

# ***On Your Marque***

*September 2009*



*Paul & Patricia Luczyk - 2001 Convertible*



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## Cover Story - Paul & Pat Luczyk's 2001 Convertible



Paul & Pat Luczyk have been into Corvettes since 1968 when Paul traded in his Yellow 1966 Chevelle convertible for 1967 Goodwood Green Coupe 327-350 hp with a 4 speed. We were living in Chicago and enjoyed life growing up in muscle car days when premium was selling for 29 to 39 cents per gallon. We spent some time at the drags, both legal & illegal,

with friends and other Vettes, GTOs, Cameros, etc. Pat was working in the insurance industry while Paul was a young engineer in the printing industry.

Because I was having problems losing ball joints I wrote a letter to Chevrolet hoping to get the problem resolved. Well, one morning while home sick from work I received a call from General Motors Engineering from a gentleman with a heavy accent. Yes, it was Zora Arkus-Duntov looking for more information about my problem and how I drove the car. Initially, I thought it some friends playing a joke but it was no joke. I subsequently received a letter from his chassis engineer with his signature with part numbers of which parts to use. After moving numerous times the letter is now in some hidden location in our house, I hope.



When our Heather arrived in 1973 she got to ride in the back a few times before our new 1973 Chevelle Station wagon arrived. Same engine, actually a 350, but for some reason it was a lot slower. The Corvette was sold soon after but we said there would be

another in the future. For a short time I drove a Vega, not the same engine, until it died and joined many others in the bone yard.

Moving ahead to 1985 after we moved to Olympia now driving a '85 Suburban, again with the same engine but even slower. Hot cars were not part of our life at this time while working long hours helping run a

manufacturing facility and numerous teenage activities around town like: Scouts, sports, school, etc..

After moving to Snohomish County, Lake Stevens and finally to Mukilteo and with the kids out of the house, I realized it was time to get back into the game. About the same time Paul retired from engineering and started his own home inspection business.



After looking around we found our 2nd Vette, a Red 1987 roadster with an automatic. A beautiful car but I still missed the 67. After visiting a 2001 CMCS show & shine at Seaview Chevrolet we joined the club in the spring of 2002. We have had lots of fun with the club going on numerous trips, meetings, drives, etc. After a few weekend outings and packing "real" light in the C4 we quickly became jealous of our friends with C5 trunks. Needless to say we decided it was time to trade up to our red 2001 convertible.

Only one disappointment with the C5 when 2 years ago we were on the way to West Yellowstone with the group when we got a call from my son taking his wife to the hospital for early delivery of their twins. She was not due for 2 weeks but her time had arrived. My first thought this isn't fair



and I told Pat the boys would not know that we were not there for the delivery. I was laughing when I said this but Pat was not when she said get off at the next exit. I did. The boys, Parker & Stuart, arrived later that day with Grandpa and Grandma close by. Yes, life is good.

### **CMCS Clothing - Order Now**

We want to remind everyone that at every meeting you can place your order for club jackets or denim shirts, or purchase (and take) baseball caps. Jackets and shirts of all sizes are brought to every meeting for you to try on before placing your order. Payment is due at the time the order is placed. See Mona Cox to place your order.

## ***Get Ready for Corvette Racing Action***

Corvette Racing excitement is coming soon, and a popular feature of the American Le Mans Series Events are the Chevrolet Corvette Corrals, open to all Corvette enthusiasts, Corvette Owners, and Corvette Club Members! Many activities are included in the Corvette Corral ticket package, such as parade laps, driver autograph session, presentations by various guest speakers, hospitality, car show judging and much more.

There are corrals planned for the 2009 Corvette Racing Season and we hope you will join fellow enthusiasts to cheer on the team!

**Below are the races that will have a Corvette Corral/Chevrolet Display for 2009:**

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September 26      Road Atlanta -- Braselton, GA

October 10        Laguna Seca -- Monterey, CA

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Visit the Corvette Racing site for information on banquets, etc. associated with Corvette Corral festivities. You can also find out specifics by visiting the American Le Mans site and clicking on IMSA Car Corrals.

## ***Club Windshield Decals Available***

***by Lorrie Montgomery ([Lorrie@CorvetteMarqueClub.com](mailto:Lorrie@CorvetteMarqueClub.com))***



Back by popular demand! Corvette Marque Club Windshield Decals.

In the past, we have ordered CMCS window decals that match the color of our cars. These decals spell out Corvette Marque Club of Seattle, fit down each side of the windshield and can be ordered in a number of colors.

The decals are **\$20.00 per pair** and come with instructions for application. Pre-payment is required and can be made by

credit card or check. You can check out the Web Site at

[www.viny lidsigns.com](http://www.viny lidsigns.com).

Click on *Car Club Stickers* and take a look. You can look at all of the colors available and place an order through me as they would like to ship all at once. They have some of the most popular Corvette colors in stock for immediate shipment, so if you are interested please contact Lorrie. Thanks so much!

## CMCS General Meeting

### Alfy's Pizza - Lynnwood

Saturday September 12th

Lunch at 1 pm

Meeting at 1:45 pm

Half-Price Pizza!



#### *Directions:*

Take the 196th St. exit off of I-5

Go west to 48th St.

Alfy's is on the SW corner.

Info: Ken Jones

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## Upcoming Activities

**Note: CMCS Event Dates are in Red**

### September 2009

- 9/4-9/6 [CMCS Wine Tour IV](#) (See page 35 in this newsletter)
- 9/12 [CMCS General Meeting](#) (See page 7 in this newsletter)
- 9/15 [SIS 2010 Planning Meeting](#) (See page 24 in this newsletter)
- 9/17 [CMCS Board Meeting](#) (See page 10 in this newsletter)
- 9/19-20 [Cascade Loop Tour 2009](#) (See page 26 in this newsletter)
- 9/20 **NWACC Autocross** at Sanderson Field in Shelton.

### October 2009

- 10/3 Issaquah Salmon Days Parade. (See page 20 in this newsletter)

### November 2009

- 11/7 [NWACC Year-end Banquet](#) (See page 42 in this newsletter)
- 11/14 **CMCS Gen Mbr Mtg & Annual Turkey Feast & Auction.** At Kirkland 7th Day Adventist meeting hall.  
Info: [Activities@CorvetteMarqueClub.com](mailto:Activities@CorvetteMarqueClub.com).

### December 2009

- 12/13 **CMCS Annual Christmas Party & General Meeting** at the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn. 1:30 pm adult beverages.  
2:30 pm Buffet lunch. Info: [Activities@corvettemarqueclub.com](mailto:Activities@corvettemarqueclub.com).

### February 2010

- 2/26-28 Wet Weekend. 45th Annual. Astoria Oregon. Save the date.

