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Overview

Both Brian and Randy were unable to attend the meeting, so Denny took up the gavel and began the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. A lively meeting then ensued. Still so many fun events and activities to participate in this year...read on!

Agenda

Introductions and Approval of Minutes
August Recap, Treasurer, Committee Reports
Events and Activities
NWACC Banquet
Other Business
Business Topics

A. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The usual round of introductions was made, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

B. August Events Recap, Treasurer's Report and Committee Reports

August Events Recap

Merrill Gardens Car Show – It was a fun event. Good representation from a number of car clubs. The residents enjoyed seeing the Corvettes, but particularly enjoyed the good memories the vintage cars brought back!

Operation Backpack – With the combined efforts of CdeO and the Mustang club, we contributed 106 backpacks; last year our final count was 96—that means 10 more smiling little faces on the first day of school this year.

To see a picture of all of the backpacks collected, checkout our Web site!

XXX All Corvette Show and Burger Bash – Held at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah. Meagan reported that it was a bright, sunny day. 10 to 15 different Corvette clubs attended—over 200 cars. Lots of fun!

South Bend Labor Day Tour – A good turnout and a fun day. Many more parade entrees this year. Just like last year, they had a friendly crowd.

Open House/Hospitality Day – Chris reported that it was a wonderful event with over 200 cars participating. A terrific turnout—cars came from all over Puget Sound, and as far away as Spokane and Yakima. In past years, cars congregated in the front parking lot; this year we used the entire second area...and then some. Chris thanked everyone that helped out; it was a successful event. She (as

did we all) appreciated the way the club pulled together.

NWACC Autocross – George reported that it was quite a day. We had beautiful weather, and 46 paid entrees which included some dual drivers. One of the cars showed 84 degrees by afternoon. Good comments from people about the course. The course was probably a mile long—from one fence to another. A few people became lost and missed gates—including the designer (George); yes, there were some spinouts—including the son of a club member who spun out 50 feet from the start. People came from Eastern Washington, Portland, Mt. Hood, Classical Glass, British Columbia Corvettes, and the Seattle Marque Club. Thanks to the club for the work and effort.

Rod Run to the End of the World – 24th annual event held in Long Beach, Washington. Meagan reported that they couldn't have had a better weekend. Meagan and Mike were sad to leave. This was the first time in the last three or four years that we had such gorgeous weather. 3-4,000 cars attended. Meagan said it was just so much fun—cruisin' and nostalgic!

Treasurer's Report

Denny reported that we are holding our own on money. We are on target on our revised budget. We're too the good on our year-to-date budget.

Reports from Standing Committees

Membership (Art) – Up-to-date.

Sunshine Committee (Frankie) – Frankie reported that she sent two cards. One to Mark because he parachuted out of an airplane and broke his leg; one to Miranda because she just had surgery.

Sponsorship (Peggy) – Although Peggy had nothing new to report, she did remind everyone that our one gold sponsor, Titus-Will Chevrolet, has an Open House sneaking up on October 6th. She encourages as many of us who can to attend.

Historian (Meagan) – Meagan reported that this function has been replaced

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Heartbeat of Olympia

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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.

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Next Meeting

Oct. 10th, 2007 7 PM

Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA

President's Message



Ever gone over the top? Of course you have, you own a Corvette! Then you'll understand what it means to say that CdeO is over-the-top, outside-the-box fun! Last February when I became President, I asked myself what our Club would want to do this year. As Eric Reis reminded me once more at our Ocean Shores weekend, it's all about having fun with

The year's not done—we still have the Titus-Will Open House, Mystery Tour, NWACC Banquet, and Holiday Party. Let's join our efforts to make this year one for the record books—and every event, one to remember for a lifetime!

Brian



Corvettes.

Well, seven months have passed, and it seems to me we have high marks in the fun department. Here are my top five favorites:

- Spring Meet and Greet picnic in Yelm (hanging out with other local car clubs)
- One Lap Around Mt. Rainer (still fun after all these years)
- Windy Ridge (all those curves and spectacular views)
- Open House/Hospitality Day (awesome display of everything working right)
- Ocean Shores Weekend (I loved that last long stretch of curves along the coast)

Of course you have your own favorites, but I'll bet they had the same over-the-top effect. Point is, that's why we have Corvettes and why we belong to CdeO.

