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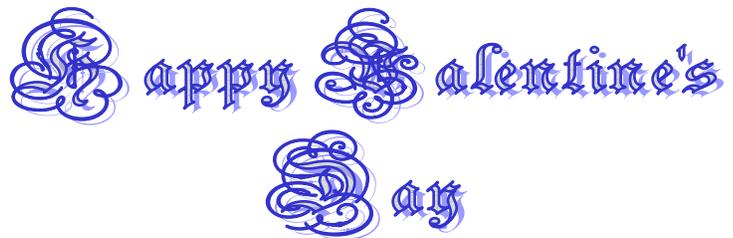
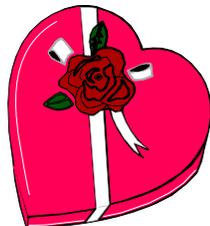
CORVETTES de OLYMPIA Minutes of the General Meeting January 10, 2007

President Vinnie, called the first meeting of 2007 promptly at 7PM, and began the usual introductions. Minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented, by Betty Reichel. Art gave the treasurers report and announced we have 4 perspective members hoping to fulfill the requirements to get voted in. Randy announced the primary source for the newsletter is now on line. Only those members that do not have email, will receive a hard copy in the mail unless otherwise requested. Peggy reported that sponsorship has some new interest and a couple of current sponsors willing to increase the level of sponsorship. This will all be finalized by March 1. Our history book will be available for purchase, in CD form and on line at year end. Although the history books are very nice, most members never see them. A CD will allow you to view the years events at your convenience, while watching our budget. Cliff reported that we have given \$1500 from our scholarship fund to SPSCC for the 2007 recipients. George talked about new NWACC proposals. NWACC is proposing to operate a zero balance checkbook. Also for consideration, is to eliminate the \$5 per entry fee that the clubs give back to NWACC at each event and the clubs pay their own binder per event. The club was in favor of this. NCM, George would like to share a video of the museum expansion project in the near future. The date will be determined. Upcoming All City Rally, each member is expected to help in some way. This is our fundraiser for the scholarship we provide each year. JT has set the date for Vette Fest as 6/16 & 6/17. Sign up sheets will be available at the February meet-

ing. Saturday is the car show and Sunday the autocross. Tacoma Corvette Club will host their 2nd Corvette open house in February. C de O will host one in the fall, with the date and details to be determined. A quorum was not available to vote on the increase of club dues, so we will look at it again in February. 2007 budget, including income and expenses, as the board sees them now, was distributed to help make your voting decision. One of the budget items, the LeMay museum renewal/donation was mentioned as a topic for further consideration. It was also suggested that we show a budget line item, to take our P & L to a zero balance. Any questions or concerns contact Vinnie/ Nominations for 2007 club officers. Secretary: Josette Miller; Peggy Rogers Treasurer: Denny Miller; Larry Weniger Vice President: Randy Harris President: Brian Cousineau Nominations are still open and voting will be finalized at the February meeting. We need your support at the February 14th meeting, in order to conduct the voting. We have T shirts for sale. Contact Art. Raffle, 1/2 cash pot won by Cliff. Michael South will bring the prize from October as well. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05. Next meeting February 14th 2007. Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill. Submitted by: Peggy Rogers Secretary

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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 \$45.00. 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

Past Presidents	
Corvettes de Olympia	
1972	Rich Lockhart
1973	Larry Johnson
1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
1976	Ralph Adams
1977	Bill Pollard
1978	Sandy Lockhart
1979	Mike Halliday
1980	Ralph Adams
1981	Larry Johnson
1982	Mike Halliday
1983	Karen Johnson
1984	Jerry Crabill
1985	Tom Kuchman
1986	Larry Johnson
1987	Duncan Johnson
1988	Skip Burch
1989	Jim Turcotte
1990	Karen Johnson
1992	Tom Kuchman
1991	Ron Zielin
1993	Roy Scioli
1994	Tom Hanson
1995	Tom Kuchman
1996	Peggy Rogers
1997	Peggy Rogers
1998	Karen Johnson
1999	Randy Harris
2000	Randy Harris
2001	Jim Turcotte
2002	Peggy Rogers
2003	Peggy Rogers
2004	Vince Puntenev
2005	Vince Puntenev
2006	Vince Puntenev

