



# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter July 2026

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## President's Ponderings

It seems like we just welcomed June, and somehow it's already July! Time certainly flies when you're surrounded by great friends, fun events, and beautiful Corvettes. As we celebrate Independence Day this month, it's also exciting to recognize America's 250th Anniversary—a milestone that reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy and the pride we share in this great country.

As we head into another busy stretch of the year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has dedicated their time and energy to making our club such a great organization. A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped organize, run, and volunteer at the COHD Car Show. Despite everything Mother Nature threw our way, your dedication, flexibility, and positive attitudes made the event a success. One of the highlights of the month was our club presenting donation checks to Partners In Care and Friends of the Children for the COHD event. Seeing the positive impact our club can make in the community is something we should all be proud of, and it's a direct reflection of the generosity, hard work, and commitment of our members.

We've already enjoyed some fantastic events, social nights, and memorable long weekends together, and it's been great seeing so many familiar and new faces participating. The friendships, camaraderie, and willingness of our members to step up and help are what continue to make this club so special.

Looking ahead, the calendar only gets busier. We have plenty of drives, events, and opportunities to get involved over the coming months. Please take a few minutes to review the Activities sign-up sheet at our business meetings and consider lending a hand where you can. If you're unable to attend the meeting, be sure to watch for Sande's email with the completed sign-up list. Whether you're organizing an event, volunteering behind the scenes, or simply coming out to enjoy the fellowship, every member plays an important role in making our club successful.

Thank you for making this such an outstanding club. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming drives and events. Until then, drive safely, enjoy your Corvette, and continue making this club one we're all proud to be a part of.

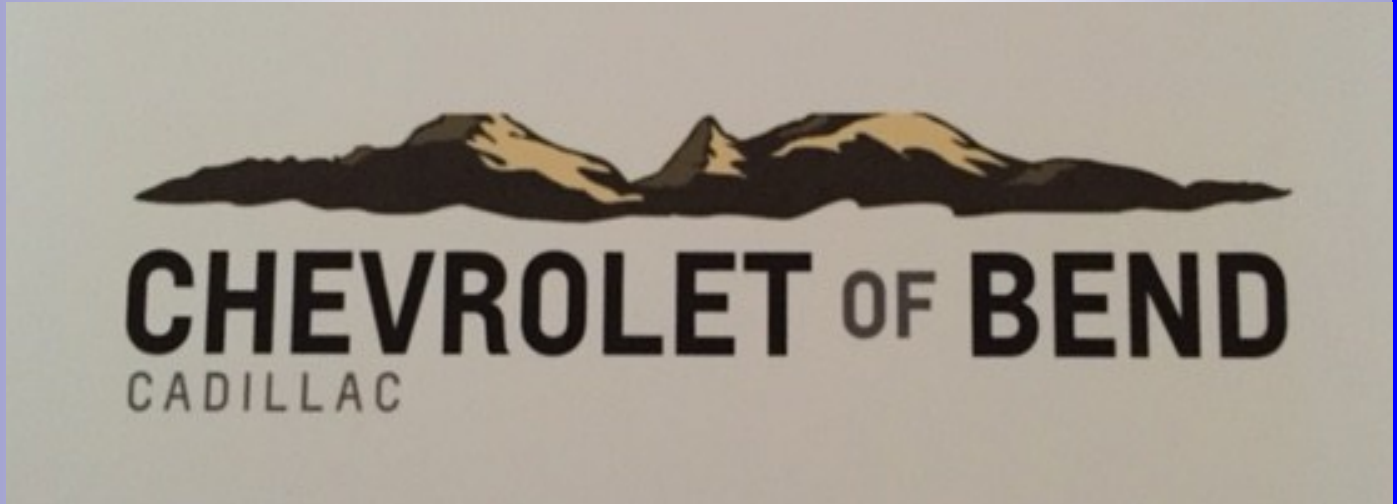
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HDCC President





