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Vette Gazette

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This will be a very abbreviated newsletter this month, there just isn't much to report on this time of year.



There are some activities coming in the next two months:

Nominations for club Officers and Board continues in November.

Our November meeting date has changed!! One month only, we will be meeting at Kendall Chevrolet on **Nov. 7**.

The largest Veteran's Day Parade in the West will be held Nov. 11 in Albany. Terry Thompson has us signed up and is having signs made for those who asked for them. Stay tuned for info about staging time and location.

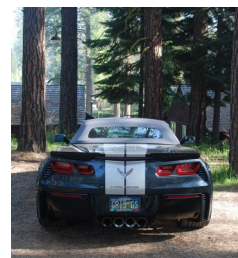
Annual Meeting / Christmas Party will be Dec. 7, 1:00 pm at Shadow Hills Country Club.

Shore Acres Christmas Light Tour is Dec. 9.

Cookie Exchange will be Dec. 14, 2:00 p.m. at Roaring Rapids Pizza.

*On the road again
Goin' places that I've never been
Seein' things that I may never see again
And I can't wait to get on the road again*

Willie Nelson



Halloween 2025

Our annual Halloween Party was smaller than usual, but we want to thank Larry & Simone for opening their home to us and preparing Larry's famous Pulled Pork.

I neglected to take photos of the costumes this year, so let me present a "portfolio" of costumes from previous Halloween parties.



Hi, this is Gerry Swartz. Connie and I have been in the Corvette Club for over 50 years. This is our story about our 2003, 50th Anniversary Corvette.

Our first one was given to for us by our son Greg for our 50th wedding anniversary. Who does that? Glad he is our son!

Since he grew up around the Corvette club he knows a lot of our members. So he phones up Jim & Nancy Garboden and asked them to store it in their garage until he was ready to present it to us on our anniversary.

This was during Covid, so Greg and the Garboden's had members do a drive by parade in front of our house and then gather at the church across the street so we could all visit with masks on. (see video on club website).

Fast forward 5 years and we had just washed the car and had it ready to go to the general meeting in Harrisburg and the Coos Bay show the next day. My back was hurting, so Connie drove it down to the Shell Station for gas. Someone (I am trying to be nice, I really want to say some Asshole) pulled out of a side street and right into the right side of our car totaling our beautiful Corvette. So we decided to find a replacement 50th Anniversary Corvette. Thank you to Greg and several members of the club that were all looking for a replacement for us.

Our second 50th Anniversary Corvette--Greg found one for sale on the internet in Lake Oswego, OR. He was able to set up something on his computer that flagged him every time an Anniversary Corvette came up for sale. He got a flag about one that was for sale in Lake Oswego. He went to look at it for us, because he lives in Lake Oswego. He checked it out, test drove it and called us and said "This is a great car". Jim & Nancy took Connie up to Lake Oswego to bring it to its new home. I couldn't go because I was isolating in prep of my upcoming operation.

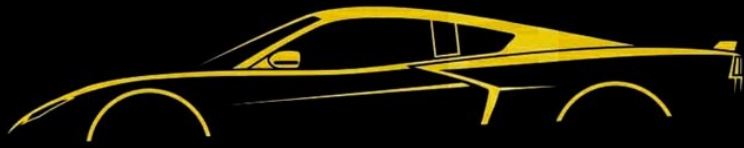
Last year our son had been looking for a C5 Z06. Again he found one on the internet. This time located in Eugene. Of course he called us and asked us to check it out. After a test drive, we called him and told him it was a good one that was owned by Eric Jones Motorsports and was in fantastic shape and the one to buy. He made the deal and we drove it up to Portland for him.

We really have to quit finding Corvettes for each other. But fun to have a son that loves Corvettes too.

We won't get too much of a chance to enjoy our second Anniversary Corvette until next spring. But we will get lots of drives in then.

And as a final note, I just want to add that the secret to this club are the **members**, not just the cars.





Misc. Notes

November Date Changes

Due to a “once a year” Friday night Big Ten football game on November 14 and the coinciding traffic nightmare involved, the Board voted to change our club meeting date.

