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Lake Crescent Bay Day Tour By Wendy Forcier

As you can see 11 cars and 19 people enjoyed a beautifully 46 degree day with a view. All present to enjoy



this relaxing day was Josette and Denny, Carla and Arthur, Marilyn and Will, Wendy and Billy, Charmaine and Fred, Carolyn, Shashanna, Anne, Betsy and Brian, Dr. Lee and Sherry, Don and Cynthia with family dog.

We planned to go to Hurricane Ridge but it was snowing up there. So we swerved with the curves straight to Lake Crescent just for the drive.

We gathered at Barnes and Noble and headed west on I-101 passed Shelton. We then turned left at Hoodport at the IGA store in which we took advantage of the bathroom break opportunity for 30 minutes. We had a visitor that we all decided we couldn't fit in one of our cars very easily so he just opted for the photo shoot. Look real close.



We then headed north on US-101 and passed through Quilcene and Hood Canal Bridge traffic. Turned left into 7 Cedars Casino parking lot.



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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 at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd 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

Next Meeting

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

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



I am smiling as I reflect on our tour to Lake Crescent two weeks ago, and on our beautiful back roads Casino tour this past weekend.

Denny added a new 'platoon' approach to the tours so no matter how large the group, we can keep the size of a 'platoon' manageable. I love that those with a natural inclination and ability to lead a platoon or play tail-gunner stepped forward.

I am also proud that Wendy and Dan upgraded our web site to a more modern theme. The site now has a much richer mobile experience for phones and tablets. We will continue to tune up the site as we learn more.

This month the autocross season begins – with a novice training and the first competition of the season. Several of our members will "take the plunge".

I encourage you to go out to Sanderson field to cheer our new and experienced auto-crossers and to join us on the Southwest Washington tour to Tokeland.

Save the Wave!

Past Presidents Corvettes de Olympia

1972	Rich Lockhart
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2008	Peggy Rogers
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2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick
2013	Anne Wax
2014	Anne Wax
2015	Anne Wax

Lunch in Allyn By the Sound Tour by Denny Miller

Nineteen of our lunch-loving CdeO members met at Barnes and Noble on Sunday before 10:00 am for a short jaunt to the Boat House Restaurant & Bar in Allyn. At the drivers meeting, we agreed to form two platoons so we could better keep track of each other on the road.



The first platoon consisted of Denny and Josette (lead), Lee and Sherry, Brian and Betsy, Will and Marilyn, and Frank and Kim (Tail). The second consisted of Randy (lead), Anne, Carla, Bob and Debbie (Prospective Members), Carolyn, Roger and Velma, and Shoshannah (Tail)

At just after 10:00, we drove East on Cooper Point Road and turned right onto I-101 heading West in light traffic. We stayed on this road when it became State Route 8 and drove through the Black Hills.



We exited State Route 8 at the Mox Chehalis Road and wound our way through McCleary.



Soon we found State Route 108 and followed this picturesque road to I-101 near Little Creek Casino.

Lunch in Allyn By the Sound Tour by Denny Miller cont from pg. 3

We took I-101 and exited past Shelton at East Wallace Kneeland Blvd, where we took a break at the ARCO Station. Wendy caught up with us at this point and hitched a ride with Carolyn for the remainder of the trip.



A half hour later we headed North in I-101 to State Route 106, where we turned left and drove along Hoods Canal. It was a beautiful time to drive this road because the homes along the way were vibrant with spring blossoms.



In due time we reached the intersection with State Route 3 where we turned left and headed South toward Allyn and Lennard K's Boat House Restaurant.



As usual, parking was tight but all 12 drivers eventually found a parking spot.



We all poured into the Bar and were seated at a long table for a wonderful meal.

Lunch in Allyn By the Sound Tour by Denny Miller cont from pg. 4

We all poured into the Bar and were seated at a long table for a wonderful meal.



After lunch, we reformed our platoons and headed South for Shelton.



Once in Shelton, Wendy jumped in Anne's car and they peeled off to get Wendy back to her car while the rest of us headed South to I-101.



