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Chairman's Message

This weekend starts the car show season in Eastern Washington with a show each day this weekend in our valley. It is time to get the cars cleaned up as well as our NCRS garb ready to wear. I can hope we can gain half of the amount of new members that we picked up last year at the various car shows. Please wear your NCRS stuff when attending car shows and answer questions by the show's participants. Thanks to the work of the chapter, we have a good percentage of cars registered at Tacoma owned by new or fairly new members.

After a couple successful corvette shows in Wenatchee, they are not having their show this year. It saves us a trip out of town this year. Maybe they will host one next year. Since we turned down running the XXX Issaquah Corvette show, I have not heard if that show is still on or has been canceled. We will let you know in the coming weeks. Since the tri cities show promises to be another awesome show, we will be making an appearance the first weekend in June, but without the NCRS tent as in previous years.

We still would like to have our annual terminator party in September if anyone would like to host it. Let me or a board member know. I am thinking we need a couple weeks to rest up from the regional before we have another event.

Speaking of the regional, we have had some issues trying to sign up online. Registering online takes a lot of work of Bob's plate. Please make sure to take your time with the on line registration and make sure you hit the save button on each page. Sorry the system is slow but it will help the chapter if our members register on line. If you plan on attending the regional, please register as soon as possible. Registering early helps us with planning on food and hotel requirements, car placement, lining up the judging teams, etc. Don't forget the registration cutoff date is August 1st. Again, the cut off date helps us with planning.

Finally, thanks to Dan and Bob for holding the judging school in Woodinville in March. We had a good turnout from our membership and a few B.C. chapter members made the trek from North of the border.

We planned on having a school in the Portland area also, but I have not heard of a date scheduled for the event. Stay tuned for the date. We hope to see you at Corvette shows around the Northwest, and of course our chapter events this year.

~ Mike



This Day in History

Courtesy of History Channel

On April 29th, 2004 the last Oldsmobile comes off the assembly line at the Lansing Car Assembly plant in Michigan, signaling the end of the 106-year-old automotive brand, America's oldest. Factory workers signed the last Oldsmobile, an Alero sedan, before the vehicle was moved to Lansing's R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, where it went on display. The last 500 Aleros ever manufactured featured "Final 500" emblems and were painted dark metallic cherry red.

In 1897, Ransom E. Olds (1864-1950), an Ohio-born engine maker, founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in Lansing. In 1901, the company, then known as Olds Motor Works, debuted the Curved Dash Oldsmobile, a gas-powered, open-carriage vehicle named for its curved front footboard. More than 400 of these vehicles were sold during the first year, at a price of \$650 each (around \$17,000 in today's dollars). In subsequent years, sales reached into the thousands. Olds' invention inspired a 1905 song, "In My Merry Oldsmobile," whose chorus includes the lines: "Come away with me, Lucille/In my merry Oldsmobile/Down the road of life we'll fly/Automobubbling, you and I." However, by 1904, clashes between Olds and his investors caused him to sell the bulk of his stock and leave the company. He soon went on to found the REO (based on his initials) Motor Car Company, which built cars until 1936 and produced trucks until 1975.

In 1908, Oldsmobile was the second brand, after Buick, to become part of the newly established General Motors (GM). Oldsmobile became a top brand for GM and pioneered such features as chrome-plating in 1926 and, in 1940, the first fully automatic transmission for a mass-market vehicle. Oldsmobile concentrated on cars for middle-income consumers and from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s, the Oldsmobile Cutlass was America's best-selling auto. However, in the decades that followed, sales began to decline, prompting GM to announce in 2000 that it would discontinue the Oldsmobile line with the 2004 models. When the last Oldsmobile rolled off the assembly line in April 2004, more than 35 million Oldsmobiles had been built during the brand's lifetime. Along with Daimler and Peugeot, Oldsmobile was among the world's oldest auto brands.

The Corvette Love Affair !



The love affair with the Corvette starts early for many of us. Maybe our parents owned one, maybe a neighbor, but when you are the grandson of Bob & Valerie Johansen it is in your DNA.

Please welcome future judging chairmen 2 1/2 year old Landon Fricke. Never too early for your first Corvette thanks to Grandpa Bob.

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Membership Report

Submitted by : Tammy Shirley

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome two new members: Derrek Gafford from Gig Harbor, WA and Dave Marshall from Salem Oregon.

I would like to thank Diane Sommers and Mellissa Donnelly for volunteering to work the registration desk during the Regional meet in August. I am still looking for additional volunteers for Friday and Saturday. If you are interested, please let me know. I should have the schedule available soon. Reminder to all; please keep your National Membership updated when changing your email, addresses, etc. If you have any questions, please let me know.

