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During the week before our tour to Tokeland, Josette sent out her usual emails to the club informing every one of the tour and asking for a note back from those who planned to attend. We could tell something special was about to happen by the number of affirmative responses.

So we were delighted, but not surprised, when 20 of our club corvettes showed up at Barnes and Noble before our planned 8:30 departure. Drivers and passengers included: Denny and Josette, Lee Cousineau, Brian and Betsy, Will and Marilyn, Bob, Carla (without Arthur), Carolyn, Brian and Peggy, Tom and Donna Oenning (prospective members), George and Lynne Chapple (prospective members), Mark and Kathe, Frank, Bill and his friend John Holcolm, Larry and Maggie, Linus and Mary Alice, Don and Cynthia, Mike and Connie, Charmaine and her friend Jan, Anne, and Shoshanah.



After a short drivers' (and passengers') meeting, we headed west on Cooper Point road for the freeway, turned right onto 101 N and drove in moderate traffic for a few miles to the Mud Bay Road Exit.

George Schwartz had warned us by email that a portion of Delphi Road near the freeway was under construction and spelled out an alternate route. So we followed his advice by driving down Mud Bay Rd, crossing over 101 N on 2nd, and turning left on McKenzie Rd, which wound back to Delphi Rd.

The weather was exceptionally nice as we drove south on Delphi Rd before turning right on Waddell Creek Rd.



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1. Develop friendship and pride among Corvette owners and drivers,
2. Encourage skillful, safe and sportsmanlike driving habits on the highways,
3. Improve relations between the community and Corvette people,
4. Actively promote, sponsor, organize, and supervise sports car competition, outings, meetings and other Corvette or sports car activities.

Annual membership dues are Family—\$55.00, Single—\$27.50. Monthly meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Hawk's Prairie Restaurant. Meetings are open to any and all Corvette enthusiasts.

Visit us on the web at: www.corvettesdeolympia.org

Next Meeting

Nov 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



This is the season for Thanksgiving. I, for one, am thankful for this fine club and the chance to be involved in it's leadership.

I look forward to seeing where we've been at the End of Year Celebration, and enjoying the entertainment, fine food and time together.

And I look forward to this year's Chuck Byre award, where we will vote for a member who has provided outstanding service to the club.

I hope you will join us.

Save the Wave,

Anne

What's Next

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Past Presidents

Corvettes de Olympia

1972	Rich Lockhart
1973	Larry Johnson
1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
1976	Ralph Adams
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2000	Randy Harris
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2002	Peggy Rogers
2003	Peggy Rogers
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2005	Vince Puntenev
2006	Vince Puntenev
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2008	Peggy Rogers
2009	Meagan Renick
2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick
2013	Anne Wax

Tokeland Day Tour by Denny Miller cont'd from pg. 1

We followed Waddle Creek many turns through the woods and past various camping grounds.

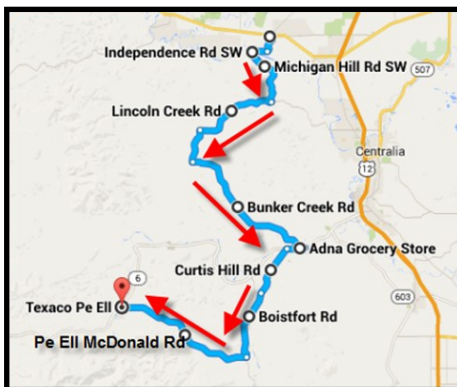


Sadly, a diesel truck and larger trailer pulled out in front of us and became a stink-pot lead vehicle for about five miles. I hoped at the time that this was not a sign of what was to come. For the most part it wasn't until we hit Blue Slough Road in the afternoon that we were slowed down again— but I will cover that part of the trip later.

The truck pulled off at Maytown Road, which allowed us to charge forward with few cars in sight. We drove down Mima Road, then enjoyed the many turns on Gate Road, crossed the railroad tracks just before we turned left on Moon Road. As it always does, Moon Road took us to Highway 12, where we turned left and headed for Bailey's IGA in Rochester for a break.



After the break we headed south out of Rochester on Albany St, where we passed by Fred Millstead, who was waving from his driveway because he had stayed home with a cold. From there, we wound our way down about a dozen country roads to our next stop. Rather than name all the roads, here is a map of our route.



Most of the roads were familiar to long-term CdeO members, but they remained a treat. We did something new by driving the Pe Ell McDonald Rd. It proved to be a wonderful mix of hills, curves, and wooded forests – a very nice road to drive indeed!



Upon arrival at the Texaco Station in Pe Ell, our 20 cars filled the parking lot. The place had but one bathroom so we had an extended stay so most of us enjoyed our time in the fall sun.



