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Overview

This was our first meeting with our new officers in place.

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Chamber's House Restaurant at Panorama City. The meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved as published.

GUEST SPEAKER – Kevin Gearhart, Titus Will Chevrolet

Kevin Gearhart from Titus-Will came to visit and speak with us. He wanted to share that they are now stocking Corvettes for sale at the dealership. When he started with the Olympia dealership several years ago, they had no Corvettes on the lot. Now they have several as they have found that there is a market for it in the area. He also wanted to let us know that they now have a Corvette specific mechanic working for the dealership by the name of Mark Hickman. Mark is in the top 5% in the Nation for Corvette schooling. He will also give the extra attention that is needed when working on a Corvette, to take special care of the vehicle. Kevin encouraged that if there is anything that we need, that we come to see him, or give him a call. He also brought a box of Corvette goodies to raffle off at the end of our meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Art Carter

Art reported the specifics of our treasury. If you would like further information on this, you can contact Art for a breakdown.

WEBSITE – Art Carter

The new website is up and running,

nothing new to report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Art Carter

There is a member couple that is eligible to be voted in, however; they were not present.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Cliff Reichel

Nothing new to report at this time.

NWACC – Meagan Renick

Nothing new to report at this time.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – George Schwartz

George spoke about the upcoming raffle for a new Corvette, which will be held on the 15th. Tickets are only available online through the NCM website. For more information, please contact George.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Frankie Sokso

Nothing new to report at this time.

ALL CITY RALLY – Brian Cousineau

Brian spoke about the upcoming All City Rally. The rally pre-run will be held on April 6th, and the actual rally is on April 20th. He showed a Corvette poster that he created to fill in the amount of pre-registrations that we receive. We had a successful booth at the Corvette and High Performance Swap Meet last month, and we will also have a booth set up at the upcoming Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast event. A sign up sheet was circulated to get volunteers to work both the pre-run and the rally, as well as volunteers to drive in the pre-run. Brian would like to see a minimum of 16 cars signed up to drive the pre-run, so that the rally staff can figure out if things will function properly. Brian would like to see a minimum of 16 cars signed up to drive the pre-run, so that rally staff can fix anything that doesn't work quite right. The pre-run will start at Corvette and High Performance and end at i.talia Restaurant. The actual rally will also start at Corvette and High Performance, with the final award ceremony at the

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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 2nd 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

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2006	Vince Puntenev
2007	Brian Cousineau

Next meeting

Wed, April 9th 2008 6 PM

Alliance Enterprises, 2625 Willamette Dr NE, Lacey, WA

(Food is not available. You are free to bring your own-NO ALCOHOL)

President's Message



Spring is here? Can't really tell by the weather, just the calendar.

With spring we have all the usual activities ahead of us, but mainly, the All City Rally. The rally team is asking for all of us to participate in one way or another. There is still room to sign up and join in the pre-run. Invite a friend or co-

worker to run the Rally. We aren't doing the usual raffle this year, but a cash lottery. The money you used to spend for a raffle item, could be donated to the ACR, and a write off on your next year taxes. So, if you can't work or run the Rally, there are other ways to help.

Since Tumwater Valley Bar and Grill has closed, we have been looking for a new meeting location that doesn't charge for the room and is large enough for our group. We have tried a couple locations, but not quite what we wanted for long term use. Lee Cousineau came to the rescue and offered his office space at the Alliance Building. We can bring in our dinner, and beverage, BUT NO ALCOHOL. We can arrive at 6ish, so we have time to eat before the meeting, if you choose. He is located in the Hawks Prairie area, exit 111, north on Marvin Rd, at second round-a-bout, which is Willamette, go rt. His building is down Willamette on the left. A huge thanks to Lee for his

generosity. So that is where we will be for the April 9th. As you can see, the calendar has a lot of events and activities already posted. Many of which the club had done for years. If you know of something that isn't posted, get the information to Jon and we can talk about adding something new. Lastly, dues of \$55 for family membership or \$27.50 for individual membership are expiring and ready for 2008 renewal.

