



# CORVETTE COURIER

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## Message from the President

By Chuck Cooley

Hi everyone, As I sit here writing this message, we are experiencing heavy rains that washed away our first snowfall of the year which was a doozy; definitely not good Corvette weather. I hope everyone survived the storm without incidence. The positive side of the weather was that it kept me inside to start organizing for my tax returns and catch up on some reading. January is generally slow for events but we did have a game night hosted by Byron Faber and coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> is a progressive dinner hosted by the Shurts, Shipley's' and Cooley's'. If you haven't signed up but want to participate, please contact one of the hosts. There are however a number of events scheduled for February so checkout the event calendar.

February is the last month to submit nominations for new club officers....we currently have nominees for the President, Vice President and Treasurer Positions; however we need a nominee for secretary position. It's not a difficult job, so please consider the position and support the club. Also it's time to think about a recipient for the"

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

By Bill Stoner, GOCC Events Coordinator

**Feb 2nd, Thursday, 5:00 PM** Pre-meeting Dinner at Hale's Alehouse, Silverdale

**Feb 2nd, Thursday, 7:00 PM** GOCC Monthly Meeting, Central Kitsap Fire Station #41

**Feb 11th, Saturday, 5:00PM** Valentine's Fondue and Wine Party, Fond-Of-You and Game Night at Becky & Drake's

**Feb 11th & 12th** 38th Annual Corvette & High Performance Meet. Puyallup Fair & Events Center POC Dave E

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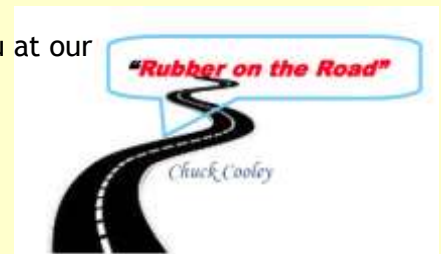
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**Brad Johanson Most Inspirational Award"**...someone in our club must be deserving of this award.

I want to express thanks to Michele Roberts for stepping up and taking over the monthly newsletter from Harry Calhoun. She has attacked the job with great enthusiasm...please submit any articles for the newsletter to Michele. I also want to welcome John Canaan into the club as our newest member; please take time to meet and chat with John at our next meeting.

I hope to see all of you at our February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting

Chuck Cooley



**Feb 14th, Tuesday 2:00PM** Monthly Executive Board Meeting at Charmaine & Rick's

**Feb 14th, Tuesday 5:30PM** Valentine's Day Dinner, Tucker's at Gold Mountain, POC Cassandra & Chuck

**Feb 18th, Saturday, 9:00AM** Highway Cleanup, Grey Chevrolet POC Doug C.

**Feb 25-26th, Sat & Sun:** 28th Annual Langley Mystery Weekend, Whidbey Island POC Monica & Jeff

**Please see Upcoming Events on page 4**

The Glass Odyssey Corvette Club (GOCC) is a non-profit organization, incorporated under the statutes of the state of Washington in March 1972. The GOCC meets at 7PM on the 1st Thursday of each month. Members, Guests, and fellow Corvette enthusiasts are welcome!

## Ambassador's Address

By Dave Ellingson

The upcoming raffle for the 2012 Torch Red Coupe is February 2nd, the same day as the GOCC meeting. All of my tickets for this raffle have been sold.

The National Corvette Museum has sent me an early allocation of raffle tickets for the next raffle for a 2012 Torch Red convertible to be raffled April 28, 2012. I do not have any details on the option packages this one has, but I do have tickets. So let me know if you want tickets or see me at the next meeting – this convertible could be yours! Tickets are only \$10 and proceeds go to



the National Corvette Museum.

See additional articles on Page 7 and 9.



## Member Key Information

By Michele Roberts

**Interested in becoming a member?** Here's the requirements: 1) Be a Corvette owner, S/O, Spouse or have a purchase agreement. 2) Have a valid license. 3) Have insurance. 4) Attend 4 club activities, meetings or events. 5) Be Voted in and pay dues. 6) Enjoy the company and the events!