We then enjoyed an uneventful drive home on I-101



Drive to Little Creek Casino Tour by Denny Miller

As planned, we met at Starbucks on Capital Blvd in Tumwater at 10:00 for a back-roads drive to the Little Creek Casino. The group include Denny and Josette, Randy and Susan, Anne, John Zink, Fred and Charmaine, Arthur and Carla, Frank, Will and Marilyn, Brian and Betsy, and Lee and Sherry. As you can see by the pictures, the weather was very fine and we were feeling pretty good about the tour.



And the tour didn't disappoint. We had to fight traffic a bit as we drove through Tumwater but things freed up by the time we made it to Littlerock Rd.



Drive to Little Creek Casino Tour by Denny Miller

Once we made it to Littlerock, we zigged west until we could turn left onto Mima Rd.



We drove South on Mima Rd, passing by the Mima Mounds and the Weyerhaeuser tree farm



Soon we were on Gates Road, where we traveled through a beautiful stretch of curves, which we shared with a lone jogger.



Gates Road became Moon Road, which we travelled a short distance before turning right on US-12W



Drive to Little Creek Casino Tour by Denny Miller

We drove West on US-12W, with the Capital Forest to our right and, at times, the Chehalis Valley to our left.



After 20 minutes or so, we turned right onto Mox Chehlis Road, and travelled this 9-mile road heading toward McCleary.

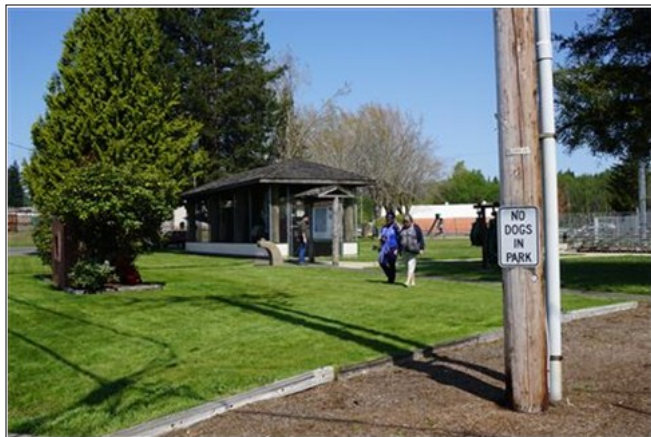


And travelled this 9-mile road heading toward McCleary



Drive to Little Creek Casino Tour by Denny Miller

Once in McCleary, we stopped for a break at Beerbower park.



Then after leaving McCleary we travelled Northeast on WA-108.



We reached the Little Creek Casino at noon and parked in a lightly used parking lot.



Drive to Little Creek Casino Tour by Denny Miller

We spent an hour and a half at the casino. Most of us at lunch and swapped our usual stories while some took the opportunity to do a little gaming.



After lunch, we gathered up near our cars and discussed the drive home.



We drove South on I-101 in light traffic.



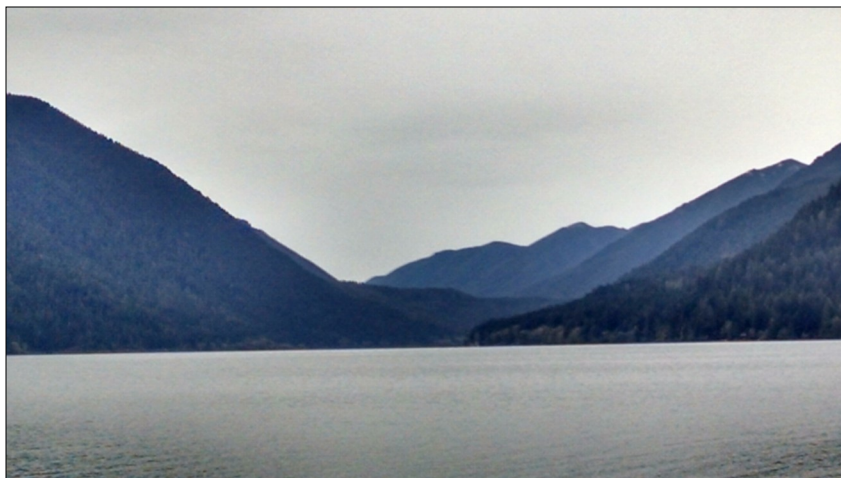
And scattered to the wind once we arrived in Olympia