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## July 2010

7/16-18 Deschutes River Run 2010 in Sisters, OR by High Desert Corvettes.  
Save the Date! Event Info: [www.highdesertcorvettes.com](http://www.highdesertcorvettes.com)  
(CMCS group tour info: TBD)

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## September 2010

9/10-12 [Seattle in September 2010](#) (See page 24 in this newsletter)

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### Ferrous Fanny 500 - Event Report

Epilog to the ...



It all started innocently enough. The seeds were planted perhaps 20+ years ago. For at least that long, Kayla had dreamed of "someday" driving her Corvette all the way around the rim of Crater Lake, at midnight, top down, under a full moon. Those seeds remained

semi-dormant for a couple decades, never forgotten but just under the surface and never quite seeing the light of day. Something stirred the seeds again last fall (*RAD* withdrawal, maybe?) and they began to sprout. "Next summer", she said, "we're going to do it." Out came the Farmer's Almanac to see when, during the coming summer months, there would be a full moon on or at least near a weekend that didn't already have another conflicting event. It would be a couple long hard days of driving to pull it off on a weekend but maybe, if we advertised it a bit, we'd still get a half dozen or so other Corvettes to go with us. A dozen at most. So we put the word out.

Fast-forward to the present: Friday morning, Aug 7, at Zero-dark-thirty, 52 people in 27 Corvettes from 3 clubs (CMCS, Corvettes de Olympia and Yakima Valley Vettes) all launched from various places and headed off in the general direction of Yakima. By mid-morning we had all converged on the Yakima Visitor Center near Exit 33A on I-82. (Note to self:



Yakima Visitor Center is a GREAT place to gather a group or just stop enroute to somewhere. Plenty of parking, easy off-easy back on the freeway, rest rooms, coffee, very hospitable staff. It doesn't get much better than that.) From there it was a straight shot all the way to Biggs Junction & our lunch stop. Grab some lunch, fill the tank,



drain the passengers & we're southbound again on Oregon Hwy 97. Speed limit drops to 55 now so we're very careful, especially as we approach Moro(n), OR. Lotsa time to smell the roses when you're only puttin' along at 55. Business seemed to grind to a halt in several of the little towns as our Caravan of Corvettes passed thru. Same could be said for some of the crews in several road construction projects along the way. Some of the group (intentionally) dropped out at Bend where they'd be spending the night. Some others, who should have been continuing on to LaPine for the night, inadvertently followed the wrong set of tail lights and had a nice scenic tour of Bend before getting back on track. The rest of us stopped in LaPine & scattered for dinner. Saturday morning a few adventurous souls (the names Walden, Foreman & Jewell come to mind) took off for the park very early in order to do the 1.1 mile hike down the crater, catch the 10AM boat tour around Crater Lake, then hike 2.2 miles back UP the very same trail. OK, so maybe it only *seemed* like it was twice as far going back uphill. The rest of us had a leisurely breakfast at the hotels then took a leisurely (except for the "ground squirrel auto-x" on Hwy 138) drive into the north entrance to Crater Lake National Park. At the ranger station, the geezers among us simply flashed our GOOF cards (Genuine Official Old Fart) and drove thru the gate FREE. Everybody else paid \$10/car. Gettin' old may not be for sissies but it does have a FEW advantages!



The whole caravan stopped at the first pull-out we came to so everybody could hike up to the crater rim & get our first real view of the lake. Awesome sight. While we were looking at the lake, all the other tourists were looking and taking pictures of this huge string of Corvettes parked nose-to-tail and filling up what turned out to be the entire TOUR BUS parking area. We figured out the error of our ways just as the first tour bus arrived. Buses are big. Vettes are little. We jumped in the cars and scattered in all directions. At 5PM, right on schedule, all 52 of us swarmed the Crater Lake Lodge Dining Room for a First Class dinner. Only 76 seats in the dining room and we had most of them. The staff had set us up in tables of 8 - 12, each with

its own server assigned. They had a special menu just for our group and they did separate checks for us. Try to get that for a group this size anywhere else! It should be noted here that the dining room staff, in fact, the entire Crater Lake Lodge staff, treated us like royalty for the whole weekend.

Promptly at 11PM the caravan again formed for the **Midnight Moonlight Cruise** around the lake. 33 miles takes about 1.5 hrs with a couple stops, one on the east side where the lake was somewhat obscured by smoke from area forest fires then, at straight up midnight, another on the west side where the moonlight reflecting off the lake was absolutely spectacular. A perfect finish to a perfect day. 44°F at the high point of the rim but some of us did the whole lap with the tops down anyway. And, the heater on, too!

By the 11AM check-out time on Sunday, many in the group had already scattered to the four winds. A much smaller caravan headed back to Seattle, doing 500 miles in 10.25 hours, including one fuel stop, a couple rest area "inspections" and, of course, dinner with **Strawberry Shortcake** at Tebo's in Gladstone.



During the course of the weekend, within the group we celebrated three birthdays, a 40th wedding anniversary, shared old memories with old friends and made new memories with new friends.



A chance conversation between two couples who previously did not know one another revealed that one was looking for the Corvette of their dreams and the other

knew where just such a car was for sale. A few days later, purchase made, dream realized. All that, AND strawberry shortcake. Life is good.

Next year? We understand that some kinda tour is being conjured up in the Republic area by some very experienced Corvette travelers. Should be a load of fun!

## **CMCS Board Meeting**

**Thursday September 17th 6 pm**  
**Al & Jean Dager's home**  
**For directions & RSVP:**  
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# *Marque My Words*



*by President  
Dennis  
Montgomery*



September already! When I was younger, my parents told me that as we got older, time would pass by quicker and quicker ... How true that is! It seems like summer just started and here it is Labor Day already! However, there are still a lot of fun things to do and good weather to come so keep watching the activities section of this newsletter and in our website, [www.corvettemarqueclub.com](http://www.corvettemarqueclub.com), and get out there and do it!

A special thanks to our sponsors, Lee Johnson Chevrolet and Speedway Chevrolet for making their facilities so available to us. From providing meeting spaces, to gathering places for events, they have been terrific. We recently met at Lee Johnson Chevrolet for the start of the tour to the August meeting and I think our string of having at least one car purchased by someone at the event is intact! Please give our sponsors all the support you can, as they are very important to CMCS. Soon, I will be sending out a poll to each member asking them what vehicle purchases and services they have used our sponsors for so that we can all get a "handle" of how much interaction there is. We have done this in the past with surprising results. The results showed a much higher amount of interaction than expected! As an aside, whenever you purchase a vehicle (Corvette or not!) or use their parts and service department, please remember to mention your CMCS membership.

