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



I'm writing this after being a part of the “Wet Weekend” group. This year it should be renamed as the “Dry Weekend”. There was no rain and on Saturday it was a beautiful drive on some very interesting and twisty roads heading north on the peninsula. No major issues; just a loose battery cable and a couple of wrong turns, all in all a perfect weekend and the restaurants did a great job accommodating our large group.

Sunday we were on our own but many went to the Port Townsend Aero Museum. If you have not been there, it is an interesting operation that engages young people in a program that allows them to learn all about aircraft and offers the ability to get their pilots license. A very unique program. It is a 501(c)(3)

exempt charitable organization, so donations are tax deductible. For more information see their website: <https://ptaeromuseum.com/>.

A BIG thank you to Oran Petersen and Judy Jewell for putting this together, I heard it took 7 drives to get all the roads figured out and Oran did a fabulous job on the printed program.

Please look through the website and this newsletter for upcoming events.

Be sure to get signed up for the Buzz Inn General Meeting on April 15th. We have a private room for socializing and a brief meeting.

There are plenty of other events:

April 22-Adopt a Highway, May 20-Claim Jumper General Meeting, July 23-Adopt-a-Highway, July 30-All Corvette Show, Aug. 19-CMCS 60th Anniversary Celebration (save the date).

The July 4th CMCS Picnic and General Meeting will be posted soon. Be sure to hold the date.

See the Activities Pages for many other events, including Parades, Autocross and events sponsored by other clubs

There are also the Saturday morning socials, always a good time together with friends These are now alternating between Dino's and the Plum Delicious Restaurant, now open again. See [Page 29](#) for details.

Check your tire pressures, clean your windows and let's get out and have some fun!

### **Cover - Michael & Malinda McCollian's 2023 Red Mist Coupe**

Mike and Malinda joined CMCS in July of 2022

They love to play golf, do fine dining and going to the oldest taverns/bars in each state they visit. Mike purchased his first Corvette as a pre-retirement gift to enjoy and use as a weekend getaway vehicle. He plans on driving his new Corvette as much as possible and joined CMCS to participate in the many organized events offered.





## **NCRS Report - Storage Tips**

### **(National Corvette Restorers Society)**

### **by Danette Sawin-CMCS NCRS Representative**

#### **Taking Your Corvette Out Of Storage Tips**

Spring is just around the corner. The following are some steps to take to bring your Corvette out for the summer, either from winter storage or long term storage. For those of us DIY folks who have an older Corvettes or those out there that may have purchased a older Vette - here is a good place to start.

Here are just a few steps and things to do when removing your car from storage. Take a good look under the car. Any spots on the floor will give you an idea of any problems that you will need to look into. **Coolant:** check the hoses for rot and cracks. Look at the weep hole on the underside of the water pump - a leak here means the internal seal has perished. Inspect your radiator connections & fittings. **Fuel:** carefully inspect the tank for leaks at seams or on the bottom surface (rust pin holes). Examine all hose and line connections. **Brake Fluid:** failed seals in wheel cylinders, calipers or master cylinders. Bad hoses or hose connections. Rear axle: seals at the pinion or axles. **Steering:** failed seals or boots. **Gearbox:** failed seals, fittings or plugs. Anything you find will have to be checked out and corrected as needed.

I have put together a list of the basics when taking your car out of hibernation.

**Rodent damage:** Make a thorough inspection of the wiring in the engine compartment and under the car. Insulation seems to appeal to some animals and they can do some serious damage to the wires. Do the same in the interior. Any collection of nut shells or stuffing material is a reason to look more carefully.

**Brake System:** If the car has been sitting for 18-24 months (or more) and you use glycol fluid, drain, flush, and refill the brake system. Bleed the brakes. Check operation at all wheels independently. Have someone step on the brakes as you rotate each wheel one at a time. The brakes should clamp down and release smoothly. Any problem detected needs to be corrected before the car is driven. Have someone also apply the hand brake gradually as you rotate each rear wheel one at a time. Again, the brakes should apply increasing friction until the wheel is locked up, and the release should be smooth. Perform any service as needed based on the inspection.

**Exhaust System:** Remove the winter storage plug from the tailpipe(s). Check the hangers and clamps.

**Cooling System:** If the car was stored for more than a year, drain and refill the system using name brand antifreeze. Use a mixture of 30% to 50% antifreeze (no more than 50%). Check the hoses for cracks, especially around the clamps. Give all the hoses a good squeeze; any hoses that are suspect should be replaced.

**Clutch:** Check the fluid in the clutch reservoir. Top off as needed (or change if the car has been stored for more than 18 months). If low, check the hose and slave cylinder for leaks. Have someone depress the clutch pedal while you observe the movement of the slave cylinder pushrod. If the pushrod is not moving, or moving only a little, bleed the clutch system. Fluid inside the dust boot of the slave cylinder indicates a failed seal in the slave, and that needs to be rebuilt or replaced. Check all linkages for free play and free movement. Operate the clutch several times. If there is a provision for lubrication of the various joints, do so.

**Oil & Lubrication :** No matter where you live, and what you have done to limit it, some moisture will have gotten into the crankcase. With the appropriate oil, the amount of rust and corrosion will be minimal. If the car has been in storage for 2

years or more, change the oil and the filter before you try and start the car. Less than 2 years - plan on changing the oil and filter after the first 30 minute drive. Top off the gearbox. When was the last time you checked the oil in the differential? A good idea too.

**Suspension :** Check all the suspension joints, pivot points and bushings. Visually inspect the rubber boots and seals for cracks, splits or other deterioration. Touch them - they should be soft and flexible. Hardened or stiff boots will soon crack if they have not already. Lubricated joints, like tie rod ends, will dry out eventually if the boots are torn because the grease will harden, losing its ability to lubricate. Correct any problems that you find. Lubricate the suspension, following the procedure in your workshop manual. Check the shocks for signs of fluid leaks. If they leak, they need to be replaced with new or rebuilt units. You can put that off for the purpose of a test drive by topping up the fluid in the shocks - use only proper shock oil.

**Belts:** Inspect all belts for cracks and replace as needed; adjust the belt tension.

**Wheels & Tires:** Air up the tires to the manufactures recommended pressure. Visually inspect each tire for cracks in the sidewalls or between the rows of tread. Remount the wheels & tires as necessary. Check the knockoffs or wheel nuts for tightness/torque. If the car is on jack stands, remove them and get the car back on the ground. Make sure the handbrake is set or chock the wheels.

**Battery:** The battery should be ready to install, fully charged. Check battery voltage. Clean the battery posts and the battery cable ends. If you have a vintage-type lead-acid battery, buy a pair of the red and green felt battery terminal rings. Run a bead of silicone sealant around the base of each terminal/post. Press the felt rings down over the posts, down into the silicone. Coat the posts with and the insides of the cable connections with Vaseline (to protect against corrosion) and connect the cables after making sure you have the polarity right. Tighten the cable connections.

**Ground Connections:** Remove and clean ground cable connections both at the battery and the engine. A good battery and bad ground will not start the car. Use a wire brush on the connections to bare metal. A squirt of WD40 will protect the bare metal for a while. It will stop corrosion and guarantee a good electrical connection for a year or more.

