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President’s Column *By Bruce Boyd* *CMCS President*



Wow, Thanksgiving is over. This year is flying by. It will be Christmas and New Years before we know it.

Sunday November 20 was our Thanksgiving get-together. I'm sorry that Lynn and I missed it. I'm sure that everyone enjoyed some good food and their time together at Evergreen's facility. CMCS has a great relationship with the Evergreen group. Simply great sponsors for the club.

We have our Christmas holiday buffet and general meeting on December 10 at the Everett Golf and Country Club. The sign-up deadline was November 29.

Hope you got registered OK. It is always a very nice affair.

December 12th will be a special day as several of us will be taking our cars (weather permitting) with gifts to the KIRO 7 studios for Toys for Tots, so don't put your car in hibernation mode just yet! Details are on the CMCS website. The Charity team is putting it together. Should be fun.

I want to thank Oran Petersen and Shaun Hayes for all the work they do, Oran with the newsletter and Shaun with the website. These are our communication

avenues. Without those tools you would need to attend every meeting to know what the club is doing.

I hope everyone is spending some time each week looking over the CMCS website. This is where you get up-to-date information. The Newsletter is monthly but there is always plenty of upcoming info there as well.

I encourage everyone to come to club meetings, see what we are all about and meet the folks that make our social gatherings happen. If you can't make a meeting, join the fun at the 8:30 am Saturday breakfast at Dino's Pub in Renton. If we don't see you at an event soon, we want everyone to have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Parades
by **John Kamm**
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December 18 - Woodinville Lighted Car Parade

Wow. The end of the year. It seems only yesterday that we were planning parades for the 2022 year. I want to thank the members who gave up their time to participate in the parades, especially members who came to the rescue when the City of Montlake Terrace asked us to help out in their local city parade with only 3 days notice. CMCS put 12 Corvettes in the event.

The Woodinville Lighted Car parade is on December 18th. If you have never seen it or better yet, been in it, it's a great way to get into the holiday spirit. As of this writing they are still awaiting approval and permits, so the exact route is not yet known. **The staging area is the Woodinville Sports field parking lot at 4 pm.** The lot will fill fast! Last year, there were over 250 lighted cars in the parade. This year they are expecting over 300 cars. Suggest that you arrive at the staging area early!



The parade starts about 5 pm. Downtown Woodinville is also playing a part. The route will be on the CMCS website soon. If you want to participate, send me an email or sign up on the CMCS website. I will keep you current on details. PLEASE bring your metal car. The idea of bigger is better works because you can put more lights on the car. If you need help with the lights, email or call me for hints. Have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Cover - Lou & Marilyn Arnoldi's 2016 Coupe

Lou and Marilyn presently own a 2016 Long Beach Red coupe that they bought in 2021.

Marilyn loves to drive it. The license plate reads: "MOMSVET"

History

A 1966 Nassau Blue coupe 350 327 was Lou's first Corvette. He purchased it for \$2400 in Chicago. In 1967 it pulled a small U-Haul trailer with his personal belongings to Florham Park New Jersey. Have you ever seen a Corvette pulling a U-Haul trailer? Unfortunately no photo is available.

The flip-up headlights were a frequent problem. Luckily, a repair garage was located adjacent to his office parking lot, so drop-off and repair was convenient and frequent. The car was once stolen while at an insurance convention in Atlantic City, NJ, but was recovered by the New York City Police. The only issue was the loss of the gas cap! On another occasion, thieves tried to use a screwdriver to steal the car while at the movies.

Lou sold the car in 1971 for \$2,100 to buy a diamond engagement ring for Marilyn. After a 3-month courtship they have now been married for 52 years. After the children finished college, in 2011 they bought a 1999 Magnetic Red coupe that they enjoyed for 10 years. They joined CMCS in October of 2012, and have now been members for over 10 years.

They once got as far as Denver during the 2014 caravan to Mecca (the NCM), but had to turn back because of an air conditioner failure and Marilyn's Valley Fever infection. (Valley Fever, (coccidioidomycosis) is a serious fungal infection found in the southwestern USA and also in some areas of south-central Washington).

A 2024 caravan to the NCM is now a possibility for them.

They enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities, meetings and traveling with CMCS.



Laps from the Past



by Gary Main

55 LAPS AGO: December 1967. Maureen “Mo” Morse was President. The Christmas party & meeting was held in the Satellite room of the Seattle Hyatt House. There was dancing with music provided by Carl Mollnow’s tape recorder. Steak dinners cost \$5-\$7. Gifts, with a \$2 limit, were exchanged among those present. Carl’s logic on the gift limit was that, “one couldn’t even get a parking ticket for \$1”.

Activities: Bruce Kelly (still a member in 2022) was Activities Chairman

- “Long Night’s Journey into Day” Championship Rally
- CMCS Xmas-Lite Tour
- Hare & Hound IV/Reindeer 2 Gimmick Rally

50 LAPS AGO: December 1972. Jeff Weymouth was President. The Christmas party & meeting took place at the University Towers.

Activities: New Year’s Eve Party at the home of Don & Mimi Schwab.

Membership: 82. Frank Olsheski was chair. New members were Ed & Barbara Rolles.

