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President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members:

When I sat down to write my President's Pondering this month, I thought, what I am pondering? Easy, Lori and I just got home at 1:00 am from spending 9 days in Hawaii to celebrate our 42nd anniversary and I am now pondering, why do we choose to live in an environment with so much snow? While we were Kauai, we met a nice couple from Georgia, when we were in the hot tub. Soon the conversation turned to Corvettes, and that they were considering purchasing a C8. The gent asked how many miles I put on our car in a year. My response was, oh about 3,000. His response, that does not seem like a lot. Then I had to explain how the car sits in the garage from mid-October to, if we are lucky, mid-May. He asked, is it worth it and without pondering the question, my response was, it is so worth it. And to answer the question, why do we live here, simply because we love it here. Today it is snowing again, but Corvette ownership is still worth the wait.

Only 16 days left on the countdown before we can take the car out on a real road trip. We did take advantage of a break in the weather, along with a few other adventurous club members, and drove the car to the April meeting, top down naturally. Our first official road trip of the year will be the President's Mystery Tour pre-run. During the pre-run, Lori and I will scout out the route seeking scenery, fun and easy roads to navigate. We will also be checking out hotels, restaurants, and other fun things to do on the trip. If you have not signed up for this year's PMT, there is still time before the May 20th cut off. Although it is a mystery, the trip will be fun.

Our spring highway clean-up is this Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 am. The meeting area is just west of Cline Falls Highway/74th. Contact Mike McClellan or Sande Burgess if you have not signed up. The more we have, the less work for all, and I am sure Mike will make the task fun.

I am confident that by now you have registered for our club's car show, the Corvettes on the High Desert (COHD). But, if you have not, now is the time. The registration link can be found on our club's website.

Just as a reminder, 2024-25 club dues are payable after the May business meeting and will be late on June 15th. The club voted, as part of the by-law changes, to move to one membership fee. While we are talking about club dues, I would like to welcome our newest club members, Nancy Kraemer and Eric and Miriam Lea.

Don't forget our business meeting on May 8th at Laurie's Grill. Please note, we will be moving to summertime hours with the social starting at 6:00 pm, and the business meeting at 7:00 pm. We have a lot of fun events scheduled for the year, so come to the meeting and get signed up. Hope to see you there.

