



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

April 2020

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PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

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President's Pondering II

NEWS FLASH - The April meeting is cancelled for the obvious reason.

What a turn of events in the past 3 months. Who would have ever guessed that we would be dealing with COVID-19 life threatening virus in this day and age. I'm guessing that none of us have come down with it and are sanitizing, washing, etc . Keep it up.

I find it amazing how much we miss the camaraderie that we all have and assume at the drop of a hat we would be with a fellow Corvette owner going to lunch, dinner or a drive.

Everyone has the club roster so if you're feeling confined, reach out to any of your fellow members via text, email, or even a nice phone chat. We're all in the same boat, so if anyone has an extra set of oars, give a holler!

All Club activities have been put on hold until we get the 'all clear' sign. As we all know, it will pass eventually, and we'll all be out and about as usual. We'll get thru this together!

"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'" -
C.S. Lewis



Don Ginter

HDCC President



April Anniversaries

- 1 Chris & Jessica Anderson
- 7 Steve Taylor Bev Rodriguez
- 14 Jerry & Melanie Wilkins
- 15 Dave & Sandy Marlow
- 24 John & Sande Burgess

April Birthdays

- 1 Marian Schrank
- 7 Marna Parman
- 10 Mike Broadley
- 12 Walter Bailey
- 19 Gary Silence
- 20 Pat Welsh



Diane Wedeman won the March 50/50 jackpot. She received \$65.00

See Diane for low interest loans



What do you mean **Stir Crazy**? Both beer kegs are empty, cars and dog are all washed, plants all fertilized, have watched reruns of the reruns. Stir Crazy naaah. This too will pass and we all will be smarter, better prepared and will appreciate the small things we take for granted. **Just don't forget lessons learned.**

I know this. When this ends—
AND IT WILL—every game will sell out, every restaurant will have a 2-hour wait, every kid will be glad to be in school, everyone will love their job, the stock market will skyrocket, every other house will get TP'd, and we'll all embrace and shake hands. That's gonna be a pretty good day.

Hang in there, World.



Dear Abby makes Corvette News

Dear Abby: My husband retired four years ago. At first he seemed to enjoy not having to go to work. Then he got bored and needed something to do. For some reason, he bought an old Corvette to restore. I was supportive, until I found out it's an expensive hobby.

Finding and buying all the replacement parts costs money. He has been working on that car for 31/2 years now. As soon as he gets it ready to drive, something else breaks.

Meanwhile, he has bought four more old Corvettes "to work on." Our backyard looks like a junkyard. We haven't had a vacation since he retired, not even a weekend to the mountains.

He says we can't afford it, but he spends thousands on those cars. It has become an obsession for him, and it's "driving" ME crazy. Any suggestions?

Corvette Widow in the South

Dear Widow: Healthy couples discuss large purchases before making them. What your husband is doing is destructive to your relationship. **It almost seems as though he is using his hobby as a way of avoiding spending time with you.** My suggestion is that you and your husband find the money to consult a marriage counselor because what's going on is unfair to you. And if you need a vacation, consider taking one by yourself or **buy your hubby a new C8 !!**

Rendering of the Mid-Engine Camaro Could Be The Perfect sidekick To The C8 Corvette

With the mid-engine Corvette already a reality, could a similar version of its sibling, the Camaro, be far behind? We personally don't think Chevrolet would ever pursue such an option (and will be glad if it just survives into another generation in a few years), but it's still interesting to look at this rendering that takes the Camaro in a totally new direction, posted on [Carlifestyle's Facebook page](#).





March Minutes Continued-

Club meeting minutes deleted from this space.



"I didn't complete my report. I spent the entire weekend trying to explain to my dad how to use his Corvette's Bluetooth and GPS. I miss the days when all I had to do was set his clock."



Featured Members Alan and Debbie Fuller

Alan and Debbie Fisher are two of our newest members. Debbie was born in Seattle WA and grew up in Sultan WA. Alan was born in Davenport, Iowa and grew up in Sarasota, FL. They met while attending Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. Alan has a degree in aeronautical engineering. Debbie got her business degree from the University of South Florida.

Alan's profession created several moves for the Fullers including Cape Canaveral and Houston. Houston was the last stop before moving to Bend. Alan worked on the space shuttle and the space station. Debbie worked as the comptroller in various businesses.