Next Meeting

February 14th, 2007 7 PM

Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA

President's Message



This morning as I sit and write my last message from the president, I can't help but think about the past three years. I have been honored these past years to have been given the gavel. We have seen

a fair amount of change over the past few years as the club has changed direction in activities. When I joined about 10 years ago, we seemed to go to a lot of parades and car shows, and except for driving to an event; I don't recall us simply setting out on a cruise for the day. I liked the club 10 years ago and had a blast hanging out as the new guy and learning about our hobby. I can't tell you how much knowledge we have in our group. I remember looking through the history books and couldn't help but think how cool it would have been to be at some of the first events 30 years ago. My hope is that when people look over the history disks in 30 years they think the same thing. I wonder what the group will like to do in the future for fun.

books for a possible dues raise and it takes about 35 members to make the vote count. We also will be voting in new officers to lead the club this year, your vote counts and again we need a good amount of people to make that vote count as well. You also have time to nominate additional candidates.

Last, I simply want to thank you all for allowing me to lead the group these past few years.

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As we get ready for our February meeting I can't stress enough that we need you in attendance for a couple of reasons. First, we have a vote on the

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Pre-production trivia:

In 1951 a group of Harley Earl's "Special Projects" crew began work on a GM sports car. Bob McLean designed a general layout for the car which was originally code named, "Opel."

William Durant, the founder of GM, said a wallpaper pattern he saw in a Paris hotel in 1908 inspired the bow tie logo. Supposedly, he ripped off a small piece of it and brought it back to Detroit.

Myron Scott, at the time Chevrolet's Chief photographer, is credited with coming up with the Corvette name, drawing from the small, fast warships of the "Corvette" class.

The Jaguar XK120 is believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette.

The Corvette was the first and last car with a true "wrap-around" windshield.

Corvette was not the first to be made with a fiberglass body, but it was the first to be built by a company the size of Chevrolet.

Corvettes have been assembled in three different cities. Flint, Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

While many were involved in its design and production, Belgium-born Zora Arkus-Duntov is generally considered to be the "Father" of the Corvette.

C1 – First generation "solid axle" Corvettes: '53 – '62

The original front emblem and horn button on the "Aurorama" show circuit Corvette featured crossed American and checkered flags. It was later discovered that using an American flag on a product trade mark was against the law and the emblem was changed shortly before the New York Motorama.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1953 Corvette #1 Serial Number E53F001001 rolled off the assembly line, and Corvette production began.

Want the rarest Corvette? In 1953 the first two Corvettes, VIN Numbers 1 and 2 were said to have been destroyed, but no records prove that fact and there are no witnesses to the destruction. Who knows? They still might be out there somewhere.

The first Corvettes were literally "rolled" off the assembly line. The early production line was not prepared for grounding to a fiberglass body and thusly the first cars would not start.

The first five Corvettes to come off the assembly line did not have an

outside rear view mirror.

Its radical fiberglass body was the only really new component on the 1953 Corvette. Everything else was directly off the Chevrolet parts shelf. Because of this, the first Corvette was essentially a regular 1952 Chevrolet under the skin.

Of the 300 (some sources argue 314) Corvettes hand built in 1953 only 183 were sold because of "average" performance at a relatively high price, \$3513. The popular Jaguar XK120 sold for \$3345; \$168 less than the Corvette.

1953 Corvettes were offered in any color you wanted... as long as it was Polo White with Red interior.

A heater and an AM radio were the only Regular Production Options (RPO) offered with 1953 Corvettes.

Production moved to the St. Louis facility for the 1954 model year.

New 1954 exterior color options of black, blue, and red were added along with an optional beige interior choice.