**Lights:** Verify that the brake lights, turn signals, head lights and running lights all work properly. If one is not working, check the bulbs, the switch, the power feed and ground leads. Work through one light at a time, one component at a time until you discover the fault and correct it. Turn signals which don't flash can be caused by a bad flasher, one bulb not grounding properly or a bulb of the incorrect wattage.

**Lubricate the Pistons/Rings:** If the engine has been sitting for over 90 days it is usually a good idea to get some oil to the rings. Mark the plug wires for future reference then remove the spark plugs and squirt a little oil into each cylinder. Let that oil soak for 24 hours. Crank the engine over by hand. Use the starting handle if you have one; otherwise use a suitably sized socket on the crank dog nut with a breaker bar. There may be some initial resistance, but the piston rings should break loose and the engine should spin smoothly after that. Leave the spark plugs out.

**Fuel System:** If you drained the system, you will need to get some fresh gas. As you add fuel, stop several times and check for leaks in the tank, fuel lines and hoses. If you did not drain the tank, and the fuel in your tank has ethanol in it, check for phase separation before you do anything else. There are products designed just for this purpose, or you can drain the old gasoline and replace it with a couple of gallons of fresh fuel.

**Fuel in the Float Bowls & Lines:** If the gas in the float bowls is old, remove the float bowls and drain the fuel. If there is old fuel in the lines, disconnect the hose/line at the carburetor(s) and direct the end into a bucket or old coffee can. Energize the

pump or pressurize the tank and push enough fuel to clear the lines and hoses of the old gas.

**Getting fuel to the Carburetor(s) - Electric Fuel Pump:** With a supply of known good fuel in the tank, reconnect the hoses to the carburetor(s) and energize the pump to fill the float bowls. The pump will click quickly and loudly until fuel reaches the pump; it will then slow down and become quieter. As the float chambers fill, the rising float will close the needle valve and shut off the flow of gas. The pump will stop clicking. A pump that continues to click rapidly indicates a problem either with the supply of fuel from the tank or a stuck needle valve in the carburetor(s), which will be obvious because there will be gas coming out the overflow pipe on the float chamber. Whatever the issue, it needs to be corrected. Be aware that the gaskets and seals in the carburetor(s) will dry out and shrink if left for a long time. When the fuel first reaches the carburetor(s), there will probably be leaks, and you will need to attend to those before you go any further.

**OK, Where Are We?** Cars run because three things happen in the right order and in the right quantity: spark, compression, and fuel. We should have spark (once we put the plugs back), meaning enough and at the right time, because the car was in tune when we put it up for the season, and the fully charged battery is in place. Compression should be fine, again because the car was tuned up before we put it up and because we have added oil to the cylinders. We have fresh fuel in the carburetor(s). We are almost ready to start the engine. Most bearing wear occurs in the first 10-20 seconds every time the engine is started. That is because the oil is present in a thin film only, and oil under pressure has not reached the bearings yet. Cold oil is not as good a lubricant either. An engine that has been sitting will take time to get the oil to all the moving parts, and we need to get the oil moving throughout the engine before we fire it up.

**Building Oil Pressure:** There are several ways to pressurize the oil system. Some of you have a tank that can be filled with oil and pressurized with air, and then plumbed into an oil gallery. These are perfect for loading the system with oil under pressure. If you have such a tank, use it to pressurize the oil system. This will pre-oil all the bearings and moving parts in the engine and minimize the chance of damaging bearings or other internal engine components on start-up. If you don't have such a tank, you will use the starter to spin the engine over and pressurize the oil system. The last place to get oil is the rocker assembly. If you pull the valve cover, you can easily see when oil reaches this point. If the engine has been sitting for years, or if this is a fresh rebuild, it is strongly suggested that you remove the tappets (carefully noting their original position) from the engine to prevent scuffing the face or foot of the tappets. The load on the engine bearings is minimized by having the plugs out. Turn the key to the start position and hold it there. As the engine turns over, the oil pump will fill the oil galleries and push oil into the main and con-rod bearings. With the engine turning over, the oil pressure gauge should come to life and once you see pressure on the gauge and oil at the rocker assembly, shut it off. Reinstall the plugs and reconnect the plug wires. Reinstall the tappets in their original locations with a dab of ZDDP paste or other cam lube on the foot of each tappet.

**Once It Starts:** Let the engine warm up without revving the engine, ease it in as the engine warms up. Take a good look around, checking obvious problems. There may be smoke as the various components heat up. You can verify thermostat function by feeling the top radiator hose. When the thermostat opens, the top hose will warm up quickly. As the systems come up to temperature, keep an eye open for leaks.

**Test Drive:** Assuming all has gone well to this point, you are ready for the first test drive. The purpose of the test drive is to exercise all mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems so that you can find any remaining problems. Plan out a route about 20 minutes in a circle around your house so that you can walk back if need be. As you drive, listen to the various clues. Is there a miss in the ignition? Does the car

pull to one side or the other when braking? How is the steering? Stiff? Loose and “wandering”? How about the shocks? How is the oil pressure? Any problems with the gauges? Back in the garage; make a list of the things you discovered on the drive. Check your fluid levels (except your coolant level; you cannot do this till the engine has fully cooled). A change will indicate a leak you need to find. Top up as needed. After attending to any minor corrections, plan your next drive. Include a run at higher speed on a local highway. After another 30 minutes on the road, back in the garage to take stock of your situation. There will probably be a few things that need attention. Once these are done, you have a car that is ready to hit the road. Because of the time invested, you can set out with a much higher level of confidence than you might otherwise have.

**Conclusion:** There is no doubt that putting a car into storage and bringing it out is not a trivial undertaking. The longer the car is in storage, the more important it is to consider all the steps presented here. While obviously somewhat generic, the issues covered here apply to all older cars, and this list should be supplemented by additions of your own based on your experience. It should also be clear that the time and effort invested in preparing a car for storage pays off in the time saved in getting the car back on the road. It is also clear that these lists really are the routine maintenance operations that we need to do regularly, and doing them at the beginning or end of a season's driving makes some sense. It also makes driving the car every month throughout the year when conditions permit much more attractive - the problems that develop with a car in storage are best avoided by simply using the car regularly. I recently pulled my 70 out of a 35 year hibernation in my mothers garage. It has been a monumental undertaking - but the saying “rather be safe than sorry” is a understatement. I would rather double check on everything before attempting to drive it and having something malfunction and potentially causing more damage. Please also check out the NCRS.ORG website for upcoming events and resources. NCRS. WE COME FOR THE CARS AND STAY FOR THE PEOPLE!

## Laps from the Past

by Gary Main



**55 LAPS AGO: April 1968.** The meeting was held in the Flight Lounge of the Seattle Hyatt House hotel with Bruce Kelly presiding. Program was a “Tour of Europe” slide projector show by Roger Orth.

