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## Tour To Allyn by Don Rinker, Pictures by Betsy Cousineau, Rob Waterman, and Carla Green

Fifteen shiny, pristine Corvettes assembled in the parking lot of Haggen Foods on Sunday morning April 17<sup>th</sup> for a sun and fun-filled blast up to Allyn for lunch overlooking the water.



Making up our group were a number of C-7s, a couple of C6s several C-5s, one Historic Vehicle (Looking Good George), a handsome Dodge Charger with Dr. Jim in the driver's seat.



The tour, led by Cynthia and her driver Don Patnoe, pulled out just after 10am & headed up Highway 101 in two platoons. After a short jaunt up the super-slab our tour made a turn to the west on Highway 8 enjoying the easy curves and short bursts of acceleration now and again. Mox Chehalis Road provided some entertaining driving for our glass beauties. We also saw a lot of two-wheeled vehicles with smiling riders and passengers enjoying a top tier day on some of Washington's nicer roads.

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## Heartbeat of Olympia

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org)

## Next Meeting

May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well another month has passed and I haven't broken anything yet so I consider the past month a success.

We had two extremely successful tours to Allyn Washington and Westport Winery, they were both well planned, the scenery was absolutely breathtaking, the group to West Port was so large Denny adjusted and adapted and broke the 19 cars up into 3 platoons which made for a very pleasant ride. Yes we did make our way throughout Blue Slough without incident except for a horse trailer being towed on our way down. Denny and Cynthia did an excellent job of keeping the group informed as to what was to be expected along the trip. We will have fabulous photos to show during the meeting so hold on and enjoy.

Please view our calendar of events to keep yourselves abreast of future events and if you are interested in writing an article for a trip you were on Please let Wendy, Denny or myself know and we will get it included in the news letter for the month. So I want to mention a few event upcoming events that may be of interest to some of you are 12 May the Cruise In at LeMay, we have a great time there last month so if you haven't done one you should try to participate in a few of them. Next would be the same day is the New Market car show open house, if interested contact Don Patnoe. May 22nd we have our SW Washington tour to Tokeland and last thing is of course my favorite is the Autocross class on May 21st and the start of the Autocross season May 22nd. Again if you have any interest in any of the posted events register on our club site which we will strive to keep updated the current information for that event as we put them together.

Save the Wave,

Arthur

## Past Presidents

### Corvettes de Olympi

1972	Rich Lockhart
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1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
1976	Ralph Adams
1977	Bill Pollard
1978	Sandy Lockhart
1979	Mike Halliday
1980	Ralph Adams
1981	Larry Johnson
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1983	Karen Johnson
1984	Jerry Crabill
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1986	Larry Johnson
1987	Duncan Johnson
1988	Skip Burch
1989	Jim Turcotte
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1992	Tom Kuchman
1991	Ron Zielin
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1995	Tom Kuchman
1996	Peggy Rogers
1997	Peggy Rogers
1998	Karen Johnson
1999	Randy Harris
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2001	Jim Turcotte
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2004	Vince Punteney
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2007	Brian Cousineau
2008	Peggy Rogers
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2016	Arthur Green

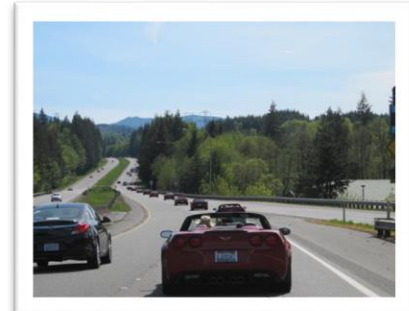
## Tour to Allyn cont. by Don Rinker, Pictures by Betsy Cousineau, Rob Waterman, and Carla Green



The group rolled into Allyn right on time for lunch at Lennard K's Boat House. Cynthia had arranged for outside seating under a turquoise sky and a searing sun. Our tables were set and waiting for the group of hungry touring CdeO-ers. We had an entertaining and enterprising server who kept us all watered, and entertained until the iced teas, sodas and adult beverages arrived. Several thoughtful members of our group passed out sunscreen. When the food was ready our lady hustled her bustle getting the food on the table and keeping the drinks topped up.

This trip found the group under the unblinking scrutiny of the "eye in the sky" during lunch. Rob and Hillary Waterman brought their new drone. Rob made short work of putting it together and getting it airborne. Look for a link to the video.

After lunch the pack made a leisurely run south on Highway 3 with platoon 2 leading the way. Eventually we rejoined 101 and made our way home with folks dropping off at their individual exits. It is fair to say that on a spectacular, sunny Sunday a grand time was had by all. Just another benefit of belonging to CdeO - in addition to the fun, fellowship and fast cars.





