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Yakima Vette-A-Bratton 2014 by Duncan & Dee

Once again Yakima Valley Vettes have set the bar very high and their Vette-A-Bratton is the big meet that other clubs' events must try to emulate.

We had a Friday launch with 5 Corvettes; your reporters leading in the blue '04, Maury & Sandy in the yellow '03, Mark & Kathe in their blue '04, plus non-CdeO outliers Marion & Mary Ann in the steel blue '91 and Dave & Claudia in their red '97. Right behind our pack came other locals Don & Sally in a '78 Pace Car. We peeled off SR 410 and corkscrewed and climbed past Enumclaw on Mud Mountain Road, with a scenic stop at the dam of the same name. Country highways led us over Chinook Pass with some remaining snowdrifts up there at 5432 feet, then lunch at Whistlin' Jack Lodge, overlooking the roaring river. Down in Naches we veered southwest for Sports Motoring on some frantic back roads through the farm and hill country and when we returned to US 12 Mark & Kathe turned toward home to complete their private One Lap of Mount Rainier.



After pulling into the Red Lion Hotel everyone picked up their meet materials and headed for the poolside hospitality suite for some free-flowing adult beverages, at least for those who weren't washing the road dust off their Corvettes. Some were amazed that we could wash our car with the top down. (Do it all the time in season; just be careful with the hose) Then came the free steak dinner with all the trimmings (including more adult beverages) courtesy of Bob Hall, the local Chevrolet merchant, with his showroom set up as a palatial dining salon around a new C7 roadster and a very nice C6 Z06; all you need is money. All our Corvettes were parked by generations across the dealership's front lot, kind of a warmup car show that attracted a lot of public attention.

Saturday morning seventy-seven Corvettes ranging from a 1954 to four C7s filled the lush lawn of Sarg Hubbard Park, one of the nicest car show venues this side of Pebble Beach. Everyone posed and detailed cars until noon; then the participants stampeded to the catered spaghetti and chicken alfredo lunch under the picnic gazebo, while the judges took the field, checking cars for "dirt where dirt shouldn't be" as one said. We snagged 3rd place in the C5 roadster class, rather surprising for our "driver" Corvette, as she was up against some impressively turned out competition. Always remember to take your taillights apart and clean the Torx fasteners in the dishwasher. Perhaps appropriately, we won a package of microfiber polishing cloths in the raffle.



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Corvettes de Olympia is a non-profit organization formed in 1972. Our purpose is to:

1. Develop friendship and pride among Corvette owners and drivers,
2. Encourage skillful, safe and sportsmanlike driving habits on the highways,
3. Improve relations between the community and Corvette people,
4. Actively promote, sponsor, organize, and supervise sports car competition, outings, meetings and other Corvette or sports car activities.

Annual membership dues are Family—\$55.00, Single—\$27.50. Monthly meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Hawk's Prairie Restaurant. Meetings are open to any and all Corvette enthusiasts.

Visit us on the web at: www.corvettesdeolympia.org

Next Meeting

July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



I write this President's Message having just arrived home from an exhilarating lap around Mt. Rainier with our club.

What fun it was to effortlessly caravan through miles and miles of forested mountain roads. It was easy, natural, and fun.

Now I am thinking that everything we do should be that way. That includes our parades, picnics and fundraising activities such as Vette Fest.

I believe it possible due to our common love of Corvettes and the automatic companionship available between Corvette owners.

Save the Wave,

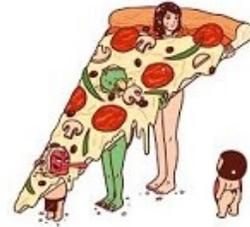
Anne

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Corvettes de Olympia

1972	Rich Lockhart
1973	Larry Johnson
1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
1976	Ralph Adams
1977	Bill Pollard
1978	Sandy Lockhart
1979	Mike Halliday
1980	Ralph Adams
1981	Larry Johnson
1982	Mike Halliday
1983	Karen Johnson
1984	Jerry Crabill
1985	Tom Kuchman
1986	Larry Johnson
1987	Duncan Johnson
1988	Skip Burch
1989	Jim Turcotte
1990	Karen Johnson
1992	Tom Kuchman
1991	Ron Zielin
1993	Roy Scioli
1994	Tom Hanson
1995	Tom Kuchman
1996	Peggy Rogers
1997	Peggy Rogers
1998	Karen Johnson
1999	Randy Harris
2000	Randy Harris
2001	Jim Turcotte
2002	Peggy Rogers
2003	Peggy Rogers
2004	Vince Puntenev
2005	Vince Puntenev
2006	Vince Puntenev
2007	Brian Cousineau
2008	Peggy Rogers
2009	Meagan Renick
2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick
2013	Anne Wax

of their micro production line. Realizing where we were (on the road to Moxee,) we pasted together a further run over Konnowac Pass Road (a favorite "technical section") to Windy Point winery (another favorite,) although Dee's GPS wanted to take us to Indiana for some obscure reason. From Windy Point we were able to dope out a route along Thorp Road (a favorite canyon run) and back to the hotel in time to pig out at the poolside beer & pizza party, the Official Food Of Motorsports.



