

# Heartbeat of Olympia

Volume 43, Issue 2

April 2015

## Corvettes de Olympia 2014-2015 Officers

### PRESIDENT

Anne Wax  
360-870-4901

### VICE PRESIDENT

Don Patnoe

### SECRETARY

Shoshanah Bain

### TREASURER

Will Trogden

### NWACC REPRESENTATIVE

George Schwartz

## COMMITTEES

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Josette Miller

### HISTORIAN

Marilyn Trogden

### MEMBERSHIP

Billy Smith

### PUBLICITY

Peggy Rogers

### SCHOLARSHIP

Mark Twardzicki

### SPONSORSHIP

Peggy Rogers

### TELEPHONE TREE

Betsy Cousineau

### WEB SITE

Wendy Forcier

### NCM AMBASSADOR

George Schwartz

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Charmaine Millstead

### NCM Rep

George Schwartz

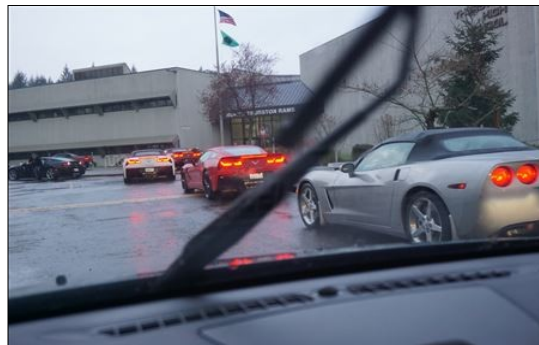
## Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 2015 By Randy Harris

The 2015 Pancake Breakfast was held on March 21st at the North Thurston School cafeteria in Lacey. It is a huge endeavor and takes a lot of cooperation from the whole club but owes a great deal of it's success to the leadership of Lion Debbie O'Neill who has taken over duties of organizing and running the fundraiser. Her knowledge and experience in the restaurant industry is invaluable and provides guidance in both ordering supplies, staffing, and preparations. But it is unequaled by her enthusiasm and hard work. The club owes her a huge thank you for her continued work.

The crews arrived at 6 AM to begin preparations assisted by the Boy Scouts who bussed tables and wrapped eating utensils and the Girl Scouts who handed out syrup. The grill borrowed from the Lacey Fire Fighters was fired up and soon began producing nice hot cakes even in the rain. Lions Lyell and Tom kept the pancake assembly line running while Lion Gail stirred scrambled eggs in the kitchen. The rest of the kitchen crew either served, cleaned, or prepared pancake batter or eggs.



Mother Nature didn't exactly cooperate weather wise with heavy rain at times and drizzle the rest of the time. The Corvettes from Corvettes de Olympia showed up at 8:30 and arranged their cars for display in front of the entrance to the school. 12 Corvettes all sporting beaded raindrops covering the shiny finishes. The voting for People's Choice was nearly replaced with a contest to see who had the most beads of rain on their car. Corvette owners pride themselves in keeping a nice coat of wax on the car and the beading of the water is proof of the wax. So being somewhat overly competitive, naturally they wanted to know who had the best coat of wax.



## Inside

Lion's Club Breakfast.....Pg 1-3
President's Message.....Pg 2
St. Patrick's Day Parade.....Pg 4-6
Meeting Minutes/Cruise In.....Pg 7-8
Capital City Vette Fest Flyer.....Pg 9
C-6 Corvette Tips & Secrets.....Pg 10
Calendar of Events.....Pg 11

### Heartbeat of Olympia

The Heartbeat of Olympia is the official publication of Corvettes de Olympia. It is published monthly and samples can be obtained by writing to: Corvettes de Olympia, PO Box 2154, Olympia WA 98507-2154, or by contacting any club member. Heartbeat of Olympia Editor-in-Chief: Wendy Forcier

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 at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at Hawk's Prairie Restaurant. Meetings are open to any and all Corvette enthusiasts.

Visit us on the web at: [www.corvettesdeolympia.org](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org)

## Next Meeting

April 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

## President's Message



I was elected President each of the last three years without any competition, and as a result, I never put together a platform.

It strikes me that I should have a platform, so the club knows where I would like to take things.