Dave Schneider HDCC President



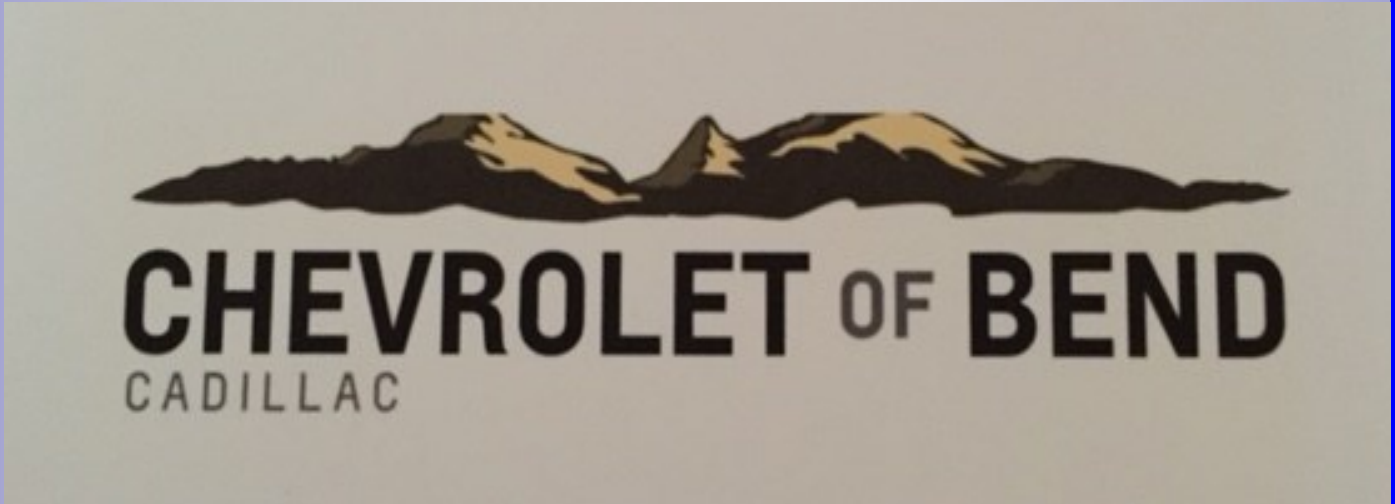
HDCC Events

- May 4 HDCC Highway Cleanup. Meet at the area just west of the Cline Falls Highway around 9:00 AM or so.
- May 8 HDCC Business Meeting at Laurie's Dinner, Bend
- May 19 Great Apes Open House. Register at freedomforgreatapes.org
- May 22– 23 Lincoln City Trip. Staying at Surftides Motel
- June 1 COCC Automotive and Culinary Department fund raiser. From 11:00—2:00 PM
Capacity of 80 cars, each car needs to register at link below
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No registration fee.
- June 7-9 Yakima Valley Vette, Vette-A-Bratton
- June 13 Albany Oregon day trip to historic Carousel Museum
- June 21 Touchmark East (near COSTCO) Car Show. 4-6 PM Register at :
brianabinder@touchmark.com Complimentary food and drink.
- June 28/29 Corvettes on the High Desert
- July 4 Redmon 4th of July Parade
- July 20 Cascade Corvette Club Kendall Motors car show. go to Cascade Corvette Club.com for registration form. Cost \$25.00 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Aug. 9=11 Wine Tour Leavenworth WA Staying at the FairBridge Inn
- Aug. 20 Corvettes on the Bay. Held at Ken Ware Chevrolet. West Coast Corvettes
- Sept. 6-8 HDCC President's Mystery Tour
- Sept 12-14 Corvettes on the Columbia
- Sept 26-30 Prescott Car Show, Prescott Arizona

GM Chief Executive Officer has pay cut due to not meeting expectations for EV and AV vehicle sales. Mary Barra's pay was cut from 28.98 Million to 27.85 million per year. Yikes, things are tough all over!!!!!!!



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May Birthdays

- 5/1 Christine Welsch
- 5/2 Scott Kendall
- 5/4 Mary Zumwalt
- 5/5 Jeannine Crowther
- 5/17 Laurilea Gibbs
- 5/18 Lynda Derr
- 5/18 Tess Morton
- 5/20 Tom Gray
- 5/19 Michael Jeans
- 5/30 Dick Dodson

May Anniversaries

- 5/3 Brad & Barbie Clement
- 5/5 Phil & Lynda Derr
- 5/18 Scott & Leslie Cheney
- 5/20 Frank & Sue Gibson
- 5/23 Terry & Patti Bagwell
- 5/26 Pete & Susan Bezek
- 5/30 Ken & Lee Ann Kaster

Roiann Santos delivers
\$500.00 donation to
the Shepard's house

General Motors to have three new colors for the 2025 C8 Corvette.

The new hues include a yellow, a purple, and an orange, and are expected to replace three colors currently available for the 2024 model year.

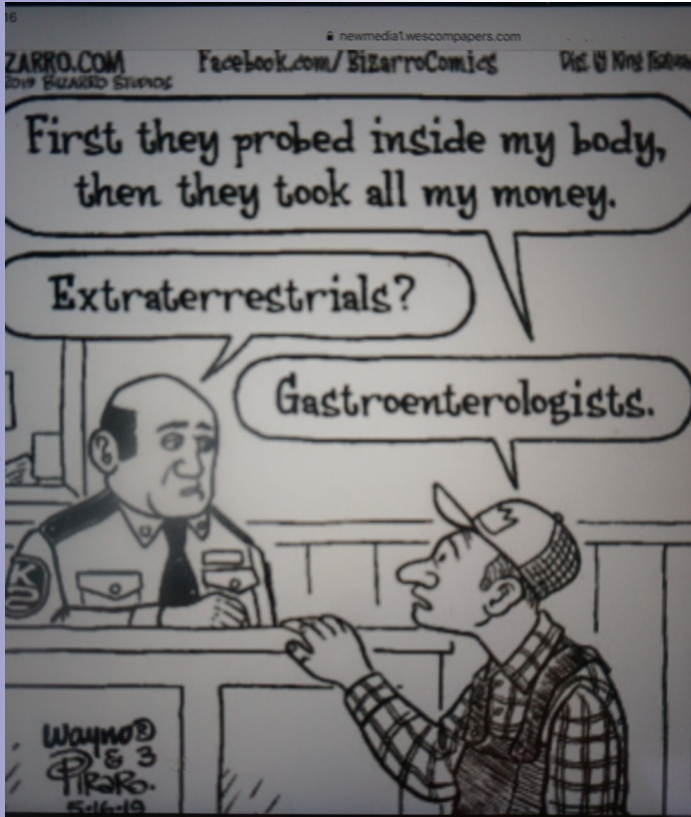
The term “new” is applied a bit loosely to some of these colors. Sebring Orange Tintcoat, for example, was previously featured on the [2019 C7 Corvette](#) and the 2020-through 2021-model-year C8. Sebring Orange Tintcoat was eventually replaced by Amplify Orange Tintcoat .

