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September 2019

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PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

Monthly Newsletter September 2019

President's Pondering II

Well here we are again, our club is one of the busiest social clubs in central Oregon. I give a huge round of applause to everyone who contributes to the new and exciting places we have experienced. It's not easy organizing and negotiating the events. It's appearing most restaurants are charging a 20% gratuity on larger groups, it was previously 18% up until lately.

The coast trip, which included the sand dunes ride, was exciting. A first for many of the group. Lunch at P.F. Chang's was enjoyable.

The "wine country" tour was a blast, except for the rain on Weds. I think everyone had an outstanding time. Our custom wine bottle & glass holder made by John was a great touch to start the trip.

Also, the PMT is coming up Sept 4,5,6 and it's still a mystery where we're going.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Labor day weekend.

"Two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

... Albert Einstein



Don Ginter

HDCC President



September Anniversaries

- 2 Rich and Jan Carkhuff
- 14 Clark & Melinda Linns
- 17 Jon & Beccy Wren
- 22 Allen & Debbie Fuller

September Birthdays

- 5 Don Matthews
- 7 Marlene Meyers
- 23 Marlene Mangan
- 23 Rich Carkhuff
- 26 Steve Taylor
- 27 Bob Jackson
- 30 Walt Santos

Tom Gray 50/50 Winner



Debbie Scherrer won T shirt
From Black Bear Dinner



Activities

September

- 4-6 President's Mystery Tour. See G-Man for details
- 10 HDCC & COHD Business Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant.
- 20-21 Cascade Car Show Deschutes County Expo.Center. Registration discount code Carclub 2019
- 25 HDCC Social night Takoda's Restaurant Sisters.

October

- 8 HDCC & COHD meeting Great American Furniture Bend
- 16 Highway Clean up. See Peewee Blackmore To volunteer
- 30 Social Night at Pronghorn's Trailhead Rest.

November

- 11 Veterans Day Parade (more info to come)
- 12 HDCC & COHD Mtg Mazatlan Rest. Redmond
- No Social night for November & December

December

- 11 HDCC Christmas Party Aspen Lakes.

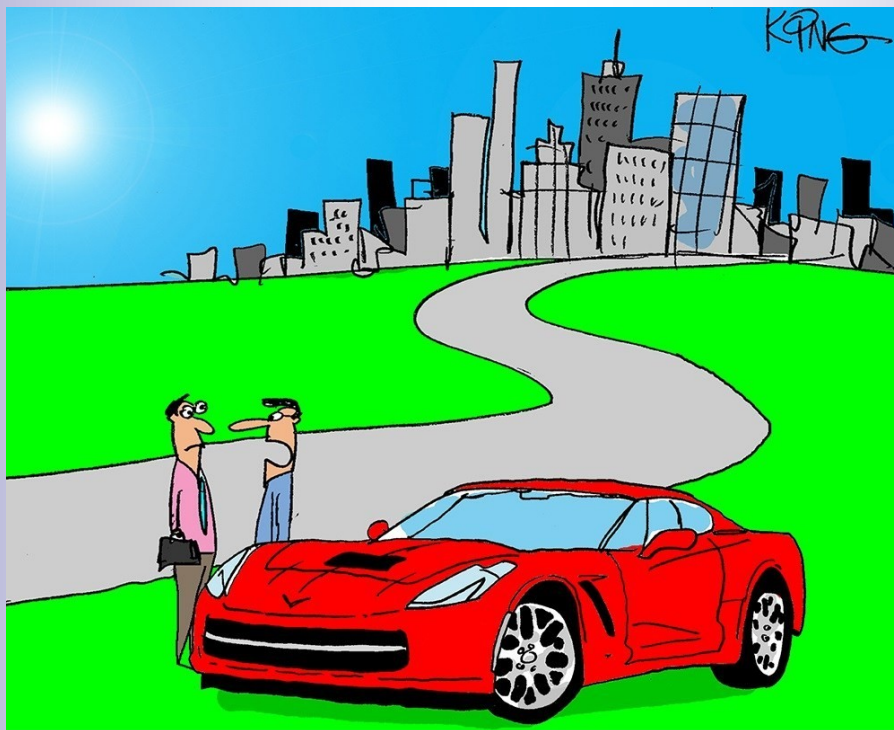
Check the HDCC website for additional info.



CAR CRAZY TIPS

Once you are finished and are satisfied with the removal of swirl marks you can apply a good coat of polish. Normally you would choose one which has a blend of Carnauba in it. Carnauba wax is the preferred car wax of collectors and concours enthusiasts because it creates a rich, warm glow. It doesn't appear to sit on the paint. It transforms the paint into a deep, liquid pool that shimmers under changing light conditions. You can find these products online at Autogeek, Adams, Chemical Guy, Amazon, and many others. This wax can be applied by hand or buffer. I normally will apply with a buffer and remove with a microfiber towel. Here is a great video to review on how to apply wax: <https://www.autogeek.net/car-wax-detailing.html>

Car Crazy Car Guy



Corvette
Owners
Walk Farther

"My policy has always been the nicer the car I drive, the further away I park from other cars."

Submitted by
Scott Foote



HDCC Wine Tour 2019

The 2019 High Desert Corvette Club Wine Tour left Ray's Parking lot in Sisters, after receiving their wine tour starter kits for a trip over the mountain, with a comfort stop in Detroit. After a scenic drive through the countryside we arrived at Junkyard Extreme Burgers and Brats in Lancaster Oregon for the delicious lunch. The weather had changed to rain and it was a bit crowded inside the old food truck, but the service was fast, and the delicious sandwiches made us forget the weather.

