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## CORVETTES de OLYMPIA

### Minutes of the General Meeting

March 14th, 2007

#### Overview

Brian opened his first meeting of the year at 7:05 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to communicate the vision for 2007, bring members up-to-date on Club activities, consider two Executive Board (E-Board) recommendations, prepare for March and April activities, and to have fun! A slide presentation (in Microsoft PowerPoint) provided a focus point for the meeting.

#### Agenda

2007 Vision  
CdeO Club Model  
Status Reports  
Old Business, New Business, and Fun Stuff  
What's Coming?

#### Business Topics

##### A. 2007 Vision

A vision for 2007—"To Have Fun with Corvettes!"—was proposed and accepted. The vision was intended to answer why we are here, what we want to accomplish, and where we as a Club want to be at the end of 2007.

For a graphic of the Vision for 2007, [click here](#).

##### B. CdeO Club Model

How do we organize ourselves to have fun with Corvettes? Brian introduced the CdeO Club Model that graphically depicted the Club organization in five parts: an Executive Board, Standing Committees and Representatives, Special Committees and Events, Sponsors and Advertisers, and in the center—we Club members having fun with our Corvettes!

#### Status Reports

During this portion of the meeting, we heard status reports on the February meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report, and from each of the Standing Committees.

#### February Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 14, 2007 meeting were approved. Highlights included the election of officers, a newsletter discussion and a budget discussion.

#### Treasurer's Financial Report

In his first Treasurer's report, Denny described the club's five accounts: Checking, Savings, Rally, Scholarship, and Merchandise. There has been almost no

change since last month, except that the checking accounts are a little more comfortable with the collection of several member's dues payments.

#### Reports from Standing Committees

During this portion of the meeting, we heard reports from each of the standing committees.

#### Membership-

We voted in new members—Nick Strizic and Sandy Reinhardt. Welcome to the Club!

#### Sunshine-

Frankie noted that there were no reports of illnesses—thank goodness! Please call either Frankie or Vince if you know of anyone in the Club who has an illness.

#### Sponsorship-

Peggy reported that renewal letters were mailed. To date, Titus-Will, Jim and Jane Elliot of Cornerstone RV Center, and Wayne Vandiver of Wayne's Ground Maintenance have all renewed.

#### Events and Activities

Jon reported on upcoming events beginning with the upcoming Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast & Car Show at North Thurston High School on Saturday, March 17th.

Jon also reminded us that April 1st marks the Club's dress rehearsal (pre-run) for the All City Rally on April 22nd.

This year, Meagan (with Michaela's help) will act as Rally Master for the All City Rally. Proceeds from the rally fund the majority of the Club's two automotive scholarships at South Puget Sound Community College. Meagan said that she could use more help. Anyone interested in helping should contact Meagan.

#### Historian

Nothing new to report.

#### Web site

Art noted that the Web site is up to date.

#### National Corvette Museum (NCM)

The 2008 Corvette will be introduced at the C5/C6 Bash on the weekend of April 26-28. "The Bash" is an annual meeting of owners of the various generations held at the NCM. The events feature activities like racing, seminars, and discussions

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

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## Next Meeting

**April 11th, 2007 7 PM**

**Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA**

President's Message



I love Corvettes! And it's that mutual love of Corvettes that binds us together as a Club. The Club provides a place where you and I and other members of the Club can share our love and appreciation of Corvettes. Seasons change, meetings change, and cruise routes change, but that common purpose re-

clips—just the first in a great lineup of cruises in store for us. Enjoy!  
Brian



mains constant. April is here (finally!), and the throaty roar of Corvette engines fills the Spring air as we take to the road for the 2007 driving season. The All City Rally kicks things off, and then the last weekend of April we have a Spring Meet-and-Greet Car Club Picnic with other area car clubs. If you have had trouble finding a seat at our meetings, you know that our Club has grown, and we appreciate that so many have joined our Club. To expand seating and make food service easier, we've arranged with Tumwater Valley Bar and Grill to use their larger meeting space—beginning with the April meeting. But the real story happens where the rubber hits the road—literally. Mark your calendars to join Randy and company on May 26<sup>th</sup> for the Washington Coast Tour to Ocean Shores and up to Mo-

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by Randy



Following a beautiful March Friday that saw temperatures in the low 70s, Saturday, March 17th, St Patrick's Day, turned out to be pretty nice also compared to the conditions at last year's event. There was no

snow on the ground this year! And although it was a bit chilly or seemed that way because of the slight breeze, it was dry and very tolerable with temperatures hovering around the 50 degree mark. But the operable word here is DRY!

And a record number of CdeO members turned out to have breakfast and show off their cars at the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club pancake breakfast. The breakfast is the largest fund raiser the Lions Club has for the year and the support from CdeO is very beneficial. Not only from displaying their cars and attracting others to stop and eat, but also producing about 50 paying customers from the Corvette club.

