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President's Ponderings

Hello and welcome to February already!

As this new year gets underway I think we all are ready for some fun and new adventures! I know Rich and I are excited for this year to get underway with our tires on the road!

Speaking of which, we will start out with a Memorial Weekend RV Rally at Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville, OR. Our 12 RV spots have been spoken for, but I can include anyone who would like to be on the waitlist. If you do not have an RV, you are welcome to join us there by reserving a yurt or tiny cabin. Call or go online to make your booking. We will be there May 26-30, leaving on the 31st! It's going to be an action filled weekend!

I know Sandy and John Burgess will delight us with many excursions and activities this year, so stay tuned!

Please mark your calendar:

Our February 8th (Tuesday) meeting will be held at The MAZATLAN Mexican restaurant in Redmond.

March 8th (Tuesday) meeting will be held at The Pour House Grill in Bend.

* The COHD group meets at 4:00, dinner/social 5-6:00, and business meeting 6-7:00

Both restaurants have a nice area for us to meet, so please come out and join in!

See you all soon!

Tess Burke-Morton





HDCC Scheduled Events 2022

2/8 HDCC Business Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant Redmond

COHD Business Meeting at 4:00 PM

2/22 HDCC Social Night Moose Sisters Restaurant Bend.

3/8 HDCC Business Meeting Pour House Bar & Grill Bend

Clay shoot Creswell Date TBA

5/27– 5/30 HDCC RV Retreat

5/28-30 Big Sky Corvette Meet, Whitefish MT.

7/15– 7/17 Corvettes on the High Desert

February Birthdays

2/1 Bob Welsh

2/8 Ramona Hidalgo

2/9 Brad Crement

2/12 Annie Sheaffer

2/20 Scott Cheney

2/22 George Bosy

2/24 Gary Diefenderfer

2/27 Terry Kingsfather

February Anniversaries

2/5 Fred & Jeannine Crowther

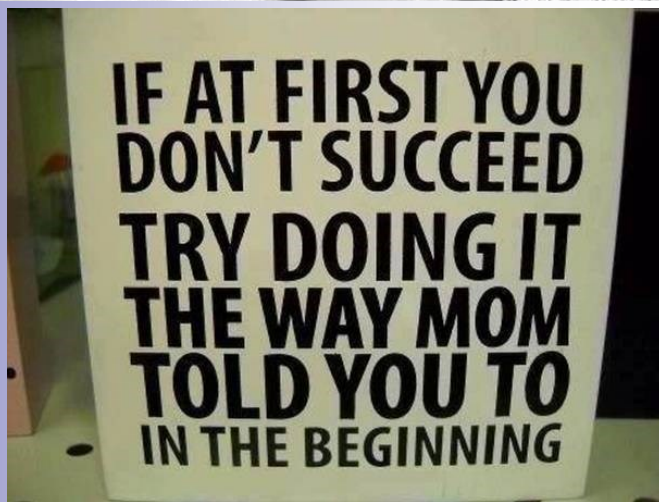
2/12 Scott & Ginger Foote

Top Ten Corvette Dealers

Dealer	State	Units
Ciocca/Kerbeck	NJ	1481
Maculkin	NH	1160
Creswell	MD	583
Bomin Chev	FL	534
Les Stanford	MI	492
Stingray Chev	FL	309
Rick Hendrick	GA	248
Coughlin Chev	OH	233
Bomin Chev	FL	232
George Matrich	MI	202

The only dealer in the Pacific North West was Evergreen Chevrolet in Issaquah WA at 52

On The Lighter Side





Jorge Reyes, shop foreman at Lithia Chevrolet-Cadillac Bend & HDCC Member presented Don Ginter with \$2,000.00 Sponsors check from Lithia.

Thank you Jorge and Don for all your efforts.

Election of Officers and volunteer positions

We are nearing the time of year where the club elects new officers and requests for people to take over volunteer positions. If you have a background that you think would work well for a particular position or even you would like to give it a try, please let your interest be known.