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By Dee & Duncan



Another dawn launch in the name of motorsports as we headed off to the Centralia breakfast which started the 3rd annual Corvette & Miata multi-club road run to the South Bend parade. With invited guests, we had a pack of four sports cars coming

down the freeway from Puyallup, and we were just a tad too far back to catch the main CdeO squadron as they blended onto the highway ahead of us in Tumwater. But soon we were all at Country Cousin restaurant, including (we think): Betsy & Brian Cousineau, Dee Dahlke (in her Miata) & Duncan Johnson (in the red

C3, more on this below,) Randy Harris, Mary Alice & Lynus Kurtenbach, Jerry Marlar, Tom McAnn, Josette & Denny Miller, Tammy & Vince Punteney, plus visitors Laurie & Bob (Dee's brother) Dahlke (in Duncan's blue C5,) Sandra & Pete Jorgensen (C6 - Puyallup neighbors,) Liz & George Longhurst (C6 - from Classical Glass,) and Val Grieve (C5 - drove up from Silverlake, Wash.) Phew! Observant readers will note this mix was nothing like those who signed up originally. Where did the rest of you go? We missed you.

There were ultimately 8 Mazda Miatas zoom-zooming from our companion Puget Sound Miata Club group as well. Fun people and nice machines, another great choice in our wonderful world of sports cars.

To get out of Centralia (not really a city, more like an incorporated freeway interchange with outlet mall) we again headed toward Galvin, but this time veered south

above the riverbank, up through an "area of finer homes" as they say in Real Estate, and thence down South Scheuber Rd. to Claquato Church and out Stearns Rd. to Littell. These last



couple of thoroughfares should be recorded in anyone's notebook of "Private Roads." That is, great sports car roads that we don't tell the general public about lest they start driving on them and crowding out us enthusiasts. We were asked how we find these back roads. Simple. Look at a detailed map(s,) find the thinnest and twistiest lines connecting where you want to go, and get out there and explore for a couple of days, taking copious notes. Then invite your friends to enjoy the ride. Your reporter (Duncan) was up front in "Mistress" ('72 red roadster) having loaned out his usual parade Corvette for the day. The old gal hadn't been to South Bend for 4 years, and was feeling her oats on the long highway run, requiring steady hands and feet on the controls to keep the tour moving at a pace that would not attract the Local Authorities. We cruised in to Pe Ell and had a rest stop, then

pressed on to Menlo, where we made our usual side trip up the hill past Fern Hill Cemetery. This road has one of the best 180-degree hairpins in Washington, followed by a series of downhill reverse S-bends. It had been resurfaced earlier this year, but the loose gravel had been cleaned up as of our test run just before the tour so we didn't think to warn anyone of it in the route instructions. Well, wouldn't you know, "Mistress" seriously bottomed her exhaust pipes on one bump (as C2s and C3s will do when the suspension compresses to full jounce) and that ripped loose a slice of the new pavement and the rear tires sprayed it everywhere. For which we apologize to those following us.

Meanwhile, Dee had been holding the Miatas back so they could zoom-zoom up this road and try to catch the Corvettes. With the coast clear they were having quite the run... and then they discovered the "marbles" the Corvettes had scattered all over the road... thus getting into all kinds of dirt-track-style sliding around. They were so proud to have caught up to CdeO we didn't have the heart to tell them the pace car had come out (a local farm truck) and had put a damper on our antics up front. Oh, well, we all got to the usual Raymond McDonald's for a pit stop OK and one more Miata joined up there.

The South Bend parade was HUGE this year. The Miatas staged in 28th place and the Corvette unit was 56th. The roadsides were jam-packed with spectators from one end to the other, and this is not a short parade. Obviously the organizers are doing something right with their big Labor Day festivities. Pacific County has never



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recovered economically from the hits the timber and fishing industries took years back, and if our clubs can have our fun AND help make their parade a success, then that is "giving back to the community," too. And that is goodness.



