



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Happy Fall to everyone! 🍁

This month possibly will be the last safe corvette driving month here in central Oregon, so let's make the most of it! Starting with a fall lunch drive to Crooked Tree Tavern and Grill at Cooper Spur resort on Mt Hood. "Sign up by Oct 1, to be included". We will meet up with a sister club from the Portland Metro area, Bridge City Corvettes. Introducing our clubs will expand support for future club activities, like upcoming car shows and so many other fun activities. This club will be in Sunriver next summer, and I would love to host another get together with possibly a club drive!!

Sunday, Oct 9 Meeting at Redmond Walmart 9:00am drive meeting 9:10, leaving at 9:15am. Lunch will be a fully loaded taco bar (grilled chicken & steak) with corn and flour tortilla options for gluten free and vegan choices \$22.00 (includes gratuity/service fee) cash per person **collected at drive meeting!**

For those interested in going on to Hood River after lunch, we will lead the group for a fruit loop drive on Monday. Please make your own overnight reservations, IE Best Western in Hood River.

Returning Monday after fruit loop drive.

Tess Burke –
Morton

HDCC Presi-
dent





HDCC PMT Review

Saturday Oct 29th will be our 3rd annual Halloween event. This year we will have this event at the Elks Lodge in Bend, with a Buffett. The theme, Great Gatsby Murder Mystery, no scripts required! This is an easy attire to include. I will be sending pictures for attire ideas, yes, there will be at least one, possibly two Murders though out the evening! I promise loads of laughs and good fun, plus a costume prize or two!! Costumes are always optional, but the more the merrier! Please contact Sande Burgess to put your names on the list ASAP for both events, as sign up is required. More information shared at the meeting for the Halloween party!!

Rich and I are working on the PMST photo slide show and we promise to have it out soon! Until then, here is our short travel recap: 9/4 Sunriver start, first activity was at Lake of the Woods Resort (private gated parking) short walk to 4 pontoon boats waiting to take us with our packed lunches on a cruise of the lake, which of course had to include a boat race! A BIG THANK YOU for our boat captains: Casey Gibbs, Dave Schneider, Reg Crossan and Rich Morton, they did an amazing job!

Next stop, Belle Fiore Winery, in Ashland for a private tour with 5 wine tasting and a roof top patio charcuterie table set up for us. Then a short drive to Callahan's Resort for our first night, with a lovely outdoor private dinner

Monday: drive included a surprise stop at the Great Cats World Park Cave Junction, OR for private tour of these magnificent big cats. Second stop, private golf course in Smith River, Ca for a catered BBQ lunch, then a 15mn drive through the redwoods to our 2nd hotel, Lucky 777 Casino in Smith River. The beautiful ocean side hotel welcomed the club with a special accommodations, prime rib dinner special and so much more.

Tuesday: a drive up the coast to Gold Beach, Or. for a day of exploring for some, and Jerry's Jet Boat Mail Run/lunch ride for others. We enjoyed getting very wet with 30 of us!! I will let the pictures tell this story! Return to Lucky 777 for another fabulous meal and a special dessert the chef made especially for our group.

Wednesday: return day for those who drove back as a group. We toured Jedidiah Smith Redwood Park, ate lunch in Grants Pass, had fabulous homemade pie at Beckie's and headed back to Bend/Redmond!

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Rich and I enjoyed every minute of this trip. It was truly a pleasure to share these special 4 days making a lifetime of memories.

Let me close by adding our next meeting Tuesday Oct 11, will be at the Pour House Grill 61276 S.Hwy 97 Bend, Or. Social/dinner 5-6 meeting 6-7!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

10/9 Coopers Spur. See Tess Morton for details

Meet & Greet with Bridge City Corvettes

10/29 Halloween Party

11/11 Veterans Day Parade

12/14 Christmas Party

Eleven teens die each day because of texting while driving. Maybe it's time to raise the age of Smartphone ownership to 21.

