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



I find myself here at my desk writing this column on my birthday, September 26th. I share it with another club member and friend Andy Mosalsky. Another summer is in the books, but it was a busy summer and great Corvette events. May we all have many more in the future!

October car shows and outdoor events are at a minimum. Adopt a Highway seems to be the only outdoor activity I can think of. If you haven't signed up and you get this in time, I think Dave Cayton could use a few more folks for the October 7th event.

The LeMay Corvette Exhibition also opens on October 7th, I haven't seen an event posting on our website but watch for that. The exhibit will be at the LeMay during the fall months so we might do a tour/drive later.

Our membership meetings are a great time to get out and socialize so please sign up and enjoy meeting new folks and visiting with other members.

The Silent Auction and Membership meeting event at Griot's Garage in Tacoma is right around the corner (November 11th) so be sure to register as soon as the registration opens.

Don't forget the Saturday Socials at the Plum Delicious restaurant in Renton. They have a great breakfast menu. I attended a few weeks ago and we had to keep adding tables because we had so many folks. Time is 8:30 am each Saturday. With winter fast approaching it is important to stay connected and enjoy time together, hope to see you soon at an event.

Cover - Danette Sawin's 1970 Mulsanne Blue Coupe

Danette joined CMCS in 2016 and with a short break is a member today. The cover photo shows her posing with the car in 1970 shortly after her mother bought it. She served as the CMCS Representative for the National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS) until recently. Below is her story and that of her mother relating to the history of this car.



My 1970 Corvette, a classic beauty with its 350 ci 350 hp engine and Muncie 4-speed transmission, holds a special place in my heart. This exquisite machine was not only a symbol of power and elegance but also a vessel for countless cherished memories. From cruising with my mother as a child to selling camp fire candy from its back, the Corvette has been a constant source of joy throughout my life. In December 2019, my mother passed the torch to me, and I embarked on a restoration journey that would bring the car back to its former glory.

As a child, cruising Alki Beach and Seattle alongside my mother in our 1970 Corvette was a dream come true. The wind in our hair, the engine's roar, and the feeling of sheer exhilaration created an unbreakable bond between us. All those 8 track tapes became the soundtrack to my childhood!

One of the most exciting highlights of my childhood was selling camp fire candy out of the back of the Corvette. The car became a symbol of success and adventure, I mean who wouldn't want to buy a box of mints from the cute bluebird and her mama in the go-go boots! The memories of those candy-selling escapades fueled my determination to restore the Corvette to its former glory.

In December 2019, my mother entrusted me with the responsibility of preserving the



legacy of our beloved Corvette. I sold my beautiful C5 convertible to help finance the restoration. This act of passing down the car signified not only the trust she had in me but also the profound connection we shared.

With great enthusiasm and dedication, I delved into the restoration process. Every painstaking detail, from the engine to the bodywork, was meticulously attended to. The restoration required countless hours of research, sourcing original parts, and collaborating with skilled professionals. It was a labor of love, driven by the desire to honor the car's legacy. The only hiccup I had was with the body shop. I'm now having to redo many items and fix safety deficiencies that they created. Please do not take your Corvettes to Showcase in Kirkland. I am now taking them to court. Please contact me if you would like details. Their missteps and mistakes will not hold me back from reaching my goals with this car.

In August 22, just four days after leaving the paint shop, the car received a Second Flight NCRS award, a testament to the commitment and craftsmanship invested in its restoration. This recognition was not only a personal achievement but also a tribute to the efforts of my mother, who had tirelessly cared for the car throughout the years.

My mother's remarkable journey as the first single female owner at the age of 25 in CMCS and her subsequent role as the vice president in 1987 added another layer of significance to the Corvette's story. It became a representation of her strength, determination, and willingness to break barriers, leaving an indelible mark on our Corvette community.

This has been more than just a car in my life; it has been a vessel for cherished memories, a symbol of family ties, and a testament to the enduring bond between my mother and me. The restoration

journey has not only allowed me to preserve its timeless beauty but also pay homage to the incredible legacy it carries. As I approach the completion of this restoration project, I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable experiences and lessons it has brought into my life. This 1970 Corvette will forever hold a special place in my heart, a tangible reminder of the unforgettable moments shared with my mother and the trailblazing spirit that defines our family.



Laps from the Past



by Gary Main

60 LAPS AGO: October 1963. Bob Morse conducted the meeting in the conference room at Alan Green Chevrolet, with 30 members present. Treasurer Bill Trippett reported the finances of the club and noted that the only outstanding bill was from the attorney fee who handled the incorporation paperwork needed to file with the state as a not for profit sports car club. Discussions continued regarding an appropriate name for the club newsletter, among them, “Corvette C notes”, “Corvette Gazette” and “Vette Views” but no decision was made. The newsletter in those days was typed on Master Dittos by Nancy Mitchell and run off on a Ditto Machine (anybody remember those?) by Mo Morse.