Since our wait for the parade to start was about an hour long, several of the group meandered into the festival fray. It was hard to not notice the sign on the business that read "Ready Willing and Abel Boat Repair". I hope he was better at repairing boats than spelling. There were so many paraders the finish line cookout ran out of sodas and hot dog buns before we got there. Nothing quite like a naked hot dog with mustard and foil. Rain was threatening now and many tops went up. Much of the Corvette contingent headed for the traditional Artic Tavern. Our personal mix of four cars went to

Aberdeen and a pre-planned lunch at Billy's ("more atmosphere than air") Restaurant and one-time (we think) bordello. Old "Mistress" in the lead really romped through the hill-climb out of Raymond on US 101, and upon



checking the mirror we found we had lost the rest of the group, but they soon recovered their position. This event always has some kind of "incident" on the road, and this year it was provided by a big wallowing Cadillac Escalade truck, swerving and struggling mightily to maintain 30 mph through the 50 mph (posted) curves at the summit just south of Cosmopolis. And our little pack arrived from behind at a

rather higher velocity than the Caddy's just where the two lanes were choking down to one. Oh well, THIS is why we drive high performance sports cars; shift down a gear (double-clutched nicely, I might add proudly,) put your foot in



it and steer more. No visible drama to speak of, but the flagship of The Standard Of The World was nicely put away by a 35-year-old Corvette and its younger playmates. While the modern Corvettes are, of course, faster and much more sophisticated, we were definitely reminded that the old-timers were also rockets by the standards their day, and even in the 21st century they are nothing to sneeze at. See you for this run next year.

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by technology. Members are e-mailing pictures that are posted on the Web site, and later saved to disk.
Scholarship – Nothing new to report.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) (George) – The museum has moved forward with taking out a loan and grants. They plan to begin construction; Phase 1 to be completed by the time the caravan arrives at Bowling Green. Every year, the museum raffles off a convertible world wide. A gentleman from Minnesota won a Victory red convertible this year. By chance, he had just taken delivery of a 2008: within a month, he ended up with a second Corvette.

Web site (Art) – Art uploaded pictures from the Hospitality Day in a new format. The new format was having trouble so he changed back to the original format.

NWACC (George/Meagan)—The next NWACC meeting will be held this Sunday. Another Shelton autocross in October, and a November NWACC banquet hosted by us.

Events and Activities

Before Next Meeting

Sept 14 – North Thurston High School Homecoming (Jon) – Jon would like at least two more convertibles. Please let Jon know if you would like to join in the fun.

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By Dee and Duncan

.Every now and then you get a "perfect storm" of things gone RIGHT, and Saturday, September 8 was one of them. For any Corvette enthusiast who was on Pluto or beyond, kindly note it was the 23rd Open House at Corvette & High Performance AND the 35th anniversary hospitality day for Corvettes de Olympia AND a surprise 60th birthday party for "Mr. Corvette" Larry Johnson AND the sun came out and we had a perfect 75-degree day under clear blue western skies. C&HP's business slogan is "Cool Cars -- Nice People" and it absolutely came to life.



Oh, the cool cars. There were over 160 officially registered entries, and with all extra the "drop-in" cruisers we'd estimate around 200 machines total, covering the show field from one end to the other. Mostly Corvettes, naturally, and from every possible vintage and style, stocks, modifieds, cruisers, race cars, kustoms, preserved oldies, restorations, projects, show cars, you name it. Particularly interesting were the last-ever solid-axle Corvette (with quite a history) and a 1962-2004 combination of a custom C1-style body atop a C5 chassis. Maybe not your cup of tea, but quite a work. The "and High Performance" segment had good representation as well with a similar spectrum of cruise-in vehicles, and not all GM-specific either (e.g., various Fords, Essex, Porsche 911, Triumph TR-7, Harley-Davidson, Plymouth Barracuda, Dodge Viper, fire engines, *et al.*) Curves and color and chrome abounded, not a single modern grayish-beige lump sedan or box truck to be seen. For the record, your reporters covered both sides of the equation by driving "Mistress" ('72 red Corvette

roadster) and "Zatarah" ('67 orange Camaro convertible,) who were happily celebrating their 35th and 40th birthdays as well.