1970 Corvette Signed By Paul Newman Reviewed by PBS' Antique Roadshow

In a YouTube video posted last week, a guest shares the story of his [1970 Corvette coupe](#) that has an unusual story behind it. He explains to the appraiser that his red Stingray was the grand prize in a radio contest that sought to find out who could get the most famous celebrity to call in on their behalf.

Well, other contestants had stars like David Hyde Pierce and Kelsey Grammar, Whoopi Goldberg, and Rosie O'Donnell ringing up the radio station.

But the winner was this fellow who was working at the time for a catering company that was providing food for Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Annual Gala that raised money for his camp for kids with cancer.

"I asked my boss if I could ask (Newman), and he laughed and said, 'There's no way he'll do it for you, but go right ahead and ask.'"

Well, Newman remembered the fellow from years before at other catering events and agreed to call the station. Not surprisingly, Newman wound up being voted the most famous out of the 24 celebrities who ended up participating.

The story gets even better as the contest winner drove out to another Hole in the Wall Gang party that he was catering the next spring, and Newman agreed to autograph the dash of the Corvette. He even has photos showing the congenial star sitting in the driver's seat and signing the dash to prove it's authentic.

After the appraiser explains a brief history of the Corvette, she places an auction estimate of the car at \$18,000 to \$24,000, but, as she points out, "the reason we're here and talking is the Paul Newman value."

There's another side to Newman, she adds, "which I think even beyond his fame, beyond his philanthropy, increases the value even more for a celebrity, and it's the fact that he was a race car driver!"

"And he raced Corvettes," the owner of the Corvette interjects.

The appraiser believes the celebrity-signed car would bring \$30,000 to \$40,000 at an auction but cautions the owner that it would be wise to insure it for at least \$65,000.

From Corvette Blogger





CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT

COHD is a biennial event that the HDCC members organize. As you know, there was no event in 2020 because of COVID. The event is held at Eagle Crest Resort. The event consists of a car show, Friday evening welcoming and this year there will be games for attendees to participate. On Saturday evening there is a banquet and presentations of trophies. In past years there has been a raffle on Saturday and a live auction Saturday evening. This year there will be a silent auction Saturday evening. The main thrust of the event is to raise money for our charity.

The silent auction and the sale of grab bags appears be the only source of revenue. As the person responsible for the silent auction I am asking members to consider donation items for the auction. In the past we have had good response in this regard. I am listing below some items that have been donated in the past. These are NEW items.

All things related to Corvettes i.e. clothing, pictures, glass ware etc.

Golf course packages, sometimes combined with hotel/motel accommodations

Jewelry and jewelry boxes

Gift certificates for restaurants and spas.

Quilts

Consider approaching businesses you use for donations. If you have special skills that produce sellable items consider donating those as well.

This year are charity is the Veterans Ranch located south of Redmond. I visited the ranch a few days ago and I consider this a worthwhile organization but like many start ups they are struggling financially and could use our help.



Good News-Bad News

Corvette Assembly Plant Sets Single Day Production Record for C8 Corvettes

We always like to pass along good news when it comes our way and today's news is especially good for those Corvette enthusiasts whose orders for their new 2022 Corvettes are getting ready for production.

On Tuesday, the [Corvette Assembly Plant](#) completed the building of 197 new Corvettes which we believe is the single-day record for C8 Corvette production. The production team followed up that great news by producing 195 Corvettes on Wednesday. During normal times (yeah, when was that again?) the plant is set up to complete 184 Corvettes total or 92 per shift.

Corvette Assembly Plant Workers Reject Local Labor Contract, Strike Authorized

While the new [mid-engine Corvette Stingray](#) has been an overwhelming hit around the world, the men and women who build the new C8 Corvette for Chevy are saying, don't forget about us! Overcoming just about every imaginable obstacle placed in their path, including a labor strike, global pandemic, supply-chain issues, and even a tornado, these workers have nevertheless managed to produce tens of thousands of 2020-22 Corvettes at the Bowling Green, Kentucky assembly plant.