Membership application is available on our website at: <http://kitsapvettes.org/member-application9-2011.pdf> Membership Pamphlet is available at: <http://kitsapvettes.org/prospective-members-pamphlet-2011-2012.pdf>

GOCC Club Shirts: Our Sponsor "Team Sports" has our Glass Odyssey Corvette Logo ready for your needs. Polo shirts with our club insignia embroidered on them are available in Navy Blue, Forest Green or Burgundy. Other colors can be ordered to match the color of your car. Your name can be added for additional cost. Other items are also available such as Jackets, Sweatshirts, Hats, Tote bags, Coolers, etc. Contact Deedee to get your orders placed.

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**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Held the First THURSDAY of EACH MONTH at  
7PM at:**

**Central Kitsap Fire Station  
41- Meadowdale  
7600 Old Military Road NE  
Bremerton, WA 98311**

**REMINDER: 2012 dues are due Board recommends  
keeping it at \$48.00 per member UNIT.**

**GOCC is a Member of NWACC <http://www.nwacconline.com/>**

## Meetings Minutes

By Charmaine Courson – Meeting January 5th

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Gary Powell found his # in the newsletter, it was #1103, and he won \$25.

1<sup>st</sup> on Order, the minutes for December were approved as written.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**-Michele Roberts took over the job of doing our newsletter, and did a great job of doing an abbreviated newsletter for December-Thanks.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**-Pam Carpenter filled in for Doug Carpenter. Thanks. Prospective member was Dennis Pallard, with a ‘90 blue convertible. John Canaan was voted in as a member.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**- Sally Kane reported the accounts are in good order. The banquet will be our next outlay for the year.

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If you are interested in sponsoring, please connect with our GOCC President or Treasurer.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~ Sunshine chair-Margie Shurts told us that the Woomers had a baby girl. Also, Candy Benza is having surgery.

~ Charities-we took a big delivery to the Humane Society. Remember we collect donations for the Battered Women’s Shelter every month at our meetings. Toys for Tots went great.

~ NWAC-Dave Ellingson-he has tickets for the high performance swap meet at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. We voted to approve proposals 1-6 before the Corvette High Performance meeting. There is a caravan to the Museum in Sept. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual High Performance meet is on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Call Dave Ellingson for tickets

### EVENT’S COORDINATOR-

~ Bill Stoner-Feb. 11 Becky and Drake are having the Wine and Fondue Party.

~ Valentine’s Day Dinner planned at Tucker’s, Cassandra Cooley is getting info from Tucker’s.

~ Vets for Vets are June 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Our

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**Mar 1st, Thursday 5:00 PM** Pre-meeting dinner at Hale's Alehouse, Silverdale

**Mar 1st, Thursday 7:00 PM** GOCC Monthly Meeting, Central Kitsap Fire Station #41

**Mar 10th, Saturday 5:00 PM** Game Night at Larry and Ida's in Silverdale.

**Mar 13th, Tuesday 2:00 PM** Monthly Executive Board Meeting at Charmaine & Rick's.

**Mar 17th, Saturday 9:00 AM** Griot's Garage Tour, Tacoma. POC Byron and Pat

**Mar 24th, Saturday 5:00 PM** GOCC Annual Bonquet at Oxford Suites, Silverdale.

**Mar 25th, Sunday 9:00 AM** Survivor's Cruise from Oxford Suites

Web links from page 3Sponsor Web Pages:

Grey Chevrolet <http://www.greychevrolet.com/>

Firestone  
<http://www.firestonecompleteautocare.com/>

Team Sports "Equipment & Uniforms"  
<http://www.pnwteamsports.com/> NOTE: Team Sports has a new address! They have moved North to the Redwood Plaza at 1550 NE Riddell Road, Suite N, Bremerton, WA 98311

Benchmark Automotive  
<http://benchmarkautoandtire.com/>

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thanks to Gary Powell for spearheading it. Make sure to check our Newsletter for all Events we have.

SNACKS-thanks to Ida & Larry Ficca, Bill & Kay Shipley, Bill and Patty Stoner- we really appreciate it!

