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Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge Tour by Wendy Forcier

The Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge Tour has always been a traditional favorite of CdeO. For many years we have looked forward to this trip and all it offers.

This year we started at QFC in South Lacey and headed out at 0800. T

To summarize the day, in our morning huddle we talked about driving to Windy Ridge for a picnic lunch via Gifford Pinchot National Forest then continue further into Gifford Nation Forest and double back to avoid the freeway home.

This was definitely not a drive to have a big breakfast before-hand.

We headed out of Lacey and headed into Yelm via Highway 510. Next it was highway 507 into Mckenna for highway 702 for 9 miles to highway 7 only to reach our favorite bathroom stop in Elbe. Where we get the usual camera shots from onlookers and customer service from the world's biggest out house.



We left Elbe and continued onto highway 7 for Randle. Here some of us purchased National Park passes at the Tatoosh Food Market, and of course another bathroom break. When we left Randle we headed for Windy Ridge by heading south on WA-131. Then the excitement began to heighten as we headed onto NFD 25, then onto NF99. We started some real white knuckle driving, but not before the seatbelt check, tire pressure check, doors locked good and tight and tops down. There was no taking your eyes off the road. Another challenge came to those with the cameras trying to capture it all in a photo.



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Corvettes de Olympia is a non-profit organization formed in 1972. Our purpose is to:

- 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

**August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA**

President's Message



Despite the heat, July was a fine month for CdeO. We participated in two parades and enjoyed a scrumptious barbeque at Jim and Karen's. Five CdeO cars competed in the Puget Sound Corvette Club Show 'n Shine and every one of our members placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. And I write this the day before we drive to Windy Ridge, one of our favorite tours!

August has just as much to offer. In recent years we've put touring on hold as we prepared for Vette Fest, but not this year. With suggestions from multiple club members, Denny has designed two new August tours – Oregon Tail of the Dragon and a "Mystery Tour."

Vette Fest is our chance to show the Corvette community and our sister clubs a good time, and have fun ourselves. Our all-Corvette car show at our sponsor, Titus-Will, comes with a barbeque, remote-controlled Corvette racing, and the Sweet Wheels ice-cream truck with amazing treats. If you have not signed up to volunteer and you want to join in the fun, please let Don or Arthur know you'd like to help. There's a place for everyone.

Save the Wave,

Anne

Past Presidents Corvettes de Olympia

1972	Rich Lockhart
1973	Larry Johnson
1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
1976	Ralph Adams
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1979	Mike Halliday
1980	Ralph Adams
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1989	Jim Turcotte
1990	Karen Johnson
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1991	Ron Zielin
1993	Roy Scioli
1994	Tom Hanson
1995	Tom Kuchman
1996	Peggy Rogers
1997	Peggy Rogers
1998	Karen Johnson
1999	Randy Harris
2000	Randy Harris
2001	Jim Turcotte
2002	Peggy Rogers
2003	Peggy Rogers
2004	Vince Puntenev
2005	Vince Puntenev
2006	Vince Puntenev
2007	Brian Cousineau
2008	Peggy Rogers
2009	Meagan Renick
2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick
2013	Anne Wax
2014	Anne Wax
2015	Anne Wax

Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge Tour by Wendy Forcier cont.



Once we reached the top Anne, Priscilla, and Wendy decided to take it upon themselves to create another challenge and climb the stairs to what looked felt like a journey to the top of the world.



While others started for a nice picnic lunch on the bleachers.



Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge Tour by Wendy Forcier cont.

Then we were blessed with some fine lunch time entertainment.



Next, it was time for a cowbell and a huddle to discuss the safety of the drive back down the hill, due to the nature of having to be on the side of the road with the cliffs and dips in the road.



Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge Tour by Wendy Forcier cont.

We doubled back down the mountain side cliffs and dips and all on NF 99 Road then turned back onto NFD-25 for some more watching real close. And did I mention a lot of signs that looked like these.



We took another break, this time at Pine Creek Info Center for some interesting reading. Then we headed for Randle again doubling back on NFD-25. WOW!

Once in Randle it was time for another much deserved break. Then headed to Elbe via WA 12 to Morton and back onto WA 7 to Elbe. It was time to drive and reflect while catching a breath at another break at the infamous Elbe bathrooms.

After we left Elbe we headed back to Yelm the same way we went out on highway 507. Yelm was the end of the road for the tour but some of us stopped in Dairy Queen on Yelm Ave. for a quick ice cream cone.

All in All.... I certainly can't wait till next year for this trip again.

PSCC Car Show Award Winners by Charmaine Millstead

Once again CdeO's members take the stage in a nice weekend Car Show and Shine at Griot's Garage. Puget Sound Corvette club was holding a Great job to the Green's, Patnoes, and Millsteads.

