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December Presidents Message

Hi Everybody.

December is here and it seems a great time to reflect on the grand tapestry that is our lives. Whether you are weaving a woolen earth toned life tapestry that is calm and sedate or maybe your tapestry is a little wilder with vibrant silk colors that cry out for attention, we all can use a few brightly colored threads sometimes to celebrate another trip around the sun. It's those bright threads that make for the good times, stories and adventure we all crave. It's those day-to-day little things that bring color and make up the grand tapestry of our lives, one brightly colored thread at a time. Today was such a day for me. It started with the monthly breakfast at Forrester's this time. It was cold. I mean it was so cold my faucet was pouring out ice cubes. We had 19 members show up mostly in tin cars but four intrepid drivers brought their 'vettes. Breakfast was good and the conversation flowed. If you haven't been to a club breakfast you're missing out. But don't despair, you're invited to the next one. It's always good food with good friends (well to be fair, good food is always a subjective judgement call). After breakfast we all drove to Target where members picked out toys to be distributed amongst needy kids. This has become an annual event sponsored by the club that picks up the tab as a donation. Watching the members pick and choose and the fun they had made me realize this was one of those bright threads we all need in our tapestry's. Once the toys were paid for everyone made their way to Kendall where we stuffed a Corvette trunk full of gifts. Kendall will still be accepting toy donations up until the end of business on December 10th. Please drop off a toy especially if your tapestry needs something to brighten it up.

What's looming ahead in 2024?

We have a car show in the planning stages!!! Mark your calendars for May 18th. Kendall will be sponsoring and hosting a Corvettes only show at their dealership. While we are in the early planning stages I urge everyone to start thinking about how they can help out. We will need many volunteers. There will be hurdles and snarls but if we play our cards right, I can promise you a tapestry that will be woven into all of our lives. Maybe with a brightly colored thread thrown in as well. Can you help with parking? What about distributing flyers? We will need people to help set up and take down. Do you have any crazy ideas floating around that tapestry of yours?

Here we are at Kendall with a trunk full of gifts. Bonus points if you can identify the previous owner of the Corvette.

Lets all keep spinning our wheels and enjoying the ride. Happy Holidays

Your humble narrator and president
at large,
Matt



Over the last several years it has become a tradition that the December newsletter be a look back at the year. As we close out 2023 this is a condensation of the highs and lows of the year.

January Our first activity of 2023 was recovering from our last event of 2022! At least 20 members caught Covid during our Year-End Banquet.



The Winter Rod & Speed Show is held in Albany and was a chance to get out of the house and see some nice cars, including Melius', Thompson's and Czerniak's Corvettes.

In January we lost our long-time friend Angie Lightcap.



February Since our traditional Christmas Cookie Exchange was cancelled due to Covid, we held a "No Special Occasion Cookie Exchange & Pizza Feast" in February.

Another tradition was revived when we scheduled a Valentine's Day Dinner at PF Chang's.

March March was another cold, wet month spent indoors. One of those indoor events was the Salem Roadster Show, where we again viewed Melius, Thompson & Czerniak's Corvettes.

April Cascade members traveled north to Albany to view the Beaver State Corvette Club Heritage Mall Corvette Show. I'm almost sure there was food involved.

Five of our Veterans were honored by going on a South Willamette Valley Honor Flight - Joe Heidrick, Stan Stiles, Gene Kidd, Al Sather and Pete Lightcap.



May Finally! Some sunshine! CCC member Larry Simelius invited the club to view the progress being made on the Cottage Grove Carousel. The club also traveled to Salem to view The Brother's Collection for a third time.

On May 9 Joyce Wittish lost her battle with cancer.



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May Our first big road trip of the year. 10 Corvettes left the Willamette Valley traveling to Helena, Montana for the annual Big Sky Corvette Meet. Our three day journey included stop in Walla Walla, WA and Grangeville, ID. From Grangeville we drove Hwy 12 to Missoula, MT. It may be a beautiful drive along the Clearwater River, but at times you wonder *if it will ever end!* One never thinks of traffic jams in Montana, but it took us almost two hours to get through Missoula. Once we were back on I-90 it began to rain.....epic, biblical rain! It was cold and rainy throughout most of the event, but stopped the morning of departure, of course.



