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



Here we are in 2023. Time for those New Year's resolutions. I would like to suggest that you consider becoming more involved in club activities if you haven't been in the past or if you have been, consider it again.

Seriously, we are looking for some folks to fill a few positions. Please contact Dave Cayton if you are willing and able. We need a few good folks.

The Christmas general membership meeting at the Everett Golf and Country Club was a very nice affair, thanks to all who helped. As always, the event was nicely done with great decorations and delicious food. Congratulations to Shaun Hayes on receipt of the Olsheski Award. His contributions have been many, and he continues to be very involved.

Robert Stone reported that the club is financially in good shape, but the board had recommended an increase to dues for next year. A motion was set forth for the increase and was approved by the membership in attendance.

December was a busy month. The Toys for Tots event was a fun time; going to KIRO 7 and making the toy drop-off. Thanks to the charity team for that!

Check the website, the January general membership meeting is at Griot's, and includes a catered lunch. There is a caravan in planning. Sign up for it and the lunch on the website. There are demos of products and discount prices. There are also Griot's door prizes. Don't miss out, this was a big hit last year. By the way, if your Corvette is in hibernation, bring your "other car". Everyone is welcome.

February is also posted on the website for the Evergreen Chevrolet event. They are providing a breakfast for our general membership meeting. Please register as soon as you can so we can get an accurate count of those attending.

These are fun events, please get involved, get signed up and come and enjoy time together.

Hope to see you soon at one of the events: Board Meeting? Griot's? Dino's breakfast? Evergreen?

Lots of options.



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

Breakfast every Saturday at 8:30 am

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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. Contact me if you plan to attend for the first time so I can add you to the "Dino List". This allows me to contact you if circumstances change at the last minute, such as weather or other issues arise. Please join us for a fun relaxing informal morning visit with other Corvette folks.

Retro Funny Foto - Wide Load

The mods cost me dearly, and the "Wide Load" Pilot Cars are expensive, but boy does this baby corner!



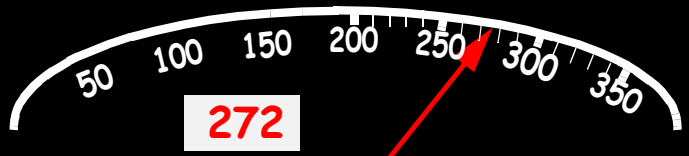
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Cover Car - David Swanberg's 2006 Convertible

David Swanberg is a recent CMCS member, having joined in July 2022 after purchasing his first Corvette in June, shown here. It is a Monterey Red 3LT with manual transmission and a manual top. He replaced the radio with Apple CarPlay and added a backup camera. He is excited to be a Corvette owner and is impressed with the technology of the cars. He is eager to learn more about Corvettes from other CMCS members.



The Membership Tachometer by Lynn Boyd



Woodinville Lighted Car Parade - Report

by John Kamm

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The Woodinville Lighted Car Parade was Sunday, Dec 18th. This year, in addition to a large turnout, there was also snow and very cold temperatures. Santa's 55 Chevy Bel-Aire had to be chained up this year, so he would not miss anyone. Everyone had a great time both in the parade and in the crowd along the parade route watching the event go by. Then off to a street-fair with a DJ, hot cider and photos with Santa. It was a very special night.

The parade was shorter than in years past, mostly due to the weather forecast, but it did not turn many away from decorating their car, trucks and SUVs with hundreds of Christmas lights, blow ups and trees. Seems every year, they get better and better with the lights and all.

If you missed this special event, you really did miss out. But we will be there again in 2023, I will keep everyone advised on the details.

I plan to have a 2023 parade list on the CMCS website about mid-March. Be on the lookout for it. I know there will be more events for us in 2023 and am watching to see how they develop.

John



Laps from the Past



by Gary Main

60 LAPS AGO: January 1963. The first official club meeting was recorded in August of 1963, with the club being State-recognized on November 7th, 1963. This is the beginning of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle's 60th Anniversary year.

55 LAPS AGO: January 1968. Maureen “Mo” Morse was president. The meeting was held in the Oval Room at the Pier 91 US Navy’s Officer’s Club. Speaker Steve Mallos from AAA made a presentation about safety. A \$4.00 per person Roast Beef Buffet Dinner was served after the meeting.

Activities: Bruce Kelly (still a member in 2023) was Chair. Opportunities in addition to the club meeting included:

- A Burien Ice Arena club outing
- A Rally Symposium featuring Night Rallying & Unorthodox Instructions.
- The Custom Auto, Hot Boat & Speed Show at Seattle Center Exhibition & Display Halls.

Membership: Bob Redwing was Chairman but had no new members to report in January.

Dealer Sponsor: Alan Green Chevrolet.

50 LAPS AGO: January 1973. Jeff Weymouth was president. The meeting was held at the Sea Horse Restaurant in Mukilteo. A film on hypothermia was shown after the meeting.

