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**Amy Mills & Whit Gregg's
2020 Elkhart Lake Blue Coupe**



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President's Message By Shaun Hayes CMCS President



The COVID-19 crisis continues to challenge us to find ways to adapt. We are starting to see some green shoots of hope on the horizon while at the same time having to press 'pause' on several club activities. Let's start with the good news.

New members: We continue to add new members. Steve Yabroff is doing a fantastic job reaching out to prospective new members and walking them thru the new member application process. Take a look at this month's Membership Tachometer to read about the nine new members that have joined the club. We had a very successful membership renewal this year and the club is currently at 244 members.

Virtual meetings: The board has been holding its meetings virtually using Zoom video-conferencing software for the past couple months. The board decided that Zoom was working well enough for us that we held our club's first

virtual general membership meeting on Thursday, May 14th. It was great being able to get folks together virtually and share updates on what is going on and what activities we are looking at as the COVID-19 situation improves. We did find an upside to the virtual meeting when Tim and Mona Cox were able to join us all the way from Montana. We plan to run June and July's general membership meeting using Zoom as well so watch your email for the meeting invite and plan to join the meeting if you can make it.

Motorsports: The state recently decided to allow motorsports activities to resume during Phase 1. That means that activities like autocross and High-Performance Driving Events (HPDE) can now proceed if the organizers have the appropriate protocols in place.

Autocross: As a result, the Port of Shelton agreed to allow autocross to resume. Both the Viper club and NWACC secured the dates of May 23rd and 24th respectively to run the first autocross of the year. There were a number of changes to how the event was run; e.g. social distancing, masks and no ride-alongs, that participants followed. A number of autocross enthusiasts jumped at the opportunity to participate.

Social Distancing Drives: We have some folks that are arranging some impromptu drives. Several folks have been able to get out and enjoy their Corvettes and the spring weather. If you are interested in hearing about upcoming opportunities to take a drive in your Corvette, please reach out to Alton Loe. We are looking at driving tours where we can maintain social distancing as a possible club event. As we receive additional clarity on what type of travel and events are allowed, we will adjust and communicate changes to club members.

We need your vote: Everyone should have already received an email invitation to vote on the proposed Bylaw changes. It only takes a minute to complete the poll. Please check your email and click on Go to Poll Page and vote.

Now for the less encouraging news. The board has made some tough decisions to cancel several upcoming events due to the current COVID-19 crisis and the social distancing restrictions put in place by the State of Washington. The following events have been canceled or will be rescheduled.

May Adopt-A-Highway: This event will be rescheduled for a later date.

June general membership meeting: The drive and lunch at Angelo's restaurant have been canceled. We are holding the general meeting via Zoom (date and time TBD). We will look at rescheduling a future event at Angelo's when the situation improves.

July 4th membership picnic: The city of Redmond canceled group events at Perrigo Park thru July 4th. We'll ask Jan Harris to show up early on January 2nd 2021 to secure July 4th 2021 for next years CMCS picnic.

Parades: All of the parades during the month of July have been canceled.

All Corvette Show: We have canceled the *All Corvette Show* planned for August 2nd. We plan to run the show again next year.

When are we going to have our next in-person event? That is still an unanswered question. At this point we anticipate that the state will need to reach Phase 4 for us to hold an in-person event with 50 plus people. The club will continue to follow the guidelines from the state and local health authorities regarding when and what type of events can be run.

I hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy. I look forward to a day, in the not too distant future, when we can all get into our Corvettes and enjoy a nice cruise with several of our fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

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Adopt-A-Highway cleanups are canceled until further notice. It turns out that the COVID-19 impacts are longer-lasting than we anticipated. The reschedule of our first-of-the-year clean-up did not push it out far enough. So for now we wait until we get an all-clear from the state. I did a drive-through of our assigned section of I-5 recently and it looked good! Watch the newsletter for future dates.

Please consider volunteering for this community service activity. It takes about an hour and a half to do our section of I-5 with 8 volunteers and 2 drivers. We typically start at 9:30 am on a Sunday.

Additional Volunteer Drivers needed for Drivers Pool: We need a few more volunteers with multi-passenger vehicles in the drivers pool to transport our clean-up crews to and from the site. It is helpful (but not necessary) for the vehicle to have a 2" square hitch receiver (Class 3 or 4) to hold a "Road Crew Working" sign to help protect us. When the driver pool is large enough, you only do driver services once a year. Contact me for details.

In return for our service we get:

- A sign posted along the freeway that identifies Corvette Marque Club of Seattle as the volunteer organization responsible for keeping this section of the freeway clean.
- A little fun morning exercise with other CMCS members.
- The satisfaction of supporting our community.
- To keep any good items we find (tools, cash, gift cards, other treasures).
- To wear a cool yellow hardhat and orange safety vest.
- An opportunity for "brunch" at a nearby restaurant following the clean-up.