October Birthdays

10/2 Reg Crossan

10/2 Dennis Steinbock

10/3 Phil Derr

10/18 Berry Larson

10/22 Helen Pendergraft

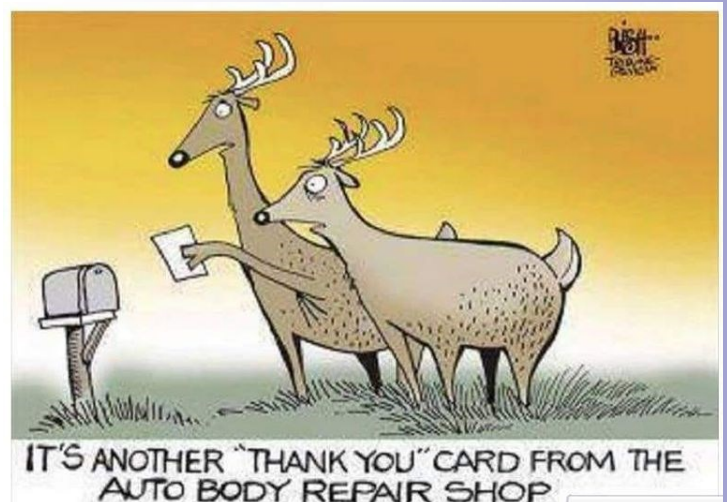
10/24 Dave Parman

10/29 Ingrid Bongers

10/31 Dave Marlow

October Anniversaries

None



Sister's Glory Daze Car Show

Eleven HDCC members attended the car show in Sisters. There were about 110 vehicles registered for the event. Large variety of cars to view. Scott and Ginger Foote won 1st place in the Corvette category 1997-2022. Dean and Sande Cowell won 2nd place in the Corvettes 1997 to 2022.



Social Night at Manley's Tavern

Bill & Debbie Scherrer lead a group of 12 Corvettes to Manley's Tavern. It was a good time, good friends and good chicken. Thanks Bill & Debbie for organizing the event and a special thank you to Debbie for doing the accounting. (She should be on their payroll!!!)



My high school was so small.... we had sex education and drivers education in the same car.



Why The 2023 Corvette Is Still The Best Budget Supercar

For several decades, the Chevy Corvette has proven itself to be a fantastic sports car. It enjoys a loyal fanbase across all eight generations.

The newest [Corvette](#), the C8, distinguishes itself from other 'Vettes in one important way: its engine is right in the middle. That design decision, combined with the legendary 6.2L LS V8, rockets this Corvette out of sports car territory and into the [realm of the supercar](#).

Other American performance cars, like the [Dodge Challenger Hellcat](#) and [Shelby Mustangs](#), may boast higher horsepower figures than the C8 and other supercar makers like Lamborghini and Ferrari. But those cars are really only designed to go in a straight line as fast as the laws of physics allow. The Corvette, with its near perfectly balanced weight distribution, can meet McLarens where it really matters: the track.

In addition to this engineering witchcraft, the Corvette has another trick up its sleeve: its price. Corvettes are still domestically produced by Chevy and carry price tags that make for some of the best deals in the supercar world.

According to [Chevy](#), a base 2023 C8 carries an MSRP of \$64,500. The upcoming 670 horsepower [C8 Z06](#), however, starts at \$105,000. Even factoring in an absurd dealer markup, this car still comes in tens of thousands of dollars less than a new Lamborghini Huracan, which has a price of over \$206,000 (via [Car and Driver](#)).

Over \$100,000 is hardly a "bargain" by most standards, but it's a great deal when you're talking about a car that can keep up with a [Ferrari](#), which costs more than an average house. Even a used [Lamborghini Gallardo](#) from over a decade ago is more expensive than the fastest new Corvette. And that car doesn't come with a warranty and all the modern technology of a 2023 vehicle.

When it comes to actual performance on the track, the C8 delivers in spades. According to [MotorTrend](#), a C8 went around Germany's fabled Nürburgring in 7:29.9. That time puts it within the ranks of some of the greatest supercars of all time.

