



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Hello to everyone! As your newly appointed club president, I would like to say wholeheartedly "I'm well aware I have some big shoes to step into, following the footsteps of amazing previous club presidents that have set the bar high for me!"

I am confident with a close eye and helpful guidance of our past leaders and current esteemed VP, that we will have another fun exciting year ahead.

I am sure we are all eager to get our Vettes out of storage and ready for the season, let's get some more plans on the calendar. We are busy lining up meeting locations for the months to come, hoping to be announced soon.

Now to get everyone eager for the upcoming HDCC season here is just a peek into what your club team is working on...your activities director Sande Burgess has several items already announced and to add to this is a tentative list of what we are working on.

Sampling of club activity options :ALL suggestions listed will be coordinated with our esteemed activities director Sande Burgess

Guest speakers at club meeting, including question/answer time!

Starting a teddy bear collection club donation program to our local Police Departments at our Christmas party. FYI: Police cruisers keep these Bears on hand for calls where young children are involved.

Washington 2-3 day wine tour
Oregon cave/Redwoods tour
Oregon Raceway Park, Grass Valley
K 1 Speed: Go carts and dinner at Worthy brewery pub after
Pickle Ball Zone and lunch after

CBB Afternoon Run * What is it you ask, we will set the date, meet up, you get to submit your best guess what "CBB" stands for, closest guess gets the prize and we're off for the run!

Multiple day runs: Old McKenzie River Run, Belknap hot springs, lunch
High Lakes cascade Hwy drive, with Cultus Lake BBQ
Afternoon drive ending up at Elk Lake music night & dinner
Drive and easy hikes to local waterfalls, Salt-creek Falls,

Benham Falls, and Several other outings in mind
Possibly, setting a 1st and 4th Sunday during June, July, & August
HDCC drive day runs

And several more items in the works.....as well as the President Mystery tour is already gathering speed, so to speak! I am looking forward to continued input/suggestions that you the club members are looking forward to including. Please continue those emails!

In closing, I promise not all my "Pondering's" will be this lengthy! I am looking forward to meeting everyone and continuing the stellar work HDCC is known for in our community. As well as making marvelous new memories through all our club adventures together!

Tess Morton
T-Gal
HDCC President





April Anniversaries

- 1 Chris & Jessica Andersen
- 5 Phil & Lynda Derr
- 7 Steve Taylor & Bev
Rodriquez
- 14 Jerry & Melanie Wilkins
- 24 John & Sande Burgess
- 24 Dave & Lori Schneider

April Birthdays

- 6 Marian Schrank
- 2 Marna Parman
- 10 Mike Broadley
- 12 Walter Bailey
- 19 Gary Silence
- 20 Pat Welsh
- 23 Jorge Reyes

Did you know you are Privileged?

Oregon has a tax of one half of one percent of all cars purchased in or out of Oregon. This includes all new vehicles and used cars with less than 7500 miles and gross vehicle weight of 26000 lbs. This is called a privilege tax.

Can you say "Sales Tax"

HDCC Commemorative 30 Year Logo Options

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On The Lighter Side

I WENT BY THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN, AND ASKED IF I COULD GO IN AND LOOK AROUND. THEY SAID NO AND SLAMMED THE DOOR.



MY PARENTS CAN BE SO RUDE.

WHEN YOUR RUNNING 95



AND HEADLIGHTS ARE GETTING CLOSER BEHIND YOU



Ohhh...Undress me with your words.

There's a spider in your bra.

-Relax David it's just a small surgery, don't panic.

-But doctor my name isn't David...

-I know I am David





Activities

Here are some proposed activities for 2021. Of course club meetings and social nights will be added in.

April 28 Deschutes Junction Grill & Tap House Bend (limit 24 **full**)

May 13 - Lunch Trip to Point Restaurant Sweet Home Oregon

May 21-22 - Skeet Shoot Creswell

June Corvettes on the Columbia Usually first weekend in June but may be held
In September. Stay tuned for more information

June 25-27 - Trout Lake Trip

July 4 - Sisters Airport Fourth of July (tentative)

7/17 - Corvette/Porsche Car Show Bend Factory Stores

8/21-22 Long Beach Washington Kite Festival

8/26-29 Pendleton, Joseph/Wallowa Mountain Cruise & Car Show

9/TBA - President's Mystery Tour

10/30 - 2nd Annual Halloween Party

11/11 - Veterans Day Parade

Will also schedule a 3rd annual wine tour date TBA

We will probably also receive invitations to other Corvette Car Shows to include (as time goes by) **Remember due to COVID everything is tentative, will try to keep you up to date as we receive information**

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HDCC Feature Member and New President– Tess Morton

I was born in Eugene, Oregon and spent my formative years in that area. In the early 60's my parent purchased a large hardware store in the small town of Creswell, population 749 in 1962. I grew up helping/working in the store learning about the nuts and bolts of life. Little did I know how this knowledge would become so useful in my adult years.

