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Social Media for CMCS

CMCS has Facebook and Twitter pages. Use the following to connect.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Corvette-Marque-Club-of-Seattle/178035695582803>

Twitter:

Search on Twitter for **@CMCS63**

Cover - Ralph & Bea Orton's 2003 Convertible by Ralph Orton



Six years ago I had a “NDE” (Near Death Experience) that somehow brought me across the path of a Corvette! Not knowing if I was going to “live” or “die”, I found solace knowing that one day (God willing) and if the stars were lined up right, I would own a Corvette. Well, on my way to the Doctor's office every week I noticed a “Yellow” Corvette sitting in a car lot and it kept catching my eye (or should I say it kept calling my name)! Needless to say I stopped by the car lot and started negotiating a price. It took me over 3-months of negotiating and waiting to see the results of my test regarding my health. The problem I had was threefold: 1.) Am I going to live; 2.) Will the price be right; and 3.) How

do I tell my wife I want a Corvette!

For all you guys out there you know what the “biggest” problem was for me! Telling the wife!

Once I approached my wife and told her what I wanted to do the look on her face and her comeback was a “Kodak” moment! It was “No way, it's me or the Corvette!” Well, long story short I bought the Corvette and my wife and I now attend a Workshop for married couples! It's called “I Work she Shops”.



It has been so much fun taking a plain “Yellow and Black” Roadster Corvette and dressing it up! In addition, joining the Corvette Marquee Club of Seattle has been fun and has introduced us to many new friends. And, attending the parades is always a treat too as the Club does an outstanding job organizing and attending local parades.

My wife and I now take long rides during the summer months and just enjoy the time we spend touring the state of Washington. This summer we went to Mt. Rainier, Yakima, Walla Walla, Portland and Bellingham. What a feeling it is to have the wind blowing in your face and thru my hair! You just can't beat the "heartbeat" of America - Corvette!

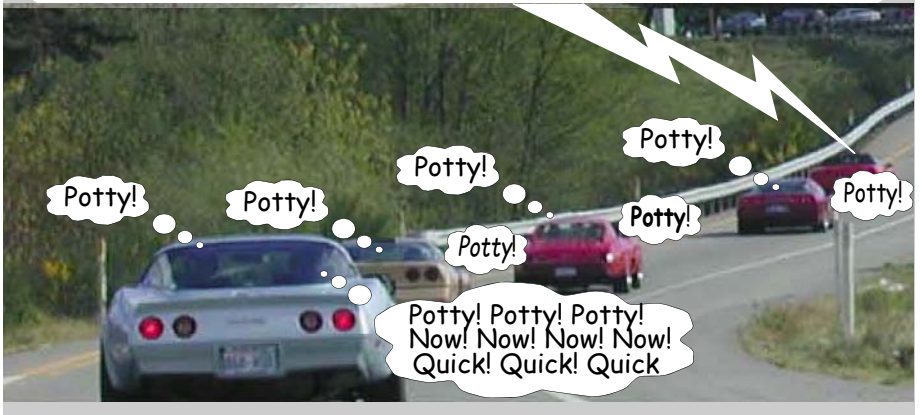


Between the Corvette and my passion for Music (I'm a musician), life has been 1-big joy ride since I bought the Corvette. I'm thinking I should bring a hat, guitar, and play music during the car shows! Hey, I could actually make some money! The question is "Do I buy another Corvette? And, if so, would it be a C6 or C7? Hmmmm? Let me think? Wife or another Corvette? Not even going there! I'm enjoying what I have now!

Editor's Note: Funny Fotos ran in the OYM newsletter monthly from about late 2003 until early 2008. Since that era there are almost 100 new CMCS addresses out of a present total of 140, about 2/3 of the present membership, that have never seen them. So, when space permits, we will re-print selections. The one below is from June 2004. By the way, any of you can contribute. Have a good candidate? Send it to Newsletters@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Funny Foto - Are We There Yet?

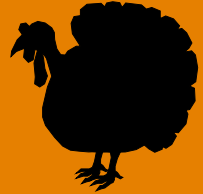
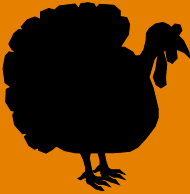
Don't you just love wandering through these back roads for hours at a time, miles from civilization, enjoying the lakes, flowing streams, waterfalls, letting your mind drift into the beauty of it all without a care in the world....



CMCS Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, Auction & November General Meeting

Saturday November 8th @ 5 pm sharp

**St Luke's Lutheran Church
3030 Bellevue Way NE
Bellevue, WA 98004**



Attendees will bring the trimmings
according to your last name:

A thru F: Potatoes/Gravy/Stuffing

G thru M: Dessert

N thru S: Hot veggie/hot side dish

T thru Z: Salads

Auction

Don't miss out on this fun competition!

Your donated items such as: Theme baskets, crafted projects, candies, cookies, cakes, breads, pie--unlimited choices to make and bake will be auctioned and all proceeds from this auction will go to the Dee Ann Esping Charity Fund.

****Thanksgiving Bake it***

Wrap it in clear plastic wrap,

Print your name and the name of the baked item on a 3x5 card
(if it contains nuts, please so identify)

The following members are presently bringing turkeys:

***Judy Jewell, Billi Trask, Lois Renner, Lorrie Montgomery, John &
Vicky Kingston and Marty Cameron***

To add your name to the list, Please contact

Vicki Rinehart at (206) 901-1549 if you can bring a turkey.

CMCS Coordinator: Vicki Rinehart Charity@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

A Message from Vicki Rinehart - Charity Chairperson

Are you ready for the time of your life by giving to others as well as to yourself? This year the auction will be lively and filled with surprises. So open your wallet and your heart and bring something Corvette related and/or some baked goods to auction. Also some food to share listed by last name above.

