

# Heartbeat of Olympia

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Minutes of the General Meeting

November 2008

October 8th

Corvettes de Olympia

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**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / AP-  
PROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday October 8, 2008, at Hawk's Prairie Inn. Introductions followed. The September minutes were approved with a name correction (Frank Zanger).

**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.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – Randy Harris**

Randy spoke about the success of the recent Run to the Ocean and Mystery Tour, and gave details regarding the event, including money raised for the scholarship fund.

Peggy spoke about her recent attendance at the NTSD recognition event, where they thanked CdeO and the Mustang club for their backpack donations. Duncan told us all an exciting story of his recent Route 66 car event.

Frankie sent around a sign up sheet for this year's Christmas party. The party will be hosted at Panorama City's Chamber House Restaurant on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Downtown Olympia Christmas parade is scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Cliff Reichel**

The club will have many fundraising efforts throughout the year, including fees for participation in games on our tours (beginning with the End of Summer Run), and dedication of half of the 50/50 raffle money from each club meeting.

**NWACC – Meagan Renick**

Meagan reported that the autocross season is drawing to a close, with only one more NWACC autocrosses left this season. The upcoming autocross is October 12<sup>th</sup>, in Shelton at Sanderson Field. CdeO will be working and selling lunches at

the autocross, so Meagan encouraged everyone to sign up on the sign up sheet that was being circulated, for worker positions. She also invited CdeO members to participate in the NWACC Year End Banquet which will take place on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and is hosted by Glass Odyssey Corvette Club this year in Bremerton. Registration forms can be found at [www.nwacconline.com](http://www.nwacconline.com). You did not have to participate in NWACC shows or autocrosses to take part in this wonderful opportunity to hang out with your fellow Corvette folks in the "off season". She also mentioned that it is time again to elect NWACC Officers. Her current position as President, and also the Secretary position are open for nominations. CdeO nominated Meagan for the President position again. Anyone who may be interested in the position of representative (liason) for our club, please let Meagan know.

**WEBSITE – Art Carter**

The website has been updated and is current.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Art Carter**

Nothing to report at this time.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Frankie Sokso**

Frankie reported that our club Secretary (Meagan Renick) was recently hospitalized with Spinal Meningitis. The club sent a get well card to her.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Peggy stated that she had not heard anything back from Miranda regarding the Halloween party for this year, therefore there will not be one.

**ADJOURNMENT / RAFFLE**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at Hawk's Prairie Inn.

Minutes submitted by Meagan Renick, CdeO Secretary.

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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

**Wed, November 12th, 2008 7 PM**

**Hawks Prairie Restaurant, Lacey, WA**

**President's Message**



As we always do, we pulled together to get enough volunteers to assist at the NWACC autocross. Once the sun came out, it actually turned out to be a beautiful day. A huge thanks to George for his leadership and hard work putting the event together. When I got there at 6:45(AM), he had already started the coffee, had the pastries

will be donated to our scholarship fund. Thanks to the Puntenevs, Twardzickis, Millers, Frankie & Co for volunteering to organize and donate items. I believe we have dinners, baskets of goodies, overnight stay and a couple of items not yet disclosed. The scholarship committee hopes to bring in BIG DOLLARS to add to the fund.

See you at the meeting and as always,  
Save the wave  
Peggy

out, set up the registration table, with a portable heater for Frankie and I and was out setting up cones by flashlight. Soon all of the other volunteers began arriving, as well as the drivers and the fast cars, or maybe not so fast in some cases. To all of you that participated, hope you had fun and thanks for your time and support.

November is our last meeting of 2008, and will be at The Hawks Prairie Inn, usual time. The December meeting is replaced by our Christmas Party, which will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber House Restaurant. The cost is only \$20 per person and promises to be as good as in the years past. Besides our usual gift exchange, we will also have a live auction of just a few upscale items, so bring your checkbooks. The proceeds



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Each year Corvettes de Olympia awards the Chuck Brye Member of the Year to a deserving club member. Chuck was one of the early members of Corvettes de Olympia and was respected by all. His devotion to helping others and attitude and enthusiasm for Corvette activities were enjoyed by all those who were associated with him. Unfortunately, Chuck was killed in an industrial accident and the loss was felt by all his fellow members. In his honor, the club established an award to be awarded annually.