And the winners are:

C-5 Coup

- * Arthur Green 1st Place
- * Carla Green 2nd Place

C-6 Coup

- * Don and Meghan Evans 1st Place
- * Don Patnoe 2nd Place

C-7 Coup over 10,000 miles

- * Fred and Charmaine 1st Place





2015 Operation Backpack

Wednesday August 12 – 5:30 pm

Over a decade ago, Cdeo decided to donate backpacks stuffed with school supplies to the North Thurston School District. Randy Harris nicknamed our gig “Operation Backpack” and the name is now used county-wide.

Participation is easy:

Bring backpacks stuffed with school supplies, or even just bags of school supplies to the Hawk’s Prairie Restaurant at 5:30 pm on August 12, right before our general membership meeting. We will line up our donations for a photo-opportunity in front of our cars, and the superintendent will say a few words.

If you can’t make it at 5:30, you can call another member and give them your donation.

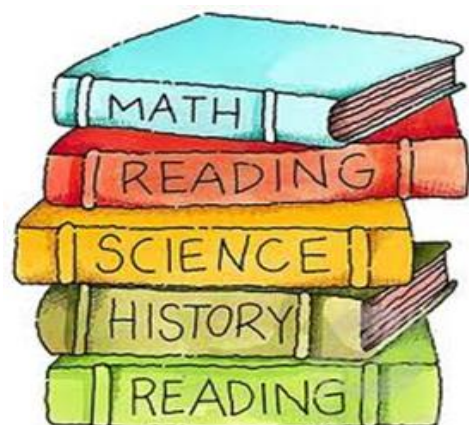
These links to the North Thurston School District tell more about the program and suggestions for supplies to donate.

This page includes a picture of CdeO lined up with our backpacks:

<http://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/Page/8307>

You can find donation ideas here:

<http://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/Page/7438>





CORVETTES DE OLYMPIA AND TITUS-WILL PRESENT



Capital City Vette Fest XI

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Titus Will Chevrolet – 2255 Carriage Loop, Olympia, WA

All-Corvette Car Show!



- NWACC Judged Show 'n' Shine
- Participant's Choice
- Display-Only Cruise-In

Trophies—Raffle prizes—Come join the fun!

Participant Choice Categories!



- Best of Show
- Best Paint
- Best Custom *and more...*

Lunch courtesy of Titus-Will!

REGISTRATION FORM (CORVETTES ONLY)

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____ NWACC MEMBER? Yes / No

YEAR: _____ COLOR: _____ MILEAGE: _____ MODEL: (check one) ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible

CLASS (check one):

Non-Judged: ☐ Participant's Choice / Display Only Cruise-in

NWACC JUDGED: ☐ C-1 ☐ C-2 ☐ C-3 ☐ C-4 ☐ C-5 Coupe ☐ C-5 Convertible
☐ C-6 Coupe ☐ C-6 Convertible ☐ C7 Coupe ☐ C7 Convertible ☐ Under 10K

Register before August 1, 2015 for discounted rate!

- ☐ NWACC Judged Show 'n' Shine (includes Participant's Choice)
☐ Participant's Choice / Display Only Cruise-in (non-judged)

Registration Fee Total

\$25 (\$30 after Aug 1) \$ _____
\$20 (\$25 after Aug 1) \$ _____

T-Shirt Deadline: August 1, 2015

(Enter Desired Number of T-Shirts Next To Size)

Men's: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL ___ \$20 each \$ _____
Women's V-neck: XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ \$20 each \$ _____
Youth: YXS ___ YS ___ YM ___ YL ___ YXL ___ \$20 each \$ _____

Mail-In Deadline: August 16, 2015

Note: \$2 fee added to on-line credit card registrations

Grand Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Corvettes de Olympia. Mail to: Corvettes de Olympia, P.O. Box 2154, Olympia, WA 98507

LakeFair Parade and Picnic at James and Karen Robinson's Home



In the morning huddle, Denny says we'll drive down the road this way...but instead, Carla finds the Village people and says "No we'll 'Dance in the Street'".



Now the party has started at Jim and Karen's house....



Looks like the party was inside...



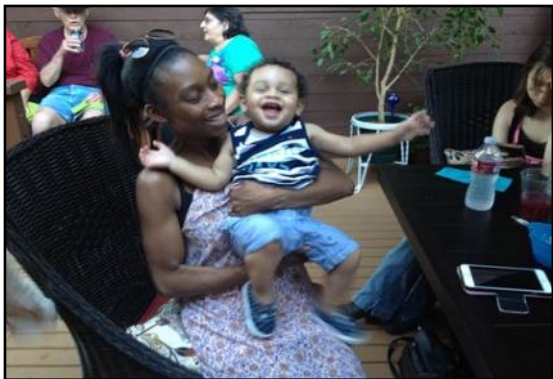
and outside.