Activities: In addition to the club meeting:

- A club outing at the Burien Ice Arena
- A ski party at Alpentel.

Membership: Frank Olsheski was chair. New members were Rick & Dee Stark, Kevin & Sally Christian, Will & Joan Bixler, and Neil Millen: with Noreen Warehouse joining as an associate member.

Dealer Sponsor: Bill Hazelett Chevrolet.

40 LAPS AGO: January 1983. President Noreen Millen conducted the meeting at the Ming Palace restaurant in Kirkland. The club was still in need of a Newsletter Editor. Somehow someone, more likely several “someones” managed to put together a 10 pager, much of it hand-written. After all, “the show must go on.” Jan Cockrum (still a member in 2023) headed up a project encouraging members to bring aluminum cans to the meeting for recycling (to boost the club’s treasury) and to bring canned or packaged food items, to help those in need.

Membership: 130. Dee McDuffie was chair. 1983 renewal dues were \$20 per couple and \$17 per single.

Activities: The meeting and a moonlight bowling outing at Sun Villa Lanes.

A contract was signed with SIR (Seattle International Raceway) for our future parking sessions, practice sessions and the annual Drag/Swap Meet.

Dealer Sponsor: Lee Johnson Chevrolet.

30 LAPS AGO: January 1993. President Bob “Yes, I AM a Rocket Scientist” Lazaroff conducted the meeting following a tour of the Miss Budweiser Hydroplane facilities in Tukwila, with 42 members attending. Loren Sawyer a CMCS member and part of the Miss Budweiser pit crew, led the tour of the facilities and arranged a meeting with the driver, Chip Hanauer.

Membership: 102. Dee Esping was chair.

Cloyd Jackson shopped for new club radios. He was authorized to spend up to \$200.

The National Corvette Museum offered CMCS the opportunity to subscribe to a “club brick” for \$600. It was suggested that individual members could contribute and we will then purchase the brick once funds have been raised.

Newsletter Article: “A brief History of Time (Corvette Style) 1963-1967”. by Corine Reinbold. Discussed the development and evolution of the C2 Series Corvette.

Dealer Sponsor: Roy Robinson Chevrolet.

20 LAPS AGO: January 2003. Paul & Pat Luczyk's 1987 L98 red convertible, with the Mukilteo Lighthouse in the background, was on the cover. President Dennis Montgomery conducted the meeting following dinner at the Yankee Grill in the Holiday Inn Select in Renton. There were 57 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Membership: 293. Lorrie Montgomery was chair. James Croisier, Jeff Weymouth, Bill Johnson, and Ginny Brightwell were new members. (Jeff Weymouth first joined CMCS in 1967, and rejoined in 2003. He was CMCS President in 1972).

The Seattle Roadster Show in Seattle invited our club to participate in their show with 10 Corvettes as a club entry, scheduled in March.

Frank Olsheski Award: Jane Shimanek was the 2003 recipient.

Newsletter Articles:

- “Corvette 50th Anniversary Celebration Website Updated” by Gary Main
- “In Memoriam” by Ed Moore (an article from Composites Technology magazine, October 2002) concerning the passing of Robert S. Morrison in September, who founded the Molded Fiber Glass Company, in Ashtabula, Ohio in 1948, which made the first production fiberglass body panels for the Chevrolet Corvette in 1953.
- “Where Have All The Wet Weekends Been”, by Jan & Jay Cockrum, who listed the destinations for Wet Weekends 1970 to 2003 (the most being at the Beachwood Resorts, Copalis Beach from 1970 through 1982 (15).
- “The X-Pipes by Wayne Kanaby. A tech sheet 4 pages long with photos on replacing the stock mufflers with a straight-through X-Pipe system.

- A picture in the January 2003 OYM, page 33, would be most appropriate for the 2023 issue. Look it up...

Dealer Sponsor: Seaview Chevrolet

10 LAPS AGO: January 2013. Oran & Dee Petersen's 2003 Electron Blue coupe was on the cover. President Stan Trask conducted the meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton.

Membership: 250. Dennis Montgomery was chair. New members were Jon & Gretchen Echols, Susie & Dale Roberts and John Dodge & Allison Cook.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting there were 3 Saturday Socials at the Plum.

Newsletter Articles:

“Charity - Toys for Tots”. A photo array and discussion of the caravan of 6 Corvettes loaded with toys.

“Club Radio Bandwidth Change for 2013” by Oran Petersen. Discussed the CMCS requirements because of the FCC halving the bandwidth for the club frequency.

Frank Olsheski Award: Jim McDonnell was the recipient for 2012.

5 LAPS AGO: January 2018. Gary & Donna Embree’s 2016 Arctic White Z06 convertible was on the cover.

President Oran Petersen conducted the meeting at Griot’s Garage in Tacoma after a technical presentation by Griot’s and a pizza lunch, also supplied by Griot’s.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting there were 3 Saturday Socials held at the Plum Delicious.

