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3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller:

On the long weekend of September 25th – 27th, Corvettes de Olympia put on a tour of Oregon. This is a photo report on this tour.

Day 1

We gathered at Haggen Food on the west side for an 8:00 a.m. start. It was a work day, and someone had a small accident involving a guard rail on US 101 that we had to pass by. Many of us just barely made it to our gathering point on time, and a few of us had to catch up after we left. All said and done, the initial tour group included: Denny and Josette (lead), Lee and Sherry, Brian and Betsy, Will and Marilyn, Billy and Wendy (Platoon 1 tail gunner), Arthur and Carla (Platoon 2 lead), Jim and Karen, Carolyn, Mike and Connie, Anne, George and Lynne, and Shoshanah (Platoon 2 tail gunner).



We headed west to Montesano in light rain, where we took a quick break.



After the break, we headed for Blue Slough Rd. for a relatively slow and rain-soaked road run.

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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.

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

Nov. 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



We transitioned from summer to fall with two phenomenal tours.

The Oregon tour was my favorite ever. The roads were stunning and so much fun to drive. And then we went to Port Townsend, where the social energy at each rest stop was so engaging that Denny's cowbell could not compete.

Why was the energy so high in Port Townsend? I think it reflected the growing levels of member involvement. Several examples come immediately to mind.

This year we enjoyed 3 new tours suggested by members, and initiated platoons. At least six members capture and share photos and videos, LOTS of people helped prepare for Vette Fest, and new members join the club eager to become involved.

I am once again impressed by what a great club we have, and look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Parade and End of Year Celebration.

Save the Wave,

Anne

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Corvettes de Olympia

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3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller: cont.

From Blue Slough Rd., we headed south on US 101 to the McDonald's in Raymond. After the break, we continued south on 101, 4, and 401, to the Astoria–Megler bridge across the Columbia to Astoria.



After a break at Fred Meyers, we drove south on US 101, east on OR 22 and then sought out mountain road OR 53. Duncan had recommended OR 53 as yet another Tail of the Dragon-type road, and it didn't disappoint.



After the excitement of OR 53, we had a relatively sedate drive on Northfork Rd to Nehalem. We ate lunch at the Pizza Garden Restaurant in Nehalem. We picked this place because it had a five-star rating, and it most certainly did not disappoint.



3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller: cont.

After the great food and funny faces in the sunflower picture board, we headed south to the Tillamook Cheese Factory.



On arrival, we were joined by Billy's parents, Dan and Valetta Smith, and their bright Yellow C5. We all had ice cream treats, and did such things as watch the cheese-making process. Then we went south on US 101, and east on OR 22 to Grand Ronde for a break.



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After a quick break at a Shell station in Grand Ronde, we were off to Dallas on OR 22 to finish this first day at a Best Western.

Day 2

The next morning, we had breakfast at the hotel and entertained each other with interesting stories about the previous day's antics. Then back on the road again. We headed east for the mountains on OR 22 by way of Salem, where we met up with Mark.

Salem presented a challenge in that OR 22 turned into a series of city streets with obscure twists and turns. Thanks to our radios and much perseverance, we made it through Salem and again headed east for our first break at a Safeway in Sublimity.



3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller: cont.

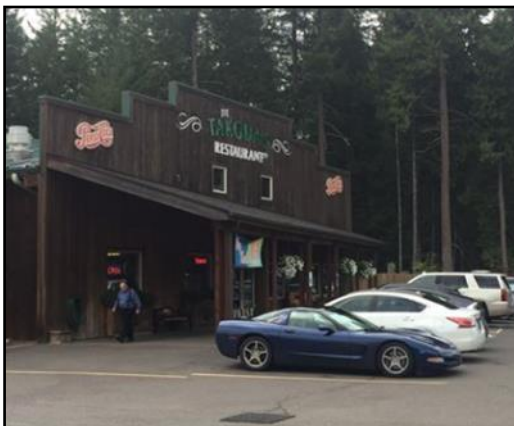
We then blasted east into the mountains, where we took a brief, impromptu break at a restaurant (name unknown) on the North Santiam River, and then back on the road again.



We then took a right onto OR 20 and drove west on 126 towards the Lava Fields. We stopped at a park overlooking the McKenzie River and Sahalie Falls.

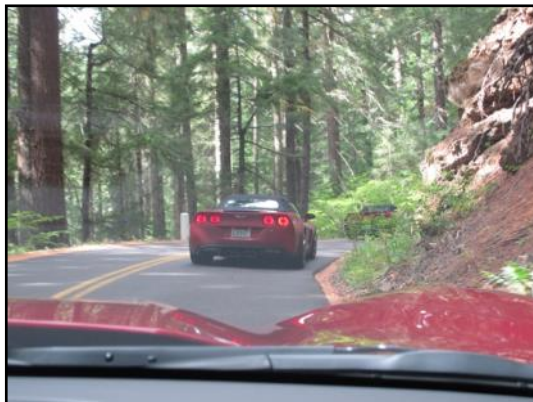


We then headed south on OR 126 for McKenzie Bridge and the small town of Rainbow, where we had lunch at the Takodas Restaurant (some of us had the world famous chicken strips at the deli next door).