Dues: New member dues were increased to: singles \$22, couples \$23 to cover costs for car badges and name tags. Renewals: singles \$14, couples \$15, with a \$2 discount for those renewing before April 1st.

Articles:

- “Ex Navy Pilot Saves Woman” discussed the actions of prospective CMCS member Norden Cecelske who saw a 73 year old woman with her clothes on fire in an apartment below his. He rushed down to put out the fire and call emergency services. (*In this era “prospective” members had to attend three CMCS events to be eligible for membership.*)
- “Stark Named Driver of Year” discussed CMCS member Rick Stark being named “Driver of the Year” for the Northwest Region of the Sports Car Club of America. (Rick is still a member.)
- “Exhaust Gas (Or More Hot Air)” by Frank Olsheski. Discussed Halloween antics, a member trading his Corvette for horses, and the score of big block vs small block failures at a practice session at the raceway. Four big block failures vs no small block failures. The big blocks sucked a valve, broke a valve spring, spun bearings and were otherwise declared “dead”. The Board was to contemplate chartering a bus for the “Rat Trap” owners (any GM big block) to assure the owners can arrive at the upcoming Wet Weekend destination.
- “TITS (Technical Information Tips & Suggestions)” by Frank Olsheski. “The Case Of The Sinking Float” discussed the issue of certain cleaners rendering some carburetor floats “unfloatable”.
- “Thank You” by Ernie Kahler. Ernie had one of the four big blocks that failed at SIR. He thanked CMCS member Bob Redwing for bringing his car trailer to the track to haul home some of the big block cars that failed, for a total cost of 1/2 tank of gas for his truck. He also thanked member Ron McDuffie for helping him get his car repaired and for finding and fixing other issues as well. He also thanked CMCS sponsor Bill Hazelett for going out of their way to find parts for the car.

- “Early History of the Marque Club, the First Year” by John R. Thomas. The title says it all.

Dealer Sponsor: Bill Hazelett Chevrolet.

40 LAPS AGO: December 1982. President Noreen Millen conducted the meeting at the Christmas party held at the Bellevue Athletic Club. \$25 per couple dinner featured Chicken Oscar, Crab Leg with Sauce Bernaise, all the usual trimmings & included complimentary wine. Music provided by David Lowe from Vancouver, BC.

Membership: 130. Dee McDuffie was chair

Dues: A vote of the membership kept CMCS annual dues unchanged for the 1983/1984 CMCS fiscal year. Renewal-\$20 Couple, \$17 single. New members-\$35 couple, \$30 single.

Charity: Food and presents were collected for the CMCS chosen family. CMCS also donated \$50, which was matched by Steve Taylor.

Activities:

- Lover's wear party at the Millen home
- Christmas Tree Hunt to Arlington led by Len Hodges
- New Year's Eve Party hosted by the Millens in Redmond.

Dealer Sponsor: Lee Johnson Chevrolet.

30 LAPS AGO: December 1992. President Bob Lazaroff conducted the meeting at the Christmas party, with Santa, at Triples Restaurant on Lake Union. Prime Rib was \$24. Grilled Salmon \$25. CMCS offered \$10 off to the first 50 members that registered, based on postmark. CMCS communication was done by hot-line phone in this era.

Membership: Dee Esping was chair. New member was Loren Sawyer. Loren was a member of the Miss Budweiser hydroplane pit crew, whose facilities were located in Tukwila. He set up a tour date for a CMCS visit to the hydroplane facility for the January 1993 meeting.

Newsletter Articles:

- “A Brief History of Time” (Corvette Style) 1956-1962 written by member Corrine Reinbold and edited by John R Thomas (still a member in 2022) was an extensive history of the technical evolution of the “cove-side” Corvettes.
- “The Grand Sport” by Ron McWilliams. Discusses the C2 Series development, racing heritage and politics.
- “A Star is Born” by Dee Esping. Discussed an advertising campaign by City Credit Union with the caption “It’s Time for a New Image”. The “star” of this show was CMCS member Cloyd Jackson’s 1989 red Corvette, with its photo plastered everywhere inside the credit union.

Frank Olsheski Award: Presented to John Bell.

Dealer Sponsor: Roy Robinson Chevrolet.

20 LAPS AGO: December 2002. Don Gardner's 1969 Guards Red T-Top Stingray Corvette was the cover car. (The car was originally Cortez Silver but was painted a non-Corvette color (Porsche) red in 1984.) President Dennis Montgomery conducted the monthly meeting during the Christmas Party held at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent. There were 75 members and 7 guests attending.

Membership: 289. Lorrie Montgomery was chair. New members were Kim & Kathryn Nicholas

Dues: A vote of the membership kept CMCS annual dues unchanged for the 2013/2014 CMCS fiscal year.

Charity: Santa and his helpers delivered Christmas gifts to Lake Vue Garden's Care Center for the seniors there. Two families sponsored by the Deaconess Children's

Services organization saw CMCS support anonymously with cash donations and a full Christmas dinner for both families. Funding was from the Dee Esping Charity by member donations and from the arts & crafts auction held at the November Thanksgiving meeting.