NCRS Classified Ads now online

You can now buy and sell your Corvette related stuff online to other NCRS Members or to the general public. No waiting, your ad will be seen the minute you post it online. If you are looking for that one part you need, you can create a filter in the NCRS Classifieds that will email you the minute anyone posts an ad meeting your filter criteria. You can visit the Classifieds at <https://www.ncrs.org/classified>

Parts are not all that you can sell. Sell or buy cars or parts. Sell or buy memorabilia. Sell or buy a trailer and the tow vehicle to pull it. Post a wanted ad for a particular item that you are looking for. Oh and don't forget tools. Got tools that you don't need any longer? Sell them to someone who needs them. Standard ads are \$2.50 and car ads are \$5.00. Less than EBay or just about any other classified ad site you will find.

If you are a business and wish to advertise to NCRS members, here is the perfect place to find Corvette owners and lovers. Place a banner ad on the NCRS Classified Ads page. Contact Eric Mortimer at 513-385-8526 or 513-385-6367 or email info@ncrs.org for advertising rates. In order to log in you may need to reset your password at <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/initiate.php> to synchronize your password from the old functions of the site to the new Classifieds section. Enter your member number and your postal code to authenticate yourself. You don't have to create a new password just enter your current password twice and click on Reset! Of course it wouldn't be bad practice to change your password if it has been around awhile. Changing it here will change it throughout the site. The users who have so far posted ads or used the site responded that it is easy to use and they are happy to have this new resource to buy and sell parts.

John Waggoner Web Administrator

2014 National Road Tour

Submitted by : Mike Doty

7/9 Depart from your residence with an overnight stay at the Rama Inn in La Grande, OR.

1711 21st St. La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-3100. Mike will be arriving around 8 pm.

7/10 Depart for Rock Springs, WY (roughly 650 miles) staying at the Hampton Inn. (307)-382-9222.

7/11 Depart for Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, NE (402) 873-8733 and meet up with the Colorado group.

7/12 will be a short day of travel with last night out activities at Independence, MO. Let us know if you would like to join us for fun on the road and at the National Convention.

Operation Corvette Plus Team Meets to Review Sinkhole Findings

Last Tuesday, team members involved with the National Corvette Museum's sinkhole recovery and remediation met to discuss the future of the Skydome and construction plan moving forward. Presentations were made of all of the findings, from drillings, to microgravity readings, and the WKU cave and karst team's exploration into the hole.

Dr. Jason Polk with WKU shared that the void discovered beneath the Skydome extended in two directions—one leading from the Skydome towards the Museum's truck parking lot, and the other leading from the Skydome towards the pond. Both cave areas start approximately 50 feet underground. According to Dr. Polk, "You don't typically have sinkholes without caves or voids of some type below them, so this finding was not surprising." He also indicated that in our area of Kentucky we drive through and around sinkholes and caves every day, with some types of sinkholes even being miles wide. There are dozens of known, mapped caves in the Bowling Green city limits, and over 200 documented caves in Warren County.

Dr. Polk stated that they found mineral deposits which are indicative of dry conditions in the northern extension of the cave. This information means that this portion of our cave is likely thousands of years old and has been there since long before the Museum was constructed. The cave also probably hasn't had flowing water in a very long time.

The team reviewed the construction documentation from the original building and Skydome. Prior to construction of the building a geo-technical test was completed in accordance with normal standards. They found nothing to indicate any problems. "Normally if there is enough rock, it doesn't matter what is below it," said Danny Daniel of Scott, Murphy & Daniel Construction. Daniel also indicated that rebar was not required in the concrete flooring of the Skydome. "It's no different than the floor of your garage at home. Rebar was not needed to support the weight of the cars in the Skydome," he added. *[EDITORS NOTE: SMD Construction did not build the original portion of the Museum]*

The team thinks that our sinkhole was caused by the collapse of a portion of a cave roof, although they are still compiling data. Several things could have caused this, including the extra weight from clay soils above the roof becoming saturated from heavy rain. The team stressed that there is no reason for anyone to be any more concerned for safety here than any other area prone to significant karst development and sinkhole collapse, and it is important to note that much of Bowling Green/Warren County is located in just such an area.

Dr. Polk and Dr. Leslie North, also with WKU Center for Cave and Karst Studies, will be conducting a presentation on Saturday, April 26 at 3:15pm CT on the sinkhole collapse and how it happened. The presentation will be in the Museum's Conference Center.