I propose the following as my objectives for the coming year:

- Implement an objective-setting process with the Board and committees.
- Work with Wendy, our Webmaster, to improve web-access to club information.
- Work with our treasurer, Will, and the Board to develop an income and expense budget.
- Emphasize inter-club relations over fund-raising for Vette Fest.
- Investigate less labor-intensive ways to raise money for the scholarship fund long-term.

And of course, it goes without saying, I will do what I can to make it rewarding to participate in club activities, and support a calendar that includes time for touring and autocross.

I have already started working with the Executive Board on these goals. And with this message I am now involving everyone so we can see where this goes.

Save the Wave,

Anne

### 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
2007	Brian Cousineau
2008	Peggy Rogers
2009	Meagan Renick
2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick
2013	Anne Wax
2014	Anne Wax
2015	Anne Wax

## Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 2015 By Randy Harris cont.

However, in the end, sanity reigned and the People's Choice award went to Brian and Betsy Cousineau with a brand new 2015 convertible that had been on order for several months but picked up from the dealer the night before the event. I am sure the Corvette was saying to anyone who would listen, "Man! I thought I was going to Arizona! Where did all this rain come from?" Lacey Sunrise Lions are very grateful to the Corvette Club for it's continuing support of the fund raiser.



The tables were full and the line was long at the serving counter. From 7 AM until closing at 11 AM everyone was kept busy serving, cooking, cleaning, and circulating.

Lacey Sunrise Lions are very grateful to the Corvette Club for it's continuing support of the fund raiser. Each year they provide a car show to help attract patrons to the event as well as buying tickets to eat.



All total, the club stands to make about \$2000 when all the bills are paid thanks to the hard work of everyone involved. All the monies raised all are returned to the community if the form of projects, scholarship, and assistance. Lion Clubs are mandated by charter to return every penny they receive from the public back to the public. In fact, the costs of operating the club itself can not come from the public, only from the individual members. Expenses like postage, newsletters, correspondence, etc can not be paid for with monies raised in public functions. The monies earned fund projects like wheel chair ramp constructions, diabetes camps for children, after school children's programs, sight and hearing assistance, disaster relief, homeless programs, food bank assistance, student's summer lunch programs, boy scout and girl scout club sponsorship, holiday American Flag displays, Christmas assistance programs, sponsorship of Girls Without Limits, eyeglass recycle programs, international programs for disease control and assistance, and the list goes on. Rest assured the money you spent for breakfast will bring much needed relief to someone somewhere.

Chairperson Debbie wants to pass along a hearty thanks also! To both the volunteers and to the Corvette Club for their continued support. The fund raiser is a lot of work but worth every minute when it comes time to offer assistance to someone in need. The Lions motto is "We Serve" and the club could not serve without the support of groups like the Corvette Club. Thank you!



## St. Patrick's Day Tour and Parade by Denny and Josette Miller

At our March business meeting, Josette asked for a show of hands as to who wanted to go to the St Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean Shores given that it had rained so hard last year and the weather report called for rain this year as well. Nearly a dozen people responded in the positive, so the event was a go.

We all woke that Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, to truly horrible weather including rain and strong winds. Just the same, nine cars showed up for the 10:00 am start from the Barnes and Noble parking lot. The drivers and passengers included: Denny and Josette, Billy and Wendy, Lee and Dr. Jim, Arthur and Carla, Brian and Betsy, Will and Marilyn, Jim and Karen, Carolyn, and Shoshanah.



At the drivers meeting, we decided to try something new by dividing into two platoons, each with a lead car and a tail gunner. Denny and Josette took the lead position and Billy and Wendy took tail gunner on the 1<sup>st</sup> platoon. Aurthur and Carla took lead position and Shoshana took tail gunner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon.

So off we went just after 10:00, out to the freeway and west on US-101, then WA 8/12 to Montesano.



We didn't stop at Montesano this time, but rather turned left onto WA-107 and drove to Blue Slough Rd. Without stopping we sailed onto a very wet Blue Slough and glided along its many turns at a (relatively) reasonable speed.



## St. Patrick's Day Tour and Parade by Denny and Josette Miller cont.

Unfortunately at one point near the end of this stretch, Will decided to try his supercharger, which overwhelmed the car's traction control so he promptly spun off the road.