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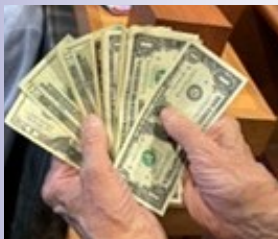


## July Birthdays

- 7 Julio Gogas Jr
- 7 Bill Sheaffer
- 16 Tomoko Petersen
- 20 Don Ginter
- 21 Lori Nelson
- 31 Gary Laursen

## July Anniversaries

- 21 Mike & Kimi Broadley
- 22 Frank & Barbara Addressio
- 28 Sam & Carolyn Davis
- 30 Walt & Roiann Santos



## HDCC Events

- July 4 Parade In Redmond, **PIC= Don and Dee Ginter**
- July 13 Drive out to Maupin **PIC=Dean & Sandi Cowell**
- July 25 Touchmark Car Show **PIC Charlie Thomson**
- July 29 Social Night at the Larson's Home **PIC Barry & Christine Larson**
- August 8 Corvettes on the Bay
- August 14-16 Wine Tour Eugene OR **PIC= Eric & Mirium Lea**
- Sept 11-13 President's Mystery Tour **PIC= Nate & Rebecca Marker**
- Sept 12 Glory Daze Car Show Sisters
- Sept 10-12 Corvettes on the Columbia
- Sept 19 First Ever High Chair Poker Run **PIC= Kunzman Marker, Zumwalt**  
(PIC = Person In Charge)
- Highway Clean-up Dates**
- Sept 12 **PIC= Eric & Miriam Lea**

Barry Larson won the 50/50 Jackpot

In the amount of \$57.00

## On the lighter side.



"We found a concerning amount of car wax in your system. I suggest taking a break from waxing your Corvette."

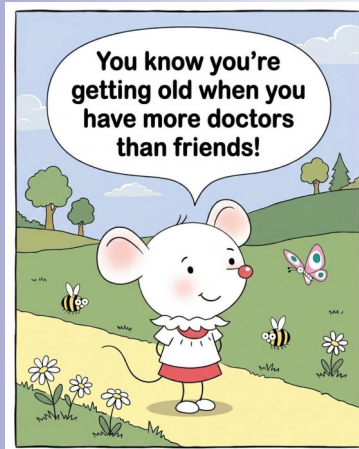
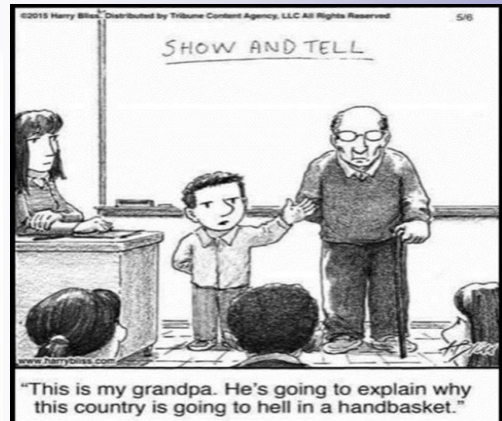
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After

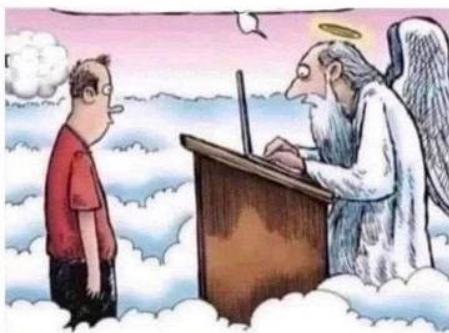


When you smoke weed for the first time



**We didn't have "urgent care."  
We had Mercurochrome,  
a Band-Aid, and a mother  
who said "You'll live."  
And you did.**

**You Almost Made It  
Except For The Language  
When Working On Your Truck.**



No amount  
of  
evidence  
will ever  
persuade  
an idiot.

Mark Twain

An Indiana man followed this Chinese spy balloon for 194 miles before he realized it was bird shit on his windshield.





