



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTES

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June 9th, 2011 is the GENERAL MEETING

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP

General membership meetings are held at 6:00pm, the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Capital Auto Group, 2711 Mission St. SE, Salem, OR 97302.

We have a social meeting on the 4th week of every month, location and event will be announced in the activities calendar.

Web site: www.CapitalCityCorvettes.com

Membership annual dues are \$50.00

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Directors at Large

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Car Activities Chair-Roman Baszniak

Charlotte Burton-Social Coordinator

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

June Anniversaries

Roger Barry	June 21
Roman & Judy Baszniak	June 16
Tim & Brenda Fleming	June 7
Steve & Mary Stanley	June 10

June Birthdays

NONE

COMING EVENTS

June 25-Flemings Coastal Surprise

July 15, 16, 17-Corvettes on The Bay, Coos Bay

August 20th-President's Mystery Tour

September -Oktoberfest

October 29th-Halloween Party-Steve & Mary Stanley

November 26th-Annual Banquet

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Capital Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Capital Auto Group by President John Elegant. The members approved the minutes from April.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that we have a total of \$1757.21.

Last Month's activities: Joe reported on the cherry blossom cruise. He indicated that the club participated in ½ of the cruise and then went to lunch in McMinnville. He also reported that the Suburban car show was rainy and cold, but that there were lots of beautiful corvettes.

Upcoming Events: Charlotte reminded people to get in their registration forms for the Coos Bay event in July. Roman and Judy's May Mystery Tour will be held on May 21, departure at 9:00 with the location of departure to be announced. The Fleming's June Coast Tour was moved from June 25 to June 26 to allow for more participation. Departure will still be at 9:00 from the south Salem Walmart.

Possible Upcoming Event: A discussion ensued about the possibility of traveling to the Le May Auto Museum in Tacoma, WA after its opening. This would be a two or three day trip that would include some shopping and visiting of other area museums. Tim and Jim volunteered to work on this.

Judy Baszniak reported on other upcoming events. These included: 1) Cruise In at Duffy's Hanger on May 14th. 2) Car Show at Poppa's toys, Cornelius on May 14th. 3) Keizer Iris Festival on May 21st. 4) Stroh's Cruise In at the A & W in Stayton on June 1st. 5) Friday Festivities in Silverton on June 3rd at 5 p.m. 6) Cool Cruise at Hillier's Tires on June 4th.

John's Car Corner: 1) The 2012 corvette will have new seats, new steering wheel and new blue color. It will have many options for personalizing the car. 2) The 2013 model will be a commemorative edition for the 60th anniversary of the Corvette. 3) The 2014 model will be introduced to the public in the spring of 2013. 4) The Chevy volt averages 1,000 miles between fill ups. 5) The C7 will continue to be built in Bowling Green, Kentucky. 6) GM will spend \$131 million in upgrading its facilities. 7) Chrysler will pay back what it borrowed to the government.

On this positive note, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 before the lights were turned off. Members went to the Flight Deck for dinner and conversation.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Fleming



Another day at glen's office

“POLITICAL CORRECTNESS” - A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.



President's Car Corner: Fantastic "Baszniak's Mystery Tour" & Some Car News

What a great Baszniak Mystery Tour!!!

Roman and Judy, we thank you so much, for we all had such a wonderful time, carving corners, blasting down the straights, and hanging around together. The road choice was superb, first down the Applegate Valley, then southwest through Alsea to Waldport. We then visited a special spot on the Coast, then later that day went to the Oregon dunes to watch the dune buggies tear up and down (and even sideways) We ventured further south to Florence, visited the Hot Rod Grill and then headed home. Considering the dire weather forecast for the day, we were very pleased, some even commenting that they'd wished that they had remembered their sunglasses.

There was a twenty minute problem, when I inadvertently knocked my key fob out of my pocket and it dropped to the pavement. It was BROKEN! Didn't look like Warp Speed would ever start... Thanks however to Gary and Charlotte being prepared—they each brought their key fobs and by using the battery on Charlotte's fob, transferring it into my broken fob, then inserting my still-partially-broken fob into the glove box "emergency starting slot," we got our car started. Meanwhile Joe had called a Chevy dealership, GM assistance and helped us to figure this mess out. Thanks to all of you who patiently waited while we tried to get our car re-started. It all worked, at least partially, and with the car started, Annie and I were able to be part of the fun adventure for the next three hours. However, using this back-up starting method doesn't allow you to lock your car, and after a certain number of times using this emergency starting method ceases to work, so at 3:00, we decided to be "safe than sorry," and headed on home. Thanks to Charlotte's bringing her back-up fob, and with Gary's knowledge, and with his bringing the manual with him, Annie and I were able to avoid the dreaded "found on the road dead," need a tow truck consequence. Even that didn't spoil the great Mystery Tour for Annie and me. It is always such fun to "exercise" our cars on such great roads. Thank you Judy and Roman for putting together such a fantastic tour for us all!