4th quarter member recognition: Kevin Wilson was presented with the 4th quarter recognition award for his work on the XXX show and his NCM articles for the newsletter.

Membership: 276. Steve Yabroff was chair. New members were Gary and Karrie Osborne. Personalized pre-printed renewal forms were given to those present. This was the first year that members could opt for “No News” to reduce the dues by \$15.

Newsletter Articles:

- “2019 NCM Caravan Information” by Dennis Milliken, CMCS Coordinator for the event.
- “Frank Olsheski Award - A CMCS Tradition” by Jay Cockrum. Gave history, a bio on Frank and a list of recipients from 1984 through 2017. Steve Yabroff was the 2017 recipient.
- “Dee Ann Charity Report” by Marty Cameron. There was also history missive of the charity.
- “National Corvette Museum Report” by Kevin Wilson. Included discussion on the debut of the 2019 ZR1 convertible.

- “Under the Hood” by Kevin Jewell”. Discussed the Wankel rotary engine and development of Corvette engines.
- “CMCS Accolades - 2017 Calendar Year”. A list of members that supported CMCS and a brief message of what they did. There are 46 names on this list. What a great club!

Dealer Sponsor: Evergreen Chevrolet

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



At the September club meeting Kevin Wilson, in his National Corvette Museum report, mentioned Don Yenko. A few of us in the audience remembered that Yenko got his start modifying Corvairs, not Corvettes. Don came from a car dealership family so obviously had some advantages when it came to cars. He was an active flyer as well as race car driver. During his driving career he competed at

LeMans and some other endurance races plus picked up four SCCA national championships. When the second generation Corvair was introduced in 1965, Don realized that this much better looking, and handling, updated Corvair would make a great starting point for an enthusiast's sporty car. The typical Corvair had a 102 hp 2.7 liter (164 cubic inches) flat six engine in the rear. There was an option for 140 hp using 4 single barrel carbs on top of the flat six. Trying to keep the 4 carbs synchronized kept many a mechanic busy. There was even a turbo version with a few more ponies. Don started modifying Corvairs and selling through his family dealerships and other dealers. The Corvairs were sold in Stage 1 to Stage 4 tune with engines ranging from 160 hp to 240 hp. With a weight of only about 2500 lbs., these were pretty quick cars for the time. He also offered a Stage 5 with a slightly larger engine and fuel injection rated at 250 hp, although this last version was not legal for SCCA racing. These Corvairs were called Yenko Stingers. There were about 180 Stingers made and perhaps 4 years ago there was one (the owner claimed was a real Stinger) at the car corral at the Pacific Raceway vintage races.

In 1967 when the Camaro was introduced Don switched models and almost immediately started buying 396 Camaros and then changing the engine to the 427. Dealers in the know, and perhaps with enough clout, had the ability to order special vehicles direct from GM that were not available to the general public. They processed these orders through a GM internal order path that was called COPO, or Central Office Production Order. With COPO, Don was able to directly order Camaros factory equipped with the 427 engine, special axle ratio etc. Later Don applied the same COPO procedure to order Chevelles and Novas. If you see an original Yenko, or perhaps a tribute car, it will probably have the letters sYc on the hood or back fender, standing for Yenko Super Car. As the muscle car war started to burn out in the early 1970s, Don even modified the Vega which he sold as the Stinger II. Yenko was not the only person that was using the COPO process to provide street and track racers with the ultimate GM cars. Today just having the COPO abbreviation association with an auction car is guaranteed to double the bids.

In the beginning of this column, I mentioned that Don was an active pilot. Unfortunately, Don died in a single engine plane crash in 1987.

In the 1960s we had the famous horsepower races between the big three and even American Motors offered a couple of muscle car models. Government regulations and rapidly increasing insurance rates spelled the end to this horsepower race. It seems we are now doing the same thing with electric vehicles. This all started with the Tesla Plaid (3 motor) version with 1020 hp and ridiculous yoke steering, similar to an airplane. There are a lot of would-be entrepreneurs who have watched Elon Musk accumulate a huge fortune and figure that they can do the same with a different electric vehicle. The top tier Lucid Air has 1200 hp and has a base price of \$249K. The Czinger has 1233 hp. The current king of the hill has to be the Rimac with a claimed 1833 hp and priced around \$2 million. All the super high performance EVs have 3 or 4 motors. Will the government step in to stop this horsepower race? Stay tuned.

