



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter June 2023

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President's Ponderings

Greeting Club Members,

I hope everyone had a meaningful Memorial weekend. It is a special day to remember those who served our country with the ultimate sacrifice; and to reflect and be thankful for our freedom.

Our first outdoor event of the year was the highway cleanup, and it was a huge success. Rumor has it, we set a record for the number of attendees. A big thanks to Mike McClean for making the event fun and to all the volunteers that participated.

It looks like the weather has turned and we can finally start driving our Corvettes. In fact, we had a group that went to Baker City and one to Seven Feather Resort to get our season started. Great job Sande and Tess on organizing these events. If you missed one of these outings, there are plenty more scheduled. Check out our club calendar on the website and contact Sande Burgess to get signed up.

Please join us for the June 14th Business Meeting at the Bend Elks Lodge. Immediately following the meeting, we will be celebrating the life of our dear member Ann Lankford with ice cream. The Dinner/Social starts at 6:00 pm with the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Our Second Annual Lithia Corvette Show-n-Shine hosted by our club sponsor Lithia Chevrolet of Bend is on June 17th. It is important to have a good turnout, plus it is always fun getting together with a bunch of Corvette owners. You should have received a flyer by email to sign up or contact Sande to get on the list. Proceeds from the event will go towards our year-end charity giving.

Happy early Father's Day to all you dads. See you soon –

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





Highway Clean UP

There was a tremendous turn out for the highway clean up. Fourteen HDCC Members attended. This was Mike McClean first event as chair person. Mike provided mimosa's & Sisters Bakery maple bars. Also a scavenger hunt during the Clean up.. Great job Mike!!!!!!



Rich and Tess Morton won a charcuterie board provided by Harry Bongers. Harry's daughter has these available for purchase.

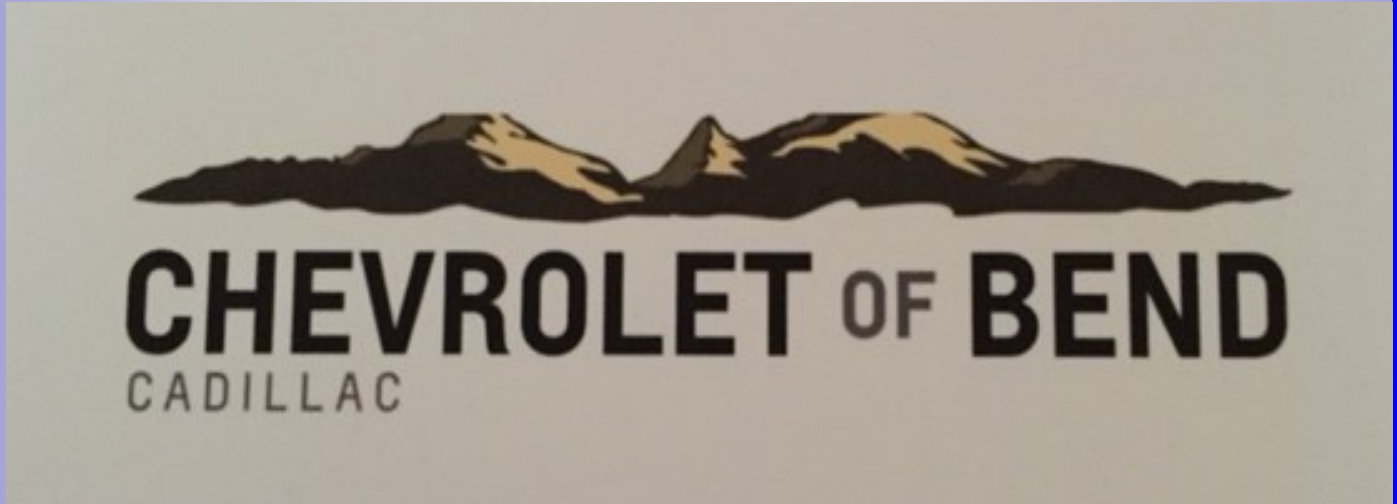
See Harry for details.

It looked delicious !!!!!!!!!!!





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June Birthdays

- 1 Candy Sheldon
- 3 Barbie Crement
- 3 Mike Zumwalt
- 3 Roiann Santos
- 5 Pete Olson
- 11 Earl Byers
- 22 Sandi Cowell
- 23 Mike McClean
- 26 John Burgess

June Anniversaries

- 7 Harry & Ingrid Bonges
- 10 Larry & Cathie Raaf

Leslie Cheney

Won the 50/50 drawing

Leslie gave \$40.00 back to HDCC

Thank you Leslie



HDCC Events

June 14 HDCC Bus. Mtg Bend Elks 6:00 PM
Celebration of life for Ann Lankford following meeting

June 17th HDCC Car Show at Lithia Motors

Jun 17th Glass on the Grass Willamette Valley Corvettes

June 21-22 Shady Cove Club Retreat

June 30 National Corvette Day Cruise and Lunch

July 19-22 Vette Fest Boise, ID On line registration available on line (Valley Corvettes)

Aug 8-9 4th Annual Wine Tour, Prosser WA

Sept 7-10 Corvettes of Fresno at Reno NV Check Website for registration and hotel info.

Sept 14-16 Corvettes on the Columbia—Check Website for registration form and hotel Information.

Sept 27-29 President's Mystery Tour



On the lighter side.



Legend has it that this car belonged to a man who parked in the shade while his wife ran into hobby lobby for just a few things.