The member I would like to mention this month is Jim McDonnell, our Parade Chairman. Jim is a retired school teacher who still substitute teaches on occasion. (I can only imagine the look on the student's faces when Mr. McDonnell rolls on to campus in a Corvette!) Jim has done a terrific job in organizing parades for the club, a job involving much more time and effort than meets the eye. I can speak from experience, having done it

for a few years before Jim, that it involves work. But Jim has taken it to a whole new level. Since Jim started, we have become more and more involved with Seafair parades, including the 300,000+ spectator Torchlight Parade. I tried and tried to get us in that parade but wasn't successful.... Jim was!

This year was a fun one for Jim with the Seafair folks. As we all know, Chevrolet is having their unique issues and told Seafair they would not supply Corvettes for Seafair, as they had in the past. Seafair frantically called Jim and asked CMCS to not only provide enough Corvette convertibles to do our "normal" parade participation, but also provide enough Corvettes for all the Seafair Princesses in all the Seafair parades! Jim shifted into high gear (6th gear, I presume) and got all the parades "covered" by arranging and re-arranging enough CMCS convertible owners to get the job done. One problem arose when he realized he was one convertible short...so he solved the problem in the way we all should solve this problem...he bought one! Then, at the eleventh hour, after Jim had completed the difficult task of arranging for enough Corvettes, Seafair called and said, "Don't worry, Chevrolet came through with Corvette so we don't need the extra ones". The mushroom shaped cloud you saw in Bellevue that day (the day before the first Seafair parade) was emanating from Jim's house. So now he had to "unwind" all the work he had done and start the "Corvette Shuffle" all over again, except this time in reverse. He was able to do it and all worked out OK but what a "fun" few weeks for Jim! Thanks to Jim for a great job and we are lucky to have him as our Parade Chairman. A side note, those of us who have been members for a time and remember the late Dick D'Alessandro; Jim is Dick's cousin. Two good men from the same family!

As Vice President Al Dager will remind you, it's not too early to start thinking about running for a CMCS officer position in 2010. Being an officer and sitting on the board is a great way to help the club and please consider it. Al, and any other board member, would be glad to answer any questions you have about this.

See you soon,

Dennis

# **XXX Drive-In All Corvette Show and Burger Bash Event Report**

**by Dennis & Lorrie Montgomery**

Sunday August 23rd proved to be a great summer day in Issaquah! Not the 90 degrees it could have been, but a very pleasant 75! The first Corvette arrived at XXX at 6:00 am for an 8:00 show time. And they just kept coming. By 8:30 the parking lot was filled with more than 150 Vettes. What a sight. Our DJ kept everyone entertained with 60's music and XXX kept everyone fed with Burgers, Fries and Root Beer Floats.

A huge thanks goes to our CMCS Volunteers who worked their tails off, starting at 5:30 am, manning the entrance, parking the cars, doing registration, selling raffle and 50/50 tickets, keeping track of the raffle prizes and patrolling the parking lot to make sure we left it as clean as we found it. What a hard working group of people!

A special thanks to our Sponsors for this event: Michael's Chevrolet of Issaquah who, with their generous funding, allowed us to make some sizable charitable contributions; XXX Root Beer Drive-In who, with their generous quantities of food, allowed us to make some sizable contributions to our waistlines! They also contributed a number of raffle prizes and of course a great venue!

We had lots of participants from all over Washington...western, eastern, southern, and northern as well as a contingent from as far south as Eugene and as far north as BC. It was a great group of people and a terrific cross section of Corvettes. Here are the winners:

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## **C1- 1953 - 1962**

1st Place	Chris Perovich	No Club
2nd Place	Candace Paulino	CMCS
3rd Place	Jim Clark	NW SACC

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## **C2 - 1963 - 1967**

1st Place	Stan Trask	CMCS
2nd Place	Kyle Cabanas	No Club
3rd Place	Bill Hirning	Columbia Classics
Class Award	Ron & Margaret Holly	CMCS

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## **C3 - 1968 - 1973**

1st Place	Dusty Purnhagen	Tacoma Corvette Club
2nd Place	Bryan Mooney	No Club
3rd Place	John Tillman	C3VR

Class Award	Curtis Lang	No Club
Class Award	Erika Zanco	No Club

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### **C3 - 1974 - 1982**

1st Place	Terry & Lily Durbin	Tacoma Corvette Club
2nd Place	Mark Perkins	C3VR
3rd Place	Ed Mott	Classical Glass

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### **C4 - 1984 - 1990**

1st Place	Neil & Shari Maddy	CMCS
2nd Place	Tom Gray	No Club
3rd Place	Dave Cabanas	No Club

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### **C4 - 1991 - 1996**

1st Place	John Jensen	B.C. Corvette Club
2nd Place	Ernie Fletcher	CMCS
3rd Place	Chris & Tina Hildenbrand	No Club

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### **C5 Coupe - 1997 - 2004**

1st Place	Dennis & Mary Johns	Tacoma Corvette Club
2nd Place	Lee Woods	No Club
3rd Place	Gary Johnston	CMCS

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### **C5 Convertible - 1997 - 2004**

1st Place	Byron Crocker	CMCS
2nd Place	Don Gardner	CMCS
3rd Place	Bill Hemmenway	No Club

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### **C6 Coupe - 2005 - 2010**

1st Place	Greg & Lynn Johnson	No Club
2nd Place	DE & Lon Long	Cascade Corvette Club
3rd Place	Terry & Lily Durbin	Tacoma Corvette Club
Class Award	Fred Perra	No Club
Class Award	David Bailey	Classical Glass

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### **C6 Convertible - 2005 - 2010**

1st Place	Don Stork	Ledgens
2nd Place	Doug Benson	Tacoma Corvette Club
3rd Place	Gene Kinnunen	CMCS

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## Custom/Modified

1st Place	Judy Skowronski	No Club
2nd Place	Jake & Sandra Stern	No Club
3rd Place	Leslie Mead	No Club

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## XXX Root Beer Drive-In Sponsor's Award was presented to:

Erika Zanco - 1972 Stingray

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## Gary "Soupy" Campbell Memorial Trophy was presented by Jan Campbell to:

Jake & Sandra Stern - 2004 LaMans Blue Custom Roadster

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## Eric Paulson, owner of Michael's Chevrolet of Issaquah presented their Sponsor's Choice Award to:

Stan Trask - 1963 Red Split Window Coupe

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## BEST IN SHOW Trophy was present by Eric Paulson of Michael's Chevrolet of Issaquah to:

Greg & Lynn Johnson - 2009 ZR1 Coupe

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## XXX Show Photos



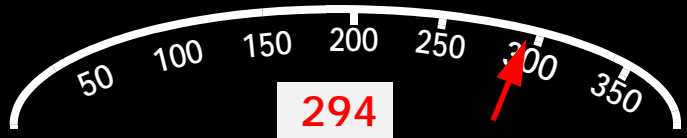






## The Membership Tachometer

by Lorrie Montgomery



The weatherman didn't let us down on Saturday, August 15th for our General Membership Meeting. Twenty-six shined-up Corvettes met at Lee Johnson Chevrolet for a little tour to our lunch and meeting destination, Harvey Field in Snohomish. Another 10 or 15 Vettes join us, so we had a big crowd for lunch and meeting. It was really good to see some people we don't see very often, like George and Aida Walden representing our Eastern Washington contingent and Jay Cockrum representing the Arizona CMCS group. Shortly after starting the meeting, we took a break to watch the skydivers come in. There must have been 15 or 20 of them in all. Wow, what a sight. We also voted in seven new members. Membership total is now **294**.

