



# High Desert Corvettes Newsletter

February

2019

## PRESIDENTS

### PONDERINGS I I

Happy Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We all have 'sweethearts' to do something special for. Even your pet who gives you unconditional love. Just saying.

While I'm recovering from knee replacement surgery, I understand I missed a great chili cookoff on January 19<sup>th</sup>. I heard it was well attended and everyone enjoyed each of the dishes. It's always a fun event when there's food involved.

Speaking of food, our social at Moose Sisters is always a highlight. Maxine, the hostess, and her sister, Marlene, the cook, do an outstanding job at this wonderful, local restaurant. I highly recommend you visit them if you haven't had the opportunity

You've all been receiving phone calls, or at least messages, in regards to nominations for our board and volunteer positions. This is where you have the opportunity to show off your talents, i.e. Newsletter editor, Treasurer, Publicity, etc. Many of us had a career that would lend itself to each, or many of these positions.

.. Remember, we're a 'social club' so there's no pressure in any of these positions, just your duties of the job. Oh, wait, *job* is too harsh a word. Let's leave it at positions. Thank you for your placing your names on the ballot.

**KEEP CHECKING YOUR EMAILS BECAUSE THE E-BALLOT WILL BE COMING OUT IN FEBRUARY.**

Also upcoming is our Year End banquet scheduled for Weds., 3/27/19, at the Bend C.C.. You should have received the email with the In closing, I do want to thank so many of you for the phone calls, texts, emails, cards, and visits during my recovery. I'm not quite up and running, yet, but certainly working towards my normal activities.

G-Man, President

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." – Forrest Gump

Don Ginter HDCC President



## Activities

### February 2019

Feb. 5 HDCC Business Mtg  
Pappy's Pizza Bend. Dinner  
6:00 PM Mtg. 7:00 PM

Feb 27 Social Night 6:00 pm  
Okawa Steak House and  
Sushi. 3rd st. Bend.

### March 2019.

HDCC Bus. Mtg Pappy's  
Piizza Redmond. Dinner  
6:00 PM Mtg. 7:00

HDCC Year End Banquet  
Bend Country club  
61045 Country Club Rd  
Social 5:00 PM  
Dinner 6:00 Pm