Even had some hiding in the closet.

LakeFair Parade and Picnic at James and Karen Robinson's Home cont.

There was fun for the whole family.



Thank You Jim and Karen Robinson for opening up your home once again to CdeO!!!!



General Membership Meeting

Hawks Prairie Inn

2015 7:00-8:00

July 8th 2015

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 were approved as written.

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)**

Every sponsor up to date.

Membership Update (Billy Smith)

No news.

Sunshine Chair (Charmaine)

Arthur and Carla are in Texas due to the passing of Carla's step-mother. No news on Leo.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

No news.

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Some great pictures! Will be giving a tutorial after the meeting on how to upload pictures. Talk to Marilyn if you'd like a training!

Membership Update, Scholarship Fund, NWACC, National Corvette Museum (Anne Wax)

Mark T, George and Arthur G. couldn't make this meeting, so no news.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)**Where we've been:**

Ocean Shores Parade for Flag Day -- beautiful day, jam packed with parade goers. Three different groups went to three different lunch spots. Hit Blue Slough twice -- good day!

Autocross 2 -- Arthur and George went, and there were Vipers. ☺

Glass Odyssey Corvette Club Show-n-Shine -- June 20th In Port Orchard --- Good turn-out. CDEO took home 4 out of 6 of the awards. **See website for the winners!** Fred and Charmaine won 2nd place with 192 score. Then they went to Hunter's Farm -- check out the pictures on the website for fabulous farm animal pictures.

Yelm Prairie Days Parade -- June 25th -- 7 cars, big crowd. Thanks to Don and Cynthia and Kika for heading up this trip.

Mt. Rainier Tour -- June 28th -- we had a mini-car show in the parking lot before the trip. Some sprinkles on the way to Rainier, and some even kept their tops down. Two thunder swells. Really Gorgeous pictures. Went to Paradise for lunch at the Inn -- great food.

4th of July Parade and Picnic, and Freedom Fest -- High of 94 F, so we went on a short drive after the parade, and on to the air conditioned Red Wind Casino. Meagan joined us for a total of 16 cars.

Freedom Fest - a little smaller crowd due to the heat, but lot of fun --- big country music act played.

Where we are going:

Windy Ridge Tour Mt. St Helens -- July 26th Sunday -- Most technical drive of the year. Will have several platoons so folks can go at a pace that suits them. Using the same route as last year -- avoid highways, lots of curvy roads. Long, fun day with our high performance vehicles.

Tail of the Dragon - August 2nd 8am to 5pm. - going down to Oregon to try some 'dragon-like' roads. Still working out the details, but will end up in Longview and then take windy roads. Working out a one day trip that still avoids the highway. And we may hit Blue Slough again!!! Good pizza place for lunch.

3-day Oregon Tour - Fri-Sunday September 25th-27th. Will stop at Tillamook Factory, some great roads over by Salem, and stay at Oregon Garden Resort. Will then head east in the morning, then hit some fabulous roads. In the afternoon -- The Road -- Oregon 425 -- it's a trail road that they paved in 1920s

General Membership Meeting for July 2015 cont.

but never straightened out. It is fabulous!! There's an observatory, and we may go to Bend after. Will drive north and stay at nice hotel in Madras. See website for progress on the planning.

TCC Shadow of the Mountain - July 10th - 12th

Lakefair Grand Parade - July 18th -- will be carrying princesses, and then picnic at Jim and Karen's. Approved picnic funds of \$300

Puget Sound Corvette Club -- leave from here at 7:30am and should be great show. Always some nice cars on display, hopefully will do as well as the Port Orchard show~

Lacey Police Department Open House/ Car Display- August 1st 11am to 3pm. Not just a car show -- will be cool stuff -- lethal weapon displays, try out the handcuffs and the holding cell. Stuff for the kids to do, food, KYO will broadcast, and free!!

Autocross #4 -- cheer on Arthur and George -- and come race!

Olympia Rotary Club Car Show -- August 10th. New car show, and good opportunity to seeing community leaders. Free lunch and People's Choice Awards. Contact Doug G. for details.

Hooray for Hollywood -- Car Show Aug 7th from 3-6pm. Right next to Group Health. Great music and lunch -- sounds like fun!

Classic Glass Car Show -- Saturday August 16th. Ice Cream Social on Friday. Car show and great awards. Sunday will have a tour. Will have a group going up to that. Will be in Dupont Town Center.

We are going to add a **new tour** on Aug 29th-30th -- Save the Date for a 1 or 2 day trip.