Activities: In addition to the charity run to the Lake Vue Garden Care Center, CMCS members made a bus trip to Leavenworth for the Tree Lighting and visit to the Eagle River Ranch. The bus was close to full.

Newsletter Articles:

- “New Board Member Nominations” by Cassie Black. Gave a review of the job descriptions of the president, vice president and one-year board member.
- “Wow! What a Week - Our Museum Delivery” by Roger & Sue Smith. Discussed the delivery and drive home from the museum.
- “National Corvette Caravan” by Dennis Montgomery. Discussed the 3rd NCM caravan and celebration to be held June 2003, (the 50th anniversary of the Corvette).
- “CMCS Member Biographical Sketch” by Oran Petersen. Discussed the Petersen’s Corvette history, CMCS history, personal history, travel history & more. *(These monthly sketches did not last long as it was too hard to pull information from the members in a timely fashion. We now do a reduced version in conjunction with the cover car information.)*
- “National Corvette Museum News” by Vince Perriello. Discussed plans for the 50th Anniversary of the Corvette at the NCM in conjunction of the NCM Caravan.
- “CMCS Turkey Feast Results” by Ben Benninghoff discussing charity income and status.
- “The Tech Sheet” submitted by Gary Main, written by Kami Buchholz for the 2002 issue of Automotive Engineering International Magazine. Discussed the GM 572 crate engine (up to 720 hp). This engine uses a carburetor. 800 to 1000 builds were planned in 2 configurations.

Frank Olsheski Award: Dedicated to Jane Shimamek.

Dealer Sponsor: Seaview Chevrolet.

10 LAPS AGO: December 2012. Joe and Susan Powell's 2007 C6 3LT Z51 Magnetic Red Coupe was the cover car. President Stan Trask conducted at the meeting after an early afternoon buffet Christmas luncheon at the Everett Golf & Country Club. A “Pirate Bingo” followed the meeting.

Membership: 244. Dennis Montgomery was chair. There were no new members.

Activities: In addition to the Christmas Party there were 3 Saturday Socials held during the month.

Newsletter Articles:

- “CMCS Rich History” reviewed CMCS long participation in NWACC and Seafair and recognized early members with over 40 years of dedicated service to CMCS, including John R. Thomas and Ron McDuffie. (John remains a member in 2022).
- “Frank Olsheski Award - A CMCS Tradition” discussed Frank’s history with CMCS and the perpetual trophy dedicated to his name, donated to CMCS by Neil and Noreen Millen. Frank passed away from cancer in 1984 at age 41.
- “Web Tech Stuff” by Oran Petersen discussed email aliases, alerts and all-member email.

- “Tech Corner - C6 Fob-obia” by Bill Roberts discussed fob issues caused by low batteries and suggestions to avoid those issues. *(There is an article in the October 2022 OYM updating this info with details about the C7 and C8 fobs.)*
- “NCM News” by Vince Perriello. Included a list of Corvettes owned by country music stars of the era.

Dues: A vote of the membership kept CMCS annual dues unchanged for the 2013/2014 CMCS fiscal year. 45 for a single and \$50 for a couple.

4th Quarter Recognition Award: was given to Terry & Karen Myers for their efforts in supporting the CMCS Seattle In September (SIS) event.

Frank Olsheski Award: Dedicated to Jim McDonnell.

Charity: Billi Trask was chair. The November auction netted \$2242. About 9 cars dropped gifts for Toys for Tots at the Issaquah XXX Drive-in. \$500 in gift cards was donated to Frank Love Elementary School in Bothell. \$750 and baby items donated by members went to the Eastside Baby Corner.

Dealer Sponsors: Speedway Chevrolet and Lee Johnson Chevrolet.

5 LAPS AGO: December 2017. John Amack’s 1995 Torch Red coupe was on the cover. President Oran Petersen conducted the meeting after a prime rib and chicken Dijon buffet at the Golden Steer in Kent. There were 48 members in attendance. Cost was \$37.

Frank Olsheski Award: Dedicated to Steve Yabroff.

Special Election for Secretary: Judy Jewell was elected by acclamation to serve as secretary for the remainder of the 2017/2018 term.

Dues: CMCS annual dues were unchanged for the 2018/2019 CMCS fiscal year.

Membership: 274. Steve Yabroff was chair. There were no new members.

Charity: Chair Marty Cameron reported that CMCS charities bought presents for over 20 children from ages 18 months to 3 years, and delivered carloads of presents to Toys for Tots.

Activities: There were 4 Saturday Socials during the month.

Newsletter Articles:

- “2019 NCM Caravan Information” by Dennis Milliken (CMCS caravan coordinator)
- “Under the Hood” by Kevin Jewell. Discussed racing in general across several venues.
- “NCM News” by our on-site ambassador Vince Perriello. One item of note was the donation of a 1999 Corvette to the museum with 773,338 miles on the odometer over 18 years and all on the original engine.
- “NCM Report” by Kevin Wilson

Dealer Sponsor: Evergreen Chevrolet in Issaquah.