The Board meeting will now be on Nov. 4, 2:00 pm at Thomas’.

The General meeting will be **November 7**, 6:00 pm at Kendall Chevrolet.

Veterans Day Parade

Cascade Corvette Club and Beaver State Corvette Club have been entered in the Albany Veterans Day Parade as a joint entry. We already have several members signed up to attend, but I believe the organizers have limited the number of cars we can enter. If you would like to be involved in honoring our veterans, please contact Terry Thompson at 5gables@comcast.net or 541-905-3785 to find out if he has slots available.

Welcome our new members

Sid Crenwelge visited our October meeting and joined that night. He just bought a 1980 Silver C3.

Gregory Clark lives in Pleasant Hill and recently bought a Silver 2007 convertible from Kendall.

Chris Haney lives in Banks, OR and bought a 2020 Shadow Gray (great color!!) coupe from Kendall.

Interesting Driver Information

Following a recent club meeting, one of our new members mentioned a driving practice that ALMOST no one pays any attention to — it has to do with turns. According to the latest Oregon Driver Manual it states: “Turn signals are used to communicate with other drivers where you intend to go. You must signal before you turn, change lanes, **exit a roundabout** (emphasis added), or pull away from a curb”. Have you ever seen anyone signal when exiting a roundabout? Since hearing of this I have noticed the only vehicles signaling are school and LTD buses. Just an FYI.

Toys-for-Tots

CCC will be participating in the annual Toys-for-Tots hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve program. At this time do not have the location where we will be able to make our in-person donation. We suggest that members be thinking about purchasing toys in the next 4-6 weeks as sales will be starting soon.

Shore Acres Christmas Lights

We have negotiated a special rate at Ko-Kwel (The Mill) Casino Resort for Dec. 9. If you would like to join the tour, respond to duckvett@comcast.net ASAP! We’ll inform you how to get that rate and share more info with you.



Happy Birthday!

November 2 - Cathy Tracy

November 20 - Cathy Lehman

November 23 - Tony Speck

November 28 - Jon Story

November 30 - Don Mouldton



Nancy and I have been doing this club newsletter using Microsoft Publisher. It is easy to learn and easy to work with. Probably why Microsoft has chosen to “kill” Publisher.

We received notice that Microsoft would not be continuing support for the software “soon”, which I took to mean *soon* and I was panicking. Thanks to Bill Stuart who speaks the language for digging into it and informing me that “soon” actually means October 2026. So we will be able to continue the newsletter in this format for 11 more months.

But....let’s talk about the future. I found that I could possibly purchase a lifetime version of Publisher 2021 and could merrily go about my business *FOREVER*. Unless you got a fake license or a license that had already been used or there are so many other programs tied to it that you don’t use or need.....I could go on.

So, it boils down to this:
We’ll keep the newsletter going as you see it until October 2026, at which time I could find another program or I could hand it off to someone else who wants to try their hand at club journalism.

I could really use some feedback on this. Do you find the newsletter useful? Or would you rather just receive emails about club functions?

Email: duckvett@comcast.net

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.



Date Change
November 7
General Meeting
Kendall Chevrolet

November 11
Veterans Day Parade
Albany

December 7
Annual Christmas Party
Shadow Hills Country Club

December 14
Annual Cookie Exchange
Roaring Rapids Pizza

Big Sky Corvette Meet
Bozeman, MT
Memorial Day weekend 2026



Big Sky '22 at the Continental Divide
Yes, it was cold!
100 Corvettes, one outhouse.

June 26 - 27
Corvettes on the High Desert
Bend, OR

My brain is like The
Bermuda Triangle...



Information
goes in
and then
it's never
found
again.

Some people think
I am going crazy..



The joke
is on them!
I went there
years ago,
fell in love with the
place and decided to stay!



Yes, I am going to use this spelling to
announce our monthly club breakfast,
er..I mean breckfust next year!

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Annual Dues: Individual \$40 - Couple / Family \$45	\$
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Name	E-mail Address	Birthday (Month / Day)

Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone(s)	

Your Corvette Information

Year	Model	Color	Custom Plate

Special Features

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Yes / No - Permission is granted to share the above information in the club roster.

