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*Steve & Jean Yabroff's 2021 Red Mist HTC Z51*



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### *President's Message*

*By Shaun Hayes*

*CMCS President*



Fall is here and the first snow of the season has started to come down in the mountains. I imagine that several of you may be getting your Corvettes ready for a long winter rest. I'm a year-round Corvette driver and just had my winter wheels and Michelin all-season tires installed on my car by Evergreen Chevrolet. I'm hoping that the all-season tires make it possible to continue to drive throughout the fall, winter and early spring months without having to worry about whether the temperature is too cold for my summer only tires. My car should be ready for another Kevin Jewell ice-road trucking Corvette tour through the backwoods of Monroe behind the snowplows.

**Club meeting & Events:** We held our October general membership meeting at Tasters Wok in Lynnwood. The weather was threatening rain, but it held out for the drive to the event but alas started to come down hard by the time we finished our meeting. We had a terrific turnout at the event, I believe we counted 48 folks in attendance. It was great to see so many faces, new and old, at the meeting.

We discussed several upcoming events at the general meeting. It would be great to see many of you at one of these upcoming CMCS events:

- **Thanksgiving dinner:** We received approval to hold our Thanksgiving dinner at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue on Friday November 12th. Marty Cameron is coordinating this event and is looking for volunteers to act as food servers, which is required by the venue. If you can help, please contact Marty. If you plan to attend, the web site has recommendations for what side dishes you can bring to make this a meal. This event is very popular, and the Westminster Chapel is a great venue.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** The club is looking forward to its second Adopt-A-Highway clean-up this year on November 14th. Dave Cayton is organizing this event and is looking for volunteers to join the clean-up effort. The volunteers picked up a record number of bags of trash during the first clean-up in over a year. Now that we are on a more regular schedule, we expect that the upcoming November clean-up won't result in nearly as many bags of trash.
- **Christmas party:** We have confirmed December 11th at the Everett Country Club for our Christmas party. Registration is now enabled for this event on the website. You can register and pay online in just a couple of minutes. This is a big event for the club. It's our most formal dress-up event with top-notch food. We will be reviewing and voting on membership dues at this meeting. We will also be handing out the annual Olskeski award to a club member that has made outstanding contributions to the success of CMCS.
- **January meeting:** We have confirmed that we will be holding the January meeting at Griot's in Tacoma. The club has held several events at Griot's in the past. Griot's typically has product demonstrations and special day of event discounts on Griot's products. We are also working to arrange a catered lunch for the event. Stay tuned for updates on time and date for this event.
- **Wet Weekend:** We have confirmed Wet Weekend for March 19th, 2022, at the Suquamish Resort and Casino. The registration for Wet Weekend is now enabled on the web site and you can register and pay online. You will need to contact the hotel directly to reserve your room. You'll want to do this early as the rooms tend to fill up quickly.

We have a very full schedule. I hope to see many of you at our Thanksgiving dinner meeting or one of our upcoming events.

## ***For Sale - C8 Z51 OEM Tires***

**Front & Rear**

**Michelin PS4s 245/35ZR19 & 305/30ZR 20.**

**They have ~ 8/32 tread remaining. 3,100 gentle miles mostly from the drive back from the National Corvette Museum.**

**Approximately 10% wear, >50% off at \$899 or best offer.**

**Contact Steve Yabroff at [427jockey@gmail.com](mailto:427jockey@gmail.com)**

## Cover - Steve & Jean Yabroff's 2021 Red Mist HTC Z51 by Steve Yabroff



The Red Mist HTC (Hard Top Convertible) is the 4th Corvette in the Yabroff family. The first two were C2s, a Nassau Blue 1966 Side Pipe 327/ 300 HP Coupe bought in 1968, and a Marina Blue 1967 Side Pipe 427/390 loaded Coupe--it had PS, PB, A/C telescopic wheel, factory mag wheels, etc. bought in 1972 Unfortunately, #2 was only exciting when it

ran, which wasn't frequently enough. Together we, rebuilt that "Big Block" engine and it helped a bit. After four years of tribulations, it was sold with the vow of never again!

Then in September 2007, Jean gave me a trip to the Bowling Green, Kentucky Corvette factory. While on the tour, she saw a Jetstream Blue Z06 coming down the line. "Ooh," she said. "I like that; it reminds me of our earlier Corvettes. The fenders really set it off." I, of course, not wanting to disappoint Jean, got enthused and did a lot of research. Jean got over it; I didn't. The Z06 was ordered in February of 2008 with Jetstream Blue paint (another Blue one!), Navigation, Comp Grey wheels, and option R8C (Museum Delivery). We did the Performance Build Center tour (where the Z06 engines were built). This tour was outstanding and included a meeting with the Tech who built the engine. From there we drove to the National Corvette Museum for the delivery on April 10, 2008. On the drive back to Washington we discovered it was more comfortable than we thought and was a delight to drive. It even had enough power! The fuel economy was amazing also, given what it was.

