



Heartbeat of Olympia

Minutes of the General Meeting

April 13th, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn Restaurant in Lacey, followed by introductions. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Larry Weniger

Larry presented the Treasury report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Art Carter

We are up to date. The first electronic version of the club news letter was published and saved the club about \$120 in printing and mailing costs for this issue.

WEBSITE – Art Carter

Our club web page is: www.corvettesdeolympia.org

The Web site is up to date.

NWACC – George Schwartz

George reported the Shelton Race track is up for final review by the Mason County planning commission. He described the track as eventually consisting of a drag strip, a track course and a autocross course.

The proposed auto racing facility in Shelton has a web site with more information. Take a look at: <http://www.raceinmason.com/>

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – George Schwartz

A group from the Pacific Northwest will be touring to Bowling Green in September 2012. The plans are underway, and will include a trip down the Tail of the Dragon, stops at historic battlegrounds and WA DC. Contact George for more information.

<http://www.tailofthedragon.com/dragon.html>

George reported on the CM Corvette lottery being illegal in Washington. CM is working with the WA Attorney General to determine if there is a way to avoid this problem.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Karen Johnson & Mark Twardzicki.

Mark advised there was nothing new to report.

HISTORIAN – Marilyn Trogden.

Marilyn likewise advised there was nothing new to report.

SPONSORSHIP – Peggy Rogers

Titus-Will renewed their sponsorship which was reported by Larry in Peggy's behalf.

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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 and single-\$27.50. Monthly meetings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at a suitable location in Thurston County. Meetings are open to any and all Corvette enthusiasts. **Visit us on the web at: www.corvettesdeolympia.org**

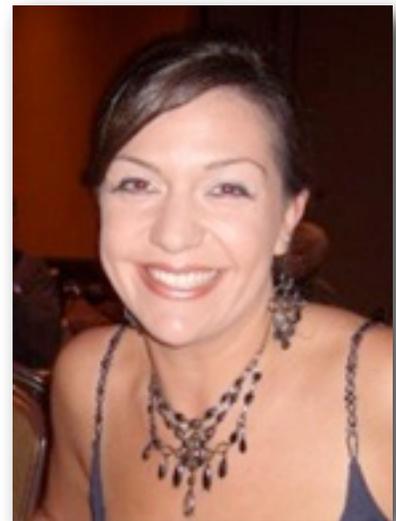
President's Message

With spring we have all the usual activities ahead of us, but mainly I would like to take a moment to remind all of you about the upcoming CdeO Poker Rally. This is our third year that we are taking a stab at something different, and this year we are asking for you participate in the event and have some fun with your Corvette and fellow Corvette friends. On a side note; even though the "All City Rally" has changed, this year marks the 31st year that Corvettes de Olympia has put on the annual rally event. I have been working diligently to put all of the final details of this rally into place, so please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 1st. I am sure that you will enjoy what I have in store for you. If you would like to volunteer to work the rally, I still need a couple of workers, so contact me immediately.

Further, our Events and Activities Co-Chairs are working very behind the scenes to make sure that all of the events that we are interested in are posted out on our website, this includes a variety of new and old events as a result of the recent poll. If you know of something that isn't posted, get the information to Josette or Jason via e-mail, and they can add it to our website. I can't wait to get out and do some fun stuff in the sun. I encourage you all to attend the upcoming general membership meeting and to check out the website for some of the upcoming events.

See you soon!

Meagan Renick





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SUNSHINE - Maggie Weniger

Maggie sent flowers on behalf of the club to Peggy Rogers on her mother's passing. She also sent a plant to Brenda & Alan Johnson in memoriam of their son being lost. A card was circulated at the meeting and will be sent to Leo Dipola.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – Jason Moorash and Josette Miller

Jason and Josette distributed the 2011 Calendar of Events. The event sign up notebook was circulated amongst the members. (Note the web site events calendar needs to be updated to the current Calendar of Events.)

Meagan reported on the Poker-Gimmick Rally. Meagan took the insurance agent on the rally route and it was approved so it is official. Meagan encouraged anyone who wants to volunteer to let her know, and anyone who is not volunteering to run the rally so we have a good showing from our club. Meagan has heard from clubs that are sending a group of folks, so it would be nice to also have good representation from our club.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy presented the idea of members participating in a parade in support of the Lions Club International gathering in Seattle July 5th. He estimated the parade duration to run from 10-11AM.

Randy also reported on the 2nd Annual High Rollin' Hot Rods at the Beach event at the Quinault Casino April 30, 2011. More about this event can be found at:

<http://www.quinaultbeachresort.com/hotrods.html>

Raffle – Larry Weniger

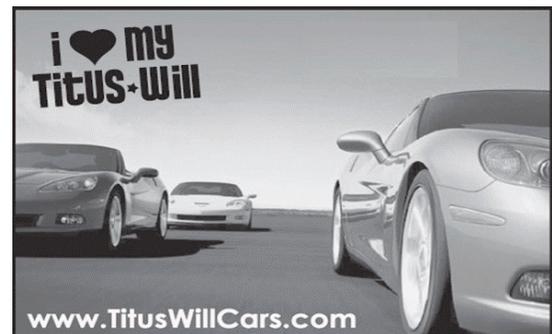
1st prize - Somebody
\$16.00 - Doug & Velma Rogers for next meeting raffle gift.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Doug Rogers, Secretary.





