



# CAPITAL CITY CORVETTES

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October 14, 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

## **BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **October Anniversaries**

Jim Casey & Georgette Coureton October 20th

### **October Birthdays**

Jessie Smith-October 15th

## **COMING EVENTS**

**October 23-** Halloween Party at Risco's at 6:30pm,

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**- Eugene tour of cabinet shop and lunch at Eugene Electric Station.

John Risco

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**- 6:30 pm -End of Year Banquet at Jonathan's .

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

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**

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## **2009 CLUB OFFICERS:**

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V. President: Chuck Dutoit

Secretary: Mary Stanley

Treasurer: Joan Ediger

## **Directors At Large**

Judy Baszniak

Wes Ediger

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Hospitality Chairperson-Charlotte Burton

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## **NOTICE**

**The Annual Dues are now due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are delinquent October 31<sup>st</sup> and members not paid will be dropped from the roster.**

**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**

President Steve Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at Capital Auto Group.

There were no new members or guests present.

**Minutes** – Chuck requested a correction to the minutes stating that the check made out to him for \$13.35 was for print work on new member packets and not the barbeque as printed. Minutes were approved with the change.

The September birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

**Treasurer's Report** – The bank balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup> is \$1,415.78 with 1 outstanding check of \$13.35 which made the actual checkbook balance \$1,402.43.

**Past Events: John & Ann's Social Mystery Cruise** – Chuck gave us a report on the cruise. It was a really fun trip over some great, scenic roads. We went the back roads from Salem to Mt Angel to Marquam to Molalla to Estacada to Sandy. Had a great rest break in Sandy at Suburban Chevrolet and checked out all the new corvettes. Then back in our cars and off through the curvy roads to the old Columbia Gorge Hwy to I 84 and Hood River. We had lunch at Bettie's (famous for the cinnamon rolls, which they were out of). After Lunch we headed to a new museum at the Hood River Airport. They have great displays of not just vintage aircraft but also automobiles and other vehicles. The return trip took us Hwy 35 over to Mount Hood Meadows where we stopped at DQ for dessert. Then we returned the same route back to Salem. It was truly a great and fun day for all who attended.

**Old Business** – New budget was reviewed and a motion was made to accept as presented. Passed unanimously. Joan reported that NWAC requested a donation for the raffle at their yearend awards banquet. The club declined the donation.

**New Business** – Candidates for officers were announced. They are President: John Elegant Vice President: Joe Watson Secretary: Brenda Fleming Treasurer: Ceritha Willeford Hospitality: Jayne Risko Historian: Jim Casey. Nominations are still open if anyone would like to step up to the plate and volunteer they can call one of the nominating committee members, Judy, Joan and Mary. Nominations will be accepted at the next meeting prior to voting.

**Hospitality** – Charlotte reported that everyone has been healthy again. She also sent a thank you card to Clay Mumby with WVCC for his help with meeting requirements for IRS to keep our nonprofit status.

**Upcoming Club Social Events:** Chuck reported for Carol on the upcoming activities. Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Presidents Mystery Tour – Roman and Judy are coordinating this event for John and Ann who will be on vacation. We are meeting at Roman and Judy's home in Stayton at 8:30AM for a light breakfast leaving at 9:00AM for the drive. Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Halloween Party at the Riskos starting at 6:30PM. Jayne will prepare chili and cornbread. There will also be lots of fun playing Bunko. Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> Tour of Lanz automated cabinet shop in Eugene, with lunch at Eugene Electric Co. Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Year End Banquet at Jonathans starting at 6:00PM. Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pot Luck at the Jackson's starting at 4:00PM.

**Activities:** Joe reported on the following upcoming events. September 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> Seattle In September the bi-annual event sponsored by the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle. The last Strohs Cruise Inn for the season at the A&W in Stayton is Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. September 18-19<sup>th</sup> Chinook Winds Car Show in Lincoln City. September 26<sup>th</sup> Jordan Chicken Dinner and Car Show.

**Member at Large:** Wes had nothing to report.

**Webmaster:** Glen would like more pictures and has the ability to put them together as a slide presentation. He also will be doing a monthly calendar with meetings, events and activities.