The recipient of this award is chosen by a secret vote of the membership and the recipient is announced at the annual CdeO Christmas party. A traveling plaque is awarded and retained by the member chosen for the following year after adding their name to the list of honorees. The plaque travels each year and bears the names of the past honorees. Presently, there are two plaques since the first one has been filled with names.

The person chosen is a club member who exemplifies Chuck's qualities of enthusiasm, hard work, dedication to bettering the club, and involvement in activities. It can be anyone in the club and members are encouraged to consider who they feel best exhibits the qualities that promote Corvettes de Olympia. This award is the highest award the club offers to a member along with the sincere appreciation of the rest of the members. It is an honor to be chosen and on the plaque you will see the names of past and present members who have worked hard to make the club more enjoyable for fellow members.

Voting usually takes place at the Christmas party however, if you are unable to attend and wish to vote, let your intention be known and your vote will certainly be counted. So give some thought to the person who you feel has done the most to make your Corvetting year enjoyable and promoted Corvettes de Olympia.

Congratulations to those who have been chosen in the past and to the member chosen to receive this years award.

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**Mystery Tour**

October 5th, under cloudy skies and fall air, 12 cars gathered for the annual Mystery Tour at Royal Bean Coffee Shop. Since the club elected to suspend the All City Rally and forego the funds raised, there has been discussion on how to replace those funds. One was to include a poker rally on each of our tours so this seemed like a perfect test run. Participants were given the opportunity to buy a hand of 5 cards for \$10 and an extra card anytime for another \$5. The first card was drawn by each contestant before we left.. The first stop was for breakfast at Little Creek Casino and another card was drawn from the scattered cards in the trunk of my Corvette. After breakfast we headed north on 101 past Shelton and past the Shelton Correction Facilities, eventually stopping at the Schafer State Park where card # 3 was drawn. Now some extra cards began to be purchased.



The next stop was in Elma and card # 4 was drawn and more extra cards sold. The last card came at our last stop by the Lucky Eagle Casino where the winner was Cliff. In all, \$165 was raised and Cliff elected to donate \$50 of his half of the pot back to the scholarship fund making a total of \$135 raised. Thanks Cliff!!!!

The drive involved some roads we had never toured before and we only got wet once on the back roads near Oakville. Even the roads were dry until we finally hit the rain but that didn't last long, just long enough to require windshield wipers and make the cars dirty. The tour returned home via Moon Road and Mima Acres Rd, another favorite of many due to the winding, twisting roadway making some fun driving. Thanks to all that attended. And that puts the yearly tours to rest. Anything more is a gift from Mother Nature but maybe. Randy



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By Duncan Johnson &amp; Dee Dahlke

The 40th anniversary edition of this annual September run came around and we decided "Vermont II" ('04 blue roadster) just had to drive in the tire tracks of her grandmother "Mistress" ('72 red roadster) who attended Tahoe Tour in 1972 (Duncan's first big Corvette event) and great-grandmother "Plain Vanilla" ('63 white coupe) who attended when freshly restored in 1975, prior to her own cross-country break-in trip to Connecticut. Our road trip down from Washington (Weds. Sept. 10) was unremarkable except for a couple of items when we stopped in Klamath Falls. In our hotel we met Dennis Sagamang, NCRS C1 judge, in town from Rhode Island for the Restorers' meet up the road in Bend, Oregon. And we had dinner at the world's strangest pizza place, where all the employees and most of the patrons looked like "Deliverance" style escapees from some institution for the mentally unhinged, plus the light outside the door attracted a biblical-size swarm of nighttime bugs, yecch.

Thursday we motored south through Susanville and Reno, then over the hill to South Lake Tahoe, a slow slog with one eye on Vermont's temp gauge as US 50 was under destruction and traffic was crawling. The trip odometer showed 799.1 miles as we entered the Forest Suites Resort, against a pre-trip estimate of 803 miles, pretty fair work for old analog navigators without GPS. The place was packed with 90+ Corvettes from a couple of dozen clubs, and registration was a smooth-flowing production line. Smart idea: The event had a cowboy theme, and every attendee got a tin sheriff's badge with your name on it. Good ice-breaker for introductions, and an easy way to check for interlopers. Not that we needed much ice-breaking; there was a Free Margarita social hour going on, and the super-friendly folks from Corvettes Of Fresno adopted us and took us to dinner. The resort had CARPORTS for the Corvettes and a washing hose, which we applied to our Corvette's world-class collection of dead bug splatters (Vinnie, you would have been proud; Vermont looked like she had grown a beard on her front end.)

