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2015 Vette Fest by Denny Miller

This year's Vette Fest was a great success thanks to the energetic participation of so many members.

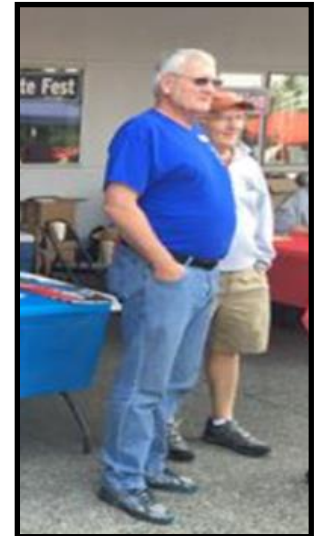
Just take a look at these pictures of about 75% of the gang. (Thank you Betsy, Carla, and Doug)

Planning and Preparing

Setup



Bob Hasslinger
Larry Weniger



And Anne Wax, Tom Oenning, and Don Rinker

Greeters

Fred & Charmaine Millstead



And Denny with Josette



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Heartbeat of Olympia

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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

Oct 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



During the day of Vette Fest everything was "covered" and everyone was having a good time. We focused on the fun and we pulled off a very fine show. Thank you for contributing to the show's success!

August also included two new tours: the Oregon "Tail of the Dragon" with great new Corvette roads, and the Mystery Tour that had us all guessing. Thank you Fred and Charmaine for the inspiration to have a secret destination and hosting a delicious lunch.

As we move into the Fall, we can look forward to two more tours, homecomings and the NWACC banquet. I've truly enjoyed my Corvette Summer and I'm excited about what's coming next.

Save the Wave,

Anne

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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
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1989	Jim Turcotte
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2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick
2013	Anne Wax
2014	Anne Wax
2015	Anne Wax

2015 Vette Fest By Denny Miller cont.

Registration and T Shirts

Will Trogden, Betsy Cousineau, Karen Robinson,



Plus Bill Keller and Marilyn Trogden and Donna Oenning (T-Shirts)

Sound System

Arthur Green (Boss)



Hospitality

Mike & Connie Norquist (with Bob Hasslinger)



Parking

Frank Zangar (Boss)

Jim Robinson



Plus Mike Norquist, Lee Cousineau, Brian Cousineau, Denny Miller

2015 Vette Fest

Scoring

Shoshanah Bain (Boss)



Megan Evans



And Lee Cousineau, Bob Hasslinger

Quality Control

With Arthur Gren/Don Patnoe



Raffle

Carolyn and Carla (Bosses)



With Donna



And Will and Marilyn Trogden



George Chappell and Lynne Alfaso



Awards

Anne Wax and Don Patnoe

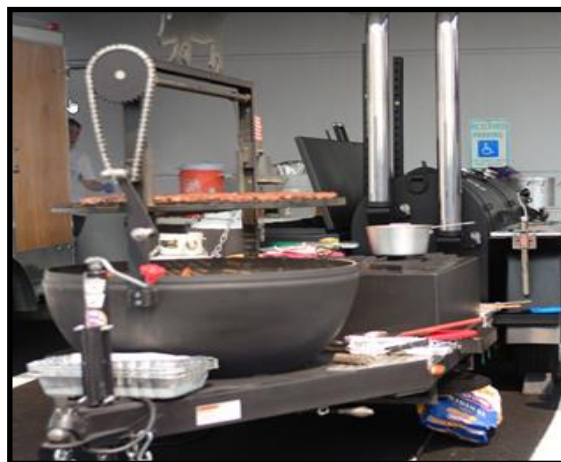


2015 Vette Fest cont.

Ice Cream Truck



Lunch



And then there were the Corvettes

Corvettes in the no-show line



C1 s and C2 s in the showroom



2015 Vette Fest cont.

Original Stingrays (C3s)



C4s



C5 Coupes



C5 Convertibles



2015 Vette Fest cont.

C6s



C7 Coupes



Corvette's with less than 10,000 miles



Event Facts

We had 61 registered cars

We served 120 lunches.

We at least broke even.

Everyone had a good time, which was the goal.

Nice work Corvettes de Olympia

2015 Tail of the Dragon Tour (Astoria)

By Wendy Forcier



We first we headed out at 8:00 sharp from Haggen's Grocery store in west Olympia with 13 cars, 6 in first platoon and 7 in second platoon. We had clear

skies and 70 de-

gree weather. We thought we were squared away for a nice long quest down the coast to Astoria then heading east to Clatskanie to find and tackle the Dragon by way of the 'Tail of the Dragon'.



We first encountered a police unit on the side of the road, he decided to jump into the platoon and tail us. Thank-fully the car tailing our last platoon was on his hit list and not

us. We lost him just in time for Blue Slough.