Cover - Amy Mills & Whit Gregg's C8 Coupe

Amy & Whit joined CMCS in June 2017. They are now the proud owners of the first 2020 C8 Corvette in CMCS, an Elkhart Lake Blue coupe. The car has the 3LT Options Package and the Z51 Performance Package, with Magnetic Ride. It also has the Front Lift System and a transparent roof panel.



They bought the car through our sponsor; Evergreen Chevrolet and took delivery in the first batch delivered, before the factory shut down.

They are experienced SCCA Spec Miata drivers, and world-wide travelers as well.







Under the Hood ***by Kevin Jewell***



Earlier this year I was invited as a guest to an event at the new Driver's Club. Driver's Club is a private social club (located near Redmond Costco) with meeting area, and a large high bay car storage area that will store perhaps 150 cars. I did check the Redmond building permit application and the building is listed at 48,000 sq ft. The car storage is all well marked and on the concrete slab. It doesn't have stackers installed, but I would anticipate that they could install stackers 3 high. The storage was about half full when I was there and ranged from all-out race cars (a recent Formula One racer and what appeared to be a Can-Am racer from the 70's), to more normal exotics. One oddball was the mid 50's Studebaker 2 door wagon with perhaps the best paint job I have seen in years. I was invited to an event to introduce the members to the new Ferrari Monza. This is Ferrari's newest front engine GT type roadster with a 6.5-liter V12 rated 810 horsepower. Afterwards I checked the Internet for price and found quite a price range shown, but at the event I was told by one Ferrari owner that if you wanted to buy a Monza it would require an even \$2 million. This is an extremely limited automobile, but there was

not one, but two Monzas on display. Both owners were there to show off their cars and I will try to describe the cars from a close-up view. One of the owner's climbed in and out of his car to start the engine and thrill us with the typical Ferrari shriek. The body is all carbon fiber and the doors are cut very high. This leaves an extremely high door sill to climb over and then drop into the seat that has bolsters that are perhaps 3-4" high. If you find getting in and out of a C4 difficult, with the high and wide door sills, multiply that effort by 10. Since it is carbon fiber it is not really flimsy, but the doors are very flexible, flopping around on the hinges. Getting in was fairly easy, but exit proved much harder: raise myself high enough to sort of sit on the door sill; try to get my left foot on the door sill, slip and fall back into the seat, to try again; get my left foot on the door sill and try to raise my body high enough to get my right leg under me to stand straight; then left foot off the sill to the ground and then rotate to get the right leg out of the car. All I could think was that this was not a fast operation, or even a safe operation. Look out if your feet were wet. The second owner opened the trunk and hood. The trunk would fit perhaps 3 smaller duffel bags; it was clearly not going to fit your golf bag. Opening the hood required reaching into the side vent on each side of the car to release the latches. The engine was at least half buried beneath a huge cowl. I expect the cowl was removable for maintenance, but it was at least 2' deep. There was a horizontal carbon fiber strut running fore and aft in the cockpit, about shoulder height, separating the seats. With this strut and the high doors, I could envision a bit of claustrophobia. There was an opening beneath the strut, but you would hardly see the opening if you were in the car. One of the owners is a well-known Ferrari collector in the area. Perhaps a dozen years ago he was in my run group at an open track event at Pacific Raceway with his then new Ferrari Enzo. Since then I understand he still has the Enzo, has added one (someone told me two) La Ferraris to his fleet and now the Monza. Compared to the new C8, the Monza is an even larger car; about 1 inch longer, 2 1/2" wider and 5" lower. After seeing the new Ferrari up close, I came home and sent the local Ferrari dealer an email canceling my order.

The rise and fall of the 3-pedal transmission in the Corvette. We all know that the original 1953 Corvette could only be ordered with a 2 speed Powerglide automatic transmission. A more sporting 3 speed manual transmission was not offered until 1955. Even then for most of the model year, Corvette buyers were forced to buy the Powerglide even with the newly introduced V8. Only about 10% of 1955 Vettes were equipped with