After lunch we headed to Pfeiffer Winery outside Junction City. Pfeiffer is "one of the oldest and most prestigious vineyards in the South Willamette Valley". We tasted a flight of good wines with the highlight being "Robins Romance" a wonderful red wine. Roger our wine steward did a great job and the visit was enhanced by a visit from Robin Pfeiffer the wineries owner. Robin delighted us with stories of the history of winery as well and personal experiences. Robin and John Burgess worked together in the bean cannery in Junction City.

Next, Five Fourteen Winery just a couple miles down the road. Five Fourteen is a newer winery and has produced some wonderful wines. They are generally open for tasting only on the weekends but opened up for our group to enjoy a tasting from their patio and enjoy more beautiful scenery. Off to Valley River Inn in Eugene where we stayed for two night. Valley River Inn was very accommodating and even cordoned off a separate area for our cars. After settling in we walked to BJ's Brewhouse for dinner.

10:30 Thursday morning was our departure time from The Valley River Inn to travel the scenic, curvy roads the Kings Estate Winery. Kings Estate is a beautiful winery atop a hill. The view was beautiful, and the days was sunny. Was a little early, but many of us tasted flights on their estate wines. After the tasting we lunched at the winery. The lunch was exceptional and enjoyed by all.

Second winery on the day was Sylvan Ridge. Again, more good wines.

Last winery was Sweet Cheeks were everyone enjoyed wine tasting and a spectacular view of their gardens and the valley below.

Back at the Valley River Inn we enjoyed some quiet rest time before walking down the street to Red Lobster for dinner

The two days were filled with good times with club members and many, many laughs. Maybe it should become a yearly event with club members arranging a tour of their favorite wineries. Perhaps introducing friends to new wineries.

Submitted by Sande Burgess



Pictures from Wine Tour



Wine Tour Pictures





Wine Tour Pictures



Social Night
At Brasada



Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant):

The biggest news is the C8's final pricing. While it was announced at "under \$60,000" at the 7.18.19 livestream reveal, with its screaming pre-sales (many dealers are truly sold out for the entire 2020 C8 allocation), the final pricing of \$59,995 includes \$1,095 for freight delivery charges (not included during the C7 era). Every C8 has standard a dual clutch transmission and a dry sump system. Most amazing is that if you got a C7 with automatic trans (as 80% did), your delivered-to dealership price for the C8 is only \$1,000 more. For full pricing info:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/59577-official-c8-build-price-site-up-194-mph-top-speed-and-at-59-995-msrp-incl-dfc>

Here's the GM to Dealer Complete C8 Packet: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/60101-c8-information-packet>

Not sure you like it? That's more than fair. Here are the so far announced C8 dealership visits, though please call in advance to find out that dealer's specifics; <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/45033-c8-display-dealer-tour-locations>

A bit of warning to those who have gone to see it, though going with a "don't think I like it"; or, "I am far from convinced"; or a "going to have to convince me" feeling, most have returned from seeing it in person having a changed, now very positive C8 feeling. Not all but most. One dealership which had 91 total 2020 C8 allocations, pre-sold ten of them before their C8 was unveiled at 9:30 AM, and in the next 2 1/2 hours got deposits on the remaining 81; however, they then had some angry people who showed up later that afternoon but were not being able to pay a deposit. There remains plenty of 2020 allocations at MSRP at this time, so if you have having trouble, please contact me at the forum via a private message (and of course I never get a referral fee).

GM created a fantastic visualizer for anyone to create their ideal C8, and to easily change back and forth exterior and interior colors and major options: [https://visualizer.chevrolet.com/ui?](https://visualizer.chevrolet.com/ui?carline=corvette&modelyear=2020&brand=chevrolet&language=en&country=US&channel=b2c)

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So many interior enhancements with the C8, starting with now three exciting seat options, the increased cabin interior width, its over 1" in leg room, +1" in seat cushion to bottom of roof panel height. The C8's interior cabin is larger than the C7's, with so many posts from larger folks saying that "I it better in the C8 than I did in the C7."

Trip travel space is the same as the C7 coupe, with room for a hard case full-sized airline travel bag in the frunk (front trunk), and a lap top back on top of it and some squish-ables too, and in the back you can put two golf bags, or two more suitcases, or similar sized items in its 53" side-to-side width.

GM also officially told us that the mid engine StingRay's HT Convertible would be revealed this fall — as will be the C8.R. Thinking both might be revealed at the C7.R's Oct 12th Petit LeMans race in Accelerate Yellow Metallic?



One of the most positive parts of the C8 is seeing its engine compartment through its back hatch window. Here's one picture, with more at the thread.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/52894-c8-engine-cover-pictures>



If you only watch one C8 video in the next week, I recommend this “Infotainment Walk-Thru” one.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/54965-c8-infotainment-walk-through>

C8 ordering officially starts on September 12th, and production of first customer coupes on December 2nd. More C8 update news next month. If I ever can be of help, contact me at

www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com. It is already the second largest C8 content forum in the world, over 3,100 members and grow quickly, and certainly the friendliest C8 forum. If you are not already a member, thanks for considering visiting us.

John (post on MECF forum under my first name)





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