At the drivers' meeting before heading out on the final stretch to Tokeland, we warned everyone that there most likely would be slow Sunday drivers that we would need to pass. We headed west on Highway 6 toward Raymond, and it turned out we had the west bound lane to ourselves.

Once past Raymond, Highway 105 to Tokeland was almost as empty. We had an easy drive, allowing us to enjoy the scenery along Willapa Bay.



Tokeland Day Tour: by Denny Miller, Cont'd

We arrived at our lunch destination, the Sand Verbena restaurant, a little late at 12:15 PM, and were greeted by a sign in their door that they were closed to the public for a Corvette Club luncheon.



That was a good thing because our 20 cars filled up the parking lot.



And filled the restaurant as well.



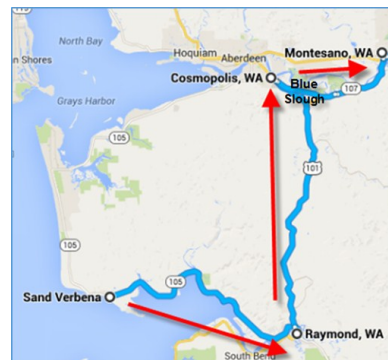
Here is a view out their window.



And here is a fuzzy picture of the whole gang in front of our cars just before we left for Blue Slough Road.



We had a simple plan for driving home as outlined in the map below.



As shown, we headed back east on highway 105 to Raymond.



Then went north on highway 101 to the outskirts of Cosmopolis.



Then drove our beloved Blue Slough Road.



Here we are at the end of Blue Slough Road, waiting to turn left on Highway 107.



Finally, we stopped back at the Montesano Chevron station for our final break.



All good things must come to an end so, after a lively break, we headed back to Olympia on the freeway. This was a most excellent tour.

p.s. Thank you Betsy, Carla and Marilyn for the pictures for this report.

Test Your Knowledge:

The original Corvette was designed by famed GM stylist Harley Earl. Its name derives from what fast-moving World War II era.



Chuck Byre Award

By Anne

I would like to remind everyone that our club has an annual Chuck Byre Outstanding Member award, which serves to acknowledge the person who most contributed to the club's experience for the year.

Chuck was one of the highly respected early members of Corvettes de Olympia. Unfortunately, Chuck was killed in an industrial accident. In his honor, the club established this annual award in his name.

We choose the recipient of this award by a secret vote of the membership and we announce the recipient at the annual year-end party.

I encourage each of you in the club to vote at either the November meeting or the End of Year Celebration for the club member who exemplifies Chuck's qualities of enthusiasm, hard work, dedication to bettering the club, and involvement in activities.

The winner will receive a traveling plaque with their name inscribed along with the prior honorees.

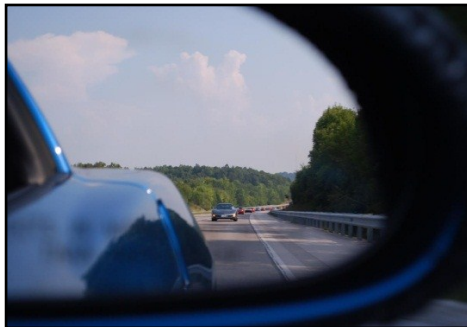


National Corvette Museum 20th Anniversary: by Don and Meghan Evans

After months of preparation, planning, and waiting with baited breath, the day had finally arrived; the kick off to the 2014 National Corvette Museum Caravan back to Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Pacific Northwest leg of the Caravan, led by Captain Robin Forrer, left Suburban Chevrolet in Sandy, Oregon Friday, August 22nd.

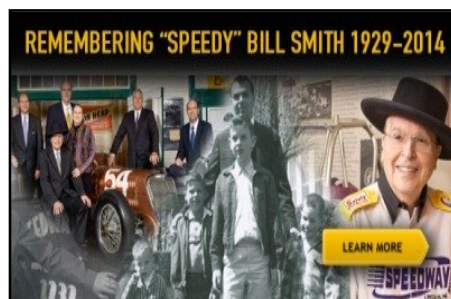
Our route was thoughtfully laid out with stops at various Chevrolet dealerships, meet ups with local Corvette Clubs and, visits to local attractions. After leaving Sandy, the caravan wound its way through Pasco, Washington to Worley, Idaho, for our first night stop. During the day, Spokane Corvette club, as well as the Seattle leg of the Caravan connected up with us.

Day two took us through Missoula, Bozeman and, Billings, Montana where arrangements were made to see a 1953 Corvette: the oldest corvette still in existence with the production number, 003. Also on display was the C6 ZO6 having VIN number: 001! During the first 24 hours of traveling, we encountered wind, rain, sun, thunderstorms and lightening. It seemed that even though we were travelling further away from the NW, the weather was following us!