We also accept checks for the charity. I will be donating \$200 and I challenge you to meet or beat that amount. We will have a presentation from the Eastside Baby Corner and there will be a special surprise that no one knows about (except me.)

CMCS Annual Christmas Party & General Meeting



Saturday December 27, 2014

5:30 pm No Host Cocktails

6:30 pm Banquet

No Host Bar

Everett Golf & Country Club

1500 52nd Street Southeast

Everett, WA 98203

(425) 259-8141

\$39 per person.

Salmon & Chicken Buffet

General Meeting after the Banquet

"Wrap the Crap" gift exchange (details next month)

You must pre-register for this event

Registration Deadline: Sunday December 13th.



Please send a check to our club address OR

Call the club treasurer with your credit card information

Info: Kayla Main Activities@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Dress: This is one of our "dressy" events. For men: Business Casual. For women: "Holiday Sparkle" is appropriate.

Directions

I5 Northbound

Exit 189 Follow WA-527

Right onto Broadway

Left fork onto Beverly Blvd (Becomes Colby Ave)

Left onto 52nd Street SE

Left into the club

CMCS Board Meeting - Wed. November 5th



Family Pancake House

17621 Redmond Way, Redmond, WA 98052

5:30 pm food, 6:15 meeting

Info: Bill Cameron: VicePresident@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

Upcoming Activities

Red text indicate CMCS Events.

November 2014

- 11/1 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 11/5 CMCS Board Meeting [\(Page 7\)](#)
- 11/8 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 11/8 CMCS Charity Auction & Thanksgiving Banquet. [\(Page 6\)](#)
- 11/15 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 11/22 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 11/29 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)

December 2014

- 12/6 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 12/13 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 12/13 CMCS Toys for Tots Jingle Bell Cruz [\(Page 20\)](#)
- 12/20 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 12/27 CMCS Saturday Social at the Plum. [\(Page 11\)](#)
- 12/27 CMCS Christmas Party and General Meeting [\(Page 7\)](#)

February 2015

- 2/7 CMCS General Meeting & Officer Nominations. Plum Delicious 9 am.
- 2/27-3/1 CMCS Wet Weekend. 50th Anniversary of this event. Save the date. Details to follow.
- 2/28 CMCS Board Meeting. At Wet Weekend location.

August 2015

- 8/23 XXX All Corvette Show and Burger Bash



**On Your Marque ...
Get Set ...
Go!**

By Kevin Jewell - CMCS President



Judy and I recently returned from 2 ½ weeks in Eastern Europe (former communist countries). As a car guy, I always look at the cars when I travel. In all that time, I saw one Yugo, three Trabants, (although only one appeared to be running), and one three wheel car. In general the cars were very modern and included the normal players of mostly French and German cars among the many Mercedes and BMW. American made cars were in short supply, especially performance cars. We saw one C5 Corvette parked in Prague, and a late model Mustang went by us at full blast when we were in Poland. That was it. I know

GM has been trying to position the Corvette as more of a world car, but one would be hard pressed to know that from this trip.

Thinking of Corvettes, I did note the other day that GM has said they expect the new 8 speed automatic to be 5% more fuel efficient than the older 6 speed. This fits with some comments in my column a couple of months ago.

According to an article in the Daily Journal of Commerce, Pacific Raceway is for sale. This track has been owned since inception (1960) by the Fiorito family. The county has signed off on the master plan that calls for 1.2 million square feet of commercial space with labs and offices for automotive based tech companies. The road course will be used for testing and the master plan indicates plans to attract firms involved with renewable energy vehicles. When The Ridge track in Shelton was built, many wondered how that would affect Pacific Raceway. Pacific has spent a fortune changing the drag strip to run North-South to eliminate the sun glare and also dropping the level of the drag strip to reduce noise. After all of this effort, that drag strip has never been completed. Does this mean the end of Pacific Raceway, as we know it? Stay tuned for future developments.

Do you remember Ford getting into trouble for overstating rated horsepower in the early Cobra Mustangs? Or Toyota paying off in the class-action lawsuit over fuel economy claims? Certainly, these aren't the only manufacturers that have used numbers to their initial advantage, and perhaps later disadvantage. Now it seems everyone is claiming ridiculous top speed capability, as if we could ever find the 10 miles of open highway to achieve these claims. Bentley is the latest, claiming a top speed of 206 mph from their GT coupe with a 626 hp W-12 engine. The latest Lamborghini Huracan with "only" 602 hp is claimed to achieve 202 mph at 8500 rpm in 7th gear. When I consider the Bentley probably weighs 1500 pounds more than the Lamborghini, and is about as aerodynamic as a brick, it is no surprise that I am skeptical of those Bentley claims. Today, with everyone having access to dynos, the Internet etc, it is dangerous for any manufacturer to quote numbers unless they can absolutely back them up.

CMCS General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2014

Cascade Garden, Issaquah, WA

By Mona Cox



Board members present were Bill Cameron (Vice President), Mona Cox (Secretary), Kayla Main, (Two Year Board / Activities), and Candy Turi (One Year Board). Kevin Jewell, (President), Bob Renner (Treasurer), and Stan Trask (Past President) were absent.

