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# Vette Gazette

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June 2020

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**Newsletter**  
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Pres Notes:

First of all I want to thank all of you that spent part of Mother's Day participating in the "Drive By" parade for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and car reveal! We were totally blindsided by our son Greg and family for giving us a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Corvette and thank you to Jim & Nancy Garboden for storing our Corvette for over 2 months in their garage and for giving it a beautiful wax finish. (True friendship is sharing your garage space). A great day for us--made even more special by all of you that joined us.

On Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> we are having our "first" tour of the year! It's time to take advantage of the beautiful weather and have a safe distancing tour and picnic. We will leave the McDonald's in Coburg at 11:00am and finally enjoy our cars together. Bring your own picnic lunch, drinks, car chairs. Hope to see you all on Thursday.

We are planning on more club activities as the pandemic rules are slowly lifted. We will have our June board meeting on Tuesday night June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the park in Coburg and our June monthly meeting will be Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> at our new meeting location—Kendall Chevrolet.

Our board will be planning more Corvette activities throughout the summer, so be watching your emails.

Pres Gerry



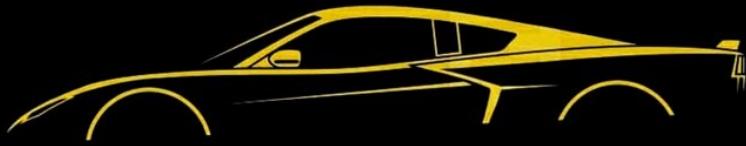
## **A 50th Anniversary for their 50th Anniversary!**

Gerry & Connie Swartz celebrated their 50th Anniversary in May. To help them celebrate the occasion, their son Greg along with his wife Shaniya and daughter Karina, wanted to give them a very special gift. Gerry & Connie have always had a special appreciation of the Anniversary Red 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette, but they have never owned one. You can see where this is going.....

Jim & Nancy received a call from Greg in February detailing his plan to buy a 2003 Anniversary Red convertible (it **had to be** a convertible) and needed a place to hide it until the scheduled Valley River Center Corvette Show in April. We all know how that went.

On May 10, Greg was finally able to spring his surprise and Gerry & Connie were totally surprised! I'll let Greg tell the whole story on page 7 of this newsletter. Enjoy the photos of the Swartz family celebration.





## Misc. Notes

As you know, EPUD has closed their Community Room to all but their employees until Spring of 2021. Therefore, we lost our meeting place. Fortunately, our sponsor, Kendall Chevrolet/Cadillac/GMC has stepped up and offered us space at their dealership to hold our meetings. Our first meeting to be held at Kendall will be June 12 at **6:00 pm**.

Kendall Chevrolet is constantly monitoring and adhering to state guidelines regarding COVID-19. As their guests, we are therefore required to follow certain standards for group size and safety. If we are still in Phase 1, we will be restricted to no more than 25 people, social distancing and masks are “encouraged”. When we can move into Phase 2, group size increases to 100.

We will (most likely) be meeting in the “Delivery Bay” area and will be setting up & taking down our own chairs. Kendall has folding chairs we have used previously, but bring your own bag chairs just in case.

If you are comfortable with the situation and NOT feeling ill, please show up on June 12. (Obviously, if you are sick, stay home) If we have more than 25 people, we will find a way to separate, maybe even holding two meetings in different areas of the dealership.

As you can see, there is still so much we don't know. We will be going forward with an “adaptable” mindset, probably for the rest of the year.

### More cancellation news

July 8 - 12: Graffiti Weekend in Roseburg, cancelled for the first time since 1982.

July 11: “Corvette City” hosted by Timberland Corvette Club has been cancelled.

July 15 - 18: Black Hills Corvette Classic in Sioux Falls, SD has been cancelled.

August 15: Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show has been cancelled.



Space considerations prevent us from printing the entire Mid-Engine Monthly Update from John Elegant this month. To read John's June update, please follow this link:

[June Mid-Engine Monthly Update](#)

Due to social distancing the club is not planning any shared food activities (ie-potlucks or pizza parties) for the foreseeable future.