We met at the Chinook Middle School on 6th Ave. NE, just around the corner from North Thurston High School to make the brief journey to the high school entrance at 9 AM. Those attending were Vinnie, Eric & Miranda, Dick S. Cliff, Rusty & Linda, Russ & Ann, Leo & Dana, Wayne & Linda, Dick R., Tim & Virginia, Nick, Nick Jr., Brian & Betsy, Lee & Sherry, Rich & Frankie, Art & Linda, Denny & Josette, Meagan, Mikeala, & Mike, Tom, Jon, Denny & Sher, Duncan & Dee, Lynus & Mary Alice, Bruce, and myself. Once we had arrived, we found Michael & Shelly already inside eating.

Arranging the cars was no easy task with so many cars to fit into the small space in front of the school entrance.



Packing the cars side by side to maximumize the number of cars parked off the main street while still allowing room for those coming and going from the breakfast was a daunting assignment. But eventually they were all arranged. Fortunately Sugar was occupied with other duties and did not complain about the color arrangements. As it turned out, there were several red car and several black car "clumps". Normally, Sugar would not allow such sloppy setup and feel compelled to color coordinate the group. Even with the color gaffe, the cars filled the entrance area and ran down the curb in both directions. An impressive array of automobiles.



After parking the cars, the group did not spend much time admiring their cars, instead the hus-

bled inside to feast on pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and coffee or juice. I seriously doubt if anyone left hungry. Plenty of food and those kind of breakfasts tend to stick to and fill out the ribs. A couple of members stayed with the cars to provide security. No one intends to damage the cars but some don't realize that touching the vehicles or rubbing against them is a cardinal sin. Well for owners, that is. Since the cars were packed in pretty tightly, there was not a lot of space to pass safely between. This was evident when three disabled individuals attempted to slip between the parked cars in wheel chairs. They did a remarkable job and never came close to anything. We should have slipped a Corvette emblem on the back of the wheel chairs, installed a horsepower chip, and awarded them an honorary membership in the club. These guys were good! Much better and safer than a lot of the people walking with two good legs who sometimes tend to glide along the sides of the cars dragging coats, purses, or hands against the waxed and mirrored surfaces like a pin ball in a machine.

Eric's car was a great draw with a movie playing on the DVD screen in his dash. Between the movie and the music, he had a crowd of people



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hovering close. But occasionally, he needed to start the engine to insure the battery still had enough juice to start the



car after the show ends. When the car starts, it is a contest to play the music loud enough to be heard over the exhaust system. But I think the movie won. No one left the scene. Eric spent a great deal of time and work installing the music, movie, and navigational system in his car and the effort was well worth the effect. Great system! After eating breakfast, the club shuffled from car to car as someone



once said, "Looking at each car like they had never seen them before". But this time there was a little more truth to that fact. There were some new faces in the car paddock. Dick R. was debuting his new black C5, Linda & Russ had their new C5 Z06, although this was the second showing of my C5, many of the club members and cars had not seen it before. So proper introductions needed to be made and the cars had to be properly welcomed into the CdeO family. All went well.

Each car was given a number and viewers were invited to cast a vote for their favorite car. Each year, Nick and Sugar donate a plaque to be awarded to the most popular Corvette. The votes are tallied at the end of the event and this year a new car was "top gun" Virginia and Tim's red C5 with the yellow and red flames proved to be the crowd favorite. But not by much! Eric & Miranda's black C5 coupe with the newly installed DVD screen and sound system was a very close second. I guess Eric will need to choose a different movie to play to enhance voting in his favor next year.



It was another successful event with a record number of participants and the pancake breakfast was another success for the Lions Club. There will be many happy recipients and Lions projects benefiting from the monies raised at this event. Thanks to the support of the CdeO members, there is a little more money to be spread around to those that need Lion's assistance. Thanks to all those that attended.



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## "How to teach an old car new tricks"