manuals. During the dark days of the late 1970's and early 1980's, with the challenging emissions standards, more and more Vettes were sold with automatics. This trend peaked in 1982, the last year of the C3, when every Corvette left the factory with an automatic. With the introduction of the C4, considered a world class sports car, the take rate for manual transmissions again surged. It appears we have come full circle once again, as only the DCT (automated dual clutch transmission) is available on the 2020 Vette. Those of you that were at the February club meeting at Evergreen Chevrolet heard the report that the manual transmission is gone for good. I thought it would be interesting to look at the manual transmission take rate over the decades. All the numbers presented are the percentage of Corvettes equipped with a manual transmission, and the numbers are all from the "Corvette Black Book". 1960 (83%), 1970 (71%), 1980 (14%), 1990 (34%), 2000 (46%), 2010 (43%). Judy and I bought our first Corvette in 2001 and joined the club that year. Manual transmissions were installed in 61% of all Corvettes that year, but that number was skewed by the introduction of the 2001 Z06, a hot seller, which was not available with an automatic. We know that if you want to buy a Ferrari today, you will be forced to have some form of an automatic transmission. However, Ferrari has a loyal group of fans that will seem to buy whatever Ferrari tells them is the latest and greatest. Porsche attempted a similar game plan but had to pull back and re-introduce a manual transmission in some of their most sporting machines. Porsche claims that the automated transmission is better in every respect, but enough of their buyers demanded a manual transmission, and Porsche did not want to lose those buyers. Will the same thing happen with the Corvette? For now, Chevrolet is saying "no more 3 pedal transmissions" but I expect Chevrolet listens to the focus groups perhaps a bit more than Ferrari. I personally hope that a later C8 will be offered with a manual transmission, but for now I am not holding my breath.

In June, racing fans often look back to the Memorial Day weekend Indy 500. Much ink has been used to report on the 1978 Corvette Pace Cars and the bidding wars that occurred in trying to buy one. You would think that with Corvette being the only serious US sports car for decades that the new 1953 Corvette might well have been chosen to pace the 1953 Indy 500, but that role was filled by a Ford convertible. However, that 1978 Corvette Pace Car was the first Corvette chosen for this duty. There have been more than a dozen Corvettes chosen as pace cars since 1978. Camaros have also been well represented as pace cars since the Camaro

introduction in 1967. So, what was the first Chevrolet to pace the Indy 500? There is a bit of conflict on the specific model. The Indy 500 web site says it was a 1948 Stylemaster convertible, while Chevrolet claims it was a 1948 Fleetmaster convertible. Stylemaster was the base model and Fleetmaster was the upscale model. Both were powered by the only Chevrolet engine, a 216 ci “stovebolt 6” rated at a whopping 90 hp. I believe the Chevrolet history is more accurate as I do not believe a convertible was offered in the Stylemaster line. Any history of post WWII cars will confirm that there was such a pent-up demand for new cars that the manufacturers simply re-introduced the last model built before production was changed to produce airplanes and tanks for the war effort. The 1946 Chevrolet was basically the same car as the 1942. Little was changed in 1947, but the 1948 Chevrolet was vastly improved with the introduction of a vertical center bar in the grille. Yes, it was that simple in those years when the buyers were lined up trying to buy anything. Wilbur Shaw, a three-time Indy 500 winner, was the 1948 pace car driver. I suspect that the engine was hopped up, with higher compression, and perhaps a more aggressive cam. With these modifications, perhaps the engine was 120 hp. Remember that with a larger 235 ci engine, higher compression, cam, triple carbs etc, the 1953 Corvette was still only rated at 150 hp. How many of you ever had the opportunity to drive a 1948 Chevrolet? This era Chevrolet had friction shocks in the front suspension. As the cars aged, the cost to replace the friction shocks could exceed the value of the old car, so most were driven with bad shocks. By rapidly pressing and releasing the throttle pedal, then repeating several times, you could get the front end bouncing up and down to the limits of the springs and bounce rubber. Who would have thought we were creating a new automotive trend, now taken over by the “Low Rider” fraternity?



Parades

by John Kamm

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From the world headquarters for parades: Seafair has canceled all events for 2020. This includes all of the July Parades.

The Snoqualmie Railroad Days parade on Aug. 15th is still pending.

General Meeting Minutes

Online Zoom Session

May 14, 2020

by Bill Cameron



The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

Committee Chairs / Representatives -Reports

Membership ----- Steve Yabroff

243 members

New members are now able to sign up on website to join the club. Works great. Presenting the club handout is updated.

Charity----- Marty Cameron

No Report

Parades ----- John Kamm

All parades on hold due to COVID-19

Adopt-a-Highway -----Kevin Wilson

On hold for now

Sponsor----- Joe Powell

No Report

Apparel ----- Bonnie Roylance

Contact Bonnie if you need anything: (425) 996-0553

Newsletter ----- Oran Petersen

No Report

NWACC-----Ken Jones

Autocross: May 16/17 autocross is canceled. *(Editor's note: After the meeting, the May autocross was rescheduled to May 23/24. All other autocross dates are good to go as of the printing of this June issue.*

NCRS-----Gary Main

NCRS NW Chapter Regional event scheduled for Aug. 20-22, 2020 in Redmond Oregon has been canceled and rescheduled for Aug. 18-20, 2022. Same place and same Hotel/rates. Those registered for 2020 will receive a refund.

NCRS National 2020 Convention scheduled for July 19-23, 2020 in French Lick, Indiana has been canceled. 2021 Convention will be in Mobile, Alabama. 2023 Convention will be back in French Lick, Indiana.