Hope to see most of you at the ACR pre-run, or at the finish spot, The i.talia.

Save the wave

Peggy

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Regular production of the 2008 Tesla Roadster commenced today, marking an historical milestone for Tesla Motors and a watershed in the development of clean, zero-emissions vehicles.

First unveiled as a prototype on July 19th, 2006, the revolutionary Tesla Roadster generated an extraordinary response from people everywhere who were inspired by the vision that beautiful, high performance cars could generate zero-emissions and burn no oil. Less than 2 years later, this vision has become a reality as Tesla Motors begins production of this breakthrough electric vehicle. The 2008 model year is sold out and Tesla is currently taking reservations for the 2009 model year Tesla Roadster. To date, over 900 Tesla Roadsters have been reserved in total.

Through the course of development of the Roadster, Tesla Motors has established a leadership position in EV technology which it plans to extend over the next years, leading to the introduction of its next model, a five passenger sports sedan, in 2010.

Tesla Motors develops and manufactures electric vehicles with exceptional design, performance and efficiency, while conforming to all U.S. safety, environmental and durability standards. The Tesla Roadster is the only highway capable production electric car of any kind for sale in the United States.

With a 0 to 60 mph acceleration of 3.9 seconds, a 13,000 rpm redline, and the fastest top gear acceleration of any production car tested by Car & Driver magazine in 2007, combined with an EPA rating of 135 MPG equivalent, the Tesla Roadster is unique in providing super car performance at twice the energy efficiency of the best hybrids. The biggest difference between the Tesla and the rest of the hybrid vehicles is the batteries used. Batteries for the Tesla are lithium-ion and resemble those used in laptop computers and there are many more of them. However, they still are limited to about a 220 mile range before they must be recharged. But you can get to the end the end of that range pretty quickly and cheaply but you'll need to get on the list to shell out the nearly \$100,000 asking price..



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APRIL

Apr 5th* - Saturday: Lacey Sunrise Lions Pancake Breakfast & Corvette Show, NTHS, Meet at 9:00 AM at Chinook Middle School on 6th St. NE, Lacey. We cruise around the corner to North Thurston High School and park in a big Corvette display to attract people into the Lions' Club fund-raiser breakfast. We eat, too! There will be a people's choice trophy. We're done by noon. Event is free; minor charge for breakfast. Contact: Randy Harris, 360-459-8670.

Apr 6th* - Sunday: All City Rally v28 Pre-Run, Corvette & High Performance. *Closed event for CdeO members only.* Start from Corvette & High Performance, workers arrive 8:00 AM, first car starts at 9:00 AM. We get to drive the rally course, a 50-mile cruise on great sports car roads out in the country, two weeks before the actual event to try it out. (CdeO members don't run the real rally because we are all needed to work it.) Workers at the start may run the course after they get the others launched. Bring your navigator, pencils & paper, and senses of humor and adventure. Finish & awards at I.Talia restaurant in early afternoon. Free. Contact: Brian Cousineau 360-413-7645.

Apr 9th* - Wednesday: CdeO meeting, 6 PM, Alliance Enterprises, 2625 Willamette Dr. NE, Lacey, WA. Bring your own dinner.

Apr 20th* - Sunday: All City Rally v28, Corvette & High Performance, 28th annual running of CdeO's signature event for the public (not for CdeO members.) 50-mile gimmick type road rally, open to all cars, all paved roads, not a speed event. Entry fee \$16 through April 10, \$20 after, benefits CdeO scholarship fund. Start from Corvette & High Performance, first car out 9:00 AM, last car out 11:00 AM. CdeO members who are working the rally be at start at 8:00 AM. Awards presented at South Puget Sound Community College student union building at 3:00 PM; all CdeO members and their Corvettes should be there. Free to members. Contact: Brian Cousineau 360-413-7645.