## Did you know:

- ◆ The little yellow helper light on the bottom of the rear-view mirror illuminates the shifter area.
- ◆ That you can put your key in the drivers door and turn it twice towards the front to unlock the passenger door and a third time to pop the trunk.
- ◆ That you can pop the trunk and also pop the gas cap cover by pulling on metal lines hidden in the back.
- ◆ The little slotted cover on the dash behind the steering wheel is where the inside air temperature sensor is located.
- ◆ All of the option codes are in the glove box.
- ◆ Tire inflation recommended pressures are on the driver's door.
- ◆ The thing that looks like a little LED near the DIC buttons is a light sensor.
- ◆ The thing that looks like a little LED near the defroster vent is a UV sensor for determining A/C usage to compensate for the heating effect of the sun.
- ◆ The build sheet is in the front re-bar.
- ◆ If you leave your turn signal on, in about 1 minute it will start to ding (loud enough to hear over the stereo) to let you know you have old timers disease.
- ◆ You can reset the oil life by pumping the gas pedal 3 times (but not with the engine running).
- ◆ Hold down the reset button while on one of the trip odometers and it changes that reading to the miles you've traveled since last starting the engine.
- ◆ Hold down the Active Handling button for 5 sec. to engage Competitive Driving on cars equipped with active handling (2000 and previous years must be stopped.)
- ◆ If you pull the seatbelts all the way out while you're buckled in, they ratchet back in to hold you tighter into the seat. (then move the seat forward to make it extra snug)
- ◆ Simply remove fuse #2 under the hood and your DRLs will be out permanently. Only thing affected is that when you unlock at night using the key fob your front turn signal lights and back up lights will not flash. Your front turn signals will operate normally, however.
- ◆ The side-view mirrors can twist both forward and backward, decreasing the chance of damage if struck.
- ◆ There is a release opening with a flap to let air out of the car when the hatch is closed. It is located just above the driver side rear compartment behind the carpet and on the side of the car. Not that it really works well.
- ◆ Also, you can ground your amp to a screw/bolt that holds the rear middle compartment to the frame.
- ◆ If you have a 6-speed car you can pop the trunk when the car is running by lifting the e-brake.
- ◆ There is a spot on the driver side just out of the middle compartment under the carpet for the lug nut key. You should have a compartment on the drivers & passenger's side (in the trunk) and a center compartment. On the left (drivers) side of the center compartment, on the left side where the center cover fits, there is an indent that holds the wheel lock key.
- ◆ If you turn on the headlights, then go to parking light position, the lamps remain up but the headlights are not left on.
- ◆ If you have the passive entry feature: If you lock the keys in the car, wait a few minutes and then shake the car. That will unlock the car.
- ◆ HUD has a shift light for the manuals.
- ◆ You can easily shift the M6 trans up or down without the clutch if you match revs. (Not great for longevity, however.)
- ◆ You can eject the CD from the in-dash player without turning on any power. Don't even need key in the ignition.
- ◆ The cruise will disengage if you purposely make sharp side to side turns while cruising at say 60-80 mph.
- ◆ When the engine is shut off, you can get the odometer reading by turning on the parking lights.
- ◆ You can program setting #3 (both memory buttons at once) in the seat memory to run the seat back and steering wheel forward for getting in/out of the car with the engine running.
- ◆ If you hate DRLs you can pull the e-brake ONE click and they go off.

*Editor's Note: I can't swear all these things work but if you have nothing do give it a try. Then you can report back. This list was copied from an online Corvette email bulletin board.*

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with Corvette personalities.

The NCM will be selling several pallets of new GM and Corvette parts from the Guide Division of GM during the next few months on eBay. Proceeds will go to the NCM expansion.

Monterey Red will no longer be a color option for new Corvettes. It will be replaced by a darker red that will look even better!

#### Scholarship

Nothing new to report.

#### NWACC

Nothing new to report.

#### D. Old Business, New Business and Fun Stuff

##### Executive Board Recommendation on Newsletter

Michael South spoke on behalf of the Newsletter Committee, which also included Randy, Larry, and Leo. After receiving fairly split results from a survey of members and sponsors and considering the budget, they concluded that the newsletter is "one of those things that bind us."

The committee recommended to the E-Board that we continue to provide a hard copy and give members an option for online-only delivery. The E-Board recommendation, which reflected that of the committee, was approved unanimously.

Note: Members that choose to have the newsletter delivered in online format may notify the editor through the link to the editor on our Web site, personal email, phone or verbally. All members will receive notices via email when the newsletter is available online.

##### Executive Board Recommendation on 2007 Budget

Denny reviewed the proposed budget, noting that our main income comes from dues and sponsors. There is little other income other than the Rally, which pays for the scholarships. Bottom line of a non-profit organization—income should match expenses. Denny has committed to recasting the budget again in six months.

To see a copy of the approved budget, contact Denny Miller, Treasurer.

#### Spring Meet & Greet

Bob Hill reported on the upcoming Spring Meet & Greet picnic to be held from Noon until 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at the Yelm City Park. It will be a unique opportunity to participate with five other car clubs in the area, like the Old Car club in Shelton, the Mustang club, the Tenino Quarryman's club, and the Hot Rod club. Bring a brown-bag lunch and come meet local members.

#### VetteFest

Nothing new to report.

#### Annual Dues

They are now due!!