CMCS has several people who we have voted into Honorary Membership over the years. These are people who have made a profound impact on our club, or on the Corvette community. We voted in the following as Honorary Members for 2009.

**John Cafaro** is the designer of the C5. John attended a CMCS General Membership meeting shortly after the C5 was first released. He provided tremendous information about the C5 design including an explanation of why the back end is shaped the way it is. Seems that it is true to the wind tunnel and is designed for maximum aerodynamics. John is a golfer, hence the introduction of a trunk that will hold 2 sets of golf clubs plus luggage! He made an incredible impact on the Corvette as, at the time, GM was considering dropping the Corvette line. John had such a love for the marque, that he got GM to give him a space in the basement to set up a "skunk works" to experiment with a design. And aren't we glad he was successful!

**Vince Perriello** was a long time CMCS Member who was always involved with the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Several years ago, Vince accepted a position with the Museum and now lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky. We don't get to see him very often, however when he is in town, he always tries to make it to our meeting. We were fortunate to have him and Christine at our April Meeting. Since joining the Museum Staff, Vince has been a very large connection for CMCS and the Museum. He very graciously writes a monthly column for On Your Marque entitled National Corvette Museum News. Take a look at it each month to keep up to date on what's going on in Bowling Green!

**Reeves Callaway** is the brains behind and the designer of the Callaway Corvette. From the first generation of Callaways to the newest ones we've seen at Lee Johnson Chevrolet and Speedway Chevrolet, these are remarkable cars. At the invitation of Lee Johnson and Speedway, Reeves flew up from California specifically to come to our April General Membership Meeting at Speedway. I was told that he was a bit shy and probably wouldn't give much of a speech, but would be glad to answer questions. Well, not only did he answer questions, he signed cars, gave us some great information about the evolution of the Callaway and told us about the Callaway European Racing team. We were watching the clock and were afraid he was going to miss his plane! He said that he seldom comes to visit individual clubs, but was incredibly impressed with the turnout and the interaction of our members. All in all, a very enjoyable trip!

## New Members



**Paul & Sandi Gay** join us from Woodinville. They have a beautiful **1969 Red 427 Stingray Coupe**. As with any worthy classic car owner, he also has a 1961 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud I I and he's a Harley guy! I think they'll fit in just fine! Welcome Paul and Sandi!

**Greg & Susan Roberson** live in Marysville. They have a **2005**

**Machine Silver Convertible**. This is their first Corvette and they're loving the experience. Greg told us that when he was a little boy he didn't want to grow up to be President...he wanted to have a Corvette!! Does that ring true with anyone else out there? I think so! Welcome Greg and Susan!



**Seth Sanusi** joins us from Redmond. He has a **2008 Arctic White Coupe**. This will be a nice addition to our group since we don't have many White Corvettes! Prior to the '08, Seth's first Corvette was as '99. When he bought it, his friends asked him if this was "a quarter life crisis"!! I think we've all been asked something like that...and we know the answer!! Welcome Seth!



**Joe & Lynetta Showaker** live in Kirkland. They have a beautiful **Red 1975 Roadster**. We got to see it before the Bothell 4th of July Parade, however he had a little mechanical trouble half way through the parade and finished it on a tow truck so was unable to make it to the July meeting. Joe and Lynetta have lots of interests including stamp, currency, and comic book collecting; guns; grilling, smoking, and BBQ. We need to sign him up for the July BBQ next year. Oh, and he's a Harley guy too! Lynetta was not able to make the August meeting, but I've met her and she's a keeper! Welcome Joe and Lynetta!



Please help me welcome these new members. When you see someone you don't know, please introduce yourselves! Great way to make a new Corvette friend!

**Until next month...Save the Wave!!**

# September Birthdays

Patricia Luczyk	2	Judy Kather	15	Coleen Thompson	19
Terry Myers	2	Carol Maxwell	15	Rick Middlebrook	20
Kay Beattie	6	Molly Baker	16	Chris vonRavensberg	21
Rhonda Fowler	7	Jean Dager	16	Paul Hoberecht	23
Cynthia Lucke	7	Gayle Gotner	16	Daniel Brown	25
Shelda Orlando	8	Leslie vonRavensberg	16	Jo Spurr	27
Paul Mushkin	9	Linda Anderson	19	Wayne Bressler	28
Craig Turi	10	Sara Maloney	19	Rick Milsow	28
Bill Beattie	12	Nancy Remak	19	Brown M. Maloney	29



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## **Parades**

**by Jim McDonnell**

**(425) 753-6658**

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### **October 3- Sat. - Issaquah Salmon Days Parade**

What a full summer of parades this has been. We are now closing in on the last parade of the season, Issaquah Salmon Days on October 3rd. This is a fun parade. We usually carry no dignitaries or celebrities, so this parade is open to all members: coupes, hardtops and convertibles. Usually we have been lucky enough to be joined by the Tacoma Corvette Club. Nice to have them along.

On October 3rd plan to meet near Home Depot in Issaquah. It just so happens the Krispy Kream Doughnuts and Starbucks make a nice triangle around the parking lot. We meet at 8 am. By 8:30 we move to the first staging area. Parade starts shortly after 10 am. Be thinking good weather.

After the parade we drive to Newcastle Golf Club for lunch. Generally been about 25 of us so let me know if you plan to attend, as I need to make reservations, or rather warnings. Last year an unfortunate tree collapse confused our drive, but it did not lessen our enjoyment of looking out over the city, enjoying friendly conversations and devouring a wonderful lunch.

I want to thank all of those who made this years parades so enjoyable. I have included a picture of the drivers and passengers of the 14 Corvettes of the Torchlight parade. Thanks again to all.

*See the photo on the following page.*

## Torchlight Parade



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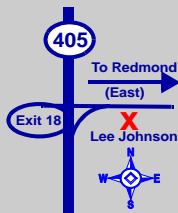
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# Seattle in September 2010

By Stan & Billi Trask

[Stan@CorvetteMarqueClub.com](mailto:Stan@CorvetteMarqueClub.com)



While it seems that the wraps were just put on SIS 2008, the planning for Seattle In September 2010, the 6th edition of this great event has begun! We are pleased to be playing a role in this event for 2010.

