



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Hello to all our fellow corvette-mates! July was an amazing fun month, now hang onto your steering wheels, because the next three months are going to be even more exciting!

First a quick recap of July! The 3rd annual Porche/Corvette car show was knocked out of the park, thanks to all the countless hours and thousands of loose ends meticulously handled by Don and Dee Ginter. Many of you have NO idea how much time, effort and energy it takes to pull off an event of this size so seamlessly as these two continue to do for the club. Plus, there are many other volunteers that need to be recognized, in fact, too many to mention, but I know this club is outstanding and all that everyone does to help support one another!

For all who were able to join the club's 30th anniversary potluck, a HUGE thank you to everyone who came to make this truly a wonderful evening. I personally, as well as I'm sure everyone attending, enjoyed meeting some new members and members who we may not have had the pleasure to meet yet. The evening was filled with great friends, food, fun raffle and 50-50 game. It truly was an evening to remember. I hope those who are unable to attend have a chance to view the wonderful slideshow that John, Dee and Rich all contributed to.

And now to briefly remind each and every member, there is so much coming up in August, September and October that has been months in the making, **so PLEASE**, if you can attend our monthly meetings, do come! If you are unable, please be sure to read the newsletters that will follow, you are not going to want to miss anything! **Continued on page 5**



HCC Events

8/11 HDCC Business Meeting Pour House Grill, 4:00PM COHD, Dinner 5:00

This is on Wednesday August 11th

8/ 13-14 Wine Tour

8/24 Social Night Boneyard Pub **This is a TUESDAY not Wednesday**

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

9/9 &10 Corvettes on the Columbia

10/ 6 & 7 - President's Mystery Tour

10/30 - 2nd Annual Halloween Party

11/11 - Veterans Day Parade



Barbara Adessio won the 50/50 Jackpot. \$80.00 Congratulations and welcome to HDCC

Anniversaries

8/5 Bob & Pat Welsh

8/7 Bill & Annie Scheaffer

8/7 Bill & Debbie Scherrer

8/11 Jorge Reyes

Birthdays

8/2 Suzanne Maitland

8/3 Henry McDonnell

8/5 Jean Krehbiel

8/6 Frank Gibson

8/13 Judy McClean

8/14 Bill Scherrer

8/14 Caroline Fournier

8/22 Dale Kirehbiel

8/22 Mike Sawyer

8/23 Karen Reyes

8/27 Tim Mangan

8/29 Dean Cowell

Casey Gibbs July 1st



President's Message Continued

Our next August meeting is in Bend! Please note it will need to be on WEDNESDAY, August 11th, due to the Pour House Grill 61276 S. Hwy 97 Bend, is not open on Tuesday!

Please note: The COHD meeting will convene at 4:00, social/dinner 5:00-6:00 and club meeting at 7:00.

PMT (Presidents Mystery Tour) sign up sheet information, if you are in the first who 5 signed up, you will be receiving an email with prepayment of lodging details. *It will be important for you to respond within the time frame given in the email*, as we do have a waiting list to fill any vacancies. I won't be able to hold spots if not paid for, and if for any reason someone has committed, but needs to change, there will be a deadline for this change.

Lastly, I discovered there will be a celebration of Pioneer Days in Shaniko this year on August 6, 7 and 8th. The Historic car barn, hotel, ice cream parlor and several other town activities will be available to enjoy. Rich and I are offering to lead an informal group of interested club members to Shaniko, on Saturday August 7th, meeting at 9:30am at the Walmart Supercenter 300 NE Oak Tree Ln, in Redmond and leaving at 10:00am. I am planning to schedule a lunch outing for our group on our way back. **Please contact me by text with your name & number of people by Wednesday August 3rd if you want to be included.**

Because of recent events, I need to state, only add your name to the list indeed going to show up, as making reservations for the numbers in a challenging as we are all aware. Once committed, no shows, or very last lation creates a mess to accommodate changes with Restaurant's. I truly your help and understanding!

if you are group is very minute cancel- appreciate

Let's get out and make the most of the next three months of fun in the sun!