After we all attempted to push his car out of the ditch and failed, Will called for a tow truck. Billy, Wendy, Arthur and Carla stayed with Will and Marilyn, and the rest of us continued the drive to our parade date in Ocean Shores.



We made a quick stop at the Safeway store in Aberdeen, and then drove straight to Ocean Shores, arriving a full 30 minutes before the 1:00 parade starting time.

We lined up for the parade but stayed in our cars because the weather had turned into gale force winds and heavy rainfall.



The horrible weather continued all through the parade, which was attended by about six viewers along the road and maybe a dozen other people watching from inside businesses along the way. To all of our surprise, it was quite enjoyable to participate in this parade. I guess we just like our Corvettes.

We had lunch at the parade sponsor's place of business, the Galway Irish Restaurant and Pub.



## St. Patrick's Day Tour and Parade by Denny and Josette Miller cont.

They placed us at a long wooden table where we ordered our food and swapped our usual stories. After about an hour, Will and his entourage arrived in good shape so we had an extended meal.



It had stopped raining at 4:00 pm when we headed out of town in our two platoon formation. We turned left and drove five miles north on WA 109 to Copalis where we turned right onto Copalis Beach Road. After a few miles, we reached Copalis Crossing.



We turned right onto Ocean Beach Drive and enjoyed driving this very interesting stretch of road to US 101. The platoon formation proved very effective on this stretch of road in that Arthur was able to keep tabs on platoon 2 when the 1<sup>st</sup> platoon zoomed through the turns.

Once on US-101, we settled down and cruised through Hoquiam and Aberdeen, and headed east to Montesano for a break.

After the break, we returned to Olympia as usual via WA 12/8.



It was truly a fun day in spite of the weather.

## General Membership Meeting Hawks Prairie Inn March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 7:00-8:00

### Call To Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes (Anne Wax)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn Restaurant in Lacey, followed by introductions. The meeting minutes were approved as written.

### Treasurer's Report (Will Trogden)

Will presented the report. Will can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested.

### Committee Reports

#### **Sponsorship Update (Anne Wax)**

Two sponsors have renewed – Classy Chassis and Dr. Gould. Thank you Butch and Jim! Anne will follow up with Titus Will.

#### **Membership Update (Billy Smith)**

We welcomed Bob and Debbie to the meeting.

#### **Sunshine Chair (Charmaine)**

The club signed cards for Maggie and Paul (new baby girl, Alice Marie), Leo Dipola (illness) and the family of John Forespring, CdeO's insurance agent who passed away earlier this year. Also, we heard that Butch's Kingery of Classy Chassis lost his brother.

We also passed around an article about Michaela Renick and her success in speed skating and her goals to become an Olympic speed skater on ice.

#### **Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)**

The web site events are up to date. If you have any trouble seeing information or finding things, please let Wendy know. We are also going to 'freshen' the website with a more modern look -- Anne and Wendy will send an announcement when we are ready to do the update.

#### **Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)**

We have some great pictures uploaded – check out Karla's great Go Kart pictures!

#### **Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)**

No news.

#### **NWACC (Arthur Green)**

The Novice auto cross has spots available. If you sign up, it's free to run the autocross the next day. Limited space, so sign up now. Also, the tech inspection day is Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to volunteer to help the autocross event, please contact for Arthur.

free to run the autocross the next day. Limited space, so sign up now. Also, the tech inspection day is Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to volunteer to help the autocross event, please contact for Arthur.

Thanks to Josette and Denny for adjusting the tour schedule so it did not conflict with autocross.

#### **National Corvette Museum (Arthur Green)**

Fred and Charmaine will be visiting the museum in Kentucky – stay tuned for stories of their adventures!

#### **Vette Fest 2015 (Arthur Green and Don Patnoe)**

Goal is for everyone to have fun – guests and volunteers. Come join the fun! Vette Fest committee meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. If you are interested in any part, or just want to know the scoop, please contact Anne or Don for directions. It's a lot of fun!

### Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

Welcome to a new Corvette Year! See event calendar for details on all events.

Some changes to the event schedule

- To avoid overlapping tours with autocross, Windy Ridge has been moved to July 26<sup>th</sup>
- The Warm Springs 3 day trip is now the last weekend in September.

April Ideas:

- Car Show on Moose Lodge in Yelm on the 25<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Garden Show. Registration starts at 8am.
- The group decided to do a tour on April 26<sup>th</sup>. John Zink is in charge of weather.
- Send a note if you have other ideas for tours.

