



# CAPITAL CITY CORVETTES

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November 11, 2010 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](http://www.CapitalCityCorvettes.com)

Membership annual dues are \$50.00

Check out the Capital City Corvettes web site: [www.CapitalCityCorvettes.com](http://www.CapitalCityCorvettes.com) Flyers & Registration forms, information on coming events, photos of recent and past events. Calendar of events. Cars and items for sale. Past copies of newsletter (past 12 months)

## CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Address, phone#, cell phone #, e-mail changes

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## BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

### November Anniversaries

None

### November Birthdays

Karen Campbell-7<sup>th</sup>

Georgie Coureton-16<sup>th</sup>

Jerry Jackson-18<sup>th</sup>

## 2010/2011 CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Elegant- [john.elegant@gmail.com](mailto:john.elegant@gmail.com)

V. President: Joe Watson

Secretary: Brenda Fleming

Treasurer: Mary Stanley

## Directors at Large

Steve Stanley-Past President

Frank Salerno-Member at Large

Car Activities Chair-TBD

Charlotte Burton-Social Coordinator

## CLUB COMMITEES

Hospitality Chairperson-Jane Risko

Historian- Jim Casey

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## COMING EVENTS

November 18<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 pm -End of Year Banquet at Jonathan's .

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm at the Jackson's. Pot Luck Dinner.

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## Capital Corvette Club Meeting Minutes October 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Capital Auto Group by President Steve Stanley. Ted Halfman was present as our guest.

**Minutes:** The membership approved. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance as of September 30 is 1656.71. The October birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

**Past Events:** The President's Mystery tour was a hit. They toured to Clear Lake for lunch and visited falls, the Foster Lake fish hatchery and the McKenzie River pass lookout. They ended up in Sisters and stopped at Marion Forks for a bite to eat. Great food there. Steve thanked Roman and Judy for putting together the tour on his behalf.

A group of members went to Seattle in September in Washington. John and Jane's duck won the duck races at the event. He reported it was a great time.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Nominations and elections committee chair, Judy Baszniak, passed out the ballots. Once counted the results were: John Elegant, President, Joe Watson, Vice President, Secretary, Brenda Fleming, Treasurer, Mary Stanley. Frank Salerno volunteered to be Member at Large; Jim Casey will continue to be Historian and Glen Campbell will continue to be our Webmaster. Charlotte volunteered to be social director and Judy volunteered to be car events director.

**Upcoming Events:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Halloween Party at Risko's home. Starts at 6:30

October 28<sup>th</sup> - WVCA's Halloween Party – 6 p.m. at Pringle Park Center.

October 30 – Cabinet factory tour in Eugene. Leave at 9 am at Shopco on Lancaster. Lunch will be at the Electric Station and there will be a short road tour on the way home.

November 18 - Year End Banquet at Johnathan's - details to follow.

Dallas High School is looking for emergency assistance for their homecoming on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Joe, Mary, Steve and John volunteered. Joan Ediger also mentioned the Yamhill Carlton Homecoming that same night. WVCA is providing cars, but there is always room for more.

**Other Activities-** Joe went over a number of upcoming events. The Albany swap meet is on November 20<sup>th</sup> and the Santa Cruise in Stayton is December 4<sup>th</sup>. It's always a fun event. Bring a toy.

**Member at Large:** Wes reported that the NWACC insurance hasn't changed.

**John's corner:** John reported on the increase in ethanol in our gas to 15%. This will not be tolerated well in cars 2006 and older. It's only recommended for the newer cars. He mentioned that many stations aren't going to carry it yet. He passed around the new color – supersonic blue – for the new vette. Great color. Also the Boss Ford Mustang is out and it is a very nice car. The Chev Cruise is a turbo, gets 40 MPG, 10 air bags, mid size and all the amenities of a expensive care, but only is \$17,000.

The Viper is coming back with Italian influence. The Lexus sales are slow compared with others. The Volt is on target and was at the Barrett-Jackson car show. It will be at major markets soon. A & E History channel Ultimate Factories featured the Volt's manufacture.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.  
Folks met at the Flight Deck for dinner and conversation.