When it comes to price, the Corvette beats just about every other supercar on the market. Plus, none of its competitors are featured in a [Prince song](#) ...

Taken from MSN.com



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BRAIN OF AN ELDERLY PERSON.*

1. Neurons in the brain do not die, as everyone around you says. The connections between them simply disappear if one does not engage in mental work.
2. Distraction and forgetfulness arise due to an overabundance of information. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to concentrate your whole life on unnecessary trifles.
3. From the age of 60, a person, when making decisions, does not use one hemisphere at the same time, like young people, but both.
4. Conclusion: if a person leads a healthy lifestyle, moves, has viable physical activity and is fully mentally active, intellectual abilities do NOT decrease with age, they simply GROW, reaching a peak at the age of 80-90 years .

So do not be afraid of old age. Strive to develop intellectually. Learn new crafts, make music, learn to play musical instruments, paint pictures! Dance! Take an interest in life, meet and communicate with friends, plan for the future, travel as best you can. Do not forget to go to shops, cafes, and shows. Don't shut up alone, it's destructive to anyone. Live with the thought: all good things are still ahead of me!

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine.



This Corvette was spotted in the Eagle Crest Parking lot by Don and Dee Ginter. Apparently it travels around the country alerting people to “call before you dig”. This will help prevent damage to underground services and sometimes save lives . Unusual color combination for sure.

President Joe Biden Starts up 2023 ZO6 Corvette at the Detroit Car Show

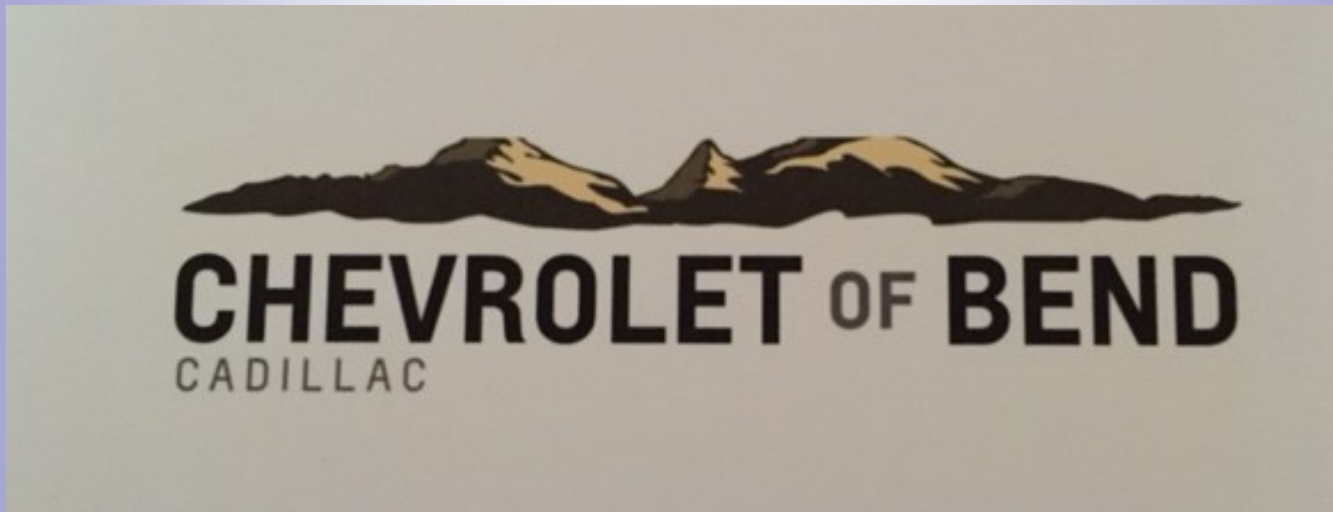
(Hope they deactivated the transmission)



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20240 Reed Lane, Bend OR
Barry and Christine Larson –Owners

**STUDY: New Corvette's Average Sales
Price is 19.5% More Than MSRP**

\$14,697 above MSRP

I don't believe this is accurate for all dealerships

Big Brake Update 2

Much has progressed since the June issue of John's Club Newsletter.