A Car Museum and Road Hunt

by Duncan Johnson & Dee Dahlke

A while back we were cruising the original Route 66 in Southern California, visiting No. 1 Son, who lives about a block off the actual historic highway in beautiful (?) Rancho Cucamonga.

On the way we found a couple of things of great interest to the motorhead. First is the Towe Auto Museum in Sacramento; you might want to add the place to your "to do" list, see www.toweautomuseum.org whilst web surfing.

Originally Mr. Towe was a car collector in Montana who had accumulated one of just about every Ford from the beginning (well before the Model T) up through the 1950s. Oh, dear, we just mentioned the "F-word" in a Chevrolet publication. Anyhow, Mr. T. had tax troubles with the IRS and his collection was sold off to pay the bill. Fortunately, some people who bought chunks of the fleet decided to reunite them, and the Sacramento operation was born. The collection was expanded with a variety of other name plates, and now has both breadth and depth of makes and models. So you can find rods and race cars and motorcycles as well as a variety of antiques and classics. Many of the cars are privately owned and on-loan, so on a given day they may be out cruising and not in attendance. That probably explains the shortage of Corvettes, but the presence of a Muntz Jet roadster (of all strange things!) and a jalopy stocker once raced by A. J. Foyt (well before he was famous) on the day we were there.

Each car on display has an excellent interpretive sign, with the usual technical details, but also historic notes about why that model is significant, so even non-enthusiasts can understand what they're looking at. There are also period displays, accessories, tools, engines on stands (even a cutaway V-8) and such to round out the experience. Docents are on duty to guide you and answer questions, and they have to go through extensive training (one night a week for 19 weeks) before they are qualified. Dee spotted a '67 Camaro that was incorrectly identified as an "SS" when it was really an "RS," and the staff immediately sent its display sign off to the in-house shop to be corrected. Now that is class.

The museum also appears to be the place to go to find out what is happening for auto-related events locally; the piles of flyers and bulletin boards contain a wealth of information for the enthusiast.

History buffs should note that the Towe Museum is at the edge of the Old Sacramento restored area, where there is a walking tour that will take you to the very spots where the Pony Express ended its gallops, and where the first shovelful of earth was turned for the transcontinental railroad in the 1860s. The awesome California State Railroad Museum (www.csrnf.org) is a couple of blocks away, a required stop for anyone who fancies trains or who just loves fascinating heavy machinery.

After the museum, climb back into your Corvette and motor a short distance over to Interstate 505 at Winters, get off the freeway and pick up California highways 121 and 128 to Lake Berryessa and the Napa Valley. The eastern end is easy cruising on a two-laner, but as you climb up into the hills, the winding, twisting highway 128 becomes a serious playground for you gear-shifting, trail-braking, late-apexing, cornering-on-the-doorhandles motor sports persons. Even our yuppie Volvo was happily



zipping through at highway speed in 3rd gear, with occasional snitches of 2nd to keep the turbocharger spooled up, so just imagine what a Corvette could be doing.

You're mostly limited by how fast you wish to zorch around totally blind hairpins. A couple of places the speed limit drops from 65 to 40, and they should be heeded, because they are tourist areas with pedestrians. Also beware of falling rocks from hillsides, where so marked. Lake Berryessa is popular for water sports so boat trailers could spoil the road on a summer weekend; choose your running time accordingly. At the Napa Valley end, highway 128 T's into the Silverado Trail (probably named for the local resort, not the Chevy pickup truck.) You can turn south a few blocks on Silverado and take a fascinating tour at the Mumm's champagne factory and learn how they get the bubbles in the wine. Or you can do a "Right at T" onto Silverado and then go left at first opp onto Zinfandel Lane and you'll pop out on highway 29 in St Helena, an interesting little town with plenty of the dreaded Shopping.

Rallying south on 29 we found the Milat Winery (www.milat.com), a tiny place where the winemaker himself holds forth at the tastings of his excellent product. (Yep, we bought a case; they'll ship it home for the trunk-challenged.) Beyond that and across the street is the upscale-casual Rutherford Grill, where we suggest you not order the Cobb Salad unless you are seriously hungry. It's that big. And good!

First drive in his New Corvette

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette Convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-10, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a State Trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120.

Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday.

If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then said, "Twenty years ago, my wife ran off with a State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

Calendar

Sun. May 1st, 2011 @ 9:00 AM

CdeO Poker-Gimmick Rally, start at Gould Chiropractic, 704 Lilly Rd SE, Lacey WA

Wed. May 11th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

CdeO monthly business meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn

May 14, 2011 @ 9am - 12pm

LeMay Museum Coffee Cruise In
3701 20th St. E
Fife, Washington 98424

From Olympia take I-5 north, exit at 136A (Port of Tacoma,) bear right at end of ramp toward 20th St E, then left at T on 20th St E, LeMay is on left in about 1/4 mile. Beware of strict speed enforcement and strict red light cameras in Fife.

Contact Info: Sandy Scott
(253) 779-8490

sandy.scott@lemaymuseum.org

Sat. May 21st, 2011 @ 8:00 AM

All-Corvette Show, Anacortes, WA

http://www.majesticglass.org/myweb7/car_show.htm

Fri. May 27 - Mon. May 30th

Big Sky Corvette Meet, Whitefish, Mont.

<http://www.funseekersvettes.com>

Wed. Jun 8th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

CdeO monthly business meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn

Wed. Jun 10, 11, 12th, 2011

Vette-A-Bration Yakima, WA