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**Your regularly scheduled President's Message
has been moved to page 2.**

So your Vice President will fill this space with useful knowledge, practical facts and unabashed praise for fellow members.



First, a heartfelt "Thank you" to Simone Thomas for the incredible work she has done with the club website! Have you seen it yet? Stop reading right now and go to www.cascadecorvetteclub.com and see for yourself!

Congratulations to David & Christine Kopachik who just bought a 2014 Night Race Blue Stingray coupe with Kalahari interior.

David asked a question about their new Corvette that put me back on the path to one of my personal quests - to address the issue of tire age. Their 2014 has tires dated "3113" - 31st week of 2013, so they are almost exactly 6 years old. It is my opinion, backed up by Michelin, that the normal life expectancy of tires is 6 years. Even if the tread is still good, the rubber compound itself has begun to harden. This will directly impact the amount of traction that tire will be able to maintain, especially on wet or cool road surfaces. Some of you may remember our spin in Dallas, OR on 6 year old Goodyears. I now replace tires at 5 years (if they last that long).

June 25, 1985 is a date I suspect most of you won't recognize. I know I didn't before I read the following article. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Other historic details might surprise you too.

After 59 years, the iconic route 66 entered the realm of history on this day in 1985, when the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials decertifies the road and votes to remove all of its highway signs.

Measuring some 2200 miles in its heyday, Route 66 stretched from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica California, passing through eight states. According to a New York Times article about its decertification, most of Route 66 followed a path through the wilderness forged in 1857 by U S Navy Lieutenant Edward Beale at the head of a caravan of camels. Over the years, wagon trains and cattlemen eventually made way for trucks and passenger automobiles.

The idea of building a highway along this route surfaced in Oklahoma in the mid-1920's as a way to link the state to cities like Chicago and Los Angeles. Highway Commissioner Cyrus S Avery touted it as a way of diverting traffic from Kansas City, Missouri and Denver. In 1926, the highway earned its official designation as Route 66.

The diagonal course of Route 66 linked hundreds of mostly rural communities to the cities along its route, allowing farmers to more easily transport grain and other types of produce for distribution. The highway was also a lifeline for the long-distance trucking industry, which by 1930 was competing with the railroad for dominance in the shipping market. Route 66 was the scene of a mass westward migration during the 1930's, when more than 200,000 people traveled from the poverty stricken Dust Bowl to California. John Steinbeck immortalized the highway, which he called the "Mother Road," in his classic 1939 novel *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Beginning in the 1950's, the building of a massive system of interstate highways made older roads increasingly obsolete, and by 1970, modern four-lane highways had bypassed nearly all sections of Route 66. In October, 1984, Interstate 40 bypassed the last original stretch of Route 66 at Williams, Arizona, and the following year the road was decertified. According to the national Historic Route 66 Federation, drivers can still use 85% of the road, and Route 66 has become a destination for tourists from all over the world.

Often called the "Main Street of America," Route 66 became a pop culture mainstay over the years, inspiring its own song (written in 1947 by Bobby Troup, "Route 66" was later recorded by artists as varied as Nat King Cole, Chuck Berry and the Rolling Stones) as well as a 1960's television series. More recently, the historic highway was featured prominently in the hit animated film "Cars."

I'll be back next month with the next regularly scheduled President's Message.

Stan





“Corvettes at the Carousel - Glass on the Grass”

June 22 was a big day for Cascade Corvette Club. We took 20 Corvettes to Salem for WVCA’s signature event and walked away with Club Participation for the second year in a row.

The other well-deserved award that we brought home was Jim & Gail Tatum’s trophy for Best C7 Coupe. That car is 5 years old and looks better now than it did when it came off the assembly line. Amazing, and a lot of hard work!

WVCA was overjoyed (and a bit over-whelmed) when 160+ spectacular Corvettes showed up for their second show. They had 103 last year and expected somewhere in the 125-range this year. So many Corvettes showed up that their carefully planned parking arrangements got blown up by 8 am! Instead of parking by generation as planned, it became “park them where we have room”. Some WVCA members were stressed about that, but it worked out just fine. WVCA has decided to take next year off. Putting on an event of this magnitude is a lot of hard work and will be going to an every-other year format like so many other events.