NCM-----Kevin Wilson

2 raffles for Corvette tickets being sold. June & September.

Go online to NCM for more events being held.

Website-----Alton Loe

Review our website for updates made to make it more functional. It has new updated information for club members.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President-----Shaun Hayes

XXX has been canceled

Vice President-----**Alton Loe**

Has radios for sale

Impromptu tours of no more than 10 cars are being held for those who need to get out and drive their cars. We are not using the website to sign up. We are doing it using All Member Email and a spreadsheet that I maintain on my personal computer, So Watch for an All Member Email for details on the next tour.

Secretary-----**Bill Cameron**

No Meeting held in April; no minutes

Treasurer-----**Joel Druckman**

Financials were reported and transfer of the treasurer has been completed.

2 Year Activities/1 Year Activities-----**Kevin Jewell/Mike Roylance**

- **Corvettes on the Columbia** has moved its event to September 17-18, 2020. Sign up on the website.
- Tour to Mount Baker planned for July 30th. See Kevin Jewell.
- July 4th picnic has been canceled by City of Redmond; Location closed.

Past President-----**Ken Jones**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaw changes poll coming out on website for all members to vote on bylaw changes.

NEW BUSINESS:


Next General Meeting: TBD

Submitted By: Secretary Bill Cameron

CMCS Mt. Baker Tour - Thursday July 30th

One Day, All Day

CMCS Coordinator Kevin Jewell



Register soon on the CMCS Website, so that if we reach a practical limit for managing the tour, parking at the site and lunch stop, we can consider a 2nd tour to accommodate everyone while keeping each tour size lower.

More detail to follow as the tour date nears. Hope to see you there!

Save the date and register now.

We are doing this tour on a weekday to avoid heavy weekend crowds at Picnic Point, our destination at Mt. Baker. It can be busy on weekdays as well, so we need to limit our tour size.

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Package B: full hood, full front fenders, front bumper, mirror caps, door cups/edges \$1595

Package C: Full Xpel \$7995

15% discount for CMCS members on all Xpel packages above



3. Complete Detail for CMCS Corvettes: **\$199**

Laps from the Past

50 LAPS AGO: June 1970. Frank Olsheski was CMCS President and also the newsletter editor. The 30-page newsletter, OYM, had a circulation of 150 copies. It was mailed First Class for 6¢ to AZ, CA, CO, CT, MI, NM, OR, WA & Canada. The meeting was held at the Fog Cutter Restaurant. (Note: Unknown as to who conducted the meeting.) A 747 Tour was canceled as Boeing could not afford to run them. (Note: Boeing was struggling with the aftermath of the 747 development costs. The SST was also in development, causing more money bleed. In early 1971 Congress also canceled the SST, resulting in the “Last one out turn out the lights” era in the Seattle metropolitan area.) New members were Rod & LaDonna Jackman (Silver '60) and, Jay & Jan Cockrum (Turquoise '59). In regional races before the Championship Formula 'A' race on Sun Jun 7th member Rick Stark “ran away from the field” winning overall and also class B Production in his '63 Corvette. Ken Deckman was 1st in A Sedan (2nd overall) in his Camaro. Dale Samuelson was 1st in A Production (4th overall) in his Corvette. Our autocross was a big success both in attendance and financially. The parade lap at SIR went very well and Bill Donner was very pleased with our participation.

40 LAPS AGO: June 1980. President Bruce Kelly conducted the meeting at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah in conjunction with the NCRS picnic. An autocross was held at Boeing/Kent. There were no new members; the count remained 95. A photo of a 1972 Corvette was on the newsletter cover. Jay & Jan Cockrum edited the newsletter. This was the first photo used for cover art. Jan noted that to do this each month, featuring a club member's Corvette, would cost too much as the plates cost \$16 or more for each. (The same photo was used the following month) Activities during the month included a Whidbey Island road tour organized by Len Hodges and a “Girls Night Out” at Papa Bear's in Ballard organized by Penny Grosso.

30 LAPS AGO: June 1990. President Cloyd Jackson conducted the meeting during the annual NCRS Father's Day Picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park. The '50 Tour, always a club favorite, started out from the Golden Gardens Park in Ballard at the Shilshole Marina boat launch parking lot and cruised to the Maplewood Rock & Gem Club in Edmonds. Twenty three cars made the tour with John & Cece Nelson leading, most in '50's garb. A warm welcome was given to Paul & Christine Hoberecht. Paul works at Boeing, Christine is expecting and

they share a '65 silver on silver roadster. The meeting was a quick one so everyone could enjoy the day and divvy up the huge sheet cake celebrating the 15th annual Fathers Day Picnic that was the brainchild of Bob Althar and Mike Johnson in 1975. Four members pooled their resources to produce the best newsletter around; Editor- John R. Thomas, Associate Editor- Dee Esping, Contributing Editor- Valerie Johanson, and, Editor Emeritus- Glenn Cunningham.