Day three the Caravan drove through the wide open lands of Wyoming, stopping for lunch in Casper before arriving for the night in Cheyenne. Here, Captain Robin, arranged for the group to have the opportunity to tour the beautiful and historic train depot museum. The following day, the caravan was heading to Lincoln, Nebraska. Again, suggested points of interest included the Great Platte River Road Archway in Kearney, Nebraska. In about an hour, we experienced 170 years of American history through film, computer graphics and re-enactors. We decided to take a break and check this out. When we finally arrived in Lincoln, not only were we welcomed to the hotel with exceptional hospitality but, we found our group had grown to almost 400 Corvettes! Lincoln capped the night off for us by giving a beautiful lightening show!

Prior to leaving Lincoln, Nebraska on day four, the caravan had the opportunity to tour the Smith Collection Museum of American Speed;



This is a facility dedicated to preserving and interpreting physical items significant in racing and automotive history. A fascinating stop! That night, the Caravan stayed in Columbia, Missouri. Here, the Mid-Missouri Corvette Club helped throw an amazing BBQ at the Missouri Auction Yard. Besides the amazing food, Caravan participants got to check out vendors selling everything from Corvette merchandise to local wines and even an opportunity to get the car washed while helping with the local Make A Wish Foundation! Certified Chevrolet technicians were also on site ready to answer any questions or give the Corvette a checkup, ensuring things were in great working order before making its grand entrance into the National Corvette Museum, the following day!

National Corvette Museum 20th Anniversary: by Don and Meghan Evans, cont..

Day six was filled with excitement and anticipation from the moment we gathered for the final driver's meeting before making our way to Morgantown, Kentucky where we would stage and await the official Kentucky State Police escort into Bowling Green. Once in Morgantown, about 20 miles from Bowling Green,



we waited two hours before getting under way. Unfortunately, what should have been a smooth and quick trip through the city and into the Museum's grounds, took more than two hours as confusion set in and escorts were lost in the excitement. Just when it seemed like we would never get there, the line of cars turned a corner and there was the NCM logo! We had arrived! It was a tender, bittersweet moment for the Evans duo as it signified this leg of our journey coming to an end and a coming home for our car !



After completing our lap of the Museum's grounds, we parked and got registered. Over the next few days, Caravan participants had so many options of activities to do, lectures to hear, vendors to see and of course, the museum tour itself that showcased the sink hole and the salvaged cars. Regardless of the number of pictures seen, or stories heard, witnessing the mangled and gnarled Corvettes on display and having the opportunity to read the story behind the car: who owned it, what the car means to the family, and why it was donated, truly captured our hearts.

Saturday, August 30th, the Evans' packed the Corvette, made one last stop by the museum to take a few pictures, and bid the facility a fond farewell, or at least, until the next caravan!

National Corvette Museum 20th Anniversary: by Don and Meghan Evans con cont.



When final numbers were calculated, it is estimated that more than 7,000 Corvettes, and upwards of 10,000 people made the trip to Bowling Green and the National Corvette Museum. The experience was unbelievable! Aside from an amazing turn out for the Museum's 20th anniversary, the friendliness and comradery we felt by complete strangers was amazing!



This is certainly something that needs to be on any Corvette enthusiasts bucket list! Remember, "All Roads Lead to Bowling Green"!

Corvettes de Olympia End of Year Celebration

Last year we tried something new. Instead of a Christmas Party, we held an End of Year Celebration where we tried a new format that matched the fun we have had all year in autocross, tours, parties, and yes, even our monthly business meetings.

The End of Year Celebration was a success. This year's fun will include magic by George Mack "George a Magician", outstanding food by Chef Richard, a retrospective, and the Chuck Byre Outstanding Member award.

This year we will be supporting the Toys for Tots program. If you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped Christmas gift for a child.

When: The celebration will be Saturday December 6th

6:00 pm Social hour/Appetizers

6:45 pm Program and Dinner begin

Where: Talon Grill - Golf Course at Hawk's Prairie.

8383 Vicwood Ln NE Lacey, WA 98516

Cost: \$26.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity). For this price you are invited to an evening of fun, including: entertainment, dinner, appetizers, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Full No-Host Bar

Registration Deadline: November 22nd

Sign up:

At the November meeting

On our web site by credit card

Or by sending a check to:

Corvettes de Olympia

P.O. Box 2154

Olympia, WA 98507

**** Only sign up on the web site if you intend to pay by credit card.**

Any Questions??

Contact Anne (360) 870 4901 anne.wax@gmail.com

Call To Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes (Anne Wax)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn Restaurant in Lacey, followed by introductions. The meeting minutes from last month's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report (Will Trogden)

Will presented the report. Will can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested.