You want nice people, we have them too. For starters almost every current member of CdeO was there, showing their cars and working the various chores before/during/after the event, under the discreet whip-cracking of Chris & Bob Hill. No "Bowling Alone" syndrome for our club this day! CdeO alumni came out of the woodwork, too, all the way back to Rick Lockhart, the first president. Old friends from other Corvette clubs abounded: CGCC, CMCS, GOCC, NCRS, SACE, and TCC were some we talked to, and we probably missed others in the crowd. We know there were entries from as far away as eastern Washington and central Oregon. That is "drawing power." Noland Adams, the world's foremost authority on early Corvettes, was there autographing posters and his books. It seemed he knew about every third person in the crowd. Walt Kaplin was playing his inimitable oldies music. John Hannukaine was applying pinstripes in the shop with Meguiar's pitching their products nearby. At the side door Brian & Betsy's computerized slide show of the history of CdeO played endlessly; it is highly recommended for anyone who wants to understand our club's "tribal lore." There were concessions plus discount coupons to the espresso stand next door. *Cruzin'* magazine was taking photographs. Even the porta-potty peepholes had a good view of the action. Raffle prizes, a trivia contest, and enough food to feed the whole mob a couple of times over (courtesy of CdeO's in-house chefs and servers) completed the picture. The net effect of all this was a giant class reunion, only everybody who showed up had been voted "most likely to succeed" and they really did.

In a more reflective and a bit philosophical vein, this little gathering again demonstrated the incredible staying power of the Corvette "brand." In an age where other once-mighty automobile nameplates have deteriorated into lookalike generic blobs or have disappeared altogether, the name "Chevrolet Corvette" continues to stand proudly (and even defiantly) for America's Sports Car. Some people may not like the Corvette, others may even fear the Corvette, a few may imitate it, and some would prefer to water it down or wish it would go away, but nobody doesn't know what a Corvette is or what it means. Ivory tower auto executives from Motown to Toyota City would be well advised to take note of what's going on here.

Sunday found a large number of the group in Shelton to support the NWACC Autocross day. Bright sunshine, a great track, and plenty of cars to compete made it another great success. Although there may have been one downside



for the day. Denny may be getting an Autocross car shortly after Josette was often seen logging some good lap time as a passenger in other cars. Good luck, Denny! Save the wave.

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Sept 15 – Summer's End Car Show (Randy) – Sponsored by the City of Lacey at Huntamer Park in the Woodland Square Loop area.

Sept 22-23 – End-of-Summer Coast Weekend (Vinnie) – Vinnie announced that we will be leaving at 10 a.m. from Barnes and Noble on the 22nd. For those that want to participate, the second half of the drive will be a lotto run (Vinnie to explain later). We'll have parking lot games when we arrive and a party at Vinnie's and Tammie's suite at 6:00 p.m.

Oct 6 – Titus-Will Chevrolet Open House (Peggy) – Our only gold sponsor has the privilege of having an Open House every year—this year they decided to hold one. To show our support, we would like as many cars as possible to attend. Held from 11 to 2:00 p.m.; food included.

Oct 14 – Mystery Tour (Randy) – It will remain a mystery for tonight since Randy isn't here.

On the Horizon

Nov 3 – NWACC Awards Banquet (Peggy) – It will be held at the Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City. Close to \$20 including tax, tips and gratuity. Vinnie will MC and raffle off the prizes. More volunteers are needed to help purchase raffle prizes. In addition to car-related gifts, she would like some girly gifts too.

Dec 1 – CdeO Holiday Party – (Peggy) – Will also be held at Panorama City with dinner at \$20 per person. We will still do a gift exchange.

Next Year

Apr 6 '08 All-City Rally XXVII Pre-run (Brian)

Apr 20 '08 All-City Rally XXVII Rally (Brian)

D. NWACC Banquet

The annual NWACC year-end get together is similar to the CdeO Holiday Party. It is a big social event for NWACC member clubs. Features good food, awards for the NWACC-sponsored autocross events, and a big raffle. We hosted the first NWACC banquet 35 years ago, and will host it again this year. Peggy is the committee chair. If you would like to volunteer, please see Peggy. The entire club can support this event, much like the Open House/Hospitality Day.