VICE PRESIDENT Bill Cameron called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. He noted that we should have received an e-mail from Kevin regarding a date change for the Christmas party. It will be held on December 27, rather than December 20, at the Everett Golf and Country Club. Bill then noted that the November Board Meeting has been changed to November 5 (from November 12), at the Redmond Family Pancake House. Last, Bill reported that he has 3 radios available for sale for \$227 each.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The September minutes as printed in the October newsletter were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill noted that the NWACC dues have been paid, and the club is in good financial condition. Copies of the September financial report were at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Oran Petersen standing in for Steve Yabroff): There were no new members at the meeting, nor have there been any renewals. Membership remains at 251.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: (Kayla Main)

- November 8: General Membership Meeting, Thanksgiving Feast and Charity Auction at St. Luke's Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, in Bellevue. We'll eat at 5:00 p.m. Short meeting will follow, and then we'll have the auction.
- December 27: At the Christmas party, instead of playing Pirate BINGO, we'll have a gift exchange, which Kayla calls "Wrap the Crap". Bring a (white elephant) wrapped gift to the party/general membership meeting. Expect to hear more details from Kayla in the near future.

NEWSLETTER: Oran Petersen has a cover car for November, so he's looking for cars for future months. He also said that he has 2 CMCS shield mounts available that fit on the C6/C7, for \$20 each. He also has one C5 shield/mount ready to go.

Committee Reports:

CHARITY - Vicki Rinehart asks that we bring items to be auctioned at our annual fundraiser on November 8. Eastside Baby Corner will give a short presentation. It was noted that donations for Eastside Baby Corner may be brought to the November and/or December meetings. (It was also noted that, in addition to baby items, clothing for all family members is needed.)

We'll deliver the Toys for Tots donation in early December. Vicki will pass along information to us as it becomes available.

APPAREL - Karen Breen-James was happy to announce that winter coats are now available. (Cost is \$81 for sizes up to XL.) She reminded us that it's time to order gifts for you as well as for others! She has many items available. Check it out.

PARADES - Jim McDonnell has a few CMCS car flags available for \$12. He said that 2014 was a great parade year, and he looks forward to another great year in 2015.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY - John Thomas thanked the September 21 cleanup volunteers. He'll try to schedule one more cleanup for this year.

NWACC: Ken Jones absent, but it was noted that the NWACC Banquet will be held on November 1 in Portland. Check the NWACC or CMCS website for information.

NCRS: Stan Trask absent; no report.

NCM: Wes Holmes absent, but he sent word the sink hole at the Museum will be filled in the very near future.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

50-50 Drawing (Jack Goodman and Claudia Simmons): John Thomas won \$44, which was half of the funds collected. The other half will go to the Shoreline CC

ASEP (Automotive Service Educational Program) to support a student sponsored by a GM dealer.

Next Meetings:

Next Club Meeting: Saturday, November 8 at St. Luke's Church in Bellevue. Dinner is at 5 p.m., followed by a short meeting. Then on to the fun!

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, at the Redmond Family Pancake House. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; meeting around 6:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mona Cox, Secretary

Snoqualmie Falls Tour - Event Report

by Oran Petersen

On September 27th about a dozen CMCS Corvettes departed the Plum for a tour to Lower Snoqualmie Falls and other scenic attractions, coordinated by Gary and Carol Maxwell.



After the falls we continued to a 2nd scenic view in nearby Snoqualmie and then toured to Rattlesnake Lake and the Cedar River Watershed Education Center. Last stop for most was the Riverbend Café to enjoy a group lunch. Overall, a nice trip. Thank you Gary and Carol.

Saturday Social at the Plum - 9 am

Join club members and others for a breakfast social.
Plum Delicious Restaurant, 3212 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton, WA
The agenda is food and Corvette talk. Just show up and enjoy.
The socials happen most Saturdays, except those with conflicting
CMCS events. See the activity list.

Coordinator: Oran Petersen Newsletter@CorvetteMarqueClub.com



NCM Caravan - Event Report

Editor's Note: This article first appeared in the Sunday October 11th Seattle Times newspaper. It is re-printed in this newsletter with permission from the Seattle Times and with the acknowledgment of Gene Stout, the author.

Local club members join Corvette Caravan to national museum



Photo courtesy of Steve Yabroff

About 5,000 Corvettes gather at the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky. (National Corvette Museum)

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Photo courtesy of Steve Yabroff

Steve Yabroff stands beside his blue Corvette Z06 before taking off from Lee Johnson Chevrolet for the drive to Bowling Green, Ky. (Courtesy of Steve Yabroff)

<http://blog.nwautos.com/2014/10/local-club-members-join-corvette-caravan-to-national-museum.html>

Maryhill - Event Report **by Oran Petersen**

About 12 CMCS Corvettes departed from the Plum Friday morning October 3rd for a tour to Goldendale via Highway 410. The weather was perfect all weekend, almost too warm. We stopped at the summit for a break and the view. Many had never taken 410 to Yakima, and for others it had been many years. Beautiful drive.



We ate lunch at Sea Galley in Union Gap, and then continued to our base hotel in Goldendale. Friday evening we pretty much filled a local Italian restaurant.

Saturday morning we drove the 9 miles to the Maryhill Museum grounds for the car show. Beautiful site on the museum grounds. We departed the show about noon to “run the hill”. On the way there we passed the SOVREN racers going to the show after their practice runs on the hill. Their race was held Sunday. Lots of fun, but after the RAD, pretty tame. Some of us ran it twice. We then went back to the car show, barbecue and the museum.



Speaking of barbecue, that also provided some entertainment, unplanned.



Contrary to some opinions, this is not the best method to do ribs and brisket. Leaves a burnt aftertaste with a strong hint of extinguisher powder. The food previously cooked, however, was quite good and they did not run out.

An interesting side event was a “food car race” for the kids, using a PineWood derby type track and racers made on site from food, (Veggies and Fruit) duh!



Sunday many staked out a viewpoint to watch the races before heading for home. Most returned using Highway 410, thoroughly enjoying the drive and the view.