Friday after breakfast there was a massive road tour to Virginia City, the historic and scenic mining boom town from a century ago and also where Mark Twain, Lucius Beebe and C.M. Clegg got into the publishing business. Smart idea: No complex written route instructions, just a series of MapQuest-type maps with the route highlighted. We had a nice cool sarsaparilla at the Bucket of Blood saloon. There was no organized trip home, so we motored out of town on state route 341 through the mountains to Reno, then the Mount Rose Highway (SR 431) to Incline Village. Mark them on your map and bring your driving gloves. Nobody caught us in the hillclimb sections, and it was definitely cool to watch the RPM bar graph on the head-up display flashing through the upper ranges of its travel (in 2nd gear for the hairpin apexes.) Back at Tahoe some folks went to the slot machine tournament, but we visited the Cool September Days car show in between the gambling dens at Stateline. Dinner was preceded by an organized hoe-down back at the meet, and a couple of the clubs were serving samples of their favorite Official Corvette Club Drink. We suggest proceeding with caution through that exercise; we personally are not as young as we used to be. Further warning: The Corvette drivers' population at the Tahoe Tour is substantially younger than us geezers we are used to meeting closer to home. It helps if you believe you are still twenty-something. At least until the next morning.

Saturday started with the greatest invention in the history of motorsports: the One-Hour Car Show. Believe it! No more sitting

around all day staring at Corvettes and pretending you've never seen one before. Wash 'em up, park in the designated area, and from 8:30 to 9:30 AM walk around and vote for People's Choice. Then at 9:45 start your engine and head out on the Poker Run, staged by the locals from Lake Tahoe Corvettes. First card was drawn at the resort, then there were 3 checkpoints at scenic areas along the 30 mile route. First stop was down by the lake (we took a photo opp,) thence up for a mountain view, thence to an area where forest fires had destroyed hundreds of homes (it still smelled like a stale ashtray) but people were rebuilding. Being good rallyists, we tracked right along the course, watching other teams miss seemingly obvious turns, and we got to the 3rd checkpoint before the officials had it set up! And then we were joined by dozens of cars that had fallen behind while off course. We drew our card and pressed on to the final checkpoint back at the resort. No more "four aces" for us on this one; we were back to our traditional poker run hand (one of a kind, deuce high.) Lunch was a BBQ at the resort, hosted by Corvettes of Fresno. Then we were back at Cool September Days, which had grown in both the number of cool cars and the radical level of work done on the rods and customs. We were on duty promoting our beloved LeMay Museum to anyone who would listen and take our brochures; the mega-collection is surprisingly unknown outside our area. Later on, the Tahoe Tour had a catered private prime rib buffet dinner at the Horizon Hotel, upscale as only the Nevada casinos can do such things. Awards were presented (we were even noted for longest drive, and folks all over the west now know that Corvettes de Olympia is alive and well.) The prizes weren't junk; Mid-America, for instance provided a whole raft of \$50 and \$100 gift certificates. A couple of the Tahoe Tour's founders were recognized, Emil (still with the Fresno club) and Don (now with Columbia River Corvettes,) and several folks who had made more than 30 Tahoe Tours got to take a bow.

Of course Sunday morning was supposed to be the usual breakfast and farewells, but everything got interrupted when a black BEAR was discovered in a resort dumpster right outside the Corvette carports. Duncan was packing the Corvette (and suddenly wished he was packing heat,) but heroically grabbed the camera and beat feet back to the room, which looked down into the dumpster for a better view. The bear was a big fella, enjoying scavenging his own breakfast buffet, and he mostly wondered what all the noise was about. He had an ear tag, so apparently he wasn't unknown to the local authorities. Since he was happily engaged, we loaded up and motored on to our next adventure, the Route 66 Rendezvous the following weekend. But that's another story; stay tuned.



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**Up Coming Events**

- Nov**
- Nov 1st NWACC Year End Banquet, Location TBA
- Nov 12th\* CdeO Meeting, 7PM; TBA
- Nov 30th\* Olympia Downtown Christmas Parade, Olympia, WA
- Dec**
- NO December General Meeting**
- Dec 13th NW Toy Run, 1 PM, 272nd Park & Ride (Exit 147 I-5)
- Dec 20th\* CdeO Holiday Party, Chamber's House Restaurant, Panorama City, Lacey, WA

\* indicates club sanctioned events counting toward membership requirements. If you have an idea for an event, bring it up.



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