Submitted by Mary Stanley



**Another day at glen's office**

**I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.**

## **JOHN'S CAR CORNER**



## **JOHN & ANNIE**



### **On Behalf Of Your Officers and Directors: "Thank you!" Also "John's Car" News**

Thank you for electing me as your President, Joe Watson as your Vice-President, Mary Stanley as your Treasurer, and Brenda Fleming as your Secretary! We all look forward to serving you this next year. Thank you also for Charlotte Burton for volunteering to be our Social Activities Coordinator, Glen Campbell as our

Webmaster, Jim Casey as our Historian, Jayne Risko as our Hospitality Host and Frank Salerno as our Director At Large. I am working to fill our last position, that of Car Activities Coordinator, and hope to share that volunteer's name at our November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

With the exception of Ron and Debbie, everyone has renewed their membership for another year of "CCC Corvettedom". Capital City Corvettes continues to mean something different to every one of us. Some enjoy weekly car shows, others like road trips, and some primarily enjoy the social events. I think the only point of unanimous enthusiasm in what we like to do is our joy in getting together to eat and talk! However, to hear what you like and want to do, as well as what types of activities you prefer not be involved in, I intend to talk with everyone of you during the next month. Following that, we will have a Board of Directors meeting in early December and then your Board will suggest, for your review and approval, tentative 2011 activities. At this point, pending everyone's input, all we know for certain is that we will be having our Annual Banquet at Jonathan's Restaurant on November 18<sup>th</sup> (6:00 PM, dinner starting @ 7:00) and our Christmas Party at Jerry and Deanna Jackson's house at 4:00 PM on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully you will be able to come to our Annual Banquet, a time when we especially thank our immediate "past" officers, our "special volunteers", and our Directors. In advance, we also want to thank Jerry and Deanna for inviting us to your home for the Christmas Party!

I am looking forward to my fifth year as your President. My style will be pretty much "more of the same, though due to my supporting cast, and your help and direction as to what we should change or emphasize, I am confident we will have a good year. I am going to continue to write the monthly "car news" article for our newsletter, and continue to forward other articles of car/Corvette interest to Glen for our monthly newsletter. I will be combining the Presidents Letter and the "John's Car news" articles into one.

Program Note: As the Club requested, at our November 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet, I am going to make an in-depth (but less than twenty minute) presentation on "what we know" the C7 will be and "what we know the C7 will not be."

### **CAR NEWS:**

Dodge revives the 392 Hemi in the 2011 Challenger SRT8: The 2011 Dodge Challenger SRT8 392 marks the return of the 392-cubic-inch Hemi V8. The 392-cubic-inch Hemi (5.4 liters), which has not been in a production car for 52 years, produces 470 hp and 470 lb-ft of torque. That is up 45 hp and 50 lb-ft over the previous 6.1-liter Hemi V8 in the Challenger... Also, the new Challenger is even greater than before; it is coming to your Dodge dealership soon!

Ford: As written in Automotive News, "Ford Motor Co. reported record third-quarter profits on Tuesday, raised its production forecast and said it will speed up steps to cut its debt. Ford's \$1.7 billion in net income was up from \$997 million a year earlier. The company said it will boost fourth-quarter vehicle output in North America by 20,000 units, an increase of 3.5 percent.

The automaker said it will reduce its debt by a total of \$10.8 billion this year. Ford had said it would have zero net debt by the end of 2011. Zero net debt means Ford will have the same amount of cash (or more) than it has debt, and will help the automaker return to an investment-grade credit rating. Ford ended the third quarter with \$26.4 billion of automotive debt. Under the changed production forecast, Ford will build 590,000 vehicles this quarter in North America." It reduced its workforce by 19,000 employees this past year.