Under the Hood *by Kevin Jewell*



I often write about auto auction results but a Sotheby's auction earlier this year is claimed to have set the world record for the highest price for a collector vehicle. Mercedes-Benz sold the 1955 300 LR Uhlenhaut Coupe (from its own collection) for 135 million Euro or about \$143 million. There might be a private sale out there that will never be disclosed, but it seems likely this is the absolutely highest price ever paid for a collector car. Have you ever sold one of

your cars and wanted it to go to the “right home” and were willing to give a little on the price to make sure the right buyer got the car? Well, Mercedes wanted to be sure that this special vehicle went to the right home but didn't give any breaks on the price. You had to be invited to even bid at this auction. A week before the auction, Mercedes added some very restrictive covenants to the sale. The buyer would have to hold the car for at least 10 years or pay a penalty of 25% of the sales price. The buyer had to hire Mercedes to perform annual maintenance on the car and the buyer was obligated for even the travel and lodging costs of the service personnel. The buyer also had to allow Mercedes to “borrow” the car for 10 days/year for display purposes and even allow 150 kilometers of driving/year. There were some other restrictive covenants, but you get the idea; the buyer must really want this special Mercedes to agree to any of these terms. About the same time as the Mercedes sale, Christie's art auction in New York sold Warhol's Marilyn (Monroe) painting for \$195 million. While this wasn't a world record for art, it was the highest price ever paid for an American work of art sold at auction. When shopping at Safeway do you look at the product pricing labels to check on the price/pound (or ounce) and compare it to the nearby products? Well, I think we can all agree that the Mercedes was the better buy when you consider price/pound.

I have long been a proponent of car clubs. Car clubs give us an opportunity to associate with like-minded people and also give us the reasons to use the respective automobiles. In September, Judy and I joined a new club, Associazione Fiat 500 Modican Club. We were vacationing in Sicily and our tour group had the opportunity to join the local Fiat 500 club in a “fast cruise” around the back streets of Modica. The Modican club arrived with 8 cars to take the 16 of us on our cruise. Judy chose a light green convertible model and climbed into the back seat to sit side saddle while I joined the driver in the front. We then proceeded through the back streets of town, often on back alleys that offered less than a foot on either side of the doors. I remember one of our group starting with his arm resting on the open door, only to have the driver grab his arm to pull it inside for safety. Some of you might have seen a Fiat Jolly at auction. The Jolly is a Fiat 500 converted to a beach buggy type vehicle, somewhat like a Meyers Manx, but much “cuter”. A Jolly led our group through town. At one of the photo opportunities, the president of the club popped the hood on his Fiat. A stock 500 had a 2 cylinder, 500 cc (about 30 cubic inches) engine with a 4-speed transmission. The engine was rated at 18 hp. The president indicated his engine had been modified with a Weber type carb with a low restriction air cleaner (actually there was no air cleaner attached, and the carb ingested any bugs in the area) and a large bore exhaust system. He claimed the engine was probably 25 hp, but that seems a bit optimistic given the starting point. We saw a lot of full throttle driving through 3 gears. At this same stop we discovered that the 500 that Judy had selected was an L model, or Luxury upgrade. The main differences were the addition of small bumpers, a ribbon 130 kph speedo instead of the round 120 kph speedo and a plastic/vinyl dash replacing the painted steel dash. No one indicated that the L model got any more power. Remember that 120 kph is approximately 72 mph and I would anticipate that you would have to throw the Fiat off the cliff for it to reach that velocity. When I first heard of this tour opportunity, I was a bit skeptical, but it was a hoot and well worth having to join the club for their insurance.

When we travel, we often look for unique cars and trends. You might have heard that Europe is moving away from diesel autos as a result of diesel-gate. However, that was not what we witnessed. Almost every car was still very small (Fiat Pandas everywhere) powered with a small diesel engine and manual transmission. The only US built auto that we found was a late model Chevy Malibu. Who knows why someone imported a Malibu. We had to leave our hotel at 3 am to catch our first returning flight. There were four of us west coast travelers in a van similar to a Honda Odyssey. This van was also diesel and had a 5-speed manual transmission. September is a big marriage month in Italy and of course being Italy there are churches on every corner. We were told that Sicily is currently very popular as a destination wedding site as the costs are lower than most of Europe. During the trip we witnessed many weddings. Often there would be a “get-away” automobile waiting outside the church decorated with some wedding livery. Apparently, many are rental cars. We saw a couple of VW bug convertibles, two Maserati's (a four-door sedan and a two-door coupe), among the many choices. Our favorite was the newly married couple that stopped to let our Fiat 500 caravan pass on a very narrow road. He was on a Vespa and she was sitting in a side car and both in full wedding regalia. We cheerfully waved to each other. This ought to be an interesting marriage.

Von Kelly has a **2022 Red Mist 3LT**. He has owned 7 Corvettes, 1973, 1987, 1995, 2001, 2005, 2017 and his new C8. He is retired from Microsoft. Hobbies include music (3 bands), boating and fishing. He is married and has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Jay & Kory Dubin have a **2012 Torch Red 206**. This is their first Corvette. They recently retired and moved from Florida to Seattle. They have a daughter in Seattle and another in New York. They plan to travel and explore Washington State.