Overall a great weekend with scenery, great roads, good food, a good hotel, good company, lots of vintage cars including SOVREN racers, a nice car show, entertainment, an opportunity to drive the first paved road in Washington State, a top notch museum of art, food races, and great weather. How can you top that?

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2007 Coupe Z51 3LT	16k	Machine Silver/Black	Auto	\$33,980
2006 Coupe	9k	Arctic White/Black	Auto	\$34,980
2006 Coupe Z51 3LT	16k	Machine Silver/Black	6-Spd	\$33,980
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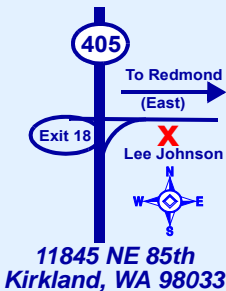
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LEO Foundation Thank You Letter

Editor's Note: A portion of the proceeds from the XXX All Corvette Show and Burger Bash is dedicated to LEO each year. XXX and CMCS co-sponsor this event. CMCS members coordinate and manage the show.

October 16, 2014



Life
Enrichment
Options

Corvette Marque Club
PO Box 534
Kirkland, WA 98083-0534

*Providing a
quality life
for individuals
with
developmental
disabilities*

Dear Members;

Thank you for your donation of \$485.00 to Life Enrichment Options (LEO) dated September 10, 2014. It is generous donors like you who make our work in the community possible.

Life Enrichment Options is a nonprofit organization working to foster a quality life for those with developmental disabilities in the greater Issaquah and Snoqualmie Valley communities. Our focus areas are housing, employment, recreation, and community. Your donation allows us to continue as a resource to those with developmental disabilities and their families.

Thank you again for being so thoughtful of our organization!

Sincerely,

Fred Nystrom
Executive Director

Membership Directories Mailed

You should have received your October issue of the CMCS Membership Directory, either at the October General Meeting or in the US mail. Please keep it safe and shred your May version to protect your fellow members.

If you are a current member and did not get yours, please email Newsletter@CorvetteMarqueClub.com for a replacement.

Editor's Note: Ben Benninghoff (Laps From the Past) and Vince Perriello (NCM Report) are taking the month off. Hopefully we will have both of them back next month.

CMCS Apparel Information and Sales

Karen Breen-James: Apparel@CorvetteMarqueClub.com

CMCS has a variety of apparel including logos and hats to allow you proudly display your participation in our great club.

For an order form go to the CMCS web site *Downloads*:

<http://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/Downloads/635324178653131250.pdf>

For Apparel Photo Samples go to the CMCS web site *Downloads*:

<http://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/Downloads/635390395623607500.pdf>

New Choices - CMCS Shirts & Blouses

RED HOUSE NON-IRON PINPOINT OXFORDS: These shirts blend the impeccable appearance of 100% non-iron cotton with the polish of pinpoint oxford. Two-ply 80-doubles yarn for strength, single-needle tailoring, Red House engraved buttons and embroidery on the right sleeve placket.

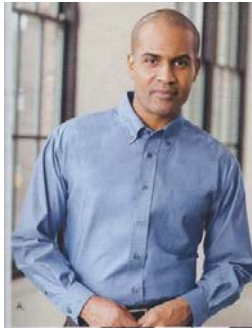
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RH24

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RH62

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OPEN COLLAR

XS-4XL
Not available
in pink

RH25

LADIES
OPEN
COLLAR

XS-4XL



RH63

LADIES
FRENCH CUFF

(RUNS SMALL)

XS-4XL
Not available in
pink

RH45

LADIES
¾ SLEEVE
OPEN COLLAR

XS-4XL
Not available in
vintage navy



New Choices - CMCS Barrier Jackets

\$81.00 FOR SIZES XS - XL; \$88.00 FOR SIZE 2X; \$92.00 FOR SIZE 3X; \$94.00 FOR SIZE 4X.
 INCLUDES LOGO.
 +5.00 FOR NAME ABOVE LOGO. +\$12.00 FOR CLUB NAME ON BACK.

MENS: J315 XS - 4XL

LADIES: L315 XS - 4XL

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Thank You Letter from Dallas Hellard, Speedway Technician

Dear Corvette Marque Club of Seattle

Hello, my name is Dallas Hellard, I am a student at Shoreline Community College in the GMASEP program starting a career in the automotive industry. I am going into fall quarter with a large amount appreciation of your club. During summer quarter everything was going very smooth and as it was my last quarter in which I actually attend the campus I became a little bit too comfortable. Near the end, when I actually sat down to look at my classes and what it would take

financially, reality hit me pretty hard. When I wasn't sure if I would be able to attend this quarter and I had basically come to the disappointed conclusion that I would have to sit out a quarter due to my own lack of preparation. Your club stepped in and helped me a huge amount. Thanks to your club I am able to continue on my path to finish my education. Words cannot describe my appreciation. I am writing this to tell you all thank you a million times over. You have given me a second chance to keep going and I really do appreciate that. And I hope to be a part of the your club in the future with a Corvette of my own, and thanks to you guys I am one step closer. Again I thank you guys for your scholarship, It truly means a lot.

Dallas Hellard
GMASEP Student
Speedway Chevrolet Technician

Christmas Charity - Toys for Tots Jingle Bell Cruz

by Vicki Rinehart
Saturday December 13th

CMCS members be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Jingle Bell Cruz for benefiting Toys for Tots to the Coldwell Banker Bain office in Redmond. The address is 8862 161st Ave NE #103, Redmond, WA 98052.

