



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter December 2023

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President's Ponderings

Seasons Greeting Club Members,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. It is a special time to spend with family and friends, not to mention eating too much. I was full for three days. With Christmas right around the corner, we will be kicking off this festive time of year with our Christmas Banquet dinner on December 2nd. It will be a jolly good time.

We had a great turnout at our Veterans Day parade. Thank you to all who drove your Vettes in the parade to honor the men and women who have served our country.

Last month, we sent out a request looking for volunteers to help with the club's 2024 Corvettes on the High Desert car show. Thank you to all who have responded. We are still looking for seven more folks to help with the show-n-shine, raffle event, golf tournament, and coordinating food. The event is scheduled for June 28th and 29th. The COHD is our club's major fundraiser, and all the net proceeds go to Brightside Animal Shelter. Is there some work involved, yes, but you be spending time with fellow Corvette enthusiasts and enjoying tasty food. You will also be getting a club logo shirt. If you need more information or would like to join the fun, please contact the event co-chair at hbongers@bendcable.com.

I would like to welcome our newest club members, Gary, and Lori and Mark. Our next business meeting will be on January 10th at Laurie's Grill, at 6:00 pm. We would love to see you there. Hopefully, we will be finishing the by-law review. Also, January opens the nomination time for club officers for 2024. If you would like to run for office, January will be the month to get your name out there.

Enjoy the holiday season and be safe.

Dave Schneider

HDCC President



Veterans Day Parade

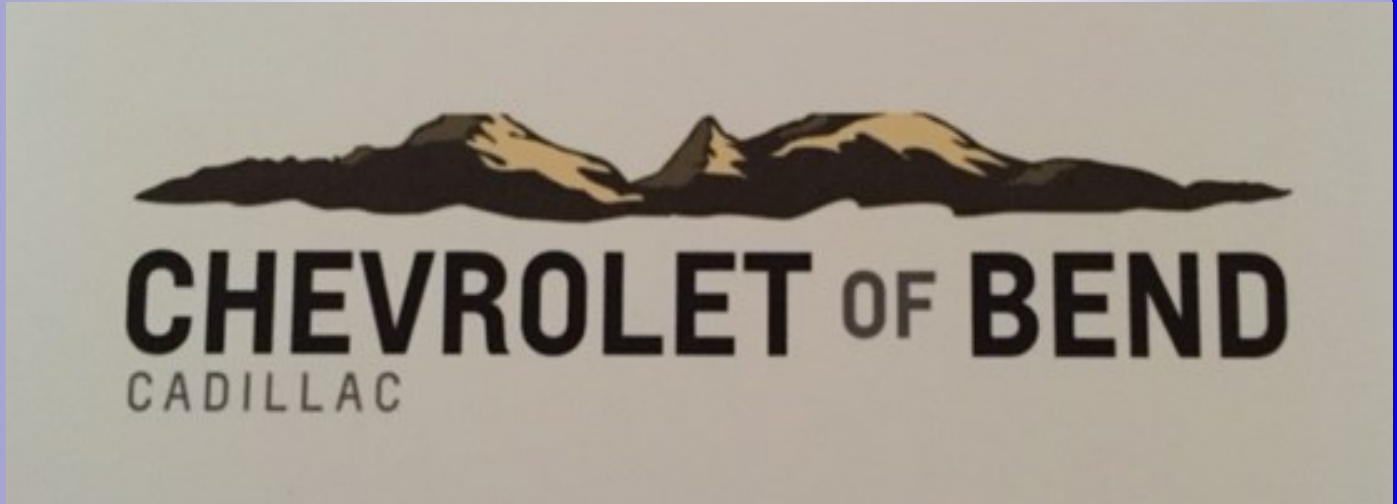
When taking pictures for the slide show I wore my Vietnam Veterans hat in hopes that people would not block my view for pictures. (it didn't help) While taking pictures three different parents and their kids came by and gave me the pictures that they had made in school and thanked me for my service. I really didn't expect nor was it my goal but I certainly appreciated their thoughts and was especially encouraged that parents and their kids were taking Veterans Day to heart.

The young man pictured below was taken by the Derrs. He was wearing his great grandfathers Army uniform, obviously a Vietnam era soldier. As you can see from the picture, he was very proud. Feel good pictures for sure!!!!!!





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December Birthdays

- 12/7 Jessica Andersen
- 12/15 Scott Foote
- 12/21 Terry Welsch
- 12/28 Robert Ross