In The Quest For Better Fuel Mileage: Car manufacturers are doing everything they can to get better fuel mileage. First, they are going to ever and ever slipperier oils, thus reducing engine internal friction. GM has just marketed its new oils, calling them Dexos 1 and GF-5 oils (except that for diesel engines you need to use

Dexos2 oils). All of these oils are “backwards” compatible, meaning that they can be used in all earlier motors. Ford is also using GF-5 oils, and says that using them allow the user to go 10,000 miles between oil changes (except for extreme HD use). Additionally, in the never-ending quest for lighter replacement parts, manufactures are changing the material that fuel tanks are made of. In fact, fuel tank material, and therefore weight has been evolving for the past thirty years. Fuel tanks used to be made of steel. However, steel tanks were heavy, so manufacturers went with lighter weight metals, some using aluminum (though with a premium cost). However, plastic tanks were even lighter, so starting with the C5’s, GM and a few other manufacturers went to plastic fuel tanks. However, fuel molecules can, very, very slowly evaporate right through the walls of all but the most expensive (and heavier) plastic tanks, thus, in 2004, starting to violate the new-to-2004 EPA clean air standards using these first-generation plastic fuel tanks. To avoid violating clean air standards, during the past five years most manufacturers went back to some type of metal tanks (almost exclusively aluminum). Recently, a fuel tank manufacturer invented a five-layer, ultra-thin-plastic fuel tank which doesn’t allow fuel molecules to migrate through the tank walls. The new five layer plastic tank will be phased in to many, if not all newer vehicles starting with the 2012’s. It is competitively priced, is ultra safe in severe vehicle impacts, is very light, and meets current and projected clean air standards. And still the quest for reduced weight continues, for every pound lost, the brakes and tires/wheels can be made smaller, yet give the same handling and braking. As an extreme weight savings measure, several 2011Porche’s will have fabric door closing handles (made of material similar to, but not as wide as seat belt webbing). Just as the average car lost a foot in length and 1,000 pounds in weight in the 1980’s, expect cars and trucks to lose a further 500 pounds over the next decade. Count on every car part being subjected to “substitute-with-less-weight replacement.”

Hybrids, electrics or gasoline powered vehicles in our future??? In a recently released EPA report which surprised most in the automotive world, the government just released a detailed technical assessment that stated that the BEST pathway for increase fuel economy over the next decade would not be electric vehicles, nor hybrids. The report concluded that, “ **the automaker scenario that relies most on gasoline engine advances and least on electrics would result in the highest consumer savings—estimated at \$7,400 per vehicle (12% more than the next best pathway).**” Additionally, advances in the gasoline engine will result in the “best reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.” The report, released October 1<sup>st</sup>, was released as part of the effort to reduce fuel consumption and tailpipe emissions by 3 to 6 percent **per year** from 2017 to 2025. The report came to these conclusions based on current knowledge, current and projected improvements in gasoline engine efficiency and known, and projected vehicle weight reduction strategies.

GM: The new Chevy Cruze continues to get rave reviews, even from car magazines that have historically looked “down” upon American cars. And why not, for this car has already been in production, and been highly and successfully received by its’ here-to-for, only-European customers. The Chevy Volt will be first sold next month, though as we’ve discussed, be progressively first rolled out in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C. and southern California at the beginning. Chances are that we will not see one in the Northwest until at least next summer, more probably until next fall.

GM's stock initial public offering (IPO) is expected on November 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Analysts predict GM will generate about \$13,000,000,000 in this IPO. Late last month GM paid off another \$11 billion in debt obligations. There is still a long way for GM to go to fully repay the \$40+ B still owed to you and me, but progress continues to be made. This first IPO will be one of several stock offerings GM has scheduled over the next 18 to 24 months. The IPO would allow the U.S. Treasury (US taxpayers) to reduce our current, nearly 61 percent stake in the automaker to 43.3 percent.



*Capital City Corvettes  
Annual Banquet  
Johnathan's Restaurant  
136 High Street SE  
Thursday November 18, 2010  
cocktails and fun starting at 6:00  
Dinner at 7 pm.  
'Changing of the guard'  
R.S.V.P.  
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# President's Mystery Tour Hosted by Roman & Judy Baszniak



Photography by Jim Casey





# Capital City Corvettes Halloween Hosted by John & Jane Risko



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