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October Presidents Message

Hi everybody.

Here we are in October already. The year is flowing by like a broken-down dam (a tip of the hat to John Prine). A week ago, it was smokey and hot, now my cat won't go outside because it's too wet. Anyway, the air is much cleaner and cooler for those of us with yard work to catch up on. My condolences for those of you whose freshly washed Corvettes got rained on.

A lot happened last month, The biggest news is the passing of our former President and all-around great guy Stan Stiles. There is a Yiddish word that describes Stan to a tee...that word is Mensch. Per Wikipedia a Mensch is described as follows;
Mensch (**Yiddish**: from [Middle High German](#) Mensch, from [Old High German](#) mennisco; akin to [Old English](#) human being, man) means "a person of integrity and honor".^[1]

A mensch is "someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. The key to being 'a real mensch' is nothing less than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, decorous. The term is used as a high compliment, implying the rarity and value of that individual's qualities.

For me this describes Stan perfectly. One could not know Stan without realizing what a special person he was. I was going to include some of my experiences with him but after listening to so many, many tales from so many different people I'd be preaching to the choir. So, I'll let it go with this...**Stan was the man!**

Speaking of club presidents, elections are rolling around again. If you have a nomination to make or you want to throw your hat into the ring for a board position, please let it be known. Nobody has a corner on the market of good ideas and it could be you or your nominee that could change the world (or at least the club) for the better. We are seeking nominees during October and into November with new officers taking office during the Christmas Banquet.

While on the subject of the Christmas Banquet, be sure to sign up for this wonderful annual event. A tip of the hat to Vic Wolfe for all his efforts in planning this.

**That's all for this month,
Your humble narrator
and president at large,
Matt**



Some Dangers of Highway 36

For anyone not familiar with Hwy36 it can be a challenging road to travel, like our little Oregon Nurburgring, but not a ring. Here are some things to keep in mind:

-DEER (active in the morning)

-ROCKS CAN BE ON ROAD (particularly at the crest of Lowpass)

-PEDESTRIANS (might be near the Rockslides -but- not likely because of the overcast conditions, early time, & colder temps today.

-SPEED LIMITS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES (Triangle Lake, Deadwood, all have much lower and enforced speed limits than the rest of the spots. State Troopers are out here on weekends. No matter what we were just doing on those last twisties or that last straight, SLOW DOWN IN TOWNS.

-LEAVE SOME ROOM FOR THE UNEXPECTED (you want to push a little through a section of corners go for it, but leave room for the off chance that an oncoming F-350 might be half in your lane around that blind corner)

Remember we're not in a race, but we do want a "spirited" drive at times. The lead driver and the last driver of the group will have Walkie Talkies. Those two drivers will communicate to keep the group together, after intersections, or if some of the group gets fast through a section we can slow it down after that to tighten the group up again. No passing. If we get stuck behind a slow car so be it, it's too sketchy for a group to try to pass. I dont want any in the group left behind or pushed past their limits.



Lets Drive!

Early in September, member Jon Story proposed a drive to Florence by way of Hwy 36. Jon provided the info shown here. We tried to get the info to as many club members as possible and a few took the opportunity. Below is Jon's report.

"Everyone seemed happy with the drive. Nobody got left behind. Even though there was some spirited driving through some of the sections of corners. All in all it was a good time and everyone seemed happy with it. I would love to expand and repeat it

next year to more people, and a more varied group of cars. Of course, our club, perhaps the Porsche Club, EESCC members, friends of those groups, and some that aren't even in a group or a club necessarily.

Thanks again for your help. Putting the word out there last minute like you did.

I included the flyers that I sent out or photos of them rather. I thought it would be good to hand these out to people as they showed up."

P.S. My daughter took the photos of the cars.

Jon

Let's do more adventures like this! We have one more month of reasonable good weather and there will be lots of opportunities next year. Thank you Jon for the suggestion. With "just a bit more" notice we can do several runs like this next year!

Cascade Corvette Club also had a run planned for Sept. 10 with the local chapter of Porsche Club of America, but that fell through (again) at the last minute.



Corvettes on the Columbia 2023:

Event report by Stan Czerniak

Shannon and I had a great time with fellow CCC CORVETTERS Vic/Suzi Blomquist and Ken/Amber Judson and Richard Vejnaska and Fred Willer, as well as SOCA members Sharon/Bill Hook and Diane/Roy Hauser!!! Also, the Blue Demon II was awarded First Place in the C8 Coupe Class, out of 32, including 2 Z06 s! Thanks to Ken J, we have some great photos of this very fun event!!!



