



Heartbeat of Olympia

Minutes of the General Meeting

May 11th, 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 where approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Larry Weniger

Larry presented the Treasury report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Art Carter

We are up to date. There was an issue with the system sending out late notices to several members on past due membership fees. Art advised this was a corrected.

WEBSITE – Art Carter

Our club web page is: www.corvettesdeolympia.org

The Web site is up to date.

NWACC – George Schwartz

George was not in attendance therefore no update was available.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – George Schwartz

George was not in attendance therefore no update was available.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Karen Johnson & Mark Twardzicki.

Mark advised there was nothing new to report.

HISTORIAN – Marilyn Trogden.

Marilyn was not in attendance no update was available.

SPONSORSHIP – Peggy Rogers

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

SUNSHINE - Maggie Weniger

Maggie reported there was no action since the last meeting and reminded everyone to let her know if there are life events to which we should respond.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – Jason Moorash and Josette Miller

Jason and Josette distributed the updated 2011 Calendar of Events. The event sign up notebook was circulated amongst the members.

Meagan reported on the results of the Poker-Gimmick Rally. There was 22 participants in the rally, 17 finished and 5 did not. There was discussion of whether or not to continue to have a rally next year. Duncan and Dee volunteered to be the Rally masters for next year with recruited help being a major part of their volunteering.

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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**



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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy reported the start time for the First CdeO Day Tour has changed from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The tour will meet and depart from the Royal Bean Latte stand in Tumwater.

Raffle – Larry Weniger

Raffle ticks were not available so the raffle was deferred until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 8th, at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Doug Rogers, Secretary.



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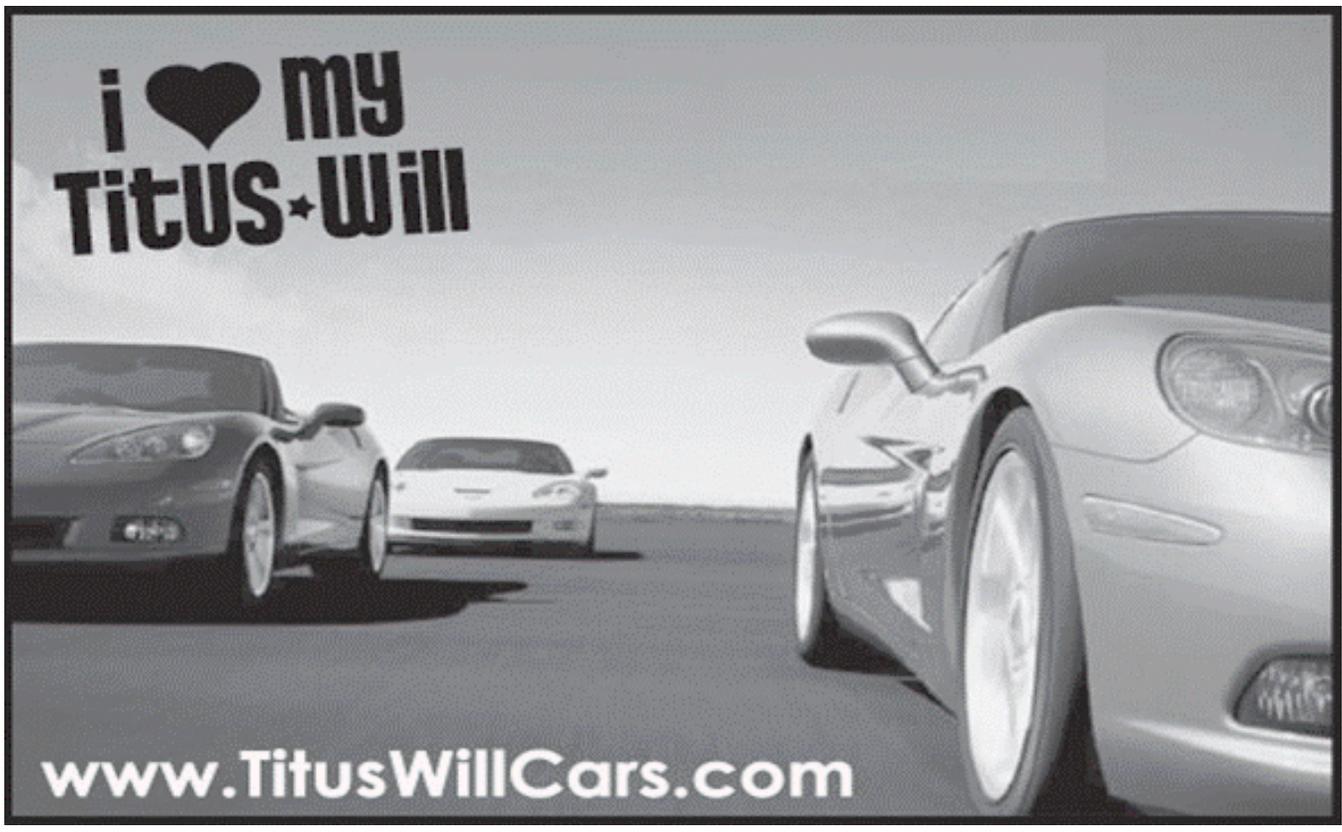