**Membership: 43.** New member Jim Revell was welcomed into the club.

### Activities:

- CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS sponsored by the U of W Sports Car Club.
- A driving practice day at Pacific Raceway that included running the full road course followed by an autocross in the turn-one turn-two area. Bruce Kelly (*still a member in 2023*) had the best autocross time of 1:03:0 in his '68 running standard Wide Oval street tires.
- CMCS COMPETITION PARTY held at the Kelly's
- Tour of Rick Stark's shop. (*Rick is still a member in 2023*)

**Dealer Sponsor:** Alan Green Chevrolet.



**50 LAPS AGO: April 1973.** The meeting was held at Meeker's Landing in Kent. It began with a presentation by Mr. Mitchell from the Seattle Police Department, who showed a movie demonstrating the different kinds of fire extinguishers. Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings was \$4.50. Frank Olsheski's shop class was building a CMCS trophy case to be displayed in club sponsor Bill Hazelett Chevrolet's showroom.

**Membership: 77.** New members were Norton (Ske) Cegelske, Steve & Edie Heppler, Russ Rathborn and, Mike Coble. There were 2 Associates.

**Activities:**

- A tour to Whidbey Island was led by Ernie Kahler
- Bowling party in Burien. \$1.60 for 3 games. Followed by dinner at Shakey's Pizza Parlor.
- Parking Patrol at S.I.R.

**Dealer Sponsor:** Bill Hazelett Chevrolet.

**40 LAPS AGO: April 1983.** President Bob Johansen conducted the meeting at the home of Neil & Noreen Millen. Included a wine tasting party. Frank Olsheski was nominated & elected to fulfill the term of Secretary for CMCS.

**Membership: 93.** Mr. & Mrs. Lee Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Meyer, and Charles & Hazel Olsheski were approved for honorary membership.

**Activities:**

- The annual spring RAIN or SHINE TOUR to Whidbey Island was led by Len Hodges
- Tour of Rick Stark's shop. *(Rick is a member today)*
- Parking Patrol at S.I.R.

**Articles:**

- "Reflections and Suggestions" by Noreen Millen. A dissertation closing out her year as President.

**Dealer Sponsor:** Lee Johnson Chevrolet

**30 LAPS AGO: April 1993.** President Dee Esping conducted the meeting at the home of John R. Thomas, following a potluck dinner. Main dish was Boeuf à la Bourguignonne prepared by JR Thomas and everything else brought by attending members.

**Membership: 72.** Members, 60 full and 12 associate members. Jan Cockrum was chair. New members were Stan & Billi Trask.

**Articles:**

"Just Fueling Around - Part 1" by John Bell. A tech article on "oxygenated" gasoline.

“Are you sure this isn’t Maui?” by Cloyd Jackson. A report on the 1993 Wet Weekend.

**Dealer Sponsor:** Roy Robinson Chevrolet

**20 LAPS AGO: April 2003.** Gary Main's Red 2002 Z06 convertible was featured on the newsletter cover. It gets incredible mileage, as long as the driver, Gary’s grandson, Cameron Main's legs hold out. President Dennis Montgomery conducted the meeting at the Golden Corral in Marysville. There were 61 in attendance. Guest speaker was Bob Flores, National Sales Manager for CORSA Performance.

**Membership: 245.** Lorrie Montgomery was chair. New members were David & Rachele Woodcook, Jan Harris, Mike & Lea Ann Westbrook, Neal & Judy Kather, and Bob Stewart.

**Activities:** In addition to the General Meeting:

- CMCS Adopt-a Highway cleanup, led by Paul Luczyk.
- CMCS at the Mariners, coordinated by Mona Cox
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual LaConner Tulip Rallye sponsored by the MG Car Club.
- Corvette Tech Session at Competition Development in Federal Way

**Articles:**

- “National Corvette Caravan, 2003” by Dennis Montgomery
- “CMCS at the Seattle Roadster Show by Dennis Montgomery”. 5 CMCS Corvettes participated.
- “School Daze 2003”. Details on the event.
- “Wet Weekend - February 2003”. A report on this CMCS event.
- “CMCS Member Biographical Sketch” John Paul Nelson III and Cece.
- “National Corvette Museum News” by Vince Perriello

**Dealer Sponsor:** Seaview Chevrolet

**10 LAPS AGO: April 2013.** A 2013 Red Grand Sport coupe offered for sale by Lee Johnson Chevrolet of Kirkland was on the cover. President Stan Trask conducted the meeting at Alfy's Pizza in Lynnwood.

Oran Petersen resigned as newsletter editor after a 10-year run. John R. Thomas, a previous editor and long-time CMCS member created the April issue and did a great job.

**Membership: 259.** Dennis Montgomery was chair. New members were Dave & Shirley Martin.

**Activities:** In addition to the General Meeting at Alfy’s

- La Conner Tulip Parade. Jim McDonnell did a report in the newsletter. 12 members participated.

- Adopt-a-Highway cleanup session. John Thomas was chair. This session was dedicated in memoriam to Cece Nelson, CMCS member and wife of John Paul Nelson III, who passed away on April 5th. She and John became CMCS members in June of 1976. There was also a memorial celebration for Cece Nelson on April 27th on Vashon Island, their home.
- Saturday socials at the Plum
- MG Car Club Tulip Rallye. (British spelling) This event was often well-attended by CMCS members and other clubs and drew a large number of interesting cars. *(Note: The rallye is now back for 2023 after a pandemic hiatus. It is a “gimmick” rallye not to be taken too seriously, but has been known to test the solidarity of marriages! 2023 is the 40th, and you may see lots of tulips)*

### Articles:

- “Notes From Your Editor Pro-Tem” by John Thomas. Covered a history of the technical evolution of CMCS printed newsletters and the value placed on them by members.
- “National Corvette Museum News” by Vince Perriello - on-site rep.
- “2013 Vintage Racing Corral” by Kevin Jewell.

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

**5 LAPS AGO: April 2018.** Ken & Joyce Jones’ 2008 Crystal Red Metallic coupe was on the cover. President Ken Jones conducted the meeting at the Collector’s Choice Restaurant in Snohomish WA.

**Membership: 223.** Steve Yabroff was chair. New members were Mark Perez and Anthony & Brianna (Bree) Miles.

**Activities:** In addition to the meeting there were 3 socials at the Plum Delicious.

### Articles:

- “2019 Corvette Caravan Information” by Dennis Milliken
- “Under the Hood” by Kevin Jewell. Topics included car pricing, Tesla, Mustang vs Corvette and direct injection
- “Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - Event Report” by Joe Powell
- “2018 Vintage Races Car Corral” by Bill Roberts
- “Autocross School for Novices” by Alton Loe,
- “National Corvette Museum Report” by Kevin Wilson (NCM local rep)
- “National Corvette Museum News by Vince Perriello (NCM on-site rep)

Also included was a list of recipients of personalized coffee cups in recognition of CMCS services for the previous year. 29 officers, chairs, representatives and members at large received the cups with their name and duties printed.

**Quarter Recognition:** Joe Powell received the award for the first quarter of 2018 for his Adopt-a-Highway and Sponsor Liaison work

**Dealer Sponsor:** Evergreen Chevrolet

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



The first race of the season was the 24 hours of Daytona in Florida. The Corvette team moved to the GTD Pro class (basically similar to all the GT3 cars) for 2023 and is only fielding one car. The new C8.R GTD driven by Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Tommy Milner finished second in class behind the Weather Tech Racing Mercedes AMG GT3. However, the final result doesn't really reflect the race. The Corvette had a blown rear tire that damaged the brakes. The crew replaced rear brake calipers and rotors and then the driver re-entered the race two laps behind. The Corvette team tried to claw their way back to first place but finished behind the Mercedes by 3.9 seconds out of 24 hours. All three of the top GTD Pro cars finished 729 laps. The Corvette led the class for 201 laps. The top GTP cars finished 783 laps, which gives you an idea of how much faster they are than the GT3 cars.