I found that I have
been happier since I
changed from coffee in
the morning to orange
juice. My doctor
explained that it's the
vitamin C and natural
sugars but I really
think it's the Vodka



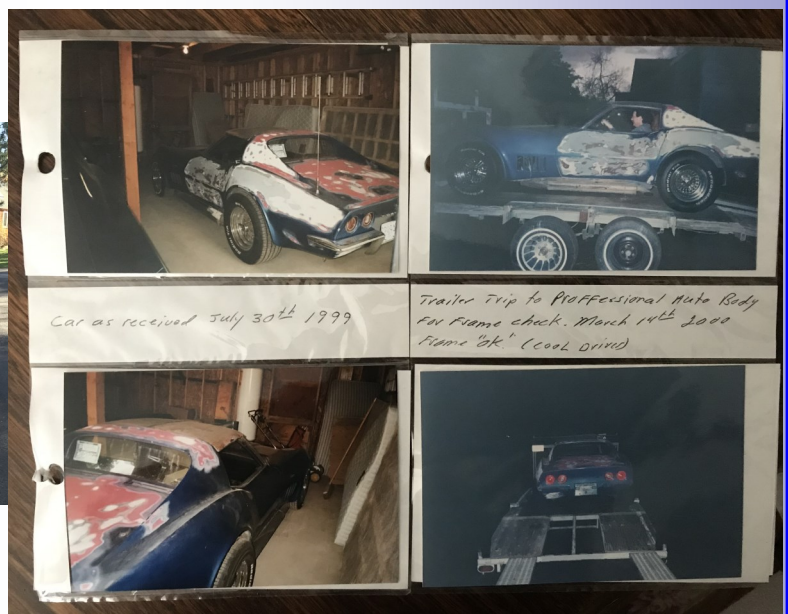
My First Corvette By Harry Bongers

Well, this my first and only Corvette. I had always wanted either a 1957 or split rear window 1963 but unfortunately they were all well out of my price range. In 1999 my wife saw this one, a 1969, on a bulletin board at St. Charles (we both worked there at the time) that was in my price range! The car was located in LaPine so we drove out to take a look. The owner had started to sand it for repainting but gave up part way through. The car did start and drive (poorly). The body and interior were in pretty sad shape. We made an offer on the car and my wife bought it for me (hence it will always be a keeper)! The owner agreed to drive it from LaPine to my home in bend. When it arrived it was full of pine needles, and mouse droppings from sitting outside for years.

As I started restoring the car which the title/vin identified as a 1969, I found a lot of 1970 body parts on it. When I had the frame checked at a body shop they found that the frame had been hit hard enough on the passenger side to require repair. The frame however had been repaired properly and was in good shape. My belief is that at some point the car had been in a severe crash and many 1970 parts had been used to repair it! So basically it is 1969+.

It took over 10 years for me to get it road worthy again. I kept track of my expenses at first but soon the number just depressed me so I stopped. Looking back I have to wonder if the 1957 or 1963 were really out of my price range (LOL)!

It's been quite the process but I love the car. It is old school, loud, smelly and uncomfortable but a kick to drive!



Murder Mystery Pictures





Dave Parman My First Corvette

My first Corvette was a 1961. I was living in Clinton, Iowa and bought it in Chicago in 1964. What was unusual was that the seller bought my 1957 4 door hardtop Chevy. Wish I had it back again. The Corvette turned out to be a piece of junk. The engine was OK, but I had problems with the top, heater, clutch [replaced 2 times in 3 years of ownership], and carburetor. Other than that it was a fun car. I had a Fiat Spyder 124 after that, and it would beat the Corvette in a gymkhana race. I credit the Corvette for helping me to attract Marna into marriage [7/66]. She didn't like Iowa winters with no car



2025 C8 ZRI

Production to start in 2024. Will include twin Turbos, 5.5L V8 LT6
800 Horsepower, 750 foot pounds of Torque.

Price—stay tuned!!!!!!!

From GM Authority



More Murder Mystery Pictures



Is This Going To Be The C9 ?

Nothing seems to generate more buzz (and angst) among Corvette enthusiasts than speculation about what the next generation will look like, **especially if there are controversial changes.** Two of the more polarizing revolutionary design changes were the loss of the pop-up headlights in 2005 and losing the round taillights in 2014. I'm sure you can think of a few more. Here is the latest design that just popped up on Instagram, which has enthusiasts wondering if it is the C9. This newest design to cause a stir isn't a very "sophisticated" rendering but it has the GM stamp so **folks are taking it seriously.** But is this rendering really from GM and who is the artist?

From Corvsport



The fact that there is a Highway to Hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

Confucius Says



Baker City Excursion

Eleven HDCC cars and fifteen members and one quest jettisoned out of the Walmart parking lot in Redmon on May 24. Charlie Tomson had his friend of over 30 years, Wes, along with the group. Wes was a great addition and fit in well. We traveled highway 126 to Prineville then on to Mitchell and had lunch at Tiger Town Brewing which is always good. Our group was able to sit in the garden area after retrieving the tables and chairs from the overgrown weeds.

We went up highway 26 and on to highway 7 into Baker city. About 250 miles. A great day for travel and the sun was out and the traffic was light. The group was staying at the Grand Geiser Hotel. We were able to have the group at a single table for dinner that evening. The article Central Oregon Daily touted the visit saying that there was a culinary walking tour in Baker City. Turns out no one in town knew of this adventure. Consequently we just roamed the streets checking out the various businesses. One that was very welcoming was the Glacier 45 Distillery. They were very generous with their tastings. The group played a large part in making May a profitable month for the distillery. That evening we traveled to Haines, OR and the Haines Steak House. Nice place decorated with an old west theme. Service was good and efficient but the food was mediocre at best.

It was a good three days, lots of good conversation and laughs.

(photo show to follow)





Pictures from the Memorial Day Campout at
Seven Feathers Resort and Casino





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NON-CLUB MEMBER CORVETTES ARE WELCOME!
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(PLEASE INCLUDE 'CAR SHOW' IN THE SUBJECT LINE)