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50 LAPS AGO: October 1973. The meeting chaired by President Ernie Kahler took place following dinner at the Spaghetti Barn in Kent. Although the weather was dreadful, over 50 people attended. Representatives from Gabriel Shocks made a presentation on their products.

Activities:

- Tune up session at Bill Hazelett Chevrolet
- Practice session at SIR
- Halloween Party at Bruce & Barbara Kelly’s home

Articles:

- “Labor of Love” 2 articles with the same name discussing an autocross on Labor Day weekend.
- “New Car Showing” by Frank Diss. Discussed the showcasing of the ‘New’ 1974 Chevrolets.
- “Breakfast at Snoqualmie Falls” by Noreen Warehouse.
- “Chow By Night or Who’s Driving What?” by Joe Bridgeman. Antics at a progressive dinner.

Dealer Sponsor: Bill Hazelett Chevrolet.

40 LAPS AGO: October 1983. Vice President Jay Cockrum conducted the meeting at the home of Len & Wendy Hodges at 10 PM. Jan Cockrum presented results of the newsletter contest from Western States Corvette Council; CMCS scored 115 out of a possible 150 points.

Membership: 139. There were no new members.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting:

- Practice Day (Corvette Only) at SIR. Made possible by CMCS members parking cars at SIR at prior events.
- Halloween Party at the home of Don & Nina Gord in Redmond.

Dealer Sponsor: Lee Johnson Chevrolet.

30 LAPS AGO: October 1993. President Dee Esping conducted the meeting at the home of John Thomas. This event was also a “ground School” for the Wine Country Tour.

Jan Cockrum reported that there were 121 people and 46 cars in attendance, with 22 membership applications and newsletters given out at the 30th Anniversary Party.

Membership: 108. New members were Dick & Jane Shimanek.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting:

- Yakima Valley Wine Country Tour

Non CMCS Sponsored

- Tour to Mount Baker by Majestic Glass Corvette Club
- NWACC year end awards banquet in Auburn.

Articles:

- “Converting Bad Vibes to Good” by John Bell. Discussed diagnosing a bad vibration in his ZR1.
- “Them’s the Brakes” by John Bell. Discussed deficiencies in the brakes for high-speed operations.
- “Quick Look at 30th Anniversary Party” (Author not given)

Dealer Sponsor: Roy Robinson Chevrolet.

20 LAPS AGO: October 2003. Cloyd & Barbara Jackson’s 1999 C5 Torch Red convertible was the cover car. President Dennis Montgomery conducted the meeting at the Longhorn BBQ in Auburn.

Membership: 290. Lorrie Montgomery was chair. New members were Keith & Dawn Brossard, Mike Bohanan, and Joel & Sharon Karam.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting:

- Griot’s Garage car care tech session. A caravan then took members to the general meeting at the Longhorn.
- Issaquah Salmon Days Parade

Non CMCS sponsored

- NCRS NW Chapter Terminator Party
- Corvette Forum Whidbey Island Cruise

Articles:

- “Laps From The Past or Marque in Time” by Ben Benninghoff.
- “CMCS 40th Anniversary Celebration - Event Report” by Lorrie Montgomery
- “What is the National Corvette Restorers Society” (NCRS)
- “National Corvette Museum News” by Vince Perriello
- “Whistler 2003 Thunder in the Mountains (BC Corvette Club Event Report)” by Byron Crocker
- “2003 Cascade Loop Event Report” by Oran Petersen

- “2003 Women’s Only Weekend (Event Report)” by Patty Bunn (held in Cannon Beach, OR).

Dealer Sponsor: Seaview Chevrolet.

10 LAPS AGO: October 2013. Tim & Kim Quenzer's Black 2008 Convertible was the cover car. Vice President Lorrie Montgomery conducted the meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton.

Membership: 243. Dennis Montgomery was chair. New members were Ken Meyer & Marlene Moeller.

Special Recognition: Al Dager received the honor for the 3rd Quarter 2013.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting:

- Fall Colors Tour
- Saturday Socials

Articles:

- “Laps From The Past, or Marque-In-Time: by Ben Benninghoff.
- “The 2014 National Corvette Caravan is Coming” (Author not listed)
- “Tour Tips” by Dennis Montgomery
- “CMCS Radio Tips” by Dennis Montgomery

Dealer Sponsors: Lee Johnson Chevrolet & Speedway Chevrolet

5 LAPS AGO: October 2018. George & Vicki Rinehart’s 2017 Torch Red Z06 was on the cover. Vice President Robert Stone conducted the meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton. President Ken Jones was on a trip.

Membership: 247. Steve Yabroff was chair. There were no new members.