Apparently, the micro car mania is part of our car culture. In December I had mentioned that we joined an Italian Fiat 500 club with a spirited drive among the back streets of Modena. For about 10 years Judy had owned a 1964 original Mini. It was fun, but certainly a small car that made us feel vulnerable on the freeway. Then I compare that 1275 cc Mini with the 500 cc in the Fiat and I know that the Fiat has no business on our roads. However, there is the “cute factor” and last month I heard that one of our son's friends had successfully bid on a Fiat 500 at auction and was now trying to decide what to do with it. The micro car came into existence in Europe after WWII. The Allies were controlling what companies like BMW were allowed to manufacture. BFMW struggled to survive by making bicycles, and even motorcycles but it wasn't enough. In 1954 BMW was licensed to build the tiny Italian Isetta. You might remember the BMW/Isetta 300 with its front opening refrigerator door and a single cylinder 300 cc motorcycle engine. BMW had great success with the micro car selling about 10,000 units in the first year, and a total of over 160,000 units for the 8 years of manufacture. Times change and the European buyers were demanding a larger vehicle, so BMW enlarged the BMW by adding a back seat and doubling the engine size to 600 cc. The car still had the front opening refrigerator door, but also had a side door to access the back seat. BMW learned that simply enlarging a marginal car didn't make a better car and sales of the 600 were lackluster. It took a few more years and BMW introduced the 1600 and then the 2002 and BMW was on a roll. Even more unique than the Isetta 300 was the Messerschmitt KR200 Bubble Car also introduced in 1955. Originally the KR200 had 3 wheels but later in the production run a 4-wheel version was introduced. The KR200 featured a single cylinder 2 stoke engine. Reverse was engaged by stopping the engine and starting the engine in reverse rotation. In 1955 Messerschmitt entered

a modified KR200 in a 24-hour endurance event and set a speed record of 64 mph. Or perhaps that was 0-64 mph in 24 hours. The KR200 featured tandem seating and had a side opening canopy, with a design somewhat reminiscent of a WWII fighter plane (No surprise given that Messerschmitt was a major German fighter plane producer.) Both the BMW/Isetta and Messerschmitt have a following and an Isetta 300 sold for \$40K at a recent Mecum auction. Wow!

Corvette has apparently abandoned the manual transmission, but Mini is taking the stick shift to a new level. Mini has always promoted the fun in driving one of their vehicles and at one time every Mini convertible had a meter that showed the elapsed time that the top was down. Mini has now announced a Mini manual transmission driving school at the BMW Performance Center in California. I suspect some of this is tongue in cheek, but the school will focus on friction point (clutch take up) practicing smooth starts, stops acceleration, etc. At the conclusion of the school, participants will be tested on a timed course to assess the driver's knowledge. Perhaps if we had all had access to a school it might have saved not only a few marriages but also some parent/child relationships by letting the trained instructors do the “dirty work”.



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Hello everyone. All 2023 parades for CMCS are now listed on our website and this newsletter. As is normal now, the parades are for **all** Corvettes, not just the rag tops guys (Except the Torchlight, which is convertibles only.). Why should they have all the fun anyway?. However, we are limited to 20 Vettes for all parades. If you see a parade that sounds fun, please sign up on our website or send me an email to get your name on the parade list. It is first come, first added to the lists.

If you have parade questions please feel free to contact me. Parades are a great way to give back to so many local communities and make people happy.

July is going to be a fun month for parades. I hope many of you will join in, help support your club, have a ton of fun and help make this the best parade year ever.

July 4th	Bothell	
July 21	Mount Lake Terrace	PM
July 22	West Seattle	AM
July 22	Des Moines	PM
July 26	Greenwood	Wed. PM
July 29	Torchlight	Convertibles only
Dec	Lighted car parade	

## April Birthdays

Randy Black	1	David Swanberg	17	Stewart Lowe	25
Bob Spurr	3	Troy Giesinger	18	Michael Armstrong	26
Dean Hunter	6	Martin Burgisser	19	Rudi Alcott	28
Steve Kyle	6	Kim Mason-Hatt	19	Lynn Boyd	30
Jim Grant	14	Mike Roylance	19	Steven Wix	30
Pamela Gordon	16	Tatyana Hernandez	23		

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### 52nd Big Sky Event

May 26-29, 2023 in Helena MT

<http://bigskycorvettemeet.com/>

<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5140650>

**Big Sky rotates between 6 Montana cities, each with their own Corvette club. Helena, Bozeman, Missoula, Billings, Whitefish & Great Falls. CMCS needs a coordinator for this event.**



### Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - April 22

**by Dave Cayton - CMCS Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator**

This year CMCS begins the 26th year of participation in WSDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22. This is our first Saturday cleanup in a while, allowing those that cannot do Sunday mornings to join us. We clean our section of I-5, located approximately 11 miles north of Seattle. This is a great community volunteer opportunity and a chance to hang out with Corvette people. We start at 9 am and usually finish before noon.

We typically need 10 volunteers: 2 drivers and 8 trash pickers. The drivers use their own vehicles to transport the pickers to and from the work site and follow behind the pickers as they walk the roadside. Each vehicle must be able to carry 4 pickers and the driver; and must have a Class III or IV hitch receiver to attach our diamond-shaped safety sign. Four-door trucks and vans work great.

We meet at 9 am at the Metro Transit Bus Base Visitors Parking Lot, near the 175th St. NE Exit from I-5. We provide the hard hats, safety vests, trash picker

tools and bags. You need sturdy shoes, gloves, protective clothing, and a great attitude. We spend a couple hours cleaning about a 1 mile long section of the southbound shoulder of I-5. We often gather for lunch afterwards. Corvettes can come to lunch!

If you can't make it this time, our next cleanup event is Sunday, July 23. Hope to see some new people join us.

And remember, you get to keep any good stuff that you find. So far, the record is a \$400 dollar cell phone!

## **General Membership Meeting-April 15th**

**2 pm to 4 pm**

**Buzz Inn Steakhouse, 5200 172nd Street NE, Arlington, WA 98233**

**Register by April 10 to provide the restaurant an attendance count**

**Caravan departs the Woodinville Target at 1 pm (Arrive by 12:40 pm)**

**13950 NE 178th Place, Woodinville, WA 98072**

**Order from the menu.**

**Contact: Activities Chair Steve Weigel (425) 765-1441**

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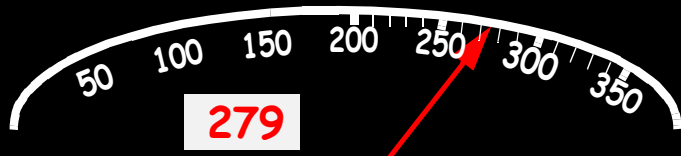
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## The Membership Tachometer

by Lynn Boyd



2023 Fiscal Year Members: 186. Non-Renews: 93 (As of 03/29)  
The CMCS fiscal year is from April 1st through March 31st.

**Scott Jamison** has a **1968 red coupe**. He does all the work on his car and has recently moved houses for a bigger garage! He is reported to have the coolest Route 66 and Corvette tattoo that you have ever seen.

