume no responsibility or liability for any theft or damage to vehicles, and/or displays and related items during move-in, show hours, or move-out.

I have read the above Liability Waiver; I understand that it is a release of any and all potential claims regarding my participation in this event, and accept the provisions of the waiver.

Participant #1 (driver) signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ /2019

Participant #2: signature: _____

We also have some very nice T-shirts for sale in sizes s m l xl xxl and xxxl in two color schemes: black/red and lime green/black (see pic on right).

The shirts are \$15ea or 2/\$28 if you are interested and you can pay for them with this registration form if you would like. Yes I would like _____ (blk/red) or _____ (green/black) in size S M L XL XXL XXXL these shirts are gender-neutral



Make checks payable to WVCA P.O. Box 20576, Keizer, Oregon 97307

(entry fee is \$25 after May 22nd \$20 before) Questions?

Call Stan @ 971-218-9951 or email: president@willamettevalleycorvettes.com

Mid Engine Monthly Update (by John Elegant)

A lot is happening in the C8 world, starting with this new to us interior C8 picture. For those concerned that it appears the interior is too small, if you can fit in the C7, you will be just fine in the C8.



Notice the “Stingray” emblem in the shot on the “waterfall.” Might the 2020 mid engine (ME) be again called a Stingray? If so does that confirm that the C7 is over at the end of this production year — for having two distinctly different Stingray models, an front engine and a mid engine version, seems to me to be an exercise in “Corvette confusion creation.” Is that a Stingray tail design in the seat back?

For those who are still not sure that the C8 is coming, we can read actual statements about it made by Corvette/GM staff confirming the mid engine Corvette is on its way:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/23204-gm-has-told-us-that-the-mid-engine-c8-is-coming>

Great new video was taken of the C8 testing in the southwest fairly recently, including in the following two videos, we saw Tadge, Harlan, Alex MacDonald (Chief Corvette Performance Engineer), with even GM President Mark Reuss on this testing and development trip.

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/27046-c8-corvette-caravan-video-captured-by-corvette_nut-were-there-7-8-or-9-of-them

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/28379-6-me-convoy-but-in-different-location-and-many-minutes-underway-footage-this-time>

Meanwhile we also recently have these 48 high resolution pictures.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/27264-major-c8-sighting-in-se-michigan-with-many-high-quality-pictures>

We also learned that the C8’s rear turn signals are sequential, with at least a three LED progressively-narrowing-band to the turning side. Also, the C8’s door mirrors have echoing turn signals.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/27599-led-door-turn-signal-indicator-shown-with-sequential-turn-signals>

Now to the one, most asked question, *when will be the 2020 ME be revealed?* We do not for sure know for positive, but a little birdie whispered to me that I should “re-read the original GM Authority article ” (the one that said the C8’s reveal would be a stand alone, GM event this *summer*). If so, the ME should be at Corvettes at Carlisle and at the end of August’s National Corvette Caravan/25th NCM Anniversary event.

As always, I am happy to talk Corvettes with you. You can always reach me via a private message, to “John” at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com. Thanks for reading.