Activities: In addition to the general meeting:

- CMCS Adopt-a-Highway cleanup
- Three Saturday Socials at the Plum

Articles:

- “Cascade Loop Tour - Event Report” by Oran Petersen
- “2019 National Corvette Caravan Information” by Dennis Milliken
- “A Message from Bob Renner” An update and new information since the death of his wife Lois, May 30th
- “Under the Hood” by Kevin Jewell. Discussed drag racers, the Ferrari Portofino and Ford’s decision to discontinue most sedans.
- “CMCS/XXX All Corvette Show - Event Report” by Shaun Hayes.
- “Laps from the Past” by Ben Benninghoff
- “National Corvette Museum Report” by Kevin Wilson (Local representative). Discussed the CMCS NCM “Enthusiast Exhibit” now on display at the museum. This was coordinated by Kevin.
- National Corvette Museum News” by Vince Perriello (on-site representative).

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Under the Hood

by Kevin Jewell



Gas Prices. At the time this article was written Washington drivers were paying the second highest gas prices in the nation. I just filled up my car with premium fuel at Costco at \$5.36/gallon. The finger pointing has been tiresome. Our governor and others point to the oil companies and “excessive profits”, while the oil companies and others blame the cap-and-trade

legislation promoted by our state government. I am not trying to promote a political argument, but all you must do is look at our Department of Ecology press releases to see the problem. The cap-and-trade legislation required business to obtain allowances equal to their covered greenhouse gas emissions. The allowances are purchased on a quarterly basis in auctions conducted by the Department of Ecology. In the first quarter auction, the Dept raised \$300 million. The second-quarter auction results were even higher at \$480 million. That is almost \$800 million in just 2 quarters. This is now \$800 million of extra revenue to the State. Call it whatever you want, but I believe that all revenue collected by the government is in effect a tax. We all know that ultimately, we, the consumers, pay the tax, whether it is a direct tax like the sales tax, or a “hidden” fee that is then collected in increased prices by our cable company or gas station. Of course, increasing gas prices are driving more people to consider an electric vehicle which might well be part of the goal. The same day that I paid \$5.36/gallon at Redmond Costco, I also filled up at the Yakima Costco for \$4.97. Go figure.

Electrical Grid & EV's. I believe that collectively we are ignoring our electrical grid when we so heavily promote EVs. Can the grid support a huge increase in EVs? What is the source of that electricity? Most experts would agree that it is easier to control emissions at the electric generation plant than at an individual internal combustion vehicle, but the source of that electricity is still a very valid concern. Several times over the past few years I have summarized the source of energy used by Puget Sound Energy, the electrical supplier to much of our club membership. PSE issues an annual report with source numbers that are reviewed by our Utilities Commission. The latest numbers are for the calendar year 2021 and show that 54% of PSE's energy is derived from coal or natural gas. This is down from 56% in 2018. However, the percentage of energy reported by PSE from hydroelectric has actually reduced from 32% to 24%. Clearly, we haven't built any new dams and while we have removed some minor dams, I suspect the bigger problem in this report is that there is simply a higher electric demand from 2018 to 2021, so the limited amount from hydro is a smaller percentage of the total. In those

same 3 years wind electric generation has increased from 10% to 12%, but solar remains at less than 1%. The most disturbing number in the 2021 PSE report is that they report 9% of the electricity fuel mix is from “unspecified” sources. I find it incomprehensible that the sophisticated engineers at PSE can't determine where almost 10% of their energy mix is sourced. Is this report flawed? I suspect the “Unspecified” number masks a source that PSE and the Utilities Commission would rather not report. These are not secret numbers; you can find them on PSE's website and are mailed annually to every PSE customer with their invoices.

Continuing random EV comments, I find it comical the projections of some of our EV manufacturers. In the July column I reported on Fisker Automotive's planned production schedule. To recap, their forecast was for 300 vehicles in the first quarter, 8000 in the second quarter and 15,000 in the third quarter for a 2023 total of 40,000. In that column I had suggested that the rapid increase in production was probably not possible. Fisker has revised their forecasts due to a much slower start. Second quarter production forecast is now for 1,400-1,700 total and then 6,000/month in Q3 and Q4 for a total of around 32,000-36,000 for the year. This new forecast is even less believable, that they will go from 1,700 in a quarter to 6,000 every month for the balance of the year. Fisker reports that their order book shows 58,000 firm orders, so they clearly need to try to show that they are ramping up production to satisfy those orders.

Safety First. That is a topic that those of us who autocross hear at every driver's meeting. It is also a concept that is foremost at our club events. When we have an overnight club event with dinner and drinks, we try to eliminate or minimize any driving. You have seen that on the Loop Tour or Wet Weekend. Alcohol and driving (whether an EV or Corvette) do not mix well. We all enjoy spirited driving with our Corvettes, but our goal is still safe spirited driving on our tours. It only takes one slight miscalculation to create a tragedy. Please keep this in mind as we enjoy driving our Corvettes. As I was writing this column the safety topic was raised by Judy as she read a report that two SCCA autocross participants had been killed in a July incident in Packwood, WA. Apparently one vehicle continued past the finish line and struck another participant and a solid structure. Both the driver and the other participant died. I wouldn't be surprised if this incident doesn't ultimately increase our autocross event insurance and even the CMCS insurance costs as our insurance carrier(s) assess the risks of automotive events. P.S. We have heard that the driver had a heart attack.