Although the Powerglide transmission was listed as a \$178 option, no 1954 Corvette was ever shipped with a manual transmission.

The 1955 Corvette finally achieved "true" sports car status with the introduction of 265 cubic inch, 195 hp V-8 engine and 3-speed manual transmission.

To commemorate the new V-8 engine, 1955 Corvettes featured an enlarged, gold "V" in the "Corvette" script on the front fender panels.

There are 13 vertical bars or "teeth" are in the grill of 1956 Corvettes.

One of the few ways to differentiate between a 1956 and 1957 Corvette without opening the hood is to look at the inside rear view mirror. On the 1956 model, it adjusts with a thumbscrew, on the 1957 adjustment requires a wrench to loosen the locknut.

The 1957 Corvette was the first mass produced American automobile to

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Where Are We Heading?

Then and Now



Scenario: Jack pulls into school parking lot with rifle in gun rack.

1953 - Vice Principal comes over, takes a look at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his to show Jack.

2006 - School goes into lockdown, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1953 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends. Nobody goes to jail, nobody arrested, nobody expelled.

2006 - Police called, SWAT team arrives, arrests Johnny and Mark. Charge them with assault, both expelled even though Johnny started it.

Scenario: Jeffrey won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

1953 - Jeffrey sent to office and given a good paddling by Principal. Sits still in class.

2006 - Jeffrey given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. School gets extra money from state because Jeffrey has a disability.

Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his father's car and his Dad gives him a whipping.

1953 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2006 - Billy's Dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care and joins a gang. Billy's sister is told by state psychologist that she remembers being abused herself and their Dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has affair with psychologist.

Scenario: Mark gets a headache and takes some headache medicine to school.

1953 - Mark shares headache medicine with Principal who has a headache also.

2006 - Police called, Mark expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the 4th of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle, blows up a red ant bed.

1953 - Ants die.

2006 - BATF, Homeland Security, FBI called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, FBI investigates parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated, Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario: Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

1953 - In a short time Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2006 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison

Corvette Trivia

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offer 1 horsepower per cubic inch of engine displacement (283hp/283ci).

The "Polo White" color was last used in 1957.

1957 was the first year a limited slip differential and fuel injection were offered as options.

For the first time since its introduction, the '58 Corvette came with factory-installed seat belts.

1958 was the last year of a tachometer which kept track of "cumulative engine revolution counter" a feature which first appeared in the 1953 Corvette. In 1958 the tach was used on 230, 245, and 250 hp cars but not on the 270 and 290 hp cars. The Part number is #1548631 for 1958 models.

Optional engines in 1956 had 9 fin alloy valve covers, 1957 had 7 or 9 fin alloy valve covers, and the 1958 had 7 fin alloy covers on optional engines.

Before 1958, the only acrylic lacquer paint used was on the "Inca Silver" Corvettes.

1959 was the only year that turquoise soft tops were available.

Sun visors (called "sunshades") became a Corvette option in 1959.

Nylon belted tires first became available on the 1960 Corvette, prior to 1960 only cotton ply tires were offered.

The 1961 Corvette was the last year to feature "wide whitewall" tires.

The 1961 Corvette dropped the "round" nose emblem of previous years in favor of the word "CORVETTE" spelled out as individual letters.

The trademark chrome grill teeth disappeared forever in 1961, to be replaced by a fine mesh screen in the radiator opening.

1962 Was the last of the solid rear axle Corvettes and the last year for the power top on the convertible.

Source: <http://www.rogerscorvette.com/history.htm>





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- Feb**
 Feb 2nd* TCC Open House, 1200 PM, Auburn, WA
 Feb 10,11th 33rd Annual Corvette & High Performance Meet, Puyallup, WA 360-786-8844
 Feb 14th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- Mar**
 Mar 14th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
 Mar 17th* Lions Pancake Breakfast & Car Show, North Thurston High School, Lacey, WA
- * indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more information and additional events, visit <http://www/corvettesdeolympia.org>

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.

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