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Lake Pateros Tour

by Denny

We had a really great tour on the weekend of September 7th and 8th. As many of you know we had intended to drive the North Cascade Loop that weekend, but Mother Nature place a full-body block on those plans.

On the Friday before the trip, at about dinner time, Mark Twardzicki called with some bad news: The Department of Transportation had just shut down the North Cascade Highway because of massive mudslide resulting from Thursday's lightning and thunder storm.

After checking out the situation on the internet, I sat down and re-planned the tour. It took some time, with reviews by Josette, Anne, Brian, and Betsy, but the trip eventually reformed into one that travelled over Snoqualmie Pass and Blewett Pass on Saturday, and returned over Stevens Pass on Sunday.



So on Saturday morning, 11 Corvettes gathered at the Hawks Prairie Restaurant parking lot with their owners: Denny and Josette, Doug and Velma, Will and Marilyn, Billy and Wendy, Mark, Arthur and Carla, Jim and Karen, Lee and Sherry, Brian and Betsy, Anne, and Shoshanah. With clouds overhead, we headed North on I-5, and as in other recent tours, moved immediately to the left lane where we could easily drive as a single, solid line of Corvettes. Traffic was relatively light as we drove through Tacoma and to Federal Way. We turned right onto Highway 18 and drove through Auburn, East Kent, over the Tiger Mountain, reaching I-90 in less than an hour. We turned right onto I-90 and headed down the hill to North Bend.

After a pit stop at a 76 station east of North Bend, we headed over Snoqualmie Pass, staying with traffic in the right lane.

It was a relatively standard segment of the drive, with moderate traffic and lots of road construction. The only point of excitement occurred when we broke from our left-lane travel to exit at Cle Elum. In the confusion, Anne took the wrong exit and Jim and Karen followed. After a flurry of radio talk, she quickly re-entered I-5 and caught up before the real exit.

We stopped at the Safeway store west of Cle Elum for a typical break.

Then we headed East through Cle Elum, taking care to drive at the posted speed limit to avoid tickets. After leaving town we headed east on highway 970 until it merged with Highway 87, which took us over scenic Blewett Pass. At the end of highway 97, we turned left and drove to the Safeway Store just east of Leavenworth.

Many of us then visited Leavenworth for lunch and shopping while Doug and Velma, Arthur and Carla, and Mark raced off to Grand Coulee Dam under mixed skies.

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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

October 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



I thought I liked Corvettes. Well after the last three CdeO tours, I have to say I love them. And why wouldn't I?

The Lake Pateros tour was simply a class act. Duncan and Dee's Oregon Tasting Tour was a brilliantly choreographed tour through a different world right down I-5 from us. Then the joint tour with Mt Hood Corvettes involved over 60 drivers in 37 bright shiny Corvettes. What a thrill.

I can barely wait for our End-of-Year Celebration, where we will revisit our club's experiences for the year.

Anne

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1998	Karen Johnson
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2001	Jim Turcotte
2002	Peggy Rogers
2003	Peggy Rogers
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2005	Vince Puntenev
2006	Vince Puntenev
2007	Brian Cousineau
2008	Peggy Rogers
2009	Meagan Renick
2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick

Lake Pateros Tour

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At 3:00 the Leavenworth contingency headed out from the Safeway store on Highway 2 to Wenatchee and North on Alternate 97 to Chelan where we made a gas and potty stop. Then we continued north on Alternate 97 until it merged with 97. From there we drove along the Columbia River to the town of Pateros under clearing skies.



We met up with the Grand Coulee contingent at our hotel, the Pateros Lakeside Inn, and what a fine hotel this turned out to be. We all enjoyed ourselves that evening with such things as:

- Upscale, nicely decorated, clean and comfortable rooms.
- Lakeside balconies in each room
- A very fine meal at the adjoining Riverside Restaurant
- We shared the hotel parking lot with about a dozen Panteras from the Panteras Northwest club.





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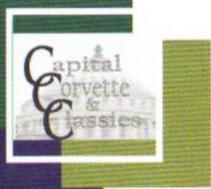
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Al Clark

Lake Pateros Tour

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The little town of Pateros has a bakery that turns into a pizza shop at three, and then has an outdoor live music show from six to nine, followed by Karaoke singing until everyone goes home. Many of us listened to the live music, some of us stayed for Karaoke.



In the morning, we all met at the Riverside Restaurant and enjoyed a choice of Buffett brunch or something from the regular menu.

After breakfast, we head south on highway 97 under an extraordinarily clear sky. We stayed with traffic until we crossed the Columbia River on the Beebe Bridge. After that, we enjoyed a 20 mile stretch of pass-when-you can driving along the east side of the river.



