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Capital City Vette Fest 2014



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With a knowledgeable set of judges!!!

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- 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

Sep 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



In April, eight of us teamed up to plan Vette Fest. It was the first time in recent years that so many were involved in the planning.

And boy, did that pay off. The show attracted 67 registrants, and our club cars brought the total to over 80 Corvettes.

The attendees had fun - you could feel the energy all day. And at the end of the day, we earned over \$1300 for the scholarship fund.

From setup to parking, registration, refreshments, music, the raffle, T shirts and judging, so many things went right that I can't start to cover them all here. I think things went so well because of great preparation, outstanding participation (over 40 volunteers), and good teamwork.

We can all be proud of our club for pulling off this successful event. We can't help but use this as a springboard to make the rest of the year and beyond just as satisfying!

Save the Wave,

Anne

Past Presidents

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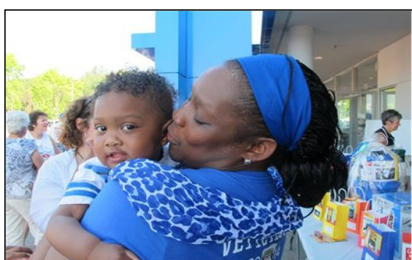
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2008	Peggy Rogers
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Capital City Vette Fest 2014 cont.

We had a family affair!!!



Josette and Carla's Grandbaby



Carla and Carla's Grandbaby



Jim and Mom Robinson



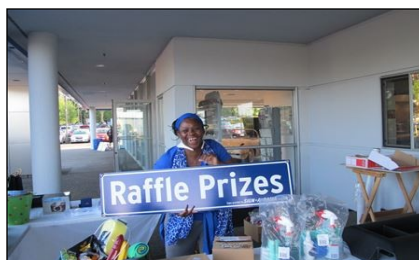
Velma Rogers with Denny and Josette Miller with their Vette Fest T-shirts.



Billy and Wendy posing with the Vette Fest T-shirts.



We had Registration and more Vette Fest T-shirts.



Raffle prize tables, 3 tables full, and her Vette Fest T-shirt.



This little green bag had lots to offer in it. I won a buffer, I'm happy!!! And Oh Look... two more Vette Fest T-shirts!, oh and more family!



It was a nice turnout. We were even finding people hiding in the corners. Here's Larry with another Vette Fest T-shirt.



My opinion is "Cutest Couple Award" goes too...

Capital City Vette Fest 2014 cont.



We had Ice Cream, Yeah!



We had Special Painting



And we had our Scholarship Fund Raisers, GREAT JOB!!



Last but surely not least... We had Doug Grover, our very own professional Photographer.

Check out more of his and everybody's Vette Fest Photos on the Website: corvettedeolympia.org

Capital City Vette Fest 2014

And The Winners Are.....!!!!



Capital City Vette Fest Awards cont.



Just a quick note of some of the winners:

1. Best Engine - Lily Durbin
2. Best Pinstriping - Gary Mortenson
3. Best Custom - Mike and Mary Meyers
4. Best of Show - Mike and Mary Meyers
5. Dealer's Choice - Lily Durbin
6. Distance Travelled - British Columbia Corvette Club
7. Participation - Tacoma Corvette Club
8. President's Award - David Bailey
9. Best Paint George Weeks

For a full list of Show N Shine Scores go to:

<http://www.nwacconline.com/2014%20PDFs/2014CdeOCarShowShineTotals.pdf>



Don't forget that spot right there before the judges get around here....just right there.

Camp Promise by Robert McKibbin and Don Patnoe

The mission of Camp Promise is to provide a barrier-free, weeklong overnight camp for kids, teens, and adults with muscular dystrophy or select neuromuscular diseases—regardless of age, capability, or ability to pay.



They invited us to show our corvettes on their Casino night. We arrived at a lovely camp facility about 5:45 p.m. and were greeted by one of the staff members. Three of our Vettes parked by the camp hall and two parked down the hill by the dining hall.

There were about 30 "campers", kids with various stages of M D (muscular dystrophy). Most were in high tech wheelchairs, and each had a counselor/caregiver. Our group was treated to a great dinner, and afterwards many of the campers had their photos taken besides one of our Vettes. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in many years - seeing kids with such difficulties enjoying each other and our Vettes. Very humbling!



“Do Over” Tour to Johnston Ridge Observatory

by Denny and Josette Miller

Those of us who participated in the tour to Johnston Ridge Observatory (at Mount Saint Helens) were greeted with a very promising, mostly sunny Sunday morning. This was a very good sign indeed, since this was a do-over for the rainy day tour in April to the Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center on the Toutle River.

