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North Cascades—Lake Pateros Tour 2014 by Denny and Josette Miller

With great anticipation, we met in the early morning on Saturday, September 13th in the parking lot of the Hawks Prairie Inn to embark on a most excellent two-day trip over the North Cascade Highway to a destination spot at Lake Pateros. Attendees that morning included Denny and Josette, Lee and Sherry, Doug and Velma Rogers, Keith and Beth, Mike and Connie, Doug and Sang Grover, Anne, Shoshanah, Brian and Betsy, and Will and Marilyn.



At 8:00 a.m., after a brief “cow bell” meeting, Denny and Josette led everyone out of the parking lot, around a few corners, and onto I-5 North. Traffic was light and so we easily moved into the left lane and headed north. We stayed up with the relatively fast moving traffic all the way up to and past Tacoma. A few miles past Fife, we took the Highway 18 exit and drove down into the Kent Valley, hooked up with Highway 167 and headed North past Auburn and Kent. Just after Kent, we took the 212th street exit and drove down the hill to our first stop at McDonald's.



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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

Oct. 8 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



Here we are in early October, when our touring season comes to an end with our tour to Tokeland.

So now I look forward to our fall activities which include the Halloween Party at Duncan and Dee's, the NWACC awards banquet, the Olympia Holiday Parade, our End of Year Celebration and Retrospective, and planning for the new year.

I intend to enjoy the fall season, and invite you all to join me in doing so.

Save the Wave,

Anne

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1973	Larry Johnson
1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
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1977	Bill Pollard
1978	Sandy Lockhart
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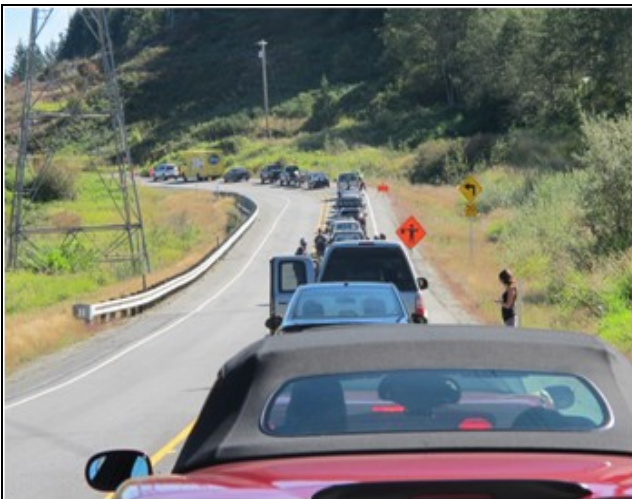
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Many of us had a breakfast snack and Doug Rogers' family member Dale joined us with his family member.

After the stop, we headed north in the right lane on a now congested Highway 167, took the Highway 405 North exit, moved to the speed lane and headed North. As usual, traffic was heavy through Bellevue and then lightened up as we passed the Bothell exit. We stayed in the speed lane past Bothell and continued to the Lynnwood area where we rejoined Highway I-5 North. We moved into the speed lane once again and headed past Everett, over the Snohomish River, then past Marysville. We took the Arlington exit and headed west one block to a Union 76 truck stop. Fortunately, this truck stop had a large parking lot with room for 11 Corvettes in a place out of the way of the 18 wheelers that poured in and out of the place during our stay.



After this break we headed east on Highway 530, passing through Arlington and heading for Darrington. Along the way, we had to stop and wait for our turn to drive the one-way road through the Oso slide zone where 43 people recently lost their lives.



As you can see from the pictures, the slide area was surreal looking in places like the surface of the moon.



North Cascades—Lake Pateros 2014 by Denny and Josette Miller cont'd from pg. 3

Lunch was good and we enjoyed the outdoor dining.



After lunch, we commenced to take on the North Cascade Highway, driving into the mountains. Traffic was moderate and there were sufficient passing areas that we made good time. Better yet, traffic was pretty much non-existent on the stretch of the highway with the best curves. What fun!



We stopped at the rest area at Washington Pass and enjoyed the good weather. Many of us walked the short trail to the lookout, always breathing with the 2000 foot drop just on the other side of the fence.

After this break, we headed east to Winthrop, then South to Twisp where we took our last break at the town's Chevron station.