Later into the night we set up our bag chairs on the sidewalk in front of the hotel and settled in to watch the "Cruise The Ave" open cruising event, where local motor-heads of all varieties are actually encouraged to come out with their exotic machines and misbehave a bit up and down the public streets. THIS is where all the young people in the hobby are out having fun; event promoters take note. Everything in the history of the automobile motored past us: Corvettes, other sports cars, VW Beetles, rice grinders, a hippie van, pickups, low riders, high riders, monster trucks, motor-sickles of every variety, a raspberry pink stretch-SUV limo, rods 'n' kustoms from rat rods to Oakland Roadster Show winners, Dukes of Hazzard Dodge, James Dean Mercury, antiques, classics; the mind just boggles.



This did seem to be The Official Weekend of Electrical Gremlins, and we swear it is because these Corvettes talk to each other when we are not paying attention to them. We had earlier replaced the elderly battery in our Corvette as a precaution during her 10-year maintenance; perhaps other machines were jealous. When the C4 parked next to Marion & Mary Ann was called for a show trophy, it wouldn't start. Marion applied his jumper cables to his neighbor and launched them OK. Later at the end of the show, somebody's C6 was also no-go. Preparing to come home Monday, there was low voltage on Maury & Sandy's Corvette; tightening a battery cable fixed that. Hmmm...

But we digress. Sunday morning there were more awards by the pool: club participation, longest distance, 50-50 raffle, none of which involved us. Then we usual suspects set off on the road rally & poker run, about 40 miles of the typical devious country roads between roughly Naches and Selah, punctuated with devilish gimmicks about what you saw along the way... and no "general instructions" so nobody was sure where we should be looking or what we should be counting. Oh well, "get inside the rallymaster's mind" and give it your best shot. No, don't do that; it didn't work for us. Ask Marion &

Mary Ann; for the second year straight they won first overall on the gimmicks. We expect they'll return for a Hat Trick three-peat.

After the post rally party at yet another home with a fabulous view (which is all the host club seems to have) we ran Konnowac Pass Road again because it leads to lots of wineries. For the record we tasted leisurely at Bonair, Tanjuli and Severino and they are all good. Bought so many Products we put the top up to create more trunk space. Coming home Monday there was nobody on the highways and we motored all the way to Crystal Mountain before we bogged down behind an RV whale migration at a construction delay. See you next time.



Rally winners, Marion & Mary Ann Bartholomew ('91 coupe)



Our man in Yakima gets a prize

Test Your Knowledge:

Although the generation 2 Corvette C-2 "Sting Ray" was introduced in 1963, it did not keep it's name in 1968. It was renamed in 1969 to what name?



1963 Corvette Sting Ray Coupe



1971 Corvette Stingray Convertible




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Flag Day Parade by Denny and Josette Miller

Eleven cars gathered at Barnes and Noble for an 8:00 am departure for Ocean Shores including: Denny and Josette, Lee Cousineau, Brian and Betsy, Billy, Gary, Marilyn, Lee Smith, Anne, Doug and Velma, Keith and Beth, and Shoshannah.

As with most of the driving on this day, the departure via Cooper Point Road and the Highway 101 on-ramp went smoothly. Then we went through the Black Hills on Highway 8 in light traffic and west on Highway 12 to our usual Chevron Service Station in Montesano.



Blue Slough was a blast once again, followed by a remarkably orderly drive through Cosmopolis, over the bridge to Aberdeen, and Hoquiam. On the other side of Hoquiam, we headed west on Highway 109 toward Ocean Shores. Highway 109 has a section of "driver's road" where it turns away from its coastal route presents a few miles of curves. Because the road has heavy traffic, we usually follow traffic through these curves at a frustratingly slow speed. This year we decided to hang back on the drive to the curves, and then drive through them at Corvette speed. It worked.