## Happy Birthday!

**June 1 - Christine Kopachik**  
**June 3 - Pete Lightcap**  
**June 3 - Stan Stiles**  
**June 5 - Rick Garretson**  
**June 13 - Iris Edmiston**  
**June 15 - Cheryl Horowitz**  
**June 16 - Sandie Massett**  
**June 18 - Suzi Blomquist**  
**June 23 - Karlene Dilger**



Cheryl Horowitz suggested that during this time of not knowing what the future holds, that we start a new feature based on our reflections and memories of past club activities. So, naturally, I asked Cheryl to be first. Fittingly, she entitled this:

### Reflections

Shiny stream of gorgeous cars  
Caravan along a winding country road  
Streaks of color  
A mastery of artistic design  
Hidden speed itching to be released

Cared for like a child  
Fed with the best  
Nurtured with tenderness  
Protected from storms  
Doctored by specialists

Driving these beauties feeling carefree  
Experiencing joy in the moment  
Sharing with friends who feel the same  
Realizing our great fortune  
Oh how we love our Corvettes

Please join Cheryl and share a moment from your Corvette life. Favorite memories, stories about your first or favorite Corvette(s). Email your favorite Corvette moments to:

[duckvett@comcast.net](mailto:duckvett@comcast.net) and see them in a future newsletter.

Thank you.

## 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.



## Coming Events

### June 27 Corvettes on the McKenzie

It is important that we begin discussing this club event, even though we do not know at this time if we can do it. Much depends on what phase of recovery we will be in and what the guidelines will be to hold a gathering. As well as our personal level of comfort and trust.

Rick & Kathy are still planning on holding the event at their home on the McKenzie River, but with some changes. We will be asked to bring our own food, drinks and folding (or bag) chairs. Inside their home will be off-limits and porta-potties will be provided. Rick is confident that their decks and yard are large enough that we can maintain a level of "social distancing" while moving about and visiting.

From this point on, all information regarding "Corvettes on the McKenzie" will come to you via email.

### August 22 Corvettes on the Bay Coos Bay / North Bend, OR

### September 3-5 Weathertech Sports Car Series Laguna Seca Monterey, CA

### Rescheduled September 18-19 Corvettes on the Columbia Tri-Cities, WA

Another rescheduled event that will have major ramifications on our 2020.

Although this event was not originally on our radar, it is quickly becoming one of only a few events remaining. For that reason, some of the club members have reconsidered and are registering. Look for their registration form in this newsletter.

This will also have a major impact on the planned "Four Corners of Oregon Tour". We have been unable to come up with firm dates, routes, accommodations and points of interest. So we decided to throw all our eggs in one basket and plan a tour around COTC, similar to past "Pre-Columbian" tours. A tentative plan includes departing Eugene on Sept. 15 with overnight stops in John Day (Bend is too close, Baker City too far) and Joseph/Enterprise. Other possibilities include wine tasting in Walla Walla.

Suggestions? What would you like to see or do in northeast Oregon or southwest Washington?

We hope we can revisit the idea of a four corners tour in 2021.



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**Kendall Chevrolet**  
846 Goodpasture Island Rd.  
Eugene, Oregon

# Car Stuff

**For Sale:**

Low mileage 1998 C-5 Corvette. 45,439 Miles. Automatic.  
Power steering. Power brakes. Power windows. Tinted glass.  
Sebring Silver with grey interior. Glass top and solid top.  
Custom wheels with Z rated tires. Complete custom exhaust  
system. Body side moldings. \$15,000  
Call Gerry Swartz at 541 688-2654



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](http://kendallautooregon.com).

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## Cascade Corvette Club

Thank you to everyone who helped make my parents 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade a success. Special thank you to my two main accomplices Jim and Nancy. I called Jim and Nancy back in February with a plan of buying and gifting my parents a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Corvette for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They helped with the planning, storing, detailing and delivery of the car!

My parents have always been my role models. I learned my drive, ambition, determination, leadership, and work ethic from watching each of them start and run their own business growing up. They have successfully raised two amazing young men, who have both grown in life to have their own amazing families. My parents also showed me the type of love, understanding, and compassion it takes to have a successful marriage.

My brother and I were also lucky because we have always been around Corvettes. Many in the club have known me since I was born. We were always hanging around and playing at car shows, club events, club meetings and generally just having fun around cars. The Cascade Corvette Club has always had a special place in my heart and soul. Growing up some of my best memories were Dad help coach my baseball team, then going home after the game and working on the 1965 Corvette. I have fond memories of helping setup for the Valley River mall show, the fairgrounds show, and the Joe Romania Chevrolet show thru my childhood and early adult life.

The Corvette hobby has never left my DNA (although my wife would argue that it is too large a portion of my DNA). Dad taught me the auto restoration trade and I have continued it to this day. Professionally using the work ethic and life skills Mom and Dad taught me, I found myself in an amazing position to give a little back. My amazing wife who I have been with for 22 years understood what this gift would mean for the family and she was completely on board.