## Vette-A-Bration Yakima WA

Four cars from HDCC attended the car show in Yakima WA. The attendance for the event was significantly smaller than in previous years. About a third of what it has been in past years. None the less, the event was well organized and the people were friendly and helpful. John Shaw and Gary Laursen were winners in several categories.



John Shaw won 2nd place in best of show for C7 and fastest time in the quarter mile for Corvettes.



Gary Laursen won best of show for C8. Also he won best of show for 1980 and above out of 625 cars at the Medford OR Car show.



## A List For Aging Wisely

I found this List of 21 Things To Consider For Aging full of words of wisdom. I hope you like it.

- 1. It's time to use the money you have saved.** Spend it and enjoy it. Don't keep it for a relative with big plans for your hard-earned money. This stage of life is also a bad time for new investments, even if it seems risk-free. Investments this late in life only bring problems and worries.
- 2. Stay healthy without a lot of physical effort.** Do moderate exercise, like going for walks every day, eat well, and get plenty of sleep. It's easy to become ill, and it gets harder to remain healthy.
- 3. Stop worrying about your kids finances.** You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education, food, shelter, and support. It is now their responsibility to earn their own money and provide for themselves. They will be OK!
- 4. Always buy the best items for your significant other.** One day you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort, so enjoy it together while you can.
- 5. Don't stress over the little things in life.** You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the present day. Small issues will soon be forgotten.
- 6. Regardless of your age, always keep love and romance alive.** Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbor, love your cat or dog. Always remember this quote: "A man is not old as long as he has intelligence and affection."
- 7. Be strong and proud, both inside and out.** Don't stop going to your hair salon or barber, do your nails, go to the dermatologist and the dentist, and keep your perfumes and creams well stocked. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong."
- 8. Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age but keep your own sense of style.** There's nothing worse than an older person trying to wear what the youngsters are wearing. You've developed your own sense of what looks good on you – keep it and be proud of it. It's part of who you are.
- 9. ALWAYS stay up-to-date.** Read newspapers, surf the Internet, and watch the news. Make sure you have an active email account and try to use one of the social networks. You'll be surprised at what old friends you'll meet. Staying connected with the people you know is important.
- 10. Respect the younger generation and their opinions.** Hopefully, they will return the respect. They may not have the same ideals as you, but they are the future and will take the world in their direction. Give advice, not criticism, and try to remind them that yesterday's wisdom still applies today.
- 11. Never use the phrase: "In my day."** Your day is now. As long as you're alive, you are part of this time. You may have been younger, but you are still you. Have fun and enjoy life. You have a lifetime of experiences and knowledge that can be shared with anyone that is willing to listen and learn.
- 12. Do not surrender to the temptation of living with your children if you have a financial choice.** Being with family sounds great, but we all need our privacy. They need theirs and you need yours. If you've lost your partner (my deepest condolences), and don't want to live alone, then find a person to move in with you and help out.
- 13. Accept invitations, even if you don't feel like it.** Try to go to baptisms, parties, graduations, birthdays, weddings, and conferences. Experience something new or something old, but don't get upset when you're not invited. Some events are limited by resources, and not everyone can be hosted. The important thing is to leave the house from time to time. Go to museums or walk through a park.
- 14. Pain and discomfort go hand in hand with getting older.** Try not to dwell on it but accept it as a part of the cycle of life we're all going through. Try to minimize the pain and discomfort in your mind. They are not who you are, they are something that life added to you. If they become your entire focus, you lose sight of the person you used to be.
- 15. Embrace your golden years, don't become bitter and surly.** Life is too short to waste your days on the latter. Spend your time with positive, cheerful people, your days will be much better. Spending your time with bitter people will make you older and harder to be around.
- 16. Don't abandon your hobbies.** If you don't have any, make some new ones. You can travel, hike, cook, read, and dance. You can adopt a cat or a dog, grow a garden, play cards, checkers, chess, dominoes, and golf. You can paint, volunteer, or just collect certain items. Find something you like and spend some time having fun with it.
- 17. Be a conversationalist.** Talk less and listen more. Listen first and answer questions, but don't go off into long stories unless asked to. Speak in courteous tones and try not to complain or criticize too much unless you really need to. Try to accept situations as they are. Everyone is going through the same things, and people have a low tolerance for hearing complaints.