We met at the QFC parking lot at College and Yelm Hwy in Lacey. Attendees included Denny and Josette (tour leaders), Lee Cousineau, Arthur and Carla, Billy and Wendy, Will and Marilyn, Don Patnoe, Carolyn, Mark and Kathe, George Weekes, Anne, Brian Regehr, and Brian and Betsy.



Just after 8:00 a.m., we headed south on Rainier Road until we reached the town of Rainier. Then we went right onto the Yelm-Tenino highway until we could turn right onto Johnson Creek Road. We had the road to ourselves, so we ran it a fairly good clip and enjoyed its many turns.



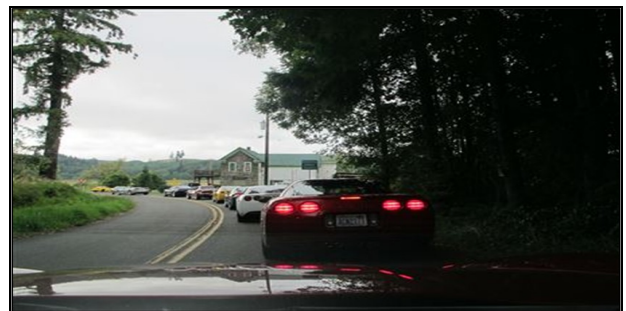
We turned right on Skookumchuck Road and drove past its many picturesque farms.



Then we turned left on Highway 507 and within a few miles turned left at Bucoda, and drove through town to Tono road. Once again, we had the road to ourselves, so we drove through it at a rate deserving of our Corvettes.



George, who drives a beautifully restored Stingray, reported afterwards that he was pleasantly surprised by how well his Vette handled the challenge.



We cooled our jets as we drove past the TransAlt power plant.



“Do Over” Tour to Johnston Ridge Observatory by Denny and Josette Miller. Cont.

Then drove through Centralia to Feddlers Coffee Shop. Just stopping at Feddlers presented a challenge in that the road in front of the shop was undergoing major repaving. We managed to squeeze past a barricade into the parking lot across from the shop and walked across the “under construction” road for our break.



At this point, Will announced he was feeling ill and couldn't continue. Anne volunteered to take Marilyn on the remainder of the trip, and Will headed for home.

Feddlers provided a comfortable stop after which we headed south on I-5 for 18 miles to Exit 63. We took Highway 505 to Toledo, where we stopped at a Texaco station just long enough for George to gas up his stingray, and Brian and Arthur topped off their gas tanks as well. We then drove through the picturesque section of Highway 505 to the Spirit Lake Highway (504), where we turned left and headed into the mountains.



We stopped for a break when we reached the Forest Learning Center.



This turned out to be an excellent state-run facility with an informative exhibit, a fun gift shop, and an Elk lookout spot on a ridge behind the building. A few of us even spotted an elk from the lookout.



After the break we headed up the mountain again, only to catch up with five old Chevys headed in the same direction. While the cars were beautifully restored, we couldn't follow too closely because a deadly, eye-burning stench of unburned fuel trailed behind them. And they never pulled over, so we had to follow them for the last 15 miles to Johnston Ridge Observatory.



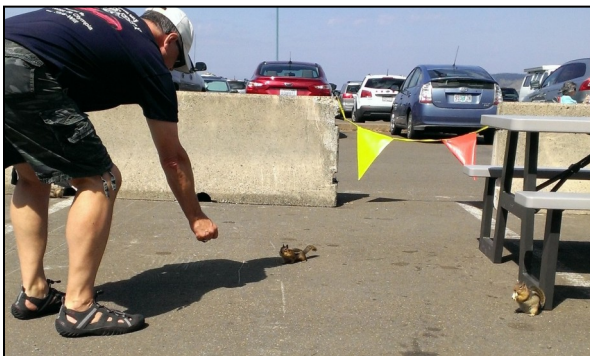
Johnston Ridge Observatory provided a huge, well-paved parking lot, complete with a hamburger stand. It was a short walkway up to the observatory building. It turned out to be a first-class visitor center with impressive construction, a wonderful view of the mountain, and an amphitheater.