Nick and Sandi, who live in Ocean Shores, registered our club for the parade before we arrived so, after a quick check in with the registration office, we drove straight to our assigned position. Our parade position placed us right at the intersection of Ocean Shores Blvd and Anchor Ave. Everyone parked on Anchor Ave with Nick and Sandi holding down our position on Ocean Shores Blvd.



The parade itself was a slow affair; it took over 30 minutes to travel the one mile course. But the Ocean Shores parade watchers were their usual friendly selves so it was an enjoyable occasion.



After the parade, all of us drove directly to La Maracas Mexican restaurant where we had a fine meal.

Upon finishing lunch, most of us toured together back to Olympia. The drive back included holding back before the curves on Highway 109, a smooth drive through Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis, a spirited drive through Blue Slough road, and a quick stop at the Chevron station in Montesano.

I must say I can't think of a better way to have spent the day.

One Lap Around Mt. Ranier-2014 cont. from pg. 6

We eventually passed through the Cayuse tunnel and arrived at the Chinook Highway. We turned right and headed uphill in fog and light showers. We didn't stop at Tipsoo Lake but instead continued east, anxious for the anticipated clearer weather in Eastern Washington.



We travelled east on Highway 410 for 20 miles, while the clouds overhead grew thinner and thinner. Just as we approached our picnic ground destination we started to see patches of blue sky. It wasn't ideal, but we enjoyed our picnic lunches under almost-sunny conditions.



The bathroom facilities were locked so after lunch we all drove a few miles past the grounds to the Whistlin Jack gas station for a bathroom break. Then we turned back and drove back over Chinook Pass and continued on Highway 410 to Enumclaw, where we stopped at McDonald's.



After a break, we headed for home by back roads that took us through South Prairie, Orville Road, Kapowsin, and back to Yelm. That ended this very fine and fun tour.

Minutes of the General Meeting

General Membership Meeting

Hawks Prairie Inn

June 11th, 2014 7:00-8:00

Call To Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes (Anne Wax)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn Restaurant in Lacey, followed by introductions. The meeting minutes from last month's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report (Will Trogden)

Will presented the report. Will can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested.

Committee Reports

Sponsorship Update (Peggy Rogers)

No news.

Membership Update (Billy Smith)

Membership is up-to-date. We have one new member application, and a few new attendees.

Sunshine Chair (Brenda Johnson)

Michael Renick had a bad break to his foot from a BMX bike accident. We purchased a Meconi's gift card in lieu of flowers for him.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

There are a few errors with some of the older events, which Wendy and Anne are working on.

The club members voted to not post the Treasurer's report on the web site. The Membership roster was passed around for any corrections, and the web site was updated.

Wendy sometimes receives returned emails when sending out the newsletter – please check your email on the roster to make sure it's right.

PLEASE upload pictures – Wendy would be happy to upload for you!!

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Continuing to upload more pictures. Check out the latest pictures and videos on the website.

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

No news.

NWACC (George Schwartz)

Check out the Autocross school on June 14th, followed the next day with Autocross #2 -- see flyer and registration form on the Web site.

National Corvette Museum (George Schwartz)

Come check out the sink hole – it's available until August for tourists.

Vette Fest X (Arthur Green)

Planning is going well.

T-shirts: Pretty close to ordering T-Shirt designs. Marilyn has designed a very cool T-shirt for the event. Even non-T-shirt wearers will want this one. J

Ambassadors: Duncan will be ambassador for us in the Yakima trip. Come join Anne to Glass Odyssey tour – see website or Anne. Looking for ambassadors to hand out flyers to other club events.

Raffle Prizes: Committee has been working on tools for tracking prizes. Could really use help soliciting raffle prizes. Please send donations to the committee as soon as possible so we can stay organized.

Day of Show: Could use volunteers for Day of Show roles, like parking and judging. Come join the fun - we'll train you!

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

We've been having fun!! See event calendar for details on all events.

Where we've been:

Shelton Autocross – Don, Meagan, Gary and Larry went to the first NWACC autocross. Check out the pictures on the website. Ended at O'Blarney's in honor of the rainy weather. Come join the next one - newer cars have no trouble with the course, and will improve your Blue Slough driving abilities!

SW Washington Tour – Great roads and beautiful scenery. Great turnout, lunch at Westport, and Blue Slough run of course. Saw 150 sea lions hanging around in Westport!

Shelton Car Show-off – Five of us went – 420 cars total. A great show with a small town feel. The Greenwood car show in Seattle is coming up – huge!! Right around Woodland Park Zoo. Wendy will add to the website.