Mark your calendars now for **September 10-12, 2010** to experience the opportunity to be part of what has become the premier event for CMCS! The 2010 version of Seattle In September will feature many of the

tried and true events that have made this function so popular in the past, with a few subtle changes here and there to keep things interesting and fresh!

Events this large only happen with months of careful planning and the expertise and help from people like you, our fellow club members. If you have helped in the planning of SIS in the past, we would appreciate your expertise again in 2010! If not, now is a great opportunity to become involved in a terrific event and meet many of your fellow club members in the process.

If you wish to volunteer your time or skills, please contact Stan or Billi at: [SIS2010@CorvetteMarqueClub.com](mailto:SIS2010@CorvetteMarqueClub.com) or [Stan@CorvetteMarqueClub.com](mailto:Stan@CorvetteMarqueClub.com)

Watch the monthly CMCS newsletter for updates and details on SIS 2010 as they become available! With your help and participation, Seattle In September 2010 will be another great event that all of us at CMCS will be proud of!



## **SIS 2010 Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday September 15, 2009**

**6:30-8 pm**

**Roundtable Pizza**

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# August General Meeting - Event Report

by Oran Petersen

About 25 Corvettes departed Lee Johnson on a nice tour on mostly conuntry roads, ending at The Buzz Inn on the Snohomish County Airport (Harvey Field)

We had lunch on the patio, watching the skydivers swoop to mostly graceful landings on the grass near our patio.

Weather was perfect. We had a photo shoot for cover cars for those interested after the meeting.



## Club Corvette Distribution by Series

by Oran Petersen

Using the data from Mike Roylance ([See "Statistics & Graphs - We Got 'em" on page 34](#)), I broke down the Club Corvettes by series. Results are below. If this trend continues, we may need to rename our club the C5/6 Marque Club!

Series	Years	Quantity	Series	Years	Quantity
C1	53-62	14	C4	84-96	39
C2	63-67	36	C5	97-05	67
C3	68-82	19	C6	06-09	44

# Cascade Loop Tour 2009

## September 19-20 - By Rick Milsow



### *Saturday:*

- We gather at the Canyon Park Albertson's in Bothell (south of I-405 at exit 26).
- We leave at 9:00 am sharp.
- We will pick up Highway 2 in Monroe.
- Our first stop is at Stevens Pass. There is plenty room for the cars, **but no facilities**, so take care of your nature call before we leave Bothell or drop off in Skykomish and re-join us at Stevens Pass.
- We stop in Leavenworth for lunch. You pick the place. After lunch, meet at Dan's Food Market, next to McDonald's on Highway #2 (one block east of the City Park). The tour leaves at 1:45 pm.
- We drive east to Wenatchee then head north through Chelan to Winthrop.
- We gather at the Heenan's Burnt Finger Bar-B-Q for 5:00 pm social and 5:30 pm barbecue. Heenan's is close enough to walk to from the Winthrop Inn.

### *Lodging while in Winthrop: Make your own reservations*

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### *Sunday:*

- Sunday morning breakfast is on your own.
- We leave from the Inns at 10:00 am sharp.
- We will make one stop on the North Cascade Highway at the Diablo Overlook.
- Lunch will be at 1:30 pm, at the Glacier Peak Café in Darrington. The restaurant has plenty of parking, and we can use the grass area West of the restaurant.
- When we leave after lunch and will continue along Highway 530 until we pick up Highway 9 southbound in Arlington.
- The drive from Darrington to Bothell is approximately an hour and a half.
- We stop at the **Ranch Drive Inn** in Bothell for soft serve ice cream. Parking is available in their lot and the parking area next door at Speedy Auto Glass.
- The tour concludes at the Ranch Drive Inn.

### *Meal Costs:*

**Saturday Barbecue:** \$27.50 per person (US Dollars) (Beverage Extra)

- Baby-Back Pork Ribs, Beef Ribs, Chicken, Barbecue Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread and Apple Crisp

**Sunday Lunch:** \$14.00 per person (US Dollars)

Glacier Peak Cafe: **Choice of:** Hawaiian Burger (chicken or beef) with fries; French Dip with Au jus; Fish and Chips; or Asian Chicken Salad. A slice of homemade pie is included: choose from Apple, Cherry, or Blackberry.

*(Registration form on the following page.)*

## Cascade Loop Tour 2009 Registration

Name(s):	Phone:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail:		
<u>Meals are to be paid in advance:</u>		
I must guarantee a count for meals, so I need to be paid up front.		
Meals:	Before 9/14/09	On/After 9/14/09
Saturday BBQ:	____ @ \$27.50 (US)	____ @ \$28 (US)
Sunday Lunch:	____ @ \$14.00 (US)	____ @ \$14 (US)
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### **Corvette Technical Tips**

*by Jim Barnes, Glass Odyssey Corvette Club  
(Reprinted with permission.)*

## **Running a Ground With Your C5 Vette**

This may apply to the C4 and C6 Corvettes as well. C6 Corvettes may be free from grounding issues by virtue of the fact that they have not been in service as long.

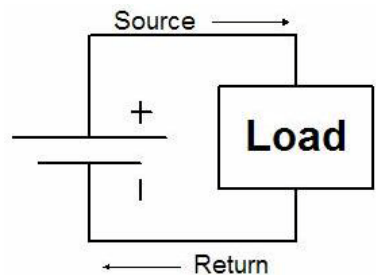
Recently we began to have some trouble with the headlights on our pride and joy (a 2002 Corvette Convertible). I had not anticipated any problems so I was not very well prepared to deal with it. All of a sudden the headlight doors failed to open even though the lights were on. In the old days I would just simply shell out 30-40 dollars for the appropriate maintenance manual and go after the problem. However today the manuals are not available through the dealers but through a company called Helm and the three volume maintenance manual set sells for over two hundred dollars. When it comes to common problems this is where the Internet really shines. It appears from the various articles that problems with headlight control often are due to either the Headlight Control Module or the grounds associated with it.

My years in the technical end of the electronics industry have taught me several very practical trouble shooting rules:

- Digital stuff either works or it doesn't.
- Intermittent problems usually reside outside the digital device.
- Troubleshooting begins at the easiest less costly point and proceeds from there.

