



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter October 2020

President's Pondering II

Ok, I get it, everyone loves Sparkling Central Oregon, but give us a break for once. First the COVID-19 lock down and now the wildfires, all are mind boggling. Thank goodness the smoke has cleared and some rain has come our way.

We have had some difficult challenges regarding meeting locations, but we, as a group, are very proud of everyone for stepping up. Last month Barry & Christine Larson hosted the monthly meeting which really went well, along with the animals/pets.

This years Presidents Mystery Trip was enjoyed by 18 members (10 Corvettes), The boat ride (Sternwheeler) was a hoot as was the hotel that was built in 1921, including the original elevator and some authentic looking phones that actually worked.

Our activities Chair people are doing an outstanding job of adding more things to do in these trying times, and what a challenge. If you can think of anything to suggest please contact John & Sande.

Our latest members to join us are awesome: Dave & Lori Schneider (C7 LBR), Casey & Laurilea Gibbs (C7 LBR), Sam & Caroline Davis "Associate" members (C8 ??), along with Pete Olson (Glad to see him again).

So, for now, continue to be safe and practice social distancing. Hope to see you at a gathering soon.

This month's meeting will be hosted by Mike & Judy McClean at their Bend home. Look for a separate email with their address and map for directions.



“Love to research, expand your mind, keep your feet on the ground, but reach for the stars (and look up)” - Arnold Spielberg (Steven's dad)

Don Ginter

HDCC President



October Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Wilken
- 4 Phil Derr
- 18 Barry Larson
- 22 Helen Pendergraft
- 24 Dave Parman
- 27 Peewee Blackmore
- 28 Melonie Wilken
- 29 Ingrid Bongers

ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

13 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING -THE HOME OF MIKE AND JUDY MCCLEAN

31 HALLOWEEN PARTY AT RICH & TESS MORTON'S CLUB HOUSE. SEE EMAIL FROM SANDE FOR DETAILS

NOVEMBER

10 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING TBD

NO SOCIAL NIGHT

DECEMBER

NO BUSINESS MEETING

9 CHRISTMAS PARTY ASPEN LAKES



Ron Massey winner of the 50/50 Jackpot



John Shaw and Laurilea Gibbs won the dinners at the Chipolte Mexican Grill



President's Mystery Tour 2020





HDCC Business Meeting At the Larson's



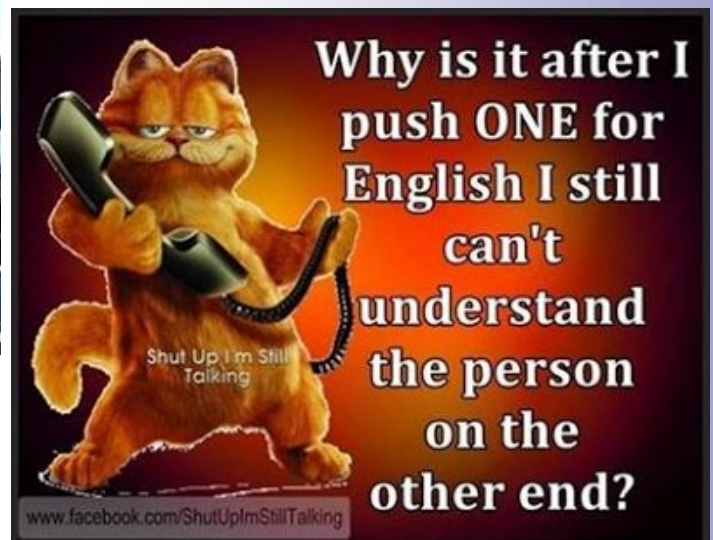
Highest Priced Corvettes Selling at Barrett Jackson.

- * 1971 Chevrolet Corvette ZR2 (\$495,000)
- 1969 Chevrolet Corvette L88 (\$495,000)
- 1969 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Convertible (\$577,500)
- 1957 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible (\$605,000)
- 1969 Chevrolet Corvette L88 (\$624,800)
- 1953 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible (\$660,000)
- 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Cutaway Coupe (\$1,100,000)
- 1968 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Owens/Corning Race Car (\$1,100,000)
- 1969 Chevrolet Corvette Number 57 Rebel Convertible Race Car (\$2,860,000)
- 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 (\$3,850,500)

Unsurprisingly, it looks as though the special option L88 is one of the most desirable high-dollar Chevy Corvette models sold at auction, which makes a lot of sense given the L88's performance chops and rarity.



