



# High Desert Corvette Club

## Newsletter February 2023

### Officers and Volunteers

**President—Tess Morton**

**Vice Pres.—Don Ginter**

**Secretary—Dee Ginter**

**Treasurer—Suzanne Sawyer**

**Sgt At Arms—Laurilea Gibbs**

**Activities—Sande Burgess**

**Website—Walt Santos**

**Membership—Roiann Santos**

**Newsletter—John Burgess**

**Photographers—John Burgess  
Dee Ginter**

**Sunshine—Barbara Bosy**

**Highway Clean up— Ann Lankford**

**Publicity—Don Ginter**

**COHD—Chair Person  
Harry Bongers**

### President's Ponderings

Welcome February!

We are getting closer to spring each day...and counting down the days to when our vette wheels are on the road again! And yes, I am so very impatient, as I bet most of us are!

Until then, our club is busy getting new officer nominees names along with current/new volunteers lined up. All candidates names will go out in the e-ballot later this month. With voting results to be announced at the March 8th meeting!

Here are the candidates names that have been shared with me from your VP. Don Ginter so far:

President: Dave Schneider  
 Vice President: Tess Burke-Morton  
 Secretary: Casey Gibbs  
 Treasure: Rich Morton  
 Sergeant of Arms: Laurilea Gibbs

As you can see, we are in need of a minimum of 3 volunteer position candidates.

Plus, I strongly encourage anyone interested in helping our club continue thriving, to please consider joining in volunteer or board member candidate.

Volunteers:
Activities Chair: Sande Burgess
Activities Co-chair: _____?
Highway clean-up: _____?
Newsletter: John Burgess
Photographers: Dee Ginter/John Burgess
Sunshine: _____?
Website: Walt Santos
New Members: Roiann Santos
COHD Director: Harry Bongers
Facebook: Chris Andersen

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PLEASE NOTE: as of our last meeting, the club discussed moving our monthly business meetings to the second Wednesday of each month, in order to allow consistent location to be at the Bend Elks Lodge. The vote to approve the bylaw change will be at our next meeting Wednesday February 8th at this location! Please review the minutes included in this newsletter below.

Plus at our February 8th meeting you won't want to miss a short meet and greet of each board candidate. Each candidate will give a brief overview of their work history/qualifications and club goals, if elected to their position!

PLEASE mark your calendar to attend WEDNESDAY February 8th and meet your candidates and all important volunteers for this upcoming year!



Tess Burke -Morton  
HDCC President





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## February Birthdays

2/1 Bob Welsh  
2/8 Ramona Hidalgo  
2/9 Deb Calhoun  
2/9 Brad Crement  
2/11 Robert Adams  
2/12 Annie Sheaffer  
2/20 Scott Cheney  
2/22 George Bosy  
2/24 Gary Diefenderfer  
2/27 Terry Kingsfather

## February Anniversaries

2/2 Scott & Ginger Foote  
2/5 Fred & Jeannine Crowther

## HDCC Events

Feb 15th HDCC Business Meeting Bend Elks Club  
Please note this is a **WEDNESDAY**

Feb 22nd HDCC Social Night Moose Sisters, Bend

May 24-25 Trip to Baker City/ Geiser Grand Hotel

Memorial Weekend HDCC Campout see T. Morton for details

Jun 17th Glass on the Grass Willamette Valley Corvettes

June 21-22 Shady Cove Club Retreat

June 30 National Corvette Day Cruise and Dinner

July 19-22 Vette Fest Boise, ID On line registration available on line

Sept 7-10 Corvettes of Fresno at Reno NV no in-

## Election of New Officers

Don't forget to submit you recommendations for club officers.

Send your choices to Don Ginter  
d.ginter909@gmail.com

On the lighter side.

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

Today my daughter called me 'Birth Person.' I replied, 'Yes Financial Drain.'



"TELL ME THE STORY OF HOW YOU RESCUED ME AGAIN!"..♡



**I HAVE O.C.D.**  
OBSESSIVE CORVETTE DISORDER





## World's Sixth Richest Man Drives a Corvette, Gets Pulled Over On His Own Island



Larry Ellison

Net Worth 108 Billion

Drives a Corvette

Owning the island still wasn't enough to keep billionaire Larry Ellison from getting a ticket for speeding in his [orange C8 Corvette convertible](#), according to media reports.

The co-founder of Oracle and the world's sixth richest man with a Forbes-estimated net worth of \$108.3 billion, Ellison purchased some 98 percent of the properties on the Hawaiian island of Lanai for an estimated \$300 million in 2012 from fellow billionaire and Dole chairman David Murdock.

A blurred-out Ellison can be seen in the Corvette in bodycam footage obtained by Hawaii News Now explaining to an officer in October 2022 that he was just "trying to get home for dinner with my kids" when he ran a stop sign while speeding on Lanai near Manele Road. To his credit, though, Ellison didn't try to flaunt his wealth to get out of a ticket, telling the officer "there's no good excuse" for what he had done. "Okay, cool," the officer said. "Can I see your driver's license, registration, and insurance, please

Ellison looked through his belongings before finally having to tell the cop that he couldn't find his license. The Maui Police Department officer then issued a citation to Ellison.