**John's Corner** – Due to John being on vacation we had no report.

**Tech Time:** There was nothing reported or to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM. Steve reminded everyone of the social after the meeting at the Flight Deck restaurant at Salem airport.

### **CCC President's Message October 2010**

First and foremost, I would like to thank Roman and Judy for doing the President's Mystery Tour. I understand that it was a great run that everyone enjoyed. Maybe we could call it the immediate past president's mystery tour for just this year.

Don't forget that we have elections at the October meeting! If you haven't paid your dues yet, be sure to do so at the meeting.

For upcoming events, we have the Halloween chili feed at the Riscos on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then later in the month they are again hosting a trip to tour to their sons cabinet shop. There will be a tour to lunch that day also.

We have been invited to join WVCA for their Halloween Party on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pringle Park Center. It sounds like it will be great fun and you don't even need to have a costume. But, we're not too old to dress up like kids – are we? I will have more information at the October meeting.

In November, the new board takes over. We also have the yearend banquet on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Jonathan's Restaurant.

The next meeting will be my last meeting as your CCC president and I would like to thank everyone for your help and support throughout the year. A tip of my hat goes out to each and every CCC member with a great big THANK YOU. *It's been fun.*

We'll soon be converting from driving tours in corvettes to social activities in tin cars due to the Oregon weather. We still have fun things planned this fall and winter. So, come to a meeting to see what's happening!

Steve

**SAVE the WAVE  
Don't forget the meeting is on the 14th**



## Another day at glen's office

Be careful about reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.

### **JOHN'S CAR CORNER**



### **JOHN & ANNIE**



### **GM, DON'T WAIT FOR THE C7 TO UPGRADE YOUR NAV SYSTEM NOW; AND SAFETY REMINDERS!**

#### **GM'S NAV SYSTEM NEEDS IMPROVEMENT:**

GM's current navigation system or "nav" is so out dated compared to its competitors. It is time for GM to immediately update the system, and unfortunately the earliest it could be significantly updated is in the 2012 models. So what is missing in the current GM system? SO MUCH, as follows below...

In GM's system, thanks to their over jealous attorneys, once the car is moving, you can't enter new/revised destinations. While this is undoubtedly a safer system – less driver distraction, what about all the times when, in the interest of not running out of gas, or you need to know the nearest hospital or when you have passenger with you who could safely and seamlessly totally operate the system while the driver is 100% concentrated on driving, that it is to your advantage to enter destination information, or information queries while "on the run."

I am specifically comparing below the GM nav system to that one our 2011 BMW. Yes, in some ways that is an unfortunate comparison in the BMW iDrive/nav system is rated # 1 in the industry and the BMW system costs two hundred dollars more. However, the following are just a few examples of what an excellent nav system and do, and what Annie and I were able to do during our just-completed 7,000+ trip to the East Coast and back. With the BMW system, we enjoyed the following capabilities (without using any cell phones):

\*The ability to instantaneously know, either at our current location or our end-of-days' destination, a complete list of restaurants, gas stations, motels, and other categories of information was quickly available. Then, by

selecting any one of them, the system, we would re-direct our nav destination to that location. For example, and we have a first-generation Shell credit card which gets us \$.15/per gallon off on Shell fuel, when we were heading through the backwoods of Wyoming visiting some new-to-us National Parks, we learned that the next Shell gas station was 134 miles down our expected travel road, and since we had more than a half tank of fuel at that time, didn't need to buy one of the two "off brands" in that little town. Additionally that system will even tell you comparative "price per gallon" for gas stations (either those nearest to you), on your route, or even at your end-of-day destination. Having that information, we thus decided that we didn't need to pull off the road and get the more-expensive, off-brand gas this time, as we still had plenty of fuel to that nearest Shell station 134 miles away. Those who have diesel motors, even if you are hundreds of miles off the mains road, you can easily set the nav system to tell you all the fueling stations which have diesel fuel.