Years ago with the advent of the C4 Corvette the designers realized that they needed to develop a new more reliable electrical connector. Poor electrical connections would be a major disaster when microprocessor controls were integrated into automobiles. They came up with the Packard Weather Pak Connector. Essentially it is an electrical connector that has a weathertight seal for both the male and female pins. Unfortunately the folks that did the work on the grounding system did not get the memo. There are nine major ground junction points on a C5 Corvette. They consist of a mounting stud with a 10 mm nut, a ground wire with a lug, and a small module that bolts to the stud and has a number of wires coming from it. The module is nothing more than a connector with all of it's pins tied to the mounting tab. Unfortunately none of these modules are the least bit weather tight. I was impressed with just how much corrosion I found in the module on the Drivers Side (the one on the passenger side was clean as a whistle). There is a tendency to not pay a lot of attention to the ground side of things but this is a major mistake in today's automobiles. In the old days a tail light might be dim or a starter would crank over slow but in today's cars voltage levels are very critical.

Every circuit can be boiled down to three basic elements. The voltage source, load and voltage return. All three are vital for the circuit to operate. When digital equipment is involved the control is carried out through data that is essentially ones and zeros represented by two distinctly different voltage levels (representing yes and no). When you add resistance to either the *Source* side or the *Return* side the corresponding levels inside the load are shifted downward. Now the digital stuff is no longer dealing with yes or no but instead moves toward no and maybe. If things get really bad it moves to no and never. This is my over simplification of the digital world and it has served me well over the years.



This is what the little ground assembly looks like there is nine of these in a C5 Vette and two of them are easily located on either side of the radiator. A 10 mm deep socket will easily remove the module and a small bladed screwdriver will be necessary to separate the two halves of the assembly. Below this assembly will be a ground wire with a lug on it and it is essential that this lug be clean and free of corrosion.



Here you can see what is inside after you gently pry the assembly apart with a small bladed screwdriver. It may be hard to see in the picture on the left but the pins are mildly corroded. This means whatever was trying to be grounded through these circuits were in reality not getting a good ground. Each of the wires going

into this assembly represent a circuit or function that required a ground. The lug and wire that this assembly was bolted to was in fact the actual chassis ground so it is essential that the lug be clean and free of corrosion.

So how do we make sure this is not an issue in the future. The following steps outline a solution that should be a one time once and for all fix:

- Clean the wire lug and the mounting tab with sandpaper (400 to 600 grit).
- Remove all corrosion and try to avoid removing the coating and exposing the brass.
- Give the female pins a good shot of contact cleaner.
- Coat the mounting tab and the wire lug with a conductive paste/ corrosion preventive like Copper shield (you may have to go to an electrical supply house to get this).
- Install a star washer between the wire lug and the mounting tab (copper shield there would be helpful).

The Copper Shield will deny the mechanical connection of water and oxygen and that will effectively, put an end to the corrosion process. This will make for a permanent fix and allow you to put this problem behind you. However if you cannot find a suitable compound like Copper Shield you may use LPS1 or WD40 and that should resolve the problem for many years to come.

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# CMCS General Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2009

Buzz Inn in Snohomish

By William Cameron



Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Dennis Montgomery.

Members Present: Dennis Montgomery, Al Dager, Bill Cameron, Tim Cox, Mike Roylance, Kevin Jewell, and Ken Jones.

**Vice President's Report:** Al Dager has club radios for sale. Al also asked members to start thinking for running for a board position for the next board 2010.

**Secretary's Report:** Bill Cameron asked for a motion to accept the general meeting minutes as published in the last newsletter. A motion was made and passed by a vote of members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tim Cox reported on the club financials.

There was a 15 minute delay in the meeting to allow all members to watch the skydivers landing at the air field.

**Membership Report:** Lorrie Montgomery introduced the following members as follows.

- Paul and Sandi Gay from Woodinville with a red metallic 1969 427 Stingray.
- Greg and Susan Roberson from Marysville with a silver 2005 convertible.
- Seth Sanusi from Redmond with a 2008 white coupe.
- Joe and Lynetta Showaker with a 1975 red roadster.

A motion was made to accept these potential members into the club a second and a vote of the club members present. Motion passed.

Lorrie reported membership now stands at 294.

Lorrie also noted that Mona Cox was handling the apparel sales portion of the membership duties.

**Seattle in September:** Stan and Billie Trask, co-chairmen for the 2010 SIS announced the event will be September 10th/11th/12th/2010.

Location still not set as of yet. They also asked members interested in helping on a committee please sign up and come to the next SIS meeting at Round Table Pizza in Overlake just behind the Sears store September 15th.

**Activities Report:**

- XXX August 23rd
- Caravan August 23rd
- Wine Tour Sept. 4,5,& 6th
- Cascade Loop Tour Sept. 19th and 20th.

**Charity Report:** Marty Cameron again put out a call for members to make lap blankets for the Veterans. She also announced that the annual Thanksgiving auction and dinner will be November 14th.

**NWACC Report:** Tim Cox announced that our club is sponsoring the upcoming NWACC Banquet on November 7th. The function will be held at the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn. Dinner and awards will be given out. The cost for this will be \$25 per person.

**Adopt-A-Highway Report:** None

**Newsletter Report:** Oran Petersen needs cover cars and biographies for newsletter.

**NCRS Report:** Next function will be October 3rd in Wilsonville Oregon.

**NCM Report:** No report

**Parades Report:** Jim McDonnell said the last parade of the year will be at Salmon Days in Issaquah on October 3rd.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dennis announced that the board and our Web Master are working on updating our club web site. If anyone has any input to let him know.

**50/50 drawing** was \$240 of which \$120 goes to Shoreline Community College fund and \$120 was won by Steve Yabroff

**Raffle drawing** was won by Marty Cameron a very nice bottle of wine and all the fixings to make a spaghetti dinner.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cameron, Secretary

## ***Cover Cars and Bios Needed - Again***

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## **50/50 Charity Fund Drawing** **By Jack Goodman & Claudia Simmons**



At our Monthly CMCS General Meeting 50/50 tickets are available for a dollar each. Half goes toward our scholarship fund for the Shoreline Community College Automotive Program. The remaining half goes to the lucky one holding the ticket number drawn. The more tickets bought the bigger the pot. For the August 15th General Meeting we collected **\$240**.

**\$120** went to Steve Yabroff.

**\$120** went to the Scholarship fund

## **Thank you Letter from Horace Mann School**



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mbspaulding@lwsd.org

June 9, 2009

Marti Cameron  
Corvette Marque Club of Seattle  
PO Box 534  
Kirkland, WA 98083

Dear Marti,

This is a long overdue note to say thank you for the generosity of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle. The generosity of the club provided holiday gifts for three Horace Mann Elementary Families. A total of eight school aged children were provided with many holiday gifts including clothing, toys and games.

I spoke with many grateful parents who were experiencing difficult financial times and thrilled to have much needed help in providing holiday gifts for their children.