Originally prior to COVID-19 we had a master plan. We were going to use the Valley River show as the back-drop to surprise Mom and Dad with the car. Jim and Nancy were going to enter the car side by side with their Grand Sport. The plan was Saturday night to do a surprise flash mob at the mall and present them with the keys. The year 2020 has been a surprising year and as circumstances have developed, we had to come up with a plan B,C,D I think we were on plan F, on how to surprise mom and dad with the Corvette.

For the car itself we only had one option. It had to be a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convertible and an automatic. While living in California back in 2002/2003 Mom and Dad came down for Monterey car week. That was the first time I can remember Mom seeing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition Corvette up close. Mom has always loved convertibles and the special paint, interior, wheels and emblems really set this one apart. Not that Mom and Dad really NEED another Corvette, but I knew this Corvette was one they both loved, adored and would enjoy for years to come. After months of searching online for the right car in my price range I located the car in the Bay area of California. The car was located at a Ferrari repair shop which had done work on the Corvette making sure it was in good mechanical condition. The car was purchased in February and luckily, I acquired the car in the first week of March before COVID-19 shut down the west coast. The drive back was very entertaining as it poured rain, hailed, snowed, snowed some more, and then for the last two hours was sunny.

I never brought the car home but rather took it straight to Jim and Nancy's garage for safe keeping. The car was delivered two or three days prior to the club board meeting at Jim and Nancy's house. Jim put a giant cooler in front of the garage door to protect the secret gift 30 feet away from Mom and Dad. Thru the COVID-19 shutdown I would get pictures from Nancy showing me updates of Jim detailing the car and getting it ready to present.

As luck would have it, the day I delivered the car to Jim and Nancy's house my daughter also had a soccer match in Eugene. After dropping the car off, I headed over to my parent's house to help Dad work on the 1965 corvette, then went and watched their grandchild win a soccer game. As the world changed it ended up being the last soccer match before everything shutdown. It just went to show how it was meant to be for this car to end up with Mom and Dad.

My wife and I are very appreciative and humbled by the turnout for the car parade. I was on the phone with Nancy Friday morning before Mother's Day in a panic. The day we originally planned the parade the weather forecast was showing rain. Asking her for advice on how many cars we could have on short notice on a Sunday afternoon, she put me at ease. She and Jim were confident we could get a great turn out and make this special. I believe final count we had 39 people and 20 Corvettes for the parade. It was special seeing so many faces of corvette friends. While the cars change, get restored, get updated, the members of this club have always been the same and part of our extended family.

Mom and Dad, thank you for being two of the most amazing parents I have ever seen. I have tried to model myself as a husband, father, man from the example the two of you have set for me. It's no surprise that your sons have been successful in life. All we saw was the road map you put in front of us and we both followed it in our own way.

P.S. Hardest part was keeping the secret from our daughter Karina. She loves to tell Grandma everything. We had to come up with stories on why Dad had to fly to California on the weekend, why he had to step outside for phone calls. She didn't find out what was about to happen until the day of the parade. Oh ya and she wants a Corvette to be her first car.... SEE WHAT I STARTED???

Greg Swartz

**CORVETTES ON THE BAY 2020**



*Pacific Coast Corvette Club*

**Registration**

Early Registration	(Prior to July 1st)	\$ 60.00.	_____
Registration	(After July 1st)	\$ 70.00	_____
Extra Car for Show & Shine	(Must be registered for the event)	\$ 35.00	_____
		<u>quantity</u>	
Extra Poker hand		\$5.00 X _____	= _____
		<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

Registration Includes: 1 show & shine entry, 1 poker hand, 2 for lunch & dinner, and Logo Caps

Please let us know if you require a vegetarian option for your meals: For one \_\_\_\_\_ For both \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrants Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Corvette \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Release: The exhibitor agrees to carry liability insurance on the vehicle entered into the event and has sole responsibility for any and all losses to themselves or their vehicle that occur as a result of this event. The exhibitor hereby releases Pacific Coast Corvette Club, Ken Ware Chevrolet and all other venue locations of any and all responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur to them, their vehicle, or personal property.

Signatures(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail this entry form and payment to:*

**Pacific Coast Corvette Club  
P.O. Box 14  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420**

## CORVETTES ON THE BAY 2020



*Pacific Coast Corvette Club*

### **Lodging**

Our guests have enjoyed the following establishments in the past:

Edgewater Inn (541-267-0423)

Red Lion (541-267-4141)

The Mill Casino (800-953-4800)

Best Western Quality Inn (541-756-3191)

There are a variety of other lodging options in the area with a range of prices. Be sure to reserve a room early to assure getting a good choice.