Debbie enjoys quilting, yoga, cooking and reading. Alan has always enjoyed refurbishing cars and in fact has had 80 Corvettes over the years, fixing them up and then moving onto another Corvette project. He has also had BMWs and Porsches over the years. They currently own a 2004 Lemans Blue Z06 Commemorative Edition.

Debbie's mother and brother live in Prineville. Alan has a son in Graham WA.

We hope you enjoy your time with High Desert Corvettes.



Corvettes, Bringing People Together



Mr. and Mrs. Rich Morton

Friday, March 20, 2020, Rich Morton and Tess Burke “tied the knot” at Trout Lake Lodge, Trout Lake, Washington. Rich and Tess would have liked to invite club members they are close with to join them in this joyous occasion, but due to COVID-19 were only allowed 10 guests. Congratulations to the Morton’s.



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Hers



ACTIVITIES

APRIL

- 8 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – **Cancelled**
BEND
- 29 SOCIAL NIGHT – **Cancelled**

MAY

- 12 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING –MAZATLAN
REDMOND
- 17 PLASTIC FANTASTIC ALL CORVETTE CAR
SHOW, SAN DIEGO CA
- 21-25 RV CAMPOUT CASEY'S RV PARK
- 24-26 BIG SKY CORVETTE MEET – MISSOULA
MONTANA
- 27 SOCIAL NIGHT – PICKLED PIG BEND

JUNE

- 4-6 MONTEREY COAST CORVETTE
CRUISE EVENT
- 5-6 CORVETTES ON THE COLUMBIA
TRI-CITIES WASHINGTON
- 10 HDCC BUSINESS MTG.– PAPPY'S PIZZA BEND
- 5-6 HDCC TROUTLAKE, WA TRIP
FILLED-SEE ALTERNATE LODGING
- 13 HDCC/PORSCHE CAR SHOW-OUTLET MALL
- 13 CORVETTE CITY CRUISE – ROSEBURG, OR
MILWAUKIE, OR ELKS
- 24 SOCIAL NIGHT - TBD

JULY

- 4 JULY 4TH @ SISTERS AIRPORT
- 14 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – MAZATLAN
REDMOND
- 15-18 BLACK HILLS CORVETTE CLASSIC
SPEARFISH, SD
- 17-18 CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT
EAGLE CREST, REDMOND, OR
- 29 SOCIAL NIGHT = TBD

AUGUST

- 11 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – TBD
- 22 PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES
CORVETTES ON THE BAY – NO. BEND
- 26 SOCIAL NIGHT – TBD
- 28-30 SEA TO SKY WHEELS & RAILS
SQUAMISH/WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

SEPTEMBER

- 8 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – TBD
- 30 SOCIAL NIGHT – TBD

All of the above events are subject to change. Check with Don Ginter regarding HDCC events and the event coordinator for other than HDCC events.



Featured Members

Ken and Leanne Kaster

Ann was born and grew up in Klamath Falls. Ken was born and raised in Portland Oregon. Ken's son and Ann's son went to the same high school and introduced them. Ken has a daughter and two sons. Ann has two sons and between the they have nine grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Ken has a business which builds parts from models primarily for the foundry and oil industry. His son operates the business now and Ken is on hand for trouble shooting. Ann worked in the graphic arts industry for many years.

Both share the same interests in hobbies which include HDCC, golf, skiing and hiking. Ken also has a plane which they enjoy together.

Ken previously owned a 1990 Corvette. They currently have a C6 which was one of ten grand sports produced in 2013. Interesting that it is a LT4 which has a totally leather interior and the car is equipped with all options for the year.

Ken and Ann have been members of HDCC for a number of years and have been active in many club activities.





GM Cancels C8 Corvette Training for Techs and Sales People at Spring Mountain Over Coronavirus Concern

General Motors appears to be taking the proactive approach by limiting employees' risk of exposure to the coronavirus as larger gatherings are now being canceled. Once we saw that Cadillac canceled the much-anticipated Lyric EV reveal scheduled for April 2nd in Los Angeles, it appears the writing is on the wall in terms of GM scaling back its participation in live events even if it means delaying the reveal of their new EV platform.

For Chevrolet dealerships to be [qualified for C8 Corvette sales and service](#), they have to purchase the required tools (\$1,500), complete the training, and then send a salesperson out to Spring Mountain for \$3,500. Dealers can also elect to be a signature dealer which allows them to send a service manager or technician as well.