3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller: cont.

After lunch, we doubled back on OR 126 to OR 242. This mountain pass was originally a wagon trail and is famous as a narrow, twisty, and scenic route.



After gaining about 3000 feet of altitude, we arrived at the Dee Wright Observatory in the lava fields where we spent time climbing up and around the observatory.



We then continued east on OR 242 through the Whispering Pines in the Deschutes National Forest still heading towards Sisters and a favorite past time... shopping.

We stopped in the town of Sisters for snacks and shopping.



After the ice cream, window shopping, and generally experiencing the sunny town, we had an easy drive via east on OR 126 and then north on US 97 to Madras. (Note that after our time in Sisters, OR, Carolyn headed for Bend to visit with an old friend and Mom and Pop Smith headed for home.)

3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller: cont.



We stayed at the Inn At Cross Keys Station, a fine hotel in Madras, and had dinner together at the nearby Mazatlán Mexican restaurant.



At dinner, Denny told everyone that he was "so tired from having a great day that he barely remembers the great day, so WOW, we had a great day!"

Day 3

We huddle at 8:30 a.m. after a wonderful continental breakfast at the hotel and headed north on US 97. On the way, Billy gives us tips on how to recognize the major peaks in the Oregon Cascades.



3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller:

We drove 20-25 minutes of beautiful Cow Canyon desert mountain land, and then reach our first break.



Once back on the road, we soon cut off onto US 197. The drive was scenic and fast across this high desert country.



We took a 30 minute stop in The Dalles for gas and snacks, and drove over The Dalles Bridge into Washington.

Then we headed west on WA 14 along the Columbia River towards Carson.



Once in Carson, we stopped at the Backwoods Brewing Company for lunch.



3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller: cont.



After lunch, we headed into the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. This segment of the drive included a beautiful stretch along Wild River Rd. made notable by fresh pavement and plenty of tight curves.



We took a break at the Pine Creek Information Center, which we had visited earlier in the year on our Windy Ridge tour.

Heading off, we traveled north on the very rough National Forest Road 25 going up the mountain and then down the other side to Randle.



We took an uneventful break at Randle.

3 Day Oregon Lava Fields Tour Report: by Denny Miller:



We finished up the tour by driving to Elbe for one final stop, where everyone said their goodbyes.

And then, we drove to Yelm by 5:15 p.m.

In summary, it was a great trip. Many of us are thinking about trying it again next year as a two-day trip that starts with a drive down I-5 to Salem or Eugene.

Port Townsend Shopping Day by Denny Miller

We had a plan to take our last tour of the season on Sunday, October 4th to Port Townsend. We knew that the route would be scenic but all we could do was hope for good weather. I am happy to say that we did indeed gather that morning a Haggen's Grocery store under mostly blue skies. In attendance were: Denny and Josette (Platoon 1 lead), Lee and Sherry, Brian and Betsy, Will and Marilyn, Shoshanah, Frank, Billy and Wendy (Platoon 1 Tail), Arthur and Carla (Platoon 2 lead), Jim and Karen, Don and Cynthia, Carolyn, Anne, Tom and Donna, Bob and Debbie, George and Lynne, Mark, and Fred and Charmaine (Platoon 2 Tail).



We left just after 8:30 and headed west on US 101, then north toward Shelton.



Soon we reached Hood Canal and our first break at the Hoodsport IGA and public restrooms.



Port Townsend Shopping Day Tour by Denny Miller cont.

Then we drove north along Hood Canal and through the corner of the Olympic National Park to Cuilcene



We had a pleasant break at the Twana Road House and then continued on our journey.



The remainder of the drive was both sunny and uneventful.

As planned, we stopped at Port Townsend's Park and Ride lot just out of down town and used it as a rendezvous point after "doing the town."



Port Townsend Shopping Day Tour by Denny Miller cont.

We spent two and a half hours in and around Port Townsend, with everyone pretty much on their own.



Most of us met at Park and Ride at 1:40 to begin our journey back home. Arthur, Carla, Jim and Karen liked the town so much that they stayed for a while longer. The drive home was in beautiful full sun. What more could we have asked for?



We did stop once again at the road house in Cuilcene, before heading further south.



Port Townsend Shopping Day Tour by Denny Miller cont.

As you can imagine the drive down Hood Canal was a treat, although we had traffic leading us the whole way.



We had one more stop at the public bathrooms in Hoodspoint.