That was almost 14 years ago and the C8s were calling. But the C7 Z06 sounded interesting too. But the passenger leg room just wasn't sufficient for Jean (she's tall, yea!) and so when the C8 legroom checked out, it was time to do some more research on the C8s. After much soul searching, we decided to go with the Z51 package. Coming from a C6 Z06, we felt we would always wonder if we had left something on the table, so to speak, if we didn't get the Z51 package. While I was thinking Coupe, Jean noted the advantages of the convertible (HTC). It would be easy to drop the top vs having to stop and lift the coupe's top off and put it in the trunk, didn't lose any trunk space when it was down, and for an 80 year old senior citizen (who me?!) it just made sense. Oh, and color. While I liked the Elkhart Blue, it was a bit darker than he would have liked, and the Red Mist caught our fancy, so as you can see, Red Mist won out.

Finally, we just decided to check every box we thought we wanted, including R8C (Museum Delivery, again).

So, what happened to the Z06? Our oldest grandson is 28, races in 24 hours of Lemons and his everyday car is a stick. So, it was our pleasure to give the Z06 to him. He says it's more economical on the highway than his Mazda. Who would have thunk? And more fun too.



So, what's the C8 like to drive? In a word, fabulous! We weren't used to all the various modes, bells and whistles (the Z06 didn't have any of that cool stuff and rode, let's say firmly). The C8 has a LEXUS ride with excellent flat through-the-turns handling. It has less tire noise than the Z06 and is much more refined in every way (of course, the Z06 had the 2LZ interior, the C8 has the 3LT interior). It's fuel economy on the drive from the NCM was about 26 mpg (hit a lot of head winds going through Wyoming and Idaho, and the 80 mph speed limit might have had a bit to do with that too). Since the C8 drives so differently from the front engine cars, another trip to the Ron Fellows driving school is in the planning stages.





## General Meeting Minutes

Saturday October 9, 2021

Tasters Wok Restaurant - Lynnwood WA

By Kevin Wilson

Meeting Called to Order: By President Shaun Hayes at 4:45 pm following dining.

### Committee Chairs / Representative - REPORTS

**Membership - VP Alton Loe reported out for Bruce & Lynn Boyd:** 308 members currently. He introduced and welcomed 2 new members: Patrick & Carol Hill who own a Rapid Blue C8 Convertible on its 3rd engine!

**Newsletter - Oran Petersen:** Not in Attendance - No Report

**Facebook Admin - Linda Scott:** Always looking for new postings and photographs. Send her your interesting photos.

**Website - Alton Loe:** Updated Website with info about our CMCS presence at Salmon Days in Issaquah.

**Parades - John Kamm:** Not in Attendance. The Woodinville Holiday Lights parade is on for December 19th. Open to all Corvettes - sign up on website.

**Adopt-a-Highway - Dave Cayton:** Not in attendance. Next Cleanup up 11/14/2021. Sign up on Website.

**NCM - Kevin Wilson:** Gave NCM updates, latest news is a John Warren of Grants Pass, OR has been named the 2024 PNW NCM Caravan Captain. He will be joined in this effort by his partner Patty Haas, and John and Ann Elegant as 2024 Pacific Northwest Co-Captains. Details & more will be in the next membership report in the Newsletter. CMCS will need a person to coordinate our own Caravan activities.

**Sponsor - Steve Yabroff:** Has picked up his new C8 Corvette at the NCM! Our club Sponsor is Evergreen Chevrolet & Steve and some officers will be meeting with them.

**Charity - Marty Cameron:** Friday Nov 12th will be the Thanksgiving meeting at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue at 5:30pm, eat at 6pm. Discussed the Dee Esping Charity Fund in CMCS and what we've supported in the past. Sent around sign-up sheet for volunteers to cook and serve. See Website or Newsletter for details.

**Apparel - Bonnie Roylance:** Reported out on the latest in apparel. See Website or newsletter for additional apparel information.

**NCRS - Danette Sawin:** Gave a detailed report about NCRS and its activities. Showed NCRS judging manual that is available through NCRS for \$75.

**NWACC - Ken Jones:** Gave Brief report on past NWACC activities. See website and newsletter for details.

**The Sub Tour - Dwaine Knollman:** Looking forward to next year - targeting mid-April for tour.

**Board/Officer - REPORTS**

**Vice President - Alton Loe:** Officer Elections will be coming up - Please consider supporting YOUR club by running for an officer position. Voting is in February. Let Alton know if you are interested. New Club radios are now available for just \$35.

**Secretary - Kevin Wilson:** Motion received, seconded, and approved to accept September Membership Meeting minutes as published in the September Newsletter. Encouraged people to run for his position.

**Treasurer - Robert Stone:** The Club is in good financial condition. Has books with him updated through September financials for any member to review.