MAY

May 14th* - Wednesday: CdeO meeting, 7 PM, Location To Be Announced

May 25th* - Sunday: CdeO SW Washington Day Tour: From Tumwater, we'll travel through Littlerock, Rochester, Oakville, and Elma with a stop in Montesano. Then along the back roads to Westport where we'll have lunch. Following lunch we'll head south through Grayland and Tokeland to South Bend and Raymond for another stop and then east on Hwy 6 through Labam, Francis, and PeEll to Chehalis, visiting last winter's storm ravaged area along the Chehalis River. There are some interesting roads and scenic views along the ocean and through the forested areas of Grays Harbor. Contact Randy Harris for more information 360 45-8670.

JUNE

June 6-8th Friday through Sunday: Yakima Valley Vettes "Vette-Abriation." In our book this is the definitive Corvette weekend. Friday starts with registration and afternoon hospitality suite, then a dinner cruise to the classic Miner's Drive-In. Saturday morning is a show-n-shine car show in the park with lunch provided. After awards there is an afternoon country roads cruise to several wineries. Pizza party with door prizes in the evening. Sunday morning there are awards by the pool, then a poker-run rally followed by lunch. CdeO tour departs from

Martin Way Park-n-Ride at noon on Friday June 6 with several rest stops along the way. CdeO contact point **TBA**. Register for the event at <http://www.yakimavalleyvettes.com> (fee \$65/couple) and book your room at the host hotel Clarion Hotel & Conference Center (509) 248-7850 <http://www.clarionhotel.com/> Mention "Corvette Club" when making a reservation.

June 11th* - Wednesday: CdeO Meeting. Location to be announced.

June 21st— Saturday: Lacey Midday Lions Car Show, Held in the parking lot beside Sears at the old South Sound Mall, this is a fund raising event sponsored by the Lions Club. It is a low key, People's Choice event and an opportunity to show off your car and chat with friends.

June 22nd* - Sunday: One Lap Around Mt. Rainier. Meeting at the Royal Bean Coffee Shop at 9 AM, the group will travel north to Enumclaw and up over Chinook Pass to the junction of Chinook Pass and White Pass near Naches, WA. Lunch will be a picnic at the Bat Caves on the south side of Chinook Pass near Cliffdell. Bring your own picnic lunch. We'll return on White Pass to Morton and back through Alder, McKenna, and Yelm. The views of the mountain on both Chinook and White Pass are incredible and the driving is fun. Contact Randy Harris 360 459-8670.

JULY

July 4th—Friday: Tumwater Parade and CdeO Picnic. In addition to parading our cars, we have always traditionally carried the Lakefair Royal Court in this parade. Following the parade, the club is invited to attend a pot luck picnic at the home of Randy & Susan Harris. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments are furnished. You are encouraged to bring along your beverage of choice and any other dish you would like to share with the rest of the club. Always a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate the 4th of July.

July 9th* - Wednesday: CdeO Meeting. Location to be announced.

July 11-12th-Friday through Sunday: Shadow of the Mountain Car Show. This is a judged car show put on by Tacoma Corvette Club held in the scenic tourist town of Leavenworth, WA. Tacoma Corvette Club always offer a suburb show and in addition to the pool and shopping, there are lots of pubs in Leavenworth where you can sample the braughts and beer. The show is Saturday and Sunday offers a short tour and brunch at a local winery. The drive alone is worth the trip and the accommodations are excellent. The event is held at the Envian Hotel where the included breakfast features a daily serenade by an Alp Horn.

July 18th*- Friday: Lakefair Car Show. Held at the Marathon Park on Deschutes Parkway in conjunction with Lakefair, this event attracts the largest turn out of cars in Thurston County, typically 200 to 300 cars. It is an evening event and features live music and food and is a short walk from the Lakefair carnival. Early registrants are invited to participate in a parade through Olympia to the show site. Typically, our club has provided the judging for the show. Contact Randy Harris for more informationjjjjjjjj 360 459-8670

July 19th* - Saturday: Lakefair Twilight Parade. This is the largest attended outdoor event in Thurston County drawing upwards of 40,000 spectators and carried on local TV. In addition to entering the parade, several of our cars have always carried the outgoing Lakefair Royalty

court in this parade. Following the parade, we usually meet for a "debriefing" and some snacks and beverages at a members home. Vinnie and Tammy Puntenev, have been kind enough to invite the group over to their home in the past. Contact Randy Harris for more information 360 459-8670.