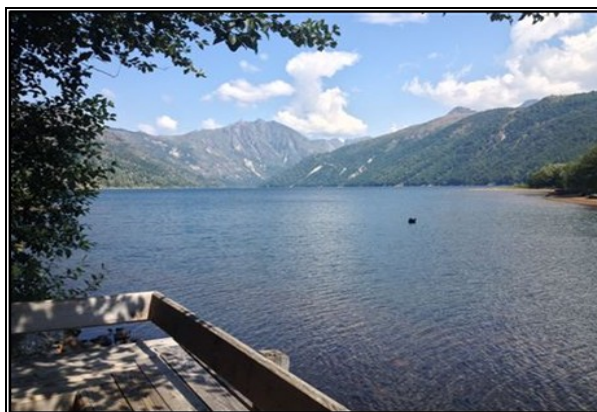
A view inside of a view!!!

“Do Over” Tour to Johnston Ridge Observatory by Denny and Josette Miller. Cont.

We ate our picnic lunches at the ridge, enjoyed the view, took pictures, and generally relaxed in the bright sunlight. While we also kept the family Chipmunks healthily fed.



After lunch, we headed down the mountain to Coldwater Lake and enjoyed this rather enchanting stop.



After this break, we headed for home, traveling down the Spirit Lake highway. Then up Highway 504 through Toledo, and finally North on I-5 to the Highway 12 exit where we stopped at the ARCO AM-PM for our final stop.



After this break, most of us drove east to Jackson Highway then north through Chehalis, and then Centralia, then north on the Bucoda highway to Tenino where the tour officially ended. From beginning to end, this was simply a very fine Sunday cruise.

Road Hunting In Oregon

by Duncan & Dee

In late August we jumped in the blue '04 roadster and joined up with friends Maury & Sandy in their yellow '03 roadster and set out to coastal Oregon to discover more fun back roads for Sports Motoring. Our goal was to find deserted roads that would be fun without exceeding the speed limit too much, but where the turns could be taken at 15-20 mph over the recommended speed, while placing the car well and using lower gears to their fullest... and never showing brake lights to the following car. Elevation changes, decreasing radius turns, hairpins, and reverse bank would all be added attractions. We now share these "private roads" with friends who will make best use of them. Log into your Google Maps and follow along.



First road: We met at Montesano, ran Blue Slough Road for a basic warm-up, and did lunch in Long Beach. OK, now go over the bridge to Astoria, east on SR 202 to Olney, then twist SW (and we do mean twist) on Youngs River Road. Cut west on Tucker Creek Lane to Logan Road and intercept Lewis & Clark Road (an old favorite, and an oncoming sheriff chose to ignore our motor antics, thank goodness.) All that will pop you out on US 101 in Seaside.

Second road: Out of Seaside, cruise east a bit on US26 (Sunset Highway), then turn SW on SR53 (Necanicum Highway) which snakes through the coastal hills with probably 1000 feet of elevation gain, then down again. Just before two conspicuous bridges, turn south on Miami River Rd. (turn not well marked,) which increases the fun by being rather narrow for Corvettes. Or a Porsche 911, which we met and we both exchanged devilish grins, both drivers knowing what the other was doing there. This segment ends at US 101 in Garibaldi.

Third road: In Tillamook turn west on SR 131 and follow the "Three Capes Scenic Highway" which becomes Whiskey Creek Road, Cape Lookout Road, Sandlake Road, and Kiwanda Drive, all of which catapult you into Pacific City where you can slosh down lunch at the Pelican brewpub.

Fourth road: Off US 101 take SR 18 east 4 or 5 miles to Bear Creek Rd. and check out the Drift Creek Covered Bridge. Then return to 101 southbound, but bypass a chunk of its grind by paralleling it on SR 229 (Siletz Hwy.) from south of Lincoln City to Toledo, then west on US 20 to Newport. This is not very "technical" for drivers, but is a nice country road and avoids the "whale migrations" of lumbering RVs on the main drag.

At that point we were pretty much stuck slogging down US 101 to Coos Bay, although we did get in some heroic passing. We attended the "Corvettes On The Bay" meet sponsored by Pacific Coast Corvette Club, with about 65 cars (1954 to 2014.) Nice fun event, welcoming picnic, car show w/ lunch, poker run, awards banquet, etc. Their "goodie bags" had some excellent loot: a soft cooler, wine glasses, Rand McNally road atlas, etc. Return next year?

Fifth road: The poker run was noteworthy, with 77 miles of fun-to-drive country roads and no stupid rally-type foolishness. (We started well by drawing 2 kings at the beginning and even bought 2 extra cards, but a winning hand failed to materialize, as is usual for us.) From Charleston take Seven Devils Rd. to Whiskey Run Rd. to Beaver Hill Rd. (aren't these great names?) to North Bank Rd., which will deliver you to Bandon. Get out of town by taking SR 42S eastbound. When it intersects SR42 you can decide to go inland (not yet explored, but it goes through a town called Remote, so might have potential) or return to the coast.