Committee Reports**Sponsorship Update (Peggy Rogers)**

Good till first of the year. No news.

Membership Update (Billy Smith)

Membership is up-to-date. The club voted in several new eligible members – welcome Bill Barsante, Tom and Donna Oenning!

Sunshine Chair (Brenda Johnson)

No news.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

Newsletter will be up on the web site tonight. Be sure to check out the website -- lot of great tips to touring, info on events, etc. If you have any pictures of tours or events, please upload to the website – it's easy, and you may find your picture in a slideshow! J

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

A lot of cool pictures on the website right now – 98 pictures just this week.

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

No news.

NWACC (Arthur Green)

All autocross events are done, but there will be another class this season. Give it a shot – see what it can really do! You learn the limits of your car, how to control at high speeds.

National Corvette Museum (Don and Meaghan)

Don and Meghan reported on how the caravan to the museum went. Close to 85 cars started from Portland on August 22nd. Don was impressed how much support the caravan received along the trip – police blocks in key places, and local club members came out to feed the group and help with parking.

Bowling Green was packed, the museum became a tent village. Each car that was crushed in the sink hole were highlighted with the backstory of what the car meant to their owners – very touching. .

Vette Fest X (Arthur Green)

Vette fest T-shirts are all distributed, with two extra T-shirts available in Navy Blue, Men's size 2x. See Marilyn if interested.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

Welcome to fall Corvette Season! See event calendar for details on all events.

Where We've Been:

Lake Pateros – There are 300 pictures on the web site. Started with 11 cars – beautiful trip, with great roads and excellent food. Viewed many disaster sites along the way: In Oso, saw the results of the mudslide; in Pateros, saw the fire damage that came right to the town edge.

NWACC Autocross #6 – Arthur was there, and everyone had a great time including the exchange student from Pakistan staying with Don and Cynthia.

Olympia High School Homecoming – 6 cars escorted the court. Lots of fun being a part of the festivities.

Tokeland – Great run! Excellent driving, including an ad hoc drive-by of Fred's house to say hello as he was sick. Many folks considered it one of the coolest runs in a long time.

Coming up

River Ridge – Oct 17th 0- need 8 cars, please contact Josette if you have a convertible!

Halloween party – Oct 25th – should be fun!! Duncan and Dee will be hosting. Email Josette to sign up, or the website. There will be great food and Sangria, and the much-loved Blind-folded Autocross with a beer hunt! A caravan will leave at 5:30pm from Hawks Prairie. See Duncan if you need driving directions.

NWACC Banquet – this is big event across clubs, and we have folks who have an award. There are many folks who plan to attend.

Jacket Night – Nov 8th – By popular demand, will host an event to socialize, eat dinner, and bring out our Corvette regalia (Jackets, t-shirts, etc.). Location to be determined.

Minutes of the General Meeting cont'd

Old and New Business

End of year celebration – Anne asked for volunteers to help plan the event. Larry, Wendy and Shanah will help. Budget motion requested \$500 to host the party, the club voted in budget of \$700. Charmaine volunteered to valet park Denny's new C7.

There is a conflict with the December 6th date, which is unfortunately the same as the Alliance company party (we tried to avoid this!). Discussed moving to another date, but after the meeting decided to keep the original date as planned.

Vettefest --- Executive Board is positive about doing Vettefest again this year. Will be doing some procedures to write down what worked this year. Made a motion to do a show again next year. Motion carried, and many folks volunteered to help.

Renee and Jackie are having a baby! Charmaine is hosting a baby shower at Carr's Restaurant. Contact Charmaine if you'd like to attend.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Raffle we have donations of cleaning kit, t-shirts, and cold hard cash. Also some cool leftover goodies from Vettefest!

And the Winners Are:

Cleaning Kit – Marilyn
Lo-Jack t-shirt – Bill Keller
Vintage Vettefest T-Shirt – Tom Oenning
Stan took the Zebra seat belt
Josette won the litter bag
Marilym picked up pink shoulder straps

Tom Oenning won \$30 for the 50/50, and will bring next month's prize

Meeting Adjourned



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Sunday, August 23, 2015

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Olympia, WA 98502

*For more information contact us at VetteFest@CorvettesdeOlympia.org or
visit www.CorvettesdeOlympia.org*



Upcoming Events

November

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| Sat 1st | NWACC Year-End Banquet at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn |
| Sat 8th | Jacket Night at Norma's* |
| Wed 12th | CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.* |
| Sun 30th | Olympia Downtown Holiday Parade* |

December

- | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Sat 6th | CdeO "End-of-Year" Celebration* |
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- (No business meeting in December)

* Indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more meeting places, times and additional events, visit the CdeO Event Calendar at <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org>