Since 2019, however, members of UAW Local 2164 in Bowling Green have been operating without a local contract, and last week they sent a strong message to management by rejecting an offer they say still doesn't address many of their ongoing concerns. In fact, 98 percent of Bowling Green production workers and 97 percent of its skilled trades workers turned down the offer from plant management.

We pretty much knew what the outcome would be," Jason Watson, shop chairman for Local 2164, told the Bowling Green Daily News. "It's disappointing that the company doesn't take into consideration what the hourly workers are asking for in improvements."

The union's recent rejection of the latest offer holds no immediate ramifications, but Watson **says a strike** is not out of the question eventually if the issues can't be resolved.



Mid Engine Monthly Update: 70th Anniversary 2023 Corvette Model & More (john elegant)

We continue to piece by piece learn more about the 2023 Corvettes. First came a major leak when on the Z06 visualizer, it showed the details of the 70th Anniversary Package. Credit to Jeremy Welborn and Jay Shellabarger for unearthing this while they were simultaneously Corvette visualizer surfing “imagine dreaming” their 2023 Z06’s. The details are now on the Corvette visualizer and below in GM’s official Press Release. Here it is split into its two unique color options, White Pearl Metallic or Carbon Flash.

That immediately brought up many questions including, will it also be offered on the 2023’s Stingrays. Yes, *the 70th Design Package will be available on every 2023 Corvette.* Here is its details/information:

70th Anniversary Edition Corvettes have a unique VIN sequence and include:

EXTERIOR:

White Pearl Metallic Tri-Coat with optional Satin Matrix Gray Stripes or Carbon Flash Metallic with optional Satin Black Metallic Stripes

70th Anniversary Exterior Badging – Flags and Side 70th badge

Edge Red Brake Calipers

70th Anniversary Wheel Center Caps

Carbon Flash Wheel with Edge Red Stripe

Carbon Flash Mirror and Spoilers

INTERIOR:

White Ceramic GT2 Seats with Red Stitching; Optional Competition Sport Seats

Red Seat Belts

Suede Interior Steering Wheel

70th Anniversary logo on Seats, Steering Wheel, and Sill Plates

ACCESSORIES:

Edge Red Engine Cover: Coupe Only

Rear Bumper Protector / Trunk Cover

Custom Luggage Set with Red Stitching and 70th Anniversary Logo

All 70th Anniversary coupes are coming standard with a different, LPO Edge Red engine cover. However, if you are getting a HTC Z06 but not a 70th Anniversary model, could you then go to your Chevy parts counter and get your LT6 manifold as an LPO dealer accessory in Edge Red? Why is this being asked? Please read below for how or why this could be interesting to HTC, Z06 owners.

One last at look at some 70th Anniversary Design pictures... Of particular note is that the seats, called by GM as “Ceramic” color, are the only color available for the Package, though one can choose either the GT2 seats or the competition seats. Lastly, to compliment the standard (and only) Edge Red calipers, all coupes come standard with the Edge Red engine cover for both the LT2 and the LT6.



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In what could be just an initial “shot across the bow,” GM’s President Steve Carlisle in writing warned all 2,911 Chevy dealerships that selling any new vehicle “FAR in excess of MSRP” reflected poorly on GM, that selling by any dealer to a broker violated GM franchise agreements, and third, that charging an additional deposit to secure a place on that dealer’s product specific waiting list was also not accepted. This was obviously triggered by where we have seen two horrible, every escalating dealer pricing practices. First, the number of dealerships selling Corvettes at MSRP has been steadily declining. Whereas when the Stingray was released less than 10% of all of dealers charged markup over MSRP; but now it could well be above 50%. Second, the amounts above MSRP have been exponentially increasing. We were aghast when a few dealers charged \$5,000 over for a Stingray the first month of its sales but now we are seeing some asking double or triple or even more than that over sticker. The situation is even worse for buying a Z06. As to the Z06’s ADM, we are seeing actual length contracts (not just the typical one page standard dealer purchase price agreements), requiring \$100,000 over MSRP, and similar to the Stingray, more and more numbers of dealers are demanding over sticker for the Z06. While such over MSRP Corvette dealers were initially infrequent in 2020 now are they as many as 2/3’s of all Z06 Corvette selling dealers demanding ADM?