OLD BUSINESS: Annual Banquet is March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are doing it at the Oxford Suites. We decided to keep the same style clings for the cars, and voted to approve our club buying 100 of them.

NEW BUSINESS-We voted and approved to make the Toys for Tots our annual event. We vote for new officers in March.

Pill Drawing-Chuck and Cassandra won the \$136.50. The money was donated.

For the Good of the Order-  
~ Table Donations for this meeting- Byron Faber-C5 owners brochure, C-5 Dvd, & 2012 Muscle car Calendar; Dave & DeeDee Ellingson 2012 Corvette Calendar; Rich & Barb Culley-cutty toolset, wrench set, socket set; Michele Roberts-Box of chocolates & garage parking signal. Thanks everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm  
Respectfully Submitted by Charmaine Courson,  
GOCC Secretary

*MEMBER VETTE OF THE MONTH  
Mark and Cathy's!*



**GOCC is Celebrating it's 40th Year – 1972 to 2012!**

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING - HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7PM AT: Central Kitsap Fire Station, 41- Meadowdale, 7600 Old Military Road NE, Bremerton, WA 98311

**Member Key Information** from page 2

**Club Meeting Name Tags:** If you need a member badge submit a high resolution picture of your corvette, the year and color to Don A.

**Tour Radio's:** If you would like to purchase your own person radio they are available for purchase at [www.TechWholesale.com](http://www.TechWholesale.com). Our radios are Motorola Model RDU2080d. (Motorola Model XU2600 radios will also work but are older models.) The club also owns some for check-out during events. Members can access the Radio guide at <http://kitsapvettes.org/members-only/radio-user-guide.pdf>. GOCC Radio point of contact is Larry F.

**Newsletter Hidden Number:** Each newsletter contains the membership number of one GOCC active member. It is usually buried in a picture,

article or advertisement, but is rarely out in the open. If the hidden number is your membership number, you are eligible for a prize but you must notify one of the elected officers before the monthly membership meeting begins to claim your prize.

**Copies of our current By-Laws and Membership Rosters along with Maps to event locations** are available in the password protected Members area of our website. If you can't remember how to access the members area – contact one of the elected officers.

**GM-Chevrolet Corvette Trivia:**  
 GM was looking for some way to advertise their Corvette Product in the 60's and 70's. Before flights NASA allows the Astronauts to drive around the space center in convertibles. When the local Chevrolet dealers heard about this tradition they were very happy to lease Astronauts Corvette convertibles for \$1.00 dollar a year.

**Officers – Committees – Coordinators**

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**Parade Coordinator** Larry Ficca

**Vette's for Vet's Coordinator** Gary Powell

**Highway Cleanup Coordinator** Doug Carpenter



News on the 2014 Caravan: Plans are to arrive on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 this time!!! This means that we have almost 5 days in Bowling Green, making it a real treat to see and participate in the local festivities, events, tours, and landmarks. The Pacific NW Caravan is unique in that we have the potential of many participants from 4 states, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and ALASKA!!!! We also have some of the Canadian groups and Northern California participants joining us. All Corvettes Owners are welcome to join in our caravan!

Plans as of this date are: Our Pacific NW 2014 NCM Caravan starts on Friday, August 22, 2014 with the following Schedule (subject to change):

(Thursday, August 21, 2014: If you want to come to the Portland or Seattle area early, a hotel will be available near these departure areas.)

Day 1, Friday, August 22) The Oregon and Southern Washington group will kick off from Suburban Auto Group, Sandy, OR to Richland for lunch, courtesy of McCurley Chevrolet, then onto Worley, ID, for the evening. Seattle area will gather at Lee Johnson Chevrolet in Kirkland, WA and travel to Ellensburg for lunch (joining up with central Washington groups, then onto Worley, ID. Idaho area will have a hotel available in Idaho Falls on Friday, for the departure on Saturday, August 23.

Day 2, Saturday, August 23) Worley to Missoula for lunch, then to Bozeman. The Idaho area group will join us in Bozeman and we all will participate in a sponsored dinner; special event here TBA, then onto Billings for a well earned rest.