Moving forward the team is exploring ways to rebuild the Skydome floor. One such plan includes drilling with micro piles then adding beams to ensure the Skydome floor is fully secure. The Museum is also exploring various ideas, which would in some way preserve a portion of the sinkhole, helping to tell the story of what is now Museum and Corvette history. "We will continue to explore these ideas as the process has not moved along far enough to know if keeping a portion of the hole is feasible or not," said Wendell Strobe, Executive Director of the Museum. "The interest in our sinkhole and the rescued Corvettes has been more than expected, and our attendance for March was up 56% over March of last year," Strobe added. "Our special display focusing on this event is now open in our Exhibit Hall. Current plans are to keep the cars on display as they are so that guests through the summer and especially the thousands attending our 20th Anniversary Celebration will have a chance to see the cars and witness the sinkhole for themselves."

Representatives from GM will be meeting with the NCM next month to inspect each of the Great 8 and determine which ones are appropriate to be restored. The Corvettes that are not restored will be kept on permanent display as part of preserving and telling the story of the February 12th Sinkhole Collapse.



After watching some CDCIF training DVDs, hands on practical training was performed on Johansen's 73, Johnson's 66 Coupe and a newly acquired 57.



Presenters: Bob Johansen, Dave Artz & Dan Johnson passed on what they learned at the 2013 "judges retreat" in Texas.



Felt like a teenage boy with spring fever in school, it was tough to focus on all the teaching when distracted by so many beautiful curves... I wonder if James Kline and Dave Berger had as much trouble as I did.



Judging School host Dan Johnson talking with one of our news members Derrek Gafford.



Dan lead the interior judging training on the 66 Coupe while John Paul lead the engine compartment training.

Dave Artz and Bob Johansen teamed up to lead the training on the 73. I think these two know a little bit about Yellow C3s

Carl Davidson and Wayne Loron shared their C1 wisdom on the newly acquired 57



Mike, Tammy, Dave Artz, Greg Ballantyne and Carl Davidson solving the Corvettes worlds problems.

Northwest Chapter Jackets

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E-Mail John Paul at chazm5@comcast.net

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MAY

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3 Tri-Cities Swapmeet, Kennewick WA 509.366.2241	17 High Lakes Swapmeet LaPine OR 541.508.9835	25 LeMay Marymount WA valve cover races 253.272.2336
4 Vintage Travel Trailers Issaquah XXX 425.392.1266	17 Clam Diggers Car Show, Ocean Shores 360.289.2581	25 Azalea Festival Car Show Brook- ings OR 707.487.0611
4 Spring Rod Run Ferndale WA 360.820.3124	17 Jim Dandy Cruise in Portland 503.622.6813	25 Ford Spring Spectacular Parksville BC 250.881.1423
2-3 Classy Chassis Parade East We- natchee 509.886.6108	17 Clark Lumber Car Show Tualitin OR 503.692.0200	24-25 PNW Mustang Spring show- shine Richland 509.366.8699
1-4 Spring Sprints Pacific Raceway 425.788.3924	17 All British Meet Vancouver BC 604.736.6754	23-24 Costal Swapmeet Abbotsford BC 604.540.6141
3-4 Oly Mustangs show-shine Pt. An- geles WA 360.683.7908	16-17 Classic Auto Show Waitsburg, WA 509.337.6282	25-26 Cruzin to Colby Everett 425.337.9335
8 Clover Park Tech Car & Bike Show Tacoma 253.589.5608	18 Happy Days Cruise Milwaukie OR 503.760.0395	24-25 Bracketstars Surf n Shine Ocean Shores 206.354.3152
8 Cruise in LeMay museum 253.779.8490	18 Spring Opener Issaquah XXX 425.392.1266	24-27 Show, Shine & Tour Kelowna BC 250.769.6064
9 Classy Chassy Car Show Kennewick 509.582.7221	18 Renaissance Car Show Keizer OR 503.851.7801	30-31 Luckys Collector Car Auction Tacoma WA 206.467.6531
10 Oakland OR Car Show-Shine 541.459.4228	18 Lacey WA Spring Fun Fair car Show 360.481.4393	31 Spring BBQ Hot Rod Gathering Palouse 208.301.0018
10 Puyallup WA High school Car Show 253.841.8711	18 NSRA Appreciation Day Salem 541.327.2078	31 Spring BBQ-Hot Rod Gathering Palouse WA 208.301.0018
10 Lucky Silver Car Show Tacoma WA 253.472.0360	18 World of Wheels Peachland BC 250.767.6718	31 Function 4 Junction Junction City OR 541.954.0762
10 NSRA Appreciation Day Renton 425.226.2965	18 Reflections Open Car Show Moxee WA 509.965.2547	31 Galaxies NW Regional, Hillsboro OR, 503.774.1091
10 Spring Classic Portland Tranny 800.444.4556	16-17 Waitsburg WA Classic Auto Show swapmeet 509.337.6204	31 Baker Car Show Baker MT 406.778.3120
10 Walla Walla Balloon Stampede Car Show 509.525.0580	16-19 Lost in the 50's Sandpoint ID 208.263.9321	31 Old School House Rock Show Su- perior MT 406.822.4938
10 Big Guys Reunion Car Show Mer- dian ID 208.250.8507	16-19 Blossom Run Summerland BC 250.768.1912	31 Rendezvous Car Show & Shine Coquille OR 541.396.2929
9-11 Friendly OK Car Club Show Omak WA 509.826.3154	17-18 Monroe Swapmeet 800.645.4997	
16 Grande Prairie AB collector car auction 250.801.3446	19-21 Cool Desert Nights Richland 509.736.0510	
17 Torch Run Show-Shine Tillamook	24 Moses Lake WA Classic Car Show 509.750.6875	
	24 Spring Round Up Williams Lake BC	