Program 7:00

**See the HDCC website for coming events.**

### February Anniversaries

2 Scott and Ginger Foote

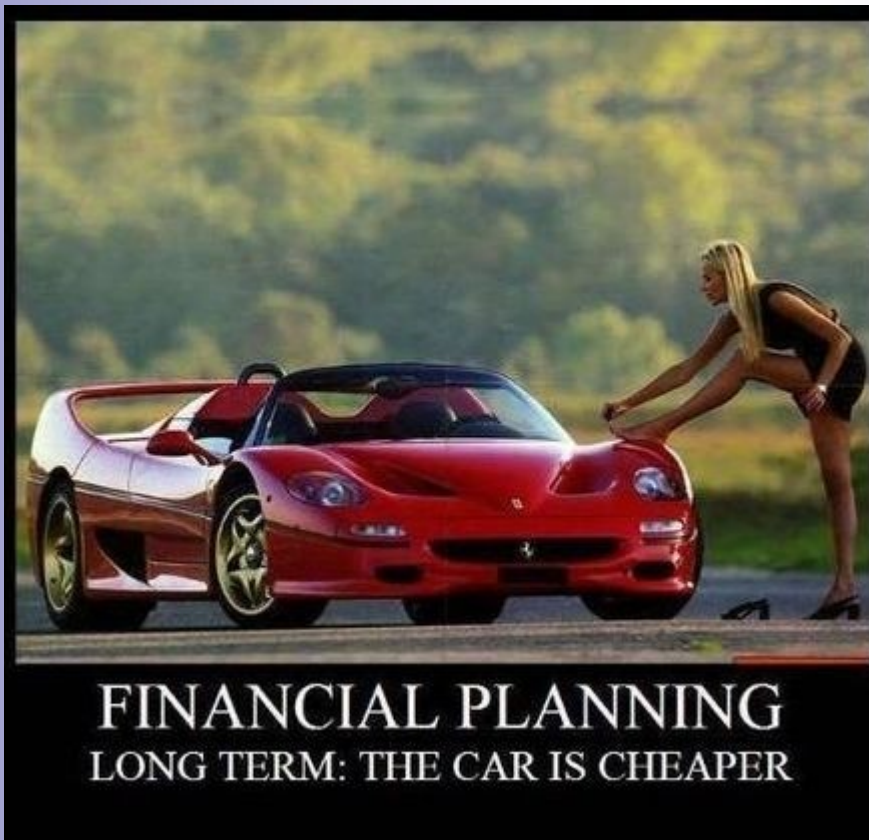
5 Fred and Jeannine Crowther

### February Birthdays

12 Annie Scheaffer

21 Solomon Cuddeback.

22 George Bosy



## HDCC Officer and Chair Positions

- President – Don Ginter
- Vice President – Tom Gray
- Secretary – Dee Ginter
- Treasurer – Sande Burgess
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- Activities – Marian Schrank
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- Publicity – Bob Jackson
- Website— John Burgess
- Sunshine – Barbara Bosy.
- Highway Clean up - Peewee Blackmore
- COHD Chair—Harry Bongers

## Living The Dream

Harry Bonger's sister Annette works in a emergency room in Knoxville TN. She told Harry of the following story.

“ I had a 84 year old patient in the emergency room yesterday he had wanted a Corvette his entire life. Not really a family car so his wife said no..After his wife passed away he bought the car of his dream pictured at the right. Now he drives around with his Pug dog Mater”.

'Funny how drinking 8 cups of water a day seems impossible. But 8 beers and 7 shots in two hours goes down like a fat kid on a seesaw.' **Submitted by Dee Ginter**



## Corvette Museum in the Netherlands

Harry and Ingrid Bongers visited a Corvette museum while vacationing in the Netherlands a few years ago. The Car collection is own by a Mercedes mechanic. Interesting that he could collect that many Corvettes in the Netherlands. Below are a few pictures Harry and Ingrid took of the Corvettes.





## Mid Engine Monthly Update: Advantages and Disadvantages of C8 Mid Engine Configuration

### First, Front Engine Corvette Advantages:

1) Let's start with the elephant in the room, e.g., Corvette *looks*. We know that at this moment in time that if we were to take a poll of current Corvette owners, *around 90% would prefer the looks of the traditional long-nosed hood, short rear deck of our 66 years of front engine Corvettes.*

For almost all of us, if we do not like the looks of a car, we immediately move on. But in this case, "not so fast" for two reasons... First whether with the end of this model year or maybe, *if the mid engine C8 is significantly delayed the rumored six months, by the end of the 2020 model year, there are not going to be new front engine Corvettes able to be purchased.* Second, the world is changing, and with the average of current Corvette buyers now being 60+, and will so many facing or now experiencing retirement with thus greatly dismissed financial resources for over 95% of retirees, in order for there to be a 2030 Corvette, it *must attract staggering numbers of new-to-Corvette* buyers, The first two years of the C7, even with its massively positive new looks, brought down the average age of Corvette buyers with "brand conquests," but that quickly faded, and again we are now back to 60+ average age of new Corvette owners. That bodes very poorly for the continued existence of our Corvettes. [Personally, I believe that given *a while*, most will really like the C8's exotic looks.]

2) GM has front engined Corvette production mastered. It works exceptionally!

3) Cost: If well engineered as a mass production Corvette, a front engine Corvette costs less than what the 2020 mid engine Corvette will. As Bob Lutz just publicly said, "version for version" a mid engine will cost a little more. For more details:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/19367-lutz-c8-little-more-than-c7-version-for-version>





Intro: *There are truly many ME advances due to the laws of science.* As Tadge has noted, “we have maxed out the performance of a front engine Corvette.” As an example, even though the horsepower of the ZR1 is 16% more than a Z06, its 0-to-60 time is only 3% faster than the Z06. Additionally, the ZR1 however costs \$40,000 more (a 49% increase), and just gets a 0.1/second better 0-to-60 time (from 2.95 seconds to 2.85 seconds).

1) Acceleration: With the ME's weight of its motor/transaxle right around its rear driving wheels, acceleration would be greatly enhanced. Expect around a 3.3 second, 0-to-60 time for the roughly 500 HP C8. Living in the northern half of the U.S. as I do, with most days of the year below 70 degrees, my 650 HP, Z06 is a near continuous process of throttle modulation if I want acceleration (as opposed to tire smoke). I believe most days, my car thus has a functional HP around 550, and even my friends with their 460 HP SR's and GS's are needing throttle modulation much of the time.

2) Braking: A mid engine configuration not just has better inherent braking, but as a consequence, it typically also allows smaller brakes — thus lesser weight and lesser cost.

3) Handling: ME's handle better because there is no 450 pound mass of metal in the front of the car, e.g., at the opposite end of its driving wheels. Please forget the long discussed, and espoused originally by Corvette advertising in the mid-1960's, that 50F/50R weight is the optimal for handling — for that is simply not true. The average Corvette competitor with a ME configuration has a 42F/58R weight bias. Even front engine Ferraris now have 53% rear wheel weight distribution.