20 LAPS AGO: June 2000. Teresa Pierce's 1992 White "Miss Daisy" convertible was the cover car. President Jan Cockrum conducted the meeting following a dinner at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent. Thirteen new members joined CMCS; Doug Patterson, Don & Leona Crawford, Bob & Patricia Bunn, Chris Lester, Craig Powers & Sally Bradley, Paul Mushkin, Dick & Lolly D'Alessandro, Mike Sabol, and, Keith Kramer, bringing the total to 211. Gary Main reported that the Adopt-a-Highway section of I-5 we maintain is looking good, and Alyshia & Jan presented the quilt for this year's Dee Ann Esping Memorial Christmas Charity fund raffle. Gary Main gave an update on the SIS 2000 committee's progress. Rick Milsow & Cloyd Jackson reported on the upcoming SIR School Days outing in July. Rick also showed a video taken from the passenger view while driving the track.

10 LAPS AGO: June 2010. Stan & Billi Trask's pair of Corvettes: a 1963 Riverside Red Split Window coupe 4-Speed and a 2003 Millennium Yellow Z06. (The 1963 had rare factory air conditioning (only 278 equipped that year), numbers correct, and was also on the 2007 February newsletter cover. This Corvette was also used by Microsoft as the feature car in their Xbox game "PGR4 Project Gotham Racing 4" released to the public in 2007.) President Al Dager conducted the meeting at Billy McHale's Restaurant in Bellingham WA at the end of the '50's tour. Oran Petersen presented the winners of the Poker Run and the 50's Tunes; Kevin Jewell- High Hand, Margaret Holly- Low Hand, Ron Holly- Most of a suit, and Kevin Wilson- 50's tune. Membership remained at 230.

5 LAPS AGO: June 2015. John & Sandy Kamm's His and Hers Corvettes; a 1991 Arctic White Convertible and a 2004 LeMans Blue Coupe were the cover cars. John & Sandy also received the CMCS Quarterly Recognition Award for the 2nd quarter of 2015 at the general meeting. President Kevin Jewell conducted the meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton WA. New members were Shawn Pollard, Michael & Elizabeth White and Larry & Laura Rude. Membership count was 257. The 4th in a series of Steve Yabroff's report on the 2014 NCM

caravan was published in the newsletter. Activities included seven CMCS cars attending the Corvettes on the Columbia event in the tri-cities area and a CMCS caravan to the Lake Tahoe Corvette Show, coordinated by Ron & Dee Wuesthoff.



Lindsey & Cheryl Ifland have a **2017 Watkins Glen Gray Z51 2LT Coupe**. He got the bug when his older brother had a '69 427 convertible back in the 70's. He had wanted one ever since. About a year ago, Lindsey started looking and found just what he wanted, the one above. He has been an automotive technician for over 30 years working on both domestic and now German cars. He is married with two grown sons. He is interested in trying out autocross, perhaps a track day, and especially day and weekend tours. Please give Lindsey & Cheryl a warm CMCS welcome.



David Weston & Kylie Lem. David has been a Corvette lover forever and finally just bought his first one—a **2012 White GS Coupe**! He was transplanted to the PNW in 1981 when the US Navy sent him to Whidbey Island. He got out of the Navy in 1989 and went to work at Boeing where he has been ever since. Now that he has his first Corvette, he's looking to join a club where he can interact and meet other Corvette enthusiasts and try a variety of Corvette activities. Give David & Kylie a warm welcome. (no photo)

Gary Prather recently acquired a **2019 Black LT1 Coupe** from our sponsor, where he is their Body Shop Manager. This is his fourth Corvette. The other ones were a 1978 Silver Anniversary Vette, a 1978 Indy Pace Car, and a 2000 C5. He has three grown kids. His hobbies include golf, Harleys, concerts, camping and car shows. He is looking forward to enjoying a variety of driving tours, looking into autocross and having “great fun” with us. Let’s show Gary a warm CMCS welcome.



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Brook & Paige Longdon own a **2019 Black Grand Sport Coupe**, their first one, which he found on the Internet. He is looking forward to tours and drives, along with giving auto crossing a shot. His hobbies include his three kids' sports, home automation and car repair and detailing. While he loves all Corvettes from C1s to C7s, he's still thinking about the C8. Let's warmly welcome Brook & Paige. (no photo)

Mike Stapleton has a **2016 Black Stingray Coupe**. Mike joined in April. There is a more extensive bio in the May newsletter. We did not have a photo at that time so are adding that in this June Tachometer.