Thank you again for thinking of Horace Mann. The 2008 holiday season was definitely brighter for those families served.

Sincerely,

Melanie R. Miller, M.Ed.  
School Counselor

## **Statistics & Graphs - We Got 'em**

**Compiled by Mike Roylance**

*Written by the Editor*



**Mike Roylance** has worked up a neat set of color graphs of statistical breakdowns of CMCS Corvettes. Included are distributions for year, model, color and more, in several different flavors. They are very detailed and look great on the screen, but are not suitable for printing in the newsletter

due to size and font limitations.

What is the most popular year Corvette in the Club? Color? Model?

Well, you will just have to look it up for yourself. There will be a quiz later. The file is on our CMCS Web Site under Downloads>CMCS Files>[CMCS Corvette Statistics](#). You can save a copy of this pdf file for yourself if you wish a quick reference. Mike pulled the data from our membership booklet. That must have taken *some* time. Thanks Mike.

## **4th Annual CMCS Wine Tour -2009**

**by Dennis & Lorrie Montgomery**

Well, maybe not the 4th Annual CMCS Wine Tour, as we missed last year due to our Seattle in September event, but we thought it's time again to visit the Yakima Valley Wine Country. For those who have been with us before you know how beautiful the wine country is. For those who have not done a wine tour before, you're in for a treat. Whether you're one who loves to sample our great wines of the Yakima Valley or one who just loves to drive your Corvette through the beautiful countryside on roads winding through the vineyards and ending up at another spectacular setting, you'll be happy you joined us.

This year's CMCS Wine Tour will take us from XXX Drive-In in Issaquah over Snoqualmie Pass, through the Canyon into Yakima to our Prosser destination. If you check out the itinerary below you will see a recurring theme ... Oodles of food, lots of nice driving and a few tastes of wine here and there. This is a relaxing weekend with limited structure. You can follow along to planned winery stops or go off on your own to explore your favorite vineyard. We'll have plenty of maps and wine guides so there is something for everyone.

*(See details on the flyer on the following page.)*



## **CMCS Wine Tour IV**

**by Dennis & Lorrie Montgomery**

**September 4-6, 2009**

**Prosser Area (East side of the Cascades)**

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### **Friday**

9 am - Depart the XXX Drive-In in Issaquah

Lunch at the Miner's Restaurant in Yakima

Tour wineries on the way to Prosser

Dinner in Prosser

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### **Saturday**

Tour to specific wineries during the day as a group, but please feel free to explore on your own during the day, if you wish.

Lunch & Dinner

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### **Sunday**

Tour wineries in the area

Return to Seattle via Chinook Pass

Lunch along the way

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## **Laps From the Past or “Marque in Time”** *A CMCS history feature by Ben Benninghoff*



**40 LAPS AGO: September '69.** The membership meets at the Jolly Troll in Burien for the monthly meeting as President Frank Olsheski gets the meeting started. Members and guest were introduced, a quick treasurer's report given, then the club votes to accept Bob Kardack as its new member. Flyers were circulated for the upcoming autocross; Don Schwab is assuming the publicity duties for the event, and for the remainder of the year. Frank Diss is organizing a Winery Tour for October. Roger & Karen Orth, and Roger Ellingson were voted into honorary membership. Frank gave a report on the San Diego convention; the '70 convention will be held in Vancouver, B.C. Ed Baker went over the details with the Olympia Tour. John Thomas reported the officials were very pleased with the club at the Trans Am race. It was suggested we do the same for the Guerneville 200. There is a possibility of obtaining the track for a \$50 fee. John also mentioned the planning for the autocross is going well, and that we invite the Columbia Corvette Club to the event. Two free dinners at the Space Needle restaurant are being awarded to the couple from the club that places highest in the Inclement Rallye in November. Ron McDuffy suggested that Corvette owners should contact General Motors of their opinions and ideas for future cars, which generated a general discussion. The meeting concluded following a slide show of the WSCC convention.

**30 LAPS AGO: September '79.** President Ernie Kahler gets the monthly meeting started following a progressive dinner at the home of Neil & Noreen Millen. WWSCC held its event at the Southsound Center in Lacey. NWACC holds their last season event in Salem, Oregon, and will have their Awards Banquet in Olympia this year. NCRS hosted their convention in Bend this month as well. Membership stands at 104. Frank Olsheski asks the membership for articles on events they attend for the newsletter. The salmon fishing trip and the gold panning trip were reported on where several took home some gold and wine and some cheese during the tasting party where 23 attended. A day a Longacers was attended by at least 11 members, a Saturday tune-up session and seminar at Jim Glenn's

Performance Center was well attended. The SIR practice session was canceled.

**20 LAPS AGO: September '89.** The monthly meeting was called to order by Kayla Main, who filled in for the missing President, Jan Cockrum, who was a little horse this evening from a lingering cold, but all those attending had a lovely breakfast across the Woodenville Valley. The membership stands at 105 with one prospective attending. The NWACC year end banquet is scheduled for October at the Red Lion in Kelso. The club needs to forward \$50 for the next two years membership for insurance purposes, which the club voted and passed to do so. A Chuckanut Drive was attended by several members; always a favorite outing for our club. Barbara ^ Cloyd Jackson volunteered their place as the place for the club's Thanksgiving pot luck turkey dinner; probably in conjunction with a club function like the general or board meeting for the month. The club's newsletter funding is still a month to month sponsorship, now being supported by funds from our sponsor from Western Corvette Supply, who furnished the postage machine for the September issue. John Thomas is in touch with Rick Stark as another possibility, and, Ed Moore is working other angles on the same topic.

**10 LAPS AGO: September '99.** Steve & Robin Cassidy's 1994 Black on Black LT-1 6-speed is featured on the newsletter's cover. President Frank DePuy gets the monthly meeting started after dinner at the Golden Steer in Kent. Treasurer reports all club bills are paid and current; we're on budget again. Robert & Diane Eager, Peter & Kay Tilton, Brandon Christophel, Don Puckett, Dennis & Lorrie Montgomery, and, Oclaire & Pam Enstad are all voted into full membership, bringing the total to 197. Chairperson announces that the Charity Christmas event will repeat with the children's group as last year. Editor Cloyd Jackson announces he has purchased a new solid ink color printer. Mike & Coleen Thompson are eager to receive comments and suggestions towards promoting the upcoming SIS2000 event next year. Lots of items needing leadership or a helping hand to assist in making all the events go smoothly. Roger Smith donates \$100 to the CMCS Treasury as a benefactor. New club members Teresa Lannoye & Rand Pierce reported in the newsletter they were married following the club meeting prior to our participation at the Sequim Irrigation Festival Days Parade. "Too Much Fun Under The Sun" article by Ben Benninghoff reported on a full day of fun touring the country side, to Stanwood then heading to the Everett Aquasox baseball park where we parked inside the park displaying our Corvette for all the attendees, gorges ourselves on Ivar's Clam

Chowder bread bowls, and settled in for a great game under the lights, and, the club winning for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year since we began attending. The highlight was when 3 kids walked up to Bob Barnott's new '98 black vette, leaned over the driver's door and noticed the speedometer showing 300 on the face and the kids asking; "Wow, Mister, does this really go 300 miles an hour?!" Without blinking Bob answers, "Well, I didn't buy it if it didn't!". The look on their faces was priceless, as Gary and I did our best not to choke on our soup.