**2 Year Activities/1 Year Activities - Marvin Scott/Kevin Jewell:** Updated the membership on currently scheduled and upcoming planning for meetings and tours. Thanksgiving meeting will be Nov. 12th at Westminster Chapel. Holiday meeting will be at Everett Golf & Country Club on December 11th. January meeting will most likely be Griot's Garage in Tacoma, February 12th will be Evergreen Chevrolet from 11-2. Wet Weekend will be an overnigher 3/19 & 20 at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort on Bainbridge Island. Will be a Corvette Caravan over with a tour of the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport. Keep an eye on the Website & Newsletter & get signed up. If anyone has an idea for a tour or would like to lead a tour contact Kevin or Marvin.

Remember to sign up for meetings and activities on our web page! We had 47 people at today's meeting, but not that many signed up.

**Past President - Ken Jones:** Not in Attendance.

**President - Shaun Hayes:** Led the meeting & thanked members for coming out for today's meeting. Reported out details in other sections of the meeting.

**General Business**

**OLD BUSINESS**

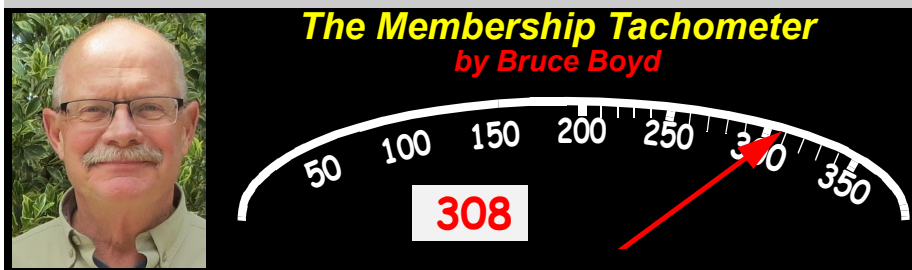
VP Alton Loe provided more details about Wet Weekend, stating it is at a fabulous facility with low rates, fantastic food. Sunday perhaps a tour of the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island, as well as the USS Turner destroyer in Bremerton. Sunday, you can join us for a tour of the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island OR a tour of the destroyer USS Turner Joy in Bremerton.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jason Hernandez, member for last 6 years thanked CMCS for providing so many opportunities to get out and enjoy Corvettes and other members. Tatyana Hernandez helped assemble the newsletter for a number of years. They've traded their Corvette for an Electric Porsche. They offered up some of their CMCS Swag to members in attendance at the meeting. We will be sorry to see them go.

**50/50 Drawing:** Won by David & Lynda Wike. Half the amount raised from the drawing (\$75) went to David & Lynda, the other half (\$75) goes to the GM-ASEP (General Motors - Automotive Service Education Program) at Shoreline College. Meeting Adjourned 5:47 pm





*Please welcome the following new members.*

Rodney Banks has a 2019 Torch Red Corvette C7. He's from Miami, Florida where he worked in the utility industry for 38 years. Rodney retired in 2015 to Portland, Oregon and PSE called him back to work in January 2021. His first Corvette purchase, in 2007, was a C6. He's looking forward to CMCS membership.

### **November Birthdays**

<b>Michael Sibley II</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Mike Gleeson</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>David Whitman</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Robert Bracco</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Alice Schoos</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Mona Cox</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Michael Kapoustin</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Ed Werner</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Gary Main</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Bill Luan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Carole Koehne</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Kayla Main</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Joe Minarik</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Frederick Cruzan</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Steve Wortman</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Joel Druckman</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>John Kamm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Frank Lloyd</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Mike Klumb</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Teri Lane-Kuehner</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>Marvin Scott</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Helen Wong</b>	<b>21</b>		

### **Laps from the Past**

*by Gary Main*



**55 LAPS AGO: November 1966.** The meeting was held at the Hyatt House. Meeting agenda included selection of a new official club jacket. John R Thomas (still a member in 2021) was President, Mo Morse was newsletter editor. Carl Mollnow (still a member in 2021) was in charge of Publicity. CMCS sponsored a night-time "Let's Turn Right Rally" under the direction of Rallymaster, Joe Bridgeman. First car was out at 8:01 pm and it took about 2 ½ hours over all paved roads. The newsletter included a very detailed tutorial by Donna Bridgeman on how a rally works and what it takes to successfully complete a rally. After TWO full 8 ½ x 11 pages of instructions, definitions of terms and tips, Donna reminded members that the first and most important rule is: DON'T GET LOST. Club sponsor Alan Green Chevrolet announced their "First in the Northwest Automotive Diagnostic Center." It consisted of (9) checkpoints: (1) Introductory Console explaining the tests, (2)

Visual Inspection Console, (3) Action Brakerol Console, (4) Dyno Center, (5) Flash-O-Matic, which flashes out its warning signals of caution and dangerous tire wear instantly, (6) Under Car Inspection Console, (7) Balance test Console, (8) Alignment Caster-Camber Test Console and (9) Headlight test console. The entire test series could be completed in 45-minutes. Their promo stated, “Geritol may be the answer for you, but the Alan Green Automotive Diagnostic Center is THE ANSWER for your Corvette.