December Anniversaries

- 12/2 Mike & Judy McClean
- 12/29 Barry & Christine Larson

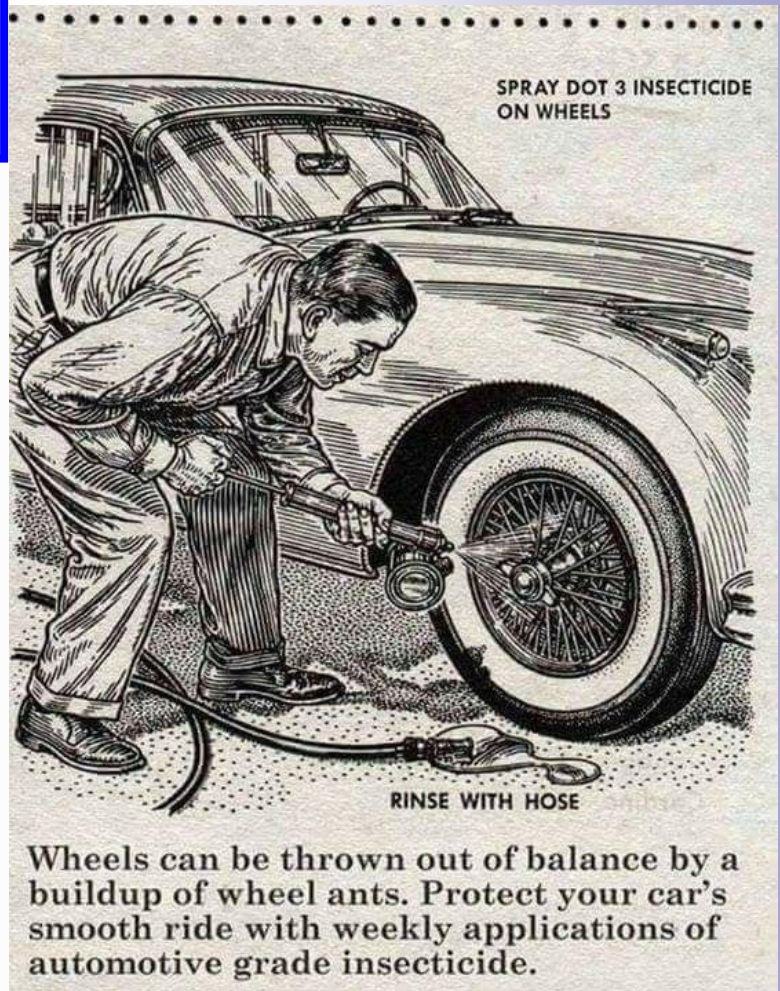
Gary Silence won the November 50/50 drawing

(see Gary for low interest loans)



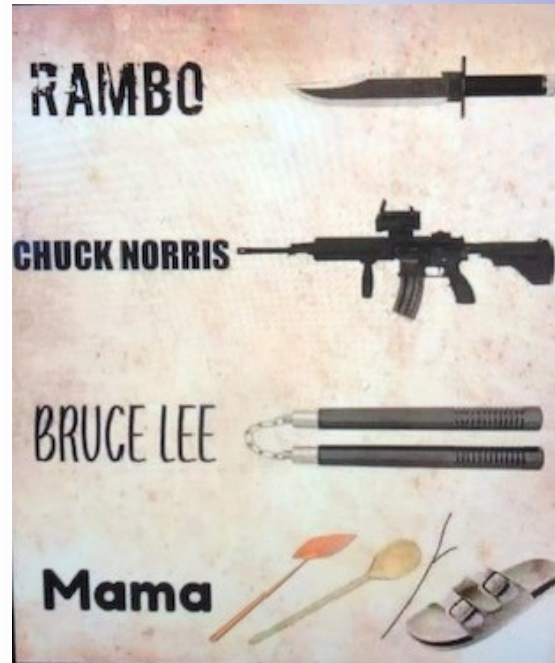
HDCC Events

- 12-2 HDCC Christmas Party
- 6-21-22 HDCC Retreat Wine Country Inn Jacksonville Fl



On the lighter side.

Whenever my wife uses the phrase "I was thinking."
That means I either have to move, build, paint, or buy something.



Impress her with something expensive



More Grocery Stores Installing Defibrillators At Checkout For When You See Your Total



Top 20 Corvette Dealers – 2023 CYTD Sales Through October 31st

It's the first of the month and we just got a sales report from General Motors showing how many Corvettes have been sold through the [Top 20 Corvette dealers](#) in calendar year 2023 through October 31st.

Our last update came back at the beginning of September and these numbers are somewhat different in terms of who it shows in the Top 10 from that previous list. Positions 1 through 6 are the same with [MacMulkin Chevrolet](#) leading the way with 1358 deliveries, followed by [Ciocca Corvette of Atlantic City](#) with 975, and third is [Criswell Chevrolet/Mike Furman](#) at 467.

Where the list diverges is the inclusion of two Rick Hendrick dealerships at number 7 and 9. We believe the first Hendrick dealership is their Duluth, GA location but we're not sure which location is in number 9 as our list is simply the dealer's name and no locations were offered. A third Hendrick dealership located in Naples, Florida comes in at number 16.

DEALER	CYTD Deliveries
MacMulkin Chevrolet	1358
Ciocca Corvette	975
Criswell/ Mike Furman	467
Bomnin Dadeland	433
Les Stanford Chevrolet	379
Stingray Chevrolet	242
Rick Hendrick Chevrolet	226
Bomnin West Kendall	195
Hendrick Chevrolet	188
Coughlin Chevrolet	161
Jim Ellis Chevrolet	153
Classic Chevrolet	150
George Matrick Chevrolet	146
Don Mealey Chevrolet	127
Rydell Chevrolet	126
Rick Hendrick Chevrolet Naples	122
Stonebriar Chevrolet	118
Bob Stall Chevrolet	106
Ross Downing Chevrolet	103
Capitol Chevrolet	101

Submitted by Christine Larson

From Corvette Blogger



Dave and Lori Schneider Our First Corvette

When John Burgess asked for stories about our first Corvettes, I was hesitant to submit one. Why, because our first Corvette is the only one we have owned. A 2019 Grand Sport Convertible.