Our return trip home included a stop at Craters of the Moon which is an awesome lava landscape, a wonderful motel in Idaho Falls, a less-than satisfactory stay in Ontario and a loooong drive home. Best part of the drive home was stopping in Sisters where fellow CCC members treated us to ice cream.

June Not enough room here to describe all the car shows in June. Function 4 Junction, OPVA, Goldson Grange, WVCA (where a Corvette convertible was attacked by a rogue clipboard) and Sweet Home Sweet Ride to name just a few.

14 Corvettes went to Reno - 1 Corvette came home a big winner, a couple were little winners, most just paid their dues, but we all had a good time. About half of us stayed at The Peppermill and half stayed uptown. We did get together for an *EPIC* dinner with a very funny waiter who decided that Jeff was his target that night. But he made amends by feeding dessert to Jeff.

We all made it home in time to attend the First Annual Beaver State Golf Scramble at Springhill Golf Course in Albany. Somebody reported that Bill Schreiber made a 90-yd eagle, but I didn't see it so.....

We enjoyed another great BBQ at Richard & Sherrie's home.



July Cascade Corvette Club participated in two July 4th Parades this year. 18 Corvettes went to Harrisburg and others traveled to Roseburg.

The North Albany Car Show is a fundraiser for South Willamette Valley Honor Flight and raised \$9200 this year. Unfortunately, four Cascade members were given the task of judging all 300+ cars. Not cool on a blistering hot day.

Dick Mart debuted his Shadow Gray '40 Ford pickup at the Central Lane Car Show. Also in attendance was a Corvette that was the inspiration for his paint color choice.



July Also in attendance at the Central Lane show was Stan's Blue Demon II.

Late in July Stan led a contingent of Corvettes to Boise for VetteFest. Who says 108 is too hot for a Corvette show? Stan & Shannon took top honors in a crowded C8 class.



August TNAT golf day and a Lady's Lunch were held on August 1. The team of Mike Larion, Ken Dilger, Dennis Hough & Marc Strobel used trickeration, deception and some darn fine putting to win on a smokin'-hot day at Tokatee. Meanwhile the ladies dined on Mexican faire in the shade. There might have been some Margaritas involved.

We held our monthly meeting at Toxic Burger in Creswell—great idea and great food, but hard to hear being right on the street.

10 Corvettes toured to North Bend for "Corvettes on the Bay" where Gary Vaughn won Best C3 and Jim & Nancy won Best C7. More important than all that - we found the restaurant all the locals go to for seafood.

Helped Project Hope sort & size a large portion of the 3000 pairs of shoes Project Hope donated to needy kids this year.

Some of us cruised up to Lebanon for their version of "Hot August Nights". The only thing we won was a broken windshield on Fred's C7. Good show in 2022, total disaster in 2023.

On August 28 we lost Stan Stiles.

September Our monthly meeting was held at the Halsey City Park and included a hot dog bbq & potluck. The highest attendance at a club meeting in a very long time! Lots of members, tons of good food and 147,281 Yellowjackets.

Corvette shows this month included Grants Pass Automotive (formerly Jim Sigel Chevrolet), Corvettes on the Columbia & Heroes & Hot Dogs at the American legion Post.

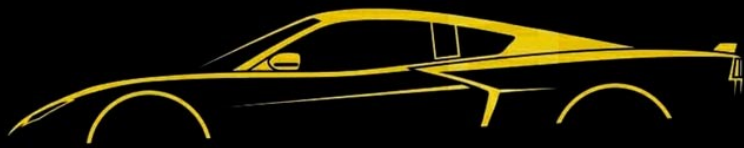
One of our members planned a spirited drive over Hwy 36 to Florence and several members attended. We really need more events like this—spontaneous, impromptu, whatever word you want to describe it, let's do it.