Fast forward to my mid thirties, married and mom of 5, years flew by. In 1999 some close friends of ours had a C4 and new C5, they asked if we wanted to go on a corvette drive with the rose city corvette club driving their C4, we gladly accepted. Well that was the start of my love for Corvettes, plus I quickly realized corvettes only seat "two" not seven. Might be a good chance for just some adult time. The following month we went to Wentworth Chevrolet in Portland and ordered a 2000 Magnetic Red with a black top convertible C5! January 3, 2000, we received a call that they have received the first Millennium yellow 6 speed manual convertible C5 in Oregon, would we want this instead? YELLOW, Humm wasn't a fan of past years yellow, but agreed to come look at it. We brought it home that day, pretty yellow! We joined the Corvette club and that summer participated in the Rose City Corvettes track day at Portland international speedway. As a novice I needed a instructor to be my ride along, and a lovely gentleman that had brought his formula F Ferrari offered. This would have been great instructional opportunity if our helmets were equipped with a headset, but they weren't and there was no way to hear his instruction in a convertible with helmets on. In hindsight, he was such a brave sole to trust his life with this unknown novice behind the wheel as we reached a top speed of 126mph with no one being hurt! Not bad for this novice. Many great memories with that club.

So much so when I moved permanently to Bend and I knew I wanted to get back into driving my almost 20 year old vette, I looked up the local club and was elated to find the most wonderful welcoming group of individuals anyone could ever hope to find! I have since purchased (from an esteemed club couple) a gorgeous C7 Crystal Red Z51 convertible, and sold my old friend the C5.

As a relatively new member, as of April 2019, I have joined in on many meetings, drives and two Presidents mystery tours, and I can say I'm so excited for more fun unexpected adventure making new friends along the way! I might also mention (most of you already know) I also met a fellow club member "Rich", fell head over tea kettle for him and we were married at Trout Lake March of 2020 where we first laid eyes on each other the previous summer. Now we bring my Z51 and his gorgeous C7 Grand Sport together as one happy Vette family to the club!

Beep beep see you in the fast lane!
Tess





HDCC Featured Member– Rich Morton

A Native Oregonian who was born in Tillamook Oregon and moved up to Cannon Beach, Oregon. At the age of eleven my first paid job was guiding horses on Cannon Beach for a local Equine Ranch. Was paid .50 cent for each tourist ride I guided to Haystack Rock. Later moved to Seaside where I graduated. In my High School years is where I got into the car thing. Had a 1968 Dodge Coronet RT with all kinds of goodies under the hood. My most exciting race was with a guy of out of town who was in a Chevy SS. He had the right side I had the left side that dark night on the Hwy. After reaching a speed of 80mph car lights started coming my way as I was only ahead by a fender. My buddy said are you going to back off, No Way I replied and kept pushing on the pedal as the headlights came closer. I finally just past the Chevy and won the race as the headlights pasted on bye. The passing car lit up like a Christmas tree as sure enough it was a State Trooper. Keeping the pedal to the floor reaching speeds over 100mph that night and taking a quick turn off the highway we never saw the Trooper again. So my buddy and I stopped and got a beer from the case in the back seat and said to each other wow that was bitchin! Shortly after High School at the age of 18 my first job was logging. Logged in many different positions such as a Choker Setter, working behind a Caterpillar, and as a Powder Monkey who blew up stuff with dynamite. After 2years of logging I joined the Navy and was able to see all of Westpac overseas with two tours to Vietnam. One of my favorite memories was a trip up to Mt. Fuji in Japan. After 4yrs was honorably discharged and came home. Started an office position with Pacific Power and Light which lasted for twenty years after relocating to five other PP&L branch locations ending up in Redmond. My first Corvette was a C5 Coupe which I had a lot of fun times with the HDCC including a trip to Mount Rushmore, Cody WY. and through Yellowstone. My next car was my C7 Grand Sport Long Beach Red which I drive today. I am currently working in the field of Telecommunications selling phone systems, voice and internet services to commercial businesses throughout Oregon. As some of you may know I recently married last year to my lovely wife Tess who has a beautiful C7 Crystal Red Z51 Convertible and who recently accepted the position of President for our HDCC.





Don't Knock This Four-Door Chevy Corvette C3 Until You Buy It

There has always been one drawback of buying a Chevrolet Corvette over a [Porsche 911](#), it's been the Chevy's lack of a back seat. Because of that, it's simply not a sports car you can share with more than one family member at a time. It's not a problem one has to take sitting down, though, because someone in Nevada is selling their custom-built, family-friendly Corvette, which has proportions not unlike the [Batmobile](#), and most importantly of all, a back seat.