See more photos at www.cascadecorvetteclub.com

“Corvettes on the McKenzie”

June 29 was the (soon-to-be) annual club picnic at Rick & Kathy’s incredible home on the McKenzie River. God made this the most beautiful spot, Rick & Kathy built the perfect viewing platform to witness the beauty.

The setting was perfect for relaxing and conversation. Meanwhile a nefarious plot was taking place. Some members secluded themselves at an out-lying table and “cooked” their witches brew of water balloons.

Soon enough the food began appearing on buffet tables, burgers & dogs were flame-broiled and the conversation shifted to the bounty of salads and fruits.

After lunch we headed out to the “Corvette field” where Dick Mart had set up a water-balloon launcher aimed away from the Corvettes, but using live, moving targets! No Corvettes, wild animals or humans were harmed in the making of this adventure. Vic Wolfe proved to have the best technique and won a yellow Corvette - in the form of a coffee cup. See more photos on our website.





Misc. Notes

Along with tire age and treadwear, another of my personal hot-button issues is proper alignment. Our new 2019 Grand Sport had less than 1600 miles when I took it to my favorite alignment shop for a complete four-wheel alignment. You may think that is obsessive and overly cautious, but have you priced new tires recently? Grand Sports and ZO6's come from the assembly plant with a very aggressive alignment. Stingrays are not as aggressive, but... the GM alignment specs are very wide. Meaning the alignment numbers can still be "within specs", but will eat a set of tires in short order. To my surprise the front specs were not bad (but still needed to be tweaked), but the rear toe alignment was WAY off. After all this was corrected the car drives SO MUCH better! Have your alignment checked - anything in red needs to be corrected.

Cascade Corvette Club has been invited by Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel to tour the carousel in it's restoration stage. Member Larry Simelius is one of the carvers and has suggested we meet him on Thursday, July 11 for a tour. We will meet at the Bi-Mart parking lot in Cottage Grove at 9:30 am and drive from there to the warehouse where the carousel is being restored. Cruise to a lunch location to follow.

Mini-Golf at Camp Putt. Meet at Camp Putt at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 14. Group rate for those over 50 (Who? Us?) is \$5. Dinner/awards banquet to follow at Roaring Rapids Pizza.

Creswell Cars & Coffee, July 6, 7:30 - 9:00 am, Bi-Mart parking lot. Lunch cruise to follow. Let's fill the lot with Corvettes.

For anyone who is a regular user of Amazon - did you know that your Amazon purchases can benefit the National Corvette Museum? Simply sign into "Amazon Smile" and designate the Museum as your choice and a portion of every sale will be donated to the Corvette Museum.

Message sent to our website:

Hello, We are running the Largest Car Show in Oregon, The Cascade Car Show - Redmond, Oregon - September 20-21, 2019 - All years, makes and models show at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center Redmond, Oregon. Friday and Saturday, September 20-21, 2019. I would like to personally invite your Car Club to attend. I would love to extend a coupon code to your club. Please use carclub2019 at check out to receive \$5 off Registration. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 541-280-7412

Message sent to our website:

Hello Cascade corvette club, My name is Maxwell, I am the event coordinator at Adobe Resort in Yachats Oregon. I have a huge interest in sport cars and I hope to own a corvette myself! My mission is to plan a get together to host a dinner party for the anniversary of your car club! it would be a pleasure to meet the members and showcase your cars at our resort! Thank you, Maxwell Shaw Adobe Resort Special Event Coordinator 541-547-3141 x 424

We will bring this before the Board and try to coordinate with Maxwell at date and time - July or early August.

Board meeting scheduled for July 9 has been changed to **2:00 pm** at Swartz'.

See "Hot Dog Rally" on page 4!



Happy Birthday!