Then because Denny and Anne had to head for the airport, Frank agreed to lead the entourage back to Olympia.

Great tour!

I must say, what an invigorating way to end the touring season.

2015 Holiday Gift Wrapping

Sunday Dec. 13th
and
Thursday Dec. 17th

11:00am to 8:00pm
Barns and Noble in Olympia, WA

Proceeds go to the Scholarship fund plus it is a new member enlistment opportunity!!



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General Membership Meeting

October 14th 2015

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)

Every sponsor up to date.

Membership Update (Anne Wax)

Membership is up to date.

Sunshine Chair (Charmaine)

Char sent cards to Bob M. and Velma.

Webmaster (Anne Wax)

The website is up to date.

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

We have a **record number** of great pictures, and more coming -- go check them out!!

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

We are great for funds. Mark thanked the club in advance for keeping a budget that supports the SPSCC Scholarship Program.

NWACC (Arthur Green)

No more events for autocross.

The NWACC Year End event is coming up on November 7th, and many club members will be winning awards. J Come for the fun -- and to see if we win the Club Participation award! Registration is due November 1st -- see Arthur for flyers, or download from the NWACC site.

National Corvette Museum (George Schwartz)

No news.

Vette Fest 2015 (Arthur Green and Don Patnoe)

Post-Meeting update: On November 8th at 10am, Vettefest volunteers will meet at Carr's Restaurant to have the second Lessons Learned session.

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

Where we've been:

Autocross #5 - a gorgeous day and a great turnout for the last autocross event. The Viper club gave us an opportunity to practice before the event -- nice to have autocross partners!

3-day tour to Oregon - We started out on a rainy September 25th, which became more beautiful from there. It was an amazing trip with everything - great views, fun curvy roads, nice hotels, shopping, even ice cream. We travelled almost 800 miles in 3 days. Did I mention the ice cream? Check out the pictures on the website.

Day Tour to Port Townsend -- Gorgeous day, and an all-around beautiful trip. Check out the 400 pictures on the site: fun - and funny - stuff.

North Thurston's Homecoming - 6 cars carried the court, and the crowd went wild when the cars drove up!

Where we are going:

Olympia High School Homecoming (October 16th) -- Star Wars theme this time, and we are bringing 7 cars, including Frank's Batmobile.

NWACC Awards Banquet -- November 7th - See Arthur for flyers. There will be a crowd going -- come for the fun!

Olympia Downtown Holiday Parade -- November 29th -- always a good time. Come dress up your car and please the crowd.

End of Year Celebration -- Our annual party was originally set for December 5th at Hawks Prairie, but the management has changed, and our reservation was lost in the shuffle. The club agreed to change the date to Friday December 4th.

Also, several folks are leading parts of the party -- and would love your help. Carla is hosting music and dancing and Billy will be organizing our Toys for Tots donation. See Anne to join the fun!

Old and New Business

- Peggy called a motion for the club to donate \$500 for Toys for Tots, which was seconded by Meagan. It was passed with one amendment: a group of members will use the \$500 to shop for toys, and will add to our holiday party's Toys for Tots contribution. This ensures the contribution benefits local kids, and we will buy toys for under-represented age groups such as teenagers and infants.
- If you are interested in leading any off-season activities, contact Josette.
 - +Arthur suggested the World of Speed museum -- easy drive and fun to visit.
 - +Ken suggested December 6th Pacific Raceway Toy Run --- all car event.

General Membership Meeting for Oct, 2015 cont.

Special Topic: Club Facebook page

The club has had a Facebook page for a while, but needed a manager. Maggie has stepped up to revive our Facebook presence! The page offers a great place, share photos, coordinate ad hoc drives, and post Corvette-related news.

A few tips:

1. **Find our site.** If you have a Facebook account, you can type in "Corvettes de Olympia" in the "Find Friend" search box at the top of the site.
2. **Like and Follow Corvettes de Olympia.** Once on the club's page, click "Like" and "Follow" to start seeing posts from your fellow club members.
3. **Post Something.** Feel free to post on the Wall, add pictures, etc.

Please see Maggie for one-on-one assistance if you'd like to learn more!

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Tonight Tom Oenning donated a really nice Task Light that looked like a light saber, and Carolyn provided a beautiful coffee table book on Corvettes.

And the Winners Are:

- Light saber went to Anne W.
- Corvette Book went to – Bob S.
- The 50/50 went to Denny for \$28, so Josette will be bringing the next raffle prize!

2015 North Thurston H.S. HomeComing, pics by Betsy Cousineau

Some highlights of some other events we do with our cars. When the local High schools ask for our assistance to make their Homecoming a night to remember for a few chosen high school students, by allowing them to ride on the top of the best of the best of cars after being chosen as the Royal Court of the school.