Listed for sale on [Facebook Marketplace](#), this Corvette sedan was apparently constructed in 1990 from a pair of late-production C3s, likely Canada-market models going by the metric speedometer. Its builder appears to have mated the two cars at their cabins, switching out the rear's buckets for a split-bench seat, which looks to have space for three (though likely belts for only two). Being a custom job that seems to have seen its share of car shows, it features only the finest in-car entertainment imaginable at the time: an RCA CRT television that blocks the rear-view mirror.

Grubby upholstery, bubbling window tint, and a rear wing that at some point went missing disguise what's said to be a car otherwise in strong shape. Its seller claims its 350-cubic-inch V8 and unspecified automatic transmission (a three- or four-speed) have a mere 1,600 miles on them, and that the car runs and drives just fine. Rolling around on new tires, it's hypothetically ready to drive straight home.

It's yours for only \$12,9000.00



2020 C8 Corvette Barn Find



Actor James Garner (Maverick, Rockford Files) once fielded a team of three 1968 Corvette L88s for racing and one of them is now for sale on eBay for \$777,777. .





Mid Engine Monthly Update: Lots Of C8 News (John Elegant)

It is exciting that several upcoming several C8 models are now being tested. We think this is the E-Ray: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/250891-camouflaged-c8-corvette-prototype-driveway-find>



Thanks to “Corvette_Ron_Himself” for capturing pictures of a C8 mule, one showing bigger tires than even those on the 755 HP, 2019 ZR1 — both diameter and width, e.g. 345/R20/25’s: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/249469-345-25%E2%80%99s-confirmed-by-corvetteblogger>

We also saw in an earlier AutoBlog article a picture of a front tire of a mule being a 275/30/20. Wonder what upcoming C8 model is going to need those massive tires? While we have seen this before thanks and credit to Don Sherman @ Hagerty, here is what he said a year ago, repeated this past month as the progression of upcoming C8 models: 2022 Z06 with 650HP & 600 TQ; 2023 Grand Sport (E-Ray) with 600 HP & 550 TQ; and the 2024 ZR1 with 850 HP & 825 TQ.

The 2021 model year appears to be a short one based on an internal GM schedule. The very last week of production as currently scheduled is July 19th. However, in a recent great Corvette Nation podcast, Harlan acknowledged it could be a little later but then added nowhere near as late as 2020 production was. It is always fun to listen to Harlan. In the podcast we learned within his response to a specific question by a MidEngineCorvetteForum member which was, “what also besides the PDR did you push for in the last two generations?” He responded the “hard top convertible was something I presented as a C8 proposal in 2013.” Thank you Harlan! Whereas in C7 and earlier Corvette generations the convertible was about 20% of customer orders, it has C8 doubled: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/245769-it-s-here-harlan-charles-answers-your-questions-on-the-corvette-today-podcast>

<https://anchor.fm/steve-garrett/episodes/CORVETTE-TODAY-46-Harlan-Charles--Corvette-Product-Manager--Answers-YOUR-Questions-About-Corvette-er100d>



There will be three replacement colors for 2022, a new orange, gray and a brown; that is based on two European Corvette dealership sites: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/243930-here-are-the-internal-gm-names-of-the-new-exterior-colors-for-the-2022-corvette>

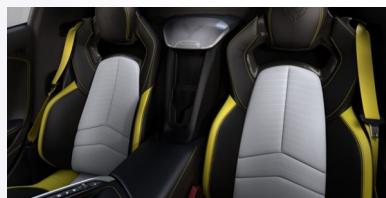
Perhaps as GM did once during the C7 generation for Corvette Racing Yellow, when they used the C7.R to “advance present” a following model year customer color, did GM just do this again with “Hypersonic Gray Metallic” being on both of the C8.R’s that raced at Sebring??? Here’s more info and one of many pictures within the thread:



As GM announced last fall, at the beginning of this calendar year they were going to make right hand drive models for overseas shipment. RHD’s were recently caught testing here. The first batch of about 300 are heading to Japan, later some to Australia and to England: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/240369-right-hand-drive-c8's-spotted-testing>

It is good news that a C8.R is entered in some WEC Endurance races in Europe to prepare for the 24 Hours of LeMans (even though we just saw the LeMans race has been Covid postponed until August). Glad to see Oliver Gavin is going to be back in the driver’s seat for one of the WEC Endurance races), for the SPA World Endurance Challenge race: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/250858-after-sebring-c8-r's-will-go-to-spa-with-driver-thoughts-on-lemans>

If you have yet to see the striking 2021 Sky Cool Gray and Strike Yellow interior:



As our weather starts to improve for most, we are heading for many miles of Corvette driving smiles. And as many are getting their Covid shots, that too will bring more of us out

for larger numbers of Corvette fun times. I am always available to “talk” with you via a private message to John at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com.

May you stay safe!

Thank you John Elegant.