As shown in the chassis photo:

the frame is painted

all four sets of brakes have been rebuilt and new brake lines installed.

Front and rear Big Brake shocks are installed.

New exhaust system with engine and transmission are now ready to run.

It is basically waiting to install the body when it is completed.

The body brings up a story in itself:

Since the car was built by GM for road racing competition and it definitely lives up to what it was built for. The body upon closer inspection revealed that it had incurred no less than six accidents with as many repairs. These repairs were hastily made using "bondo" as a quick fix to get the car back into action.

All of these "bondo" repairs had to be corrected by removing the "bondo" product and replacing it with fiberglass material. Fiberglass and "bondo" have different expansion rates that can cause hair line cracks when exposed to high temperatures.

This past week the body was painted and put outside for the paint to cure in the hot sun for a few days. After a few days, additional cracks showed up from some minor previous repairs that had not previously appeared.

Now What??? More repairs, priming, sanding, and repainting of the entire body will be necessary.

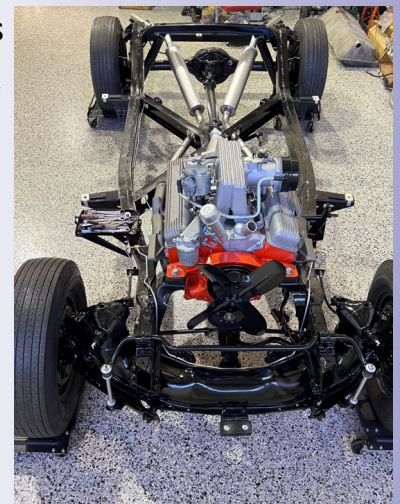
Oh Well, that's life when restoring a 64 year old fiberglass

classic.

Submitted

by

Bill Scherrer





2023 Z06 Corvette is Cheaper and Faster

At this point, it should be obvious that the **2023 Chevy Corvette Z06** offers impressive speed for relatively little money. However, the full scope of that statement isn't revealed until we start delving into the **C8 Corvette Z06** spec sheet and comparing the figures against a selection of modern performance vehicles.

To get a better handle on what this thing is bringing to the table, we're comparing the **2023 Chevy Corvette Z06** to 10 other high-end performance vehicles, including models from Audi, BMW, Ferrari, Ford, Lamborghini, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG, and Porsche. Right off the bat, we find the new Corvette Z06 to be the least-expensive option of the bunch and looks like an absolute steal. And in this crowd, the new go-faster Vette has one of the highest peak horsepower ratings of the bunch, rated at 670 horsepower at 8,400 rpm. The only model in this comparison with more ponies on tap is the Ferrari 296 GTB, which is rated at 819 horsepower at 8,000 rpm thanks to its twin-turbo 3.0L V6 PHEV powertrain

Of course, peak power figures are one thing, but how they are translated into speed is something else entirely. The 0-to-60 mph sprint is one good measure of this, and impressively, the **2023 Corvette Z06** ties with the **2022 Porsche 911 Turbo** for the quickest time in this comparison, with both models completing the test in 2.6 seconds. Here is a comparison of the main specs and info:

VEHICLE	PRICE	HORSEPOWER	0-60 SEC	TOP SPEED
C8 Z06	106,395.00	670	2.6	TBD
Audi R8V10	150,195.00	562	3.6	204 MPH
BMW M8	206,295.00,	617	3.0	190
Ferrari	317,985.00,	819	2.9	205
Ford GT	500,000.00	660	3.0	216
Lambo EVO	262,000.00	631	2.8	205
Porsche TS	217,550.00	640	2.7	205
Mercedes AMG	155,550.00,	550	3.6	197
McLaren GT	215,000.00	612	3.1	204

Ref = Palm Springs Corvette Club