Parades

by John Kamm

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Well, the Parade season is a thing of the past for this year. I want to say a big THANK YOU to all who were able to help by being in parades this year. You guys really rocked.

I know everyone had a blast and we did do some great things. Such as doing three major Seafair parades within 24 hours. They were Mountlake Terrace, West Seattle and Des Moines. We were seen by 800K+ viewers, counting TV coverage (Torchlight parade) and parade attendance. Our club looked very good and highlighted with our windshield banners in all events. A plus is that we have been asked to return already by every parade group we were involved in this year. This does not normally happen until the next year, so that is a very good thing.

So, it's time for a bit of a break and then get back at it in 2024. There will be new events we can attend. Also, we may be saying good bye to such parades as the Greenwood community Seafair parade.

What is really great now is that, with the exception of the Torchlight parade, ALL the other parades are now for all Corvettes, not just rag tops like years past. So, if you have not been involved, think about being in a parade, or if you have been with us, please think about being more involved next year. Thanks again, for making this year so special and great.

There is one last parade, and this is for your biggest metal car. The Woodinville lighted car parade. I'll have more on that next month.

Charity Silent Auction & General Membership Meeting

Griot's Garage

3333 S 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409

(800) 345-5789

Saturday November 11th

Schedule

11 am to Noon: Griot's Car Care Demonstration

Noon to 1 pm: CMCS General Meeting

1 to 2 pm: Catered Lunch (Cost TBD)

Silent Auction throughout the event.

<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5281471>

Donations Appreciated

Contact: Chad Gudjonson (206) 931-3912

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - Oct. 7th



by Dave Cayton
CMCS Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator

Our next Adopt-a-Highway cleanup is on Saturday Oct 7th. We still need a few club members to volunteer to help 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 for a few hours.

If you are interested, please see the CMCS website for more details and to register for this fun event. Remember, you get to keep any good stuff that you find! So far, the record is a \$400 cell phone!

Thank you!

October General Membership Meeting

Saturday October 21st

2 to 4 pm

Black Diamond Bakery & Restaurant
32805 Railroad Ave, Black Diamond, WA

Order off the Menu

Stay tuned for a possible caravan

Register on the CMCS website:

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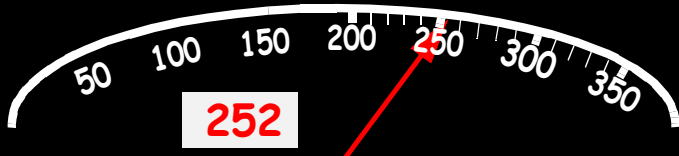
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The Membership Tachometer

by Lynn Boyd



Nick Schmidgall is waiting for his **2024 Corvette Stingray** to be delivered. It is a red C8 with a build date the week of October 9th. Nick was born and raised in Issaquah and graduated from the University of Washington Foster School of Business in 2019. He currently runs his online business, Acsellerators.com, full-time. He specializes in all sorts of collectibles and toys, and got into Corvettes through his love of model cars. Nick is happy to be a part of the club! And we are happy that he joined.

October Birthdays

Marc Gillette	2	Angie Alcott	14	Mike Gaz	18
Kendall Kunz	4	Harlan Morris	14	Nika Cayton	19
Ron Wuesthoff	4	Gil Schoos	14	Greg Masciana	24
Jason Hernandez	5	Linda Scott	15	Jill Grant	25
Stephen Yabroff	6	Celia Forrester	16	Carol Hill	25
Dwain Knollman	7	Lou Arnoldi	17	Phillip Curtis	26
Gary Bachmeier	11	Candy Cavalier	17	Steve Conover	27
Joe Showaker	11	Dustin Carlson	18		

September General Meeting Minutes

by Robert Stone

Tuscano's Italian Kitchen, Monroe

September 23, 2023, 2pm



Committee Chairs / Representative - REPORTS:

Membership: Lynn Boyd : We currently have 252 members. We have two new members with us today:

Nick Schmidgall has a 2024 Corvette on order. Born and raised in Issaquah. He runs his own business. His collection of model cars is what led him to Corvettes. He has a red C8 on order and it now has a VIN, with a build date of the week of 10/9.

Joe Songstad joined this past March. He has a 2015 red Z06 convertible, with a 7-speed manual transmission.

Newsletter: Oran Petersen: Not present, no report. He always needs cars for the cover of the newsletter, get in touch with him if you would like your car on the cover.

Website: Shaun Hayes: Added a feature to the website that shows the next four membership meetings at the top of the event page. Send him any pictures you want to post to the website.