Competition Yellow Tintcoat is another paint color making a comeback for 2025, tracing its roots back to the C4 [Corvette](#) era, at least in name. Looking ahead, Competition Yellow is expected to replace Accelerate Yellow Metallic (paint code GD0) with the launch of the 2025 Corvette.

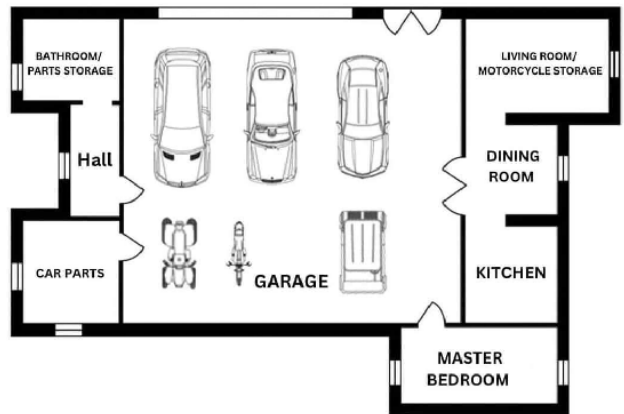
The introduction of Hysteria Purple Metallic, however, is totally new. It's unclear which 2024 model-year color Hysteria Purple will replace, but one option may include Cacti Green (paint code GVR). Riptide Blue Metallic may also get cut to make room for Hysteria Purple



On the lighter side.



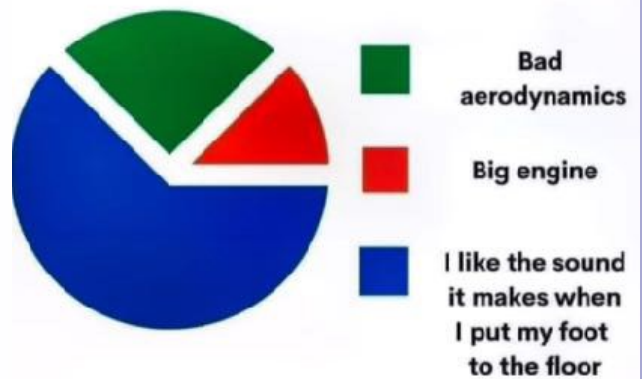
IF MEN DESIGNED



HOUSES ALONE



Why my car gets bad mileage





Former HDCC Member Steve Fisher passed away in April. Steve and Barbara joined HDCC after purchasing their 2007 Black LT3 Corvette. They had to leave the club after Steve got a devastating diagnosis and moved to California to pursue treatment.



Celebration of Life
Honoring George Bosy

June 8th

12:00— 3:00 Pm

Bend Elks Lodge

Barbara has asked that you RSVP via text at 541-390-6516 with your name and number attending. Please RSVP before May 28



Jeanett Woodall won the 50-50 Jackpot drawing. The Woodall's donated their winnings back to the club.

Thank you.



Remembering Memorial Day

If you were to be asked most people today about Memorial Day, you could be in for a surprise. Unless you are history buff, it is highly unlikely you would know the full history of Memorial Day. In fact, a recent survey revealed that fewer than 43 percent knew that the holiday was created to honor all who have died in the service of our country. Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, began to be celebrated in May 1865. Over the years, the date has caused controversy. Some believe it began in June 1861 when a Confederate soldier was buried. In May 1865, a group of former slaves in Charleston, South Carolina honored 257 Union soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers

After World War I, Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day to remember Americans who died in service of their country. In 1966, President Johnson designated Waterloo, New York as the official location of Memorial Day. Waterloo was selected because it conducted a formal city-wide celebration and local businesses closed to mark the day. In 1971, the date was changed from 30 May to the last Monday in May. This turned Memorial Day from a single day into a three-day celebration. It soon became a day where sporting events, picnics, pool parties, and back-yard grilling were the order of the day.

