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### June Presidents Message

Hi everybody, Summer is finally here and the trips and shows are going on everywhere...CCC members have been from Bowling Green to Montana and winning awards along the way. June is going to be a busy month, starting off with the Function 4 Junction and carrying on with many other events. For more details visit the club's web page. Some of June's events include **Oregon Paralyzed Veteran's Association Car show, Goldson Grange Car show, Glass on Grass Willamette Valley Corvettes, Waypoint Community Church Father's Day Car Show, Reno Tour, Sweet Home Sweet Ride show, Scramble Golf Tournament at the Spring Hill Golf Club sponsored by Beaver State Corvette Club and of course National Corvette Day, details coming soon. So, as you can see, it's time to start your engines!**

I wanted to do a deep dive into Corvette and Stingray history this month to settle the age-old question in my mind...which came first the Chevy or the Schwinn? To begin, we might as well go way back to the mid seventeenth century where the word Corvette was first used. The word "corvette" is first found in Middle French, a diminutive of the Dutch word *corf*, meaning a "basket", from the Latin *corbis*. The first reference to a Corvette was with the French Navy in the 1670s, which may be where the term originated. During the Age of Sail, Corvettes were one of many types of warships smaller than a frigate and with a single deck of guns. They were very closely related to sloops-of-war. The role of the Corvette consisted mostly of coastal patrol, fighting minor wars, supporting large fleets, or participating in show-the-flag missions. The French Navy's Corvettes grew over the decades and by the 1780s they were ships of 20 guns or so, approximately equivalent to the British Navy's post ships. The British Navy did not adopt the term until the 1830s to describe a small sixth-rate vessel somewhat larger than a sloop. Corvette warships continue to be used to this day around the world with a few improvements like armament and motors.



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## Big Sky Corvette Meet 2023 Helena, Montana

Our combined (Cascade & Beaver State) group took 10 Corvettes and 17 people to Montana. Avoiding major construction delays on I-84, we crossed the river on 205 and drove east on WA14. We then crossed the Columbia again, on the narrowest bridge I have ever seen, to Hood River for lunch at Betty's Place. We stayed in Walla Walla that night. Day 2 we drove to Dayton, WA where we saw the *Jolly Green Giant* and had snacks at the Moose Creek Bakery (highly recommended). Before leaving Dayton we were told about a historical site near town where a depiction of a Lewis & Clark campsite was presented.



Very cool. That night we stayed in Grangeville, ID because we had never been there. Why not? Morning of the third day the reason became apparent—we found the *World's Smallest Rubber Duck*! At no more than 1/4", it had apparently been left on a huge boulder at a municipal water feature.

Day 3 we rejoined Hwy 12 along the Clearwater River to Lolo and Missoula, MT. Beautiful drive, *but long*.

Some societies have hundreds of names for rain. On our drive from Missoula to Helena, we experienced 99 of them. Mist to drizzle to monsoon—when we arrived at the hotel in Helena our Corvettes were nasty! Some of us availed ourselves of the provided car wash only to watch it rain all night. Next morning we wiped down the cars, then wiped them down again, and again, and again. 9 am and rags down—let the judges do their thing.



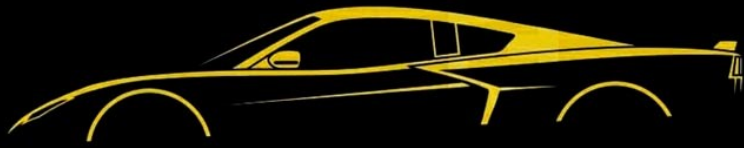
Saturday night's banquet included a 50/50 drawing won by our own Don Wittish and the award for longest distance traveled won by Mike & Sandi Donnelly.



Sunday night was Award Night and Wayne & Sharon Schmidt won Best C3 with their 1979.

Our three-day trip home started with a great motel in Idaho Falls, a cruise through *Craters of the Moon*, a less than stellar stay in Ontario and a really long drive from Ontario to Bend for lunch. One of our troupe had a tire problem in Bend and after failing to find a new tire in Bend, he headed home hoping the run-flat would hold pressure—it did.

