



# ***THE FRONT BUMPER***



November 2015

## **Chairman's Message**

We are nearing the end of another year with 1 chapter event left, the annual Christmas brunch at Bud Bay Café in Olympia December 6th at 11:00 AM. Make sure you RSVP me by Thanksgiving if you will be attending the brunch. We want everyone to have a seat reserved with no surprises. In the last 12 months, we have lost 4 members which has been hard as I have spent time with all 4 of them. They will be remembered for the influence on my corvette life. In Utah in 2005 on the judging field, Larry Richter came to the rescue, replacing a blown fuse, and allowing me to achieve my goal of earning a founders award. In 2012, Wayne Parkin wanted us to judge his car. After checking out his car that summer, he was determined to improve his car and receive a top flight award. The hours that the chapter members who helped him with his car, and his on-line registration challenge, paid dividends as he received his blue ribbon in June. I am happy I could be a part of his journey. That car has a new care taker and I hear we will see the car return to the judging field in Bend next year.

During the year, we gained 14 new members to the chapter, with most of them attending at least one event this year. After years of no chapter events in Western Oregon, the chapter held 2 events in Wilsonville and 1 in Elmira. Thanks to Dean and Traci Sprecher, Karl and Sue Hallstrom, for hosting the events. A special thanks goes out to Wayne Loron and Tammy Shirley for organizing the Wilsonville events and making sure we were well fed. It is obvious we need to continue having events in the Portland area. We need members in the area to volunteer to host an event and keep the attendance momentum going. We had 34 members attend the April judging school in Wilsonville which showed there was a definite need for events in Oregon. With an increase in the chapter membership I would hope we could continue the good attendance for years to come. It takes your involvement to make your chapter successful.

In September, the membership was mailed a ballot to vote on a change in the chapter by-laws as well as election of officers for next year. After the creation of the B.C. chapter, it didn't make sense to continue to have an open board position for an area coordinator covering B.C and Alaska. We do have 1 member residing in Alaska, but none in B.C. The Alaska area will now be included with the Seattle area.

At the same time, the webmaster's job has grown tremendously since Jeff Boerio became our webmaster in 2003. The webmaster's duties have become an important part of our function of informing the chapter members and the corvette hobby. The chapter voted in favor of eliminating the open board position and replacing it with the webmaster position. Marc Kramer has done an outstanding job as our webmaster the last few years and deserves a voting board position. For the first time in many years, the chapter entering 2016 will have all 13 board positions filled.

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## Chairmen's Message

The 2016 chapter board as voted by the membership:

Chairman- Dan Johnson

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Membership Chairman-Tammy Shirley

Newsletter Editor- John Hopkins

Webmaster- Marc Kramer

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Seattle area, Northwestern Washington, Alaska-Dan Johnson

Portland area, Southwestern Washington-Dean Sprecher

Salem, Southwestern Oregon-Chuck Dutoit

Central and Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon, Southern Idaho-Bert Lukens

Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Montana-Mike Doty

Looking into next year, the Bend regional is looking a lot like the Seaside Regional in 2012 with as many solid axles slated to appear as we have in all the other classes. Next year we will be judging 1997-1999 for the first time and we should see more C 4s and definitely more C 5s in 2016 than we did in 2012. With this in mind, this is my plea to the membership to clean the dust off your C 2s and C3s, and have them judged. Sign up early with Wayne Loron, or better yet, use the on-line registration that Marc will get set up on our website.

The chapter could have someone in the Portland area volunteer to lead a road tour next June to the Bend regional. There are some nice scenic roads over the Cascades and a corvette caravan would build some chapter relationships during the trip. We would be happy to lead a tour down highway 97 from Washington next June but would be just as happy following Gary and Kayla Main on a tour to Bend. They seem to be the chapter's leading corvette cruisers around the Northwest. Until the bend regional, I hope to see everyone in Olympia in December and/or Puyallup in early February.

Mike

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## Membership Report

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome 3 new members.

John and Wendy Meyer from Bellevue,

Rick Trout from Lake Stevens

Jim and Gail Smalley from Gig Harbor.

