



High Desert Corvettes Newsletter

December

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December 2018

Well, hasn't this year flown by. It's hard to believe the end of the year is approaching, with winter knocking at our door on December 21st.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the club's gatherings and adventures this year. We've had many fun travels to local lakes, parks, reservoirs, a golf outing at Juniper Golf Club, and let's not forget the wine country for the PMT in Sept. We also traveled to our annual weekend at Trout Lake, WA. I can still smell the aroma of sweet potato waffles in the air.

Our COHD event in July was a huge success not only for the generous donation we gave to the Kids Center, but the friendships that we renewed with those in attendance.

It's always enjoyable to participate in the special parades – July 4th in Redmond, and the Veteran's Day parade in Bend. It's heartwarming to see so many people lining the streets to cheer all the participants and makes us proud to be U.S. citizens.

I'd like to give a special shout out to Marian for planning and organizing all the activities that she does. Thank you!

Our club wouldn't be what it is without its members. We gather, we laugh, we enjoy a meal and some adult beverages, and make wonderful memories together. Plus, along the way, we meet and make new friends.

This year our holiday party is a bit earlier – Dec. 5th at the Aspen Lakes Golf Club. As always, it will be a festive gathering with folks dressed up like eskimos and Jack Frost nipping at our noses. Well, maybe not so much, but we will be decking the halls with boughs of holly and singing and chatting to "Let's be jolly"!

In closing, Dee and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very, very Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays_Feliz Navidad_Nollaig Shona Dhuit, Ireland_Joyeux Noël, France_Fröhliche Weihnachten, German_Merii Kurisumasu, Japan

G-Man, President

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more"

Don Ginter HDCC President



Activities

December 2018

Dec. 5th HDCC Christmas Party, Aspen Lakes Golf Course Sisters.

No HDCC business meeting or Social night for December.

December Anniversaries

- 2 Mike & Judy McClean
- 5 Henry & Joan McDonnell
- 7 Rocj amd Barb Morton
- 8 29 Barry and Chris Larson

December Birthdays

- 7 Jessica Anderson
- 15 Scott Foote
- 18 Deane Cooper
- 20 Stephanie Cooper
- 21 Don Agosto
- 22 Debra Simons
- 31 Keena Holland.

Meeting minutes
Deleted.

Gizmo Award

Anne Lankford was the first winner of the Gizmo Award



50/50 Jackpot Winner

Janis Silence our newest HDCC member won the jackpot





"If you would've hit a regular car I would've given you a ticket. Since you hit a Corvette, you'll get 10 years."

HDCC Officer and Chair Positions

- President – Don Ginter
- Vice President – Tom Gray
- Secretary – Dee Ginter
- Treasurer – Sande Burgess
- Sgt. at Arms – Rick Schladenhauffen
- Activities – Marian Schrank
- Membership – Terry Schladenhauffen
- Newsletter – John Burgess
- Photographers – D. Ginter & J. Burgess
- Publicity – Bob Jackson
- Website— John Burgess
- Sunshine – Barbara Bosy.
- Highway Clean up - Peewee Blackmore
- COHD Chair—Harry Bongers

Don Ginter and Sande Burgess Presenting \$18,000.00 to Kids Center Staff





What you are seeing is real, and depending on how you feel about custom creations such as this, that could be a good thing or the stuff of nightmares. In either case, [NBS Auto Showroom](#) in Milpitas, California can set you up with all the details on this 1980 Chevrolet Corvette four-door and how to buy it, if you're so inclined. Presumably, the sales team will also have some logic behind its asking price of—wait for it—\$217,203. Mind you, that's not an even \$217,200, but \$217,200 and *three extra dollars*. Or to put it another way, it's nearly double the cost of a new [Corvette ZRI](#). Then again, you can't take three friends for a ride in a ZRI

We do know some stuff about this very curious [Corvette](#). The ad says it's factory original, but some Google research tells us it was built back in the late 1970s by a Pasadena-based company called California Custom Coach. [Super Chevy](#) actually has a good article that covers this [crazy](#) four-door Corvette plan, but for our purposes, know that only six were built and this red example could be one of only two left.

Each car was made by basically fusing two Corvettes together—T-tops and all—with the rear glass opening to make this a five-door hatchback sports car 30 years before the [Porsche Panamera](#) was born. This particular car is reported as having just 20,000 miles, though a photo of the odometer actually shows 21,006 miles. It's very red inside and out, and actually, the rear bucket seats don't look that uncomfortable. The sales description doesn't offer much else in the way of details, save for the standard-issue, used-car terms like *excellent condition*, *fully loaded*, and so forth. It's listed as having paperwork available, and that it's completely original. In this case, that would mean a 5.7-liter V8 connected to a four-speed automatic, making roughly 200 horsepower.

In our search for more information on this four-door Corvette, we came upon several reports going as far back as 2010 of an identical looking car for sale on eBay as well as Craigslist, with an asking price [upwards of \\$300,000](#). There's certainly no denying its rarity, but if this is the same car still in the hand of the same owner, perhaps a *serious* reevaluation is in order.