July 27th* - Sunday: Windy Ridge / Mt St Helens Drive. This is the road that Corvettes were built to drive. Leaving Hwy 12 at Randle, this is an old forest service road that has been paved and leads to the Windy Ridge over look into the crater at Mt. St. Helens. The road is a scenic drive with enough curves, dips, and hills to excite even the most discerning Corvette driver. Switchback turns, hairpin corners, and breathtaking views make this one of the roads voted best in Washington state by the motorcycle group's rating system. It climbs through the forested lowlands and finally breaks out above the tree line to offer views of the mountain and Spirit Lake. Lunch is a stop at a small facility serving hamburgers and hot dogs, chili, and fries on the way up the mountain however many elect to bring along their own lunches since traditionally, the lines and wait are long. The tour continues down through Cougar and ends at Woodland and I-5. If you enjoy driving your Corvette, this is the one to make.

AUGUST

Aug 6th* - Wednesday: CdeO Meeting

Aug 9-10th— Saturday and Sunday: Olympic Peninsula Weekend.

Leaving Tumwater we'll travel into Grays Harbor through Aberdeen and north on Hwy 101 to Forks where we'll stop for lunch. After lunch we'll head north again to travel along the Pacific Ocean coast and then swing out to follow the Straits of Juan de Fuca in a curving, scenic drive back into Port Angeles where we'll spend the night. But not before taking a side trip to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic Mountain Range for a panoramic view of the Olympics and wildlife. Our usual overnight accommodations have been the Portside Inn in Port Angeles and an evening party around the pool has served to entertain the group very well. After a leisurely breakfast downtown and usually a drive out to enjoy the view on Ediz Hook, the return trip will bring us down Hood Canal in another fun and scenic drive along the water and over Mt. Walker. A newly discovered Chicken Coop Road was discovered last year and although short and sweet, is a highlight of the drive back home.

Aug—Operation Backpack: In conjunction with Mustangs West, we have participated in collecting and donating school supplies to the North Thurston School District for children in need of back to school supplies. Always a good cause with good publicity and highly appreciated by the school district, this charity drive has become a worthy endeavor. Last year the school district provided hot dogs and drinks for the two groups when we dropped off the supplies. More information will follow as the date approaches.

Aug 31st*— Sunday, (Labor Day weekend): 4th Annual Corvette & Miata road run to South Bend parade. Corvettes de Olympia and Puget Sound Miata Club will again join forces for a road tour to the "Come and Play On Labor Day" parade and street fair at South Bend, Washington. This year is the Miatas' turn to lead the tour. New start location: We will depart from the area of Shelton, Washington, about

9:15 AM for the road run over some lightly-traveled local twisty pavement. We plan the traditional "pit stops" at Montesano and/or Raymond. Your hosts are working on a pre-launch breakfast venue was well; details to be announced over the summer. We'll arrive at South Bend about noon and clean the bugs off the cars. Bring your usual parade decor and mobile car-cleaning kits. Parade should start at 1:00 PM. We may carry or escort dignitaries, as assigned by the committee. There are traditionally free hot dogs and sodas at the finish line for the participants, and then we cool down at local establishments before heading home (or to other weekend activities.) This event is ALL about driving down great sports car roads on a brisk morning of late summer or early fall. Our public service in supporting the South Bend parade is just an added attraction. Free. CdeO contacts: Duncan Johnson & Dee Dahlke, phone 253-845-2424.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 10th* - Wednesday: CdeO Meeting. Location to be announced

Sept 13th* - Saturday: Corvette & High Performance Open House.

Held each year at Corvette & High Performance on Black Lake Blvd, this Open House Car Show has been an ongoing event for the club for many years. Larry & Karen Johnson open their shop to customers and anyone who would like to show off their cars. There is no entry fee and prizes are given in many different categories. Last year CdeO held their Anniversary Party in conjunction with the show and attracted over 200 entries. Music is provided and lunch is available.