December Birthdays

Janice Kunz	1	Dennis Hill	11	Bob Hopper	24
Rich Reed	2	Norman Wong	12	Harold Rubin	24
Lauri Milsow	4	Elizabeth Wange	14	Jim Freedman	26
John Carmody	7	Russell Siverling	15	Bill Roberts	28
Sandy Kamm	8	Ada Hawks	16	A J LaBenz Jr	29
Sharlene Cooper	9	Von Kelly	16	Steve Sunich	29
Francis-Damasus Garcia	11				

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November General Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2022 @ 2 pm
Evergreen Chevrolet - Issaquah (CMCS Sponsor)
By Kevin Wilson

Meeting Called to Order: By Vice President Dave Cayton at 2:09 pm. He welcomed all members and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving; a quorum was present.

Committee Chairs / Representative - REPORTS

Membership: Lynn Boyd: Not in attendance, VP Cayton reported that we currently have 272 members, 166 Households, with 91 opting to receive the printed newsletter. Recent members were introduced. Jay Dubin (2012 Z06) joined November 20th and Dave Swanberg (2006 Red Convertible) joined July 25th.

Newsletter: Oran Petersen: Gave a brief report, noted that he is getting short on cover cars & could use more.

Website: Shaun Hayes: Has posted photos of the new Z06 that were provided by member Alton Loe, who took the photos at Rick Hendriks Motorsports of VIN 001and of the first 70th Anniversary Z06 edition. Autocross dates for 2023 are posted as events. Corvettes on the Columbia is posted for 9/14 thru 17. Hotels are filling up quickly, so if you want a room better get signed up.

Facebook Admin: Linda Scott: Reported that we have 662 followers, 474 posts, 10 new followers. 72% of followers are men, 28% women. Encouraged members to keep adding Facebook posts and pictures.

Parades: John Kamm: Not in attendance, VP Cayton reported that the last parade of the year is the Woodinville lighted car Christmas parade on 12/18. You can register on the CMCS website. You are encouraged to bring your decorated metal cars.

Adopt-a-Highway: Dave Cayton: October 16th was our last clean-up of the year. Next one will be April 2023.

NCM: Kevin Wilson: Gave NCM updates and circulated information on the latest Corvette Raffles and encouraged members to support the museum financially by purchasing raffle tickets.

NWACC: Ken Jones: Not in Attendance - No Report

Sponsor: Steve Yabroff: Introduced individuals from our sponsor, Evergreen Chevrolet, who were in attendance at the meeting: Craig Bennett who works Corvette Sales & Tony Rehn who now has the used cars division for all of the dealership family. He thanked them for providing the showroom for our meeting & for setting it up.

Charity: Chad & Dianne Gudjonson and Mike & Dawn Gaz: Dianne reported that Mike & Dawn had worked to spearhead the Thanksgiving dinner we were about to enjoy & thanked them for their hard work. She reported that there are 4 charities our Club is supporting this year: Toys for Tots through KIRO TV on December

12th, Children's Home Society of WA, Mary's Place, and Jubilee Reach. A show of hands indicated a strong willingness to drive some Corvettes into Seattle for a toy drop off at KIRO. More details will be forthcoming on our charitable efforts, so watch your e-mail inbox for opportunities to help out as a shopper or driver.

Apparel: A business in Woodinville (Cloth Tattoo) that uses San-Mar for clothing is our new apparel vendor. There is information on our website in the members-only section under apparel.

NCRS: Danette Sawin: Not in attendance, No Report.

2024 NCM 30th Anniversary Caravan: Steve Yabroff & Shaun Hayes: Steve reported that one item of note is a venue & route change on the planned route from an overnight in Billings, MT instead to an overnight in Cody, WY, based upon road damage in Yellowstone. The caravan will take place over 7 days in August 2024. It will be a very flexible trip. There is a link from our CMCS website under “events” that will take you to more information. You can also register for this event at pnwcaravan.com. The local caravan will leave from our sponsor, Evergreen Chevrolet, who will host a fantastic breakfast and send-off. You can register for the event on our website now, it doesn't commit you, it allows the planners to communicate with those who are interested, such as when the blocks of rooms will be available. When they are made available you will want to snag them right away.

All Corvette Show: Marvin Scott: Reported that he will be asking for volunteers to be part of a steering committee to plan this event, then next year will be looking for volunteers to actually help out the day of the show. If you like the car show, please prepare to step forward and volunteer to help. This is one of our major events of the year.

Autocross: Kevin Jewell: reported that the schedule for autocross next year has been set. There are 6 sessions between May & September. If you are interested in participating you can send him an e-mail by going to our website, opening the newsletter, and clicking on the link shown on page 2 under “Coordinator-Autocross”. Learn what your Corvette is capable of! Official registration will open next year.

Board/Officer - REPORTS:

Vice President: Dave Cayton: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Reported that our Club is a membership run club with 272 members. Volunteers make it all work. He encouraged members to step up and volunteer for one of the many officer and board positions that will be up for grabs soon, and to consider volunteering to lead a drive, join a committee, or take on one of the coordinator or representative roles. Contact any officer if interested.

Secretary: Kevin Wilson: Motion received, seconded, and approved to accept October Membership Meeting minutes as published in the November Newsletter. Introduced concept of our Club putting together an event that celebrates the 70th Anniversary of Corvette, and the 60th Anniversary of our Club. Will be looking for club members to help plan and organize such an event.