For details of GM Steve Carlisle communication’s exact wording, please read the following link. But perhaps most importantly within that document was these exact words, “GM reserves the right to direct any vehicle allocation.” Lots of discussion and more details here:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/347484-gm-warns-adm-dealers>

Of course that sparked endless rounds of comments and speculation, the key ones centering on “what does FAR IN EXCESS OF MSRP” mean and will GM truly start to reduce 2023 Corvette allocations to dealers in violation of this memo? Does it mean as an example that a dealer could not experience GM’s allocation-reduction-hammer coming down when they charge \$5,000 over for a 2023 Stingray and \$15,000 over for a Z06? Or would anything over 10% over MSRP be that trigger, i.e., what would be GM’s allocation reduction trigger amounts? Over and over since the Carlisle communication, we have seen comments and questions in many auto media places, is GM serious about this, i.e., will they actually reduce allocations to offending dealers?

Changing to more positive news, this past month we saw a new copy of an internal GM communication to its dealerships on 2023 Stingray and Z06 initial allocation granting and production-starting timelines. While it clearly used the words, “estimated, subject to change,” these dates are pretty consistent with the first 2023 ordering timing memo that went out in November; also they are consistent with Tadge’s statement that customer deliveries including for Z06’s would begin this summer; and finally it reinforces some other internal information pieces factors we have learned. While it has many specific and important dates within that GM dealer 2023 order/production communication (all within the link below), the two standout ones are March 31st would be when the first 2023 orders with allocations are officially going to be received and accepted by GM, and, 2023 production start is currently scheduled to start 5/9 TPW’s

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/346040-gm-says-may-9th-2023-start-of-production-also-end-of-2022-production-plans>



The three Z06 aero choices continue to be complex for they involve different sub-choices and requirements. Below is how one can visually see and distinguish what first is the standard Z06's aero is; second, what differentiates the standard Z06 with its available "aero package" that is order-able on every standard Z06; and third, what are the aero components that are only available on the Z07's "aero track package." Of note, these GM aero component options are all packages; for at least for 2023, one cannot select "a la carte" — that the only choices are the complete package A, or B, or C. Adding the complexity is that the standard Z06 without selecting a single option aero or otherwise, comes with an additional customer-easily -installable with ten screws to do it, expanded duckbill spoiler so getting a standard Z06 without the aero package gives you two spoiler choices, the duckbill providing 386 pounds of downforce.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/342460-z06-z07-aero-component-differences-similarities>

Registration for the April 28th-30th National Corvette Museum opened up recently. The agenda is still being worked on but as Harlan mentioned a while back, the new 2023 Stingray components/options will be presented there — and Z06's will be there for folks to sit within it. As is usual, the top members of the Corvette team will be there to make Z06 Technical presentations.

Registration: <https://webservices.corvettemuseum.org/Client/Login.cfm>

A very interesting side development is going on regarding HTC's. There are now two ways, one is which already reality and the second one is undergoing refinements for a promised aftermarket production in the next two months, and that is to provide a way for an HTC owner to show off their motor at a cars and coffee, show, or at your house. First one raises the top to its upmost service position. Then there are these two options — though only the first one is current reality. First using powerful magnets, secure the heat shield while driving but when stopped to instantaneously flip up the heat shield, no tool are required (quite a change from OEM requiring removal of 18 Torx fasteners); here's more...

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/338021-visible-htc-motor-mod-thanks-to-willy-chu-and-race-ready-panels>

Want a video of how this works? Epic Dream Challenge has created it for us to show it: <https://youtu.be/iFt6jERO7cE>

The second one is changing out the OEM solid black "plastic/insulation" shield with a redesigned heat shield having its own double-layer glass inset. As to the hoped for aftermarket version of a glass-insert heat shield, when and if that becomes purchasable, we would show it in final form with a picture of it.

Please remain safe, and remain safe while you smiling in your wonderful Corvette — regardless of which version, which generation you own that is bringing you forth miles of Corvette driving smiles.