Once on Blue Slough, she proved us nice roads and no failure once again. First platoon motored on through and then waited for the second platoon at the end.

We stopped for a 30 minute break at McDonalds in Raymond. We had to freshen up and get hydration for the rest of the journey.



Next it was a slow ride to Astoria climbing over the Megler Bridge up and over the ocean then climbing back down again landing in beautiful Astoria. Here we picked up Don and Meghan Evans and their car to join us on our journey and quest to tackle the Dragon.



There was a town event in Astoria that weekend making it difficult to maneuver a line of corvettes trying to keep together. No problem... we took this time to stop for regrouping. During this quick break we took the tops off the cars, to show them off a bit. Next it was on the road again for a sun tan at 40mph, boy that felt heavenly.

We next came up to really nice Blue Slough kind of roads going from Astoria to Clatskanie.

Finally we reached Fultano's Pizza Parlor in Clatskanie for lunch.



With food in our bellies we thought it was a great time to tackle the roads of 'Tail of the Dragon'. We decided the Dragon was calling us for a challenge and we were ever so ready to except that challenge.



We took that Dragon and succeeded those roads with enthusiasm and white knuckles to the steering wheel. So many of us on the radios wanting to go for it again.

I thought it was quiet clever how we came to a graveyard on the left side of the road right when coming off the Dragon in a town called 'Mist'.



2015 Tail of the Dragon Tour (Astoria) By Wendy Forcier

It became decided there was no taking the Dragon again, it was back on the road again and heading for home, but first another bathroom break in Jewel Meadows Wildlife area for a bit.

After the reprieve and short story telling about the excursion on the 'Tail of the Dragon', we loaded our chariots and headed back to Astoria via highway 101, here we lost Fred and Charmaine to their travels back to their village nearby.



After climbing up Megler bridge and back down again over the ocean, we came to and stopped at the rest stop called 'Dismal Nitch' to see how dismal it really could be. It seemed like fantasia to me. Here we stopped and shared our victory over the Dragon with a group of bicyclers heading the same direction we were, oh and another bathroom break where the Karen found a beautiful flower vase full of flowers on the bathroom sink.



We found our way back to McDonalds in Raymond once again for yet another break.

After this break it was off toward home again. No more stopping or challenges of the road. All the clamor on the radios this time proved all drivers on this quest was just as impressed and excited to have taken this challenge and just like me, really look forward to the opportunity again.

2015 BackPack Drive: by Wendy Forcier



Over a decade ago, CdeO decided to donate backpacks stuffed with school supplies to the North Thurston School District. Randy Harris nick named our gig 'Operation Backpack' and now it is being used county wide.



CdeO met at Hawk's Prairie Restaurant with 34 stuffed backpacks and one bag full of calculators.



We presented them to the North Thurston Public School system coordinator and they had a surprise for CdeO too. They presented CdeO with colorful water pitchers and wooden medallion tokens as a Thank You gift.



Way to go once again Corvette de Olympia!!

For continued support of North Thurston Backpack drive, visit this website.



Mystery Tour by Denny Miller

For over two months, Josette promoted our club's August 30th mystery tour, without mentioning a word about where we were going other than "lunch provided."

That Sunday morning, 13 of our corvettes showed up before 10 am at the QFC parking lot off Yelm highway to participate in the mystery. Club members included: Denny and Josette (lead) Brian and Betsy, Will and Marilyn, Ken and Apple, Frank (Platoon 1 tail), Shoshanah (Platoon 2 lead), Brian Regehr, Don and Susan, Larry and Maggie, Doug and Velma, Bill Keller, Duncan and Dee, George and Lynne, Jim and Karen, Fred and



Unlike previous club mystery tours, we had no intentionally confusing rally-type driving directions nor obscure gimmick "clues" to answer. Our mystery was simply "where are we going for lunch, and what roads take us there."

In keeping with the mystery theme, during the kickoff driver's meeting, I only said that we were heading north out of QFC. Once started though, we headed south toward Rainier.



Once in Rainier, we turned right and drove out of town on the Yelm-Tenino Highway.

A few miles later, we turned left onto Johnson Creek Rd for a nice drive south.

We waited for everyone at the end of Johnson Creek Rd and then turned right onto Skookumchuck Rd.



Mystery Tour by Denny Miller, cont.

We followed Skookumchuck Rd to WA-507S where we turned south toward Bucoda.

Then we turned left at Bucoda with the intention to drive through it to Tono Rd, but I drove to a dead end and had to turn around.



Once we straightened that out, we turned onto Tono Rd and drove this very fine road through the woods. At the end of Tono Rd. we turned right onto Big Hanaford Rd and drove by the Trans Alta power plant.



A few miles later we turned left onto WA-507S and drove through Centralai



Minutes later we found ourselves at Fiddlers Coffee shop where we met up with Arthur and Carla, and took a break.