Treasurer: Robert Stone: Has the books with him today. CMCS is in good financial condition. The books are balanced, and the records are up to date. He has club radios for sale at \$45 each. CMCS shields for mounting on your C6-C8 are available for \$20. The shield only (no mount) is available for \$15. Shields with mounts for C5's can be special ordered. He also had some cloth CMCS Club shield patches available for free.

2 Year Activities/1 Year Activities: Lars Posthumus (not in attendance)/

Marvin Scott: Marv updated the membership on currently scheduled and upcoming planning for meetings and tours. Our December 10th Holiday meeting is at Everett Golf & Country Club. Bring a wrapped white elephant (\$10 max) gift for the gift exchange! **Need to get signed up by 11/29.** Looking forward to Corvettes on the Columbia next year where there are close to 700 Corvettes. Check out the website for all the currently scheduled events.

Past President: Shaun Hayes: Nothing new to report

President: Bruce Boyd: Not in attendance (vacation), no report. VP Cayton thanked the Membership for attending & wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

VP Cayton introduced Craig Bennett from our Sponsor Dealership who spoke to our group. Select comments are:

- Craig Bennett has been in the business for 42 years and attended many Corvette Training classes. He pointed out that Corvette is THE HALO AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE, and we are a unique group.
- The Z06's currently being built & delivered were allocated about 4 months ago. Evergreen will get one in the Spring.
- Evergreen Chevrolet is now the #1 Corvette Dealer in the NW region.
- Craig currently has 5 Corvette Allocations to be built in December & January. One will be a loaded 70th Anniversary Z51, a Red Mist with a Black Top, and a Base Z51 that will be listed in the \$70,000 range.

Tony Rehn from our Sponsor spoke as well. The dealership showroom we were in was built in 1999 and opened on 1/1/2000 when he went to work there, with no interference from Y2K. He lauded the new 70th anniversary Carbon & Pearl Corvette and reported out on the dealership's journey to become the #1 Corvette dealer in the NW. Their goal is to "Sell a Lot for a Little". He praised the relationship between the dealership & our Club, and thanked Steve Yabroff, our sponsor liaison, for his work in building a strong relationship.

Saturday Socials: Oran Petersen reported that the Saturday Socials at Dino's Pub arrival time is changing from 9 am to 8:30 am. Before you attend for the first time, please let Oran know so he can add you to a list of Dino's attendees. This makes it possible to inform you of any last-minute changes. Contact information for Oran can be found in any newsletter.

50/50 Drawing: The drawing raised \$156, half of which went to the winner Steve Weigel and the other half went to the General Motors Automotive Service Education Program (GM-ASEP) scholarship fund at Shoreline College.

Sponsor Drawing: Our Sponsor generously provided 3 door prizes, with the chosen winners being Robert Stone, Candy Turi, and Ada Hawks.

Meeting Adjourned: At 3:08 pm, followed by a fabulous Thanksgiving feast.

Next Membership Meeting: December 10th. Holiday meeting is at Everett Golf & Country Club: 1500 52nd St SE, Everett, WA 98023. This will be a catered feast in a lovely setting.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report

by Kevin Wilson (Local NCM Ambassador)

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After a couple weeks of very atypical (Sunny!) November weather it looks as if we are heading back to our typical rainy days.

Hopefully you managed to eke out a few more fun driving times in your Corvette, so now you have more time for a little reading. So, sit back and let's see what the latest news is from our friends at the National Corvette Museum (NCM).

Hey Alexa, Play Corvette Trivia: Part of the National Corvette Museum's mission is to educate the public on Corvette, and that mission is now offered in the form of a game with the help of Amazon's Alexa. Anyone with an Alexa-enabled device can participate in the new Corvette trivia game simply by saying "Alexa, Play Corvette Trivia." (note: on some devices you may have to enable or turn on this feature within your Alexa app).

Alexa will ask you a series of Corvette history questions (1 to 4 people can play) and the game keeps up with your points as you play. After each question are additional facts and details, allowing you to dive deeper into the various stories behind Corvette through each question. Players get three wrong answers before they are out, but don't worry, you can play as many times as you like.

"The tech committee was brainstorming ways to engage with our enthusiasts, and we were talking about different games you can do through Amazon, so we looked up what it would take to build some skills," shared Chris Huffman, IT Operations Manager. "One thing led to another, and we create the trivia game." Museum Educator Deb Howard plans to help in updating the trivia questions periodically, with some of the answers available through the Vettecademy YouTube series. "We think our audience will enjoy mastering the questions and answers, so we're excited to freshen those up, giving them the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Corvette and keep them entertained."

Chris says they're working on some additional new interactive applications for use in the Museum including augmented and virtual reality. "Over the years a lot of new, affordable options have become available for Museum use and we've been testing some of those out. We're excited and hope to roll out some new interactive offerings for our exhibits later this year."

Artifact of the Month - Corvette Indy Scale Model Mold: Each month in 2022 the curatorial staff at the NCM selects an artifact from their collection that is connected to a significant moment in Corvette history and shares its story with us. This month's artifact is a Corvette Indy Scale Model



In 1958, Chuck Jordan, General Motors' new Vice President of Design, wished to make a positive statement in his area of expertise. He did when the Chevrolet division surprised the world with an Illmore Chevrolet Indy Car engine scale model in a vision of a mid-engine Corvette.