In other electric news, in an earlier column I had mentioned that Foxconn had basically bought the Lordstown, Ohio plant and the rights to actually produce the Lordstown Endurance pickup, as Lordstown had run out money. Now I understand that Foxconn has also reached an agreement to build the Fisker Ocean model. Foxconn is best known for assembly of smart phones. You might remember that about a decade ago Fisker had introduced an exotic gas-powered vehicle and few were produced. Cadillac has shown a possible Celestiq model (do you notice that all the manufacturers seem to be trying to find unique names) priced at \$300K. Are we ready for a Cadillac at \$300K? BMW has announced plans to invest \$1.8 billion in US plants to produce electric vehicles. Close to home we have Rivian (you probably have seen a few of their pickups in the area) leasing a 97,000 sq ft warehouse in the Seattle/Tukwila area. This is a planned vehicle service center. The location is not a surprise if you remember that Amazon has ordered 100,000 electric delivery vans from Rivian with completion of this order by 2030. It is important to remember that Amazon controls 18% of the Rivian stock. I think it is reasonable to assume that not all the electric vehicle manufacturers will be around in 5 or 10 years.

January Birthdays

Ernie Fletcher	3	Jack Goodman	17	Shaun Hayes	27
George Rinehart	5	Rodney Banks	17	Murray Krebs	27
Doug Mohr	5	Carmen Prissinotti	17	Bruce Kelly	29
J.R. Willett	6	Dawn Gaz	17	Jon Echols	29
Oran Petersen	8	Lynetta Showaker	20	Dwight Motz	29
Joe Powell	8	Joyce Jones	21	Vicki Rinehart	29
Jan Cockrum	9	Pat McGrew	22	Christa Motz	29
Darci Keefer	14	Bea Orton	23	Jan Riediger	30
Michael Clemans	15	Janice Krein	26		

Olsheski Award Recipient for 2022 - Shaun Hayes



2022 3rd Quarter Recognition Award

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Shaun Hayes

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Charity Report for 2022

Charity Chairs: Chad & Diane Gudjonson & Mike & Dawn Gaz

By Oran Petersen

On December 12th our Charity group ran a “Toys for Tots” Corvette caravan of 10 cars from “The Shop” in South Seattle to the KIRO 7 Studio in downtown Seattle, to donate car-loads of toys for this US Marine Charity, with the help of KIRO. This was part of our CMCS Dee Esping Charity/ Marty Cameron activity we do every year.



After the festivities they did a 2nd caravan to the “Hatback Bar and Grill near the stadiums for lunch.

Additional charities receiving donations by CMCS for the 2022 season were Children’s Home Society of WA, Mary’s Place, and Jubilee Reach.

Give them a “Thank You” for a job well done when you see them.



Chad, Diane & Gracie

Dawn, Mike, Enzo & Taq



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December General Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2022 Noon
Everett Golf & Country Club
By Kevin Wilson

Meeting Called to Order: By President Bruce Boyd at 2:08 pm following social time and dining at our Christmas Holiday and Buffet. He welcomed all members and thanked those who worked to obtain the venue and coordinate activities for the afternoon event.

Committee Chairs / Representative - REPORTS:

Membership: Lynn Boyd: We currently have 275 members in 168 households, with 54% of households (91) getting the printed newsletter. New Member Von Kelly was introduced. He's had numerous Corvettes over the years and currently has a 2022 C8.

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

Website: Shaun Hayes: Autocross weekend dates for 2023 are posted on the website and have registration links. Note that the hotels for Corvettes on the Columbia for 9/14 thru 17 are filling up fast, so if you want a room better get signed up. Details are posted.

Facebook Admin: Linda Scott: Reported that we have 667 followers. She will be meeting with an IT professional to get more tips about improving our Facebook presence. Encouraged members to keep adding Facebook posts and pictures.

Parades: John Kamm: Not in attendance, the last parade of the year will be the Woodinville lighted car Christmas parade on 12/18. You can register on our website. You are encouraged to bring your decorated metal cars.

Adopt-a-Highway (AAH): Dave Cayton: Explained how our AAH efforts work, we've been cleaning a section of Southbound I-5 in Shoreline for more than 25 years now. Our next one will be April of 2023. We need 10 volunteers to make it work.

National Corvette Museum (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.

NorthWest Association of Corvette Clubs (NWACC): Ken Jones: Not in Attendance - No Report. Ken is ill and under medical care.

Evergreen Chevrolet CMCS Sponsor: Steve Yabroff: They have five 2023 Corvettes coming in January that are for sale. Four are convertibles, two are 70th Anniversary cars (Carbon Flash Metallic & White Pearl Metallic Tricoat).

February 11th from 9 am to 11 am will be our February membership meeting at our Sponsor, Evergreen Chevrolet's, showroom. Breakfast will be served.

Charity: Chad & Dianne Gudjonson and Mike & Dawn Gaz: Not present, no report. It was noted that 10 Corvettes were caravanning to KIRO TV studios on Monday Dec. 12th to deliver toys to the “Toys for Tots” drive, which is one of the Charities CMCS is supporting this year. Our Charity drive for the holidays is completed. Additional charities supported by CMCS were Children’s Home Society of WA, Mary's Place, and Jubilee Reach.

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. Treasurer Robert Stone noted that he has a catalog with him if anyone is interested.

National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS): Danette Sawin: Not in attendance, No Report.