Mystery Tour by Denny Miller, cont.

After the break, we met in our usual manner and then headed west across the Chehalis River.



We left Chehalis on Cooks Hill Road which turned out to be quite interesting

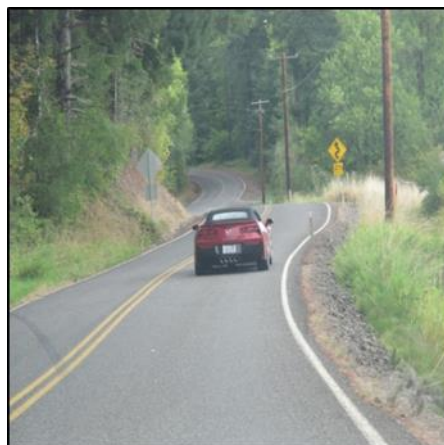


At the end of Cooks Hill Rd. we turned left onto Lincoln Creek Rd.



We followed Lincoln Creek Rd. for about 11 miles and then turned right onto Manners Rd.

Manners Rd became the most enjoyable Independence Rd, which we took to Fred and Charmaine's house. Yes, they were the hosts for the mystery lunch.

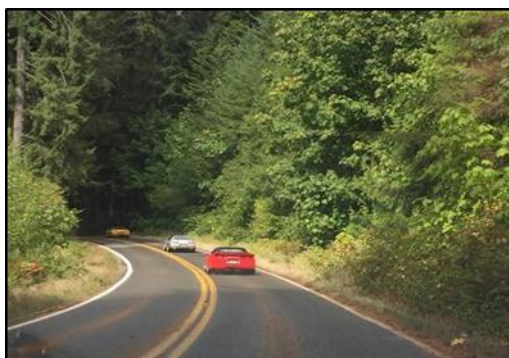


Mystery Tour by Denny Miller, cont.

Fred and Charmaine really outdid themselves with a buffet assortment of salads, vegetables, fruit, pulled pork (thank you for that Fred), and desserts.



After a brief driver's meeting, we headed north, then west on US-12 W



At the end of Waddell Creek Rd. we turned right onto Delphi Rd and drove to Mud Bay Rd.

That ended this great event and we all drove home.

General Membership Meeting

Hawks Prairie Inn

August 12th 2015 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 were approved as written.

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)**

Every sponsor up to date.

Membership Update (Billy Smith)

Susan and Don Rinker, along with Ken and Apple Preston were voted in as new members. Jim Johnson is also a prospective member.

Sunshine Chair (Charmaine)

Leo passed away on Saturday, and will be greatly missed. Char is building a quilt in memory of his life, and each member signed a square.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

Upgraded website is great.

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Thanks to everyone contributing their photos to the website -- if you'd like a tutorial for uploading, talk to Marilyn!

NWACC (George)

We had beautiful weather for autocross, and have been working with the Viper club who does autocross on the same track. Looking forward to Vettefest.

Marque Club will be hosting the NWACC banquet on the first Saturday in November, at La Quinta inn at Tacoma. More information to follow. Will definitely be a showing from the club, if only to pick up awards. A lot of fun, great opportunity to meet other clubs.

George asked club to contribute to support raffle prizes for the event, which is traditional. The club will vote at the next meeting.

National Corvette Museum (George)

The museum's 21st Anniversary is approaching. There will be a big event, and the motocross park will be open -- with improvements to the sound. Skydome opened today.

Where we've been:

NWACC Autocrosses for #3: great turnout and good weather. Jasmine even brought her VW car. Viper club opened up the track for all there. Great fun!

Lakefair Grand Parade and Picnic -- 18 cars at the parades, 5 princesses, 2 cars helped Leavenworth and the rest represented the club. Port Townsend's float burned down, and we were going to help, but Spokane gave their float. Carla danced with the princesses. Jim and Karen hosted a great picnic - beautiful place, amazing brisket, and the party went way late into the evening.

Windy Ridge Tour Mt. St Helens -- July 26th Sunday -- Most technical drive of the year. Gorgeous day, lots of pictures!!! Dr. Gould, George and Billy entertained us with stories.

Tail of the Dragon - August 2nd - 13 cars went to Oregon to try some 'dragon-like' roads. Long, really fun day. Drove to Astoria via Blue Slough of course, and hit the Astoria bridge. Great pizza joint for lunch. Fabulous drive!!!

TCC Shadow of the Mountain July 10th and 12th.

Puget Sound Corvette Club -- We cleaned up! Arthur and Karla took 1st place on c5 coupe. Don and Meghan won 1st place and Don Patnoe took 2nd place on c6 coupe. Fred and Char won 1st place C7 coupe. We also won the club participation award!