Knowing this, it is easier to understand why it changed from a solemn day of remembrance to what we see today. I think veterans who died serving our country would be fine with Memorial Day barbecues, pool parties, and backyard grilling. However, we need to remember their sacrifice ... so, let's pause on Memorial Day at 1500 for a few moments of silence in their honor



Member Profile— Doug and Debby Kunzman

Doug and Debby joined the club shortly after moving to Central Oregon and purchasing their second Corvette. They are humbled by the reception they have received and the friendships they have begun developing. Amazing people = an amazing time! They personally want to thank John and Sandy, whom they have known for years for introducing them to this adventure.

Debby was born in Milwaukee Wi. Doug in Syracuse NY. Their paths crossed in 1979 when Doug moved from Klamath Falls to Gresham during his senior year in High School. Doug's new best friend was Debby's younger brother. As fate had it, Debs brother joined the Military in 1980 and Doug was given the unfortunate task of telling Debby's family. Doug met Debby for the first time when he delivered the news to the family. Doug enlisted in the Navy a few months later and in February of 1982 they were married. Debby enjoys being married to a much younger man. They have been married for 42+ years.

They have 2 sons, Derek 41 and Dan 38 and 4 amazing grandchildren. Derek is a pilot for Delta Airlines and Dan is in merchandise sales for breweries throughout the southwest region of the US. Derek lives north of Seattle, Dan in Truckee Calif. Both sons followed in their father's footsteps and became Naval Officers. Dan attended the US Naval Academy graduating in 2007 and becoming a Nuclear trained Surface Warfare Officer while Derek flew EA 6B's and F/A 18G's.

After a few years as a nuclear trained submariner, serving on both ballistic missile and fast attack submarines, Doug returned to college receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees and was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer in the USN.

Doug completed 39+ years of active service in 2018 and retired as a Navy Captain. During his time in the Navy Doug had 3 Sea Command tours including an Aegis Destroyer, Aegis Cruiser and a Destroyer Squadron of 9 ships and 18 aircraft. Doug and Debby completed 18 deployments which totaled over 24 years of separation, 40+ countries and 25 moves. Doug also completed a combat tour in IRAQ in 2007/2008 where he was the US lead for restoring fuel and electricity into Al Anbar Province. In 2008, during the Iraq war Doug and both sons were deployed to the region participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2010 Doug was featured in a documentary on the Discovery Channel Mighty Ships series while in command of the Navy's newest Destroyer USS Gravelly DDG 107.

It is to be noted that Debby is the perfect example of a devoted military wife that without question supported her family through many years of separation and countless operations. She is Doug's hero.

After retirement in 2018 Doug spent a few months assisting his younger brother build his company based out of Ferndale Wa



In 2019 Doug received a phone call from a dear friend that had recently taken a job as the COO for BLUE ORIGIN, Jeff Bezo's space company. In March of 2019 Doug accepted a job as the Senior Director and VP for the New Shepard Space program in charge of maintenance and launch operations of New Shepard propulsion modules and capsules based out of Texas. Doug's mission – get Jeff Bezo's into space as soon as possible. Doug completed 4 successful space launches with his final launch in July 2021 after successfully launching Jeff Bezos his brother Mark and 2 others into space. Mission complete. Doug retired, again, from Blue Origin and returned home to Washington.

In the spring of 2022 Doug and Debby sold their house north of Seattle and moved to Redmond. Their main purpose for relocating was to be close to Doug's aging parents and to get out of the rain.

In September of 2022 Doug accepted a position as the Vice President for Test and Launch Operations for ASTRA Space Co based out of the San Francisco Bay area. Astra makes thrusters for satellite's and rockets capable of launching medium sized payloads into low earth orbit (LOE).

Doug is also part of a small team of consultants that support business's, elected officials and Police and Fire service, teaching leadership fundamentals, development of company and personal mission statements and core values while occasionally traveling to do motivational speaking.