**50 LAPS AGO: November 1971.** The meeting was held in the Camlin Hotel's Garden Terrace Room and included a \$4.95 Prime Rib dinner. Frank Diss (still a member today) was President AND newsletter Editor. Howard Esping (still a member today) was in charge of Advertising. Jeff gave an account of the Practice Session at SIR. There was not enough participation to cover expenses, so we lost money on this one. The meeting was adjourned for a movie & presentation by a Washington State Patrolman.

**Sponsor:** Westlake Chevrolet

**40 LAPS AGO: November 1981.** The meeting was conducted by President Ernie Kahler at the home of Kemp Frazer. The movie, “Taking Live in the Fast Lane” was shown after the meeting.

**Membership: 106.** New member was Darrell Odegaard.

**Activities:** CMCS hosted the NWACC (Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs) year end Awards Banquet at the Bellevue Athletic Club. There was a poker party & spaghetti dinner at Dee Balsley's Poker Place & Emporium.

**Sponsor:** Lee Johnson Chevrolet.

**30 LAPS AGO: November 1991.** President John Bell conducted the meeting at the home of Bob & Sandy Lazaroff following the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Feast. and auction. The monthly board meeting was held at Cloyd & Barbara Jackson's home.

**Membership: 104.** Dee Esping was chair.

**Sponsors:** Lee Johnson Chevrolet, Rick Stark Enterprises & Western Corvette Supply.

**20 LAPS AGO: November 2001.** Dale Westford's 1996 Red Coupe LT4 330 hp Grand Sport 6-speed was the cover car. President Jan Cockrum conducted the general meeting following the annual Turkey Feast & Holiday Baked Goods Auction held at the North Kirkland Community Center. This was a potluck with turkeys baked by members. Page 19 of the OYM suggested that the elusive President's Trophy was still touring. Page 29 notes that CMCS member Bob “FABULS” Newman was recognized by the Seattle Times as one of the 150 most influential people in the last 150 years in Seattle.

**Membership: 290.** Jeanne Barlia was chair. New members were Fred Macary, Bill & Cathy Burton and, Lance & Jan Lambert.

**Sponsors:** Seaview Chevrolet, Rick Stark Enterprises & Stewart's Collision Center

**10 LAPS AGO: November 2011.** Ken & Teresa Andersen's 2004 LeMans Blue coupe was the cover car. President Steve Yabroff conducted the meeting at the Woodinville Grange Hall after the annual Thanksgiving pot luck and charity auction.

**Membership: 255.** Jean Dager was chair. There were no new members.

### Activities

- Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. John Thomas was chair.
- Thanksgiving potluck feast & auction at the Sammamish Valley Grange. The auction included theme baskets, baked goods and craft items. Charity Chair Marty Cameron coordinated this event.
- NWACC (Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs) annual banquet in Longview. Oran Petersen led a caravan from Renton to the NWACC event in Longview without getting on I-5.
- Shopping for the CMCS sponsored family and Toys for Tots. Marty Cameron was Charity chair and coordinated this effort.

**Sponsors:** Speedway Chevrolet & Lee Johnson Chevrolet.

**5 LAPS AGO: November 2016.** Gary & Joan Hintz's 2016 Night Race Blue Coupe was the cover car. President Bill Cameron conducted the meeting at Jubilee Reach in Bellevue following the traditional Thanksgiving potluck turkey feast. Bill asked for CMCS members that served in the military to stand and be recognized. He asked for a minute of silence for those that lost their lives in service to the country.

**Membership: 267.** Candy Turi was chair. New members were Shannon & Brendon Sprock, Murray & Anita Krebs and John Amack & Mary Lila.

### Activities

- Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. John Thomas was chair. They found 3 hubcaps, and a dead raccoon.
- Thanksgiving potluck feast at Jubilee Reach. A charity auction was also held.

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## NCRS Report by Danette Sawin



October was a busy month for us as we are buying our retirement home in Montana and then stuck a NCRS Regional Event in Texas in the middle of everything! I am so humbled to be under the tutelage of Chuck Berge, National Team Lead for the 68-72 model years. Shanon Urton who is a Regional Director, has been teaching me everything I need to know about chassis. That has been my focus during my time at Nationals last July and again this last week in Frisco. She is a Level 400 Master Judge. An independent woman who knows Corvettes as well as anyone. She has been my guide through this journey. She resides in Ohio.

The Lone Star Regionals was held in Frisco Texas and there was a three day rotation of some of the most beautiful Corvettes in the country.

This '67 is just an example of the cars that were in Frisco. I was an observer judge (trainee) for five C3 '70-'72 vettes. Every time I do this I learn more. My own 1970 is coming home soon and you better believe that I will be inspecting every part, nut and bolt! You literally learn your car from the inside out when you are a member of NCRS. I took a



great fiberglass repair technical seminar and learned some great tricks. One trick that everyone with a fiberglass car can do to check for cracks is grab a bottle of wax and grease remover (Griot's or Adams make great ones), spray on your vehicle and it makes cracks visible. If you let it dry - it will evaporate so make sure to keep a keen eye on it once your spray it. It was demonstrated at Frisco and I was amazed. It's always a great peace of mind to know that I have no issues with my fiberglass.