This charity event begins at **11am** at the Rinehart's: (35908 SE Boulder Ct., Snoqualmie, WA) Saturday, Dec. 13th. You will be served coffee, hot chocolate and something yummy. We put the toys in your Corvette and take them to Coldwell Banker Bain for drop off. between 11 am and 2 pm. Afterwards we can gather for lunch at a local restaurant.

Below is a photo of last year's Jingle Cruz crowd. See you there.



CMCS Finance & Charity - Basic Information

by Oran Petersen

I recently had a member tell me that he was going electronic for his newsletter so that CMCS would have more money for charity. As noble as that is, it is not the way this works. It became clear that a financial refresher is due for our members.

CMCS is an IRS exempt 501(c)(7) SOCIAL organization, not a 501(c)(3) CHARITABLE organization. By charter, our club's general fund is to be used for the benefit of the members and the Corvette community. This does not mean, however, that we cannot donate to charity. It *does* mean there are very specific rules for doing so.

The basic rule is quite simple. We can collect money for charity if it is designated and announced for charity and therefore not designated for the general fund. When my wife Dee and I were club Treasurers from 1996 into 2001 we set up an accounting system addressing our club General Fund and two Charitable Funds: the Scholarship Fund and the Dee Esping Charity Fund (Christmas Fund). This was the start of our computerized financial accounting allowing us to easily have one checking account and track multiple categories such as events, charity, and operations. Today the 50/50 raffle is designated for the Scholarship Charity, and the November Auction is designated for the Christmas Charity. Both are announced clearly for their charity purpose so that there is no confusion.

The *General Fund*, at top level, receives income from dues and sponsors and expends for insurance, newsletters and many other club operations. All funds operate on an approved budget. The Treasurer presents a detailed financial report to the Board at least once a month. Copies of the report are available to anyone at general meetings, or as requested by any interested party.

Before someone starts waving a flag, yes there are donations made from the general fund. Examples are a donation to a charity designated by the family of a deceased member of the Corvette community; or a donation to the Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs (NWACC). NWACC is basically a Corvette Club for Corvette Clubs. As such, these fall under the charter of CMCS, and are also quite small in comparison to the overall club financials. They are also part of the club General Fund budget. However, disposing of "excess general funds" to any type of donation is not appropriate.

So, in essence, when you pay your dues, you pay for your printed club newsletters, your printed membership directories, insurance, etc. Not receiving one or more of your benefits does not save money for charity; and only fluffs the general fund a bit.

So enjoy your club benefits as you wish with a better understanding of how things work financially in the club.

Note: The club now has a designated computer with appropriate software delegated to the club Treasurer, making transition much more simple than in the past. Thanks to the competence and dedication of several past and present Treasurers, we now have a viable and fully functional financial system in place.

Your club is well run.

As to the benefit of our Scholarship Fund: [See "Thank You Letter from Dallas Hellard, Speedway Technician" on page 19.](#)

North to Alaska...



Editor Note: This is the last of the series of articles of this adventure, this one first printed 10 years ago in the December 2004 issue of OYM. Hope you enjoyed them. Watch for them again in another 10 years.

**(in search of rock chips & road rash)
by Gary Main (Continued from last month)**

9/15/04 - Day 19: Today we finally start the return trip to Seattle. Other than getting home in one piece, of course, only one of the pre-planned goals of this trip remains to be accomplished. That being the "Red roads". We'll cover that one later today.

First order of business was to go to the car wash and get rid of some of the memories of yesterday's assault on the Arctic Circle. The car is covered with mud. Looks like we've been 4x4'n. JP3 & the hard-core NCRS types would have a



Umpteenth car wash

hemorrhage if they saw this. During the cleaning, discovered that one of the stone guards protecting one of the side-pipe covers was missing. Gone. Apparently, the weight of the mud hanging on it simply pulled it off and I most likely ran over it. The good news is that more mud soon covered the side-pipe covers and protected them from stone damage. (Another note to self: Order a new set of stone guards when we get home).



Hot Pipes

Remember the home-made mud flaps I mentioned yesterday? They did a great job of protecting the side-pipe tips. I had extended them a couple inches below the pipes "just to be sure". That turned out to be a waste of material, as the fire-breathing side-pipes burned the excess couple inches off by the end of the day. Still, they served their intended purpose. I win again!

Stopped at Schucks for 6-more bottles of ISO-HEET, as quality of available fuel along the Alcan Hwy is a crap-shoot at best. Our luck in consistently finding good fuel hasn't been too good and we need to be prepared. Had a quick lunch at **Wolf Run**, one of our favorite Fairbanks restaurants, then hit the road.

As we were leaving Fairbanks, noted that the brakes were getting more "spongy" when the pedal was depressed. Started noticing it a few days ago but it didn't really seem all that bad at the time. Today it was considerably worse. Should have dealt with it right then and there, but elected to ignore it and head south.

Stopped in **North Pole** for a photo op at **Santa Claus House**. North Pole is actually **SOUTH** of Fairbanks. Go figure. That done we continued on Hwy 2 toward **Tok Junction**.

Drove through light snow much of the day. Appears that we got out of town just in time. Upon arrival in Tok, we've accomplished the



final goal, that of driving on every mile of every "Red" road in Alaska. The "Red" roads being Hwy's 1, 2, 3, & 9. That's the good news. The bad news is that the brakes must be dealt with. NOW. Probably only have some air in the system and simply need to be bled. I carry the necessary tools and fluid and can do that along the roadside if absolutely necessary, but it would take a long time. Wouldn't be much fun in today's conditions of cold and snow, either.