Grants Pass Automotive Corvette Show: Previously known as Jim Sigel Chevrolet

Event report by Stan Czerniak:

A great time at the Grants Pass Automotive Corvette Car Show yesterday! There were cars here from Idaho, California and all over Oregon ! Great Corvettes, great hosts, and some of the coolest Corvettes anywhere!

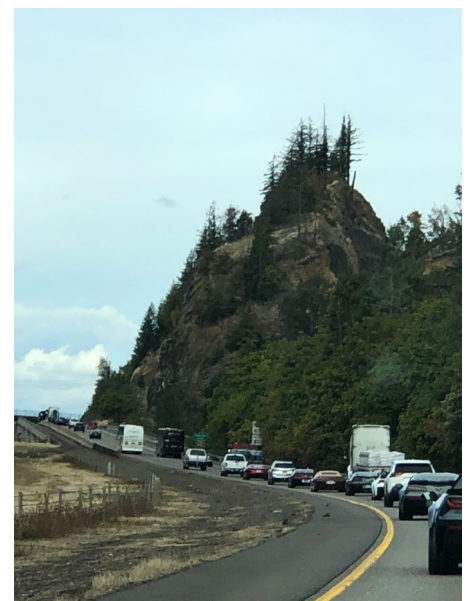


On September 28 Cascade Corvette Club was honored to be invited to escort the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight buses on their way to Portland and their flight to Washington, DC.

We gathered at the Eugene VA Clinic and had a chance to visit with some of the Veterans going on this flight. A very moving and emotional moment was a Native American Blessing Ceremony before the Vet's loaded their busses.



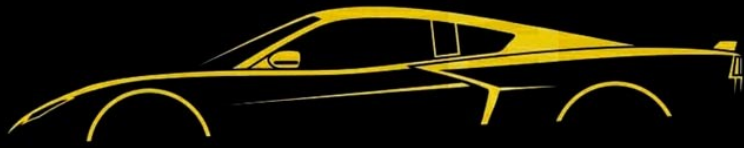
Our "caravan" was led by motorcycles from Patriot Riders and the Corvettes followed behind the buses. Leaving the VA was easy with Lane Co. Sheriff deputies blocking traffic for us. Once we reached I-5 North it became increasingly more difficult to stay together as a group. There was just *so much* traffic on I-5 it was impossible to stay together.



After our stint as escorts ended at the North Santiam rest area, we drove some "Corvette roads", ie, somewhat curvy and mostly free of traffic, to Lebanon where Jeff had arranged a late-lunch, early-dinner stop at Sum Yan, a family-owned Chinese restaurant. I believe everyone was impressed by both the food and the service. After eating, the group broke up and took several different routes home. I know two Corvettes opted for a route that included Sweet Home and Marcola where we could "stretch our legs".

Comments from club members following the escort were very much in favor of doing this again. Next time I would like to see more coordination between the motorcycles, bus drivers and the Corvettes to help us stay together better. Difficult to do with so much traffic.





Misc. Notes



2nd from left Stan & Becky's Torch Red '19 Grand Sport Convertible

On September 13, 2023 Cascade Corvette Club provided a fitting tribute to our friend Stan Stiles. You arrived at his memorial en masse, flying US & club flags. Thank You.

Suzi Blomquist is coordinating with Beaver State Corvette Club on a joint entry in the Albany Veteran's Day Parade. The Albany parade is always held on Veteran's Day, November 11. This year 11/11 is on a Saturday. You will be notified of a meeting place and departure time in advance of Nov. 11.

Richard & Sherry Vejnaska will be hosting a Harvest Festival Chili & Brats Potluck on Sunday Oct. 8 at 1:00 pm. Members will gather at Norma Pfeiffer park in Coburg to depart at 12:45 pm. Members are asked to supply chili, cornbread, salads, desserts and your own drinks. Flyer in newsletter.

Nominations for club Officers & Board Members will begin at the October meeting and conclude at the November meeting. Ballots will be distributed and new Officers & Board will be announced at our Annual Meeting / Christmas Party.

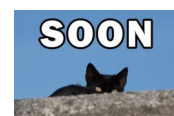
The October General Meeting will be returning to Kendall Chevrolet on Oct. 13 at 6:00 pm.

The September General Meeting / Hot Dog BBQ was a huge success for a large number of club members and an even greater number of yellowjackets! All ate well!!!



Year-End Banquet / Annual Meeting / Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 8 at Shadow Hills Country Club. The room rate and food prices have increased, but the menu will remain the same.