On a side note - there was an interesting article in the "Driveline" this month that was called "It will never happen to me". A gent from Oklahoma who has been working and loving his cars for over 35 years experienced a tragedy that would make any collector



cringe when on a frigid morning this past February, in a detached garage containing several collector vehicles. He was using some space heaters in his garage and returned to his home to make a few phone calls. Upon returning to

his garage, he noticed smoke starting to form around the door. He opened the door and black smoke rolled out. He tried to grab the keys and rescue his C7 but the flames had already started to consume the car, he had no choice but to retreat. He lost a 65 Grand Sport Replica, a C7 and a GT500. He reached out to the National Corvette Museum Insurance he had (I have been using them for all my collector vehicles for over 15 years). Within three weeks, he has a check in hand for his destroyed vehicles and was able to start rebuilding his collection. NCM routinely attends NCRS events. Fire is my biggest fear with my collector vehicles. Having a good insurance company is paramount. We all put love and a lot of cash into our dream cars. I would highly recommend them - and not just for your Corvette. They insure my C3, my Trans Am, my 80 Ford F-350 and my Car Hauler - I have the highest limits possible with a zero deductible - for \$630 a year. Almost sounds unbelievable. You can reach NCM for a quote at [www.ncminsurance.com](http://www.ncminsurance.com) or (270) 467-8848.

One item that I encourage all of my friends to have is a battery cut-off switch. A great company is Savety Switch. They make heavy duty brass and copper disconnects that attach directly on batteries without additional hardware. They are available in side and top terminal mounts. It stops battery drain and saves batteries during storage. Super affordable and can be ordered from Zip Corvette or through LGB Industries at 877-639-1691. During NCRS judging, extra points are awarded for installed battery disconnect switches.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**FEB 23-26** - NCRS Winter Regional - Lakeland Florida

**April 7-10** - NCRS Louisiana Regional, Pontchartrain Center, Kenner Louisiana

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## ***Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup***

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Calling all volunteers! Our final clean up event of the year is coming up. We need 8 CMCS members to volunteer to help us out on this activity on Sunday November 14, beginning at 9:30 am for about an hour and a half. Will you please join us?

As most of you know, one of our CMCS Community Service activities is the Adopt-A-Highway program. Several times a year we remove litter from the shoulder area along I-5 Southbound for about a mile near the NE 175th Street Exit

(North Seattle).

In return we get a little exercise, we get the satisfaction of supporting our community, and we get a sign posted along the freeway that identifies CMCS as the volunteer organization responsible for keeping this section of the freeway clean.

This is our 24th year of participation!

These clean-up sessions utilize CMCS volunteers: two volunteers drive vehicles the day of the clean-up, and we need 8 CMCS Members as volunteers to be litter collectors.

This is an easy way to support your club and to provide a needed service to our community, plus you get to keep any good items you find. We've found cash, gift cards, tools and other treasures!

We meet at 9:30 am at the Metro Transit Bus Base Visitor Parking near the 175th Street NE Exit. The litter Pick-up normally takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete.

We often gather at a nearby restaurant following the clean-up for Breakfast/Lunch.

Please respond to me via e-mail or telephone if you can take part in this activity:

- We have the safety gear you need.
- We have instructions at the site.
- I'll send more detailed information to our volunteers.
- Call me if you have questions.

Many Thanks!

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



I suspect that many of you had told your children about walking 5 miles in the snow to school (uphill both ways) and that the younger generation was soft. I am reminded of this thought when I go out and start our Corvette after it has been sitting in the garage for a couple of weeks. It starts immediately and settles into a low idle. Then smoothly motors off as we go on our way.

Think back to those C1 or C2 Corvettes. Depending on the engine, we had to perform serious maintenance to keep them running. In addition to the oil changes at 3,000 miles, we fussed and pattered over many other aspects. We changed the ignition points at least every year. The points are simply two electrical contacts that make and break contact 1,000+ times per minute. As they made contact the electrical charge was dispatched to individual spark plugs. Is it any wonder that these points would burn and sometimes literally try to fuse together? As we ran the engines a bit harder, we could find that the points would start to bounce, and the engine would run rough at higher revs. So, many of us installed a dual point distributor that had two sets of points and was promoted as being able to handle higher revs. Of course, now you had to set the gap on two sets of points and keep them in sync. When you changed the distributor, there was a steel shaft that went into the engine block and was driven by a gear deep in the block. Of course, it was difficult to keep the shaft with the distributor as you removed the distributor and sometimes the shaft would fall into that dark hole of the engine block. One time, I decided to pull the oil pan and retrieve the lost distributor shaft as I was concerned that it might be hung up on the crankshaft and cause some damage. In the bottom of the oil pan were three distributor shafts. Obviously, I was not the only one to drop a distributor shaft on that



engine. Of course, we also changed the spark plugs at the same time as the points.