It's almost that time again for membership dues. Dues are past due effective February 1st, but we will again accept them at the Puyallup swap meet.. I will be sending out a notice by email in January.

If there has been any changes in your personal information, addresses, phone numbers, add or delete names from your NCRS membership #, it is up to the member to notify the National NCRS of these changes. You can do this by going into the National web-site [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org), sign in under your membership # and password, and there will be a place to revise your personal information.

I would advise each member to go into the National Website and make sure your information is correct, as the chapter uses this information to send your membership directory, as well as to send out broadcast emails for updated information and for newsletter mailings. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

We would also like to congratulate Mike Meyer's daughter (Nicole) who was awarded a \$1,200 scholarship from the NCRS Foundation

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## Fall City Judging event

On October 17th Mike Doty and Wayne Loron lead a Chapter Judging Meet on the Donnelly's 67 Coupe. It was a fun day of learning for a couple of new members as they OJ'd with more experienced members and helped the Donnelly's with objective feedback on their coupe.

The Donnelly's are no strangers to getting a Corvette sorted out for flight judging having earned a Top Flight with their Beautiful 68 last year in Tacoma. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the event.





## Fall City Judging event



# Restored 1 Millionth Corvette

By: Steve Burns

The prized Corvette was one of the Great 8 that were swallowed up by the sinkhole that opened up in the National Corvette Museum's Skydome back in February of 2014. Nearly a year and half later we're happy to report that the restoration is complete and that the car was unveiled at the NCM earlier this morning.

The overhaul of the white 1992 convertible took over four months and some 1,200 man-hours of work. The rebuild team was made up of approximately 30 people from GM Design's Mechanical Assembly group and GM Service Operations. The group, which was represented by UAW locals 160 and 1869, pledged to preserve and repair as of the original car as possible.



"Chevrolet is proud to have helped restore this extremely significant car in Corvette's long, storied history," said Mark Reuss, GM executive vice president, Global Product Development, Purchasing and Supply Chain. "When we disassembled it, we found that each employee involved in building it had signed a part of the car, which was fantastic and moving to see. It brought the history to life, and reinforced the importance of the project." Only two of the hundreds of signed components were not able to be saved. On those parts the auto-graphs were scanned, reproduced as transfers, and placed on the new parts. Only 1 signature couldn't be preserved – that of Angela Lamb. To maintain the car's heritage Chevrolet worked with the National Corvette Museum and were able to score a new signature from Lamb on that replacement component.

Some of the major parts replaced included the hood, front fascia, and the gill panels between the front wheels and the doors. Many miscellaneous supporting bits under the hood were replaced as well. Most parts were sourced from another white C4 to maintain correctness. Other items like the rear fascia and front exhaust system were carefully repaired because they were covered in signatures.



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The front sub-frame was straightened, and the original wheels were damaged, but reconditioned. They still wear the original Goodyear Eagle GS-C tires in which they were wrapped back in 1992. The instrument panel's soft cover was removed and replaced in order to preserve all of the signatures beneath it. The bright red leather seats with their unique "1,000,000th Corvette" embroidered headrest logos were carefully restored including some replacement patches of the same leather. The LT1 engine, automatic transmission, the rest of the drive train were found to be still in good working condition.

Interestingly, the crushed windshield header did not have to be replaced. The team was able move it back to its original location. "The header restoration was a wonderful surprise for what everyone assumed would be the toughest aspect of the restoration," said David Bolognino, director of GM Global Design Fabrication Operations. "With access to the original specifications, we got it spot-on – and even the new windshield glass dropped in perfectly."

Lastly, the "1,000,000th" windshield banner was able to be reproduced using the same computer graphic file used to create the original.

Now with the restoration complete, the 1 millionth Corvette will take its rightful place back on display inside the National Corvette Museum. It will be on display starting today, continuing through the NCM's 21st anniversary celebration this weekend, and beyond.