If the tires start to slip you may want to let up on the gas





Featured Members Stan and Marian Schrank

Hello everyone from beautiful Wisconsin. We love it here. Both Stan and I were raised here. We met while I was going to college in Whitewater Wisconsin and he was working in a gas station. Some friends of mine told me that Stan wanted to go on a date with me and I told them that he needed to call me. He did and that's how our life began together. After about 6 years, we moved to San Diego where we had our two children. We have four grandchildren whom we love very much. After 20 plus years, we moved to Bend for about 12 years where we enjoyed all of you so very much. We are currently living in a beautiful basement of a home in Reedsburg Wisconsin where my daughter and her two kids live upstairs. It works out great. Stan originally got his first Corvette in 2004 which is the one that you have all seen. He now has a 2017 z51 Red Corvette convertible. It's beautiful. We belong to a Corvette club here which is very informal

- They have a club meeting once a year which is how informal they are. However they get together about once a month to Caravan someplace and then have dinner. Everyone is very nice. By the way, we try to make it to Bend for the monthly meetings, but we start out and after a day of driving, we have to turn around and go back home to Reedsburg, as the Corvette meeting is already over. Perhaps we should consider flying next time..... hope all of you are staying well and soon will be able to have more activities.
- Love all of you. Stan and Marian.





More Corvette Statistic 1983—2020

Year	units	
1983	0	This model year was cancelled , and all corvettes produce this year were serialized as 1984. or destroyed. Featured L69 HO 305 with 200 hp
1984	51547	Fourth generation C4 begins hatchback body; digital instrumentation; L83 350 continued from 1982 with 205 np instead of a L69
1985	39729	More powerful and fuel efficient L98 350 introduced with 230 hp
1986	35109	First convertible since 1975. Third brake light, antilock brakes, and key-code anti-theft systems are new. The L98 350 continued with 230 hp
1987	30,632	Callaway twin-turbo offered through dealers with GM warranty. The L98 350 had 240 hp
1988	22789	New wheel design; all white 35th anniversary special edition coup. The L98 350 continued with 240 hp
1989	26412	ZF 6 speed manual replaces Doug Nash 4+3 ZR-I is introduced with DOHC LT 5 engine. Interior redesigned to incorporate driver's side air bag.
1990	23646	Restyled exterior; last year for the Calloway B2K twin turbo.
1991	20639	New LT I engine replaces the L98; Traction control is standard.
1992	20479	Passive keyless entry is standard; 40th Anniversary special edition in Ruby Red.
1993	21590	
1994	23330	New interior including passenger airbag; LT I engine gains mass air flow metered SFL
1995	20742	Last year of the SR I; minor exterior rustling; Indy Pace Car special edition offered.
1996	21536	Optional LT 4 engine with 330 hp. Collectors Edition and Grand Sport special editions. First year with OLD II diagnostics.
1997	9752	Fifth generation (C5) begins LS I engine is new; the hatchback coup is the only body style offered
1998	31084	Convertible C5 debuts with the first trunk in a Corvette convertible since 1962 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car replica offered. Active Handling System introduced.



TSB Seems To Fix 8-Speed Automatic GM Transmission Problems

We've covered the problems of the eight-speed [GM](#) transmission on numerous occasions. In fact, we cover a [class action lawsuit](#) brought against GM back in April, [complaints from owners](#), and even [a recommendation](#) that GM replace the eight-speed altogether with a new unit as quickly as possible. Now, *GM Authority* has learned that there's a new fix that seems to be alleviating the eight-speed's shifting woes outright.

As of July 8th, 2019, GM began using a new type of Mobil 1 automatic transmission fluid for the troublesome transmissions. Customers that complain of shuddering and harsh shifting characteristics in the 8-speed GM transmissions are recommended for a trans fluid flush. As of August 7th, GM dealers should also be flushing all potentially affected new vehicles on the lot.

According to TSB (Technical Service Bulletin) 18-NA-355, the latest update addresses "torque converter clutch (TCC) shudder conditions on [8L45](#) and [8L90](#)" eight-speed automatic transmissions, RPO codes M5N, M5T, M5U, and M5X. Affected vehicles include Chevrolet, GMC and Cadillac vehicles, as follows.

Chevrolet

2015 – 2018 [Chevrolet Silverado](#) 1500
2015 – 2019 [Chevrolet Corvette](#)

2016 – 2019 [Chevrolet Camaro](#)

2017 – 2019 [Chevrolet Colorado](#)

GMC

2015-2017 GMC Yukon
2015-2018 GMC Sierra 1500

2015-2019 GMC Canyon

The issues with the 8-speed GM transmission are two-fold. First, some customers report the transmission shuddering frequently. Secondly, the shifts are very harsh between first to second, and then second down to first, especially when accelerating and the transmission is upshifting or decelerating and the transmission is downshifting. These conditions are most commonly observed under light and medium throttle applications, and as often during full throttle applications.

However, a new fluid flush appears to fix the issues, with some customers beginning to report a dramatic change in shift quality after swapping out the old juice. If the flush doesn't fix the issue, the next step may be to replace the torque converter, which could be glazed.

The issue seems to stem from "moisture content in the transmission fluid." As such, the old GM transmission liquid is swapped for new Mobil 1 Synthetic LV ATF HP fluid. Driving the vehicle for about a week or so improves shift quality even further as the new fluid cleans things up inside the transmission and the adaptive shift algorithms relearn various parameters.