2024 NCM 30th Anniversary Caravan: Steve Yabroff & Shaun Hayes:

Shaun reported that 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 opens next year. CMCS currently has more participants than any other club.

Board/Officer - REPORTS

Vice President: Dave Cayton: Reported that our Club is a membership-run club with 275 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. Two of our officers (Secretary & Treasurer) have served two terms in their office and per our bylaws cannot serve longer in that role. Contact any officer if interested. He recognized Shaun Hayes as the 3rd quarter 2022 member deserving of special recognition for his work on the All Corvette Show and for other lasting contributions.

Secretary: Kevin Wilson: Motion received, seconded, and approved to accept November membership meeting minutes as published in the December newsletter

Treasurer: Robert Stone: CMCS is in good financial condition. The books are balanced, and the records are up to date. Reported that next month is our accounts low point, as it is every year, due to our annual charitable contributions. He has club radios for sale at \$45 each. CMCS metal shields for mounting on your C6-C8 are available for \$20. The shield only (no mount) is available for \$15. Shields with mounts for the C5 can be special ordered. He also had some cloth CMCS Club shield patches & window clings available for free.

2 Year Activities/1 Year Activities: Lars Posthumus / Marvin Scott: Get signed up for the January 14th Meeting at Griots Garage in Tacoma (catered lunch!), and the February 11th meeting at our Sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet (Breakfast! Register by 2/4) in Issaquah. 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. Make note of the Saturday Socials at Dino's pub in Renton. [Page 4](#)

Past President: Shaun Hayes: Nothing new to report

President: Bruce Boyd: Thanked the Membership for attending & wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Extended thanks to the Board Members, The Committee chairs, and coordinators & representatives, and a special Thank You to the Charity Committee who are so busy this time of year.

General Business:

OLD BUSINESS: Kevin Wilson discussed the concept of our Club putting together an event that celebrates the 70th Anniversary of Corvette, and the 60th Anniversary of our Club. Looking for club members to help plan and organize such an event. Tentative hold on the date of August 19th at LeMay Auto Museum in Tacoma.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasure Robert Stone opened a discussion about our annual dues structure. Costs for most of our club expenses is up, except for the costs associated with the printed copy of our newsletter, which has gone down due to more members' subscribing to the electronic copy only. Dues haven't increased for years. The Board is recommending that for those members taking the printed copy of the newsletter their dues go down slightly. For those taking

the electronic copy of the newsletter only there is a slight increase proposed. Robert shared the specifics recommended by the board to the membership. A Motion was received, seconded, and approved to adopt new dues structure as recommended by the board to be effective in January 2023.

Olsheski Award: President Boyd presented The Frank Olsheski Member of the Year Award to Shaun Hayes for outstanding contributions to the club. Shaun is currently Past President and has held several other Club Officer positions over the last 6 years and was the leader of the efforts to plan and coordinate our annual All Corvette Show for the last 4 years. The Frank Olsheski award is presented at our annual Holiday party to a CMCS member who has gone above the call of duty for CMCS. Congratulations Shaun!

50/50 Drawing: The drawing raised \$256, half of which (\$128) went to the winner Craig Turi and the other half went to the General Motors Automotive Service Education Program (GM-ASEP) scholarship fund at Shoreline College.

Next Membership Meeting: January 14th at Griots Garage: 10 am - 2 pm. There will be a 9am Caravan to Griots, and a catered lunch. 3333 South 38th Street, Tacoma, WA.

Next Board Meeting: January 12, 2023: Family Pancake house in Redmond 5:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: At 3:02 pm, followed by a “White Elephant” gift exchange, which closed the event.



NCRS Report

**(National Corvette Restorers Society)
by Danette Sawin-CMCS NCRS Representative**

Well another NCRS year in the books and what a year it was. We had several regionals around the country as well as in our own back yard in August when the NW Chapter held their Regional in Redmond, Oregon. CMCS member Stuart Lowe was an instrumental part of that Regional and an amazing time was had by all! 2023 holds a lot of promise including what is going to be an amazing national in French Lick, Indiana.

With winter upon us - I thought it might be a good idea to go through a little checklist on how we can make sure our Corvettes make it through the winter!

Cooler weather signals the time of year to put your pride and joy into hibernation. Storing your Corvette for the winter, either in the garage or a storage unit, is the option that many people take to keep their car safe through harsh weather. Putting your Corvette up for a few months definitely has some benefits - you can clean it well and check out the condition of the drivetrain - but how long is too long for it to be stored away?

Winterizing Your Corvette: How Long is Too Long to Leave It?

When the weather is bad, you don't have much choice. It's not like you don't want to pull your Corvette out of storage, but when conditions are terrible, it's easy to worry that it's been sitting for too long. **In general, leaving your Corvette in an unheated garage for a few months at a time without starting it isn't terrible.**

Leaving your Corvette alone for more than a year is when bad things can start to happen. The worst-case scenario is when one cold front after another pummels your garage. Extreme temperature fluctuations create serious condensation in internal driveline components. Engines, transmissions, and differentials corrode from the top down while the condensation drips into the lubricant. Fuel tanks have condensation dripping from the roof of the tank, corroding the steel fuel sending unit or the tank itself in 1953-1996 Corvettes.