Stay tuned for an important announcement! President Matt will be announcing his Mystery Tour





Happy Birthday!

October 5 - Sarah Myers

October 8 - Dennis Cannon

October 10 - Gerry Swartz

October 16 - Larry Simelius

October 16 - Cecilie Simelius

October 16 - Matt Jacks

October 20 - Lonnie Hinde

October 23 - Susan Homolka

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.



Cascade Corvette Club History



I would like to take a look back at October 1, 2005 to an event that has garnered a lot of different names over the years. Originally known as the President's Mystery Tour, it became lovingly known as "Slick Vic's Mystery Tour and as you can see, it eventually became "Corvette Ski Team".

The plan was to drive up to Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood for lunch before heading to our destination for the night Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. It was cloudy with an occasional shower as we drove east on Hwy 26. Once we started climbing the mountain, it wasn't long until big, wet snowflakes began to "splat" our windshields. We had just bought our 2000 convertible days before and frankly, the tires were shot. In the photo above, the grade was actually quite steep and none of us could keep our Corvettes going in a straight line. We stopped—uh-oh, shouldn't have done that! Somehow we all managed to get turned around without going into the ditch and crept down off the mountain.

There was no shortage of things to talk about that night!



**October 8
Chili Feed & Brat BBQ**

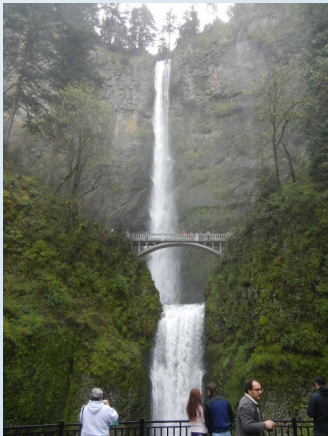
**November 11
Veteran's Day Parade
Albany**

**December 8
Year-End/Annual Mtg/Christmas Party
Shadow Hills Country Club**

More CCC History



2011 Big Sky Meet, Whitefish, MT



Columbia Gorge Tour 2015



National Corvette Caravan 2019



Napa Valley Tour 2013



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FIND NEW ROADS 

KENDALL
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Harvest Festival
Chili* and Brats Potluck
Sunday October 8th 1:00pm



Richard and Sherry Vejnaska have invited CCC to their house for our annual “Chili Feed” including BBQ’d Brats on Sunday October 8th starting at 1:00pm.

We are asking members to bring chili, cornbread, salad or desserts and your own drink of choice. (The club will provide plates, bowls, plasticware etc.)

Please RSVP to duckvett@comcast.net or call Nancy at 541-729-8405, and let her know what you would like to bring.

We will meet at the Norma Pfeiffer Park in Coburg and tour to their house at 12:45. For those that will be coming later their address is: 90560 Diamond Ridge Loop, Eugene, OR 97408 and the gate will be open.

The long-range weather is for mild autumn temperatures so we will be setting up outside- dress accordingly. (we will move things inside if it does rain).

*Label your Chili and the one voted “The Best” will win a prize!

Corvette Racing Lives On!

Although the factory-backed Corvette Racing team will end its run at the completion of the 2023 race season, Pratt Miller Motorsports has announced that they will continue to field Corvettes in both IMSA and FIA WEC with the formation of a new racing program – Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports. The new team will field a pair of new-for-2024, GT3-spec Corvettes in the GTD PRO category of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Although there are still a number of details to be disclosed, including the names of the future drivers for the pair of new GT3 Corvette race cars, this news has left many uneasy enthusiasts feeling a lot better about the future of Corvette – both as a race car and as a production vehicle.

Although Chevrolet is no longer backing a race team, their involvement with Pratt Miller Motorsports (PMM) will continue well beyond the completion of the 2023 race season.



Chevrolet Motorsports Competition Engineering and Pratt Miller Engineering began development of the Z06 GT3.R more than two years ago. The combined talents of both engineering powerhouses worked together to develop the car from scratch. The partnership made sense as both companies already had extensive knowledge of the Corvette Racing program thru their combined involvement for the past twenty five years. Additionally, their proximity to one another (Pratt Miller is located in New Hudson, Michigan, and GM's Propulsion Performance and Racing Center is located in Pontiac, Michigan) made the partnership an obvious choice. Pratt Miller dedicated their efforts to chassis development and overall engineering of the Z06 GT3.R while GM Propulsion Performance invested its time in the development and refinement of the 5.5-liter, flat-plane crankshaft DOHC LT6 V-8 engine.

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15 <i>(this day available for your trip ideas)</i>	16	17	18 	19	20	21
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