## **This Day in History**

Courtesy of the History Channel

On October 11th, 2008, a man from Belgium named Luc Costermans sets a new world speed record for blind drivers: 192 mph. Costermans set the record in a borrowed Lamborghini Gallardo on a long, straight stretch of airstrip near Marseilles, France. He was accompanied by a carload of sophisticated navigational equipment as well as a human co-pilot, who gave directions from the Lamborghini's passenger seat.

The record Costermans broke had been set exactly three years before by the British driver Mike Newman. On that day, Newman had coaxed his 507-horsepower BMW M5 to a top speed of 178.5 mph. (Over a measured mile, Newman's speed averaged 167.32 mph.) For his part, Newman had smashed a 2-year-old record—144.7 mph—that he had set himself in a borrowed Jaguar, just three days after he learned to drive. Unlike Costermans, Newman did not race with a co-pilot or a navigator. Instead, he got his father-in-law to zoom around the track behind him, shouting directions over the radio.

Both of these blind record-setters were all-around daredevils who raced all sorts of vehicles. In 2001, for example, Newman became the fastest blind motorcycle driver in the world (his record speed was 89 mph) just four days after learning to ride; five years later, Costermans flew a small airplane all around France. (He was joined by an instructor and a navigator.) Another record-setter, an Englishman named Steve Cunningham, had set the land-speed record himself in 1999 (147 mph, while driving a £70,000 Chrysler Viper) at the same time that he held the sea-speed record for a blind sailor. In 2004, guided by sophisticated talking navigational software, Cunningham became the first blind pilot to circumnavigate the United Kingdom by air.

### **Updating your membership information**

Recently we had an election for club officers and leadership. In an effort to make sure everyone knew of the election we announced it via e-mail, mailed the entire membership a newsletter and mailed ballots out. Sadly we've heard from a couple of members that they didn't know and from others that their address included deceased spouses, divorced spouses and bad address'.

The newsletter is printed with and addressed automatically through a software mail merge from a file I received from our membership chairperson Tammy. Tammy pulls her information from the national database. If you are receiving improperly addressed information please take a few minutes to update your profile information on-line at : <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>

If you need assistance doing so please reach out to national or to Tammy for help.

**42nd Annual  
CORVETTE & HIGH PERFORMANCE MEET**



**NEWS DAYS!! NEW TIMES!!**

**February 5 & 6, 2016 Friday and Saturday**

**Washington State Fair Events Center**

**Puyallup, WA**

**Friday: 2:00PM – 8:00PM Saturday: 8:00AM – 4:00PM**

**Over 900 vendor spaces for new and used parts/cars**

**Automotive related only, please**

**Invitational vehicle display**

**Next Generation Automotive Exhibition**

**(For the youngsters under 40)**

**Valve Cover Races**

**An automotive social event like no other!!!**

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# 2016 Corvette & High Performance Meet!

It's that time again!

There are changes coming for the 2016 Corvette & High Performance Meet!

Let's get right to it- new days, new hours, some exhibits temporarily relocated, Fairgrounds construction this year and thereafter and a few other things just for good measure.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NO SUNDAY**-Many of you may recall that we polled vendors (and the public) last year regarding going to a Friday & Saturday format with no Sunday activities. The responses were not unanimous but overwhelmingly consistent to move in this direction. This was not an easy decision on our part because there were some compelling arguments to keep Sunday. However; we are going to test this option in 2016 and see how it works. There is no doubt in my mind that we will get more feedback and response once the 2016 event is in the books.

**NEW HOURS FOR VENDORS AND PUBLIC**- Here's what the new schedule of activities will look like:

## Friday

8:00AM - 8:00PM	Vendor gates open, including "at the gate" sales for vendors who did not preregister.
2:00PM – 8:00PM	General admission for public
8:00PM	Show closes

## Saturday

7:00AM	Vendor gates open
8:00AM	General admission opens
4:00PM	General admission closes
8:00PM	Vendor exit gates close

There will not be any Sunday activities or grounds access.