## General Membership Meeting

Hawks Prairie Inn  
Apr. 14, 2016 7:00-8:00

### 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 (Maggie Connors)

Maggie presented the report. Maggie can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested. It was approved as presented.

### Committee Reports

#### **Sponsorship Update (Peggy)**

All sponsors up to date.

#### **Membership Update (Wendy)**

Christy Zabel-Duncan and Tom Duncan were voted in unanimously – Welcome back to CdeO Christy!

Tracking member information used to be part of the Treasurer's role, so Maggie will handle changes to address, phone, etc.

#### **Sunshine Chair (Charmaine)**

No news.

#### **Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)**

On the Newsletter front, if you have any cool Corvette stories to share, please send Wendy an email!

#### **Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)**

Check out the latest pictures!! Karla and Karen will take on being committee co-chairs, with Marilyn as consultant.

#### **Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)**

SPSCC has an open house and would like some cars in June. It will be on the calendar.

#### **NWACC (Arthur Green)**

Autocross – the class is on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and April 15<sup>th</sup> is the first autocross. Come and join us.

Cynthia will be taking on the NWACC banquet coordination, come see her if you'd like to help! The banquet will be the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November, and will take place in Dupont – easy access for Northerners and Southerners. ☺ Need folks interested in helping purchase raffles, decorations, etc. She welcomes ideas on how to out-do the events from prior events – let's Super Charge it!! ☺ Contact Cynthia or Don for more.

#### **National Corvette Museum (George Schwartz)**

No news.

### **Vettefest (Arthur Green)**

The Vettefest committee is in full force! We are collecting raffle prizes. As part of this, Duncan worked out a donation from the Le May museum. It's a 1 year Family Membership to worth \$95.

### Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

#### Where we have been:

**Lion's Club Breakfast (March 19):** Held at the Lacey Senior Center (more details to follow), and had 27 cars – the most we ever had!!! Raised almost \$2,400, which will be used for services such as wheel chair ramps, diabetic youth campers, and retreats for soldiers. Gordon Hunt won the People's Choice. Hosted a drive afterward, and 10 cars went.

**All Morning Drive (March 27th):** Eleven cars (9 of them red) went on a short fun drive for Easter Sunday, with lunch at Puerto Vallarta in Yelm. The ride was led by Cynthia, and it was a great trip! Check out Karla's gorgeous pictures.

#### Where We Are Going:

- **Cruise-In at the Le May Car Museum:** April 14<sup>th</sup>. The museum would like 20 cars. We have some volunteers to come drive by, and some folks from Classical Gas will join us as well. Leaving at 2:30 from Hawks Prairie.
- **Trip to Allyn:** April 17<sup>th</sup>. Taking off from Haggen's leaving at 10am, going to McCleary, Hood Canal and lunch at Leonard K's. It will be a gorgeous day – come join us.
- **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulip Rally by MC Car Club** – April 23<sup>rd</sup> Fun trip!

#### In May

- **Drive back roads to Westport Winery for Lunch** -Sunday May 1st. If you are joining, need to choose what lunch you would like – Josette will send an email with more information.
- **New Market Car Show and Open House** – promotion for the school. May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:00pm
- **SW Washington Day Tour to Tokeland, WA** - May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Cool Rags Car Show** – May 7<sup>th</sup> fund raising for Thurston County School band. See Paul for registration forms. Fee is \$15, \$20. Will have Best Corvette and Best in Show.
- **Glass Odyssey at Port Orchard Car Show.** June 18<sup>th</sup>. Will be a great one!!

### Old or New Business

- Went through the member survey – see survey results on the website!
- Will was honored for his service as past Treasurer with, of course, a big Beer Mug!

### Raffle (Will Trogden)

Tonight we skipped the raffle.

## MG Car Club 35th Tulip Rally by Duncan & Dee

Our blue C5 roadster represented CdeO at the MG Car Club NW Centre's 35th annual Tulip Rally in and around Burlington, Wash., on April 23, despite it being a rainy weekend, sometimes seriously so. In the ancient past, rallies were a serious exercise in Crossing The Land, what with obscure routes on remote country roads, devious clues, and extreme time and distance pressures. The motor hobby has generally lost that in today's sanitized poker runs and club tours, but the MG folks brought back the best of those thrilling days of yesteryear.