The owner of the **Burnt Paw Cabins** where we're staying tonight called around and found a shop willing to get us in tomorrow morning to check out the brakes. Only one restaurant open in Tok now. All the others are closed for the season since the tourists and fire fighters have gone home. So, we "chose" the only

option, Fast Eddie's, for dinner. The pizza was awful. Should have gone to the grocery store and bought a loaf of bread and a ring of baloney. Would have been a far better meal. But, alas, our streak of "luck" hadn't yet ended for the day. Got back to the cabin to find that the toilet,

which had been flushed just before departing for the rotten dinner, had continued to run while we were gone. Created a huge lake on the bathroom floor. When my bride entered in sock-feet, she got a real surprise. We cleaned up the floor and fixed the toilet. Then she went back to use the "reading room" and sat down on a WET toilet seat. OOPS! Hadn't cleaned that part up. This has turned out to be one of those days where everybody should have just stayed in bed. Too bad we didn't think of that sooner.... Only went **262** miles today.

9/16/04 - Day 20: Up at the crack of 8AM for some delicious biscuits-n-gravy prepared by our host Nancy Arpino, owner of the **Burnt Paw Cabins**.



Loaded our gear and gingerly drove the nearly brakeless '67 down the road a mile to **Grizzly Auto Repair** for our 10AM appointment. **Grant Morris**, owner and chief technician, got us right in for the brake check. He's one of these guys who can fix just about anything that

comes in the door.

As he was bleeding the brakes, he mentioned that back when he was in technician school about 17 years ago, he'd "read about" and "seen pictures of" a Corvette 4-piston disk brake system, but had never actually seen a real one in real life. As anyone who owns one knows, getting all of the air bled out of this system is a real challenge. Fortunately, Grant had a few tricks of his own, and had us back on the road in a bit over an hour. A fast fix at a fair price. Who

could ask for more? If ever you're in need of auto repair in Tok, Alaska, **Grizzly Auto Repair** is the place that can handle it. While there, we saw a black fox that appeared to be sleeping alongside a ratty old Volvo wagon in the parking lot. Turned out that the fox had assumed ambient temperature several days ago after a head-on collision with the Volvo. Grant had extracted the fox from the Volvo's grille and fixed the car. An officer from DNR told him not to dispose of the dead fox. "Don't touch it" they said. They would send someone to pick it up. That was several days ago. Good thing it's been pretty cool lately. Otherwise, Mr. Fox would be mighty ripe by now.

By noon we were back on the road and headed for Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, 402 miles away.





As we approached the Canadian Customs at Port Alcan, the co-pilot casually asked where I'd packed our passports this time. We'd need them to get back into Canada. Another OOPS! After our trip through Canada on the way to Alaska in May, I'd put them back in the safe deposit box at home...for safe keeping. That's where they still were. Plenty safe...in the deposit box. This could get difficult. What if they wouldn't let us back into Canada? What then? Couldn't even call home to have someone Fed-X them to us, as nobody but us can access the box w/o a court order. Hmmm. We could

be in heap big trouble, Kemo-sabel! Can't turn around now, so we put on our game faces, drove up to the window, and handed over our drivers' licenses as if that was all that was required. The officer perused the licenses...and us...and the car. Poked a bunch of keys on her computer and stared at the screen for awhile. Asked a whole load of questions about where we'd been?, for how long?, why?, where we were going?, why?, how long did we intend to be there?, why?, if we had any guns, drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, or anything else that we wanted to declare. Apparently, we had all the right answers. Either that, or she figured we were nuts to be driving this car on this road at this time of year and that nobody could concoct a story like ours if there wasn't an element of truth in it somewhere. Either way, we passed the test. We motored on toward Whitehorse.

Arrived a few minutes before 9PM, just moments before our favorite Whitehorse restaurant, **Klondike Ribs & Salmon**, closed for the season. We were actually the very last customers admitted before the doors closed until next spring. Finally, some good luck! The meal was awesome, as it always is at the Klondike. Drove **404** miles today.



9/17/04 - Day 21: Rolled out of Whitehorse about 10AM. Drove about an hour before stopping at **Jake's Corner** for breakfast...for us and for the '67. Thick sliced country baked ham, home-made bread, perfectly cooked eggs over easy, all on top of a pile of perfect hash browns. Did I mention it was perfect? It was. And only cost about \$8 CDN. Would have been a bargain at twice the price.



Back on the road again. It's snowing and blowing hard. Stopped for gas near **Watson Lake** and learned from the station keeper that the road over the pass that we were headed for had already received about a foot of snow. They highly recommended that we go south via the **Cassiar Highway** instead if we wanted to avoid the snow. The '67 ain't afraid of no stinkin' snow! But

it ain't stupid, neither. We went south on the Cassiar. This 450 mile

stretch is actually about a hundred miles shorter than our originally planned route, but it takes at least 4-hours longer. All but the last 100 miles is horribly rough, lots of gravel sections, narrow, no shoulders, no center lines, no fog lines. All in all, a "delightful" alternative. In retrospect, the snow route might have been the better choice. Adding insult to injury, the car was running crappy again. More bad fuel, apparently. Before we left Anchorage a few days ago, I'd picked up a set of hotter spark plugs to try in case the bad fuel issue reared its ugly head again. Things were beginnin' to get ugly.

When we got to **Dease Lake** and stopped for the night, I decided it was time to install the plugs. Having no plug gap gauge among all the tools I'd packed, I had to improvise. Using the tapered tip of my Leatherman Tool, I shoved it in the gap as deep as it would go in one of the existing plugs, marked its location, then used this as a guide to adjust the new set. Not very scientific, not very accurate, but better than nothing. While changing the plugs, I discovered a fresh exhaust leak where the right manifold connects to the side-pipe. Apparently, all the shaking encountered on the Dalton a couple days ago and today on the Cassiar had loosened the pipe enough to allow the gasket to blow. What next?