**EXHIBITOR RELOCATION**- The Next Generation exhibits, including the Valve Cover Races will be temporarily moved from the Expo Hall to the Pavilion Building, merging with the Invitational Vehicle Display. Some booth spaces around the Gold Gate fountain area will not be available.

**FAIRGROUNDS CONSTRUCTION**- In the immediate future, the Centennial Building (the tent structure by the Blue gate) and Cow Barns next to the Centennial Building will be removed and a new building or buildings will be constructed. The exact impact of this construction on this year's show is not known at the moment. We expect to have both buildings available for the show but that is subject to the contractor's construction schedule. Many of you have survived previous construction impacts with us and the end results have been worth the short term inconvenience. We'll get through this, patience is the key.

**OTHER TOPICS**- There were no increases in booth fees or general admission prices this year.

The total hours the show will be open to the public this year is ½ hour less than previous years. Our expectation is that vendors will do more business with the public Friday and Saturday than previously done on Saturday and Sunday. That should make at least some folks happy.

The Early Entry ticket program is under review. Stay tuned!

Yes, we are late this year getting information out to you. Partly the result of unresolved issues with the new format and partly because sometimes life just gets busy- please forgive us!

SEE YOU IN PUYALLUP!!

Questions? 360-786-8844 or email [lwjohnson@corvettehp.com](mailto:lwjohnson@corvettehp.com)

# 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CORVETTE & HIGH PERFORMANCE MEET FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2016 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ (If registering as a business, please include a contact name)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIPTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES FOR SALE OR TRADE (circle all that apply)

Parts: new used restored Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicles: driver really nice parts car (on trailer) parts car (unloaded) Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Automobilia: die cast literature apparel Comment \_\_\_\_\_

I will participate both Friday and Saturday: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped access required? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

➡ NOTE: Friday sales "At the Gate" will be available from 8:00AM to 8:00PM ⬅

Booth assignments will be delayed if we must return your registration due to incomplete information. Rates shown below apply to pre-registration before January 28, 2016. At the gate prices are higher. Pre-registration rates are for both days or any part thereof. Space not claimed by 10:00am Saturday may be re-sold by show management. 1- 2 booths incl. 2 vendor passes per booth, 3 booths = 5 passes, 4 booths = 6 passes, and so on.

Location	Size	Rate	Quantity	Amount	*Second number in rate column refers to corner or end locations, call to confirm availability.
Inside, Showplex parts, etc., heated	10x10	\$55/60*	_____	_____	
Inside, Centennial Tent, heated	10x10	\$44/49*	_____	_____	
Inside, Showplex vehicles, heated	10x20	\$68/73*	_____	_____	
Covered, unheated	10x20	\$47/52*	_____	_____	
Outside, fresh air	10x20	\$42/47*	_____	_____	
Outside, fresh air	10x30	\$62/67*	_____	_____	
Tables (inside spaces only)		\$8.00	_____	_____	
Chairs (inside spaces only)		\$1.00	_____	_____	
Power drop (inside spaces only)		\$38.00	_____	_____	
Extra vendor passes Friday (max. 2/booth)		\$14.00**	_____	_____	
Extra vendor passes Saturday (max. 2/booth)		\$14.00**	_____	_____	

\*\* At the gate price for extra passes will be \$19/day

Total amount enclosed (Our prices include 5% City admission tax).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Comments

Please make checks payable to CHP, mail to: PO Box 7753, Olympia, WA, 98507. We do accept telephone reservations if you wish to pay by VISA, MASTERCARD or DISCOVER. \$3.00 convenience fee will be added. You may email this completed form to: [hwjohnson@corvettehp.com](mailto:hwjohnson@corvettehp.com)  
To those who send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope- THANKS! Info: 360-786-8844 or [www.corvettehp.com](http://www.corvettehp.com)

**RELEASE, PLEASE READ AND SIGN:** I understand that the Corvette & High Performance Meet, the show's sponsors and staff are not responsible for loss or injury to me or my property. I expressly release the promoters and staff from any liability for such loss or injury. If I desire, I will provide my own insurance as I understand none will be provided by the promoters. I also understand that the transfer of all monies and paper at the Corvette and High Performance Meet is the responsibility of the buyers and sellers. Sales tax collection is the responsibility of the seller. Use of vendor passes by applicant and his/her associates constitutes acceptance of terms of release and event rules. Applicant understands registration and payment is subject to acceptance by show management. Show management reserves the right to accept or reject any application for any reason. Refunds are at the sole discretion of the show management.