**Adam Smith & Julie Lozier** have a **2020 Z51 Torch Red Z51 coupe**. Adam has wanted a Corvette since he was 5 (in 1978 when he saw his uncle's brand new 1978) and finally got his first one in 2020. He drives it as often as possible and really loves it. He used to be a walking encyclopedia of Corvette history and still recalls a ton of it as it was a lot of what he read about in Car and Driver and such when he was growing up! Adam is a licensed ham operator, loves rock and roll and Seattle sports – most of all the Sounders! He works for a small tech company in Renton. He's a UW grad and loves the Pacific Northwest. Julie is an HR professional and also a Seattle sports nut. The Seahawks are her top team. (She's also a UW grad.) Julie coaches the dance team at a local high school and judges competitions locally and nationally. She is being steeped a bit more in Corvette culture. Both Adam and Julie are looking forward to a cruise this summer, and road trips!

**Shane Rueber & Wendy Truong** have a **2023 Rapid Blue Z51 HTC**. He had a custom C3 in the past, but it has been at least 15 years since he sold it. The C8 is a completely new experience, an incredible vehicle – so cool! Shane and Wendy are looking forward to getting to know the car and its extended family.

**Greg Masciana** has a **2021 Torch Red HTC**. It is his first Corvette. He has had many sport cars, but this one is by far the best ever. His hobby has always been cruising boats of all types and sizes, until his wife (and first mate) of 38 years passed away in 2018. Now he's a semi-retired chemical engineer and aerospace consultant who watches over his two grandkids after school. He moved from Ballard to SeaTac in 2021, really enjoyed the Ron Fellows driving school at Spring Mountain, and he's looking forward to the social aspects of Corvette activities, especially autocross.

**Joe Songstad** has a **2015 Z06 Convertible**. He had a 2007 Z06 and wanted a convertible, so he sold the 2007 and found his 2015 Convertible in a small town in Oregon, with just 3600 miles on it! Joe has worked around Corvettes for years. He works at the Everett school district and has 2 grown sons, age 30 and 26. He loved doing car shows and other events, working in his yard and spending time with his family.

**Reese Bostic** has a **2016 White Z06 coupe**. He is from Charleston, South Carolina. He enjoys riding his motorcycle (Suzuki GSXR 1000). In his free time he likes to go to the gym, or firing up the grill. Reese likes to experience new cultures and meet new people.



## **March General Meeting Minutes** **Dino's Restaurant, Renton WA - 10 am** **by Kevin Wilson**

Meeting Called to Order: By President Bruce Boyd at 10:43 am following social time and dining.

### **Committee Chairs / Representative - REPORTS:**

**Membership-Lynn Boyd:** We currently have 273 members.

**Newsletter-Oran Petersen:** Nothing new to report. He needs cover cars so get in touch with him if you are interested.

**Website-Shaun Hayes:** Not present, President Boyd reported CMCS website is up to date with many planned events, parades, and autocross. You can now register for most of these events. Contact Shaun if you have photographs you want posted on the website.

**Facebook Admin-Linda Scott:** She has posted the CMCS All Corvette Show information.

**Parades-John Kamm:** Reported that it will be a busy season with six parades in July alone. Talking with Seafair about possibly participating in the new/revised Torchlight Parade, which will now be held mid-day. Seafair is the only convertible parade, all others take any type of Corvette.

**Adopt-a-Highway (AAH)-Dave Cayton:** Our next one will be April 22, 2023 (Earth Day), this is a Saturday instead of the usual Sunday, with others planned for July and October. We need 10 volunteers to make it work, so far 8 are signed up, need 2 more.

**National Corvette Museum (NCM)-Kevin Wilson:** Updated the membership on some of the latest happenings at the NCM. Pointed out there is an article in the newsletter every month. There are currently 5 Corvettes up for raffle as a fundraiser for the NCM. Circulated Raffle information and order forms.

**Northwest Association of Corvette Clubs (NWACC)-Ken Jones:** Not present, no report. Ken is ill and under medical care but seems to be on the mend.

**Evergreen Chevrolet CMCS Sponsor-Steve Yabroff:** Evergreen Chevrolet has an option for a C8 Z51 Coupe or Convertible, if you want to get a new C8 ordered just the way you want, now is your chance! Give Evergreen a call.

**Charity-Chad & Dianne Gudjonson and Mike & Dawn Gaz:** Chad took a poll about the Thanksgiving meeting, choices were a Potluck or Catered at a Venue yet to be determined. Catered with a payment was the poll winner. There will be a silent auction at the Thanksgiving event to raise charity funds. He reminded members that they can donate to our charity fund when they renew

their membership. The group is planning to hold a charity fundraising “Driveway” sale at the Gudjonson's house the 2nd weekend in July and encouraged members to gather and save items for the sale.

**National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS)-Danette Sawin:** Not in attendance, no report.

**2024 NCM 30th Anniversary Caravan-Steve Yabroff & Shaun Hayes (not present):** Steve reported there are 158 cars and 281 people pre-registered for the western states (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA) section with more signing up. The group leaving Evergreen Chevrolet in Issaquah currently has 64 cars and 105 people signed up, with 16 cars and 28 people from our own CMCS. There is a link on the web page to the PNW caravan web site. The site is [www.PNWCaravan.com](http://www.PNWCaravan.com). He has one cling left for \$10, if you buy it from the captain, it is \$11. It is a seven-day trip to Bowling Green. Contact him if you have any questions.

**All Corvette Show-Marvin Scott:** The steering committee had their first meeting in February. A flyer for the show on July 30 is now available on the website & you can register for the event. He encouraged all members to contact appropriate businesses they know to secure donated items for use as raffle prizes to help raise funds for our charity efforts. Mr. Cliff will DJ. He handed out Flyers to those interested.

The Tacoma Corvette Club is holding their annual open house meeting on 3/11. Usually get a lot of Corvettes. Food is free. Meeting is at Corvettes of Auburn. See website for details & registration.

Corvettes on the Columbia, a great event on 9/15 and 16. Registration is due to begin next week. It is posted on the web site. He handed out Flyers to those interested.

**Wet Weekend-Oran Petersen and Judy Jewell:** Oran briefly discussed the Wet Weekend plans, starting with a caravan over to Silverdale, where the event will take place. Still a little time to register. The event is on 3/18 & 19. This is the 56th time for this event.

**Autocross-Kevin Jewell:** Information and registration is on the website

**Sub Tour-Dwain Knollman:** May 11 is the tour date of a nuclear-powered Trident Submarine at the Bangor Navy facility. We are limited to 35 people, you can now bring one non-member guest, you can register for this tour and fill out forms on the website. Scan and send the forms to Dwain. Need the forms back by 3/31. We will have a caravan to base. You have to feel comfortable with going down and up a 30-foot vertical ladder. There are forms that require your full social security number and one requires a witness signature. Use only the forms from the web site. Several people signed up at the meeting.

### ***Board/Officer - REPORTS:***

**Vice President-Dave Cayton:** Nothing new to report.

**Secretary-Kevin Wilson:** Motion received, seconded, and approved to accept February membership meeting minutes as published in the March Newsletter.