Day 3, Sunday, August 24) Billings to Casper for lunch, then to Cheyenne where the Northern California/Nevada and Utah caravan maybe will join us (if they haven't joined the Colorado Caravan yet in Denver).

Day 4, Monday, August 25) Cheyenne to North Platte, NE for lunch and onto Lincoln, NE where the Nebraska group will have a "Welcome to Lincoln, Nebraska" event on Monday, August 25, 2014.

Day 5, Tuesday, August 26) the caravan will tour the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, NE. The caravan will then travel to Columbia, MO.

Day 6, Wednesday, August 27) We are planning our launch point from the Columbia, MO area where we will gather at the Bass Pro Parking Lot with a 7:30 AM launch time August 27, 2014. We will travel to Mount Vernon, IL >where we will stop for lunch. There is anticipation we will regroup once again while in Bowling Green just prior to making our grand entrance.

**NOTE: Dave will have fliers at the next meeting.**

**2012 Torch Red Coupe Raffle****2nd Prize: Corvette Quilt****Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 2pm CT - Submitted by Dave E**

- Torch Red Exterior
- Transparent Removable Roof Panel
- Cashmere Interior with crossed flag embroidery on headrests
- 3LT Package with Navigation, SiriusXM Satellite Radio, Bose premium 9-speaker system
- Dual Mode Performance Exhaust
- 6-Speed Automatic Transmission with Paddle Shift
- 5-spoke Chome Aluminum Wheels
- Memory package, recalls 2 driver 'presets' for 6-way power seat, outside mirrors
- Battery Protection Package
- Museum R8C Delivery Program

**Corvette Stingray Concept: Sideswipe In Disguise**

Submitted by Rich C

**You saw it here first. Now the Corvette Stingray Concept's finally official, uncovered as Sideswipe here in Chicago ahead of a starring role in Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen. Gallery below.**

**It just seemed weird, considering GM's level of involvement in Transformers, for them not to have a Corvette in the movie. Now, here it is. It's not the next Corvette, but it is what we wish the next Corvette would look like — it's the Stingray Corvette Concept, and it'll play the character of Sideswipe. Frankly, it was gorgeous when we first saw it at GM's design center and it's even more gorgeous now.**

**We'll have more on the rest of the Autobots revealed here in Chicago shortly, but we kinda figured you'd want to see this silver gleaming slab of beautiful first.**



## Chevrolet to Produce Corvette 427 Convertible

Submitted by Dave E

Chevrolet on Thursday, Jan 12th unveiled the 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition - the fastest, more capable convertible in Corvette's history - as well as a 60th Anniversary Package that will be available on all 2013 Corvette models.

"The 2013 model year will be historic for Corvette, marking its 60th anniversary and the final year for the current 'C6' generation," said Chris Perry, vice president, Global Marketing and Strategy for Chevrolet.

This Corvette has a 427ci LS7 engine from the Z06, rating at 505hp. It is the most powerful engine ever installed in a production Corvette convertible and is only available with a six-speed manual transmission. The 427 Convertible also features several carbon-fiber components that help reduce weight, including carbon fiber raised hood, Z06-style fenders, floor panels and optional front splitter and rocker panels.

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, around 4PM EST, the first 427 Convertible in the 60th Anniversary Appearance Package was offered for sale at the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, AZ with live nationwide coverage on SPEED TV. It sold for \$600,000.

Check it out at: <http://www.chevrolet.com/culture/article/2013-chevy-corvette-427/>



## R.V. Club Anyone?

Submitted by Becky E

There seems to be some interest in starting an RV Travel Club among some of the members of GOCC. We would probably plan a couple of trips a year. Let's meet in March to make plans. More to come...questions now?

Connect with Becky if you would like to be on the email lists for updates.



## Tire Pressure Monitor- Submitted by Dave E

Tire-pressure-monitoring-systems (TPMS) have been required on new cars and light trucks in the US since 2008 and are mandatory in Europe beginning this year. The introduction of TPMS has been somewhat awkward with sensors and software not only differing between car brands (Chevrolet, Toyota, etc.) but also sometimes between car models of the same brand. Here are tips for understanding TPMS.