We then crossed the Columbia near Wenatchee and travelled west on Highway 2 to the Safeway store near Leavenworth. After a short break we headed west through Leavenworth, drove up the Tumwater canyon and west toward Stevens pass. We took advantage of each passing lane section of the highway to make great time. Just before the summit, we rounded a corner at speed only to detect radar signals from a white SUV parked a have

mile up the road. Fortunately we slowed to below the speed limit quickly enough to avoid any tickets.



The drive west from the summit was slowed by a string of motor homes who apparently thought driving 40-45 in a 50 mph zone was normal. We stopped at Zeke's Drive-In near Gold Bar for lunch and everyone loaded up on burgers, fries, and that sort of thing.

We then drove through Gold Bar, Startup, and Sultan to Monroe where we turned onto state road 203. The road took us through Duvall, Carnation, and Fall City. After Fall City we turned left on state road 202 and drove to Snoqualmie where we turned right on Snoqualmie Parkway. We took our



second to last break at a gas station/Deli complex in Snoqualmie Ridge. After this break we headed southwest on Highway 18 to Auburn, where we turned south on I-167. We took the next exit to take our final break at the Algona-pacific Dairy Queen and then we drove back to Olympia.

Although hard to believe that we could top the Port Townsend/Forks trip, we did just that.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
 Friday December 6th
 CdeO End-of-Year Celebration
 Talon Grill at Hawk's Prairie

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 from last month's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report (Will Trogden)

Will presented the report, and can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested.

If you need window clings, talk to Will.

Committee Reports**Sponsorship Update (Peggy Rogers)**

Nothing new.

Membership Update (Fred Millstead)

Prospective member Bob joined us today, and Ray Parker dropped by after seeing our beautiful line up in the parking lot.

Sunshine Chair (Brenda Johnson)

Jackie and Brenda are knee replacement recovery buddies, and Billy has a rebuilt ACL!

Webmaster (Allison McFadden)

Allison moved twice, had a wedding, started school. She is kept up on the events throughout, and is now updating the front page for September. Welcome back Allison!

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

The Historian Committee finished scanning in all the pictures for project, now on to power point slides with music for the holiday party. Will be reorganizing albums to make it easier to find pictures. They are organized right now by year and event, but if you upload photos, let Allison know so she can organize them.

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

No news.

NWACC (George Schwartz)

No news. NWACC banquet is coming up – check out flyers. (see below)

National Corvette Museum (George Schwartz)

No News.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

See event calendar for details on all events.

Morningside Ride

- At the Lucky Eagle Casino at Sunday
- Did a raffle to give away a couple of rides -- \$80 value
- Lots of fun – great bbq and a fun ride on great roads
- Hans of Hans and Franz joined us! (If that's a mystery, see SNL clips on youtube)

Where we've been:

- **Operation Backpack** – did ourselves proud this year – fifty backpacks! Total of 500 collected – 10% is good. Issued appreciation award. We did really well! Party at Norma's afterward, which was also Carla's 29th birthday.
- **Classical Gas** – Dennis and Patty won 2nd place at the Show and Shine. Lots of beautiful, varied cars.

- **Wounded Warrior Annual Car Show** – many of us attended. People's choice had a lot of categories – big car turnout! In Yelm
- **North Cascades Tour** – the night before, the road to our destination road North Cascade Highway washed out due to mudslide. We ended up spending 3 hours in Leavenworth for beer, shopping, and lunch. Some went to the Grand Coulee Dam – lots of fun, and lots of pictures from Arthur on the website! Terrific rooms at Pateros. Great restaurant, great view. Ask Will about the video of karaoke!!

Coming Up

- **Autocross** – the last is coming up at September 15th
- **Oregon Tasting Tour** – Sept 27th – Duncan and Dee road tested the run, a great selection of roads and specific route instructions so no one will get lost. Food is good, brunch will be fabulous. If you are attending, and haven't signed up online, please do so – need a head count. See you then!!
- End of Summer Car Show next Saturday at Lacey
- Day Tour – Combined tour with Mt Hood Corvettes. They are a fun group that are into driving their cars. They will be in our area, so they will come up from Oregon, come to Port Townsend, spend night in Bremerton, then we will pick them up as they go south toward Portland. Denny will be coordinating with their vice president. Should be really fun - and they are an NWACC club, so we'll have friends at the Banquet.
- Rotary club – Brats brews and Bands charity coming up on Sept 13th and 14th. At South Puget Sound community college. 4pm to 10pm, sat 11am to 10pm Tickets \$15.
- NWACC Banquet – look for flyers, and see website for details. Several club folks could win awards this year, and we will have a good crowd going up this year.
- Holiday Party – we are forming a committee to arrange this.
- North Thurston HS homecoming will be on September 27th. Need Convertibles for this event. Please see Josette if interested.
- A vote was called to donate \$200 to NWACC for banquet – all voted yes.

