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# Vette Gazette Vette Gazette February 2022

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cascadecorvetteclub.com Simone Thomas Hi everybody,

Well January has come and gone like a bug bouncing off a windshield. The monthly board and general meetings were canceled due to covid (they tell me covid should be upper case but it's not going to happen. I hate to waste a good capitol). Keep your fingers crossed those concerns will be immunized in February. We did have a few activities as described below.

On Saturday, January 22, several members met up in Coburg then drove up to Albany for the Winter Rod and Speed Show at the expo and fairgrounds. At this point I have a confession to make...I forgot to get a members count on how many attended (mia culpa). It was a good show that was held inside so it wasn't too cold. Stan and Shannon Czerniak had their 2020 C8 Stingray on display. There was a swap meet in the next hall filled with what you would expect, old car parts mixed with old car farts. Afterwards, many members drove to Cascade Grill for lunch.

Tuesday, January 25, the club held its monthly breakfast get together at the new IHOP on West Eleventh. 15 members attended. These breakfasts have been a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other club members. Next month's meeting to be announced at a later time.

Continuing on with the club history segment I take you now back to the 70's, with a recap from Connie Schwartz.

Club history—the early years!

Chris Hough was one of the original founders of our club. In the 70's we usually had about 80-100 memberships. We had two meetings every month at Lew Williams/Romania Chevrolet who has sponsored our club since 1968. Our first meeting of the month was a business meeting and our second meeting we would have guest speakers talk about oil or tires etc. then we would do burn outs out of the parking lot and drive to a tavern or play a sport. Softball, volleyball, bowling etc. we were all younger and much more active back then! We also used to do the Friday night drag racing at Balboa Drag Strip off W. 11th. One member even wrecked his Corvette one night. And we would do auto crosses and blindfolded driving with the passenger telling the driver which way to turn to go around a course set up in a parking lot. Etc. Hope this tells you what we use to be like! Although when the first gas crunch hit in the late 70's we were down to about 10 memberships but decided to keep the club going because Romania Chevy still donated us money!"

Your Humble Narrator (and president at large)

Matt Horowitz

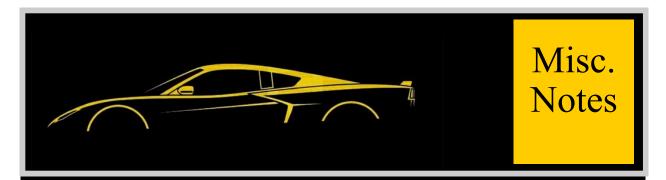


#### **VETTE GAZETTE**



I couldn't think of a better way to begin another dreary, gloomy month with the Corvette in the garage snug within it's cover and hooked up to battery life-support. It will need a fill-up before the beginning of Corvette Season, but I may need to....





After the forced cancellation of the January Board and General meetings, we are hopeful that the 2022 Officers & Board can meet in February to begin planning our year.

The Board meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2:00 pm, at the home of Larry & Simone Thomas.

The General meeting will be Feb. 11, 6:00 pm at Kendall Chevrolet / GMC.

An email will be sent to <u>all</u> club members prior to each meeting to confirm that the meetings will be held or cancelled.

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We currently show 52 memberships and a total of 95 people. I think (and hope) we will see at least 7 more people renew. We are sitting at 67 Corvettes, but I know of two more "on the way". Our club Corvettes are predominately RED & RED.

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Bright Reds	17
Dark Reds	14
Silver	8
Blue	8
White	5
Gray	4
Yellow	3
Black	2
Green	1
Pewter	1
Bronze	1
Turquoise	1
Orange	1
Gold	1

All the Corvettes shown at the Winter Rod & Speed Show in Albany.



Stan & Shannon's 2020



Duane & Bobbie's `56









### **Happy Birthday!**

February 2 - Vic Wolfe

**February 8 - Dennis Hough** 

February 9 - Janet Minter

February 16 - Jim Tatum

February 18 - Andrea Herling

February 19 - Rachel Boyd

**February 23 - Mike Donnelly** 



We have two options for embroidered club clothing & hats.

Fiddler's Green Golf Center
Embroidery Dept.
can order anything you like
and will embroider our club logo
for a small fee.

Or you may take in any garment, regardless where it was purchased and they will embroider the club logo for you.





This has been one long, boring winter.

Several of your fellow club members have experienced health issues this year, but thankfully, I have not heard of many that contracted Covid (sorry Matt....I meant covid...lower case c). Too many of us have been house-bound this winter. My own medical issues and surgery wiped out the time I would normally be detailing our Corvette as well as other member's Corvettes. No golf until April and not being able to work outside has left me stuck here in front of the computer. researching and dreaming about where to "road trip" this coming year. We do have one "biggie" trip planned for May to Montana, but I'm looking for input for a couple of 2-3 day road trips this summer. This is where you come in -

I will be asking for feedback at the next General meeting. Come with ideas of where you would like to tour.