Facebook: Linda Scott: We now have 1300 views with 739 followers. Since Meta took over things have changed, and a new learning process has started. There are two pages, the group page gives you full access. To enter the group, click on the three dots at the upper right. If you have anything you want to post, send her a text with what you want posted.

Parades: John Kamm: Not present, Dave reported. The only parade left is the Woodinville lighted car parade in December. Three major Sea Fair parades were done in a 24-hour period. A lot of people live and on TV (estimated at 800,000) saw the parades. The cars displayed a CMCS banner, and the announcers mentioned the club's name, so we had a lot of exposure to the public.

Adopt-a-Highway: Dave Cayton: The next cleanup is on Sunday, October 7; sign up on our web site. We need three more volunteers.

NCM: Kevin Wilson: Not present, Robert reported. Kevin will have an article in the next OYM including the 29th NCM anniversary celebration. There is a special NCM Lifetime membership offer available through the end of the year in honor of Corvette's 70th anniversary for a tax deductible and reduced price of \$1953. The usual price is \$2500. He passed around raffle ticket applications. There is a \$20 ticket that would make a great Christmas gift.

NWACC: Ken Jones: Not present, Dave reported. The annual NWACC banquet will happen this year. It is on November 4th, at the Ridge Motor Sport facility in Shelton. He will have the event posted soon.

Sponsor: Steve Yabroff: All new Corvettes will be MSRP except for the Z06 and the E-Ray versions.

Charity: Diane & Chad Gudjonson and Mike & Dawn Gaz: Mike was not present, Chad reported. There will be a silent auction at the November general meeting. Let him know about anything you would like to donate, send him pictures and bring the items to the November meeting. The meeting is at Griot's Garage in Tacoma and the cost will be \$30 to \$35 for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

2024 NCM Caravan: Shaun Hayes & Steve Yabroff: Steve reported. The hotel list was released to everyone who has registered. If you are going, make your reservations ASAP. Since the departure from Evergreen is early in the morning, Steve is trying to get a block of rooms near Evergreen for those who want to go to Issaquah the night before. The PNW group has 250 signed up. For the group leaving Issaquah there are 74 cars with 134 people and from CMCS there are 18 cars and 32 people.

All Corvette Show: Marvin Scott: Nothing to report.

Autocross: Kevin Jewell: Not present, no report. Autocross season is over.

Board/Officer - REPORTS:

Vice President: Dave Cayton: Please let him know if you would like to volunteer for any board positions. He needs to know before December if you are interested.

Treasurer: Kevin Wilson: Not present, Robert reported. The books are balanced and up to date. We are in good financial shape. He has copies of the August financial reports available for review. He offered for sale: club tour radios for \$35, CMCS license plate shields for \$20, CMCS metal shields for \$15, and CMCS window clings for free.

Secretary: Robert Stone: Asked for any corrections to the August meeting minutes as published in the September OYM newsletter.

Motion received, seconded, and approved to accept August membership meeting minutes as published in the OYM.

2 Year Activities/1 Year Activities: Steve Weigel/Lars Posthumus: Lars not present, Steve reporting. The next meeting will be on October 21 at the Black Diamond Bakery with a caravan. The LeMay Car Museum will be opening its Corvette display on October 7. We are invited to bring our cars and park in the courtyard.

October 7th there is a car show at Pacific Raceway. Bruce will get information as soon as possible.

On Halloween there is a **Trunk Or Treat** event at Pacific Raceway. Bruce will get the information as soon as possible.

Past President: Shaun Hayes: Nothing to report.

President: Bruce Boyd: Not present, no report.

General Business:

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

50/50 Drawing: The drawing raised \$135, the winner of half the collection was Steve Yabroff, the other half of the proceeds go to the General Motors Automotive Service Education Program (GM-ASEP) scholarship fund at Shoreline Community College.

Next General Meeting: October 21, 2023 - 2-4 PM. Black Diamond Bakery, Black Diamond, WA.

Next Board Meeting: October 12, 2023 - 5 PM Family Pancake House 17621 Redmond Way, Redmond.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:37PM.

The Legendary Duo: Exploring the History of Muncie Transmissions and the Corvette

by Danette Sawin



When it comes to iconic American muscle cars, the Corvette stands in a league of its own. However, behind every great machine, there is often a hidden hero. In the case of the Corvette, that hero is the Muncie transmission. So lets unravel the history of Muncie transmissions and their inseparable connection with the Corvette.

In the late 1930s, General Motors recognized the need for a more robust and durable manual transmission to meet the increasing power demands of their

vehicles. In response, Muncie Gear Works, a company located in Muncie, Indiana, was enlisted to develop a transmission that could handle the power and torque of high-performance engines.

Muncie Gear Works, with its expertise and commitment to quality, introduced the first Muncie transmission in 1940. This early transmission, known as the Muncie Powerglide, was a groundbreaking design that set the stage for future developments.