Tess Morton T-Gal HDCC President



CORVETTE—PORSCHE CAR SHOW

The car show was a great success. Lots of people stopped by to view the cars. There were 25 cars from each club. There were three food truck vendors which were very busy. Don and Dee Ginter as well as other volunteers did great work in pulling this together. Thanks to all who helped out.



1st Place Gary Diefenderfer



2nd Place Chuck Thomson



3rd Place John Shaw



Best Hot Dog - ACME Hot Dogs

The most valuable Corvettes from C1 to C6



C1 (1953-1962) 1953 in Excellent Condition = \$224,000.00



C4 {1984-1996} 1996 GS Convertible Excellent condition \$48,000.00



C2 (1963-1967) 427/430HP Excellent Condition 2.5 million



C5 (1997-2004) 2003 Corvette Anniversary Pace Car Excellent condition \$33,000.00



C3 {1968-1982} 1969 427/430 Hp Excellent condition \$556,000.00



C6 (2004-2013) 2013 Corvette ZR1 Excellent Condition \$71,000.00

Information taken from Hagerty News Letter



30th Anniversary of the High Desert Corvette Club

As you know HDCC just past a milestone with the 30th anniversary of the club. Rich and Tess Morton opened their home for the party. They did all of the set up and organization for the event. What a great success it was. We met new members and old members who had not attended a HDCC event in the past. Such a beautiful setting for a party. The cake was fantastic and had to be a supreme effort by the cake maker. Thank you Tess and Rich for your efforts, this was fantastic and we all appreciate your efforts.





Ron Fellow Corvette Driving School

Bill and Debbie Scherrer, Sande and I attended the Ron Fellows Driving School in July. Many club members have already been to this so won't go into detail other than to say it is still a great experience. We drove our cars to Pahrump, NV but of course did not put them on the track. It was really hot, averaging between 112 & 115 degrees.

Two important factoids I learned at the school and want to share with you:

Number 1

Driving your Vette in "track mode" on the streets can crack your wheels if you should hit a pot hole. These modes go back a generation or two so just be careful

Number 2

The insulating material on the magnetic ride is soy based so the mice like to eat it. They suggested rapping it in tin foil to avoid this problem. May not apply to all but is an issue with C8 both front and rear shocks.

Debbie and Sande did a ride along with the instructors and said it was a thrilling experience





The National Corvette Museum Delivers Its 14,000th Corvette

Back in 1995, the National Corvette Museum started teaming up with the nearby Corvette Assembly Plant for a special new car delivery program with the option code of R8C. Twenty-six years later, on July 2, the Museum celebrated a milestone by serving their 14,000th R8C customer. The lucky customers were John and Gina Engel, first-time Corvette owners who picked up their Red Mist coupe after traveling to Bowling Green from their home in Omaha, Nebraska for the occasion.

Since the Corvette is such a special car, the Engels wanted to make their delivery just as special so they opted for the [\\$995 R8C option](#) available through all Chevy dealers.

During their Museum visit, all R8C Delivery customers are given a VIP guided tour, a quality orientation, a thorough delivery presentation of their new Corvette, and even more.

The Engels were impressed with their experience, noting that having a delivery host walk them through the car was "so nice" and made them feel "more comfortable" about handling their 2021 Corvette themselves.





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Mid Engine Monthly Update: Major New C8 News (John Elegant)

Chevy officially confirmed the C8 Z06 will be revealed this fall with this as a 2023 model. They also shared its emblem and a video of its flat plane crank DOHC motor.. There is more info here including a link to the sound clip they revealed; listen to it scream in the 8,000 to 9,000 RPM range when wound out:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/290427-gm-officially-confirms-z06-with-short-video>

Additionally component info about the Z06's is also found here about its exhaust and its tires: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/290687-more-z06-news-thanks-to-musclecars-trucks>