4) Tire size reduction for almost all ME's: While a Grand Sports 275mm front tires look terrific, the average mid engine exotic sports car has 245 fronts, and instead of GS's 335 rears, the average ME has 305 rears. Even the 711 HP Ferrari Pista has 245/305 tires — again clear weight reduction and cost reduction advantages. BTW, the 2020 ME Corvette will also have the same 245/305 tire sizes.

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In summary, on a twisty short race track like Lime Rock, it is quite probable that with the same driver, on the same day, and the same track temperatures, etc., that the roughly 500 HP C8, with its standard and only DCT transmission, that the C8 would be faster than a 2019 650 HP Z06.

Actual C8 Interior photos here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/22346-c8%E2%80%99s-interior-uncovered> One sample:

To see over 150 C8 spy pictures, a similar amount of C8 renderings, and more than 475 mid engine information/discussion threads, thanks for visiting: [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com)  
We also have hundreds of C1-C7 threads, and related front engine Corvette information discussions.

John Elegant (Co-Founder & decades long Corvette fanboy; can be reached at the forum via a PM)

**This article provided by John Elegant..**

**John , thank you for your continued input on the C8.**



## Oregon Facts

**Oregon's state flag is the only state flag** in the United States to have different designs on each side – the escutcheon from the state seal on the obverse and a gold figure of a beaver on the reverse side.

**Portland, Oregon has** more breweries than any other city in the world. Within its city limits, Portland has more than 60 breweries

**Portland is also home** to the most strip clubs per capita than any other city in the country.

**In 1994, Oregon became** the first U.S. state to legalize physician-assisted suicide, resulting in Oregon's suicide rates being some of the highest in the nation.

**Crater Lake is the deepest** in the U.S. and was actually pooled in the remains of a volcano. The deepest lake in the United States, Crater Lake, was formed more than 6,500 years ago within the remains of an ancient volcano. The crystal-blue waters of Crater Lake are known worldwide.

**Mill Ends Park** (sometimes mistakenly called Mill's End Park) is a tiny urban park located in the median strip of SW Naito Parkway, approaching esplanade along the Willamette River near SW Taylor Street in downtown Portland. The park is a small circle 2 ft across, with a total area of 452 sq in (0.292 m).

**In 1971 Oregon became** the first state to ban the use of non-returnable bottles and cans. *The law is credited with reducing litter and increasing container recycling. As a result, items which used to make up around 40% of roadside litter now represent about 6%.*



## Oregon Facts cont.

**Eugene was the first city** to have one-way streets, and is quoted by "Bicycling Magazine" as one of the top ten cycling communities in the United States.

**Oregon residents own** one-fourth of the country's total llama population

**We are home to the most ghost towns in the nation**

**The Tillamook Cheese Factory is the largest** cheese factory in the world, and a popular tourist attraction for all ages. Visitors can see cheese being made and learn about the cheese-making process by taking a self-guided tour.

**The D River is a river in Lincoln City,** Oregon, United States. The once-nameless river, known as the "shortest river in the world" was listed in the Guinness World Records as the world's shortest river at 440 feet. This title was lost in 1989 when Guinness named the *Roe River* in Montana as the world's shortest.

**At 8,000 feet deep Oregon's Hells Canyon** is the deepest river gorge in North America.

**Oregon is the only state that has an official state nut.** The official state nut of Oregon is the hazelnut. The hazelnut is also known as the filbert. Oregon grows 99 percent of the entire U.S. commercial crop.

**In Stanfield** no more than 2 people are allowed to share a drink

**It is against** the law in Myrtle Creek to box with a kangaroo

**.Clint Eastwood** lived here and worked at Weyerhaeuser for \$1.80 per hour.

**The name 'Oregon'** is believed to have come from French word 'ouragan' (meaning "windstorm" or "hurricane"), referring to the powerful chinook winds of the Columbia River.



Does anyone remember the Bomber Service station in Portland. This was a big attraction for years. Also had a restaurant next to it. I remember crawling through the plane as a kid. It was dismantled a few years ago.

Does anyone know which Bomber this is?

## HDCC Chili Cook Off

Twenty or so members attended the Chili Cook Off at the Schranks club house. We had 3 chili's to test. All were delicious but Ann Lankford came away as the winner. Ann Kaster made some delicious corn bread and honey butter that we all enjoyed. Thank Marian and Stan for organizing the event..







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