E. Other Business

Our meeting space will undergo construction beginning January '08. We will need a temporary meeting space for approximately three or four months. Vinnie proposed that we form a committee, and that Brian be on that committee. Motion carried.

Today's Raffle – Sugar won the August raffle money, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Club unanimously agreed that the winner of tonight's raffle money could keep the cash, because Sugar will bring her prize in October. \$19.50 went to Jerry with the triple black Corvette.

The meeting was adjourned after the raffle at 8:00. See you at the next meeting on October 10th!

Submitted by Josette Miller, Secretary

The summer officially came to an end on September 22nd with the start of fall. CdeO officially put summer to rest and committed it to history on the same day with the End of the Summer Weekend Run to Ocean Shores. And it was a great way to put summer to bed. Mother Nature decided to give us a break even though the prediction was for scattered showers on Saturday and sun breaks on Sunday. And I was so looking forward to washing the Vette Sunday afternoon!



So the group met at Barnes and Nobles in Olympia for the drive down to the coast. Among those attending were Vinnie, Shoshana & Anne, Brian & Betsy, Lee & Sherry, Denny & Josette, Brian & Sheryl, Jim & Jane, Larry & Maggie, Lynus & Mary Alice, Dave & Shel, Felix &

Joan, Bob & Chris, and Susan and myself. We were joined at lunch by Nick & Sandy and Mikael & Shelly and Jon & Cindy and his kids joined us at the hotel. But the big highlight was the arrival of Eric & Miranda, and Eric chose to do it in style, sideways with a lot of smoke and noise! Eric was able to join us while on R&R from Iraq for three weeks. It was wonderful to see Eric safe and sound as the club has been following the news from Iraq to check on his safety. Eric still has almost a year

to serve there on this deployment but for now, hugs and handshakes were in order and they flowed freely. Summer functions have not been the same without them both. As an added bonus, Eric & Miranda announced they were rescheduling their wedding, planned for after his deployment, to the following weekend, before returning to Iraq. Congratulations and best of everything to the both of them. They are both heroes of the club for their service to our country. We are always thinking of them both.



But now it was time to head west! Vinnie outlined the planned route and handed out directions to each navigator. The plan was to head north on 101 to Shelton and take the Matlock exit west. Then travel west, eventually arriving at SR 8 and making our usual stop



in Montesano. This pit stop has become a mandatory pause and it would be an affront to Montesano if we drove past without a visit. Besides, you may recall some of my earlier comments about our diuretic conditions and tour necessities.

After final instructions, we headed northwest under a few clouds but still lots of sunshine. Temperatures were still a bit chilly for going topless, hovering around 60 degrees. Only the hearty and bundled dared brave the FALL air but there were some daring souls. The drive was a

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relaxing tour of Mason County along Lake Nawatzel and through Matlock, a relatively sleepy burg but only because it was early in the day and the tavern was not yet open. There was an encounter with a Subaru who insisted on staying in front of the group of roaring Corvettes for mile after mile, never breaking the speed limit by as much as one mile per hour. Good, upstanding citizens! Plans were made over the radios to follow them home and park all the Corvettes in their front yard with the engines running just to ruin their "carbon footprint"! Strange thing is they missed their turn at Matlock and we got by them only to witness them making a U-turn, falling in at the back of the pack, and stopping with us in Montesano for their light soy milk, double decaf, mint, cappuccino with no whip and an all natural power bar at the espresso stand. Don't know where they went after that, probably to counseling overcome with the decadence of pollution and gasoline consumption. Most still assume that Corvettes get poor fuel mileage when they are about the same as most other cars, better than many, and far superior to their SUVs or trucks.