MG bills itself as "The International Marque of Friendship" and that attitude attracted a couple of hundred cool cars to rally. Of course there were the old English classics; besides MG we noted Austin-Healey, Triumph, Jaguar XK-E (first series), Land-Rover (the real ones you see in Africa,) and huge numbers of Minis both vintage and modern. Throw in an additional selection of Alfa-Romeo, Mercedes-Benz, BMW, packs of Miatas, the usual Camaros and Mustangs, 2 DeLoreans, a Smart, and even a '53 Studebaker coupe and a 1960s Volvo wagon customized into a Swedish El Camino pickup ("El Volvlino.") There was an older Toyota Century, which is a gigantic black home-market luxury sedan, not exported to us *Gaijin*, and we'd never encountered one before. Looks like the offspring of a 1980 Lincoln Town Car which mated with a Sumo wrestler, then got pimped with every piece of chrome from the J.C. Whitney catalog, Third World Edition. To each his own. Yes, the Corvettes were there too, C3 through C7, with big contingents from British Columbia Corvette Club and Corvette Marque Club of Seattle.



The route was about 80 miles of Sports Motoring (we wandered for nearly 100) on wonderful back roads, from the start at Burlington mall, northeast up toward Alger and Bellingham, down Chuckanut Drive (super scenic and no gimmicks there to slow you down) and through the quaint villages of Edison and La Conner, plus a visit to the fascinating Padilla Bay Interpretive Center (where rally teams got free cookies, gluten-free even), finally back to Burlington. It appeared there were actually two rally routes, but everyone eventually saw the same gimmicks (clues were on both sides of the road and not specified which), so we didn't plug the roads with rally cars and you had the extra thrill of meeting rally-ists coming out of all sorts of weird side streets. No flowering tulip fields this year; they were all finished due to global warming or El Nino or something. That also meant no tulip lookee-lous clogging traffic. Driving directions were good, gimmicks were the usual mix of vague and/or goofy and/or challenging. Slow thinkers and the dim-witted need not apply.

Speaking of dim-witted, we got sucked into one trap which was so devilish it must have been intentional, not just sloppy rally-master work. We were working on some gimmick which asked about the Whispering Firs Motel, followed in the route instructions by a "Left onto Lake Samish Rd." We came to a crossroads and spotted the motel on the far side, so we drove over there and answered the gimmick, then took off looking for the left onto Lake Samish Rd. Which we found after a couple of miles, plus another gimmick fell right into place, and the next 2 route instructions worked, too. It was fine so far, but all of a sudden we were VERY alone and that old "seriously lost" feeling came over us. Dee said, "I am the best navigator in the United States, but I think we're in Canada now." So we backtracked to the motel. As it turned out, the crossroads with the motel was Lake Samish Rd., precisely there, and we should have answered the gimmick as soon as we could SEE the motel, not when we were AT it, and then the left turn would have been obvious, even though it seemed "out of order" in the instructions.

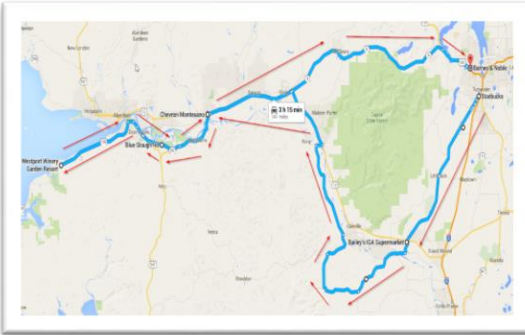
We further suspect it was an intentional trap, because the same format repeated about 35 miles later on. Almost caught us again because it involved a Bed & Breakfast at which we had once stayed. But while we romantics were reminiscing about that we noticed there was an intersection at the B&B, so we stopped and looked around, and sure enough that was the turn. Ha! "Fool me once..." It always helps to get inside the rally-master's head.

The way the host club does trophies, the best car from any club that fields 5 or more entries gets a prize. (There is also one for the unaffiliated group.) We were shocked when they called us up as the winning car from Corvettes de Olympia! We were the only ones from our club. We suspect they had an extra trophy to get rid of and/or the officials wanted to brag about all the clubs who showed up. We also won some Griot's car cleaning stuff in the raffle, always appreciated for our classic fleet. Your turn next year.



## West Port Winer Drive and Lunch Tour by Denny Miller

Over thirty of us met in the parking lot shared by Starbucks and Fred Meyer in Tumwater on Sunday, May 1st before 9:00 am for a round-about drive to the Westport Winery Garden Resort. The route was planned by Cynthia and we planned for Don and her to lead one "Flight" (platoon) of cars and for Denny and Josette to lead the other. We had so many attendees (photos below) that we drafted Arthur and Carla to lead a third platoon.



At 9:00 we headed south on Littlerock Road toward Rochester. It didn't take too many miles before all three groups of cars became one long string. We took a break at Bailey's IGA in Rochester, where each Flight/Platoon parked together to make for a smooth departure later.