Teresa Lannoye & Martin Burgisser. Teresa has had her **white 1992 Corvette convertible** since 1997. She previously lived on the Olympic Peninsula and is a former CMCS member. She recently moved to this side of the water and is looking forward to participating in a variety of events. Please give Teresa and Martin a big welcome! (no photo)

Editor's Note: Since we cannot presently hold social gatherings we are temporarily suspending the bylaws requirement that new members join CMCS at a general meeting. Therefore we are sometimes not able to get new member photos for the tachometer in a timely manner.

June Birthdays

Michelle Klumb	1	David Cayton	12	Frank Diss	23
Corey Mollnow	3	Carl Davidson	14	Linda Micus	23
Vicki Gleeson	5	Dave Tracey	16	Harvey Hawks	25
Debbie Ward	6	Connie Fletcher	19	Jo Anne Knollman	25
Diane Gudjonson	9	Jan Harris	19	Ken Jones	27
Rick Stark	9	Nicholas Bley	20	Wes Holmes	28
Xiao Lan FU	10	Gail Haubrich	21	Tim Pawlak	28
Michael Olejniczak	10	Candy Turi	22	Stacie Geyer	29

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report

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With the Corona Virus curve flattening in many areas businesses and activities are starting to open up a little here in our home state of Washington, and at the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

However, with the COVID-19 impacts still being felt, and with everyone wanting to avoid a surge in new cases, slowly and cautiously seem to be the overarching themes in most areas.

The Corvette Store at the NCM re-opened May 20th with in-store shopping open at limited capacity. Current temporary hours are 8 am-5 pm CT Monday-Friday. The Corvette Café re-opened May 22nd with limited capacity dine-in, and full capacity outdoor dining. Current temporary hours are 8am-3:30 pm CT Monday-Friday. The Museum itself was given permission to re-open on Monday June 8th, although no doubt at reduced capacity and with appropriate safety protocols in place. Those are being developed as this article is written.

The closures did not affect the R8C Museum Delivery program for new Corvette owners picking up their cars, however the March 20th shutdown of the Corvette Assembly plant, which is right across the freeway from the museum, certainly had a negative impact. The plant was only able to build 2700 C8 Corvettes after starting production on February 3rd. In early May General Motors announced plans to reopen some of its manufacturing operations by May 18th, and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant reopened May 26th although slowly and cautiously according to a GM spokesman.

There was speculation in the Corvette Community that the 2020 model would become one of the rarest regular-production models in the Corvette's history. For context, Chevrolet sold 10,261 units of the Corvette during the 1960 model year, 17,316 for the 1970 model



year, and a whopping 40,614 in the 1980 model year. Sales for the 1990, 2000, and 2010 model years totaled 23,464, 33,682, and 12,194, respectively. And, 34,822 seventh-generation cars were made during the 2019 model year. Leaked documents that surfaced online in March — two days before the factory closed — confirmed the company had stopped taking orders for the 2020 model, and it was going to start selling the 2021 model in late May, or about a month earlier than planned. “Further information will be forthcoming from Chevrolet regarding the handling of sold 2020 model year that we will be unable to accept, and the creation of a replacement 2021 model year sold order,” the company told its dealers. **Now it’s reported that the new date for the switchover is November 2. That gives Bowling Green five months to fulfill as**

many 2020 orders as possible before converting some buyers' orders to cars in the 2021 model year.

In light of all the uncertainty there is still a lot going on at the museum. Here is some of the latest news from our friends at the NCM.

Wrecked C8 Visits NCM for Rotary Engine History: Even with physical distancing because of the Corona Virus, some people just have all the luck, or maybe all the smarts, and are able to pull off something that many of us only dream about. YouTuber Rob Dahm of California made a cross-country trek in May to purchase a wrecked 2020 Corvette. The car had been hit by a drunk driver the day after the owner took possession, but its story doesn't stop there... Rob has big plans for it. After picking up the car in Florida, he traveled to Kentucky, visiting the Holley Performance Products headquarters in Bowling Green before taking a new 2020 Corvette for a spin at the NCM Motorsports Track. Finally, Rob made a stop at the National Corvette Museum to learn the history of the rotary powered Corvettes, checking out XP-987GT, a two-rotor Corvette owned by the Museum, and learning the history of the Aerovette, a four-rotor Corvette and the inspiration for Rob's project. Rob plans on putting a four-rotor engine into the C8 Corvette he just picked up. If you've got 22 minutes to spare you can watch Rob have a great time driving the new 2020 Corvette on the track, then you can watch him enjoy time at the NCM doing some research on GM's rotary engine history. His enthusiasm is contagious!