Currently, All Ron Fellows Performance Driving Schools will go on as scheduled at Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club. Should anything change, we'll have it for you.

Here's a Corvette SUV Rendering We Can Get Behind!

Thoughts From The Past

Back in the day, when we had our pictures taken for the high school yearbook you got one, maybe two pictures taken and if they didn't turn out very good, tough, that's what went in the yearbook. Things have changed a little. Now days they do what is called "Senior Sessions". Our daughter Anne is a professional photography in the south Seattle area and relayed the picture below to me. Seems the young man pictured wanted his pictures taken with an exotic car and chose a 2019 Corvette C7. His father rented the car for a day. This was a bit surprising to me as it seems that kids these days are more interested in technological gadgets rather than cars. As long as the wheels turn, they are happy. The "sessions" take about two hours so you can bet dear old Dad took the C7 out for spin or two around the block, burned some rubber and lived the life!!





Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8's Are Arriving In Customers' Garages But Nationwide We Are Dealing With The Way More Important Corona Virus Pandemic

Most important is the health of our country and its families. The virus had a specific C8 consequence of temporary cessation of production — but that we know that is small in comparison to the significantly more important corona virus crisis. As a start, GM is assisting in our nation's fight against the virus: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/general-forums/wheeled-transportation-section/128860-gm-assisting-in-ventilator-production-in-conjunction-with-key-partners>

Of course Corvette related, the virus already bshut down Bowling Green Assembly (BGA) plant. Here is GM's press release announcing at least a short term shutdown: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/127660-2020-a-short-run>

During the current BGA shutdown, the completed C8's were transportation backlogged there, here's some good news: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/128641-2020-corvettes-will-continue-shipping-from-the-plant-to-dealers-during-shutdown>

At this time, BGA is currently scheduled to resume on April 6th...

It is so exciting that after 60 years, no more talk and now we have action, that some C8 are now being driven by owners, including one on a 2,400 mile cross country road trip already.

For those who are still enjoying seeing many media videos from GM's "C8 First Drive" that I attended, thanks to Jeremy Welborn for creating in one place a complete collection of the C8 being driving both on great country roads and then one day later on Spring Mountain Motorsports Resorts tracks: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/114921-2020-corvette-first-drive-program-media-videos-all-in-one-place>

GM is wanting C8 owners to have multiple ways to learn about this car, and to that end, GM is very soon sharing 24 new videos to help you learn more about your car and its operations. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/113937-24-new-gm-c8-videos-coming-real-soon-to-help-us-learn-more-better-operate-our-c8's>

While waiting for your C8, here's a link to get you directly to its Owners Manual. 335 pages of reading and information, and then next link and info to four other GM C8 manuals: <https://my.chevrolet.com/content/dam/gmownercenter/gmna/dynamic/manuals/2020/chevrolet/corvette/2020-chevrolet-corvette-owners-manual.pdf?fbclid=IwAR04LMqSCbS8FhiGhUquS64k618cd8MoHvH2oWGloF0bCCUSRHpUv0Rawg>
<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/118232-more-c8-manuals>

Like to learn about the mid engine Corvette's engineering? Don Sherman wrote a gem of an article from the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE): <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/123330-sae-engineering-the-chevrolet-corvette-s-first-ever-mid-engine-architecture>

We are starting to see a few visible carbon fiber aero systems, option 5VM, show up installed on a very few new Sting-rays (as it was massively constrained). Here is close up in a wonderful video of that option's splitter and side rockers as done by ACS Composite: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/121571-5vm-visible-carbon-fiber-ground-effects-unboxed-video>

Consequently, we are starting to see many install C8 accessory install videos. Here's one on converting the Z51 standard spoiler to a high wing and then some more detailed ones. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/125360-install-video-brake-ducts-underbody-shields-splitter>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/128307-diy-c8-5vm-splitter-install-instructions#post128877>

Pictures From The Past

The Sawyer Party and Rib Cook Off.



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<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/128392-diy-c8-5vm-rocker-install-instructions>

As we deal with current extreme medical times, we thank all who assisting others, and like you we understand that while Corvettes are important to us, especially those awaiting their C8's, all this is less important than our country dealing with our nation's overriding problem of the virus and its consequences on growing millions of us, either medically and/or financially. Thank you for reading. John Elegant