The second leg of the trip brought us to the usual lunch stop for this tour, Duffy's Restaurant in Aberdeen. They were waiting and prepared for the parking lot backup and confusion. Once everyone was seated and meals



started to arrive, the scene became a little more serene. After all, it's hard to talk with your mouth full and we need to concentrate on one activity at a time. In the parking lot after the meal, two ladies pulled into the middle of the Corvettes and emerged from their nondescript SUV, joking loudly about being

sure to lock and guard their vehicle among this type of crowd to insure no door dings or damage. Someone threatened to detail and pimp her ride! Now I took over as the tour leader and handed out instructions for the cruise to the coast. The plan was to head north on Ocean Beach Road to Pacific Beach and then follow the coast south to Ocean Shores. Off we went, regrouping on the west side of Hoquiam. The curves along the coastline were lots of fun and the views of the crashing surf only added to an already beautiful cruise. Hard to find too many things to complain about driving a Corvette on a sunny day, on a winding road, along the coast. If you still have complaints, maybe your life is just a bit too easy or you should be driving that Subaru!

The Grey Gull was there waiting for our landing. Most of the rooms were ready so it was not long before the parking lot games commenced. Well actually, some took advantage of the sunshine first to warm the blood and catch a nap by the pool. It was tempting not to just find the bed in the room for a nice nap, full tummy and all, but the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" won and the group assembled in front of the cars as Chris began the games.



First game involved putting a paper bag over your head and "removing something you don't need". Winners were those that removed the bag! What did you think of taking off? This was followed by passing a golf ball from one plastic spoon to the next around a team circle without dropping it. First group to successfully pass the golf ball around twice, won. Each



time it was dropped, it had to restart two people back. Oh, yeah! And you had to chase the ball across the parking



lot! Last game was one for the thinking person and not just the athletes. Lists of all the CdeO activities this year were passed around and each person had to identify in which month they occurred. Oh Man!!!! Was that June or July????? Betsy only missed a couple!

All the time we had our own audience who sat by enrapt by the competition. Well maybe it was not the competition so much as the absurdity. A solitary seagull sat in the middle of the parking lot watching intently. Maybe he was part vulture? Or drove a Vette. Or hungry!



Now it was officially nap time! Or liquor store time. Or snack time. Or pool and hot tub time. Or lets gamble at the casino time. Whatever you did, you were on your own. Social hour was at 6 PM in the loft. This is always a fun time and watching the sun set from the balcony



over the Pacific Ocean only adds to the atmosphere and enjoyment. After a couple of hours, the group began to migrate, some to the pool, some to the casino, and some to stroll along the beach. But for the more grizzled partiers, a spontaneous Texas Hold Em card game broke out. Ok! Not so spontaneous but still it broke out! Big winners were Dave, Lynus, and Miranda! We don't need no stinking casino!!! Eventually thought the booze and the food ran out and everyone drifted off to their rooms to listen to the surf and snores, or continue drinking, whichever seemed smarter at the time.

Next morning was a bit grey with some marine fog but dry and mild. Still about 60 degrees and no wind. Not the usual parking lot activities though. Hmmm? What's up with that? Maybe that extra trip to the liquor store yesterday? Either way, by 9 AM, most everyone plodded next door to the buffet at the Polynesian for breakfast.... and a Bloody Mary. Following breakfast the group began to drift off to different activities. Several headed home, some shopped, and some were still in bed!!!

Our route home found the Blue Slough Rd. in Cosmopolis and took us through Porter, Malone, and Oakville before turning onto the Moon Rd. and Waddell Creek Rd. Throw me a curve! Home in time to watch the Seahawks game and unpack. How do you beat a weekend like that? Only one way! Make your reservations for next year! You just gotta do it!!! Your Vette will thank you!!!

Randy



AUTOCROSS!!

SUNDAY, October 14th, 2007

NWACC Autocross Event #2 will be held at Sanderson Field in Shelton, WA. This is the last NWACC autocross for this year and there is still a chance to earn NWACC Seasonal Championship Points for NWACC club members. We will again have a "Time Only" class for those who do not want to run in a specific NWACC class.

To get to Sanderson Field: From I-5, take Exit 104 towards the Ocean Beaches on SR-8/US-101. Take the Shelton/US-101 exit and drive approximately 17 miles. When you get to the airport, take the second left (Sanderson Way) into the airport. Bear to the right at the "Y" and you will see the entrance gate just past the old runway. Registration and Tech Inspection is at 7:30AM and the first car out is at 9:15AM. Lunch will be available for a small fee, thanks to the support

and efforts of Classical Glass Corvette Club of Tacoma.