#### Events

If you haven't done so yet, please let Randy know if you plan to attend the Pacific Ocean Day Tour on May 26th and the Olympic Peninsula Weekend Cruise on August 4th and 5th. These events will be a little bit different this year, and Randy needs an idea of how many people plan to participate.

#### CdeO Day at Emerald Downs (Proposed by Jon)

The Club has participated in this event in the past, and it was a lot of fun!

Jon reviewed a flyer for a "Day in the Races" which included a wide selection of menu options. All prices include admission into the park and general parking. Please look at the information on the Web site and vote for your favorite meal. The track opens May 28th through September 28th.

#### Corvette Open House

Brian presented a note from Larry Johnson proposing that we tie in the Corvette Open House event with the Corvette and High Performance open house on September 8th. A motion to approve was accepted unanimously. Other Corvette clubs will be invited and some type of dinner planned. Michael, Bob, Chris, and Larry volunteered to participate on a committee. See Larry for details.

#### Fun Stuff

Brian proposed to reserve some time at each Club meeting for a brief (usually 5 to 10 minutes) presentation on something you think others would like to know about (for example, what Eric did to his car). In April, David Snow from the LeMay Museum will give a multi-media presentation on the museum. Contact Brian if you would like to be added to the agenda.

#### E. What's Coming

##### Today's Raffle

The Ames' have won two months in a row—only this time it was Ann. She will bring the April door prize.

##### Upcoming Events

Be sure to check out the Calendar of Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. See you at the next meeting on April 11th!

Respectfully submitted by Josette M.,  
Secretary

## CdeO AT EMERALD DOWNS

Will the club go to Emerald Downs? A club event has been proposed but much planning needs to be completed. The first step in this planning is to decide whether or not to do it. And the major part of this step (which is very critical) is to pick an option and cost that all in the club can agree on or at least live with. If this step can not be accomplished there is no step two. PLEASE contact the Events & Activities Chair and advise him of your choice to participate or not participate in this event.

Emerald Downs opens for the 2007 season on April 20th and closes September 30th. Our event would take place on a Sunday. It would be helpful if a decision about options and price could be finalized by April 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for a date to be set.

If there has not been enough response to support a decision on one of the options by this date the event will not be pursued further. Please go to the following link on our club website and read the options. Then respond to the CdeO E&A Chair as soon as possible by NO LATER THAN APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>.

Emerald Downs Information:

<http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org/events/adayatemeralldowns.htm>

#### \*\*\*\*\*Dues Notice\*\*\*\*\*

Annual club dues are due. If you have not yet paid, please see the Treasurer, Denny Miller. \$55 for a couple and \$27.50 for a single membership. Payment can be made at the meeting or sent to the club PO box, Corvettes de Olympia, 2154, Olympia, WA 98507-2154. Thank you.



### Upcoming Events

- Apr**
- Apr 1st\*      ACR Club Pre-Run, Corvette & High Performance, Oly, WA Meagan Renick, Rally Master (360 459-0771)
- Apr 11th\*     CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- Apr 22nd\*    All City Rally, Corvette & High Performance, 2840 Black Lk Blvd, Oly. , Meagan Renick, Rally Master (360 459-0771)
- Apr 29th\*    All Car Club Picnic, Yelm City Park, Bob Hill (360 888-7747)
- May**
- May 9th\*     CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- May 26th\*    Pacific Ocean Day Tour, Leave Royal Bean Coffee Shop, Tumwater, 9AM, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- June**
- June 9th\*    Lacey Mid Day Lions Summer Car Show, South Sound Mall, Lacey, WA
- June 13th\*    CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- June 17th\*    VetteFest Autocross, Shelton Airport, Jim Turcotte (360 866-0990)
- June 23rd\*    One Lap Around Mt Rainier, Leave Royal Bean Coffee Shop, Tumwater, 9AM, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- July**
- July 4th\*     Tumwater Parade & CdeO Picnic, Tumwater & Harris's home, Royal Bean 9:30 AM, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- July 6,7,8th   Shadow of the Mountain, Leavenworth, WA (253-874-9562 or www.TacomaCorvette.com)
- July 11th\*    CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- July 14th\*    Windy Ridge/Mt St. Helen's Tour, Leave Royal Bean Coffee Shop, Tumwater 9AM, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- July 15th\*    Lakefair Car Show, Deschutes Parkway, Olympia, WA, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- July 16th\*    Lakefair Parade, Olympia, WA, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- Aug**
- Aug 4-5th\*    Olympic Peninsula Weekend Cruise, Leave Royal Bean Coffee Shop, Tumwater 8AM, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- Aug 8th\*     CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA

\* indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more information and additional events, visit <http://www/corvettesdeolympia.org>  
 If you have an idea for a club function, please contact either the Event's & Activities or any club officer for any assistance you need in organizing or planning the event..

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