### Where we've been:

**Tacoma Corvette Club Open House** – about 10 years ago, they hosted this event for the first time to bring all clubs together to share plans for the year. 120 people attended, 71 clubs represented. Lots of people came down from Vancouver BC. The food was fantastic -- Caroline was caught on camera enjoying the food, which won't be published. J There is a picture of Fred with a flower behind his ear though.

**Go Karting** – With dinner at Carr's. Big thanks to Caroline and Carla for putting together the slide respective races. Next time, we will change the format so our club takes over the course for a few

## General Membership Meeting cont. from pg. 7

### Coming Up:

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** – March 15<sup>th</sup>. Will run Blue Slough twice – even if it rains. Different options for lunch– a friend of Charmaine's has a small pizza place, the Irish Pub called Gallaway's is an option too. Billy's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is on this parade too!!

**Lion's Club Breakfast and Car Show**– March 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the Lion's Club big fund raiser for the year, and Vettes are a big hit at the breakfast. And there's generally a little tour afterward. 8:30am at the Chinook Middle School. See website for more details.

**Drive to Allyn** – April 12<sup>th</sup>. Will be fun!

### Announcements

- All Roads to National Road Rally – Megan is hosting a fund raiser for Michaela's trip to go to National Skating Championship - June 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun Gimmick Rally around Thurston County. We can all go and just have fun. Pre-Registration up to April 15<sup>th</sup> – updated Flyer coming. Let's help Michaela go to Nationals!
- Lacey Fun Fair Parade – Michaela will be the Grand Marshall of the parade (parade will be the evening of May 16<sup>th</sup>).

### Old and New Business

- Thanks to Tom for the lighted, framed pictures of our club photos for the Corvette and High Performance Swap meet – it looked great!!!
- Many of use supported the House Bill for running one license plate, but it did not make it out of committee. Next time, with more forewarning we will spread the word wider.
- Copies of John Thompson's novels are available for sale.

### Raffle (Will Trogden)9.5

Randy provided a fabulous Corvette Sign for your garage along with some magnetic bowls for holding stuff while working on your car.

And the Winners Are:

- Corvette Sign went to Tom Oenning!
- Magnetic Bowl 1 went to Billy Smith.
- Magnetic Bowl 2 went to Frank Zangar
- \$28 and the privilege of bringing next month's prize -- **Mark Twardzicki!**

*Meeting Adjourned*

## Cruise-Ins: Donated by Duncan Jonhson

At the LeMay Museum in Tacoma:

**April 9, 2015 5:00pm-8:00pm**

**Every second Thursday we will feature classic cars on the plaza, April through October, rain or shine!**

Mix and mingle with other car enthusiasts while listening to music, voting on the People's Choice Award and entering to win the raffle.

**NEW THIS YEAR: Gravedigger BBQ will be on-site offering some of their award-winning BBQ choices.**

ACM will also be open until 8pm for these Cruise-Ins, so be sure to explore the museum and take advantage of extended hours.

### 2015 Cruise-In Dates:

April 9  
May 14  
June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8

### Contact Info

(253) 779-8490  
[info@lemaymuseum.org](mailto:info@lemaymuseum.org)

## RDU2020 radios

*by Anne Wax*



Two-way radios provide a way for CdeO members to stay in touch while driving in a group.

This can be important for safety, to keep the group together, and to report mechanical problems and to entertain each other with sights and quips along the way.

The club uses Motorola RDU2020 radios, which can be purchased on-line.

They usually cost between \$180 and \$200 dollars, but sometimes you can find a good deal on eBay or Amazon.com. Just search the web, and find the best deal you can from a reliable shipper.

If you have any questions, contact Anne.



