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## Roadster or Convertible or What?

by Duncan with assistance from the LeMay Museum

We Corvette owners tend to refer to our open-top cars as "roadsters" while the factory insists they are "convertibles." Who is right? Does it really matter? Prepare to get a bit retentive here.

Very technically speaking, a ROADSTER is a light open car with just one row of seats, and (very important) no side windows. Instead it has side curtains you attach if needed. If it has a windshield it folds down or can be unbolted from the car easily so there is no structure above the beltline. Usually (not always) a roadster's soft top disappears when down, either under a lid like a Corvette, or into a well like a Miata, or it can be disassembled and put in the trunk as some MG's and Triumphs did.

Just FYI, a 4-door version of a roadster, with multiple rows of seats, was a "touring car" or "phaeton." They have not been seen since the 1930s.

CONVERTIBLE is short for "convertible coupe" or "convertible sedan," meaning one of those closed body styles that converts into an open car. A convertible can have any number of seats, has roll-up side windows, has a windshield that is fixed in place, and usually when the top is down it folds into kind of a pile and is covered with a "boot."

The last true convertible sedans were the suicide-door Lincoln convertibles of the 1960s. A deluxe convertible with a lining inside the top so you can't see the bows and machinery is a CABRIOLET ("cab-bree-oh-LAY.")

So from all that we can see that only the 1953-54-55 Corvettes were true roadsters. Once roll-up windows were introduced in 1956 the car became a convertible. And technically the latest generations with lined tops are cabriolets.

Don't feel left out of these definitions if your Corvette has solid material over your head. A COUPE is a closed car with a very short (fore-and-aft) passenger compartment and usually only one row of seats; if there is a back seat it is cramped, a 2+2 arrangement, not a full-size seat as in a sedan. Traditionally, coupe is pronounced "coo-PAY," not "coop." Coops are for chickens. One version popular in the 1930s and 1940s was the Business Coupe. It had a front seat only, and a very long trunk (extending to where the back seat would normally be,) the better to carry merchandise and salesman's samples. Business Coupes frequently had overdrive transmissions and extra large gas tanks for long road runs.

If it is all too confusing, my father (a roadsterman all his life) had a great description: "A roadster is an open car with a top you put up on rainy days, while a convertible is a closed car with a top you put down in nice weather."

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## The Next Meeting

Wed, 8 April 2009 @ 7 PM

Hawks Prairie Restaurant, Lacey, WA

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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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| 1972                                    | Rich Lockhart   |
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| 1989                                    | Jim Turcotte    |
| 1990                                    | Karen Johnson   |
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| 1991                                    | Ron Zielin      |
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| 2008                                    | Peggy Rogers    |



**President's Message**



Just when you think spring is here; SNOW!?! Don't be discouraged, I am sure that Corvette season is right around the corner, maybe? Thank you to everyone who turned out for the general membership meeting last month. We went a little long, but we are off to a very productive start. The Board is working very diligently to get this season kick started, even if the weather won't agree. I am very excited about the events that are on the horizon for this year, and oh the fun we will have. I would like to take a moment to spread some encouragement: you will see some new events (and some old ones) on the rosters in the coming months, if you have never tried that event before this might be the time for something new, or if you have tried it before; perhaps you can share some stories with the rest of us? I know that I am excited to try some new events this year and see what else is out there for us. Fun is around every corner, we just have to find out which corner we want to turn.



Save the Wave!  
Meagan



**Corvettes de Olympia now has a Facebook profile so don't be a stranger stop in and check it out while your on the web. It is also a great way to stay in touch with other CdeO club members.**

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**Corvettes de Olympia**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**March , 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday March 11, 2009, at Hawk's Prairie Inn. Introduction of the 2009 board was preceded by the standard club introductions. The February minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Art Carter**

Art reported the specifics of the annual report and had a spreadsheet with the income and expenses broken-down. He also reported that all of the information presented was also now on the club website for those who would like a closer look. All of the financial documents have been scanned and are now on CD. Art reported that when members pay their dues on line that the club then has to pay a \$1.50 fee and so it was recommended that a change to the by-laws be made to address that fee, or a change to the web site to address the fee at the time that the dues are being paid by the member. If a bi-law change is what is needed then the change would need to be published before being voted on. Art also asked that the club change the calendar and fiscal year to coincide in January, so there are no issues when trying to balance the budget. This again needs to be published in the monthly newsletter before it can be voted on.