**5 LAPS AGO: September '04.** Six "Get The Yellow Out!" (of the garage) Corvettes grace the newsletter's cover; Bob "Mr. Fabulous" Newman, Coleen & Mike Thompson, Tim and Mona Cox, Kayla Main, Rick Milsow, and, Kaye & Richard Counce. President Tim Cox calls the monthly meeting to order following the tech session at Andrew Morrison's Speedware Motorsports facilities in Redmond. Tim took a few moments and talked about Leo & Penny Fix that passed away during the Labor Day weekend; the Majestic Glass club will host a charity tour in their memory in October. David & Donna Blaylock, Richard Hein & Lynnette Wilson-Hein, and, Gerald Tallman were all voted into the club, bringing the total to 301. Bryon Crocker talked about the Cruise To Paradise; Tim talked about the Issaquah Salmon Days Parade; Shelia Wyllie about the Thanksgiving Feast at the Kirkland Community Center, and the Christmas Party at the Muckelshoot Casino in Auburn; Rick Milsow on the Peninsula Tour in October; Marty Cameron on the Wet Weekend in February at Harrison Hot Springs B.S.; and Dave Woodcock on the Adopt-A-Highway outing. Lorrie Montgomery talked about the charities and what the club has accomplished during the year, with Tim finishing up on the NWACC Officer elections held next month. Finally, Dick & Lolly D'Alessandro gave an overall wrap up on SIS2004, our third semi-annual 3 day event, which went very well and reported several favorable comments from other clubs that joined us. Oh, almost forgot: Kayla's "Did You Know" newsletter article about placing a stir stick (plastic or wooden) in your cup prior to placing in a microwave for heating the water up. Seems the physics of water reaching the boiling stage in a cup within a microwave is rather unstable due to the water & air molecules being super heated have nothing to latch onto since the sides of the cup are rather smooth. There exists the possibility that the person opening the microwave door and reaching for the cup introduces a grounding-like element to the equation, much like a lightning rod attacks lightning. The super heated water in the cup is seeking a surface to expand to in order to stabilize its current condition, and can actually explode in the face of the unaware physic-

challenged operator. So now you have something new to consider when reaching for that quick heat up of your favorite beverage. Thanks, Kayla for that saving-face piece of science.

Ben ...more laps to come...

## National Corvette Museum News

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com>

by Vince Perriello



*Entertainment Galore throughout Labor Day Weekend*

“1964 The Tribute,” the #1 Beatles Show in the World according to Rolling Stone Magazine, will be entertaining event guests on Saturday with a free live concert at the Corvette Amphitheater beginning at 4:00 p.m. The two hours of non-stop musical magic will take you back for a nostalgic experience.

Ladies will enjoy the “Women's Oasis” at the FOP Lodge adjacent to the NCM grounds. Sit back and relax with a massage by licensed therapists, get a fresh coat of paint on your nails, create needlepoint of unique Corvette belts, make your own jewelry and browse one of many cosmetics vendors at the indoor, air conditioned haven.

This year's silent auction will top them all with items ranging from Kentucky gift baskets, gift certificates, Corvette items and much more. Can't wait for the NCM to have an autocross facility of our own? Why not try a little golf cart autocross! If you have a greater need for speed on-site Dyno pulls are offered, and drag racing at Beech Bend Raceway is available. Road tour availability changes daily, so if you don't see an opening with your favorites, keep checking back! For the current agenda,

see: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/celebration/agenda.shtml>

*Upcoming 2009 Events (Schedule At A Glance):*

- **September 2-5, 2009** NCM 15th Anniversary Celebration/Caravan  
See <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/celebration/info.shtml>
- **September 10-12, 2009** Z06 Fest  
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*The “Who's Who” of the Corvette World Will Be There, Will You?*

This is your chance to get up close and personal with the people that designed and engineered your Corvette. Meet and greet Tom Peters, Corvette Designer; Tadge Juechter, Chief Engineer of the Corvette; Harlan Charles, Corvette Product Marketing Manager; Paul Graham,



Corvette Assembly Plant Manager; Randy Wittine, Designer; Tom Wallace, David Hill and Dave McLellan, past Corvette Chief Engineers; Duane "Sparky" Bohnstedt, Corvette Designer; Race Car Driving Team Tony De Lorenzo and Jerry Thompson; Corvette Enthusiast John P. Hinckley and many more. Autograph sessions are scheduled and you never know who you'll meet at the NCM!

In addition to having some big names in the auto world attend, we've also got some special cars joining our family of displays during the event in the Museum including the Mako Shark, the '59 Stingray Racer, the Manta Ray and the '73 Aerovette. These join our already impressive display of concept cars including the ZR12, Astrovette and Astro II.

#### *General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant To Be Open Friday, Sept. 5*

The General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant has changed their work schedule during our Labor Day Celebration in order to accommodate more of our Corvette enthusiasts. The plant will now be open and operating Tuesday through Friday, September 1-4. The plant will be closed on Monday, August 31. Tours will be running continuously during the festivities.

"The event attendees are our customers and supporters so it was only natural that we make every effort to accommodate them during this special occasion," said Paul Graham, Plant Manager. Remember to purchase your tickets in advance and check the website for updates and a review of the 'what to wear and what not to bring' information. For those of you visiting the plant on Friday, please be sure to express your gratitude to plant employees for changing their schedule.

#### *Items Still Needed for Enthusiast Area of Museum*

The Museum's new displays are getting their final touches and we need YOUR help! A new section focusing on Corvette Enthusiasts is being installed between where our crash test car is and the Skydome. This area features people like you, fans of the Corvette. We are in need of the following items:

- Videos of auto cross, drag racing, HPDEs, and time trials...you having fun in your car. Could include videos from inside your Corvette.
- Video of Corvette fanatic garages: Not only showing off your garage, but telling us about it sort of like an editorial story.
- Testimonial type video about how you have changed your lifestyle or something about your life to focus on the Corvette.
- Photos of winners at club car shows
- Cool license plates

**NWACC Year-end Banquet**

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<http://www.muckleshootcasino.com/>

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## September 2009 Calendar

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## October 2009 Calendar

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