Keep an eye ball on this issue because the fix may not be the fix. There apparently is a class action law suit against GM on this issue.



Year	units.	Corvette Statistics continue
1999	32270	Less-expensive hardtop coup is offered
2000	33682	Newly styled alloy wheels debut.
2001	35627	Hardtop coupe body style becomes top-performance Z06, utilizing the new LS6 engine and suspension improvements; Second-generation active handling system becomes standard equipment on all models; slight (5 hp) increase in base model engine power.
2002	35767	20 hp increase for the Z06
2003	35469	50th Anniversary Edition package offered for coupe & convertible base models; F5 Magnetic Selective Ride Control Suspension supercedes F45 Selective Ride control suspension.
2004	34064	24 Hours of Le Mans Commemorative Edition package offered for all models.
2005	37372	Sixth generation (6) begins; New body is first with fixed headlamps since 1962. No Z06 model and a late convertible introduction.
2006	34021	Z06 debuts; 6-speed automatic with paddle shift available on non-Z06 models.
2007	40561	6 speed automatic paddle shift delays are reduced drastically compared to 2006
2008	35310	Mild freshening, LS3 introduced, All leather interior added (4LT, LZ3)
2009	16956	ZRI model added , new "Spyder" wheels for Z06
2010	16956	Grand Sport Coup and Convertible added; replaces the Z51 performance package, launch control standard on MN6 models
2011	13596	Wheel choices are updated; Larger cross-drilled brake rotors available on Coup and Convertible, or included with F55 Magnetic Selective Ride Control. Z07 Package for Z06
2012	11647	Upgraded interior and new tires on the base model. A06 acquires full-length rear spoiler and carbon fiber hood as options. ZRI gets adjusted gears for better fuel economy, ZRI performance package introduced. Z07 performance package tweaked with new wheels.
2013	13468	Introduction of "427 Convertible" model with limited production run of 2552
2014	37288	Seventh generation (C7) begins/ All new styling, chassis and drivetrain. LT1 6162 cc 376 ci had 455 hp (460 hp with performance exhaust.)
2015	34240	C7 Z06 debuts with LT4 6162 CC 376 CI THAT HAD 650 HP 8L90 eight-speed automatic transmission now available for all models.
2016	40689	No changes
2017	32782	The C7 Grand sport was introduced with the LT1 in a Z06 body and chassis
2018	9686	No changes
2019	34822	The C7 ZRI was introduced with a LT5 6162 cc 376 ci that had 755 hp
2020	TBD	Eight generation (C8) begins; new chassis and body is first ever mid-engine corvette. New LT4 motor with 495 hp Z51 performance package. The C8 shares less than 5% of it's parts with the previous C7 generation.



Mid Engine Monthly Update: What's Now Happening In the C8 World? (John Elegant)

Bowling Green Assembly continues to crank out the C8's, especially starting recently with the second shift coming on board. Despite the constant struggle for BGA to get parts from all 400 of its C8-unique, worldwide, absolutely-necessary-critical parts suppliers, and we all knowing that doing without even one key part shuts down the line, the BGA team manages to hourly figure out how to maximize C8 production. With over 11,000 C8's built already, BGA is more than halfway there toward its stated process of getting all 20,181 status 3000+, 2020's built this year. Kudos to Bowling Green Assembly!



Want to know how and why some C8's are seemingly built before other orders which seems to be "entered first," thanks to Kai Spande and the National Corvette Museum we have lots of detailed information: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/189084-demystifying-the-build-and-order-process-ncm-anniversary-celebration-seminar>

What will the Z06 uniquely bring to the C8 table? The question is being hotly debated, including many conflicting media reports as to whether the motor will be naturally aspirated or twin-turbo'd. Lots of discussion and ideas here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/188880-your-five-top-c8-z06-characteristics>



Also entering the debate right now is whether there will be a hybrid-powered, AWD, Grand Sport starting in the 2023 model year. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/188779-awd-gs-hybrid-c8-in-2023>



The first HTC's are now being received by customers who are absolutely loving them. They look amazing, especially if you wish to see them in different stripe options: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/187823-htc-with-factory-installed-stripe>

Still not sure whether a coupe or a hard top convertible is for you? This excellent comparison video and analysis by Jeremy Welborn is for you: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/189880-video-2020-c8-corvette-htc-driver-review-plus-z51-vs-non-z51-review>

Or is the “standard” versus Z51 C8 part of your current “which C8 quandry? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/189880-video-2020-c8-corvette-htc-driver-review-plus-z51-vs-non-z51-review>

Another way to imagine the literally tens of thousands of C8 color/options for your 2021 would be to visit the GM 2021 visualizer. Here you can build an infinite number of combinations to determine what C8 would be best looking: <https://visualizer.chevrolet.com/ui?car-line=corvette&modelyear=2021&brand=chevrolet&language=en&country=US&channel=b2c>

If interested in over 7,500 other C8 topics, they are found here: www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com. If I ever could help you answer a specific question you have, please go to that link and private me there (“John”).