How to Winterize Your Corvette

All that being said, if you're just storing your Corvette for a few months, you don't have much to worry about, so long as you properly prepare your car for that wait. If you're planning to winterize your Corvette, use these guidelines to make sure you get it right:

1. Wash Your Corvette

If your Corvette is going to sit for months without activity, the car should be washed to safeguard against any environmental fallout like tree sap, dead bugs, etc. Some of the fallout may be acidic and damage the paint or clear coat permanently. Giving your Corvette a good wash is key to preparing it for safe winterization. Washing your Corvette will also prevent any scratches that can be caused by dirt under your car cover.

2. Clean the Tires & Wheels

Scrub the tires to remove any built-up oxidation and apply a tire dressing once they are dried. Take this time to clean your wheels as well. Brake dust, when left on wheels for extended periods, can permanently damage the wheel surface. If your wheels are clear-coated, remember to use a clear coat-specific cleaner.

3. Clean the Interior

If you're putting up your Corvette for a few months, you might as well do it right. Take some time to clean out the interior, detailing the dash, console, and seats, and making sure to use a portable vacuum to clean up any dirt or food particles. Remember, the cleaner your interior, the less attractive your Corvette will look to mice and other pests. When you're done cleaning, use a desiccant like Sta-Dri Packs in the footwells and rear cargo areas to prevent moisture buildup and possible mold formation. You can also use a silicone spray on weather stripping to keep it from bonding with other surfaces over the winter.

4. Fill Up the Fuel Tank

Before long-term storage (over 30 days), remember to fill the gas tank to prevent moisture from accumulating inside the fuel tank, and to keep the seals from drying out. You should also purchase a fuel stabilizer to prevent ethanol buildup and protect the

engine from gum, varnish and rust. The fuel stabilizer will prevent the gas from deteriorating for up to 12 months.

5. Maintain Your Corvette's Battery

One of the biggest issues that will come up when you winterize your Corvette is what to do with the battery. Normally, if you have a good three-stage battery charger, you can simply leave it hooked up, as the third stage is the maintainer charge. If you don't have one, you can use a battery maintainer or a trickle charger, which performs only that final charging stage. Your battery should be kept charged throughout the entire time your Corvette is stored.

6. Change the Oil and Filter

Always change your oil and filter before placing your Corvette in long-term storage. While you're at it, be sure to top off all other fluids as well. Coolant, brake fluid, clutch, and transmission fluids should all be topped-off before you say goodbye for a few months.

7. Prevent Pests

Nearly any place you store your Corvette - be it a city, suburb, or rural area, can have a rodent problem. Mice and other pests can wreak havoc on a Corvette, particularly the plug wires. Certain brands of plug wires (including GM) consist of a vegetable-based outer shell which is very appetizing to varmints. To keep them looking elsewhere for their next meal, place mothballs or dryer sheets in the engine area. Just don't forget to remove them before starting the car. Dryer sheets can also be placed in the interior or trunk area.

Prevent them from entering your car by covering any gaps where a mouse could enter, such as the exhaust pipe or an air intake. Steel wool works well for this, or you can place face cloths over each and wrap rubber bands around them.

8. Utilize Car Covers

Indoors or outdoors, we always recommend covering a Corvette when it will be stored for a few months or more. The type of cover you select should be based on where the car will be stored, and your goals for the car cover. A weatherproof cover is a solid choice for any storage option - indoors or outdoors - but a cotton cover will really only work for indoor-only storage. A weatherproof car cover will keep any spills or dust off of the paint. It can also protect from scratches while moving objects around the parked car. I recently purchased new car covers for both my classics from carcovers.com. They fit perfectly and have elastic around the bottom. Be prepared to spend anywhere from \$150-\$250 each for a decent car cover. A small price to pay to protect your investment.

9. Avoid Flat Spotting

To be honest, you shouldn't worry much about flat-spotting unless you have bias plies. Tire composition and technology have significantly improved, and any flat spotting that does occur on radials today will be eliminated with a nice 30-minute drive in the springtime. It's okay to keep your tires inflated to the correct pressure through the winter. That said, some do prefer to over inflate to reduce the tire's pliability. If that's you, just be sure to correct the pressure in the spring, before you hit the road.

If you're on the hunt for flat stoppers, you can find them stocked at Corvette Central. <https://www.corvettecentral.com/search?CurrentSearchCategoryId=&q=flat+stopper>

10. Start Your Corvette in the Winter

We recommend starting your Corvette once a month throughout the winter, if possible. This will help circulate the oil rather than letting it sit in the oil pan all winter, exposing cylinder walls and moving parts to possible corrosion.

