

# Classic Glass Corvette Club Event FAQ

The following is a brief guide to assist members participating in Club events such as cruises, parades and shows to have as much of an enjoyable experience as possible.

## **General, Cruises , Parades and Shows**

- Club members may meet at a designated area and time and caravan to the event/location. The Activity VP or Event Manager will inform participants via email several days ahead of time if the rendezvous location and time are not as noted on the Event Info page accessed from the Calendar.
- *Please* contact the Event Manager if you have signed up for an event and cannot attend. This is especially important for a driving event. You can email [vpactivities@cqcorvetteclub.com](mailto:vpactivities@cqcorvetteclub.com).
- Bring a two way radio (please see below) so that communication during the drive is possible between you and the other Corvettes. Radio communication is vital to ensure that the group maintains integrity during the drive, avoids road hazards and can make timely beverage / sand box stops.
- Attempt to maintain 3 – 5 car lengths between vehicles to ensure the group stays together.

## **Specific to Cruises**

- Restaurant stops are typically planned ahead of time and reservations made for the known headcount. This is why signing up for an event of this type is necessary rather than simply showing up that day. You may also want to bring beverages or snacks as appropriate for you and your co-pilot.
- Often participants will go their separate ways when returning from a destination. Make sure you know how to find your way home.

## **Specific to Parades**

- Most parade events will *not* require you to have a dignitary as a passenger for participation in the parade. Check with the Parade Manager ahead of time if you want to ride with your co-pilot only.
- *You are not obligated* to allow a dignitary to perch on the deck of your convertible unless you volunteer your Corvette for this purpose ahead of time.
- Dignitaries riding on convertible decks can be kept in their place a lot easier if 'butt stick' (rubber shelf liner) is used on top of the deck underneath the blanket. Butt stick is available at all grocery stores for about \$3 a roll.
- Coupes are generally OK with the lid removed for dignitaries. The dignitary will ride in the passenger seat of your Corvette unless allowed to ride otherwise by you.
- Most parades will have a theme and Club members are encouraged to decorate their Corvettes as appropriate after arrival at the parade staging area. There is usually *plenty* of time (as in hours) for this before the parade gets underway.

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- Decorations such as crepe paper streamers, garland and cut outs (leaves, stars, shamrocks, snowflakes, etc.) can be purchased locally or online. Hobby Lobby, Jo-Ann, Michaels and Party City have a good selection of these items for St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July, OktoberFest, etc..
- If you've spent more than \$10 on parade decorations, you've probably spent too much. :)
- Beverages and restrooms can be scarce at some parade venues, so please plan accordingly.

### Specific to Shows

- Shows are generally held outdoors in hot weather with few amenities. A cooler and folding chairs are highly recommended. Bring portable shade if you have it.
- Prepare your Corvette for the show to the extent you feel acceptable. There are typically no hard and fast rules and little published criteria for judging. In other words, polished muffler bearings are no guarantee of a trophy.
- A raised hood is generally an indication that you want your Corvette judged.

### Radios

- Classic Glass uses FRS (Family Radio System) or GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) radios tuned to channel **seven**, no subchannel.
- Check the night before to ensure your radios are charged or have fresh batteries!
- Periodically during the cruise have your co-pilot check to ensure your radio is on. Many have an auto shut-off to conserve battery power.
- A pair of radios with chargers can be purchased online at Amazon, Ebay etc. and locally at Best Buy, Sears, Target, Walmart, etc. for \$20 to \$50+. The Cobra, Midland, Motorola, and Uniden are all examples of this type of recommended radio. Note: For our purposes, FRS and GMRS radios are equivalent.
- The frequency/range for this class of radio is regulated by the FCC. It doesn't matter if you spend \$20 or \$100 for a pair; they are going to perform almost the same in use. (The static may sound clearer on the \$100 model, however.)
- *Regardless of what the manufacturers' specs indicate, the max usable range for these radios in use is about a mile on a cruise in the mountains. Beyond that, reach for your cell phone.*
- Bring both radios to the event; it is highly likely that someone there will need to borrow one. Having your name on your radio will increase your chances significantly of having it returned.