Yes / No - Permission is granted to use my vehicle images and information in the club website and newsletter.

I / We hereby apply for membership in the Cascade Corvette Club Inc. in the classification above. I / We agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club and the regulations governing its operation as adopted by the membership.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Annual Meeting / Christmas Party

Shadow Hills Country Club, Sunday, December 7

1:00 pm No-Host Bar, 2:00 pm Lunch Buffet

Followed by the Annual Meeting and Christmas Gift Exchange

*****If you are participating in the Gift Exchange bring a wrapped Christmas gift with a value of \$15 - \$20 and please no "white elephant gifts" *****

Spencer's Butte Buffet menu is Chicken Piccata, Braised Beef in a merlot-mushroom sauce, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Mixed Greens Salad, Fresh Fruit, Rolls and Butter, Holiday Theme Cakes for dessert, coffee, tea, lemonade, water. (Vegetarian entrée by request) The cost for members is \$45 per person. The club is paying the remaining costs.



Registration cut-off deadline is Nov. 21

Name(s) _____

Amount enclosed _____

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Winterizing your Corvette

There are as many opinions about winterizing your Corvette as there are "Corvette experts" on the planet. On this page I am going to give you some options - you decide what works best for you.

1. Install a battery tender. C5, 6, 7 & 8 Corvettes are dependent on a healthy battery. Some Corvettes have been known to drain a battery in a matter of weeks if not driven regularly. Not all battery tenders are created equal. You want one that monitors the charge level and maintains the level, not one that has a constant (trickle) charge. My favorite battery tenders are Ctek (suppliers of the "Battery Protection Package that came with your new C7). Not cheap, but they won't burn down your Corvette or garage.
2. Fuel tank, full or less than 1/4? In the past we were told to fill the tank to avoid condensation, but ethanol fuel will attract moisture if the tank is full or nearly empty. Another school of thought is to have less than 1/4 tank to avoid immersing the fuel sensor for long periods of time. Um...isn't that it's job?
3. Using a fuel stabilizer. A fuel stabilizer like Sta-Bil will prevent the ethanol fuel from attracting moisture over an extended period of non-use. We in the Mid-Willamette Valley are blessed (?) with normally mild winter weather. There are times when we can drive our Corvettes on those rare winter days above 50 degrees and dry roads.
4. Start the car every week to get it up to operating temperature. Sometimes this can do more harm than good. Just starting your Corvette and letting it idle in the garage will cause condensation in the engine and exhaust system. Then you shut it off and that water has nowhere to go, so it starts eating metal. You need to drive your Corvette to get everything up to a temperature hot enough to "cook" that condensation.
5. Change oil & filter before or after winter storage. Used motor oil near the end of your "Oil Life Monitor" percentage is full of deposits and acid that like to sit in a cold engine and make sludge. If you change oil before winter storage, your Corvette engine sleeps with nice clean oil, but...Oil Life percentage algorithms use time in their calculations. You may change oil and reset the Oil Life to 100%, but when you take the car out of storage in April you could be down to 60-70%. If you don't have many miles on the oil, just reset the monitor to 100% with a clean conscience.
6. Pump up the tires to prevent flat-spotting. Modern radial tires do not flat-spot like the old bias-ply tires did, but you can raise the pressure to 35-36 psi and monitor the pressure during the winter months. Additionally, one can place carpet squares or some other type of pad to prevent cold-soak from the concrete floor. If you are running Michelin Pilot Super Sport or Cup2 tires, do not drive in temperatures lower than 40 degrees. The compound become hard and slick risking cracking and loss of traction.
7. If you drop insurance coverage, don't forget to reinstate in the Spring.

November 2025

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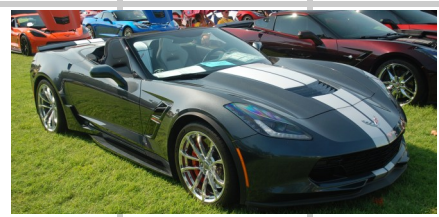
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