We enjoy it too, because we get to instill respect for the Corvette to the younger generation ensuring that Corvette lives forever.



Editors Box



Cruise-Ins: Donated by Duncan Johnson

Cruise-Ins at ACM are on the second Thursday of each month, April through October, rain or shine. These events are free and pre-registration is not required. All cool cars welcome. Start time is 5:00 PM. Everyone goes home with a dash plaque featuring a vehicle from ACM's collection.

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

At the LeMay Museum in Tacoma:

Save the Dates:

2016 Cruise-Ins at LeMay - America's Car Museum in Tacoma

- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13

Contact Info

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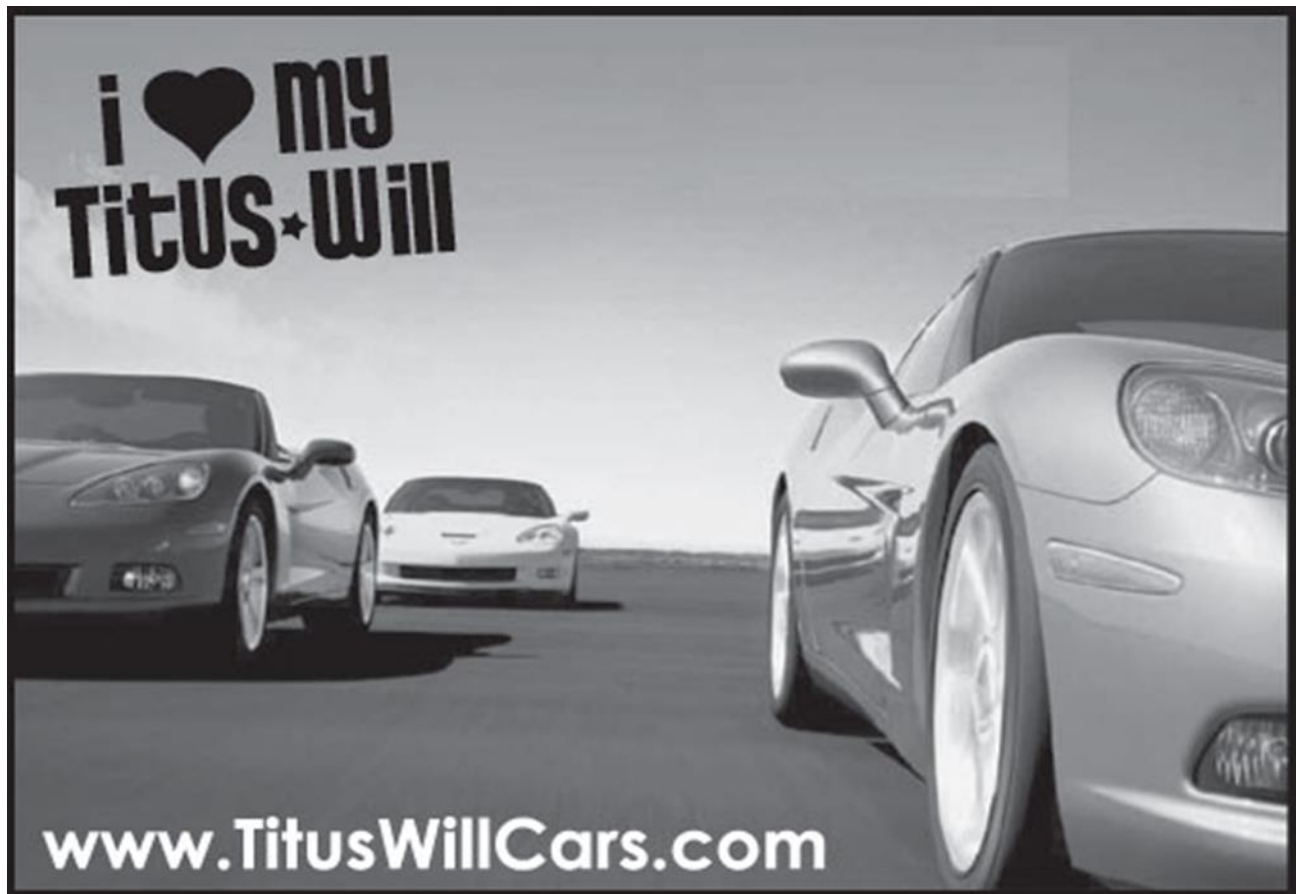
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Upcoming Events

November

Sat 7th

NWACC Awards Banquet at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma

Wed 11th

CdeO Meeting, Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

Sun 29th

Olympia Downtown Holiday Parade*

December

Fri. 4th

End-of-Year Celebration at the Talon Grill*

(Note: No business meeting in December)

Sun 13th

CdeO Gift Wrapping 11am to 8pm Barnes & Noble in Olympia

Thur 17th

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* 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>