One interesting sight we saw (and followed) on Hwy 20 was a low-boy trailer with a massive load. The trailer alone must have been 80 ft long with a diesel tractor pulling and another pushing. He was also 1-1/2 lanes wide, hence we followed.



# Misc. Notes

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Well, now with that out of the way we can discuss the question at hand ...what came first the Chevy or the Schwinn? Chevy introduced the Corvette in 1953 with just 300 cars built. Schwinn came out with their Corvette bicycle in 1954 one year later. But wait a minute...I just found this on an online forum from someone named GTs58..."

"Before we get too far into this topic, I would like to clarify the years you mentioned. To my knowledge there were no 1954 model year Corvettes but there were 1954 serial numbered 1955 model Corvettes. Schwinn undoubtedly started the new 1955 Middleweight production much sooner than the ongoing models for the 1955 model year."

So, clearly Chevy came first in 1953 vs. Schwinn in 1954 or maybe 1955. Kind of reminds me of an 1983 Corvette. Chevy first used the word "Sting Ray" to describe the Corvette Sting Ray Racer back in 1959. The first production line Sting Rays came off the assembly line in 1963. Schwinn also released its version of the Sting -Ray in 1963. Notice the hyphen between sting and ray? I wonder if that was to skirt copy right laws? Now days both Chevy and Schwinn spell Stingray as one word

Clearly Chevy was first to use "Corvette" but the jury is still out on who was the first to use the term Sting Ray for mass production. That said I love both my Corvette and my Stingray.

Matt's 2005 Schwinn Stingray

That's all for this month,

Your humble narrator  
and president at  
large,  
Matt



## 4th of July Parade in Harrisburg

The Board voted to again participate in this All American, small town event! Connie Swartz will register the club. Information about a gathering location, time and possible lunch location after the parade will be discussed at the June meeting.

The June 9 General Meeting will be at Kendall Chevrolet, 6:00 pm with dinner to follow at Roaring Rapids Pizza.

Joyce Wittish

1974 - 2023

Joyce passed on May 9 after a lifelong struggle with Lupus and the last 2-1/2 years with Lymphoma. Don & Joyce moved to Eugene in 2018 and soon after found our Corvette club. They were active participants in club events while Joyce was able. Please keep Don and their two daughters, Christine and Laura in your prayers.

Shirley Wolfe asked us to convey her thanks for the thoughtful card and well wishes. Shirley will be getting another new knee joint soon, just not soon enough!

Wild flowers in a lava flow at Craters of the Moon National Monument. We missed the full bloom by probably one day.







## Happy Birthday!

June 3	Pete Lightcap
June 3	Stan Stiles
June 5	Rick Garretson
June 6	Gene Kidd
June 8	Jennifer Lineback
June 13	Iris Edmiston
June 13	Marcella Madsen
June 13	Kevin Swift
June 15	Cheryl Horowitz
June 18	Suzi Blomquist
June 23	Karlene Dilger

## 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.



This month I would like to share some information with our C7 owners, specifically those from 2015 to 2019 with the 8-speed automatic transmission.

### Condition - Shudder

Transmission shudder has plagued many C7's since the introduction of the 8-speed. Most complain of a feeling like driving over rumble strips when the engine goes from 8 cylinder to 4 cylinder and back. Usually this is felt while driving at a steady pace. If left unchecked, it could cause torque converter or transmission failure.

The Fix After years of experimentation and attempted fixes, GM determined that the original transmission fluid was attracting moisture. In Feb. 2019 a new transmission fluid was developed which finally fixes the problem. TSB 18-NA-355 addresses the remedy. It requires that the transmission be flushed three times with the new fluid, 28 quarts total. If your C7 has the "shudder", print the TSB and take it with you to your dealer Service Dept.