Muncie Transmissions and the First Corvette:

Fast forward to the early 1950s, Chevrolet unveiled the first-ever Corvette at the 1953 Motorama auto show. Equipped with a six-cylinder engine and a two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission, the initial Corvette model lacked the performance expected from a true sports car.

However, everything changed in 1955 when Chevrolet introduced the V8 engine to the Corvette lineup. Alongside this upgrade, the Corvette received a significant enhancement in the form of the Muncie three-speed manual transmission. This transmission, known as the Muncie M20, offered improved gear ratios and durability, providing drivers with enhanced performance and control.

The 1960s marked a turning point for both Muncie transmissions and the Corvette. In 1963, the Corvette Stingray was introduced, boasting a sleek and aggressive design. Alongside this iconic model, Muncie unveiled a new



transmission, the Muncie M22, commonly referred to as the “Rock Crusher.”

The Muncie M22 was a close-ratio four-speed manual transmission that catered to the growing demand for high-performance vehicles. Its unique gear ratios and robust construction made it the perfect match for the Corvette Stingray's powerful engines. The Muncie M22 became synonymous with the Corvette's performance-oriented driving experience, and its reputation as a reliable and durable transmission only grew stronger.

As the automotive industry embraced advancements in technology, the demand for manual transmissions began to decline. In 1974, production of the Muncie transmissions ceased due to changing market preferences and the introduction of automatic and overdrive transmissions.

However, the legacy of Muncie transmissions lives on. Corvette enthusiasts and collectors still seek out classic models equipped with original Muncie transmissions as a testament to their rich history and the thrilling driving experience they provide.

The history of Muncie transmissions and their close relationship with the Chevrolet Corvette is one of innovation, performance, and legendary status. From the early days of the Powerglide to the iconic M22 Rock Crusher, Muncie transmissions played a pivotal role in shaping the Corvette's reputation as an American automotive icon.

While time and technology have evolved, the spirit of the Muncie transmissions and the Corvette continues to captivate automotive enthusiasts worldwide. As we look ahead, we remain grateful for the engineering marvels and the memorable moments they have provided throughout history.

Mike Klumb Gets an Alan C. WALKER Award

Mike attended the **Corvettes on the Columbia** show in August, sponsored by the 3 Rivers Corvette Club in the 'Tri-Cities. He won the award for "Best Red Vette". Congratulations Mike! Mike has been a CMCS member since June of 2014 and owns a 2006 Victory Red Convertible.



Holiday Party & Membership Meeting ***Everett Golf and Country Club*** ***1500 52nd St SE, Everett, WA 98203*** ***December 9th***

Noon: no host cash bar (ATM on site)

1 pm: Buffet Lunch: (beef & chicken, garlic roasted potatoes, salad, vegetable dish, dessert.

2 pm: CMCS General Meeting: approval of 2024 dues & Frank Olsheski Award

3 pm: White elephant gift exchange (One per person. \$10 max)

Registration Deadline: November 25th (\$74 each)
Register on the CMCS website:

<https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5432313>

Coordinator: Robert Stone
Holiday Attire Welcome

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report

by Kevin Wilson (Local NCM Ambassador)
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As we enter October and early fall, hopefully we will see some more sunny days with chances to get out our Corvettes to enjoy some fall color touring here in the scenic Pacific Northwest. Meanwhile, all the way across the nation in Kentucky, there is plenty going on at the National Corvette Museum, and here is some information from our friends there to share with you this month.

Key messages from the NCM 29th Anniversary celebration in early September:

The theme of which was “Adrenaline meets Tradition”. Those of you who follow my columns realize over the last year and a half or so that the NCM has re-built the leadership team following the appointment of Sharon Brawner as President and CEO. The team has been working diligently to position the museum for continued success now and into the future. As part of the National Corvette Museum's 29th Anniversary celebration, the NCM wanted to share some key updates and highlights from Saturday's opening Membership session, presented by National Corvette Museum President and CEO Sharon Brawner, and National Corvette Museum Board Members Kai Spande and Kaye Wagner.



- The Mission of educating worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette has never been more important, and recent updates like the addition of Skywall in the iconic Skydome help to tell the story to new audiences.
- The Museum continues to operate on sturdy financial ground, with a strong balance sheet that gives them the ability to create new exhibits, programming and more.
- The NCM holding company entities, including NCMI and the Motorsports Park (MSP), continue to grow and are financially healthy. This is an incredible story, especially the Motorsports Park, which has faced weather setbacks

(remember the hurricane?) over the past two years. At MSP alone, you'll see a rebuilt and reimagined Holley Tower and Kimberlee A Fast Pavilion opening in 4th Quarter.