Doug and Debby spend their limited spare time visiting their grandchildren, traveling, concerts, college football, enjoying friends and family and spending time at their cabin outside Leavenworth WA. Debby as a dream craft room and enjoys making about anything you can imagine working with glass, wood, fabric, etc. Doug enjoys hunting, fishing, and experimenting on the BBQ. He also spends several hours a month mentoring business leaders, military officers and others on how to handle life's challenges and how to better communicate at home and at work.

Doug and Debby are excited to be club members and look forward to many new friendships and many adventures in the coming months. Thank you for the warm welcome!



2022
Hypersonic Gray
Convertible



Some 2023-2024 Chevy Corvette Units Need A Transmission Replacement

General Motors has released a Customer Satisfaction Program (CSP) for select units of the [C8 Corvette](#) due to a transmission issue.

According to Customer Satisfaction Program number N232427051, certain [2023 Corvette](#) and [2024 Corvette](#) units may have a condition where the transmission fasteners were improperly torqued. To correct this problem, certified GM technicians are to inspect affected Vettes and replace the transmission and all corresponding components, including a coolant flush, as necessary. Notably, it should take techs anywhere from 15.4 to 18.5 hours to complete this CSP, depending on the model.

For background, the mid-engine [Corvette](#) has already dealt with a few transmission-related issues since its inception. Back in December 2021, *GM Authority* reported that General Motors opened an [investigation](#) into the eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission after receiving numerous reports related to various problems.

More recently, The General [updated](#) the transmission in the [C8 Corvette Stingray](#) towards the end of the 2023 model year. Adopting a new Die 3 design, it's currently unclear if the aforementioned fastener issue is related to this fresh transmission revision. The issue affects a number of [C8 Corvette Z06](#) convertible units as well.



From GM Authority



It's Not a Corvette but.....

The car is a 1941 Plymouth, Special Deluxe in its original patina triple black paint with suicide doors. It was purchased right out of Chicago. The car had only two previous owners when my son Mark asked if we were into another project vehicle. This actually meant it would be a family project. Mark was a paraplegic, so together with his brother Adam we would make it happen so he could drive it.

The Plymouth was totally stock to begin with...and very tired. Then the work began. Off came the never ever been in an accident body. The frame was beefed up. A 350 crate engine with 330 hp was hooked up to a turbo 400 automatic transmission. Attached to a custom made drive shaft is a 9" Chrysler rear end. A new wiring harness was devised. Power steering was a must. A suspension was needed to raise and lower the car. Chosen was a hand made Air Ride Suspension custom made for us by FAT MAN ISS. The management is controlled from the trunk with controls hidden in the dash.. It also has an independent rack and pinion on the front end. The braking system was also redone. Some new glass was installed as well as a full reupholstery to exact specs for the year. All the gauges were put back into working order. The dash is adorned with other gauges showing air pressures, etc. Hand and brake controls were set in place so Mark could easily drive the car.

Then we installed the **SIREN** to the car. The siren has been in the family for years. Of course it came from a police car. We used it primarily for Adams' high school and college football games . I think my arms grew longer carrying the siren and a 12 volt battery into stadiums.

It was installed in the Plymouth as our old restored mobster car was morphed into a cop car. When Mark passed the steering and brake controls were removed. Adam keeps her on a rack in the shop. We take her to car shows as it is a good driver. Lot of good memories. [Phill Derr](#)





New Member Profile – Bryce and Jeanett Woodall

Bryce and Jeanett Woodall are the newest HDCC members. Bryce lived his early years in Sheridan Oregon. He worked up and down the west side of Oregon as a insurance claims adjustor. He worked for various companies and then worked as an independent contractor in the claims area.

Jeanett was born and raised in Portland, OR. She worked in the dentistry field as an assistant among other office duties. She continues to work in the area managing a dental practice for a geriatric dentist. They have lived in Culver full time the last two years although the property has been in the family since the 1970s.

The Woodall's have a daughter who lives in Lebanon, OR. The have two granddaughters and one grandson.

They have property on Lake Billy Chinook where they spend a lot of time boating and enjoying the beach and water. Bryce does a lot of landscaping around their property and Jeanett enjoys maintaining their home. They also enjoy helping out with their grandchildren.

When asked about previous sports cars, Bryce said he had always been a “car guy”. He had 65 Chevy Impala in high school. