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## Blue Slough and Lunch Short Tour

*by Denny and Josette Miller*

We had the first (maybe annual) Blue Slough and Lunch tour on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. It was sure nice to have our Corvettes on the road again!!

At the Royal Bean gathering site, it was a grey and rain-threatened morning, but 14 Corvettes showed up: Alan and Brenda, Lee and Sherry, Mark and Kathe, Brian and Betsy, Marilyn and Will, Anne, Doug and Velma, Mike, Frank, Jeff and Maureen, Shoshannah, and Denny and Josette. We also had two cars driven by new folks: Steve Kaiser, and Bob and Margie McKibbin. Dr. Gould brought a friend in his new Charger to follow behind the pack.

At the drivers meeting, Denny explained the simple route down Highway 8 and 12 and promised an easy, safe, just-over-the-speed-limit run to Montesano like on tours led by Randy.

That said, we left the Royal Bean promptly at 10:00, looped around the roundabout, and took I-5 North to the 101 West exit. We stayed in the left lane until 101 turned into Highway 8 West. From there traffic was light and fast, so we tucked into the right lane and enjoyed the cruise to Montesano.

The only ripple occurred with Steve, who pulled over to put on his car top when it started to shower. Brian and Betsy, our designated tail gunners, stayed with Steve, and the stragglers soon caught rejoined the pack. We exited Highway 12 at Montesano and took our usual break at the local Chevron station.

After the break, we headed west and then south on Highway 107 to a slightly wet Blue Slough Road. We throttled back a little as we ran through those wonderful Corvette curves—and it was just as fun! On reaching Cosmopolis, we regrouped, made a U-turn on 101, then jumped back onto Blue Slough for another run.



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month 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](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org)

## Next Meeting

May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

## President's Message



April showers bring May flowers. A saying well known here in the Northwest. But lately we have been pretty fortunate. We have had our fair share of rain, but the sun seems to be coming through every now and then, which is rather refreshing for us Corvette folk!

Our events and activities are on the upswing, and with that will bring more shows, cruises, parades, and just plain fun to hang out with our Corvette friends! With that in mind, I would like to remind each and every one of you, that if you get wind of a new or old event that you would like to see us do, please bring it to the attention of the E&A chairs. This will help us to keep the fun things coming!

Now as we move into the summer, the committee is in full swing on the planning stages for our upcoming Vette Fest IX (NWACC show 'n shine). If you are interested in helping out with the fun of planning, please contact me, so you can join in on the ground level. This year is sure to be unlike any other show we have ever hosted in our history! Our club is 40 years old this year, NWACC is 40 as well, and with our rather LARGE show that we are planning in August, we are bound to have a record year! Please be sure to mark your calendar for August 26<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss out on being part of this great opportunity!

Save the Wave!  
Meagan

### Past Presidents Corvettes de Olympia

1972	Rich Lockhart
1973	Larry Johnson
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# Minutes of the General Meeting

April 11, 2012

## 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 by Megan Renick, followed by introductions. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Karen Johnson & Mark Twardzicki)

Mark reported no new updates.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(Larry Weniger)

Larry was not able to attend, but forwarded the results of the Poker Rally. A total of \$961.00 was received and after expenses of \$270.68, \$690.32 was added to the scholarship fund. Duncan and Dee were presented an award for all their work on making the Poker Rally a success.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

(Art Carter)

Membership matters are up to date.

### WEBSITE

(Art Carter)

Our club web page is: [www.corvettesdeolympia.org](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org)

The Web site is up to date.

### NWACC

(George Schwartz)

Nothing new to report.

### NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (George Schwartz)

No updates.

### HISTORIAN

(Marilyn Trogden)

Marilyn did not have any new history to report.

### SPONSORSHIP

(Peggy Rogers)

No new information to report.

### SUNSHINE

(Maggie Weniger)

No new information to report.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

(Josette Miller & Jason Moorash)

E&A is gearing up for the 2012 Corvette season. A first cut of the event calendar was distributed to those who attended the meeting. E&A is trying a little something new this year. Josette & Jason have been hearing that members would like to "get out on the road!" So, Denny put together a new event: Blue Slough and Lunch Short Tour for the end of April. Additionally, the event sign up notebook was circulated amongst the members.

## Vette Fest IX

Vette Fest planning is underway. Anne reported on the first planning committee meeting. The next Executive Board meeting will be held May 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Hawks Prairie Inn for further VetteFest Planning.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

## RAFFLE

(Larry Weniger)

Raffle tickets were sold at the end of the meeting and raised more funds for the club.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Hawk's Prairie Inn.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by

Doug Rogers, Secretary.

A quick right on 107 and a left on 101 brought us to legendary Clark's Restaurant, where we found great service and genuinely good food. Brenda even sacrificed for here end of the table by sharing one of Clark's famous milkshakes with all those around her. Bob and Margie proclaimed to all who would listen: "This club is FUN." Steve seemed similarly enthusiastic about his participation in the event and asked how he could become a member.



After lunch, we headed home by way Highway 101, 107, and 12 to Brady. From Brady, we cruised north on Middle Satsop Road, right on West Shafer Road past Shafer State Park, and left on West Satsop-Cloquallum Road.

We streaked along this eight-mile stretch of curvy road, nearly over-running two county sheriff cars with radar on. Fortunately, they both turned left at Cloquallum Road, while we took a right and headed south to Elma. Nice road, good pavement, and plenty of curves and scenery.



We paused for one last break at the Chevron station in Elma before heading home on Highway 8. All in all, it was a simple, fun tour enjoyed by all.

What a great way to start the driving season!

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## Upcoming Events

### May

- Wed 9th\* 7:00 p.m. CdeO Business Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA  
 Sat 12th\* Jacket Night at Norma's, 6:30 p.m., I-5 Location, 10322 Martin Way East  
 Fri-Mon, 18th-21st Victoria Corvette Club "Vette to Victoria" meet. See <http://www.victoriavette.com>  
 Sun 20th First NWACC Autocross in Shelton, WA  
 Sun 27th\* S.W. Washington Day Tour, Leave at 10:00 a.m. from the Royal Bean, 703 Tumwater Blvd. S.E., Olympia

### June

- Sun 3rd Grand Opening of the New LeMay Museum  
 Fri-Sun, 8th-10th Yakima Valley Vettes "Vette-A-Bration"  
 Sat 9th\* Ocean Shores Flag Day Parade  
 Wed 13th\* 7:00 p.m. CdeO Business Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA  
 Sun 17th\* One Lap Around Mt. Rainier Day Tour\*  
 Sun 17th\* NWACC Autocross #2 in Shelton  
 Thurs 21st\* Yelm Prairie Days Parade  
 Sun 24th\* Jacket Breakfast at Norma's—I-5 Location (10:00 a.m.)

\* indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more information and additional events, visit <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org>

# Corvettes de Olympia and Titus Will present

## Capital City Vette Fest IX

**Sunday, August 26, 2012**

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