The Rant When you make an appointment for the triple flush, take the TSB with you. Make *damn sure* they understand the sentence "**Diagnosis beyond the customer complaint is not required if vehicle was built prior to production dates indicated above**". Test driving is **NOT** required. Also make *damn sure* they have the required amount of required fluid on hand.



**June 10**  
**OPVA Car Show—Salem**  
**&**  
**Goldson Grange Car Show**

**June 11**  
**BBQ @ Vejnaska's**

**June 17, 2023**  
**Glass on Grass**  
**WVCA**

**June 18**  
**Waypoint Comm. Church**  
**Fathers Day Car Show**

**June 20-24**  
**Reno Tour**

**June 24**  
**Sweet Home, Sweet Ride**  
**Sweet Home, OR**

**June 28**  
**BSCC Golf Day**  
**Albany**

**June 30**  
**National Corvette Day**

**July 4**  
**July 4th Parade**  
**Harrisburg, OR**

**July 8**  
**Corvette City (Graffiti Weekend)**  
**Roseburg**

**July 9**  
**SpringHill N. Albany Car Show**  
**Albany**

**July 15**  
**Central Lane Show-N-Shine**  
**Eugene**

**July 20 - 22**  
**VetteFest**  
**Boise, ID**

**August 1**  
**TNAT Golf Day**

**September 15 - 16**  
**Corvettes on the Columbia**  
**Tri-Cities, WA**

**July 20, 2024**  
**Corvettes on the High Desert**  
**HDCC**

**August 22, 2024**  
**National Corvette Caravan**  
**Sandy, OR to Bowling Green, KY**  
*(The Mother of All Roadtrips)*



Time change. I had to go around and fix all my clocks.



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# Car Stuff



Congratulations to Don & Charlene Thumel on their purchase of this low, low mileage 3LT 2021 Convertible

Private Party Sale

For Sale  
2002  
Electron Blue  
Corvette Convertible  
6-speed manual, 17,800 miles  
\$19,000 firm

Contact Mark at  
[delpsawards@yahoo.com](mailto:delpsawards@yahoo.com)

### For Sale

One XL  
Vets 'N Vettes  
t-shirt  
(new from the Corvette Store at NCM)  
\$20

One  
2022 National Corvette Museum  
Christmas ornament  
\$20

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Christmas ornament  
\$20

Call Jim 541-729-6303  
Or  
Nancy 541-729-8405

Could this be  
what Matt  
meant by the  
origin of the  
Corvette  
name?

Photo by  
Dick &  
Sandy in  
France



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## Corvettes on the Bay 2023

Ken Ware Chevrolet  
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North Bend Or 97459

Car Show Registration Form

Bring your Raffle Item (value \$20.00 min) for entry

Registration starts 9AM

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Special Features \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your form to

Pacific Coast Corvette Club/COB

PO Box 14,

Coos Bay Oregon 97420

(if you are entering more than one car, please complete a form for each)

[www.pacificcoastcorvetteclub.org](http://www.pacificcoastcorvetteclub.org)



## **Event:** Chicken BBQ Potluck

**Place:** Richard & Sherry Vejnaska

**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Richard and Sherry have offered to host a Chicken BBQ Potluck at their home on Sunday afternoon, June 11, at 3:00pm, 90560 Diamond Ridge Loop, Coburg, OR 97408.

They will BBQ chicken (and a few hotdogs, for non-chicken lovers.)

Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert and their own drinks.

They have lots of tables and chairs and their driveway will hold 30 Corvettes.

Meet at Norma Pfeiffer Park in Coburg at 2:45 and we will tour up as a group to their house. Or if you are arriving later, they will have the gate open.

This is a rain or shine event. They have lots of room inside in case of inclement weather.

Join us for a great afternoon of Corvettes, Food and Great Company!





# June 2023

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Board Mtg  
Thomas'  
2 pm

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Gen. Mtg  
Kendall  
6 pm  
Roaring  
Rapids

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OPVA  
Car Show  
Salem

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BBQ @  
Vejnoska's

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Glass On  
Grass  
Brooks, OR

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Church  
Car Show

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Ride

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Spring  
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