<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/wrecked-c8-visits-ncm-for-rotary-engine-history/>

2020 Michelin NCM Bash goes virtual: After postponing the 2020 Michelin NCM Bash from April to May, the museum finally made the decision to go completely virtual this year. Held on Thursday 5/28 and Friday 5/29 the registration was only \$20. Registrants had access to TWO full days of:

SEMINARS - Seminars offered multi-camera views of presenters interspersed with presentation slides and exclusive video. Seminars offerings included:

- Corvette Update with the Corvette team
- Corvette Racing update with Doug Fehan
- Michelin tech talk
- Q & A with the Corvette Mechanic Paul Koerner
- Behind the scenes walk-around of Corvettes

Virtual attendees had the capability to ask questions of the presenters, and chat with other Corvette enthusiasts participating in the event.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

In addition to seminars the event offered:

- Michelin giving away SETS (each set up to \$1500) of NEW MICHELIN passenger / light truck tires!
- Ribbon cutting for the new E. Pierce Marshall Memorial Performance Gallery with walk through
- Auction of memorabilia and unique experiences through eBay
- Corvette Store fashion show
- Damsels of Design exhibit rendering reveal
- LIVE Corvette raffle and more!

While the event looked somewhat different from previous years, it still offered the same great content, friends and unique offerings only the National Corvette Museum can deliver.

NCM revealed two Corvette Related video series: As I reported last month the museum debuted two free video series, offering educational and fun content for all ages. Vettecademy offers topics related to Corvette, the Museum and other automotive areas with a new video debuting each weekday. Vettecademy is targeted to all age groups and is especially great for children. There are currently 32 sessions posted on the Museums website. They vary in length between 2 to 12 minutes.

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/educational-programs/vettecademy>

and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5Syfif2eF-NmzTLVdEHmSUZozO8RvN27>

Vettecademy

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An Edutaining Series on Corvette

For Corvette enthusiasts wanting even more deep dives into the history of America's iconic sports car, the Museum launched a second video series entitled Fully Vetted. Currently there are 11 Episodes, ranging from 5-21 minutes. These are not child focused and are also available on the NCM website at:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/fully-vetted/>



I hope you've had a chance to take a look at some of these while social distancing.

Current Corvette Raffles: The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fund-raiser that helps to keep the museum operating. All you need to do to enter a raffle for a chance to win one of these fabulous Corvettes is go to the NCM Raffle web page: <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/>, click on “download an Order Form” which will enable you to open or download and print the latest form. Just fill it out & send it in to the NCM with a Credit Card number, and they will purchase the tickets for you and enter it into the raffle drawing right there in Kentucky! Also please note, there is now an “Enter Interactive Mode” button you can use to print out a form that has your Credit Card number scrambled, if you are queasy about mailing your full credit card information. To use the Interactive mode, you must have a user ID and Log in to the NCM site. Either way, please jot down on the bottom of the form “Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson NCM Ambassador” so our club gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order. Here is the current Raffle line-up:

2020 Blade Silver Convertible
Limited to 1500 tickets - Price: \$200
Drawing: June 18, 2020 2:00 pm



2021 BYO Corvette or \$60,000
Limited to 1500 tickets - Price: \$200
Drawing: July 16, 2020 2:00 pm



2020 Torch Red Coupe
Unlimited tickets - Price: \$20
Drawing: Sept. 5, 2020 3:00 pm
These are the least expensive tickets by far



Current National Corvette Museum Events:

The NCM is busy adding (and right now postponing and canceling because of the Corona Virus) more great adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM) for the year. So be sure to keep an eye on this space for upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. Registration is open on some of these events now and they fill up quickly. You can find more details about them and sign up here:

[https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/.](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/)

These are the events currently posted by the museum:

- MiM Colorado Springs: July 12-17, 2020; Pikes Peak Drive (**Sold Out/Waitlist**)
- MiM Northeast Ohio: August 2-7, 2020 (Registration opens Spring 2020)
- NCM 26th Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Sep 3-5, 2020 (Reg. open late Spring)
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore (NC) Estate Sep 7th -10th, 2020 (Reg. Open)
- MiM 'Branson Experience' Sep 8th -12th, 2020; Branson MO; (Registration Open)
- ~~2020 NCM MiM Le Mans Tour: Re-Scheduled to Sept. 11-22, 2020. England & France~~ (**Canceled**)
- ~~2020 Le Mans Viewing Party at NCM: Re-Scheduled to Sept 19-20, 2020;~~ (**Canceled**)
- MiM National Parks Tour: Sep 20-26; AZ & UT; (Registration open)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 1: 9/28-10/3 (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 2: 10/12-10/17 (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 3: 10/19-10/24 (Registration opens Summer 2020)
- MiM Michelin Corvette Racing Weekend @ AACA Museum, 10/23-24, Hershey, PA (Spring Reg.)

- MiM Lap of Kentucky tour 4: 10/26-10/31 (Registration opens Summer 2020)

Did you know: The National Corvette Museum offers Insurance policies for your collector car, any Corvette new or old, Race Cars, and for High Performance Driver Education (Track Time)? They offer very competitive rates and have been writing policies for the last 10 years. You can get Agreed Value Coverage, Mileage Options, 9 to 5 coverage that lets you drive your collector car to work a few days a week, and roadside assistance with towing. Give them a call at (877) 678-7626 or check them out on the web at: <http://ncminsurance.com/>

That's all for now - Save the Wave!