**Treasurer-Robert Stone:** Absent due to illness. President Boyd reported that CMCS is in good financial condition.

**2 Year Activities/1 Year Activities-Lars Posthumus / Marvin Scott:** The April meeting will be at the Buzz Inn in Arlington on April 15th. Details on the website. Lars is working on a caravan with Steve Weigel to the meeting. Details will be posted.

Oran Petersen mentioned the MG club Tulip Rally will be 4/22/2023 Possible event for us?

Kevin Wilson asked that members save the date of 8/19/2023 for a 70th Anniversary Celebration of Corvette and a Celebration of our clubs 60th anniversary to be held at LeMay in Tacoma. Details are being worked out.

The Big Sky event 5/26 - 5/29 is posted on the web site. Candy and Craig Turi indicated that they will be staying overnight in Wallace, ID on the first day of the trip over to Helena.

**Past President-Shaun Hayes:** Not present, no report.

**President-Bruce Boyd:** Thanked those in attendance and thanked those who served as Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Coordinators and Representatives over the last year. Welcomed the incoming Officers and Board Members who are:

President - Bruce Boyd

Vice President - Dave Cayton

Secretary - Robert Stone

Treasurer - Kevin Wilson

Two-Year Board - Steve Weigel One-Year Board - Lars Posthumus (automatic)

Past President - Shaun Hayes (automatic)

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**50/50 Drawing:** The drawing raised \$125; the winner of half the drawing was Diane Gudjonson with the other half of the proceeds going to the General Motors Automotive Service Education Program (GM-ASEP) scholarship fund at Shoreline Community College.

**Next Membership Meeting:** April 15th 12:40 PM - 4:00 PM at Buzz Inn Steakhouse, Arlington, WA

**Next Board Meetings:** March 9, 2023: Family Pancake house in Redmond at 5:00 pm. The following meeting is April 13, 2023 same time and location.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:22 AM.

## National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report

by Kevin Wilson (Local NCM Ambassador)

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Now that Spring is finally here and we've had a few nice days in the PNW, there are more and more reasons to get the Corvette out for some fun. Speaking of fun, lets take a look at some of the happenings highlighted by our friends at the National Corvette

Museum

**International Women's Day: Honoring the Women in Corvette History:** On March 8th the National Corvette Museum celebrated International Women's Day by honoring several iconic women who've made a positive impact throughout the Corvette community. All four honorees are in the Corvette Hall of Fame. The contributions Dollie Cole, Donna Mae Mims, Betty Skelton, and Elfi Arkus-Duntov have made to Corvette world are each significant in their own right.



### Dollie Cole 2019 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee

While the world at large first came to know Dollie as the wife of Edward N. Cole, President of General Motors, she wasn't the kind of automobile executive wife to let that be the one thing that defined her. Colorful, beautiful, driven and outspoken, she truly did live life to the fullest, building up a resume of accomplishments that included: accredited test driver and pilot, Senior Editor for a publishing company, author, television host, and she was even a model in print ads for Dr. Pepper. She could work out in the barn all day, and step into the most elite social situation without missing a beat. She was engaging and comfortable with anyone she met regardless of their station in life. She made it a point to make people feel valued whether it be an underprivileged child, the elevator operator, a Hollywood celebrity, top race car drivers, powerful business icons, or even the President of the United States. They all mattered to her, especially those who were defenseless-mainly children and animals.

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It would be the goal of her life to use her resources, abilities, time, and energy to help them rather than looking for ways to be entertained. After her husband's tragic death, Dollie became a cheerleader of sorts for Corvette. Dollie passed away on August 24, 2014, leaving behind her children, William Jefferson McVey, III, Anne Cole Pierce, Esq., Robert Michael Joseph Cole and Edward Nicholas Cole, Jr., as well as a grateful family of Corvette enthusiasts who will always be in her debt. Dollie Cole was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2019, where she joined her husband, Ed Cole, Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee from 1998.

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### **Donna Mae Mims, 2016 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee**

Affectionately known as “The Lady in Pink,” the late Donna Mae Mims became a true Corvette enthusiast from the first moment she spotted one, a 1957 Corvette, for sale on a dealership lot. At the time she and husband Mike had never heard of the model but ended up purchasing a brand new one from Don Yenko Chevrolet. An invitation from a fellow motorist to a sports car meeting is what got Mims involved in SCCA, and in 1961 she started racing, winning the B Production national race that same year at Cumberland. While Mims liked her Corvette, she was not fond of the color. Her husband would not let her paint it pink, so she painted 'Think Pink' on its side. Her subsequent race cars bore the same name, while Mims sported pink coveralls, a pink crash helmet, and full pink wig behind the wheel.

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In her championship driving year, she was part of the Yenko/Chevrolet race team that dominated A/Production and B/Production SCCA racing with Corvettes, all while she was driving her little pink H/Production bug-eyed Sprite. Her dedication to racing was not only recreational, but also professional, serving as Manager of Hi-Performance at Yenko Sports Cars. After retiring from racing in 1974, Mims stayed busy as a worker in Race Control at three Ohio race courses, and remained active in events of the Steel Cities SCCA Region, Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania, Three Rivers Corvette Club (which she founded), Steeltown Corvette Club, and the Tri-Rivers Car Club Council. Donna Mae Mims was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2016.

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## Betty Skelton, 2001 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee

Betty Skelton (Frankman), frequently referred to as the “first lady of firsts”, worked side-by-side with some of the biggest names in Corvette, and established unbelievable records of her own in racing, aviation and automotive history. The first woman to be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame was also the first woman in the world to drive racing cars to new records through the famous NASCAR measured mile on the sands of Daytona Beach. Skelton established records for Chevrolet behind the wheel of the Corvette, and appeared at major auto shows, as well as national ads and TV commercials.

Harley Earl at the GM Tech Center along with Bill Mitchell, designed a special Corvette for Betty in 1956-57. Skelton drove the translucent gold Corvette to Daytona for Speed Week and then paced all the NASCAR races with it in 1957. In 1959, she was invited by NASA to become the first woman to undergo physical and psychological testing for the first seven astronauts and was directly involved with arranging America's first astronauts to become Corvette Owners. Betty Skelton is represented in Hall of Fames and Museums throughout the United States but was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2001.



**Elfi Arkus-Duntov** is considered the Godmother and First Lady of Corvette. With her blonde hair and sparkling blue eyes, Elfi helped personify the car in her own inimitable way. Elfi met Zora as a teenager in Berlin, after ducking into a Berlin café to get out of the rain. Zora was inside with a few friends when their eyes first met, and they instantly fell in love. They married outside of Paris in February 1939, just before the outbreak of World War II. Zora joined the French Air Force, leaving Elfi behind. As the German tanks began rolling down the streets of Paris, she grabbed everything she could, jumped into her MG roadster, and got out of town. The journey would be dangerous but after four days she reached Toulouse and reunited with Zora. Together, they escaped from Nazi-occupied France, finding their way to a New York-bound ship in December 1940.