We left Twisp at about 4:00 pm, and just out of town reached the Twisp Carlton Road, a detour around the recent washout on Highway 153. We turned onto the Twisp Carlton Road and headed south, traveling through mile after mile of fire ravaged landscapes from the huge wildfire this summer in the Carlton area.



The detour was made necessary because of a freak thunder storm, which just a few weeks ago, dumped over an inch of rain in one hour on this fire damaged land. The resulting rushing water washed out Highway 153, our planned route from Twisp to Lake Pateros



After reaching the end of the detour, we continued down Highway 153 to Lake Pateros, witnessing fire damage all along the way.

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On arrival at Lake Pateros, we found our hotel was intact and the area was as beautiful as ever.



However, the big fire had burned all the way down the steep hill behind the town only to be stopped at the doorstep of the highest homes. Here is a picture taken off the internet of the fire on the hill.



Also it should be noted that our new members, Brian and Peggy Regehr, who had been visiting family in Wenatchee, joined the trip at this point.



Everyone checked into the hotel and an hour later we enjoyed dinner at the Restaurant next door. After dinner, everyone went their own way with instructions to enjoy themselves and be ready to head for home at noon on Sunday. Some of us gathered for breakfast at the same restaurant at 10:00 the next morning, others took advantage of the continental breakfast at the hotel and did other things in the morning.

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As planned we met back up just before noon. Talked over the day's drive back to Olympia, jumped in our Corvettes and headed south on Highway 97. As in the previous year, we stayed on Highway 97, following the Columbia River all the way to Wenatchee. And the route along 97 didn't disappoint. The weather was clear, the hills, orchards and river were scenic splendor. Traffic was moderate, cars tended to pull aside to allow us to pass, and we had ample passing opportunities to go by those who were both slow and disinclined to pull over.



Highway 97 merged with Highway two and we soon found ourselves crossing the Columbia River at Wenatchee. We then made good time to our rest stop at the Shell station near Pashastin. We didn't spend much time there – the place had some of the worst Sani-Cans.

From Pashastin, we drove south over Blewett Pass on Highway 97. To our surprise, traffic was fast on this leg of the trip, travelling at or over the speed limit on straight sections and curves alike.

In record time we found ourselves in Cle Elum, where we had late lunch reservations at Smokeys, a 4 ½ star rated restaurant. We had to wind through South Cle Elum to find the place, which turned out to be an old railroad station.

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Hawks Prairie Inn

September 10th, 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. Looking good as usual. 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)

Four prospective members were voted in: please welcome George Weeks, Brian and Peggy Regehr, and Bob Haslinger. Prospective members George Chappell and Bob and Donna Oenning will be eligible for membership soon!

Sunshine Chair (Brenda Johnson)

Jim has a beautifully wrapped arm and thanked everyone for the card. Mike is hobbling around and doing better.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

The membership roster has been updated – please check your entry to make sure it is correct.

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Awesome pictures from Vette Fest, and the Do Over tour – check it out!

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

Applications have been accepted for scholarships, we will hear soon who the winners are.

NWACC (George Schwartz)

Shows are done for the year, now will compile results for the Annual awards. Final autocross this Sunday. Working on flyer and registration form for Year End banquet – will let club know once it's out. The banquet will be a great opportunity to meet members of other clubs and have fun. A portion of the fee will be covered by NWACC. Historically each club donates an amount to cover raffle prize purchases. Made a motion for \$200 donation, which was accepted.

National Corvette Museum (George Schwartz)

Caravan is over – estimated car count around 4,000! See pictures on the Museum website, and many major clubs have their own pictures. Also had the opening of the Motorsports Park - there will be major events there, including perhaps a NASCAR race. Museum voted to fill in the sink hole - would have been a million dollars more to make it a display.

Vette Fest X (Arthur Green)

Absolutely impressed with the club. We were nervous about participation, and impressed by the amount of volunteers who came – made a huge difference! Most everything exceeded expectations, and the volunteers were on it! Anne will take any feedback and build improved guidelines for next year! We made close to \$1400, which is about average for the venue.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

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

Where we've been:

Operation Backpack – our 12 year legacy of contributing to Operation Backpack continued. Collected 36 backpacks, and a great dinner at Norma's.