It makes for a boring story, but here it goes.

I first fell in love with racing cars when my uncle took me to an Indy car race at Sonoma. I believe it was 1968 and Mario Andretti was driving the turbine-powered Indy car. Compared to the other gas-powered cars, that was one strange-sounding car. It sounded like a jet engine when it started. I loved all forms of racing and hoped to race cars one day.

It was that same summer that my dad pulled me aside and told me he was selling our racing sailboat. The reason for the sale was that my dad fell in love with a 1968 Convertible Firebird. It was a bronze color, 350 engine with a four-speed. I loved racing sailboats with my dad, and it broke my heart, but it was not a bad trade-off.

My love of going fast was born and led me to race motocross for several years. After several injuries, my Doctor advised me to quit while I could still walk.

In 1980 I met a beautiful young lady. I learned she and her dad loved going to auto races and racing was in her blood. She came from a family of racers. Her great Uncle Wayne was invited to drive the Indy 500, but the race was canceled due to WWII.

So, I had a brilliant idea to buy a race car to impress her. It must have worked because we were married in 1982. In 1984, Lori's dad and I turned a 1970 Chevelle into my next race car and we won the track championship that year winning fourteen races. We had such a good time. In 1985 I moved to a new class with faster, more expensive cars. I finished 5th in the points and won Rookie of the Year. In 1986, my engine blew up after four races, but because I was attending college, we could not afford the expense and I had to quit.

In 1993, my dad decided to sell his 68 Firebird and we bought it. It did not replace the race car, but it was fast and fun to drive. Lori and I still own the car today.

How does this all tie to our first Vette? In 2011, we were on a family vacation in Texas. While getting gas, I heard a car pulling off the road and as it downshifted, it sounded just like our race car. The sound was awesome. It was a yellow C6. I was hooked and vowed someday to own a Vette.

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My first Corvette continued

In 2013, we started to get serious about buying a Corvette, but with two girls in college, it would have to be a used one. We wanted a convertible with a standard transmission. Then the C7 model came out and we had to have one. We looked for several years for a used one, but with all the options we wanted, very few hit the market. So, in 2019, free from college tuition, we ordered our car directly from the factory with all the options we required. Yes, it is a manual.

It was a long time coming, but we have enjoyed every mile driving it. A C8 Z06 will probably be in our future, but for now, we will have fun driving our C7.

I am fortunate to have a wife who loves speed. Although her limit in the Vette seems to be 137 mph, Lori did a ride along around the Daytona speedway at 174 mph with a big grin on her face. Given the right conditions, will 176 mph be in our Vette's future? Hmm, I will never tell.

Dave Schneider





2023 In The Rear View Mirror



2022 Year End Banquet



HDCC Retreat Shady Cove



Baker City Tour



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2023 In rear view mirror continued

Wine Tour to Prosser WA



HDCC—Bend Chevy Car Show



President's Mystery Tour 2023





Fourth of July Redmond 2023



Bend Veteran's Parade 2023





CNN Money has listed the 10 most valuable Corvettes according to their research using the mean sold price

#10 1996 Grand Sport, convertible – \$40,800



#9 1962 327 “Fuelie” – \$96,500



#8 1955 Corvette \$113,000.00



#7 1957 Fuelie \$129000.00



#6 1963 Z06 Big Tank \$209,700.00



#5 1953 Corvette \$300,000.00



#4 1969 L88 \$428,000.00



#3 1967 L88 \$1,000,000.00





10 Most Valuable Corvettes continued

#2 1969 ZLI \$1,400,000.00

1 1963 Grand Sport \$6,000,000.00—\$8,000,000.00



Corvette Quiz

What was the first model year of the Corvette?

What was the only year the Corvette wasn't produced?

Where was the original production plant for the Corvette?

What year was the only one-year-only body design of the Corvette?

What were the original colors of the 1953 Corvette?

What was the inspiration for the Chevrolet Corvette's name?

What was the first year the Corvette was only available with automatic transmission?

What was the last year of C3 Corvettes to feature a convertible top?

Though designer Harley Earl was the creator of the Corvette, who became known as "The father of the Corvette"?

1953 Corvettes were hand-built, but production was moved to assembly lines for 1954 models, lowering the base price to the lowest the Corvette would ever see. What was it?

What was the first year for a Corvette to serve as the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car?

What was the first year for the option of glass T-tops on a Corvette?

Answers

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. 1953 | 5 Polo White | 9 Zora Arkus-Duntav |
| 2. 1983 | 6 War Ship | 10 \$2,774.00 |
| 3. Flint Michigan | 7 1982 | 11 1978 |
| 4. 1973 | 8 1975 | 12 1968 |