Lake Crescent Bay Day Tour By Wendy Forcier cont. from pg 1

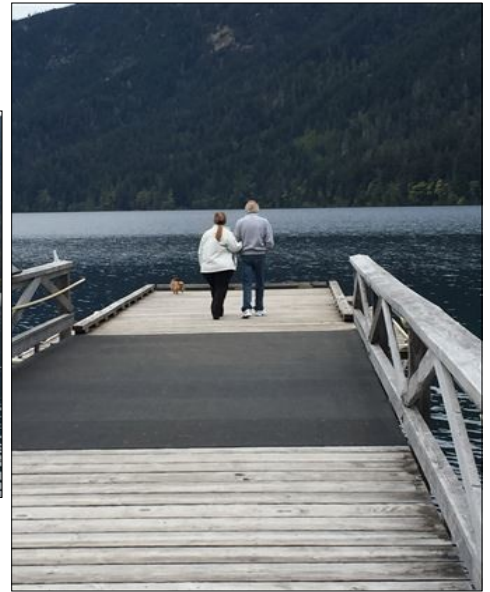
Billy is the first one into the Casino. Once inside the Casino at the entrance the Greeter was really nice. She admitted to us that she heard our cars coming into the parking lot and wondered what was getting ready to invade the casino.

Some of us did good and won lunch fair, some of us won gas money and unfortunately some gave of their pocket change. But the not so courageous ones of us will never know cause we didn't try. Thank Goodness this was only a 30 minute stop or there would have been more of us who gave of our pockets.

Back on the road again, we headed west on US-101 for another 20.7 miles to Port Angeles where we made a series of turns to stay on US-101/Lauridsen Boulevard to Lake Crescent for another 19.2 miles at that point. Through the fog, out of the fog over the river and around the bend. It was worth it!!!



Lake Crescent Bay Day Tour By Wendy Forcier cont. from pg 11



Whether it was a photo op or a romantic stroll, there is no beating getting caught up in the view.

Then it was time for lunch, cant call CdeO late for lunch. We headed east again on US01 for 21 miles back to Port Angeles for lunch at Gordys Pizza.



Then it was Gordy's Pizza to Twana Road House in Quilcene for another break



The day turned out to be an excellent substitute for Hurricane Ridge Tour. Not many sites can say that.

We were all home by Supper.

General Membership Meeting
Hawks Prairie Inn
April 8th 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 (Peggy Rogers)

Titus Will has not offered sponsorship yet, Peggy will follow up with Trevor.

Membership Update (Billy Smith)

No news

Sunshine Chair (Charmaine)

The club welcomed Alice into the world. Mark had rotator cuff surgery.

Webmaster (Wendy Forcier)

Please check out the membership roster and let Wendy know if anything has changed. On the 16th at 7am, Anne and Wendy will be changing the web site look and feel – should make it more fun to work with. Wendy will be adding a new section to the newsletter called "Where We've Been" – it will showcase fun stuff our membership has done (even if not in a Corvette!).

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Lots of pictures up on the web site – go check it out!!

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

There is new scholarship director at SPSCC.

NWACC (Arthur Green)

Autocross class has one spot left. If you take the class, you can drive in the next days' autocross for free. The class is not just for Corvettes. Also, the Viper club is great place to run if you want to run a non-Corvette.

National Corvette Museum (Arthur Green)

Great pictures from Fred and Charmaine from their trip to the National Corvette Museum!

Vette Fest 2015 (Arthur Green and Don Patnoe)

The planning is rolling along! Volunteers are starting – come join us for a quick meeting after this meeting, and we meet again on April 19th. There will be a very thorough judge training this year.

Glass Odyssey Car Show

Rich Culley introduced the Glass Odyssey Car Show on June 20th from 10 to 3pm. Will have a DJ instead of a live band. The fee will be \$25 if after June, and T-Shirts are \$15. It's an NWACC event, and if you register your vehicle, you will receive a free ticket to the catered lunch. Rich talked to God, and there won't be any rain.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

- By the end of this week, the event calendar will be on the web site.

Where we've been:

St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 15th. We are troopers -- 9 cars in torrential rain and wind. There were 6 entries, led by 2 15-week old Irish Setters. The pace was set by the dogs, very short route. Six very enthusiastic parade goers, and lots of folks cheering. And it was Billy's birthday!