Update on future HDCC Activities

Marian Schrank—Activites Person

January 30th, 2019 – Wednesday Social Night in Bend. Held at Moose Sisters Restaurant in Bend in the Cascade Village Shopping Center – second floor. Park in Bed & Bath parking lot. 6pm.

January 19, 2019 – Saturday Chili Cookoff. Held at the Clubhouse across the street from the Schranks. Need 5 people to volunteer to make chili, and some to bring bread and some grated cheese. 6pm.

February 27, 2019 Wednesday Social Night in Bend. At 6pm meet at the Okawa Steak House & Sushi on 3rd St, #5. Food is grilled in front of you – lots of fun.

March 2019 – End of Year Banquet. TO BE DETERMINED.

March 2019 – Bowling. DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED.

April 2019 – Spring Fling in Redmond – NOTE, THIS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AS TOO MANY PROBLEMS WITH THE CITY AND BUSINESSES.

April 2019 – -1- Day Road Trip. I'm planning a trip to Woodburn, OR to the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm and Tulip Fest. Tentative date is Saturday, April 13th. It is a little over two hours for the trip. The tulip fields are backed by Mt. Hood. We can bring our own picnic lunch or purchase food onsite. There is daily wine tasting at their farm as well as cow trains to give you a tour through the tulip fields. The cost is nominal like \$5/ person. Other events are planned also. Please let me know if you have any interest in doing this.

April Wednesday Social Night – TO BE DETERMINED

May HDCC's RV Camping trip to Casey's Riverside Park in Oakridge. TO BE DETERMINED.

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May 31 & June 1 – Corvettes on the Columbia – Info later.

June 14/15/16 – HDC's trip to Trout Lake Valley Inn. If you are interested, contact Annie Shaeffer.



HICC Trip to Prineville Reservoir





Monthly Mid Engine Update (#2): Six Hot Button C8 2020 Issues (By John Elegant)

Yes, it is a radical change. Some will always not like it. However, based on historical receptivity *over time*, most Corvette lovers will eventually adopt the ME (mid engine) as the new member of our family. And just like some hated the C5's big butt when it was revealed; despised the exposed headlights on the C6; disliked the C7 when it was camo'd, some even after it was revealed, however, how many of those some folks now proudly own a C5, a C6 or a C7. However, admittedly, the ME Corvette looks so different than what we are used to.

*** It will lack a manual transmission — with its only having a DCT.**

That is true, at least for the first years of its production, perhaps the entire generation.

*** It will lack practicality — especially due to its cargo space.**

GM has a surprise up its sleeve, so do not count the ME out as having insufficient cargo space yet. As Bob Lutz said just a couple of months ago, "GM has solved the mid engine sports car cargo space issue."

*** It will cost *lots* more!**

An incorrect statement. Yes it will cost a little more, but the claims that it starts in Z06 pricing territory, some even say more than a ZR1, are just plain wrong. I expect Tadge to say at its reveal, "*if you can afford a Grand Sport, you can afford an entry mid engine Corvette.*"

*** It is going to be expensive and difficult to service.**

GM has designed the 2020 mid engine to be easily serviced by a skilled GM Technician. Access to certain parts will be more difficult, but to other parts going to be as easier. Think about what has to be done to replace the C7's torque tube, then remember the C8 doesn't even have one.

*** At least I am going to be able to run away from the C8 and get me a new front engined C7 the next two years.**

While it is accurate that GM originally planned to build C7's alongside the mid engined C8, times have drastically changed in the auto industry the last couple of years. Can't say more, but let's just say, I personally wouldn't count on ordering a new 2020+ front engined Corvette.

For those who have tuned out the 2020 ME Corvette to this point in time, these 5 videos, a total of nine minutes, will get your started learning a fair amount about the ME Corvette.



Proposed changes in the High Desert Corvette Club By-Laws

As noted in the High Desert Corvette Club By-Laws, all proposed changes in the club by-laws must be published in the club newsletter prior to the vote. To express your opinion (vote) you must be present at the December Club meeting. All proposed changes were noted in the August meeting minutes.

- 1 Increase club dues for a couple from \$40.00 per couple to %60.00 per couple. For single memberships, increase dues from \$30.00 per couple to \$35.00 per couple.**
- 2. All proposed changes are noted in the August meeting minutes.**

(Mid Engine info cont.)

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/14926-best-5-me-videos-totaling-just-9-minutes>

And to read and learn more, specifically 375 threads about just the mid engine, to see more renderings, info and to get involved in the discussions if/as you wish:

www.MidEngineEngineCorvetteForum.com

The forum is five months old and already is the second largest location of mid engine pictures and information available to you, and due to its "breaking news," having already been cited and linked in eight major automedia publications. Thanks for reading.

John (available at the forum via a PM to my forum name "John")

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Leavenworth, WA
2009**





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