\* Or, on day three of our trip, when we wanted to find either a Red Lobster or Outback for Annie's birthday dinner, we simply punched in the names of those two restaurants and found exactly where each of those two restaurants were along that day's entire route, specifically finding the one that was luckily just a few miles away from our end-of-day motel. Even more amazing is that many days while when driving down the road, getting ready for lunch and not wanting that same "usual interstate fast food options," we were able to select the types of food that we wanted for lunch, e.g. selecting one of the literally twelve different categories of food, e.g. Chinese, Thai, American, or French. Then, having selected that sub-category, the nav system would then provide us with a list of only those restaurants, of course next to each one giving us the miles and estimated minutes to that specific restaurant.

\* How about wanting to know that moment's news, or sports, or weather information while traveling? That too is available. And, in the interest of safety, you can tell you nav system that you don't want to read that information yourself off the nav screen while doing 77 MPH, and again via one-button-push, the system can be directed to then actually read aloud to you the news, sports, or other category of information you selected. If you'd like, it gives you current stock market information too...

\* And, when we, about 40% through our trip, when we wanted to find the BMW dealer closest to our visit to the National Corvette Museum, for the purchase of getting our oil and filter changed, we not only lucked out to find that there was one in Bowling Green, but also, while driving down the interstate, punched one button on the I-Drive/nav system and made an appointment for that service. In all fairness, this can be done with the GM optional On Star system too, but that involves making a call, waiting for On Star to make those connections to the dealership, then giving you the option to talk with the service rep at the dealership.

\* How many times, while driving on the interstate, you find you are dead-stopped, going stop-n-go, miles behind a horrible accident that has reduced the three lane interstate to just one, or worse, that the road has been totally shut down while they are removing a tractor trailer that got into an accident, with the consequence that you are now stopped, for an hour or three, waiting for the road to be re-opened? Of course, when stopped you have no idea of how long you are doing to be there, dead in the water. And when this happens, isn't it a rule that you just passed an exit, and that you are miles from the next exit!!! What if, instead, your nav system had forewarned you of the problem ahead, and given you, before you reached the last exit/turn-off before the accident, information and the choice to re-route you around that accident. The BMW system does exactly that, and when Annie and I were approaching St. Louis from the south on an interstate, we suddenly saw a big "Red X" on our nav route ahead (about 35 miles in front of us) and the system gave us the option to select a detour that would avoid that problem. The system told us that if we took the detour we would travel 3.3 extra miles, however we would save an estimated 45 minutes to an hour compared to staying on the interstate and stop-n-going through the road construction ahead. Pushing the detour option then automatically re-routed around the problem.

OK, GM, it is time to drastically update/improve your nav system!!!

#### SAFETY REMINDERS:

The reason why I am calling this section safety "reminders," instead of safety tips, is that none of the information below is new to you, but it is good for all of us to have periodic reminders of ways to help keep us safe. Our recent trip helped us remember the following "helpers."

We all keep an eye out when traveling roads and highways for debris in our lane, making sure we avoid it. However, a recent incident occurred while Annie and I were on an interstate, when we were about to catch up and pass a tractor trailer. We were in the passing lane, about six car lengths from the back the trailer, when that truck ran over a truck tire carcass in his lane (an “alligator” or snake” if you wish); he must have caught it just right (or wrong), as that the tire tread shot out from under the truck directly in front of us. We were able to easily avoid it, but it was a good reminder that when passing a vehicle, to also be alert to what road debris is in that vehicle’s lane.

We noticed that the greatest number of alligators were on interstates with a high speed limit, such as those in Montana and elsewhere-- which allow even tractor trailers to go 75 MPH during the daytime. Prolonged high rates of speed build up tire pressures due to progressive heat buildup. What causes the most tire blow-outs/flats is not vehicles running over something, but those vehicles starting that day’s trip with UNDERinflated tires. In fact underinflated tires are the biggest cause of highway breakdowns, far greater than flats caused by punctures, breakdowns caused by mechanical problems, people running out of fuel, etc. So you checked all your lights and your tire pressures before your trip, and then a day or two later your tire blew out because it was underinflated; how did that happen? Well, one day on our trip we started out in Bowling Green, checked our tire pressures on a hot day and they were perfect. However, the next night we were in the mountains and instead of the 90 degrees when we last checked our tires, the outside temperature was 38 degrees. Since tires lose, on average, one pound pressure for every ten degrees cooler (and conversely gain one for every ten degrees hotter), our tire pressures had dropped five pounds when we started out that cool morning on day three. Thankfully, I am a fanatic and always bring a hand tire pump and a good tire gauge, and check my pressures before starting out each morning; I thus realized I needed to starting pumping them to get to the desired “starting cold” tire pressure. Hence no blow out; and as you also know, having underinflated tires is also the single cause of more wasted fuel than anything else in our country (including vehicles which are badly out of tune, etc). So we don’t go on many long trips and have AAA or other road insurance, do we need to similarly check your tires (including your spare if you have one, and all your lights at least once a month???) You bet we do! Thankfully our Corvettes and many other newer GM vehicles allow you to tell you tire pressure for each tire, even on the run. Checking our driver information center for all tire pressures every morning when we start out, is a good preventative measure to avoiding blow outs and maximizing fuel economy!