We could “read” the plugs and determine if the engine was running hot/cold/lean or rich and either change the heat range of the plugs or make other adjustments. Everyone that had a Holley carburetor has probably changed the fuel jets. These were small screw-in fuel metering jets inside the carb, so that you had to first drain the fuel bowl to get access to the jets. The jets had a very small hole in the center and Holley make dozens of different sizes so that you could fine tune your carb air/fuel mixture (and often “read” the resulting mixture on the spark plugs). These jets were rather small and could get lost in your toolbox, so the more serious among us had a plastic card with holes in which you could store all your jets. I remember going to a meet in Colorado. As the altitude increases, the air density decreases. To maintain an appropriate air/fuel ratio, we would have to reduce the size of the carb jets. So, before the trip, I went down two sizes in jet size. I soon discovered that at 9500-foot elevation, I should have reduced more than 2 sizes, as the engine was still running very rich.

Base Corvette engines generally had hydraulic valve lifters which did not require adjustment. The early hydraulic lifters tended to “pump up” at higher revs, so these engines had lower rev limits. The higher horsepower (and higher rev limit) engines had solid lifters that required adjustment. You would remove the valve cover and adjust the gap between the rocker arm and valve stem. If you did this with the engine running, you would have hot oil running onto the exhaust manifold and lots of smoke. Some tuners had special valve covers that could be temporarily installed which had a slot cut out of the top that would allow adjustment without all the oil loss. For instance, there were two tri-power 427 engines offered in 1967. The 400 hp version had hydraulic lifters and the 435 hp version had solid lifters that required adjustment. I suspect that more than a few buyers of the 435 hp version were surprised that a valve adjustment was considered routine maintenance. I still have a grease gun in my garage cabinet, but I don't think I have used it for a decade. At every oil change, I used to grease the ball joints and all the steering knuckles in the car's front end. Today, most cars are greased for life (of course then we must change out the whole part when the seal fails), spark plugs last 100,000 miles or more, computers and fuel injection have replaced carburetors, roller lifters and roller rocker arms have replaced the solid valve lifters and still allow the higher revs. Yes, we have gotten soft, but isn't it grand?

It seems we cannot pick up a paper, magazine or turn on the TV without hearing electric vehicles will take over in the next (?) years. The latest is a feature on Iceland, where the government has announced a total ban on gas/diesel vehicles by 2030. Seven years ago, there were less than 100 electric vehicles (EV) in the country. A year ago, EVs were 37% of the vehicle numbers and this year they are up to 50%. So why has Iceland become the latest poster child for EVs and how does Iceland compare to even Washington State. First, the country is less than

60% of the area of Washington, while the population is only about 5%. 94% of the Icelandic population lives in urban areas, with 67% living in the major city Reykjavik. Since there is no vehicle manufacturing in the country, all vehicles are imported. The government favors EVs by providing VAT exemptions, or discounts, for EVs. However, probably the biggest difference is that Iceland has fantastic energy sources. Geothermal energy heats all of Reykjavik and many of the smaller communities. Electricity is 100% renewable, with 75% via hydro and 25% geothermal. Yet only 20% of the country's rivers have been tapped for hydro-power, so there is a large possible electric source not yet used. The government has large duties on fossil fuel imports, making fossil fueled cars particularly unattractive. Iceland has low cost (and renewable) electricity, high fossil fuel costs, an import tax structure that favors EVs, and an urban population that probably has a low daily vehicle mileage. Seems Iceland is a natural for EVs. Perhaps Washington State not so much.

More electric news. Just last month I reported the latest on Lordstown Motors (LM). I had suggested that the latest company projection of the start of vehicle production in late September was probably optimistic. I have now seen one video of a prototype on a test track. Some projections now place production start in April, 2022. After all the changes reported last month, we now know that in October Foxconn, a Taiwan based company that assembles iPhones, has bought the Lordstown manufacturing plant and a minority interest in LM. iPhones are powered by batteries and electric vehicles are powered by batteries, so what could go wrong? Seems that everyone is trying to be the next Elon Musk. Perhaps Foxconn has enough money behind them to actually get this plant producing electric vehicles in numbers.

## **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report**

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We are definitely in the brrr months now - I've put away my shorts and am back in long pants either until I go on vacation somewhere warm, or the temperature remains consistently above 60 degrees, which will be about next April or May. With the hours of darkness ever increasing and with colder temperatures, I find I'm spending more time indoors, which is a great time to catch up on all the news surrounding our favorite Sport car - the Corvette! There are plenty of places available on the Internet to explore, including our very own CMCS Web page, and Facebook page, and of course there is always news coming out of both the National Corvette Museum (NCM) through their web page, and on their Facebook page as well. Here is a look at some of the latest happenings from our friends at the National Corvette Museum (NCM).