Old and New Business

- **Operation Backpack** -- the school officials will come for August 12th club meeting so we can hand off the backpacks in the parking lot at 5:30pm. We've ranged from 30-90 backpacks with school supplies for kids in need. Asked for \$300 to pay for calculators. See website for list. Fred Meyer has a great sale this weekend.

Special Topic: Vette Fest 2015 (Arthur Green and Don Patnoe)

Don called for seed money to support Vette Fest (same as last

year), which was approved.

Will host a judge's clinic on the 16th of August -- come join the fun! This year Arthur and Don have a plan for improving the consistency and speed of judging. A bunch of us will also stuff goodie bags on that day.

Highlights of the event

- Will have a DJ
- May have a pin-striper
- Car-focused ice cream vendor will return.
- Will have the T-Shirt -- with Frank's new black 2015 Z06.

Come join the fun, either as a volunteer or sign up for the event -- also, you could donate a Raffle prize.

Volunteering

- Volunteering is fun, lots of stuff to do -- no prior experience required.
- Morning Shift: 6:30am to 10:30am
- Judging: 10:30am - 1pm. Need 14 judges and 2 runners.
- Cleanup crew after 3pm: help load up Carolyn's van

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Some nice prizes today: Griot's window cleaning kit, and a whole pack of microfiber cloths.

And the Winners Are:

- 50/50 -- George C, who will bring next month's Raffle prize. .
- Window Cleaner - Deb S.
- Wheel Cleaning - Randy
- Microfiber Cloths - Jim

Test Your Knowledge:

The 1970's marked the end of the early glory days as the engineering actually had to focus on what?

Though performance declined, sales went on to set new records.

There is actually one of these driving around in Yelm these days and this color.



Cruise-Ins: Donated by Duncan Johnson

At the LeMay Museum in Tacoma:

April 9, 2015 5:00pm-8:00pm

Every second Thursday we will feature classic cars on the plaza, April through October, rain or shine!

Mix and mingle with other car enthusiasts while listening to music, voting on the People's Choice Award and entering to win the raffle.

NEW THIS YEAR: Gravedigger BBQ will be on-site offering some of their award-winning BBQ choices.

ACM will also be open until 8pm for these Cruise-Ins, so be sure to explore the museum and take advantage of extended hours.

2015 Cruise-In Dates:

August 13

September 10

October 8

Contact Info

(253) 779-8490

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Upcoming Events

August

- Sat 1st** **Lacey Police Department Car Display from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** The Lacey Police Department's first annual car show. Includes Best in Show and Cops Choice Awards! Free hot dogs & drinks. Free admission, and even a tour of the police station! RSVP to reserve your space. Call Randy: 360.459.8670.
- Sun 2nd** **Day Tour to Oregon Tail of the Dragon*** We've been talking about driving the Oregon "Tail of the Dragon" for years. Duncan and Dee gave us a taste of it last year on their wine tasting tour. We'll head west then down the coast to Astoria, then east to Clatskanie. Loop through the Tail of the Dragon and drive west to Astoria before heading for home. We'll be leaving at 8:00 a.m. from Haggen Food's parking lot in West Olympia.
- Sun 9th** **NWACC Autocross #4 in Shelton** Registration and tech inspection begins at 7:30 at Sanderson Field, north of Shelton. Although pre-registration is encouraged, you can register on the day of the event. Contact Arthur or George with questions.
- Mon 10th** **Olympia Rotary Club Car Show from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (added by Doug G.)** A small car show to support the Olympia Rotary Club picnic held at the Swantown Marina from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. . A great picnic and a chance to meet community leaders. Please contact Doug G. with your interest at 360.352.4975.
- Wed 12th** **CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.***
- Fri-Sun 14-16th** **Classical Glass 5-Star Classic All Car Show in Dupont** Part of Dupont's Hudson Days Celebration CdeO Caravan for Saturday's car show leaves 7:30 am from Hawk's Prairie
- Sun 23rd** **CdeO Vette Fest Show-n-Shine at Titus-Will Chevrolet in Olympia*** An All-Corvette car show with an NWACC judged Show 'n' Shine, Participant's Choice Award, and Display-Only Cruise-in hosted by our club. This event will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Titus Will Chevrolet—2255 Carriage Loop in Olympia. Lunch is courtesy of Titus-Will! Trophies—Raffle prizes—Games—and more! Come join the fun!
- Sun 30th** **Mystery Tour*** A new event we just added since our last business meeting! It will include a two-hour drive to a destination lunch. We'll leave at 10:00 a.m. from Haggen Food's parking lot in West Olympia. You should all enjoy not only the drive, but also the destination!

* 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>