### **Driving directions**

#### **Ken Ware Chevrolet**

1595 Newmark St,  
North Bend, OR 97459

#### **Travelling southbound on 101**

- Drive through North Bend (Watch out for newly posted 20 MPH)
- Continue south on 101 (Past the Mill Casino on the bay)
- Turn right at light on Newmark Street
- Continue west bound up the hill on Newmark
- Continue down the hill to Ken Ware Chevrolet

#### **Travelling north bound on 101**

- Drive through Coos Bay
- Continue north on 101 to Newmark Avenue
- Turn left at the light on Newmark Street
- Continue west bound up the hill on Newmark
- Continue down the hill to Ken Ware Chevrolet

### **Proceeds**

Proceeds from this event go to the **ARK** Project of Coos County, a worthy registered non-profit charity that benefits at risk local youth and families; and the **Southern Oregon Veterans Outreach** a non-profit organization that helps bridge the gap between what is needed and what is available for our veterans and their families.

### **Questions?**

Please direct any questions to [David-odonnell@att.net](mailto:David-odonnell@att.net) or [info@pacificcoastcorvetteclub.org](mailto:info@pacificcoastcorvetteclub.org)

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11th Annual



# September 18 & 19, 2020

### Registration (please print clearly)

Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Copilot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### Information regarding your car(s)

Car #1 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car #2 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judging Category (check only one box) Generation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coupe  Convertible  Modified (3+ Modifications)

Corvettes on the Columbia Release of Liability by signing below, I acknowledge that all activities sponsored by Corvettes on the Columbia may be hazardous, and may result in loss, damage, personal injuries (including death) and property damage. With full knowledge of these dangers, I hereby agree for myself, and all my family and heirs, to RELEASE Corvettes on the Columbia or any of its representatives or agents from liability, claims, demands, or any causes of action, and NOT SUE or OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM against Corvettes on the Columbia or any of its representatives or agents whatsoever which may arise during my participation in any activities of Corvettes on the Columbia.

I intend this RELEASE OF LIABILITY to be affective whether or not any loss, damage, injury or death RESULTS IN NEGLIGENCE of Corvettes on the Columbia or any of its agents, officers, directors or representatives. I understand that negligence means a failure to do and act which a responsible careful person would do or the doing of an act which a responsible, careful person would not do, under the same of similar circumstances, to protect himself, herself or others from injury or death. I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to make every precaution to provide for my own safety and well being while participating in activities of Corvettes on the Columbia.

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Copilot \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Enclosed is my payment for:

Complete Event  Single \$160.00  Couple \$210.00 Show & Shine Only  \$25.00 Lunch on your own.  
 T-shirt may be purchased separately.

Saturday only with Dinner & Entertainment  Single \$100.00  Couple \$170.00  Extra Meals/ea. Saturday Dinner \$40.00

EVENT T-Shirt (1 event t-shirt included in registration fee - please mark size)  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

To guarantee size must receive by 8/5/2020. (Ladies V-neck Shirts are not included in packages - no substitutions)

Additional Event T-shirts \$15.00 each (please print quantity desired in each size)  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Ladies V-Neck T-Shirt Sold separately (Ladies V-Neck Shirts are not included in packages - no substitutions)

\$19.00 each (please print quantity desired in each size)  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Total Corvettes on the Columbia Registration Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check Enclosed

### ★ Please mail registration & payment to:

Corvettes on the Columbia  
 c/o McCurley Chevrolet - Attn. - Matt Price  
 PO Box 2698  
 Tri-Cities, WA 99302

### ??QUESTIONS??

Contact:  
 Matthew Price Office: (509) 544-6265 Cell: (509) 947-8246  
 matthew.price@mccurley.net  
 Stephanie Engel (509) 544-6385  
 stephanie.engel@mccurley.net  
 Cheryl Moore (509) 531-1054  
 cmoore@paynewest.com

### ★ Phone in Registration:

Stephanie Engel (509) 544-6385

**HEADQUARTERS**  
**Pasco Red Lion** - (509) 547-0701  
 Dial the number above, if automated response press "0" the Front Desk in Pasco will answer.  
 Rooms also saved at:  
**Best Western** - (509) 543-7722  
**Marriott** - (509) 545-4011  
**Book your room early -**

Downloadable version of Registration Form available by visiting our website: [driverscorvetteclub.net](http://driverscorvetteclub.net)



# 11th Annual



# June 2020

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*Who is Ready for June??*

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