#### **VETTE GAZETTE**



#### \*\*Tentative\*\*

February 14 Valentine's Day Dinner TBA

> March 19-20 Benefit Car Show Roseburg

May 27 - 30 Big Sky Corvette Meet Whitefish, MT

> June 6 - 10 Vette-A-Bration Yakima, WA

July 15 - 16 Corvettes on the High Desert Eagle Crest

> July 15 - 17 Corvette Weekend Grants Pass

August 4 - 7 Vettes on the Rockies Steamboast Springs, CO

September 9 - 10 Corvettes on the Columbia Richland, WA



#### \*\*Note regarding Valentine's Day Dinner

This event is dependent upon several factors, including can we find a place large enough, and are willing to accommodate us. News of this event, yea or nay, will come to each member as a separate email.

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#### Mid Engine Monthly Update: 70th Anniversary 2023 Corvette Model & More (john elegant)

We continue to piece by piece learn more about the 2023 Corvettes. First came a major leak when on the Z06 visualizer, it showed the details of the 70th Anniversary Package. Credit to Jeremy Welborn and Jay Shellabarger for unearthing this while they were simultaneously Corvette visualizer surfing "imagine dreaming" their

2023 Z06's. The details are now on the Corvisualizer and below in GM's official Press lease. Here it is split into its two unique coltions, White Pearl Metallic or Carbon Flash.





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That immediately brought up many questions including, will it also be offered on the 2023's Stingrays. Yes, *the 70th Design Package will be available on every 2023 Corvette*. Here is its details/information:

#### 70th Anniversary Edition Corvettes have a unique VIN sequence and include:

#### EXTERIOR:

White Pearl Metallic Tri-Coat with optional Satin Matrix Gray Stripes or Carbon Flash Metallic with optional Satin Black Metallic Stripes

70th Anniversary Exterior Badging – Flags and Side 70th badge

Edge Red Brake Calipers

70th Anniversary Wheel Center Caps

Carbon Flash Wheel with Edge Red Stripe

Carbon Flash Mirror and Spoilers

INTERIOR:

White Ceramic GT2 Seats with Red Stitching; Optional Competition Sport Seats

Red Seat Belts

Suede Interior Steering Wheel

70th Anniversary logo on Seats, Steering Wheel, and Sill Plates

ACCESSORIES:

Edge Red Engine Cover: Coupe Only Rear Bumper Protector / Trunk Cover

Custom Luggage Set with Red Stitching and 70th Anniversary Logo

All 70th Anniversary coupes are coming standard with a different, LPO Edge Red engine cover. However, if you are getting a HTC Z06 but not a 70th Anniversary model, could you then go to your Chevy parts counter and get your LT6 manifold as an LPO dealer accessory in Edge Red? Why is this being asked? Please read below for how or why this could be interesting to HTC, Z06 owners.

One last at look at some 70th Anniversary Design pictures... Of particular note is that the seats, called by GM as "Ceramic" color, are the only color available for the Package, though one can choose either the GT2 seats or the competition seats. Lastly, to compliment the standard (and only) Edge Red calipers, all coupes come standard with the Edge Red engine cover for both the LT2 and the LT6.

For more questions and lots more answers about this package:

 $\frac{https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/349158-official-gm-70th-anniversary-model}{}$ 

In what could be just an initial "shot across the bow," GM's President Steve Carlisle in writing warned all 2,911 Chevy dealerships that selling any new vehicle "FAR in excess of MSRP" reflected poorly on GM, that selling by any dealer to a broker violated GM franchise agreements, and third, that charging an additional deposit to secure a place on that dealer's product specific waiting list was also not accepted. This was obviously triggered by where we have seen two horrible, every escalating dealer pricing practices. First, the number of dealerships selling Corvettes at MSRP has been steadily declining. Whereas when the Stingray was released less than 10% of all of dealers charged markup over MSRP; but now it could well be above 50%. Second, the amounts above MSRP have been exponentially increasing. We were aghast when a few dealers charged \$5,000 over for a Stingray the first month of its sales but now we are seeing some asking double or triple or even more than that over sticker. The situation is even worse for buying a Z06. As to the Z06's ADM, we are seeing actual length contracts (not just the typical one page standard dealer purchase price agreements), requiring \$100,000 over MSRP, and similar to the Stingray, more and more numbers of dealers are demanding over sticker for the Z06. While such over MSRP Corvette dealers were initially infrequent in 2020 now are they as many as 2/3's of all Z06 Corvette selling dealers demanding ADM?