From Corvette Blogger



## HDCC Featured Member

### Roger Petersen

Roger was born in Portland, OR and moved to Torrance CA when he was twelve. He was in the Army and spent one year in Camron Bay, Vietnam as a military policeman. He attended California State College at Long Beach. During that time he participated in the Junior Abroad Program where he studied political science and later East Asian Studies. Later he moved into business administration with an emphasis in marketing. During his working career he was involved heavily in human resources and employee benefits. He has worked for a variety of business and returned to Japan for part of the time.

While studying in Japan he met his wife, Tomoko. They have three children, three girls and a son. The oldest daughter lives in Bend. The second daughter is an attorney as is her husband. The third daughter lives in New York and is a social worker. His son works for the state of California in the campaign fraud department.

He has had a variety of hobbies over the years including horseback riding, scuba diving where he explored ship wrecks from WWII. Roger and Tomoko maintain a condo in Japan and visit as much as possible where they spend the greater share of their time traveling.

Roger has had one previous Corvette a C4 prior to buy his 2007 Monterey Red Coupe.





## Odds and Ends

### 2023 Corvette Z06 Sells at Mecum Kissimmee 2023 for \$275,000

The Torch Red Coupe appear to be the base option and not much was available in description of the additional equipment. No information available about the buyer. The \$275,000.00 included \$25,000.00 buyers fee. The Vin # was 316 so nothing special on that front.

From Corvette Blogger

### Corvette Buyer Demographics

12% of Corvette buyers are between ages 61-63

10% are between ages of 49—60

3% are between ages of 25—40

55% of sales are above 55

Overall average age is 61 years based on 2019 statistics

Average yearly income of buyer is \$163,000.00 Yr. Range between 142 - 187 thousand per year

Most buyers keep their Corvette for 10.5 years

Info from Google



### 1969 Corvette Sell For 3.14 Million

#### Third Highest price ever paid for a Corvette

It came with a host of upgrades including Chevy's legendary L-88 427 cubic-inch V8

The engine was officially rated at 430 hp but was actually far more powerful. Independent tests discovered its output was in the 560-580 hp range. It did not come with a radio, air conditioning or heater, which were all considered redundant to its focus on speed, but it still cost \$4,781, which was twice the base price of a standard Corvette Stingray.



## HDCC Featured Member Michael Jeans

Mike was born in Eugene, OR and while he lived primarily in Oregon, he traveled a great deal as a professional musician, singer and songwriter. His primary instrument was the 12 string guitar although he also plays the piano, mandolin and fiddle.

In 2005 he was nominated for 8 NAMMY awards. NAMMY stands for Native American Music Awards. He had a recording contract with Capital records but in the process of getting this started his producer was killed and consequently the deal fell through.

He has two sons and a daughter. The daughter lives in Kansas, one son lives in Hawaii and the other son lives with him in Madras. Mike is an Air Force veteran of 10 years of service. When asked about hobbies, Mike stated that his greatest joy was driving his Corvettes. He has a 2002 Red Coupe and 1996 Black Coupe.

Mike stated that so far he has really enjoyed HDCC and the people he has met. Said there was no one he has met that he couldn't call a friend. Certainly says a lot about the club

His most important news was that on January 30<sup>th</sup> he was getting married.

Congratulations Mike.







## Facts About the 2024 E-Ray

According to Chevrolet the E-Ray will be the fastest Corvette ever produced and the first Corvette designed for year round driving. It will go from 0 to 60 MPH in 2.5 seconds, and the quarter mile (1320 ft) in 10.5 seconds.

It is the only sports car with separate propulsion system, 6.2 L LT small block V8 495 HP and electric mode that gives 160 hp and 125 lb. ft torque to the front wheels for combined 655 Hp.

No need for plug in charging for the E-Ray battery system. The battery is charged via regenerative energy from coasting and braking, as well as normal driving.

STEATH Mode—All electric drive mode for street driving up to 45 MPH.

NEW LIGHT WEIGHT lithium 12 volt battery.

STANDARD BREMBO CERAMIC brake system

STANDARD MAGNETIC ride control with 3 distinct settings

TWENTY AND TWENTY-ONE inch wheels

LOW WIDE STANCE with crafted body styling. 3.6 in wider than the standard Stingray.

Same as Z07.

THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRIC ASSIST—is tailored to each of the six driving modes, i.e. tour, sport, track, weather, My Mode and 2 Mode.

The E-Ray has two driver initiated modes 1. all electric and 2. gas and electric. The electric has maximum speed of 45 MPH. The V8 automatically engages once you pass 45 MPH.

Base Price for the Coupe is \$102,900.00 Convertible is \$115,840.00



## Reasons to buy a Corvette. Your PSA for today.

Submitted by Tess Morton