11. Maintain Insurance

In order to save money, you might be tempted to cancel your auto insurance when your Corvette is in storage. But if you remove coverage completely, it'd be a major loss if a fire started, the weight of snow collapsed your roof, or a theft occurred. Even if just collision coverage is temporarily removed, the car wouldn't be covered when another moving object (e.g. a tractor or motorcycle) rolled into it, or if the car were to fall off its jack stands. If you have classic car insurance, the policy may cover winter storage, so you don't have to worry about your car over the winter months. The National Corvette Museum has an insurance agency has great rates and are open to all classic cars - not just corvettes. Check them out here - <https://www.ncminsurance.com>

Winterizing your Corvette can feel like a sad chore - the end of the good weather and the start of winter - but we find it helps to think of it as one great way to make sure your Corvette gets the detailing it needs to shine. When you complete all of these winterizing tasks, you can rest easy all winter knowing you'll have no problem starting it back up in the spring.

NCRS UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Florida Regional; February 23-25 in Lakeland, FL
- Tucson Regional; March 23-25 in Tucson, AZ
- Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional; June 1-3 in Altoona, PA
- North Central; Regional; June 8-10 in Rochester, MN
- NCRS National; July 23-27 in French Lick, IN
- Ontario Regional; September 14-16 in Ontario, Canada
- Texas Regional; October 19-21 in Frisco TX

Remember at NCRS you come for the cars and stay for the people! Considering joining today! www.ncrs.org

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report

by Kevin Wilson (Local NCM Ambassador)

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Happy New Year everyone! This year is going to be a particularly exciting one for Corvette, and our club as well. Corvette will be celebrating its 70th anniversary this year! June 30th 1953 was the day the first Corvette rolled off the assembly line at the factory in St.

Louis Missouri, and they've been going strong ever since. A mere 10 years later in 1963 our very own Corvette Marque Club of Seattle was founded, so we will be celebrating 60 years of club fun and adventure. I'm sure there will be opportunities to celebrate both these milestone events locally, so keep an eye on our newsletter and website. No doubt the NCM will have a few celebrations of their own

as the year unfolds too, but until then let's see what's currently happening with our friends at the NCM.

Artifact of the Month - The Biederman Collection

Each month 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. For this installment of Artifact(s) of the Month, the NCM would like to introduce you to the Biederman Collection. This collection is made up of many artifacts, including an exhaustive selection of Corvette-related print ads, postcards, magazines, and toys, curated over the span of decades by George Biederman:



It all started in 1977 when George bought his first Corvette. As he looked over the sales brochure, he thought it might be nice to collect all the brochures of the Corvettes that came before his. Then he started collecting print ads and newspaper ads, going back to the 1950s. As libraries went to microfilm, he would get the full-page ads, putting them in acid-free binders to keep them protected.

As the fun of collecting picked up momentum, he bought toys, models, and pedal cars, carefully logging each one in binders indicating when, where, and the cost of each toy, seeking out only the best examples, and protecting them and the boxes they were sent in. Original toys that go back to the 1950s look like new, with their boxes being crisp, clean, and apparently untouched by time.

With the collection taking up several rooms in his home, he expects it will take two truckloads to get it transported. As sad as it is for him to see it go, he knows that the NCM is the perfect place for it. As a founding member of the Museum, he considers this to be the perfect home for what amounts to so much of his life's work sharing, "I've seen how the Museum protects and presents Corvette history. They do that so well. I know that as they put parts of this collection on exhibit, people are going to say, 'Hey, I remember when I had that toy.'"

Z06's Have Arrived at the NCM Motorsports Park (MSP): MSP is the first and only commercialized track in the nation to offer consumer facing-driving experiences in the much-anticipated new Z06 Corvette. You can sign up to "Drive a Z06" where you can test the power and performance of this amazing vehicle, by driving four (4) laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the MSP 3.2-mile, 23 turn road course.

You can also sign up for "The Z06 FAST PACK" which allows you to experience



four (4) lead/follow laps on track PLUS a "Zero to Sixty" launch on the straightaway and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional.

The new Z06s have arrived, and you can now book their driving experiences! Details and sign up are here:

<https://www.motorsportspark.org/drive-a-z06/>

NCM Board adds two new Members: Mike

Buchanan served as Warren County Judge-Executive for almost three decades, from 1993 - 2022. Buchanan has been an advocate for the National Corvette Museum since the museum's inception and has long been committed to elevating the Corvette's significance in Kentucky. Buchanan has been active in business in Kentucky for over 50 years, including Buchanan Properties & Deemer Floral Company. During Buchanan's judgeship, he was also instrumental in the development of the Kentucky Transpark industrial park, now home to some two dozen companies employing more than 3,000 people. Additionally, Buchanan was a driving force behind the development of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center and the expansion of the county's park system. Buchanan served on the Transition Committees for Economic Development for two Kentucky governors and was recipient of the 2005 Governor's Economic Development Leadership Award for dedication to Economic Growth. Buchanan has served on countless boards and with more than 30 community organizations. He remains a tireless supporter of tourism and cultural arts organizations in Bowling Green and the Greater Warren County area. Buchanan attended Bowling Green High School and Western Kentucky University. Buchanan attended George Washington University's Elliott School of International Business and was named the Elliott Fellow at Governing in the Global Age. Mike and his wife, Ellen, are active members of Christ Episcopal Church. They have two sons and five grandchildren.