Autocross Schedule - 2020

For information contact Kevin Jewell: [\(Send email\)](#) (425) 885-0103

All events are held at Shelton, Sanderson Field.

Saturday events are operated by the Viper Club.

Sunday events are operated by the Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs.

June 13/14	July 11/12	Aug. 15/16	Sept. 5/6
<i>June 27/28 - Super Viper over-the-top weekend.</i>			
<i>A fun weekend by the Viper Club that is not part of the point system. Different events are in planning. More to come on this event.</i>			

Funny Foto - More Horsepower



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Membership-cmcs@outlook.com to correct our database as necessary.

Activities Current as of 6/18/20

Red text: CMCS Events • Magenta text: Autocross

All activities known to be canceled have been removed from this activity list. CMCS and other activities/events not canceled as of the date shown in the banner above are listed below. [See President's Message on page 3](#) for more activity details.

The online version of this newsletter on the CMCS website will be modified during the month as necessary to keep it as current as possible to reflect the rapid changes per COVID-19 guidelines and to assure the safety of CMCS members. Contact the Activities Chairman or assigned event coordinator for specific event status and details.

June 2020

- The CMCS General Meeting date, time and format is to be decided at the June Board meeting. Online Zoom most likely. Check the website event list and expect email from the website for current information on this meeting. Meeting
- 6/11 **CMCS Board Meeting - Online Zoom 6:00 pm** Contact Shaun Hayes for participation details. Board
- 6/13-14 **Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field** [Page 25](#) Autocross
- 6/27-28 **Super Viper Fun Autocross Weekend @ Shelton/Sanderson Field.** Not part of the point system [Page 25](#) Autocross

July 2020

- 7/11-12 **Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field** [Page 25](#) Autocross
- 7/30 **Mt. Baker tour sponsored by CMCS.** [Page 13](#) Activity

August 2020

- 8/11 **CMCS Sub Tour (Members Only).** For Details, CMCS website: <https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-3763336> Activity
- 8/15 **Snoqualmie Railroad Days Parade** [Page 11](#) (Parade)
- 8/15-16 **Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field** [Page 25](#) Autocross
- 8/20-24 **NCRS** (National Corvette Restorers Society) NW Chapter hosts a Regional Judging Meet at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. Rescheduled to August 18-20, 2022. For more details: <https://nwncrs.org>. Non CMCS
- 8/28-30 **2020 Sea to Sky - Wheel & Rails.** All Corvette Weekend Event in Squamish, BC. by the **British Columbia Corvette Club.** <https://www.bccorvetteclub.ca/squamish-2020> Non CMCS
- 8/29 **ECC All Corvette Show, Route 2 Taproom, Monroe WA.** Non CMCS

September 2020

- 9/5 **Corvettes at the Marina** by Corvettes of Grays Harbor Westport, WA www.corvettesofgraysharbor.com Non CMCS
- 9/5-6 **Autocross @ Shelton/Sanderson Field** [Page 25](#) Autocross

9/12 Tacoma Corvette Club Corvette Show. www.tacomacorvette.com Non CMCS

9/18-19 **Corvettes On The Columbia** - Rescheduled from June
<http://www.3riverscorvetteclub.net/corvettes-on-the-columbia/>
 CMCS caravan departs 9/17: Alton Loe coordinator. Non CMCS

November 2020

11/14 **CMCS General Meeting and Thanksgiving Potluck. Westminster chapel, Bellevue. Marty Cameron coordinator. Meeting**

December 2020

12/12 **CMCS General Meeting and Christmas Party - Everett Golf and Country Club [Page 27](#) Meeting**

CMCS Christmas Party - Saturday December 12

Everett Golf and Country Club
Noon to 4 pm
 1500 52nd St SE, Everett, WA 98203
 Registration deferred until November 1st
\$41 per person (Subject to confirmation later this year)
 Event Coordinator: CMCS Past President Ken Jones



Buffet Lunch Grilled Top Sirloin Steak with Bordelaise

- Herb-Crusted Halibut with Warm Tomato Concasse
- Baby Red Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetable Medley
- Classic Caesar Salad topped with house baked croutons and asiago cheese
- Artisan Rolls and Butter.

Apparel: Holiday Attire Welcome.

Bring a white elephant gift (one per person) - \$10 maximum value (Who knows what fabulous gift you might get in exchange)

Schedule

Noon	Social (No Host Bar)
1:00 pm	Buffet Dinner
2:00 pm	CMCS December General Meeting
	• Approval of CMCS dues for 2020/2021
	• Frank Olsheski Award
	• Social & Games (White elephant gift exchange)



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