**Corvettes de Olympia and Titus Will  
Present**



# **Capital City Vette Fest XI**

**Sunday, August 23, 2015  
All Corvette Car Show!**



- NWACC Show 'n' Shine
- Multiple "Best" Awards
- Lunch Courtesy of Titus Will, our Sponsor
- Benefits Automotive Scholarships at South Puget Sound Community College

*Come join in the fun!*

**At Titus-Will Chevrolet – Olympia Auto Mall**  
2255 Carriage Loop SW - Olympia, WA 98502

*For more information contact us at [VetteFest@CorvettesdeOlympia.org](mailto:VetteFest@CorvettesdeOlympia.org) or visit  
[www.CorvettesdeOlympia.org](http://www.CorvettesdeOlympia.org)*

## Test Your Knowledge:



REGISTRY OF CORVETTE RACE CARS >

### C6 Corvette Tips and SECRETS: Donated by Randy Harris

These were found on the web and I do not take any credit for them just thought I would past them on to anyone that may have not seen it.

- 1) There's a button on the rear fascia to open the rear hatch.
- 2) The car will remind you to shut off your turn signal if left on for more than 3/4 mi.
- 3) There is a feature on wiper intermittent delay fastest speed: When one goes over 50mph in this setting, the wiper automatically switches to constant on (normal speed). C6 has speed sensitive intermittent delay, but no rain sensor.
- 4) When backing up in reverse, both the speed-o and the HUD will show your speed.
- 5) There are 2 gas tanks.
- 6) Headlamps automatically turn on if using wipers.
- 7) There's an orange light that shines down from the on the passenger visor clip that is just simply an area light to give a little low-level light ambiance to your driving experience at night. It was dropped in the 2008 model year in about February as a running change.
- 8) Pressing and holding the Fan Speed button, the Windshield Defrost button, and the Rear Window Defogger button at the same time resets the outside temperature display.
- 9) The trick of hitting the re-circ button twice to reduce the warm air in the foot wells. I love it when I have the top down...much less extra heat down there.
- 10) 9) Better hook-up a battery tender if the car is going to sit for longer than 3 weeks.

Look for more tips by Randy Harris in May's issue.



### GOULD CHIROPRACTIC CENTER P.S.

#### FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE

- Auto Accident Injuries
- Workman's Compensation
- Chronic & Difficult Cases
- Will Accept Emergencies
- Most Insurance Accepted

24 HOUR TEL. NO.

**456-4488**

704 SOUTH LILLY ROAD



**BUTCH KINGERY**  
owner, designer, painter

**(360)866-9074**



### Capital Corvette & Classics

*Parts & Service for your GM Specialty Car*

**2840 Black Lake Blvd SW Suite D  
Olympia Wa 98512**

**Don Ashley**

**Ph (360)754-7890  
Fax (360)754-1498**

**Al Clark**





## Upcoming Events

### April

- Wed 8th **CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.\***
- Sun 12th **Sunday Drive to Allyn and Lunch\*** This year, we'll take some fun back roads to Allyn, WA for lunch. We'll be leaving at 10:00 from the Barnes and Noble parking lot.
- Sat 25th **34th Annual Tulip Gimmick Rallye** Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.; first car out at 9:00 a.m. from the Burlington, WA Mall. See Website for details <http://www.mgccnwc.com/> (Scroll down to event on home page)
- Sun 26th **Day Tour to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Forest\*** A new addition! At our last club meeting we decided to squeeze in another day tour. Arthur & Carla and Jim & Karen suggested Hurricane Ridge. We'll be leaving from the Barnes & Noble parking lot on the Westside at 8:15 a.m.

### May

- Sun 3rd **Back Roads to Little Creek Casino for Lunch\***
- Wed 13th **CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.\***
- Sat 16th **NWACC Novice Autocross Training (Sanderson Field in Shelton)**
- Sun 17th **NWACC Autocross #1 at Sanderson Field in Shelton**
- Sun 31st **SW Washington Day Tour to Tokeland, WA and Lunch\***

### June

- Sat 7th **Gimmick Rally Organized by Meagan to Help Send Michaela to Nationals**
- Wed 10th **CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.\***
- Fri-Sun 12-14th **Yakima Valley Vettes "Vette-A-Bratton"**
- Sat 13th **Ocean Shores Flag Day Parade, Blue Slough and Lunch\***
- Sun 14th **NWACC Autocross #2 at Sanderson Field in Shelton**
- Sat 20th **Glass Odyssey Corvette Club Show –n– Shine at Grey Chevrolet**
- Thurs 25th **Yelm Prairie Days Parade\***
- Sun 28th **One Lap Around Mt. Rainier Day Tour\***

\* Indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more meeting places, times and additional events, visit the CdeO Event Calendar at <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org>