Old and New Business

Sweatshirt order. Will brought a sample. Had a problem with equipment, so will send to members directly when available.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

We agreed that doing raffle before meeting is best.

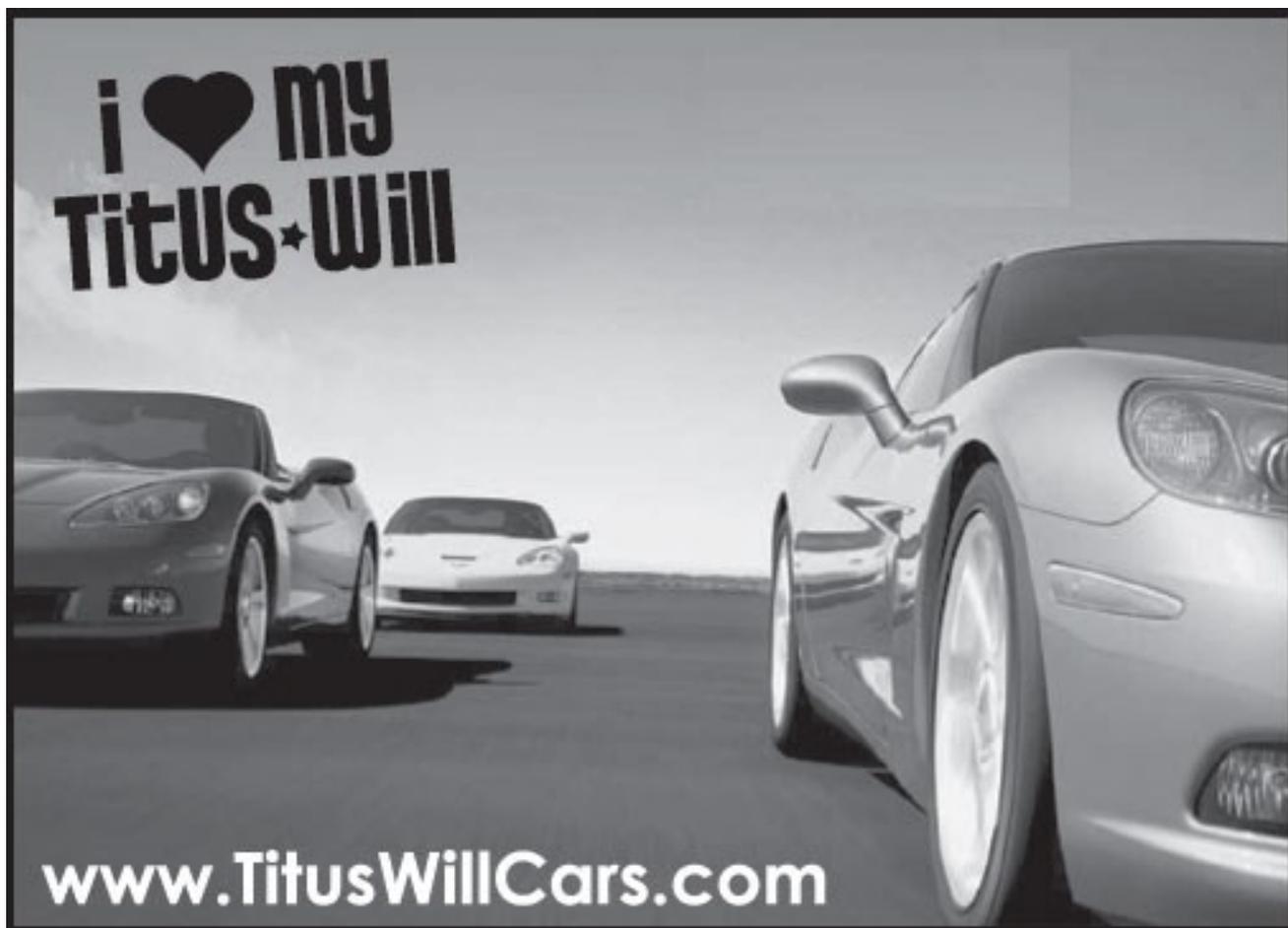
Billy provided a homemade quilt for raffle. Dr. Gould graciously donated his Morningside ticket to the raffle.

Quilt went to Caroline!!

50/50 went to Jim!! He will provide next month's prize.

Morningside Ticket went to Will Trogden.

Adjourn the Meeting



Upcoming Events

October

Sun 6
Wed 9

CdeO Day Tour*
CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

November

Wed 13
Sat 16

CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
NWACC Year-End Awards Banquet at La Quinta Inn, Tacoma (hosted by Puget Sound Corvette Club)

December

Sun 1
Fri 6

Downtown Olympia Holiday Parade*
CdeO End-of-Year Celebration*
(Note: No business meeting in December)

* 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>