Maintenance of Our Corvettes:

There were/are lots of learning for us all as a result of John's mishap during the mystery tour. During our subsequent lunch time conversations, many of us realized that we weren't up to speed on our Corvettes' maintenance needs (nor our need to bring both key fobs on our "beyond local" drives). For example, can you

name the three different batteries (or sets of batteries) on your C4/C5/C6 Corvette? Do you know that the C6 has a “cabin air filter” that needs to be changed periodically; “what is the recommended oil/filter change interval on your car;” or, that a certain fluid should be changed every 20,000 miles (and that fluid is not even mentioned in your maintenance schedule in your car’s manual)? Most at our tour lunch agreed that they didn’t know the answers to all these questions, nor other C4/C5/C6 maintenance needs. Therefore, during our next, June 9th club meeting, Chuck will be starting things out with a presentation on C4 maintenance “priorities, practices and intervals,” Joe will be presenting the same on the C5, and I will share C6 maintenance issues and requirements. In short, there are things most of all should have done which would have avoided John and Ann’s painful learning on the mystery tour, and other things we all need to know and do to keep our Corvettes road worthy.

VW Charges Forward:

VW is currently the fourth largest car company in the world, aiming to be # 1 by its nine-years-from-now, 2020 goal. VW is # 4 already. How is that? Are you aware that VW already owns ten different car companies, including Audi, Lamborghini, and then many more, such as Seat that you probably never heard of. They are trying to buy Ferrari from Fiat, but at least so far, that won’t happen. VW knows that in order to reach its 2020 goal, it must sell at least 800,000 cars annually in the USA. That would be a huge increase, considering annual sales are currently less than 300,000 per year. However, as part of its “goal execution process,” earlier this car model year, VW introduced its new Jetta, with its starting price of \$15,995 – many thousands less than the previous generation Jetta.

Today VW announced its next major step in its plan, releasing the pricing on the 2012 Passat at \$19,995 per year, a full \$7,000 less than the outgoing generation of the car. Here’s it is!



The all-new **2012 will be** the first car to be built at a new Chattanooga, Tennessee assembly plant, will come to market this fall with a base sticker price of \$19,995, plus \$770 destination charge. The new Passat will be sold with three powertrains and a variety of equipment levels. There will be three model trims, including a 2.0 L four cylinder, and turbo four, and a 2.0L TDI clean-diesel getting 43 mpg on the highway, with a range of just under 800 miles. (Now who can go that far without stopping?) Also coming this fall will be the 2012 next-generation Beetle which was pictured in last month’s article. So VW is on the March, and while many analysts do not believe that VW will be able to be # 1 by 2020, don’t count them out from being at least much closer to their goal by then.

Two Great Fuel- Efficiency Upcoming Developments:

None of us would like to give up power, nor do we want to pay ever increasing gasoline prices. All of us want our cake and eat it too, i.e., we want great fuel efficiency, great vehicle power and want to have no more pollution (desirably less) than we have now. Well, there are two current developments which will go a long way toward these lofty goals, and, no, I am not talking about hybrids or range-anxiety-producing electrics).

What if we could get 28 mpg on light/medium pick-up trucks? The current best mileage on the non-HD Chevys, Rams, Nissan and Fords is 21 MPG. Cummins diesel is currently developing a four cylinder diesel pick-up motor that could be used in full size, half-ton pick-ups (such as the Ford F150, the Chevy Silverado, Toyota Tundra, the Nissan Titan and the Ram) that will generate 28 MPG, yet still make 350 pounds of torque and the HP equivalent of a small V-8. All is preliminarily on schedule for this motor to be available within two years (three years at most). This motor is currently being “real world tested” in a 2011 Nissan Titan. The V-8 Titan, in its 2011 gasoline version current gets 13 mpg city/18 highway. With the “pilot” Cummins four cylinder diesel motor in testing, the equivalent Nissan, with the prototype Cummins diesel is getting 28 MPG highway (a 65% improvement).