July 2 - David Brooks

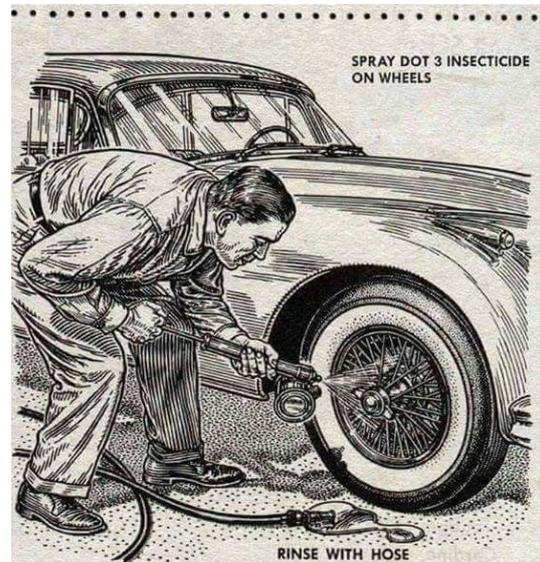
July 18 - Nancy Garboden

July 19 - John Ressler

July 28 - Chris Hough



When prepping your Corvette for the National Corvette Caravan, please remember this vital step:



Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.

Club Clothing

We have two options for embroidered club clothing & hats.

Fiddler's Green Golf Center
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can order anything you like
and will embroider our club logo
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garment, regardless where it was
purchased and they will embroider
the club logo for you.

Hot Dog Rally

Gerry & Connie are bringing back the Hot Dog Rally! To be held in the Halsey City Park on July 28.

Meet at the (former) Shopko parking lot on Coburg Rd at 11:45-ish. A short tour will depart at 12:00 noon with a planned arrival time in Halsey at 12:45 pm. Bring your folding chairs and your own drinks. City Park = no alcohol.



Up Coming Events

**July 4
Creswell Parade**

**July 11
Tour the
Cottage Grove Carousel**

**July 12 - 14
“Corvette Weekend”
Hosted by SOCA
Grants Pass, OR**

**July 13
3rd Corvette City
Hosted by Timberland Corvette**

**July 14
Mini Golf @ Camp Putt
Dinner at Roaring Rapids Pizza**

**July 17 - 20
“VetteFest”
Boise, ID**

**July 20
Crescent Park Senior Living
Annual Show-n-Shine
(CCC trophy sponsor)
(see registration pg 8)**

**July 27, 2019
OPVA Car Show
Salem, OR**

**July 28
Hot Dog Rally
Halsey City Park**

**August 8
Men’s Golf Day
Tokatee Golf Club**

**August 9
General Meeting
@ Riverside Park
Harrisburg**

**August 10
Salute to Veterans
Car & Motorcycle Show**

**August 22, 2019
Departure of 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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\$66,780



2019
Grand Sport Coupe
Arctic White, Black interior
2LT, auto
\$82,620

2019
Z06 Coupe
Ceramic Matrix Gray, Black interior
1LZ, auto
\$88,275



2019
ZR1 Coupe
Elkhart Lake Blue, Black interior
3ZR, auto
\$156,685

All Cascade Corvette Club members receive 20% off parts and 12% off labor at Kendall Chevrolet, your source for everything Corvette.* And be sure to see our entire new and used inventory online at: kendallautooregon.com.

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July 2019

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7	8	9 <i>Board Mtg</i> <i><u>2:00 pm</u></i> <i>Swartz'</i>	10	11 <i>Tour</i> <i>Cottage</i> <i>Grove</i> <i>Carousel</i>	12 <i>Gen. Mtg.</i> <i>6:15 EPUD</i> <i>Tour to</i> <i>Dairy</i> <i>Queen</i>	13 <i>Corvette</i> <i>City</i> <i>Roseburg</i>
14 <i>Camp Putt</i> <i>4:00 pm</i>	15	16	17 	18	19	20 <i>Crescent</i> <i>Park</i> <i>Car Show</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Cars &</i> <i>Coffee</i> <i>Cap Chev</i> <i>Salem</i>
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