## List for Aging Wisely Continued

**18. If you've been offended by someone – forgive them.** If you've offended someone – apologize. Don't be resentful. It only serves to make you sad and bitter. It doesn't matter who was right. Someone once said: "Holding a grudge is like taking poison and expecting the other person to die." Don't take that poison. Forgive, forget, and move on with your life.

**19. If you have a strong belief, savor it.** But don't waste your time trying to convince others. They will make their own choices no matter what you tell them, and it will only bring you frustration. Live your faith and set an example. Live true to your beliefs and let that memory sway them.

**20. Laugh. Laugh A LOT.** Laugh at everything. Remember, you are one of the lucky ones. You managed to have a life, a long one. Many never get to this age and never get to experience a full life. But you did. So what's not to laugh about? Find the humor in your situation.

**21. Take no notice of what others say about you and even less notice of what they might be thinking.** They'll do it anyway, and you should have pride in yourself and what you've achieved. Let them talk and don't worry. They have no idea about your history, your memories, and the life you've lived so far. There's still much to be written, so get busy writing and don't waste time thinking about what others might think. Now is the time to be at rest, at peace, and as happy as you can be!

**REMEMBER: "Life is short...Live, Love, and Laugh."**

## CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT 2026

COHD 2026 is complete and in the books as a success. With the exception of a Friday afternoon squall that came through and almost blew the large tent down, all went smoothly.

Saturday morning started off a little over cast and cool. Actually it was cool all day but that didn't seem to hamper the fun everyone was having. In the morning there was plenty of hot coffee and donuts to keep us warm and the attendees came to the tent for a little conversation and opportunity to get to know one another better.

Both Friday and Saturday meals were good as everyone migrated to the Rivers Edge club house to warm up and enjoy hamburgers Friday and a chicken lunch on Saturday.

The weekend ended with 50/50 drawing, silent action winners and trophy awards.

Special credit goes to: Harry and Ingrid Bongers for a great job coordinating COHD. Ingrid Bongers, Jeanett Woodall and Roiann Santos for registration day of. Casey Gibbs and crew for a great job parking cars. Dave Roth for the Golf Tournament and Mt. Bachelor dinner that never was. Dave Schneider for tallying the ballots, Debbiie Scherrer and Sande Burgess for organizing the silent auction and decorating the tables. Honorable Mention goes to Lori Schneider and Carolyn Davis who were always there to lend a helping hand. There was a great crew of miscellaneous members who helped set up and take down the tables and chairs.

Thank you to all who participated in this great event.



***Don't Let This Be You, Get Out And Drive !!!!!***





## *The Fourth of July*

As we all know, the 4th of July, also known as Independence Day, is the national holiday in the United States that commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It marks the historic moment the 13 American colonies officially declared their separation from Great Britain to become a sovereign, independent nation. This fourth of July is particularly noteworthy as it is the 250th anniversary of existence for this great nation. A time to reflect on successes and sacrifices made to reach this milestone and appreciate how lucky we are to live in the United States of America.

An American flag made out of 200  
corvettes old and new





## Jacksonville Retreat 2026





## Corvettes on the High Desert 2026



## National Corvette Day

Eleven HDCC Corvettes left Ray's parking lot in Sisters headed over Santiam Pass on the way to Mt. Angel to celebrate National Corvette Day. The trip was organized by the Cheney's and the Derr's. After a hearty lunch at the Mt Angel Sausage Company we all headed in different directions. It was a nice day for a drive and the weather co-operated. Thanks to the Cheney's and the Derr's for organizing the trip.