How about the worst dinner of the whole trip, that's what. Only one restaurant(?) open in Dease Lake this time of year. It ain't Burger King. Y'don't get it "your way". Y'get it however and whenever they bring it. No options. It was awful. Made **423** miles today.

9/18/04 - Day 22: Out the hotel door at first light. OK, maybe 2nd light. Point is, we couldn't get out of there fast enough. No way we're eatin' breakfast there. Gotta be better down the road. Drove about 150 miles to **Bell 2 Lodge** before we stopped for food & fuel. Still running crappy so dumped in another bottle of IsoHEET. Food was only marginally better than yesterday. But, Hey, we're still alive. The car may not be running good, but it's still running. Life is good! We motor on, covering the **LAST** 26 miles of gravel that we'd see for the rest of the trip. See, I told 'ya. Life is good!



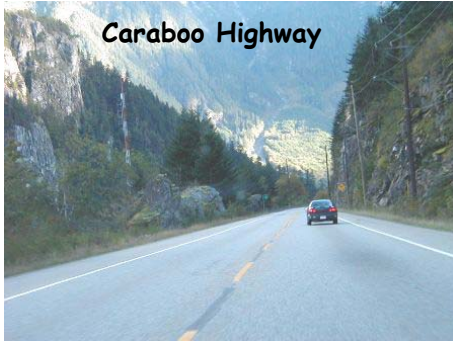
This would be fun on a sunny day

The final 100 miles or so of the Cassiar Hwy was perfect asphalt winding through spectacular scenery. Another fuel & junk food stop (yes, we're into junk food now...at least it's predictable) in **Kitwanga, BC** and we head east on the **Yellowhead Highway (16)** toward Prince George. We begin seeing things we haven't seen for

several days. The trappings of civilization. Farms. Cows. Litter. Traffic.

OK, not much traffic, but still, we're meeting other vehicles every few miles. Is this good? Or bad? Depends on your point of view, I suppose. I was kinda enjoying the solitude. My co-pilot wasn't. It's been a long day...563 miles...and we finally stop for the night at the Blue Spruce in Vanderhoof, BC.

9/19/04 - Day 23: Back on the Yellowhead Hwy for about an hour before stopping for breakfast in **Prince George, BC** and what turned out to be the first decent fuel in the last 5-days, then hung a right onto southbound Hwy 97, the **Caraboo Highway**. This one runs through the Caraboo Mountain Range. Today, especially after passing through **Cache**



Caraboo Highway



Creek, we'd see some fantastic scenery as we wind along the **Fraser River**, sometimes close to the river, more often high on the canyon ridge. Wonderful road. Lots of tunnels through the rock outcroppings. (Memo to self: This would make a great weekend trip destination next summer) Finally, the '67 likes the fuel we're feeding it and it purrs like a kitten. When the '67's happy, the occupants are happy. Funny how that works, isn't it. We wouldn't need the Iso-HEET again on this trip. Wanna buy some? Have 5 bottles left over.

Had a fabulous dinner at the HOME Restaurant in Hope, BC, then checked into the Best Western Hotel for our last night on the road. Tomorrow we cross back into the good old US of A. Covered **470** miles today.

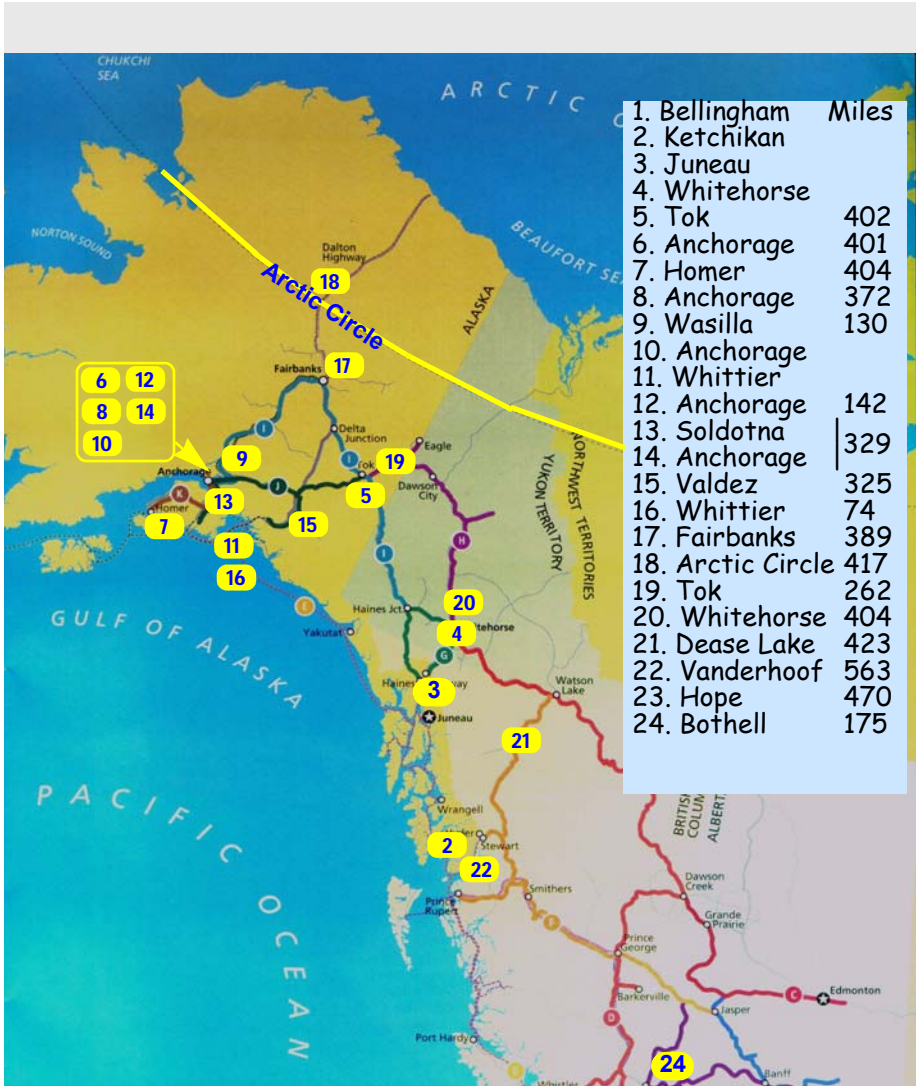
9/20/04 - Day 24: Slept in this morning then went back to the Home Restaurant for breakfast...we love this place. We're in familiar territory now so, for the first time in nearly 6,000 miles, we've stowed the MILEPOST book with the luggage. Without the MILEPOST, navigating this trip would have been a whole lotta work. We found it to be absolutely accurate and that it had an answer for nearly every question that we had during the trip. Back on the road, we set the cruise control and headed west on Canada's Hwy 1 toward Abbotsford, BC. Crossing the border back into the USA at Sumas took all of 2-minutes. Sweet. Wanting to enjoy our few remaining miles, we stay on Hwy 9 for as long as we can. A couple hours later we're back in Seattle where we find...much to our chagrin...

