



# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

July 2019

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## PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

Whoa, where did half the year go? They say 'time flies when you're having fun'. Apparently, we are, and it's all good. Our activities coordinator has kept us all extremely busy even though she was on a trip most of June and not here to keep us in line.

Reports about the Trout Lake trip were all good. Sounded like the Sat. drive was beautiful and exciting, as always.

The WVCA "Glass on the Grass" event in Salem was outstanding. We had 9 cars participate. Those of us that drove over Friday enjoyed a relaxing, social evening. Sat. started out cool and cloudy but opened up to blue skies and white, puffy clouds. Two members won nice raffle prizes but we all came home without any trophies. It's ok, we know we're all winners.

By the time you read this the Big Race will have been in Bend. A unique event with our own Tim and Marlene Mangan participating. NOTE: Tim Mangan was the featured 1<sup>ST</sup> car to cross the finish line with Bend being his home base. Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! Be safe.

G-Man, President

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked. ...

Bernard Meltzer



Don Ginter

HDCC President



July Anniversaries

- 7/1 Don & Marge Matthews
- 7/9 Dave & Marna )Parman
- 7/10 Stan & Marian Schrank
- 7/21 Mike & Kemi Broadley
- 7/30 Walt & Roiann Santos

July Birthdays

- 7/7 Bill Sheaffer
- 7/10 Barbara Morton
- 7/20 Don Ginter



Dee Ginter  
May 50/50 Jackpot winner



Marlene Mangan  
June 50/50 Jackpot winner

**Activities**

**July**

- 4 Rally On the Runway Sisters Airport 7-12 noon
- 9 HDCC Business Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant
- 13 WAAM Traffic Jam Hood River Airport  
Vintage cars and Aircraft
- 12-14 SOCA Corvette weekend Grants Pass
- 17—20 Vette Fest Boise ID
- 27 Car Show Touchmark Bend, OR
- 29 Day Trip to Train Mountain Railroad Park  
And Museum in Chiloquin, OR
- 31 Social Night 6:00 at the Olive Garden Bend

**August**

- 1-2 Trip to Coast. See Marian for details
- 10 Salute to Veteran's Car & Motorcycle Show
- 13 HDCC Pappy's Pizza Bend Business Meeting  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Bus Mtg 7:00 PM
- 21-22 Wine tour to Willamette Valley Vineyards  
Check with Sande Burgess to sign up and  
Details.
- 23-24 Airshow of the Cascades, Madras Airport
- 28 HDCC Social night TBD

**September**

- 4-6 President's Mystery Tour. See G-Man for  
details
- 10 HDCC Business Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant
- 25 HDCC Social night TBD

Check HDCC website for additional details and forms.



## CAR CRAZY TIPS

### Clay Bar

Once you have washed the car and dried it take you fingers and feel the surface. You most likely will feel little bits which may feel like sand. These are contaminates which have stuck to your finish. Prior to any type of polishing these should be removed to prevent swirls in you paint finish. They are easily removed using a "Clay Bar" a small bar of clay like product. If you have a clear protection film on the car a better product will be the new "Clay Eraser Pad". These come in many different shapes, some for hand and polishers When using a clay bar around any clear protection film it is not good to rub the clay bar over where the film line ends as the clay will be hard to remove. After using the clay bar feel the finish again as it will feel like glass. Attached is a good starter kit which includes the necessary "Clay Lube" which allows the clay bar to move freely over the finish. [https://www.chemicalguys.com/og-clay-bar-and-luber-synthetic-lubricant-kit-light-medium-duty/CLY\\_113.html](https://www.chemicalguys.com/og-clay-bar-and-luber-synthetic-lubricant-kit-light-medium-duty/CLY_113.html) Walmart and many other auto shops have these types of kits. Clay Eraser: <https://www.amazon.com/d/Car-Washing-Sponges-Mitts/MZQLight-Clay-Surface-Finish-Eraser/B076M6XKJR> Instruction Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3CL04f2NAc>

Thanks to the Crazy Car Guy

The last rear wheel drive Corvette, a Z06 was sold at the Barrett - Jackson Northeast auction in June. It sold for \$2,700,000.00 with proceeds going to benefit first responders and injured service members.

The last C7 was a black Z06 with Adrenaline Red interior and the Z07 package.



## Willamette Valley Corvette Association Glass on the Grass

WVCA had it's second edition of Glass on the Grass in Salem. From all reports it was a very nice event and well attended with 160 Corvettes. Nine cars from HDCC attended the event. No one place in the judging but some won raffle prizes.



Tim Mangan led the members participating in the Great Race into Bend. Since Bend was Tim's home port they elected him to lead the group into Bend. Several HDCC members were there to greet them.