After a brief breakup, and some failed business dealings, Zora and Elfi reunited in New York, where Zora first laid eyes on a Corvette at the GM Motorama Show in January 1953. Zora pulled out the stops to get a job at GM, so he could influence the future direction of Corvette. Elfi was at his side for all of it - Pikes Peak, Daytona, Sebring, Nassau, Indianapolis, and Le Mans. For decades, the two personified the performance and the sexiness of the Corvette. Even well into their years, the pair had an energy and spark that infected everyone around them. She would often





accompany Zora Arkus-Duntov, the first Chief Engineer of Corvette, to car shows and special events.

Everyone who met Elfi was immediately impressed with her grace, enthusiasm and knowledge of America's Sports Car. She attended the Grand Opening of the National Corvette Museum in 1994 and plays a pivotal role in the story of the Corvette. She is the inspiration for Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood Womens Group of the National Corvette Museum. Zora died of complications from cancer in April 1996 and Elfi would follow in 2008.

In the end, each of these four women represented the connection between women and Corvette. Presently, women Laura Klauser, Sports Car Racing Program Manager at General Motors, and Mary Barra, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at General Motors continue to pave the way for the next generation.

**Carl Casper: The Legacy of a Legend - Why America Loves him:** Let's be honest, America loves winners. We all love those stories about the “underdogs” who don't just won't take “no” for an answer.

Such is the story of Carl Casper. From his early struggles growing up in poverty, to becoming one of America's most accomplished automotive icons, Carl Casper is a modern-day renaissance man. His talents and array of interests are as boundless as his determination to overcome any obstacle. His work with rocket design, for example, got the attention of NASA back in the 1960s; the large-scale public events that he coordinated for over 50 years is legendary; and the vast and diverse legacy of incredible automotive design excellence is enough to boggle the imagination.

Concerning automotive design, the Casper resume is expansive. Carl designed and built dozens of “Show Rods” during the 1960s and 1970s for hundreds of indoor car shows. Those cars then went on to become plastic model kits that were sold across the world.

Regarding race cars, Carl was very impressive building and driving his early machines. For his most successful record-setting championship top fuel Young American dragster, he put together a hard charging, amazing team listed on the following Young American graphic.

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 FEBRUARY 2, 1971  
 NEW TRACK RECORD: 6.88 ET 217.77 MPH

1970 NHA BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA  
 FEBRUARY 26, 1970  
 YOUNG AMERICAN CHAMPION  
 NEW TRACK RECORD: 6.88 ET 217.77 MPH

1970 NHA ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
 FEBRUARY 24, 1971  
 YOUNG AMERICAN  
 NEW TRACK RECORD: 6.88 ET 217.77 MPH

1970 NHA BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA  
 FEBRUARY 26, 1970  
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Carl's creativity also got the attention of Hollywood studios, leading to the building of numerous vehicles for television and the big screen, including the “Batman Returns” Batmobile™, the bright orange “General Lee” Dodge Charger, the “Knight Rider” Pontiac Trans Am, and others, which all became Hollywood stars in their own right. TM & © DC COMICS, INC. 2023

Even historic horse-drawn carriages became a calling card for Carl, as he amassed an expansive collection which he meticulously restored, entered into competitions, and championed throughout the U.S. and Europe. Eventually, the top award in the carriage-world's pinnacle event's was renamed for him!

In the book about his life, “Carl Casper, The Legendary Automotive King”, he is described as a “Visionary”, “Artistic automotive genius”, a “Modern-day DaVinci”, “Master of all he touches” and more. But more important than earning those accolades, Carl is considered by those who know him best as being humble, generous, encouraging, philanthropic and passionate about helping others. Carl frequently sums it up with encouraging words to younger fans by saying, “Have fun making the impossible possible and never give up on your dreams!”. Insightful advice from someone who would know.

The Carl Casper exhibit CUSTOM CARISMA: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper opened at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky on March 10 and should be on your “can't miss” list this year!

**NCM Artifact - Painting by Elfi Arkus-Duntov:** The First Lady of Corvette, Elfi Arkus-Duntov, was also a woman who loved life, fast cars, and the arts. She was an accomplished dancer with the Blue Bell Dancers and the Folies Bergère, although she always explained, “We were the girls who kept our clothes on.” She was also a painter, and Corvettes were often the subject of her work. This piece in the National Corvette Museum's Collection was painted by Elfi of her husband Zora Arkus-Duntov, the “Godfather of Corvette.” The Corvette in the painting is also in the National Corvette Museum's Collection and is currently undergoing restoration.



Wolff was her maiden name, and her love of fast cars must have been one of many reasons for her attraction to Zora. While dating, she enjoyed riding with Zora in his Bugatti Type 30. While living in France, Elfi bought a winning lottery ticket that, along with a present from her father, allowed her to purchase an MG J2 Midget. She owned former race cars as well, a Mathis roadster and a Chenard, that were converted for street use.

Zora and Elfi were married on February 11, 1939, in Billancourt, France. When the officiant asked Zora if he'd take Elfi to be his lawful wedded wife, Elfi

answered, “Yes, he will” after Zora hesitated, and the ceremony continued. World War II forced Elfi and Zora to narrowly escape Europe and immigrate to America, where Zora was able to excel in the American automotive industry. In America, Elfi's dancing skills gave her the opportunity to travel to several cities engaging in her career, including performing in 1946 at Chicago's Shubert Theater and even receiving an offer to work at the Copa Cabana in Miami. Zora and Elfi were married until his death at the age of 86. She was an avid enthusiast for the Corvette, the National Corvette Museum, and her husband's legacy, attending the grand opening and many other Museum events and signing countless autographs for their fans. She is interred with her husband, according to their wishes, at the National Corvette Museum and is a member of the NCM Corvette Hall of Fame. Her painting represents their unique American immigration story, reaching their dreams at home with America's Sports Car.

**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](mailto:kevinwilson@q.com)). Here is the current Raffle line-up:

### 2023 Red Mist Coupe

**Price: \$150.00**

**Limited to 1500 Tickets**

**Drawing: April 20, 2023 2:00 PM**



### 2023 70th Anniversary Convertible VIN 00002

**Price: \$250.00**

**Limited to 1953 Tickets**

**Drawing: April 28, 2023 3:00 PM**



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

**These are the inexpensive tickets that make great gifts! Why not give it a shot for yourself too?**

**2023 Black Convertible****Price: \$200.00****Limited to 1500 Tickets****Drawing: May 18, 2023 2:00 PM**

**Here is the latest lucky Corvette Raffle winner: 3/9/2023: The 2023 Arctic White Corvette Convertible** was won by Dan Langolf of Fond du lac, WI with Ticket #204. Tickets were \$200 each and limited to 1500.