TOO MUCH ASPHALT and **TOO MANY PEOPLE**.

There's a part of me that really misses the solitude that we found on parts of this adventure. Still, it's good to be home. **175** miles today.

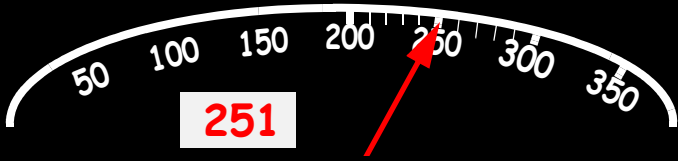
Reflections: 24 days spread over 4 ½ months. Just under 6,000 miles on the road and another 1,300 or so on the water. 376 gallons of fuel, most of it decent but some downright awful. As a result, we used 8-bottles of IsoHEET. 15.8 MPG overall. 3-quarts of oil. 2-sets of spark plugs. Rock chips? Yes. Road rash? Yes. Amazingly enough, after nearly 6,000 miles, some of them over downright rotten roads, the worst paint chip we suffered occurred while parked in a hotel parking lot in Anchorage. City stuff. That could just as easily have happened in Seattle. Do we care? Not really. That's what touch-up paint is for. Several minor challenges. No major mechanical problems. Never once did we have to revert to "tennis shoe" mode. We saw things and we did things that most people will NEVER do in a lifetime. It was an awesome adventure...

Alaska/Canada Map Showing Day by Day





The Membership Tachometer by Steve Yabroff



There are no new members this month. Membership remains at 251.

November Birthdays

Sandi Gay	4	Bill Farren	17	Gary Main	25
Christian Machenschall	7	Teri Lane-Kuehner	17	Kayla Main	26
Mary Stanfield	7	Marlene Moeller	19	Lorrie Montgomery	26
Alison Cook	8	Cindy Francis	20	Steve Wortman	26
Mike Klumb	10	Marlys Green	22	Terry Crabtree	29
Julie Stalla	13	Valerie Johansen	22	Frank Lloyd	29
John Kamm	16	Mona Cox	24		



Adopt-a-Highway - Event Report

by John R. Thomas

The CMCS Adopt-a-Highway crew carried out a careful cleanup of our stretch of I-5 southbound on September 21. The weather was beautiful, and we had an extra-large turnout. The shoulder area was what I would call medium-dirty. We gathered 15 large garbage sacks of litter plus a few large items including a tire, a panel off a camper and a bumper cover, but nothing valuable. We found many small plastic/foam bits such as shipping-filler peanuts.

My thanks to all 16 volunteer workers. They were: Lou Arnoldi, Bill Benn, Terry Crabtree, Butch and Carol Feveryear, Gene Haubrecht, Ken Jones, Nancy Love, Carol and Gary Maxwell, Tom McGarry, Dennis Montgomery, Dee and Ron Wuesthoff, and Steve Yabroff (alphabetical by last name) plus one more whose name I cannot decipher on the Participant Sign-In Sheet. The instruction is to print your name, but this name is in cursive that overlaps with names above and below, and I cannot remember who it is.

We had one too many workers to distribute on a single round of the transport/safety vehicles (driven by Dennis Montgomery and Steve Yabroff) so I chose to be transported on a second round and was thus 10 minutes late in starting and ending. Because of this I did not get a group photo at the end of the work shift. At each new cleanup day I worry about getting enough volunteers. Thus, I hate to discourage anyone, but I would greatly appreciate it if you could e-mail or telephone me in advance that you are coming. Most have done so in the past.

According to the records that I have in custody, our first club cleanup day was Earth Day in April of 1997. I want to provide special thanks to Dennis Montgomery who has worked all but one of the many cleanups in the 17 years of our participation. Outstanding!

November 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11)
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December 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11)
7	8	9	10 CMCS Board Meeting	11	12	13 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11) RSVP deadline for Christmas Party
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11)
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11) CMCS General Meeting, and Christmas Party (Page 7)
28	29	30	31	Don't forget to RSVP for the Christmas Party with your check for \$39 each to the club address so that we receive it by Dec. 13th.		

January 2015 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year	2	3 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11)
4	5	6	7 CMCS Board Meeting	8	9	10 CMCS General Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 CMCS Plum Social (Page 11)
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