End of the Summer Weekend: Ocean Shores is the site for the End of the Summer Run. This more or less marks the end of the summer touring and is a relaxing trip to the Gray Gull Hotel for some fun and games in the parking lot and an evening club party in the upstairs suite at the hotel.

From there, members are on their own for entertainment with a bus providing transportation to and from the Indian Casino or a short walk to the local nightlife of Ocean Shores. A buffet breakfast next door at the Polynesian Restaurant and a relaxing drive home finish out the weekend.

OCTOBER

Oct 5th—Sunday: CdeO Mystery Tour. Destination unknown. This tour has over the years taken on several faces and is always a surprise. Not usually announced prior to the day, we have always been surprised at where we end up or what we do. That's what makes it a mystery. Come prepared for anything and everything.

Oct 8th* - Wednesday: CdeO Meeting

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5th* - CdeO November Meeting.

Nov 30th* - Olympia Downtown Christmas Parade. A short parade from the Farmer's Market in Olympia to Sylvester Park marks the arrival of Santa Claus and the Christmas season to the area.

DECEMBER

Dec.* - Saturday: CdeO Holiday Party. CdeO does not hold a club meeting in December but celebrates the holiday season with our Christmas Party. We exchange gifts via a number system where each person may choose to open a new present or take one already opened by someone else. This leads to some interesting situations.

If you have an idea for another event, just bring it up. We're ready.

* indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more information and additional events, visit

<http://www/corvettesdeolympia.org>

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SPSCC Student Union building. As a special attraction, the KXXO Freeway Hero van will be at the college during the award ceremony from approximately 2-4 p.m.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – Jon Cox

Jon stated that there have not been any events since the last meeting. Upcoming events are:

April 5 th Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast MS	meet at Chinook 9:00 am
April 6 th All City Rally Pre-Run Perf.	Corvette High 9:00 am
April 20 th All City Rally v.28	Corvette High Perf. 7:30 am
May 21 st Mt. Hood BBQ & Show	Tigard, OR
May 25 th Tour?? (Randy)	TBD
June 7 th & 8 th Vette-A-Bratton	Yakima, WA
July 11 th -13 th Shadow of the Mountain	Leavenworth, WA

The club also voted that events will once again be available via hard copy sign up sheets at the meeting, as well as electronically on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to construction and renovation at Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, we are no longer using that facility for our meeting place. Discussion took place regarding the future of our meetings and meeting places. It is becoming increasingly difficult these days, to find a facility that does not charge for the meeting space. Lee volunteered Alliance Enterprises' office for next month's meeting. We will further discuss when/where we would like to meet in the coming months.

Due to the Olympus Rally moving to Pomeroy, WA, our club is no longer obligated to work this rally with John Fore-spring in accordance with him providing the insurance for the upcoming All City Rally. We may be asked to work at another event further into the year as a replacement.

Peggy asked for a show of hands to find out if members would be willing to work at the Corvette & High Performance Open House in September. Approximately 50% of the membership stated that they would be willing to do so.

ADJOURNMENT / RAFFLE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at the Alliance Enterprises Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan,
CdeO Secretary





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Why Men Don't Write Advice Columns

Dear Ted,

I hope you can help me here. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with a neighbor lady making mad passionate love to her. I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years. When I confronted him, he tried to make out that he went into the back yard and heard a lady scream, had come to her rescue but found her unconscious. He'd carried the woman back to our house, laid her in bed, and began CPR. When she awoke she immediately began thanking him and kissing him and he was attempting to break free when I came back. But when I asked him why neither of them had any clothes on, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months. I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore. Can you please help?

Sincerely,

Susie Fox

Dear Susie,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the clips holding the vacuum lines onto the inlet manifold for air leaks. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.

Ted.

NOTICE

**Dues are now payable
either at the meeting or by mail.
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membership**



Pre Register for All City Rally

April 20th, 9 AM, Corvette & High Performance.

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