We also were offered the opportunity to "escort" the September Honor Flight busses from the Va in Eugene to the Santiam rest area on I-5. Lots of Corvettes showed up, we visited with some of the Veterans, then proceeded to follow the Patriot Riders and two busses onto I-5. That's when it dissolved into chaos. We have been invited to do this again next year, but with a much different plan for getting onto the freeway.

October On a warm October day we enjoyed a Fall Foliage & Covered Bridge tour. We were once again invited to Richard & Sherry's for a Chili Feed & Brat BBQ.

November Veteran's Day Parades in Albany and Roseburg were attended by many. A cold rain limited our numbers and the public attendance was also down this year.





Misc. Notes

Year-End Banquet & Christmas Party

This is a reminder to all who have registered for our Year-End Banquet. Due to circumstances beyond our control, our date and time had to be changed from Dec. 8 to **December 9 at 12:00 noon.**

The Cookie Exchange is back! The premise is simple - bring sweets, take home sweets! Each participating person brings two dozen cookies, candies or other holiday sweets and all members get to pick an assortment to take home. But not before we feast on pizza (another holiday tradition...in Italy...maybe) Roaring Rapids Pizza, 2:00 pm, December 10.



Year-End Contributions

Your Board approached the subject of charitable contributions this year with a different approach. Several entities that we have supported in recent years receive far greater gifts than we can match and it was felt our contributions no longer mean much to these organizations. Therefore, we chose to support small, local organizations. The local organizations we feel our donations will be most meaningful are Cottage Grove Carousel, Relief Nursery, Pearl Buck Center and South Willamette Valley Honor Flight.

Cottage Grove Carousel - \$200
Relief Nursery & Pearl Buck Center - members purchased just over \$450 in toys and filled the hatch of a C7 on Kendall's showroom floor.

South Willamette Valley Honor Flight - The club will match all ticket sales (up to \$400) for the Christmas quilt to be raffled at our Year-End Banquet.

The All-New, As Yet Un-Named All Corvette Show by Cascade Corvette Club and Kendall Chevrolet !!

How's that for a lead-in? Based on the success other clubs in our state have experienced hosting Corvette shows at dealerships, Richard V. approached Bob Smith, General Manager at Kendall Chevrolet about a show with Cascade Corvette Club. He loved the idea and jumped on board! Bob has already received approval from Ownership and Marketing has assigned a lead person, Sarah, to work with us on planning. We have tentatively set a date of May 18, 2024 as the first show. Now to come up with a catchy name.....



We have again been contacted to help with set-up and tear-down for the "Emerald Valley Quilt Show". CCC will set-up the morning of May 2 and begin tear-down the afternoon of May 4. There will be sign-up list passed at coming meetings.

We have also been asked to escort the next South Willamette Valley honor Flight on April 25, 2024. Organizers know the last attempt did not go well and have designed a new route to I-5. Once the busses reach I-5, our escort responsibilities end and we can return home. *But you know there will be food plans!*



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 11 - Shirley Wolfe
December 13 - Trinity McLean
December 13 - "Teach" Girard
December 14 - Don Wittish
December 20 - Pat Melius
December 25—Ky Sorby
December 26 - Charlene Thumel
December 27 - Nancy Schrieber



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purchased and they will embroider
the club logo for you.



December 3
The Brothers Collection Toy Drive

December 9
Cascade Corvette Club
Year-End Banquet
12:00 Noon
Shadow Hills Country Club

December 10
Annual Cookie Exchange
2:00 pm
Roaring Rapids Pizza

April 25
Honor Flight Escort

May 2 & 4
Quilt Show
Set-up & Tear-down

May 18
The new (as yet un-named)
All Corvette Show at
Kendall Chevrolet

May 24 - 27
Big Sky Corvette Meet
Missoula, MT

June 28-29
“Corvettes on the High Desert”
High Desert Corvette Club

August 28 - Sept. 1, 2024
National Corvette Caravan
(PNW departs on Aug. 22)



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Sat

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3 <i>Brothers Collection Toy Drive</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Year-End Banquet 12 noon</i>
10 <i>Cookie Exchange</i>	11	12	13 	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26	27	28	29	30
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