Sixth road: Departing Coos Bay we did have to go north on US 101 to Florence, but then then headed east on SR 126 toward Eugene (a fun road in its own right.) We deviated onto the generally parallel and very twisty and sometimes extremely narrow SR 36. This road also has steep dropoffs and a general lack of guardrails. Inattentive drivers need not apply. For a breather from all the serious driving along here, motor through the Nelson Mountain Covered Bridge (well marked) and later ogle the very scenic Triangle Lake.

Seventh Road: At Cheshire, leave SR 36 by going northbound on Territorial Highway to Monroe. Nothing special to drive, but this end-runs the huge mess of traffic lights and fleets of trucks around Junction City. Then straight north onto SR 99W and have lunch at Block 15 brewpub in Corvallis.

Eighth road: West out of Corvallis a bit on US 20, then north on SR 223 (with a couple of patches of rough pavement in its twistiest part) past Rittner Creek Covered Bridge to Falls City, then wind down the hill on Monmouth Highway to Monmouth, where you'll meet SR 99W and enter the Wine Country.

Ninth Road: We reprised old favorite SR 47 from McMinnville through Vernonia and Apiary Road to US 30 near Rainier (used on a past CdeO run, and still fun.)

"Just do it!"

Hawks Prairie Inn

August 13th, 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 written.

Treasurer's Report (Will Trogden)

Will presented the report. There's a strong showing for T-shirts sales. Will can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested.

Committee Reports**Sponsorship Update (Peggy Rogers)**

Good till first of the year. No news.

Membership Update (Billy Smith)

Membership is up-to-date. Many prospective members attended -- Brian and Peggy Regehr, Tom and Donna Oenning, Bill and Mary Anne Barsanti, George Weekes.

Sunshine Chair (Brenda Johnson)

Bill Keller had a stroke, but is doing well (joined us today). Jim Robinson broke his foot and arm in a run-in with a deer. Mike Renick is in a wheel chair from foot surgery to heal a broken foot.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

Website has the calendar of events on the main page. Wendy needs to confirm that names on the roster are accurately in the website, so please print your names.

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Lots of activities in July, and many photos uploaded. Please keep sending in your photos!

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

No news.

NWACC (George Schwartz)

Show at Rose City had a pretty good attendance. It was 90 degrees at the Autocross - and lots of fun. NWACC meeting coming second Sunday in August and the first Sunday in November. The NWACC awards ceremony will be the Saturday night before the meeting in Portland. More information on location and pricing to come, and George will send info to Wendy for the website. Also, the annual Rules Change meeting coming. of the track -- should be lots of fun. The Sink Hole cars are being shown at the sky dome through the event, including the sink hole itself. GM will restore the cars after the 20th anniversary event is over.

National Corvette Museum (George Schwartz)

Caravans are starting to Bowling Green for the 20th anniversary of the Corvette museum. Don and Meagan are leaving from Portland. A huge contingent is leaving from BC and Seattle. Museum website will have live streaming videos. There will be a chance to try out the long version of the track -- should be lots of fun. The Sink Hole cars are being shown at the sky dome through the event, including the sink hole itself. GM will restore the cars after the 20th anniversary event is over.

Vette Fest X (Arthur Green)

See events below.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

Welcome to peak Corvette Season! See event calendar for details on all events.

Where we've been:

Mt. St. Helens Day Tour Windy Ridge Tour - this year, we went to Elbe to avoid cyclists, and doubled back through. Most technically challenging of the season. 11 cars joined. It was a beautiful sunny day, with a great group. All day long, people moved aside for us -- even meeting us during pit stops. One car even stopped in the middle of the road to stop for us.

Autocross #3 July 13th -- Arthur, Carla, Don, Meagan and Jim joined. Arthur is making a name for himself in the autocross world!

Lakefair Parade -- We had an amazing turn out this year -- 21 cars joined the parade, 6 of them carrying princesses. The queen in the limo was bummed she wasn't in a Corvette! Lonnie joined, great music -- even a horse got in the action.

Lakefair Picnic - We then had a great picnic at Jim and Karen's home. Beautiful yard looking out over the lake. Fabulous beef brisket and ice cream. Anne won flower basket. Fred suggested we send them some Venison!