**Current National Corvette Museum Events:** As we enter the second quarter of 2023 more and more events are being scheduled at the NCM, so keep an eye on this column. Note that the Southwest Parks trip has now been added. This is a fabulous tour out here in the West covering The Grand Canyon, Zion, Canyon Lands, Navajo National Monuments and more. I've been on this trip & added Route 66 as well. It's fabulous! 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/>

- NCM 2023 Michelin Bash: April 27-29, 2023 (**Registration Open**)
- MiM Dragon Run by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate 5/1 - 5/4 (**Full, waitlisted**)
- NCM Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1: 5/11 - 5/13 (**Registration Open**)
- MiM Le Mans Race Tour: 6/3 - 6/13, France; (v)
- MiM Charlotte NC Experience: 6/4 - 6/8; (**Full, waitlisted**)
- MiM Explore Detroit: 7/9 - 7/13; (v)
- MiM 2023 Alaska Cruise 7/11 - 7/22/2023. The Majestic Princess leaves from Vancouver (**SOLD OUT!**)
- NCM 29th Anniversary Celebration 8/31 - 9/2 (**Registration Opens in May**)
- MiM Southwest National Parks Tour 9/24 - 9/30; (**Registration Opens early Summer**)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (1) 9/25 - 9/30; (**Registration Opens in Summer**)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) 10/2 - 10/7; (**Registration Opens in Summer**)
- MiM NCM Corvette Racing Weekend @ The AACA Museum, 10/5-10/7 (**Reg. Opens in Summer**)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) 10/9 - 10/14; (**Registration Opens in Summer**)
- MiM Tour Of Austin TX; 10/11-10/15: Placeholder dates (**Registration Opens in Summer**)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) 10/16 - 10/21; (**Registration Opens in Summer**)

***Did you know:*** The National Corvette Museum opened in 1994 as an educational tribute to America's sports car? The Museum is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, known worldwide as the home of the Corvette. Every Corvette in the world since 1981 is assembled at the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant located just ¼ mile from the National Corvette Museum. Save the Wave!



## **Saturday Socials - Dino's & Plum Delicious**

**Breakfast most Saturdays at 8:30 am**  
**Oran Petersen - Social Coordinator**  
**[orandeep@comcast.net](mailto:orandeep@comcast.net) (425) 277-6141**

The Socials began in November of 2011, over 11 years ago at the Plum Delicious Restaurant on Sunset Blvd in Renton. In July 2022 a car crashed into the Plum, closing it for about 8 months.

Thanks to CMCS member Mike Gaz, we discovered Dino's just off of 405 Exit 7 and continued our socials there. Now some members prefer Dino's and some prefer the Plum.

So beginning in April we are doing the socials at Dino's on odd Saturdays and at the Plum on even Saturdays. The schedule is posted in the newsletter Activities section for confirmation. On occasion, not often, there are two odds and two evens in consecutive weeks.

Contact me if you plan to attend for the first time so I can add you to the "Social email List". This allows me to contact you if circumstances change at the last minute, such as when weather or other issues arise.

Please join us for a fun relaxing informal morning visit with other Corvette folks while having a nice breakfast.

## **All Corvette Show Volunteers Needed at the XXX Drive-In**

We are looking for members to help with running the car show on Sunday, July 30, 2023. Following are the activities we need help with on that day. E-mail Marv Scott ([mrmavio@gmail.com](mailto:mrmavio@gmail.com)) to express your willingness to help with any of these specific activities or wherever you might be needed. This is our major charity fundraiser of the year so sign up early and often.

6 to 8 am: Setup	8 to 11 am: Parking
9 am to Noon: Registration and raffle drawings	9 am to Noon: Selling raffle tickets
2 to 3 pm: Cleanup	

## **Share a Space at the Monroe Swap Meet**

If you would like to share a space at the 50th Annual Monroe Swap Meet on May 20/21 please contact CMCS Member Rick Milsow at (206) 484-1460.

## Activities Current as of 3/31/23

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

### April 2023

4/1	Social Dino's 8:30 am <a href="#">Page 29</a>	Social
4/8	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am <a href="#">Page 29</a>	Social
4/13	<b>CMCS Board Meeting, Family Pancake House, Redmond</b>	<b>Board</b>
4/15	Social Dino's 8:30 am <a href="#">Page 29</a>	Social
4/15	<b>CMCS General Meeting, Buzz Inn, Arlington WA</b> <a href="#">Page 15</a> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5192758">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5192758</a>	<b>Meeting</b>
4/22	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am <a href="#">Page 29</a>	Social
4/22	<b>CMCS Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Event</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158005">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158005</a>	<b>Activity</b>
4/29	Social Dino's 8:30 am <a href="#">Page 29</a>	Social

### May 2023

5/6	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am	Social
5/11	<b>CMCS Submarine Tour. Registration deadline was March 31.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158060">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158060</a>	<b>Activity</b>
5/13	Social Dino's 8:30 am	Social
5/13-14	<b>Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050464">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050464</a>	<b>Autocross</b>
5/20	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am	Social
5/20	<b>General Meeting at the Claim Jumper, Tukwila</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5209441">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5209441</a>	<b>Meeting</b>
5/26-29	<b>Big Sky</b> by Treasure State Corvettes, Helena MT <a href="#">Page 14</a> <a href="http://bigskycorvettemeet.com/">http://bigskycorvettemeet.com/</a> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5140650">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5140650</a>	
5/27	Social Dino's 8:30 am	Social

### June 2023

6/10-11	<b>Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050466">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050466</a>	<b>Autocross</b>
6/17	<b>Glass on Grass</b> 55th Birthday Bash by Willamette Valley Corvettes. Salem OR. <a href="https://carshowpro.com/event/997">https://carshowpro.com/event/997</a> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5127884">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5127884</a>	

### July 2023

7/4	<b>Member Appreciation Picnic. Details to follow</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
7/4	<b>Bothell Parade</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172089">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172089</a>	<b>(Parade)</b>

<b>7/8-9</b>	<b>Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050467">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050467</a>	<b>Autocross</b>
<b>7/21</b>	<b>Mount Lake Terrace Parade</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172096">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172096</a>	<b>(Parade)</b>
<b>7/22</b>	<b>Des Moines Parade</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172118">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172118</a>	<b>(Parade)</b>
<b>7/22</b>	<b>West Seattle</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172115">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172115</a>	<b>(Parade)</b>
<b>7/23</b>	<b>CMCS Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Event</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158027">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158027</a>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>7/26</b>	<b>Greenwood Parade</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172119">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172119</a>	<b>(Parade)</b>
<b>7/29</b>	<b>Torchlight Parade (Convertibles Only)</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172096">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5172096</a>	<b>(Parade)</b>
<b>7/29-30</b>	<b>Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050469">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050469</a>	<b>Autocross</b>
<b>7/30</b>	<b>2023 All Corvette Show. XXX Drive-In. Issaquah WA</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5127853">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5127853</a>	<b>Activity</b>

**August 2023**

<b>8/12-13</b>	<b>Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050470">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050470</a>	<b>Autocross</b>
<b>8/19</b>	<b>CMCS 60th Anniversary, Corvette 70th Anniversary. LeMay Museum.</b> More to follow. <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5186089">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5186089</a>	<b>Activity</b>

**September 2023**

<b>9/09-10</b>	<b>Autocross Weekend. Sanderson Field, Shelton.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050472">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5050472</a>	<b>Autocross</b>
<b>9/14-16</b>	<b>Corvettes on the Columbia</b> by 3 Rivers Corvette Club, Richland WA 99352 <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5049560">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5049560</a> To join a possible caravan to the site, register for the caravan on the CMCS website.	

**October 2023**

<b>10/7</b>	<b>CMCS Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Event</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158035">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5158035</a>	<b>Activity</b>
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**December 2023**

Dec Lighted Car Parade

**August 2024**

<b>8/22-28</b>	<b>2024 National Corvette Caravan. NCM 30th Anniversary.</b> <a href="https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4700366">https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-4700366</a>	
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