Lacey Police Department Open House/ Car Display- August 1st 11am to 3pm. Not just a car show -- will be cool stuff -- lethal weapon displays, try out the handcuffs and the holding cell. Stuff for the kids to do, food, KYO will broadcast, and free!!

Autocross #4 -- cheer on Arthur and George -- and come race!

Olympia Rotary Club Car Show -- August 10th. New show, and good opportunity to see community leaders, great view. Free lunch and People's Choice Awards. Contact Doug Grover for details.

Hooray for Hollywood -- Car Show August 7th from 3-6pm. Right next to Group Health. Great music and lunch -- sounds like fun!

Project Backpack -- 34 backpacks and \$100 and calculators!

General Membership Meeting for August 2015 cont.

Where we are going:Where we are going:

Classic Glass 5-Star Classic -- Saturday August 14th thru 16th at the Dupont Town Center - Clock Tower Circle. Ice Cream Social on Friday, Car show on Saturday with great awards. Sunday will have a scenic tour and salmon bake. Will have a group going up to that. Sign up for each day you want to join the group.

Camp Promise -- Tuesday August 25th -- Camp Promise is a beautiful camp for teenagers with muscular dystrophy. We come with our Corvettes, and spend the evening hanging out with the kids. They are really excited to have our cars out there. This camp gives kids a week away from the parents/ caregivers to give them some new experiences, and caregivers a break. The teenage volunteers were amazing! Bob McKibben is coordinating this, sign up on the website if interested. Limited to 8 cars.

Mystery Tour -- Sunday August 30th. Nice drive for everyone. Don't bring lunch. Will leave from QFC -- more to follow.

3-day Oregon Tour - Fri-Sunday September 25th-27th. Will go to the Lava fields and Bend. Will hit Tillamook Cheese Factory for ice cream, and then a nice Best Western at Dallas, right next to a great steak house. Day 2 will be in the Oregon cascades, the lava fields, and then 2 hours in Bend to play before going to hotels. We will be home by 5pm on Sunday. Use Josette's name to set up reservations -- she has reserved 15 rooms at each place.

Corvettes at the Marina -- Seafood fest on Sept 5th at Grays Harbor.

NWACC Autocross #5 -- Sept 13th.

Vette Fest 2015 (Arthur Green and Don Patnoe)

The focus is on fun and bonding with other club members, we have enough money in the kitty for the scholarship.

- Send stress to Arthur.
- We need more judges -- even if you haven't done it before and can't make the training, we have you covered. This is a fun show, not hard to judge
- Training this Sunday at Bob's house (he has directions).

ORDER SHIRTS NOW

- 12 extra T-shirts will be available
- Remote Control races

Old and New Business

- **Radios** -- we've been using some old expensive radios, now there's a great new model that costs about \$27.50. Takes a little setup, but cheap and great quality. Brian offered to program them for you. Range is the same as what we have. Jim R ordered his along with a voice controlled device, and you can get an antenna to boost the power. Ham radio/FM/AM, etc. Brian will send around the brand name and the model. The radio can be powered with an adapter for your cig lighter.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Thanks George for the prizes! The Winners Are:

- Cool Corvette picture book - Ken P.
- Jelly Beans - Peggy!
- Leather restorer and cleaner from Armor-All - Bill P.
- 50/50 -- Ken will be bringing next month's prize.

Meeting Adjourned

Test Your Knowledge:



What publication was this cover published on?

What Year was this cover made?



Cruise-Ins: Donated by Duncan Jonhson

At the LeMay Museum in Tacoma:

Every second Thursday we will feature classic cars on the plaza, April through October, rain or shine!

Mix and mingle with other car enthusiasts while listening to music, voting on the People's Choice Award and entering to win the raffle.

NEW THIS YEAR: Gravedigger BBQ will be on-site offering some of their award-winning BBQ choices.

ACM will also be open until 8pm for these Cruise-Ins, so be sure to explore the museum and take advantage of extended hours.

2015 Cruise-In Dates:

- October 8

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info@lemaymuseum.org



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Upcoming Events

September

Fri-Sun, 25th-27th

Oregon Lava Fields and Bend 3-day Tour to Oregon* This is our only 3-day trip of the year, but if you are not able to join us for three full days, you can catch up with us whenever you can! We'll be driving down 101 to Tillamook on the first day, then over the coastal mountains to Silverton. On the second day, we will drive over the Oregon Cascades with a stop at the Lava fields, and spend some time in Bend and overnight in Madras. On the third day, we will drive north through the Gifford Pinchot forest to Randle and end the tour in Yelm. Many fun roads to drive with some beautiful sights along the way! Check you inbox for Hotel information—our CdeO group rates are available through Saturday, September 5th.

October

Sun 4th

CdeO Day Tour* Often at the beginning of October, we still have some sunny days. If a three-day tour is too long for you, this one-day tour may be just right. Destination still to be determined.

Wed 14th

CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

* 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>