For details of GM Steve Carlisle communication's exact wording, please read the following link. But perhaps most importantly within that document was these exact words, "GM reserves the right to direct any vehicle allocation." Lots of discussion and more details here:

 $\underline{https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/347484-gm-warns-adm-dealers}$ 

Of course that sparked endless rounds of comments and speculation, the key ones centering on "what does FAR IN EXCESS OF MSRP" mean and will GM truly start to reduce 2023 Corvette allocations to dealers in violation of this memo? Does it mean as an example that a dealer could not experience GM's allocation-reduction-hammer coming down when they charge \$5,000 over for a 2023 Stingray and \$15,000 over for a 206? Or would anything over 10% over MSRP be that trigger, i.e., what would be GM's allocation reduction trigger amounts? Over and over since the Carlisle communication, we have seen comments and questions in many auto media places, is GM serious about this, i.e., will they actually reduce allocations to offending dealers?

Changing to more positive news, this past month we saw a new copy of an internal GM communication to its dealerships on 2023 Stingray and Z06 initial allocation granting and production-starting timelines. While it clearly used the words, "estimated, subject to change," these dates are pretty consistent with the first 2023 ordering timing memo that went out in November; also they are consistent with Tadge's statement that customer deliveries including for Z06's would begin this summer; and finally it reinforces some other internal information pieces factors we have learned. While it has many specific and important dates within that GM dealer 2023 order/production communication (all within the link below), the two standout ones are March 31st would be when the first 2023 orders with allocations are officially going to be received and accepted by GM, and, 2023 production start is currently scheduled to start 5/9 TPW's.

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/346040-gm-says-may-9th-2023-start-of-production-also-end-of-2022-production-plans

The three Z06 aero choices continue to be complex for they involve different sub-choices and requirements. Below is how one can visually see and distinguish what first is the standard Z06's aero is; second, what differentiates the standard Z06 with its available "aero package" that is order-able on every standard Z06; and third, what are the aero components that are only available on the Z07's "aero track package." Of note, these GM aero component options are all packages; for at least for 2023, one cannot select "a la carte" — that the only choices are the complete package A, or B, or C. Adding the complexity is that the standard Z06 without selecting a single option aero or otherwise, comes with an additional customer-easily-installable with ten screws to do it, expanded duckbill spoiler so getting a standard Z06 without the aero package gives you two spoiler choices, the duckbill providing 386 pounds of downforce.

https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/342460-z06-z07-aero-component-differences-similarities

Registration for the April 28th-30th Bash at the National Corvette Museum opened up recently. The agenda is still being worked on but as Harlan mentioned a while back, the new 2023 Stingray components/options will be presented there — and Z06's will be there for folks to sit in. As is usual, the top members of the Corvette team will be there to make Z06 Technical presentations.

Registration: https://webservices.corvettemuseum.org/Client/Login.cfm

A very interesting side development is going on regarding HTC's. There are now two ways, one which is already reality and the second one is undergoing refinements for a promised aftermarket production in the next two months, and that is to provide a way for an HTC owner to show off their motor at a cars and coffee, show, or at your house. First one raises the top to its upmost service position. Then there are these two options — though only the first one is current reality. First using powerful magnets, secure the heat shield while driving but when stopped to instantaneously flip up the heat shield, no tool are required (quite a change from OEM requiring removal of 18 Torx fasteners); here's more...

 $\frac{https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/338021-visibile-htc-motor-mod-thanks-to-willy-chu-and-race-ready-panels}$ 

Want a video of how this works? Epic Dream Challenge has created it for us to show it: <a href="https://youtu.be/">https://youtu.be/</a> iFt6jERO7cE

The second one is changing out the OEM solid black "plastic/insulation" shield with a redesigned heat shield having its own double-layer glass inset. As to the hoped for aftermarket version of a glass-insert heat shield, when and if that becomes purchasable, we would show it in final form with a picture of it.

Please remain safe, and remain safe while you are smiling in your wonderful Corvette — regardless of which version, which generation you own that is bringing you forth miles of Corvette driving smiles.

John

#### GRILLED CHEESE EXPERIENCE IS FEBRUARY 1-28

Join us February 1-28 for FFLC's 8th Annual Grilled Cheese Experience, presented by Kendall Cares. Support local restaurants while helping to end hunger in Lane County. When you purchase the featured Grilled Cheese item at a <u>participating restaurant</u>, the restaurant will donate \$2 from every sale. Thanks to a matching grant, all money raised from the event will be doubled.

Pick up a passport at a participating restaurant, or <u>download a copy</u> from our website. Collect passport stickers to win prizes. For every 5 stickers, you will be entered to win a package of 10 (ten) \$25



gift certificates to 10 of your favorite participating restaurants — \$250 total! Turn in your passport to a participating restaurant or FFLC, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, no later than 6pm on Tuesday, March 1. Post your experience on Instagram with #CheeseLuv22 for a chance to win more prizes. Join our Facebook group for even more ways to win! Go to facebook.com/groups/GrilledCheeseExperienceFFLC.



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