Camp Promise – see great newsletter article. Bob Haslinger, Bob McKibbin, and Don reported that this was a most moving experience. The camp hosts 13-20 year olds with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, all volunteer and donation based. Their attitude was amazing – not a bad attitude in the whole place. Very special camp. The five members that went enjoyed it as much as the kids did – and would definitely like to do this again.

Do Over Tour – we liked the Hoffstadt Bluffs tour to Mt St Helens trip so much, we returned to the area on August 24th. Beautiful, sunny all day. Check out the fabulous pictures on the website.

Bike and Car show at Cabela's – Huge turnout, with 6 cars from our club, and 5 from the Tacoma Corvette club. They moved a row of motorcycles so our cars were in a row.

Coming up

Lake Pateros – Denny's favorite favorite tour. Leaving at 8 am on Saturday, about 10 cars. 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. Will stop where there was heavy fire damage. Then will go to Pateros Lakeshore hotel, spend the night, and stay until noon. Will have lunch at a 4 star BBQ! Place in tour the fire damage. Then will shoot down I-97, then will go over Steven's pass for lunch at Zeke's drive in. Then slightly different back roads home. Please Confirm if you are planning to come – sign up!

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

Autocross #6 – last one of the season!

For CDEO Day Tour, Tokeland Hotel was suggested – stay tuned.

Many homecoming requests coming in— if you have a convertible and are interested in participating, contact Josette.

Halloween Party at Duncan and Dee's. Driving directions will include every possible exit. Blindfolded autocross and beer hunt will be reprised. Club approved \$500 for the party.

Old and New Business

Doug Rogers had a 70th birthday
Denny and Josette have a C7 coming.
Victoria Trip – September 26th was cancelled.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

We have a great collection of raffle prizes leftover from Vette Fest.

And John Zink brought the raffle prize of a model Vette with a carrier truck.

The Winners Are:

Frank Zangar - the 50/50, and will be bringing the next raffle prize.
Frank Zangar – Crystal
George Chapell – model Vette with carrier truck
Arthur -the Vacuum cleaner
Doug – car care kit

North Cascades—Lake Pateros 2014 cont'd from pg. 5

Lunch was tasty in this little out of the way place.



After lunch

we headed west on I-90, driving all the way to North Bend in the left lane. It made this leg of the drive rather fun. We finally stopped at the familiar Union 76 station at exit 34 only to find it had gone out of business. So we hiked over to the adjoining service station and took care of business.

Finally, we had an uneventful drive home, traveling west on I-90 then southwest on Highway 18, then south on I-5, arriving back in town just before six.

I think it is safe to say we all had a great time.

By Federal mandate, the 1980 Corvette was the first Corvette to have a speedometer with an upper limit of only how much MPH?

How was the car geared to only perform this speed limit?

Who can name how to get around this manufacturing rig of the car to only drive this limit?



The answer to the last question is well kept secret among dealers and select enthusiast.



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Saturday, November 1, 2014

NWACC Year End Banquet

*Holiday Inn, Portland Airport
8439 NE Columbia Blvd
Portland OR 97220
1-855-642-6271 (Toll free)*

Dinner \$33.00 per person

Send checks to:

*Rose City Corvettes
PO Box 2412
Clackamas OR 97015*

★ *Cocktails — 6:00pm
Dinner—7:00pm*

*There will be a Board meeting at 2:00pm in the
Mt. Adams Room*

REGISTRATION:

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

When making reservations, mention
Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs
(NWACC) for Group Rate
\$89.00 per night
Deadline for room rate is 10-17-2014

*For more information, call
Vicky McCoy at 503-784-8462*

Take I 5- south and onto I-205. Take Exit 23B to NE Killingsworth and turn right onto NE Columbia. The hotel will be on the right.



Upcoming Events

October

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| Sun 5th | CdeO Day Tour—Tokeland Fall Run* |
| Wed 8th | CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.* |
| Fri 24th | North Thurston Homecoming* |
| Sat 25th | CdeO Halloween Party at Duncan & Dee's Home* |

November

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| Sat 1st | NWACC Year-End Banquet at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn |
| Sat 8th | Jacket Night at Norma's* |
| Wed 12th | CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.* |
| Sun 30th | Olympia Downtown Holiday Parade* |

December

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| 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>