**I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THE RELEASE AND VENDOR RULES. PLEASE SIGN HERE:**

Office Use

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Check/Card

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Confirmed



## Upcoming Events

**December 6th Christmas Brunch—Bud Bay Café in Olympia Washington**

**January 9th Judging School (Judging Condition) on a 73 Survivor— Gig Harbor, Washington**

**January 21-23 Florida Winter Regional Lakeland, FL**

**January 24-30 Barrett Jackson Auction Scottsdale, AZ**

## Bend Regional Auction Items

Dave Artz and John Hopkins are asking for your assistance with the upcoming auction during the Bend regional meet. We are looking for interesting items that you would be willing to donate to help our chapter. Corvette / Car memorabilia, NCRS items, weekend get away trips to your vacation home, goods or services are all great items. If you are unsure how you can help please reach out to Dave or John. Dave can be reached at : [secretary@nwnccrs.org](mailto:secretary@nwnccrs.org) 253.307.1022 or John at: [ruby.red.vette@gmail.com](mailto:ruby.red.vette@gmail.com) 360.620.5633

## For Sale items

1963 Corvette Knock Off Wheels and tires (all new – never mounted on a vehicle

Corvette America Wheels (mounted on new Goodyear tires, Hardware and knock offs still in original boxes, Tires: Goodyear Eagle GT+4 – P205 70R15 ~ \$1,750 Firm

1957 283 engine with Fuel Injection Block Casting Number: 3731548, Heads Casting Number: 3731539 (283 HP Corvette) Fuel injection is complete (chromed and polished for hot rod application) \$7,800 Firm

1963 correct original pair wipers: \$175.00

1963 NOS (in GM wrapper) antenna: \$125.00

4 reproduction tires (BF Goodrich Silvertown) 7.75 X 15: \$80.00

**Dan Leedom** Business: [\(503\) 620-9850 ext 243](tel:5036209850) Mobile: [\(503\) 880-3155](tel:5038803155)







**4944 Bering Street**

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**For Sale / Wanted**

Wanted; Radio speaker for C2 (without AC), C1 (1960) "engine break-in instruction" card for glove box.  
Dan Johnson [425-864-4068](tel:425-864-4068) or [danj@johnsonelect.com](mailto:danj@johnsonelect.com)

Wanted; Original air cleaner lid for '66 SB in good condition. Contact Marc Kramer @  
[mail@kramermail.net](mailto:mail@kramermail.net)

Parts wanted; Original 902 and 942 exhaust manifolds for a 63 FI car. Also need black vinyl seat covers.  
Contact Wayne [206-930-9370](tel:206-930-9370).

Complete set of used Bilstein Sport Shocks for 1963-82 Corvette. They came on my 1971 LT-1 when I bought it, but are too harsh for me. I have replaced them with Bilstein HD shocks. Asking \$150 for the set. Call Bill Chellis @ [360-202-5549](tel:360-202-5549) before 10:00 PM or e-mail [chelvis@camano.net](mailto:chelvis@camano.net)



Sean Donnelly is looking to trade a 1966 Small Block Hood for a 1967. He also has original 67 Big Block exhaust manifolds. [sdonnelly@utm.com](mailto:sdonnelly@utm.com)

For sale: Complete 1959 Corvette for someone who wants a project. Mostly all original parts, ready to assemble. The best of everything. All body work done and new roman red paint with white coves. Body is on the frame and body is assembled with a new correctly dated windshield. Engine is 270 hp, correctly dated T10 and posi. Contact Wayne at [206-930-9370](tel:206-930-9370) or [wloron@comcast.net](mailto:wloron@comcast.net).