The second major fuel efficiency development, when this materializes in the next five years, is oil made from growing algae in a specialized industrial plant. As you know, the current oil which we currently use in our combustion motors (both for oil and for the gasoline we burn), takes millions of years to form, underground, from decaying plant matter (including decaying algae). The new, “produced within a factory “algae oil” that the US Navy is currently field using, results in tens of thousands of gallons of oil being grown, in just several days, from algae. This algae oil is not your typically expensive bio-produced oil. Yes, it currently costs \$140 per barrel to produce, but the finished barrel results in ultra high performance oils and gasoline – the kind/mixture that can be currently made from a barrel of traditional, “drilled from the ground oil,” but at a final, produced price of \$200 for that exact super-high-quality product mixture. In other words, it is already economically cost-competitive for the highest grades of oils and gasoline. And, versions of it can be produced at a price and otherwise equivalent to current traditional oil. Millions of dollars for this development are not just coming from the start-up company, Solazyme, but from its partners, e.g., DuPont, Chevron and the US Navy. If all goes as is expected, algae produced oil at such new industrial plants, could, within a decade, produce 17% of the US’s current oil consumption. Unlike the fiasco of ethanol, with its consequent corn produced price inflation and negative other consequences, this new algae oil will not have its secondary, negative consequences. By reducing the quantity of our imported oil by this 17%, oil prices from imported oil will drop significantly. Finally, the environmental consequences of algae oil are far less than the current consequences of traditional oil consumption, i.e., algae produced oil results in fewer emissions – not just during the production process but also when burned-in-a-vehicle gasoline consumption.

Will You Be Seeing A NEW UPS Vehicle?

UPS is testing a prototype new vehicle, one that is more efficient. Do you notice its “new” look?



UPS is field testing its new prototype UPS van over the next year. It will be test in several different cities (Tucson, Flint, Albany), and the back woods, rough country roads of Nebraska, insuring that before they go ahead and replace the current fleet, that the prototype works well in inner city, potholed roads, desert heat, severe cold, etc. It is made of composite/lightweight body panels (gee, has Corvette done that for decades?), and be powered by a four cylinder diesel motor. It will have LED lighting for safety and for reduced electrical energy demands. Many other enhancements have been designed into the van. If the tests are successful, we will see the new UPS van starting sometime 1 ½ years from now.

GM and Ford Adding Jobs, Bringing More “Back Home”:

Both GM and Ford are continuing to hire more/new employees. In a couple of cases, such as the production of the 2013 Malibu (which will be starting in literally one year in the spring of 2012), jobs are being brought back from other countries back to the USA. Ford has started the production of the 2012 Ford Focus. This it/will be a great car. Interesting, Ford choose to build it in Michigan (remember, no government money has been involved in Ford). Ford expects that its’ new, “upscale small car,” which starts at \$16,995, will have 80% of its run be hatchbacks, with the remaining 20% being its four door sedan. If this materializes, this would indicate that perhaps the hatchback is back as a model US customers are again willing to embrace (after its two decade relegation to the “obscure and unwanted status”). The 2012 Ford Focus has already begun getting rave reviews from car analysts. It has a 40 MPG highway model. Most however, will cost about \$22,000+ and get about mid-thirties MPG highway rating.

More C7 Rumors:

Or is it fact? Only time will tell, but remembering back to GM’s President’s comment last month that the C7 will have more options, appealing to a wider audience, it is now being suggested that there will not only be a regular, 5.0 L or bigger traditional Chevy V-8, but you will have an option to select a 3.0L turbo – yes also a V-8. If accurate, the smaller motor would rev much higher, perhaps even to 9,500 RPM, yet still produce at least 400 HP. So, for what it is worth, here is a quote from InsideLine.com (May 26th edition) which suggests that maybe the new C7 will have a small V-8 turbo option?



“This concept is apparently less offensive than the thought of using anything less than eight cylinders to purists, but by pairing a smaller displacement V8 with a turbocharger GM can still offer a somewhat less thirsty Corvette variation. It is believed that the turbocharged engine will be good for around 400 horsepower and about the same torque, as is common with turbocharged V8s. One new and exciting attribute that would result from the small displacement, however, comes in the form of a high-revving engine that would be more at home with many European sports cars.” To support this opinion a spy photo was taken, showing a current Corvette “mule”, with only two, smaller exhaust pipes and two, much smaller mufflers, as in the picture below.



There is more confirming news that the chances of the C7 appearing as a 2013 model year are “zip, zero, none. Though like the 2013 Malibu being moved forward six months earlier than usual (the Malibu will be for sale starting in the early Spring of 2011 instead of the usual GM August of the year roll-out of new models), the C7 is now “believed” to be arriving, again for actual sale in the spring of 2013 – as a 2014 model. This would lend credence to the 2013, 60th Anniversary Corvette Special model being a limited run of about 6 months only, with the C7 2014 model year running for about 1/1/2 years.

That’s this month’s President’s Car Corner news. Save the wave, and happy, SAFE motoring!
John

More information from John-----

GASOLINE SAVING ROAD TRIP ADVICE:

Thanks To AUTOWEEK; By JULIE ALVIN AND ANDREW STOY on 5/26/2011:

"Gasoline costs are hovering near \$4 a gallon this week, and drivers hitting the highway for the holiday weekend are looking for ways to save.

In preparation for Memorial Day, the Consumer Federation of America has released a list of tips that will help you pinch pennies at the pump.