**NWACC – Jon Cox**

Although Jon has a busy schedule with Lakefair he has agreed to chair the NWACC committee for the club, as he attends all the meetings already. The new rules have been voted on for the New Year and the next meeting is set for April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NCM – George Schwartz**

George came with tons of new exciting news for the national Corvette Museum. If you are interested in anything to do with the museum visit the website. It is updated daily and has live feed of the building site, and is the top search under corvette. George reassured everyone that the construction is set to be completed in time for the caravan to Bowling green in August.

**SPONSORSHIP – Peggy Rogers**

Peggy announced the sponsors that have continued supporting the club for another year are Dr. Gould and Classy Chassy, and we may need to look elsewhere in the near future for additional sponsorship. Titus will has not yet told us if they will continue as a sponsor, but we are looking forward to having them at the next meeting for their presentation on the new Camero.

**SCHOLARSHIP – Cliff Reichel & Karen Johnson** Nothing new to report.

**WEBSITE – Art Carter** E-Board minutes and all financial documents have been posted on the CdeO website.

**MEMBERSHIP – Art Carter**

No perspective members meet the requirements to be voted on for membership. For future meetings and events perspective members will have a special name tag to help current members include them and make them feel welcome.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Fankie Sokso** Nothing new to report.

**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES – Josette Miller and Betsy Cousineau**

Josette and Betsy passed out survey to the club members present at the meeting in an attempt to gather a better idea of what the member's interests are and what they look forward to doing each year. There hope is to create a more interactive website that will fit everyone's needs and have a full array of events and activities to participate in. They will also continue to have clipboards at the meetings so no one gets left out anything they may want to participate in.

The pancake breakfast is April 4<sup>th</sup> and the club is meeting at Chinook middle school just around the corner from North Thurston High School at 8:30am to all go to the breakfast as a club. There will be a people choice award and the Lions club looks forward to our participation. Continued on page 4.

Autocross season has started at Bremerton Raceway. All cars welcome, and there are all day and half day schedules. Meagen stated that the schedule is on line at BSCC. Net, and there is about one autocross a month and the cost is \$20. You do need to have a DOT or Snel approved helmet in order to participate.

The club Christmas party has been set for December 19 at Chambers house.

Titus Will is planning on attending the next meeting to give their presentation on the new Camero.

### OLD BUSINESS

Name Tags- Eric Ries

The fine for failure to wear your name tag is being brought back. It is mandatory to wear your name tag to all club events and club meetings. The fine will be .50cents. If you do not have a name tag you need to see Art Carter to get one ordered.

The need for a brochure or business card was brought to the clubs attention. The intention of these would be to pass out to Corvette owners who may be interested in joining our club. This would give perspective members something that is tangible and not just word of mouth that could get lost or forgotten. After some discussion a few members agreed to make up some formats and bring them back to the club for their okay.

### NEW BUISNESS

New Event- Mark Twardzicki

Mark presented the idea to the club to have a poker run in place of the all city rally that the club voted to do away with. He told the club that he would not need them to work any of the stations and instead he would hope that they would participate in the event. The insurance has already been donated to the club at no cost and the club would have do out of pocket expenses. A motion was brought to the club to hold a poker run; the motion was seconded and approved by the club. The Poker Run will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> and more details will be at the next meeting.

Club Networking- Betsy and Josette

They made a motion to the club that we develop a Myspace and Facebook page to allow the club to have a way to be in contact with more corvette and care enthusiasts. The motion was seconded and then approved by the club.

Crafts- Kathy Vandiver

Kathy brought a few examples of some items that she has been making that the club members may be interested in. She had a plush teddy bear that had a leather coat on that had embroidery on it, and she explained that she can make it all custom for different cars and colors; she also had some throw blankets that she had added some corvette emblems to and stated again that she could add any design if requested. If any members have an interest please contact Kathy Vandiver.

### ADJOURNMENT / RAFFLE

The 50/50 raffle winner responsible for bringing next month's raffle prize is: Frankie Sokso

Gift Card winner is: Leo Dipola

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Hawk's Prairie Inn.