JUNE

1 Blast from the Past Show Sedro Woolley WA 360.855.1841

1 Rickreall Swapmeet Polk Co. Fairgrds OR 503.623.8042

7 All Corvette Show, Anacortes 360.299.9303

7 Uptown Crusin Assoc University Pl. WA 253.405.9014

7 Big Rock Classic Car Show Duvall WA 425.501.3955

7 Skagit Valley College Car Show Mt. Vernon 360.416.7661

7 Cruise to the Center of Ore. Prineville 541.815.3320

8 Topless Conv Show XXX Issaquah 206.282.5603

8 El Camino & Chevelle Show Snohomish 206.355.9069

8 High Rocks Cruise Gladstone OR 503.557.7884

8 Open Class Car Show Anacortes WA 360.299.9303

6-7 Cruizin Chelan WA 509.682.2503

6-8 Corvettes on the Columbia Kennewick WA 503.936.9813

6-8 Lordco BC Nat'l's Mission BC Raceway 604.826.6315

7-8 Festival of Speed Airway Heights WA 425.788.3924

14 Maple Valley Days Lk. Wilderness WA 253.797.7071

14 Yakima Swapmeet & Car Show 509.453.2119

15 Fathers Day Show & Shine Prince George BC 250.561.1247

13 Sunshine Cruiz, Oregon City 503.657.5942

14 Maple Valley Days Car Show 253.797.7071

14 Beachcombers Days Car Show Waldport OR 541.547.3180

14 Sherwood OR Classic Car Show 503.625.7800

14 King's Men 500 Rod Run Orting WA 253.535.3582

14 Chamber Classic Car Cruise Lebanon OR 541.258.7164

14 Mt. Rainier Chevy Club Swapmeet Graham 253.770.4015

14 Sheridan Days Show & Shine Sheridan OR 503.843.3242

14 Crescent Moon Car Show Terrebonne OR 541.923.7620

15 Mt. Rainier Chevy Club Day Show Graham WA 253.770.4015

15 Father's Day Car-Bike Show Everett 425.353.1354

15 Father's Day Show Boise 208.323.1808

15 Father's Day Country Village Show Bothell 425.483.2250

15 Fathers Day Show Lakewood WA 253.584.0252

15 Old Car Sunday In The Park Mission BC 604.463.4298

13-14 Best Run by a Dam Site Grand Coulee 509.633.0836

13-14 Car d'Lane Coeur d' Alene ID 208.415.0116

13-15 Fathers Day Show n Shine Qualicum BC 250.752.5742

14-15 LeMay Marymount Fathers day Weekend 253.272.2336

20 Penticton BC Collector Car Show Auction 250.801.3446

21 Orphan Meet Oregon City 360.244.1608

21 Rodknockers Show-Shine Eatonville WA 253.212.6887

21 Cruzin to Clarkston Car Show 509.295.3987

21 Solid Rock Cruisers Car Show Covington 205.208.0141

22 Fly in/Drive in McMinnville 503.577.6371

22 Victoria Swapmeet Saanichton BC 250.656.3382

20-22 Cool Desert Nights Richland 509.736.0510

20-22 Peach City Beach Cruise Penticton BC 250.487.2303

21-22 Vancouver BC Collector Car Show Auction 604.492.2282

28 Greenwood Classic Car Show, Seattle 206.789.6800

28 Rakers Car Show Pt. Townsend 360.301.1199

28 Demonos Rods & Rudders Thun Field WA 253.405.0833

28 Iron Angel's Show Toppenish WA 509.930.2327

28 Sweet Ride Show Sweet Home OR 541.367.2518

28 Clatskanie Heritage Days Car Show 503.556.4251

28 Sweet Grass Fest Car Show Big Timber 406.932.5131

28 High Lakes Show n Shine LaPine OR 541.536.5691

29 Twin City Idlers Show Stanwood 425.422.1395

29 Classic & Antique Car Show Shelton WA 360.426.1020

29 Show & Shoot Portland Gun Club 503.760.0395

29 Strawberry Car Show Bellevue 425.450.1049

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