**How TPMS Works:** Most systems use sensors mounted at the base of the wheels' valve stems. The sensor sends tire pressure and temperature data to the car's computer via radio frequency signals. The sensor or separate "initiators" near the wheels tell the computer(s) which wheel the signal is coming from. Most sensors simply mount with a nut and screw. Some systems hold the sensors to the wheel with bands similar to giant hose clamps.

If tire pressure is too low then the computer activates a warning light on the vehicle's dash. "Too low" is typically defined as tire pressure that is 25% low. Tires under-inflated by less than 25% adversely impact handling, braking, tire wear and gas mileage. You can still need to regularly use a tire pressure gauge or the display in your dash to check tire air pressure rather than ignoring the tires until the TPMS warning light comes on.

**TPMS Repair:** TPMS sensor batteries usually go dead after five to seven years and then the entire sensor must be replaced. Sensors might need to be replaced sooner in areas with salt on the roads. Nickel-plated rather than brass valve cores are best at resisting corrosion. On some cars just the corroded sensor valve can be replaced rather than the entire sensor.

The shoe on tire mounting/dismounting tools can damage sensors if it is inserted at the valve stem. In some harsh environments the sensor's rubber seal can degrade and start leaking air. Corvette owners should just expect the sensors to need to be completely replaced during their vehicle's second or third tire change. The sensors are usually easy to install on the wheel, but it is not a job for most do-it-yourselfers since the sensor is on the wheel inside the tire. Tire mounting/dismounting and balancing tools are needed. After the new sensors are installed, the car's software must go through a "relearn" procedure to recognize the new sensors. With some cars that relearn procedure is as simple as getting in the car and going for a drive and other cars require more complicated rituals and scan tools. Check your owner's manual to make sure.

Even if a repair shop installs the sensors for you, it is a good idea to research your specific vehicle's TPMS using the repair manual and owner's manual so you have a feel for how involved or simple the installation and "relearn" procedure is. New TPMS sensors can easily add \$200+ to the cost of that second or third tire change.



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**Did You Know?**  
For those of you who go to dinner  
at Hales Ale House before the  
monthly GOCC meeting, Costco  
offers gift cards for Hales Ale house  
at a discounted price. You get four  
\$25 cards for \$79 – a savings of  
\$21.

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### Other Corvette Club Events

Corvette Marque Club of Seattle's 7th Edition of Seattle in September, 2012 will be on September 7th – 9th, 2012. A flyer with more details and an on-line registration form will be published soon at [www.corvettemarqueclub.com](http://www.corvettemarqueclub.com)



**TO...** Paul Ofsthun (16th), Thomas Masters (17th), Linda Oshel (23rd), Diane Taber (19th), George Rose (22nd), Nancy McCorkle (25th), and Jeanette VanWick (17th). Did I Miss You? Email Michele R and I will update!

### 38<sup>th</sup> Annual CORVETTE & HIGH PERFORMANCE MEET



February 11 & 12, 2012  
Puyallup Fair & Events Center  
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### **Wanted!! GOCC Secretary volunteer**

**Submitted by Chuck C**

The duties of the Secretary shall be to take minutes at every regular general membership meeting and eboard meeting. The Secretary is a voting member on the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for anyone who has a desire to serve for the good of the club. Please support your club and volunteer. Contact myself if you will accept nomination for this position.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual GOCC President's Valentine Fondue and Wine Party**

**Submitted by Becky D**

(A celebration to honor 2 great Presidents Abe Lincoln and George Washington, who celebrate their Birthdays this month on both sides of Valentines Day!)

Drake and Becky Evans will again host this great and fun event at their home in Bremerton. Bring your favorite fondue and/or appetizer and a bottle of your favorite wine or other beverage.

Sign up at the February meeting or RSVP via e-mail or phone (on the membership listing)

Hope to see you at this Fond-of-You Celebration!!