In 1980, a young Tom Peters began working in the Advance Design Studio. Knowing Tom's talent, Jordan sent him along with Jerry Palmer to England to oversee the creation of the Corvette Indy show car. The two men, now both members of the Corvette Hall of Fame (Palmer was inducted in 2000 and Peters in 2019), went on to create a visionary mid-engine Corvette show car.

Following the car's debut, Jordan requested a scale model be created as a celebration of their accomplishment. The sculpture studio at General Motors is a special place where highly skilled artisans craft detailed badges and special requests. Mike Costello crafted this scale model. The 18 x 7 x 3 inch clay model of the car began with a preliminary surface from the show car. Next, a mold was made from the clay model using the same process for full-size fiberglass cars. The completed fiberglass models were given to Chuck Jordan, Jerry Palmer, and other executives within the company. Tom Peters was allowed to keep the elements and create his fiberglass model. The exact number of fiberglass kits made from the mold is unknown.

The fiberglass and resin proof mold was recently donated to the National Corvette Museum by Peters. The mold will take its place in the collection alongside the 1959 XP-87 Stingray Racer. The surviving artifact represents similar internal design efforts a quarter-century apart that preserved the vision for future Corvettes.

Author: Brian Baker, Director of Collections and Education

Below are a couple photos of the actual Corvette Indy Concept: The C5 Corvette That Never Happened: thanks to Motor Trend, as well as some additional information from them. By the end of 1986, the first of two running Corvette Indy cars was delivered, with the second car being completed in 1987.



In the early 1980s, Chevrolet engineers worked on a 2.65-liter IndyCar engine with twin-intercooled turbos. The engine was never seriously raced, but its development stimulated many of the Corvette team designers. Also, computer chips and electronics were making inroads in production cars. GM's Design Vice President Chuck Jordan wanted these new technologies to be integrated into the design of the next-generation Corvette. Jordan began with a rendering from staff designer Tom Peters. The design hearkened back to the Italian-like shapes from the Bill Mitchell era. Jordan took the Peters rendering and “on paper” stuffed as much technology as he could into the sleek new shape.

The Corvette Indy Concept was another in a long line of mid-engine Corvettes. Other proposed “gee-whiz” features included active suspension, traction control, drive-by-wire steering, all-wheel-drive, ETAK navigation system, and four-wheel steering. The “Indy” name was used because the new car would have a 265-CID street-version of Chevrolet's IndyCar racing engine.

To take the rendering to the next stage, a show car model needed to be built. Jordan commissioned Cecom of Turin, Italy, a workshop that built most of the show cars for nearly all of the top Italian design companies, to build a full-size clay model of the Peters design. It was the three-dimensional, full-size model that would take the design to the next level of a running prototype. Around the same time, GM had purchased Lotus, so the full-size model was sent to Lotus for evaluation.

Chuck Jordan's nickname was “the Chrome Cobra” because he was extremely creative, bright, and competitive, with a habit of taking advantage of any perceived weakness - “striking” like a cobra. When the clay model arrived at Lotus, Peter Stevens, the lead Lotus design engineer was told by Jordan that nothing could be changed on the car, nothing! As delivered, the Corvette Indy model had a roof section. It turned out that because the cabin roof tilted in so severely, even Chuck Jordan could not sit in the driver's seat with the doors closed! Concept cars are one thing, real cars are another. The solution was to show the car as an open roadster.

The overall shape of the Corvette Indy was bigger than a production Corvette in every way except the height. The Corvette Indy was 7 inches lower than a stock Corvette, but 10.4 inches longer and 8 inches wider. The wheelbase was 1.7 inches longer, with the front track 4.5 inches and rear track 5.4 inches wider than a stock Corvette. When viewed by itself, the car looks large, but when seen next to a production Corvette, looks smaller due to its low height. The mid-engine drivetrain layout mandates a cab-forward shape, with the exotic engine visible through the rear window. Deep air intakes behind the doors and the inverted rear spoiler are similar to many LeMans-type racers of that time. The rear spoiler shape would later be used on the '93 Camaro. When the Corvette Indy was first shown it was silver with silver/gray interior. Later, it was painted red with a black B-pillar. As swoopy and sleek as the car looked, when the Lotus engineers put the car into the wind tunnel, they reported that the front-end lift was so great that it could have flown. Have we ever heard this before with Corvettes? Lotus'

Peter Stevens reported, “After many hours in the wind tunnel we achieved a reasonable aero performance for a car that could potentially reach 200 mph!” Clay prototypes are usually about 25 percent “too much” and have to be scaled back, but the model impressed GM officials. By the end of 1986, the first of two running Corvette Indy cars was delivered, with the second car being completed in 1987. The running prototypes and the CERV III Corvette were developed at the same time.

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 (kevinwilson@q.com).