## Trout Lake 2019

Well, we did it again. Father's Day weekend, for the fifteenth time, the High Desert Corvettes met at Walmart in Redmond Friday morning. Nine cars left at nine led by Baby #2 with Jere (Born in The USA) Smith as tail gunner. We met new member Teri, and sister Liz with three fuzzi-balls at Maryhill Winery where we paused for lunch, a spectacular sunny day at a spectacular scenic location. Rejuvenated, we rolled on to the Trout Lake Valley Inn. The club occupied ten of the fourteen rooms. We settled in while newbies explored the Inn. Soon, most broke out the adult beverages. Dinner was a buffet at The Logs Inn's Restaurant in beautiful downtown BZ Corner. Back at the ranch, folding chairs were assembled, cold beverages appeared, and the conversations flowed.

Saturday morning, we enjoyed the coffee, fresh fruit, and sweet potato waffles with huckleberries. As lunch was planned in White Salmon, Tom led a scenic drive to the Goldendale Farmer's Market, dodging several bicyclists, deer on the highway, and cows along the roadside, then to Everybody's Brewing. The food was tasty, and the facility is newer, and the place was busy! Of course, their' beers were good, too. We cruised back to our Inn; settled into naps, cold beverages, and (thanks Crowthers) world class Bocce Ball competition! Later we headed to dinner in downtown Trout Lake at The Historic Trout Lake Country Inn. It was built as a dance hall and opened July 4, 1904. The front had a small bar and dining area, but they had us in the dance hall at a long table by ourselves. There were lots of historic pictures, and artifacts of the past 115 years. We even fired up the player piano for a couple of rolls! The food was very good. Then, back to the Inn, for evening drinks and conversations.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed breakfast, and in small groups, headed home or to family gatherings. We almost had to push Jere home due to intermittent car troubles.

Submitted by Tom Gray





## Pictures From Trout Lake Trip



## Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant)

With a few exceptions, this past month could be described as the quiet before the C8's reveal storm. As of the day this has been originally sent, we were literally four weeks away from the C8's reveal. Does it seem we have been waiting forever?

However, this past month had two stand out C8 "pre-reveal-events." The first one was two Chazcron

videos of his walking up a driveway, doing a walk-around of the front of the C8 coupe, then immediately afterwards was a similar one walking around the rear of the car. The last video was one of a C8 HT convertible in operation. Here's a screen print of the HT 'Vert, and then the links:



<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/38646-driveway-c8-walk-around-videos-done-by-chazcron>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/39027-c8-ht-vert-in-action-video>

However, the biggest single C8 news this past month was GM's release of its second C8 pre-reveal teaser video; the first one could be characterized as "*Zora returns and shows us memorable earlier Corvette ME prototypes*," the theme of this second one might be, candidly, "amplification of the first version." Both of GM's C8 teasers are in the link.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/39394-second-teaser-breaking-down-the-next-generation-corvette-video>

C8 7.18.19 Reveal Invites: In addition to the GM media invites to the reveal, were GM invites to 500 top-dealer-chosen but non-employee guest slots; and to 57 individuals-with-their-Corvettes (latter with their "+1 guests"). GM separately provided to NCM, C8 day-after reveal slots, each for two people, to an "echo" event (all needing to additionally separately purchase their own airfare). The price for each set of the two guests was \$2,500 for that 7.19.19 echo event. Details are still slow to come out, but it appears probable that GM would have some of the historic Corvette mid engine prototypes at both events.





The location, while GM announced it to be in Orange County, CA, is still a guarded secret. A constant reveal countdown clock is here: <https://www.chevrolet.com/upcoming-vehicles/next-generation-corvette>

A brand new rendering view of ME's interior was created thanks to Chazcron.



During the C7's pre-Reveal process, GM created four teaser videos. To see them all, and to re-view all of the many other C7 steps that GM teased us, here is a link to re-living them and all of the other detailed pre-C7 reveal info/events. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/compelling-c7's/115-the-c7's-pre-reveal-gm-orchestrated-tease-progress>

Here is a very interesting new rendering thanks to FVS (FirstVetteSoon). What strikes me, is the diagonal valleys on the hoods, flowing outward from their front edge toward the outside lower corners of the windshield, to best channel air around the cabin, e.g., less drag and more down-force. Not surprisingly, we see similar hood valleys on both last month's revealed McLaren 600GT and Ferrari's earlier revealed track version of its 488 GTB — both mid engines.



So as we whittle down the remaining four weeks until the 8:00 PM (PST) 7.18.19 ME's reveal, we keep dissecting the very little info GM has provided us. Thankfully, *the C8's reveal will be live-streamed* (thought the specific site has yet to be shared).

Thank you for reading! (Reachable on the MidEngineCorvetteForum via the name "John")



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