Even though we do not have much rain in the summer, when you head elsewhere, the rains can come down like a hurricane, sometimes raining inches in a single hour, and even occasionally five or more inches in a day. Yes, windshield wiper blades are another crucial safety factor, including insuring our windshield washer reservoirs are filled with washer fluid (not water) before we leave on a trip (or on our once a month car check up). The BUGS can get us in the summer and not having good blades and sufficient windshield wiper fluid can leave us “visibility deficient”.

Lastly, you are driving behind another vehicle and all is going well. You have your three seconds gap between you and that other vehicle and are enjoying the ride. Wham!!! A huge rock just came out of the tires of that lifted pick-up in front of you. The law is that the lowest edge of a mud flap cannot be more than 10” above the pavement, but how many times have you seen vehicles whose bottom edge of their mud flaps are sometimes closer to twice that, or, worse, they have off-road tires (which specialize in initially trapping large rocks in their treads), AND don’t even have mud flaps. So when calmly traveling down a road, we all need to pay particular attention when we follow raised pickups or other trucks, moving out from behind them when we notice they are no mud flaps or road flaps which don’t go anywhere near the 10” maximum over the pavement. Along the same vein, many folks have been severely injured when an improperly tied down load on the vehicle in front of them flew off. One such death occurred on Hwy 22, right in front of Aspinwall’s Fruitstand when a mattress flew off and landed on the hood/windshield of the car behind it. A high school kid driving in the vehicle behind was killed in that accident when he, blinded by the mattress, ran head on into another vehicle coming the other way. Ladders improperly tied down (such as with a single bungee cord) on a construction vehicle, or other improperly secured loads on roofs of vehicle or on trailers is a good reason to not be closely following such vehicles.

**HAPPY MOTORING!**

## **Information from the three Amigos of the activities committee**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Halloween Party-TBA

**October 30** JOHNS TOUR TO EUGENE

THANKS, ACTIVITY GUYS JOE JOHN RON

### **"Tire Rack" Tech: Breaking In Your Tires [John Elegant]**

Tires are comprised of many layers of rubber, steel and fabric. Due to these different components, your new tires require a break-in period to ensure that they deliver their normal ride quality and maximum performance. As tires are cured, a release lubricant is applied to prevent them from sticking in their mold. Some of the lubricant stays on the surface of your tires, reducing traction until it is worn away. Five hundred miles of easy acceleration, cornering and braking will allow the mold release lubricant to wear off, allowing the other tire components to begin working together. It is also important to note that your old tires probably had very little tread depth remaining when you felt it was time to replace them. As any autocrosser or racer who has tread rubber shaved off of his tires will tell you, low tread depth tires respond quicker."Don't be surprised if your new tires are a little slower to respond (even if you use the exact same tire as before). Their new, full depth brings with it a little more tread squirm until they wear down.

(Above re-printed courtesy of Tire Rack Company)

### **September 25<sup>th</sup> Presidents Mystery Tour To Hood River Oregon [Roman & Judy]**







**Photography by Jim Casey**

# OCTOBER 2010 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 6:00p: Club Meeting.. VOTE for club 2011 officers.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Halloween Party Risco's at 6:30pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Tour of Lanz cabinet Shop in Eugene with Lunch at Electric Co.
31		NOVEMBER- 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm (Thursday) At Jonathans in Salem	DECEMBER 16 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the Jacksons			