Rose City classic - Anne, Don, Meagan and George went to the Rose City Show and Shine. They parked the old and new stingrays together -- great display. Meagan won 1st place, and Anne got a 2nd place trophy. Arthur, George, Don and Meghan participated in the Autocross. Great day -- 90 degrees and lots of fun. Arthur got a special award for taking down 5 cones. :)

Classical Gas Car Show - one day event at Clover Park. See the website for details -- great show, and a group will be going.

General Membership Meeting cont.

Other Events

Shadow of the Mountain – Was at a different venue this year - the car show was at the golf course. Good show!

Hot August Nights – Arthur, Carla, Fred and Charmaine went. Reno wasn't as expected, but the route back was very fun. Fred managed to destroy his tires in the process. The lava fields are something to see, Crater Lake is beautiful. Great driving in that area too.

Coming Up:

Vette fest -- a lot of work has been put in to this one – a little different. Will have Ice cream, pin-striping, espresso, and Titus Will providing lunch. Don ordered some great trophies. Marilyn showed the t-shirt. Big thanks to Marilyn for designing the t-shirts – they are a hit!

Operation Backpack – our 12-year legacy of contributing to Operation Backpack continues. August 20th Wed, we will meet at Woodland Elementary to be at the Bus Barn by 5pm. Bring supplies or help put together backpack. If you don't have time for the backpacks, just bring supplies. Supply list is online at the event calendar. See you at Woodland Elementary. Will go to Norma's after. Leo Dipola donated \$100 to supplies.

Do Over Tour – we liked this Mt St Helens trip so much, we will do it AGAIN on August 24th. This year, we will go all the way to the Johnson Ridge observatory. Then on to Coldwater Lake. We took some very nice back roads last time, and will reprise that route again.

Bike and Car show at Cabela's – registration 10am -12 pm. Harleys and Vettes are a match made in heaven. All proceeds to contribute to the Xmas wish list for folks in WA State Veteran's Home. Sat Sept 6th. Will meet Hawks Prairie 9:30am to ride in as a group. Lots of interest, so... see website for a link to the poster with details.

Lake Pateros – Reserve the rooms! It is a great trip through the North Cascades. Everything is in good order at the hotels, and will have a close up view of how the areas is recovering from the fires. Please Confirm if you are planning to come – sign up!

Morningside – great ride for a very worthy cause. This program helps a lot of disabled folks get and keep jobs. If you want to be involved, they would like some volunteers. September 21st. \$80 a couple, and Peggy can give away two sets of tickets. See Peggy and Randy for sign up.

Merrill Gardens - August 15th and George Bernard will be singing. Will be a sight to see!

Little Creek Casino – has a poker run, and a run on the 2.5 mile Shelton track with a pilot car. Great opportunity to check out the track. Will eventually have if for a drag strip, and rental from clubs. Will be a big deal for Mason County.

Old and New Business

Victoria Trip – Set for September 26th. Denny started a plan. Catch a ferry up to Victoria, Josette will find out who is interested. If you don't have a passport, need to bring birth certificate (real) and enhanced driver's license.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Doug Rogers donated microfiber towels for today's raffle, and John Zink offered Corvette Sunglasses with case.

And the Winners Are:

- Tom O. won glasses
- Wendy won towels
- \$36 won by John Zink, who will bring next month's raffle prize.

Meeting was adjourned

Test Your Knowledge:

Museum Board Finalizes Decision on Sinkhole, Great 8 Corvettes

Control and Click the link below to go straight to the National Corvette Museum website article.

<http://corvettemuseum.blogspot.com/2014/08/museum-board-finalizes-decision-on.html>

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<http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2014/08/30/corvette-museum-sinkhole-filled/14877529/>





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Upcoming Events

September

- Sat 6th "Christmas in September" Bike & Car Show at Cabela's*
- Wed 10th CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
- Sat-Sun 13-14th North Cascades and Lake Pateros Weekend Tour*
- Sun 14th NWACC Autocross #6 at Sanderson Field in Shelton
- Sun 21st Morningside Ride 2014 (Gimmick-type Road Rally)
- Fri-Sun 26-28th 3-day Tour to Victoria, BC* **(Cancelled)**

October

- Sun 5th CdeO Day Tour*
- Wed 8th CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

November

- Sat 1st NWACC Year-End Banquet at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn
- Wed 12th CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

December

- Sun 1st Olympia's Downtown for the Holidays—Holiday Parade*
- Sat 6th CdeO "End-of-Year" Celebration*
- (No business meeting in December)

* 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>