**2024 NCM Corvette Caravan Captain named:** As many of you know the NCM and our local clubs have been searching for someone to lead the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Caravan to Bowling Green and the NCM in 2024. Behind the scenes, Ken Thomas who led the PNW caravan in 2019, John Elegant out of Oregon who already volunteered to Co-Lead, and Frank Sancineto, the 2024 National Chair have been working together and are pleased to announce John Warren as your 2024 PNW Captain. John resides in Grants Pass, OR and is a veteran of caravans attending in 2014 and 2019. He has extensive experience as a leader, and we are fortunate to have him take on this position. John Warren's email is [2024PNWCaptain@gmail.com](mailto:2024PNWCaptain@gmail.com). Welcome John W!



**Here is a note from John about this position:** Thank you for your congratulations on the PNW Captain announcement! It's very much appreciated, and I'm honored and humbled to take on this opportunity! I'd like to start off by introducing myself and Patty Haas as the 2024 Pacific Northwest Captains and John and Ann Elegant as 2024 Pacific Northwest Co-Captains. We also plan to have Local Leaders to be announced at a later date. (Note dear readers from CMCS - Who would like to represent our club on this effort?) We are fortunate to have experienced people that can give us support in all areas. Even though we are very early in the process, there are many action items to be considered over the next several months and hope to have our new Pacific Northwest Caravan website up and running by the end of this quarter. I'm sure we will build and update the website as time goes by and more information is obtained, so please be patient. You are also welcomed to contact me directly.

Our goal is to make this caravan extremely fun for all and at the same time have a relaxed atmosphere about it. THIS IS YOUR CARAVAN! Having fun, meeting up with old friends, making new friends, driving your beautiful Corvette through different parts of the country and making memories for a lifetime is what we want to accomplish.



However, Corvette owners from other areas of the country may want to join us once they see our route and may want to adventure it as well. For example, I met a very nice couple and became friends in 2014 in Bowling Green and they drove all the way from their home in Houston to be part of the 2019 PNW caravan because they wanted to experience our route.

In both 2014 and 2019, my very first question was, "what is our route and what are we going to do along the way?" I want you to know that a very qualified team is already working on our PNW route and hope to advise you in early 2022 of the details.

So, we have lots of time because we are getting an early start. In my opinion, much of the enjoyment of making a trip like this is the personal planning and

dreaming about it in advance. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming years at your Corvette meetings or car shows. We're very excited about this, so please consider joining the 2024 Pacific Northwest Caravan. Feel free to contact me at [2024PNWCaptain@gmail.com](mailto:2024PNWCaptain@gmail.com). Patty and I welcome you with open arms!

**Museum purchases and demolishes Country Hearth Inn after fire department training:**

The National Corvette Museum Foundation's acquirement of the structure at 395 Corvette Drive, formerly known as the Country Hearth Inn, allows the National Corvette Museum to create a more beautiful campus. There are no immediate plans to develop the property, however exciting developments are sure to follow.

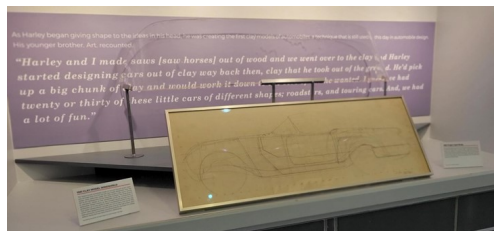
“The demolition of the structure adds to the beautification of the National Corvette Museum's campus and also allows us to support our community by providing a training space for our local fire department and ensuring the proper recycling of the building's materials to help protect our environment. The Museum is proud to be collaborating on this project with the Bowling Green Fire Department, International Center, and Scott and Ritter,” said Sharon A. Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum.



Before demolition of the existing structure, the Bowling Green Fire Department used the vacant building for varying forms of training in multi-level structures. Training began on Wednesday, September 29th, and continued for several days. “The Bowling Green Fire Department is grateful for the opportunity to use the acquired structure, Country Hearth Inn, from the National Corvette Museum. Acquired structures provide great value to the BGFDD. We intend on using this opportunity to improve our service to the community through multiple personnel training scenarios throughout the next three days,” said Katie McKee, Bowling Green Fire Department Public Information Officer.

**1952 Project Opel Study On Display in Museum's Gateway:**

On June 13th, 1952, this study (see photo) was completed of the full-size clay model of the car simply known as Project Opel. A draftsman for General Motors was assigned to measure the clay model and produce this measurement study for engineering purposes.



This document served as one of the primary sources for the Project Opel team to go from a full-size clay model to a full-size prototype of the car that would

become the 1953 Corvette. This is part of how it all got started. This artifact is on loan from the NCRS Foundation.