Minutes submitted by Miranda Ries, 2009 CdeO Secretary.

## HELP WANTED

The newsletter is looking for people with new ideas to enhance our reader experience.

Tech Tips, Corvette of the month, member of the Month or any other ideas people out there might have. If you would like to have a part in the monthly newsletter please contact

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Art Carter proposed a change to the By Laws regarding dues. Currently members paying dues on line with a credit card incur a credit processing fee to the club. For family members it is \$1.52 and for single members it is \$0.86. The web site hosting company, Club Express, cannot add CC (credit card) processing fees at the time of payment.

**So the change to the By Laws would be FROM THE CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

Section VI: Dues: *Dues for Regular Members shall be \$55.00 per year, per Family Unit. If a Family Unit consists of a single individual, dues shall be \$27.50 per year. Dues for Associate Members shall be \$27.50 per year, per person. No dues shall be assessed Honorary members.*

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Art also proposed a change to the Constitution to reflect a January - December calendar and fiscal years.

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Section V: CdeO Calendar Year: *The CdeO Calendar Year shall be twelve (12) months beginning March 1.*

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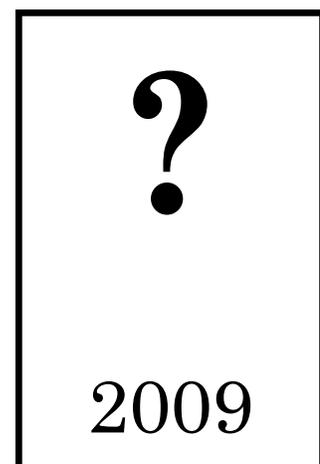
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## What will our next logo look like?

If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to

[eric.a.ries@us.army.mil](mailto:eric.a.ries@us.army.mil)





**April**

- Apr 4th\* Lacey Sunrise Lions Pancake Breakfast & Corvette Show, 9 AM, North Thurston High School, Lacey, WA (Randy Harris 360 459-8670)
- Apr 8th\* CdeO Meeting, 7 PM, Hawks Prairie Restaurant, Lacey, WA

**May**

- May 13th\* CdeO Meeting, 7 PM, Hawks Prairie Restaurant, Lacey, WA
- May 17th NWACC AutoCross –Shelton WA
- May 23rd\* Opening Tour of the Season
- May 31st\* CdeO Poker Rally (Mark Twardzicki)

**June**

- June 7th NWACC AutoCross –Shelton WA
- June 12-14th Vette-a-Bration, Yakima WA (Eric Ries 360-951-7335)
- June 14th Flag Day Parade, Ocean Shores WA

\* indicates club sanctioned events counting toward membership requirements.  
 If you have an idea for an event, bring it up at a meeting or contact  
 Josette Miller and Betsy Cousineau at 360-791-9424.

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**The Corvette Commandments**

1. Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow Corvette owner.
2. Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress without offering aid.
3. Thou shalt not feed thy Corvette budget grade fuel.
4. Thou shalt treat thy Vette with respect; with great power comes great responsibility.
5. Thou shalt keep thy Corvette clean and waxed at all times, yet thou shalt not take thy Corvette to an auto car wash.
6. Thou shalt park thy Vette in such a manner as to protect her tender fenders even if I have to walk a greater distance to get to my destination.
7. Thou shalt blow out the carbon with a high-speed run at the track or at an autocross event when required.
8. Thou shalt not cruise on unpaved roads.
9. Neither friend, nor foe, nor even thy spouse may drive thy Corvette without first showing proper reverence.
10. Each Corvette is an individual work of art; judge not lest ye be judged.



*Happy Easter  
from CdeO*



**Club Dues**

Once again it is time pay your club dues. On 1 March the clock began ticking on your membership if your dues are unpaid . Those not bringing their dues up to date within 60 days are subject to being dropped from the rolls. Dues are \$27.50 for a single membership and \$55 for a family membership. Payment can be made on the club website, at the monthly meeting, or by sending payment to CdeO, PO Box 2154, Olympia, WA 98507. Thank you.

**Corvette for sale**

1968 Vette w/ original L-36, 390 hp motor and original transmission. Needs some work and TLC but most of all someone to drive her on sunny summer days. For price and more info please call M. E. Miller at 253-460-4260



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