- The NCM's commitment to the 2022-2028 strategic objectives, including American Association of Museum (AAM) accreditation, growing the earned revenue streams, and targeting new generations of Corvette Enthusiasts, sets the NCM up for incredible growth and opportunity for the future.
- The Museum Campus approach means strategically adding new parcels of land around the NCM, allowing them a level of control around their iconic properties and gives them the ability to ensure everything around the campus is in service to the Corvette Community.
- Capital improvements to the NCM are keeping the Museum relevant and fresh, while furthering their ability to meet AAM accreditation. Operational upgrades to protect the collection include an improved HVAC system, security system, and access control, while the addition of The Stingray Grill, a refreshed Corvette Store, the new McMichael Family Education Gallery, and more contribute to a memorable and impactful Museum experience for members and guests. Some of the enhancements - like the addition of the LED Skywall - help the NCM tell their story to new audiences and also showcases the history of the Corvette with such impact it stops guests in their tracks. Combined with the most recent exhibit, "An American Love Affair: 70 years of Corvette", this new immersive experience alone is worth paying the Museum a visit.
- With wait times peaking at more than an hour, the NCM is excited to welcome two new Corvette Racing Simulators into the museum in 4th Quarter. These new racing simulators will allow for head-to-head racing, in either a new C7 or C8, all in a reimagined space that captures the essence of Corvette racing. This enhancement compliments the timing of a new Corvette Store digital retail experience, which puts a bigger spotlight on the incredible selection of new NCM merchandise backed up by an entirely new, optimized user experience featuring seamless payment and tracking of purchases.

These investments allow the NCM to respect the history of the Museum itself, while also providing the tools and careful perspective to ensure long term success. The NCM wishes to thank those of us who provide support for the museum through our donations, volunteer work, Corvette Raffles (see further on in this column!), Museum store purchases and more. Much like the first engineers and designers who worked tirelessly to bring the idea of an American Sportscar to life in the early 1950's, the museum Board and Staff work tirelessly to fuel the success of the National Corvette Museum for generations to come.

Celebrating The Early Roots Of Corvette At 'The Glen': On October 2, 1948, the small village of Watkins Glen, New York began a new chapter in the history of American motorsports. The village hosted the inaugural Watkins Glen Grand Prix, the first major road race held in the United States after World War II. Daring men raced their machines around a 6.6-mile course, which combined the village streets and county roads winding through the woods south of Seneca Lake.

The Watkins Glen Grand Prix became an annual event, and in 1951 Harley J. Earl attended the race. Known today as the “Father of the Corvette,” Earl was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame's first class in 1998. As the head of General Motors Styling, he came to Watkins Glen to display his GM dream car, the Le Sabre. But what made the biggest impression on Earl was the thousands of fans cheering for all the European makes. He later credited this visit to “The Glen” as the inspiration for designing the Corvette, “America's Sports Car.”

In September, the National Corvette Museum returned to these fabled streets for the Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend. This event celebrates the early days of racing through the village. Corvette was the featured marque for this year's festival, taking part in a special “Showcase of Speed” display of Corvette race cars.

Piloted by Brian Baker, National Corvette Museum Director of Education and Community Outreach, the Museum's Mobil 1 Corvette Stingray paced some of the most famous Corvette race cars in history. Baker led a rare opportunity to run several laps of the original street circuit in front of 20,000 cheering fans, retracing those early racing lines that made “The Glen” iconic.



Following the pace laps, Baker presented a session, “70 years of the Corvette in popular culture” on Saturday evening. The presentation included stories, themes, music, and advertisements from the Museum's latest exhibit, “An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette.” Hosted by the International Motor Racing Research Center, other discussion topics included the Solid-Axle Corvettes by noted author Alan Blay, who drove his 1953 C1 #76 From Merrick NY for the weekend.

The National Corvette Museum was honored to represent our members and the Corvette community at this historic gathering. Harley Earl's visit in 1951, and the birth of Corvette 70 years ago, are forever tied to the colorful history of auto racing in Watkins Glen.

Discover the magic of Watkins Glen with Brian Baker's captivating video tour (22 Minutes on You Tube) - it's a journey you won't want to miss!

“Touring The Watkins Glen Historic Course”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yee50Q_17Bk

Special pricing on NCM Lifetime Membership: To celebrate America's love affair with Corvette and the icon's 70th Anniversary, the NCM is rolling back lifetime membership prices to \$1,953 through the end of the year! Join over 38,000 Corvette enthusiasts from across the globe by becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum! You can purchase your lifetime membership, or other membership levels, and discover other unique ways to support the museum here:

<https://corvettestore.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=memberships>



If you decide to join the NCM at any membership level, please let me know so our club gets credit for your joining.

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). Or make it easy & just purchase your entry from me at a meeting. Here is the current Raffle line-up:

2024 2024 Build Your Own Corvette
Stingray or \$80,000
Price: \$250
Limited to 1500 Tickets
Drawing: October 19, 2023 2:00 PM



2024 2024 Hypersonic Gray Coupe
Price: \$150
Limited to 1500 Tickets
Drawing: November 16, 2023 2:00 PM



2024 2024 Red Mist Convertible
Price: \$20 Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 27, 2024 3:00 PM
These are the inexpensive tickets that make great gifts & why not give it a shot for yourself too?