**Reveal for the new 2023 Z06:**

As I discussed in last month's column, the date for the reveal of the new Z06 was October 26th. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to see some photographs or videos of the new top-of-the-line Corvette, at least the top for now. In



a press release from GM Detroit, the Corvette Z06 is described as “designed to amplify the thrill of driving.” As of the OYM print date, this is the only official photograph of the new Z06 that GM has released. Others are now on the web.

**New NCM President and CEO Sharon Brawner flogs a C8 around the Motorsports Park:**

Last month I provided details about the selection of Sharon Brawner as the new President and CEO of the NCM. Sharon owns a 2019 Arctic White



Grand Sport. She wasted no time however in trying out the new C8 on the track at NCM. Sharon had fun at the track and so can you! Either bring your own car or use one of the NCM Motorsports Park's Corvettes to get on track throughout the year. Visit [motorsportspark.org](http://motorsportspark.org) to learn more about all of the on-track opportunities!

**Corvette Racing Wins at VIR - 3rd winning race in a row!**

Speaking of flogging C8 Corvettes around the track - On Saturday October 9th, Nick Tandy and Tommy Milner took their third straight victory in the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship by winning the Michelin GT Challenge at VIR in the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R. With 50 minutes left to go in the two-hour and 40-minute race, Tandy moved from third to first place in just the time span of a half-lap. This win follows the victories at both Laguna Seca and Long Beach for the No. 4 Corvette C8.R. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor, who are the current leaders of the GT Le Mans Drivers Championship, finished in second place in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C8.R. Congratulations to Corvette Racing for getting 1st and 2nd place in yet another race!



**Current Corvette Raffles:** The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fundraiser 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” (near the bottom of the page) 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 also an “Enter Interactive Mode” button (midway down the page) you can use on the same page 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:

**2022 Build Your Own or \$70,000**  
**1500 Tickets to be sold**  
**Price: \$250**  
**Drawing: November 11, 2021 2:00 pm**



**2022 Silver Flare Convertible**  
**1500 Tickets to be sold**  
**Price: \$200**  
**Drawing: December 2, 2021 2:00 pm**



**2022 Arctic White Convertible**  
**Unlimited Raffle Tickets**  
**Price: Just \$20**  
**Drawing: April 30, 2022 3:00 pm**  
**These are the least expensive tickets - Great for gifts!**



**Here is the winner of the last Corvette Raffle:**

The **2022 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe** was won by **John Koutsantanou** of **McDonough GA** with ticket **#1300** Drawn 10/21/2021. All of the 2000 tickets sold at \$100

**Current National Corvette Museum Events:**

The NCM continues to balance the desire of Corvette Enthusiasts to safely get together to drive their vehicles and to celebrate the Marque in meaningful ways. Here is the current schedule of events and adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM). Be sure to keep an eye on this space for upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. These events are popular and can fill up fast. You can check the NCM website for more details about them and sign up for them here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/>.

- NCM Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 4-6, 2021(Registration is OPEN)
- MiM 2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise | April 15-24 2022 (Registration is OPEN)
- NCM Michelin NCM Bash | April 28 - 30, 2022 (Registration Opens early 2022)
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate | May 1-4, 2022 (Registration Opens Soon)

**Did you know:** The Corvette Store at the NCM has Featured Items every month, as well as clearance items? You can shop at their online store for Corvette Related items for yourself or gifts for others here: <https://corvettestore.com/>.

**That's all for now - Save the Wave!**

**Activities Current as of 11/19/21**

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**November 2021**

- 11/11 **CMCS Board Meeting Family Pancake House, Redmond 5 pm** Board
- 11/12 **Thanksgiving Potluck & General Meeting. 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 meeting Westminster Chapel, 13646 NE 24th, Bellevue.**  
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4443953>. Meeting
- 11/14 **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. Volunteers needed. Contact the Event Chair Dave Cayton. See Page 15 for details.**  
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4425747>. Activity

**December 2021**

- 12/09 **CMCS Board Meeting Family Pancake House, Redmond 5 pm** Board
- 12/11 **Christmas Party - Everett Golf and Country Club. Noon to 4 pm. Dec. 5th registration deadline. \$59 each. White elephant gift exchange.**  
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4054558>. Meeting
- 12/19 **Evening Christmas Light Cruise in Woodinville. Register on the CMCS website or contact John Kamm.**  
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4171061> Activity

**January 2022**

- 01/13 **CMCS Board Meeting Family Pancake House, Redmond 5 pm** Board

**February 2022**

- 02/10 **CMCS Board Meeting Family Pancake House, Redmond 5 pm** Board
- 21/12 **CMCS General Meeting, Evergreen Chevrolet.**  
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4520628> Meeting

**March 2022**

- 03/10 **CMCS Board Meeting Family Pancake House, Redmond 5 pm** Board
- 3/19-20 **CMCS Wet Weekend, Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort.**  
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-3703732> Activity

**April 2022**

- 04/14 **CMCS Board Meeting Family Pancake House, Redmond 5 pm** Board



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

### Twitter:

Search on Twitter for **@CMCS63**

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