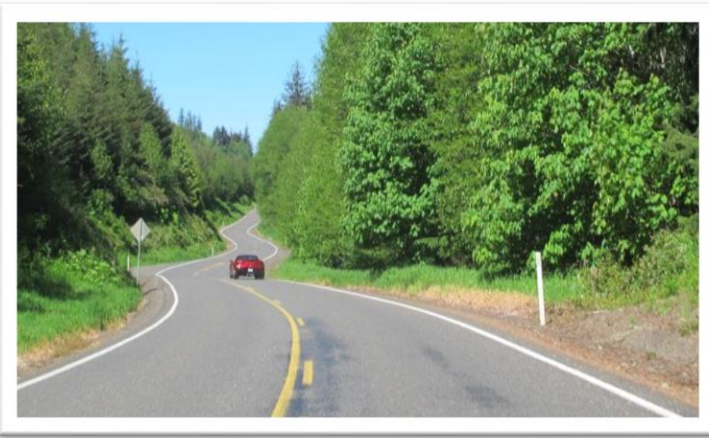
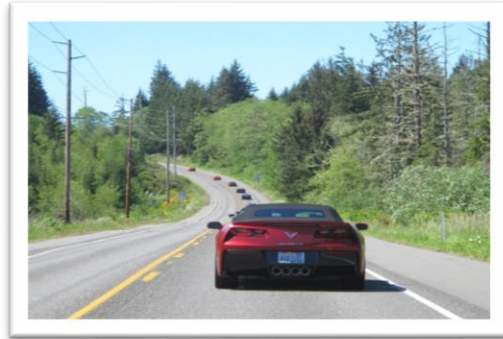


Don and Cynthia's Flight then assumed front duties and led us on the next leg of the tour to Montesano Independence Road. First, we headed south and west on Independence Road. And then right onto Garrard Creek Road. What followed turned out to be a real treat as we wound around for many miles before turning onto US 12 W.



## West Port Winer Drive and Lunch Tour by Denny Miller

After driving north on the two-lane portion of US 12 W, we jumped on the freeway and drove to Montesano where we to a break at the Chevron station.



Denny and Josette's platoon then led everyone south and west on WA-107. And then right onto Blue Slough Road. After which, Don and Cynthia led us to the Winery.





## West Port Winer Drive and Lunch Tour by Denny Miller

Our pre-ordered lunches were tasty.



The winery grounds were beautiful as was the weather. Here is a bird's eye view taken from Rob's drone.

Arthur and Carla then led us back to Cosmopolis. Denny and Josette then led everyone back through Blue Slough Road. We took a final break at the Chevron in Montesano. Finally, we drove home on highway 12 and Highway 8. All in all, we had another terrific tour.





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Who is known as the 'Father of Corvette' and

1. What and who's garage did he start his career in?
2. What was his original designs?



Cruise-Ins: Donated by Duncan Jonhson

At the LeMay Museum in Tacoma:

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

2016 Cruise-In Dates:

- **May 12<sup>th</sup>**
- June 9<sup>th</sup>
- July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Aug. 11
- Sep. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

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## Upcoming Events

### May

Wed 11th	CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
Thurs 12th	New Market Car Show & Open House (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
Sat 21st	NWACC Novice Autocross Training
Sun 22nd	NWACC Autocross #1 at Sanderson Field in Shelton
Sun 22nd	SW Washington Day Tour to Tokeland, WA*

### June

Fri-Sat 3rd-4th	Corvettes of the Columbia Hosted by 3 Rivers Corvette Club
Sat 4th	SPSCC Automotive Club's Cars and Coffee Show ( <i>new from Mark T.</i> )
Sun 5th	Front-side of Mt. St. Helen's Day Tour; Lunch at the Fire Mtn. Grill*
Wed 8th	CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
Fri-Sun, 10th-12th	Yakima Valley Vettes "Vette-A-Bratton"
Sat 11th	Ocean Shores Flag Day Parade and Lunch*
Sun 12th	NWACC Autocross #2 at the Sanderson Field in Shelton
Sat 18th	Glass Odyssey Corvettes NWACC Show –n– Shine at Grey's Chevrolet
Thurs 23rd	Yelm Prairie Days Parade*
Sun 26th	Mt. Rainier Day Tour*

### July

Mon 4th	Tumwater 4th of July Parade*
Mon 4th	4th of July Picnic or Dine at a Restaurant
Mon 4th	Freedom Fest "Classy Chassis Car Show" at JBLM Memorial Stadium
	<i>...more still to come in July</i>

\* 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>