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Southwest Washington Tour 2011

by Randy

You know you live in the northwest when you have more than a dozen ways to say rain in your ready vocabulary. Showers, sprinkles, downpours, gully-washers, mist, heavy mist, heavy fog, rain, and the list goes on. Well, you could use all of them to describe the first tour of the 2011 Corvettes de Olympia season to southwestern Washington on Sunday, May 15th. It rained from the time I backed the Vette out of the shop till the time I put it back in that evening. And of course the day before, Saturday, was a very comfortable day suitable for most any outside activities. That is until about 6 PM when Mother Nature decided to take her wrath out on the Pacific Northwest. Taking a page out of Noah's diary, she dumped a record amount of water between 6 PM and midnight and then established another record on Sunday making both of those days the wettest ones in recorded history.

Now an untrained, meeker, milder, and daintier Corvetter might think that would be the end of the tour. No one in their right mind would venture out in that kind of weather. But the more hearty, robust, and brave would simply look to the sky and say "Bring it on!" 9 cars showed up to compare waxy water beads on the trunk deck and hood and find out if those rubber things on the windshields really did work after all. Those who ordered the wiper-minus version of the Corvette and thus are unable to hit the streets in monsoon season were left to watch the National Geographic channel and learn the behavior of fire ants when cross bred with manta rays or the reproductive life of a sea slug. Now there is a wild ride!

But the rest of us headed out, rain and all. The driver's meeting at the Royal Bean Coffee Shop on Tumwater Blvd. was held via walkie-talkie in the confines of each car, sort of like a lower tech version of conference telecommunicating. Not all of us had smart phones or iPods or we could have done it via Facebook. With that out of the way we headed for Black Lake and to Waddell Creek Rd, then onto Mima Mounds Rd, Moon Rd, and arrived in Rochester none the worse for wear and dry, uh dry inside the car. Outside was an entirely different story. From there south on Independence Rd, to Lincoln Creek, Inglais Rd, Bunker Creek. and finally arrived at the first pit stop in Adna. Since the rain was still a factor, the facilities there are still only a port-a-potty, and shelter consisted of blocking access to the gas pumps, we were fairly brief with our visit there and promptly headed southeast on Hwy 6 toward Raymond. We surfed our way through PeEil, LaBam, and Menlo before arriving at the McDonald's in Raymond for #2 of the comfort interludes. Too much coffee at the beginning?

Eschewing the cuisine on the McDonald's menu, we saddled up on our personal water crafts and headed north on 105 to Westport, leaving wakes in Tokeland and Grayland. Westport was the lunch destination and we arrived there just before 1 PM. The group opted for a couple of different eating establishments there and we chose the Blue Buoy. The initial choice was the One Eyed Crab but on the way there while walking in the rain, we passed the Blue Buoy and it was too wet not to tie up there for their haut cuisine. Besides, there was a sneaking suspicion the One Eyed Crab might be listed on the American Disabilities list and required special dining arrangements.

Once lunch was history we again untied the Vettes from their moorage and set sail again. Shanah got us all in trouble from a local resident when she tried to go the wrong way on the main street in Westport. What? It wasn't her? Okay, how was I to know they pulled the oldest trick in the road department, changing a two way street into a one way at midnight? A quick dart to the right onto a



side street took care of that though and no harm, no foul. It's only illegal if you get caught? Besides with gas prices the way they are you have to compare the price difference of a ticket versus the gallon of gas you'll use going the long way around the block.

From Westport we headed back to Cosmopolis and Blue Slough. However Mother Nature must have seen she could not ruin the day with rain alone and managed to insert Chuck and Inus (I gave them that name) in a Buick Regal who certainly had a couple of eggs between his foot and the accelerator and would not dare remove or break them. This is probably the first time we have all actually seen Blue Slough. We drove slow enough to email, Tweet, or post to Facebook and still sight see along the way. We ended up following Chuck and Inus all the way to Montesano and onto the freeway. We were only able to pass them when the State Trooper who followed us onto the freeway finally left and headed in a different direction.

Nevertheless, it was a fun drive and a wet but enjoyable time. Most everyone is out buying new wiper blades for their Vettes now though because now they realize they've not been replaced since they were new. When you only use them once a summer, why put out the dollars? My Vette was washed, dried, and massaged before reentering the shop by a little after 5 PM, and only then did it stop raining!!!!!!! Mother Nature was last seen walking away, shaking her head and wiping her hands on her apron muttering "Stupid Humans!" But little does she know, we had fun! Any time spent with your butt in the seat of a Vette, ain't bad! Wet, dry, or otherwise!

As a footnote, Monday morning dawned with blue and sunny skies! What's up with that?

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.

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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