Here is the current Raffle line-up:

2023 Red Mist Z06 Convertible
Price: \$350 Yep - A Z06!
Limited to 2500 Tickets
Drawing: December 15, 2:00 PM



2023 Torch Red Coupe
Price: \$100
Limited to 2000 Tickets
Drawing: December 16, 2:00 PM



2023 Build Your Own or \$80,000
Price: \$250
Limited to 1500 Tickets
Drawing: January 19, 2:00 PM



2023 Torch Red Convertible
Price: \$20 Unlimited Tickets
Drawing: April 29, 2023 3:00 PM

These are the inexpensive tickets that make great gifts for the upcoming holidays!



Here is the winner of the last Corvette Raffle:

11/10/2022: The 2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible was won by Amos Radel of Cincinnati, OH with Ticket #0686. Tickets were \$200 each and limited to 1500.

Current National Corvette Museum Events: With the year almost over and winter coming up soon the events the NCM holds are wrapped up for the year, but hey, there's always next year and the events are starting to be scheduled, so keep an eye on this column. 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. You can check the NCM website for more details about them and sign up for them here:

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

- MiM 2023 Daytona Rolex 24: January 25-30, 2023 (Full, waitlisted)
- NCM 2023 Michelin Bash: April 27-29, 2023 (Reg. **Opens early 2023**)
- MiM Dragon Run by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate 4/ 30 - 5/3 (Reg. **Open**)
- MiM 2023 Alaska Cruise 7/11 - 7/22/2023. The Majestic Princess leaves from Vancouver (Reg. **Open**)

Did you know

You can double the pleasure shopping for your Holiday gifts? Just shop at the Corvette Store at the National Corvette Museum and you can get the Corvette fans in your life a gift they are sure to love, and you can support the NCM at the same time! All kinds of Corvette merchandise can be found there including Apparel, Corvette Accessories, Books, Die-cast Models & kits, Jewelry, Artworks, and for those who like a sale, there are always clearance items too. Have a look at: <https://corvettestore.com>.

Activities Current as of 11/29/22

Red text: CMCS Events • Blue text: Social • Magenta text: Autocross

December 2022

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| 12/03 | Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23. | Social |
| 12/08 | CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond | Board |
| 12/10 | Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23. | Social |
| 12/10 | Christmas Holiday Buffet and General Meeting. Everett Golf & Country Club. Noon to 4 pm. Website registration is closed. Ken Jones is the event coordinator.
https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5015708 | Meeting |
| 12/17 | Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23. | Social |
| 12/24 | Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23. | Social |
| 12/31 | Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23. | Social |
| 12/18 | Woodinville Lighted Car Parade
https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4069709 | (Parade) |

January 2023

01/07	Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23.	Social
01/12	CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond	Board
01/14	Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23.	Social
01/21	Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23.	Social
01/28	Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7. Page 23.	Social

February 2023

02/09	CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond	Board
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March 2023

03/09	CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond	Board
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April 2023

04/13	CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond	Board
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May 2023

05/13	Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton	Autocross
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June 2023

06/10	Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton	Autocross
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July 2023

07/08	Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton	Autocross
07/29	Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton	Autocross

August 2023

08/12	Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton	Autocross
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September 2023

09/09	Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton	Autocross
9/14-16	Corvettes on the Columbia by 3 Rivers Corvette Club, Richland WA 99352 https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5049560 To join a possible caravan to the site, register on the CMCS website.	

August 2024

8/22-28	2024 National Corvette Caravan. NCM 30th Anniversary. https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4700366	
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Apparel Vendor "Cloth Tattoo"

The club has reached an agreement with Cloth Tattoo <https://clothtattoo.com/> to provide CMCS logo apparel. The contact at Cloth Tattoo is Megan at

(425) 485-3000. You can also contact Lynn Boyd if you have questions at (425) 985-5454. We are in the early stages of building this relationship. More information pending from Cloth Tattoo.

Charity - Toys for Tots Caravan

December 12, 2022
10:45 am to 12:30 pm

The club supports Toys for Tots as part of its charitable program. This year we will be hosting a Corvette caravan to deliver the toys to KIRO 7 where they will have cameras and reporters to record the event. It's your opportunity to show your support for our charitable activities and possibly get your Corvette and yourself on TV.



The plan is to meet at **The Shop**, 2233 6th Ave S in Seattle at 10:45 am. If you would like a tour of **The Shop** plan to arrive at 10 am. We will transfer the toys to the Corvettes going on the caravan. We need to arrive at KIRO by 11:40 am and expect to give our donation at approximately 12:20. This will be done to coincide with the noon-hour newscast.

After dropping off our donation we have reservations at the **Hatback Bar and Grille 1201 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134.**

Please RSVP on the CMCS website so we know how many cars and people to expect.

You should bring your club radio.

If you have questions, please contact Diane Gudjonson or Dawn Gaz



Saturday Social - Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7

Breakfast every Saturday at 8:30 am
by Oran Petersen - Social Coordinator
newsletter-cmcs@outlook.com (425) 277-6141

CMCS socials at Dino's Pub, just east of I-405 Exit 7. It is a short drive from Renton, Bellevue, and Issaquah. They offer a breakfast menu with good prices, good service, lots of room and the ability to seat everyone together. In other words, perfect for our informal socials.

Please note the start time change to 8:30 am. Let me know if you wish to join us for a fun relaxing informal morning visit with other Corvette folks.



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