Majestic Glass Corvette Club in Anacortes – great weather, right on the waterfront. Saturday was Vettes only, and Sunday was for everyone. Harborfest was going on that weekend, so lots of vendors, Farmer's Market – lots to do.

Coming Up:

Ocean Shores Flag Day Parade – We will be doing Blue Slough twice! Parade starts at 11am, so will leave at 8am.

NWACC Autocross Training – this is full.

Yakima Valley Vettes – 4 cars going, Duncan is leading the tour to Yakima. 20th. Meet with Duncan at the Safeway parking lot – see website for details.

Yelm Parade – Gary has two small princesses attending, so attendance is required. J At least 6 cars will be going. Parade starts at 6pm, will stage at 5:30.

One Lap Around Mt. Rainier Day Tour – If weather is good, will try to lunch at Paradise. Otherwise, will drive a more familiar route. Denny will be leading because Randy can't make it this year. The road we took last year is under construction, so Josette and Denny will test the roads to make sure they are ready for us.

Fourth of July Parade – our picnic for the Fourth of July will be at Doug and Velma's. Should be fun!

General Membership Meeting: cont. from page 8

Freedom Fest - "Classy Chassy Car Show" – at July 4th, big event.

Other Announcements (see website for details)

We have 12 rooms at Lake Pateros for sign up – will be in September.

Old and New Business

Had some interesting interactions with the company we ordered the sweatshirts from. E-board is working to get the orders completed before the August trip.

Terry Durbin passed away in March. He was a great supporter of our club and really went out of his way to help with Vettefest. Tacoma club is hosting a celebration on Saturday 28th of June with an Italian potluck. Need a count of who will attend -- please contact Anne.

Club discussed that the newsletter is useful, and it be good to have it mailed out earlier so folks that can't attend the meetings will get the info on events coming up before the events.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Thanks to Jim and Karen, who went over the top and donated a great prize of wine, cheese, and salmon.

And the Winners Are:

Renee won the basket

Randy Harris won \$38 for the 50/50, who will bring the next fabulous gift

Meeting Adjourned

4th of July PicNc at Doug and Velma Roger's Home, by Wendy Forcier

It was a warm dry day, Thankfully, with an awesome group of Corvette lovers and a couple of tables of FOOD.



We all caravanned to Doug and Velma Rogers' home after the Tumwater 4th of July Parade. They more than welcomed us into their home on Steamboat Isle for some good eats. Velma's sister, Pearl, was at the grill. I wish I could have caught a picture of Pearl's face when the smoke hit the wind at full gust right at her face. It sure was a site to see.

We all shared a bit of relaxing conversing and an enormously grand view of Mt. Ranier and Steamboat Island Peninsula from the Roger's home. It was a site to see, especially through the binoculars provided by Velma.

It was a must come and relax day.



Thank You Doug and Velma Rogers.



Upcoming Events

July

- Fri 4th Tumwater 4th of July Parade*
- Fri 4th 4th of July Picnic at Doug and Velma's Home*
- Fri 4th Freedom Fest "Classy Chassis Car Show" at JBLM Memorial Stadium
- Sat 5th Columbia River Corvettes' "Bow Tie Bash" in Longview, WA
- Wed, 9th CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
- Fri-Sat 11-13th Shadow of the Mountain Tacoma Corvette Club in Leavenworth, WA
- Sun 13th Mt. St. Helen's Windy Ridge Day Tour*
- Sun 13th NWACC Autocross #3 at Sanderson Field in Shelton
- Sat 19th Lakefair Grand Parade*
- Sat 19th Picnic after Lakefair Parade at Jim and Karen's Home*

August

- Sat 2nd Rose City Corvette Classic Show N Shine 8a.m. to 3p.m. (Hospitality Night on Friday, Aug. 1st)
- Sat 2nd Tacoma Corvette Club & Sunset Chevrolet All Corvette Show
- Sun.3rd Autocross #4 at Portland Int'l Raceways (Rose City Corvettes)
- Sat. 9 Classical Glass 5-Star Classic All Car Show
- Sun 10th NWACC Autocross #5 in Shelton
- Wed 13th CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
- Sun 17th CdeO VetteFest at Titus-Will Chevrolet in Olympia*

September

- Sat-Sun 13-14th North Cascades and Lake Pateros Weekend Tour*
- Wed 10th CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
- Sun 14th NWACC Autocross #6 at Sanderson Field in Shelton
- Fri-Sun 26-28th 3-day Tour to Victoria, BC*

* Indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more meeting places, times and additional events, visit the CdeO Event Calendar at <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org>