Deb Murphy begins her second term on the National Corvette Museum's board of directors, a position she occupies as President of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Murphy previously served on the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors from 1997 - 2002. Murphy joined the National Council of Corvette Clubs in 1975 and has served in multiple leadership roles within the organization. Murphy hosted the NCCC National Corvette Convention in Bowling Green in 2001 and served as Co-Director of the national convention in 2017. Murphy was honored to be selected as a Chip's Choice #130 at the Carlisle Event in 1999 where the Women and their Corvettes were featured. In her professional career, Deb retired from Charles Schwab where she worked in internal audits and as a compliance manager, working with institutional clients (investment advisors, retirement plans and equity award compensation programs). Murphy is active in her home town in Florida, serving on the planning and zoning advisory board and volunteering with the county food pantry.



According to Sharon Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum, "We are so fortunate to have a board of directors that is dedicated, diverse, and endlessly collaborative. With the addition of Judge Mike Buchanan - a true public servant who has dedicated his life's work to Bowling Green and Warren County - we have gained a passionate advocate for the mission and future vision of our museum and community. And, with the welcome return of Deb Murphy and her

passion and extensive Corvette knowledge to our board, I am anticipating a very successful year for the National Corvette Museum.”

To view the complete list of the 15 NCM Board of Directors, visit here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/board-of-directors/>.

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:

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2023 Build Your Own or \$80,000

Price: \$250

Limited to 1500 Tickets

Drawing: January 19, 2:00 PM



2023 Hypersonic Gray Coupe

Price: \$150

Limited to 1500 Tickets

Drawing: February 09, 2:00 PM



2023 Torch Red Convertible

Price: \$20 Unlimited Tickets

Drawing: April 29, 3:00 PM

These are the inexpensive tickets that make great gifts!



There were a lot of winners in December! Here are the latest Corvette Raffle winners:

12/1/2022: The 2023 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Coupe was won by David Haas of Las Vegas, NV with Ticket #0232. Tickets were \$150 each and limited to 1500.

12/15/2022: The 2023 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible was won by Vernie Holland of Gore, OK with Ticket #1589. Tickets were \$350 each and limited to 2500.

12/16/2022: The 2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe was won by Mark E. Yearian of Arlington Heights, IL with Ticket #0475. Tickets were \$100 each and limited to 2000.

Current National Corvette Museum Events: With the new year just beginning the latest events at the NCM are starting to be scheduled, so keep an eye on this column. Here are the latest events and adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM) and it appears they are filling 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/>.

- 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 Le Mans Race Tour: 6/3 - 6/13, France; (**Registration Open**)
- MiM 2023 Alaska Cruise 7/11 - 7/22/2023. The Majestic Princess leaves from Vancouver (Reg. **Open**)

Did you know

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.

Activities Current as of 12/30/22

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January 2023

- 01/07 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino’s Pub, I-405 Exit 7. [Page 4.](#)** Social
- 01/12 **CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond** Board
- 01/14 **CMCS General Meeting. Griot’s Garage. 9 am tour to Griot’s, 10 am Demonstration, Noon \$25 per person Catered Lunch, 1 pm Meeting. Register on the CMCS website.**
<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5079104> Meeting
- 01/14 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino’s Pub, I-405 Exit 7. [Page 4.](#)** Social
- 01/21 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino’s Pub, I-405 Exit 7. [Page 4.](#)** Social
- 01/28 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino’s Pub, I-405 Exit 7. [Page 4.](#)** Social

February 2023

- 02/04 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino’s Pub, I-405 Exit 7. [Page 4.](#)** Social
- 02/09 **CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond** Board

- 02/11 **CMCS General Meeting. Evergreen Chevrolet. 9-11 am. Breakfast provided. Officer nominations. Register on the CMCS website for food count. No Saturday Social.** <https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5079128> **Meeting**
- 02/18 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7.** [Page 4.](#) **Social**
- 02/25 **Saturday Social 8:30 am at Dino's Pub, I-405 Exit 7.** [Page 4.](#) **Social**

March 2023

- 03/09 **CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond** **Board**

April 2023

- 04/13 **CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond** **Board**

May 2023

- 05/13 **Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton** **Autocross**

June 2023

- 06/10 **Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton** **Autocross**

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**

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 for the caravan on the CMCS website.

August 2024

- 8/22-28 **2024 National Corvette Caravan. NCM 30th Anniversary.** <https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4700366>

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.



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