Here is the latest lucky Corvette Raffle winner:

9/2/2023: The 2024 Arctic White Coupe was won by Hilton R. Maddox of El Paso, TX with Ticket #2742. Tickets were \$20 each and Unlimited.

Current National Corvette Museum Events: This month marks the official end of Summer and the events scheduled by the NCM are well underway, so keep an eye on this column. Also, there are still a few spots left in the Southwest Parks trip (which is the closest trip to us). 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) You can check the NCM website for more details about them and sign up for them here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/>

- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) 10/2 - 10/7; (Closed, waitlisted)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) 10/9 - 10/14; (Full, Waitlisted)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) 10/16 - 10/21; (Full, Waitlisted)
- MiM NYC: America's City 10/22 - 10/26; (Registration Open)
- MiM NCM Corvette Racing Weekend @ The AACA Museum, 10/26-10/28 (Reg. Open)
- MiM 2024 Daytona Rolex 24; January 24 - January 29, 2024 (Full, Waitlisted)

Did you know: The National Corvette Museum offers great insurance coverage for your Corvette, new or old, and other collector vehicles as well? I've got both my Corvettes insured through them at a bargain price compared to other Collector Car Insurance. Located inside the National Corvette Museum, the NCM Insurance Agency offers collector vehicle insurance, car club liability insurance, and HDPE insurance. NCM insurance programs are not just limited to Corvettes but any model collector vehicle! Since April of 2009, The NCM Insurance Agency's mission is to be the premier client-centered provider of collector car insurance to automotive enthusiasts and collectors residing in all 50 states. Their coverage and prices and service run circles around the competition, just like our Corvettes! If you decide to insure with the NCM, please let me know so our club gets credit for it. You can find details and get a quote here: "Collector & Classic Car Insurance/NCM Insurance"

<https://www.ncminsurace.com/>



Saturday Socials - Plum Delicious Restaurant

3212 Sunset Blvd NE, Renton, WA 98056

Breakfast most Saturdays at 8:30 am

Oran Petersen - Social Coordinator

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(425) 435-8836 (Cell phone talk or text)

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

The dates are listed in this newsletter's Activity List, but are not listed on the CMCS website calendar. We meet every Saturday except when other CMCS events conflict with the date/time.

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. Hope to see you there.

For Sale - 1999 Pewter Metallic Coupe



CMCS Member Chuck Geyer (206) 349-3238

Never been in the rain, summer fun driver only. Near factory condition. Automatic, leather, 12 disc CD changer, Bose stereo, both tops (painted and glass), rolling rack for second top, all original, remote keyless entry, cruise control, power locks and windows, tire pressure monitoring, fog lights, memory driver's seat, two covers. **Must see to appreciate!**

For Sale - 2015 Black Z06/Z07



Lucas: (206) 799-4494

2LZ, 7-Speed, Carbon Fiber Exposed Roof, Z07 package, Aero Package, Bose Speakers, CCB Bakes.

Modification: (3,000 miles on modifications)

Replacement Motor (12,000 miles), BTR Stage 2 Full Cam kit and Springs, High Flow Catted, Down Pipes, 18% Lower Pulley, 4-inch Intake, Meth Injection, McLeod 1,000hp Clutch (3k miles)

Notes: Modification and Tuning Completed By Carburetor Connection in Kirkland WA, Front Brake Pads Recently Replaced, MPS 4S Tires, Full Sound Deadened Trunk, DSC Sport V4 (Included)

Car can be tuned without meth at the buyer's request.

Can was in a small fender bender and the front bumper needed to be repainted. Tires are in good condition and won't need to be replaced for at least a few 4,000 miles.

I will have a fresh oil change completed for the buyer as well.

Activities Current as of 10/2/23

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

October 2023

10/7	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
10/7	CMCS Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Event Page 13 https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5254996	Activity
10/12	CMCS Board Meeting. Redmond Family Pancake House. https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5255000	Board
10/14	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
10/21	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
10/21	CMCS General Meeting. Black Diamond Bakery & Restaurant. Register on website. 2 pm start. Order from menu. Caravan possible. Page 13 https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5390578	Meeting
10/28	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social

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11/04	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
11/09	CMCS Board Meeting. Redmond Family Pancake House. https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5254997	Board
11/11	No Social due to conflict with the meeting/auction.	Social
11/11	CMCS General Meeting & Charity Silent Auction. Griot's Garage Page 12 https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5281471	Meeting
11/18	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
11/25	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social

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12/2	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
12/9	NO SOCIAL due to the holiday meeting	Social
12/9	CMCS Holiday Membership Meeting. Everett Golf and Country Club Page 20 https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5432313	Meeting
12/14	CMCS Board Meeting. Redmond Family Pancake House. https://www.corvettemarqueclub.com/event-5254994	Board
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12/30	Social Plum Delicious 8:30 am Page 25	Social
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August 2024

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