Lion's Club Breakfast and Car Show– March 21st. Another wet day, 12 Corvettes, great turnout. Had a great breakfast - and the winner of the People's Choice was Brian and Betsy's brand new car!

Coming Up:

All Roads Lead to Nationals – June 7th 2015 Rain or Shine! Support Michaela's trip to Albuquerque NM this July for speed skating and hockey Nationals.

Drive to Alllyn – April 12th. Space for 20 people, Denny handed out a flyer on the plan, feedback welcome. Should be a lot of fun – great trip and lunch. Leave at 10am, lunch at 12:30pm

Tulip Rallye – April 25th. This is Duncan and Dee's favorite event!

General Membership Meeting cont. from pg. 13

Hurricane Ridge Tour – April 26th. Day tour up to 7 Cedars Casino, and then directly up to Hurricane ridge, and spend a couple hours. Bring a pack lunch for this trip.

25th for the **Moose Lodge in Yelm** – should be fun!

Back Roads to Little Creek Casino – May 3rd. Run up to Little Creek Casino, great route around Capital Forest, to casino for lunch, fast route back.

Novice Autocross Training – May 16th - Then on Sunday, the first autocross event of the season.

SW Washington Tokeland Tour – May 31st. The route was such a hit last year, we'll do exactly the same run as last year! Great restaurant, excellent food, beautiful run.

The Day Tour to Oregon "Tail of the Dragon" – This will be a technical and exciting run!!

Old and New Business

- World of Speed Museum is opening in Wilsonville Oregon. Check out WorldofSpeed.org – may be a great day trip!

Raffle (Will Trogden)

No raffle today.

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

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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
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Capital City Vette Fest XI

**Sunday, August 23, 2015
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*For more information contact us at VetteFest@CorvettesdeOlympia.org or visit
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C6 Corvette Tips and SECRETS: By Randy Harris

- You can only recall the max. G force on the HUD during the current engine on cycle. Once you shut the engine off, it's gone.
-The car will remind you to shut off your turn signal if left on for more than 3/4 mi.
- Headlamps automatically turn on if using wipers.
- You can just bump the turn signal (up or down) for it to signal for 3 ticks.
There's also a keyhole above the rear license plate to put a key to open the hatch if you don't have your fob nearby.
- The DIC chime loudness can be turned down significantly by turning the audio "Auto Volume" to "OFF". 9) Better hook-up a battery tender if the car is going to sit for longer than 3 weeks.
- Most light switches that you push to turn a light ON/OFF are ON when the button is held into the depressed position, and OFF when the button is pushed again and released to the "out" position. But the reading lights on the rearview mirror that are controlled by the buttons on either side of the rearview mirror in the C6 are OFF when they are in the "in" position, and ON when the button is pushed to the "out" position.
- If you hold the ignition rocker switch in the on (down) position for about 20 sec. the car goes into full on mode (same as "ign" with a key car) without the engine starting. This allows you to program the DIC and run all accessories etc without starting the engine.



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Upcoming Events

May

- 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*

June

- Sat 7th All Roads Lead to Nationals Rally (Gimmick Rally by Meagan for Michaela)
- Wed 10th CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
- Fri-Sun 12-14th Yakima Valley Vettes "Vette-A-Bration"
- Sat 13th Ocean Shores Flag Day Parade by way of Blue Slough*
- 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*

July

- Sat 4th Tumwater 4th of July Parade*
- Sat 4th 4th of July Picnic or Dine at a Restaurant*
- Sat 4th Freedom Fest "Classy Chassis Car Show" at JBLM Memorial Stadium
- Wed 8th CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*
- Fri-Sun 10-12th Shadow of the Mountain Tacoma Corvette Club in Leavenworth, WA
- Sun 12th NWACC Autocross #3 at Sanderson Field in Shelton
- Sat 18th Lakefair Grand Parade*
- Sat 18th Picnic or Dine at a Restaurant after Lakefair Grand Parade*
- Sat 25th Puget Sound Corvette Club Show –n– Shine at Griot's Garage
- Sun 26th Mt. St. Helen's Windy Ridge 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>