Credit to this rendering goes to GM Authority

We are oh so close to the 2022's starting to be officially ordered. Dealers have gotten their allocations for the beginning of the 2022 production cycle and customer orders will have been matched with those allocations, and now or within a week those orders will have become at least status 2000, meaning formally GM accepted, with a GM commitment to build that specifically optioned vehicle for that specific customer. Best information we have to date is that the 2021 model year will end production the week of September 6th and that the 2022's production would start immediately afterwards. However, might the 2021 ending September 6th production week slip one more — for GM has committed in writing that they will build every status 3000, 2021 Stingray? That is yet unknown

Tracking C8 production so far, the 2020 model year Bowling Green Assembly (BGA) plant created 21,626 vehicles and while the exact number of 2021's is not yet known, we believe it will be around 26,750. Estimates for 2022 production vary all over. My best calculation is that we will see around 31,000 C8 Stingray's produced, and perhaps/hopefully that number could even be 33,000 units. How come 2022 will not in all probability be a 40,000 unit year that we all desire? The sad answer which we just received from Tadge Juechter is that 2022 will have production issues also, for as fast as supply chain problems are resolved, our remembering that there are 400+ unique C8 suppliers, those suppliers will continue to suffer their own supply chain interruptions, e.g., in their getting their ingredient components necessary to make C8 parts that they then ship to BGA. Tadge noted that "as soon as we solve one supply chain issue, another one unfortunately comes up," calling this BGA's daily "Whack-A-Mole." More information at the link, but while IMO while production of C8's is going up year after year (thankfully), 2022 will not be one "green light." There is one more compounding issue for we have known for a while that GM wants to return to its traditional ending of the Corvette production year just before the July 4th weekend, giving BGA employees that holiday week off, combining it with retooling for the next model year, and then starting the new year's production roughly around the middle of July. If this were to again happen, this would be the third production-length-shortened C8 year in a row.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/289169-2022-will-have-production-issues-too>



To assist those who wish to order their 2022, here are some links:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/283865-2022-corvette-order-guide-is-now-available>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/287533-full-2022-c8-pricing-data-here>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/283865-2022-corvette-order-guide-is-now-available>

<https://visualizer.chevrolet.com/ui?carline=corvette&modelyear=2021&brand=chevrolet&language=en&country=US&channel=b2c>

We were all disappointed we have to wait another year for the Z06 for it was only one year until the C6 Z06 debuted, only one year until the C7 Z06 debuted, but now it will be a year-four C8. So as we look forward, we can use recent Corvette history to help us learn what could well be the C8 Z06's interior differences from the C8 Stingray: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/289103-c8-z06-interior-changes>

A perennial Corvette talking point, of course reinforced by the famous book, "All Corvettes Are Red," is that the color of your Corvette has a lot to do with its re-sale value? Is there a reason why we have the phrase "re-sale red" or is that another urban legend? Thanks Hagerty.com for being it original source <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/287770-corvette-color-premium>



Massive news, a major surprise that the # 1 Corvette dealership for the past three decades is no longer. Bye-bye Kerbeck. Enter Ciocca (pronounced see-oh-KA). Ciocca, which already have been in the dealership business for many years, has said that nothing will change, e.g., starting with Dave Salvatore remaining as its Corvette Leading Specialist and most important to its 2021, 2022 and beyond customers, no business practices are changed!

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/283542-ciocca-purchases-kerbeck>

Tadge Juechter just announced that with the exception of a "little assistance" to Callaway, GM will not assist powertrain tuners to modify the ECU and other components. You can read those details here.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/286968-gm-will-not-assist-aftermarket-tuners>

So as we digest the major news at this time that the Z06 has been confirmed as a 2023 model, we still await its reveal date and specific timing. Thanks GM for the Z06 teaser video and for confirming the reveal will be sometime this fall. GM also committed that at its reveal event they will share the Z06's availability once it starts to be manufactured (again which we currently BELIEVE would be around August or September of next year)

In the interim, we are all so fortunate to have Corvettes to drive for as well all know, it does not matter which one(s) we have, but that we are lucky to have one to drive at all. Please be safe and enjoy your many miles of Corvette driving smiles.

John Elegant