Rooms will be available at the Little Creek Casino and Hotel, approximately 4 miles before the airport. Call 1-800-667-7711 for reservations.

There is also a Super 8 Motel just 1 mile before the airport. Call them at 1-360-426-1654 for reservations. Questions?? Call George Schwartz at (360) 456-1242 or email to NWACC_VP@comcast.net

cut along this line and mail to the address shown below

ENTRY FEE: **\$35.00** per driver (All cars)

CLASS: _____ (See below for classes)

NAME: _____

Multi Drivers? Yes _____ No _____ (Please check one)

NAME: _____

LIC: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STATE: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

INS CO: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

CAR YEAR: _____ Color: _____

Mail this registration form and payment to: George Schwartz,
Thornbury Dr SE,
Lacey WA 98513

(Please make your checks payable in USD to: NWACC)

NWACC CORVETTE AUTOCROSS CLASSES

STOCK CLASSES:

S-1 1953 - 1964
S-2 1965 - 1982
S-3 1984 - 1988
S-4 1989 - 1996
S-5 1997 - 2004
S-6 2005 - Current Year
SS 1990 - 1995 ZR-1 (LT5 engine)
1996 with LT4 engine
2001 through 2006 Z06

PREPARED CLASSES:

P-1 1953 - 1964
P-2 1965 - 1982
P-3 1984 - 1988
P-4 1989 - 1996
P-5 1997 - 2004
P-6 2005 - Current Year
P-SS 1990 - 1995 ZR-1 (LT5 engine)
1996 with LT4 engine
2001 through 2006 Z06

RACE PREPARED: Any year Corvette with any one of the following:

A permanently-affixed roll bar or cage of 4 or more attaching points to the frame.

25% or more of the stock interior removed.

Lightened body or frame (do not count bumpers, spare tire, and/or carrier, roof panels, hardtop, soft top, or removable back window).

Stock windshield removed.

NOVICE CLASS: This is a class for anyone wishing to try autocross competition for the first time. This is a fun class for relatively inexperienced drivers that includes all Corvettes regardless of year or modifications. Please see the Speed Event Guidelines and the Vehicle Classification section for specific information regarding allowed modifications for both Stock and Prepared Classes. ***You are responsible for classifying your own car.***

This information is available at www.nwacconline.com in the Speed Events Guidelines section or at any NWACC-hosted or sanctioned autocross event. All classes have a Women's Class (except Novice), however, women competitors may choose to enter any class for which their car qualifies.

TIME ONLY: This class is for those people who do wish to run in a specific class. No NWACC Year-End points will be awarded.



Upcoming Events

October

- Oct 6th* Titus Will Chevrolet Corvette Display, Olympia Auto Mall, 9 AM, Peggy Rogers (360 491-7432)
- Oct 10th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- Oct 14th* CdeO Mystery Tour, Winged Victory Statue at State Capital, Olympia, WA. 9 AM, Randy Harris (360 459-8670)
- Oct. 14th NWACC AutoCross, Shelton Airport, George Schwartz (360 456-1242)

November

- Nov 3rd* NWACC Banquet, Chamber's House, Panorama City, Lacey WA.

December

- Dec. 1st* CdeO Holiday Party, Chamber's Restaurant, Panorama City, Lacey, WA.
- NO DECEMBER CLUB MEETING**

January

- Jan 9th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA

February

- Feb 13th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA

March

- Mar 12th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA

April

- Apr 6th* All City Rally XXVII Pre-Run, TBA, Brian Cousineau (360 413-7645)
- Apr 9th* CdeO meeting, 7 PM Tumwater Valley Bar & Grill, Tumwater, WA
- Apr 20th* All City Rally XXVII, TBA, Brian Cousineau, (360 413-7645)

* indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more information and additional events, visit <http://www/corvettesdeolympia.org>

The Mystery Tour will start Oct 14th, at 9 AM from the Winged Victory Statue in the middle of the circle in front of the State Capital Bldg. This will be something you have not done before, at least with CdeO, so be prepared. A brunch will follow the activity. Good Luck!!!!

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