Most of these are the same evergreen recommendations that pop up for every road-trip holiday, and some of them are getting a bit stale. Let's separate the 2011 facts from the circa-1977 facts:

1. Check Your Air Filter

A clean air filter can improve fuel economy by as much as 10 percent, and nearly one in four cars need an air-filter replacement. Changing a dirty air filter can save the equivalent of 39 cents a gallon or carry you 23 more miles on a typical tank of gas.

2. Straighten Out

Poor alignment not only causes tires to wear out more quickly, it also forces your engine to work harder, which can reduce fuel economy by as much as 10 percent. Fixing improper alignment would be like saving 39 cents per gallon.

3. Tune Up

A properly tuned engine can improve mileage by 4 percent, which is like saving 15 cents a gallon.

4. Properly Inflated Tires

CFA: More than one-quarter of vehicles have improperly inflated tires. The average under inflation of 7.5 pounds causes a loss of 2.8 percent in fuel efficiency. Properly inflating problem tires is like knocking 11 cents off a gallon of gasoline.

5. Check Your Cap

CFA: It is estimated that nearly 17 percent of cars on the road have broken or missing gas caps, which reduces fuel economy as well as possibly harming the environment. Fixing or replacing a faulty gas cap is like saving three cents per gallon.

6. Lose Weight

CFA: For every 100 extra pounds carried around, your vehicle loses 1 percent to 2 percent in fuel efficiency. For every 100 pounds you unload, you're saving the equivalent of six cents per gallon.

7. Don't Speed

CFA: For every 5 mph you reduce your highway speed, you can reduce fuel consumption by 7 percent. If you typically drive 70 on the highway and slow down to 65, it's the equivalent of saving 27 cents a gallon.

8. Drive Smoother

The smoother you accelerate and decelerate, the better your gas mileage, with potential gas savings of 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent around town. Consumers who currently drive erratically can pocket the equivalent of 68 cents a gallon by driving more smoothly.

Riding with your foot on the brake not only wears out your brakes but can also up gas consumption by as much as 35 percent. If you kick the habit of driving with your foot on the brake, you'll get the equivalent of 1.35 cents per gallon in savings.

10. Don't Idle

CFA: If stopped off the road for more than 30 seconds, turn off the engine. Don't "warm up" your car before driving; it is not necessary. For every two minutes that you don't idle, you'll save the equivalent of nearly one cent per gallon.

AutoWeek: If you're parked at school waiting for the kids? Sure. But if you're in traffic and switching your car on and off every time you're stopped for more than 30 seconds, that starter motor is going to cost you a lot more than the gasoline. Plus, it's dangerous. Buy a hybrid with stop/start functionality if you're that concerned. "

Enjoy the road, and save the wave!!!

John

JULY JUBILEE
CORVETTES ON THE BAY
July 15& 16th 2011

Accommodations:

The Edgewater Inn
275 E Johnson Ave
Coos Bay OR 97420

Website: www.theedgewaterinn.com

Phone: 541-267-0423

Pacific Coast Corvette Club has reserved a block of 25 rooms for the event. It is strongly recommended that you make your reservations now.

Room Rates: Must state reservation is for Corvettes on the Bay

Waterfront rooms with a balcony are \$79.00 + 8% tax per night (They have a few rooms with king bed but most have 2 queen beds). They also have suites with spa tubs that they might quote lower rate on for the event.

Previous Event Agenda:

Friday: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration & Bar-B-Q at Sunset Beach State Park.

Saturday - 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM - Continental Breakfast and late registration at Ken Ware Super Store.

Registration Cost: \$45 per car.

9:30 – 12:00 Poker Run

12:30 No Host Lunch (They have had Pizza place set up ovens and cook pizza's in the past. Cost was \$2 per slice and they were huge slices.)

1:00 – 4:00 Show-N-Shine

2:00 – 4:00 Raffle Prize Drawing

4:30 – Trophy Awards

7:00 PM – All Car Cruise at North Bend

Club Website:

www.pacificcoastcorvetteclub.com

They have posted that more information will be available sometime this month on their website.



Devils Churn on the coast.



8 cars made the trip



John learns a bit about key fobs



Great views of the ocean



Sea Lion Caves on the coast



Our tour leader



Stop for lunch in Florence



Park and Walk



Lunch at the Driftwood in Florence



Stop-over at the sand dunes at Florence



Downtown Florence-a be jillion motorcycles



Afternoon deserts at the Hot Rod Grill in Florence



Final stop at the Golf Course south of Corvallis for coffee and fresh baked chocolate chip cookies



Group “hug” for the survivors of RAPTURE DAY, at 6:02 pm (2 minutes past the due time)

GREAT DAY, FABULOUS DRIVE, WONDERFUL FOOD! WHAT ELSE IS THERE?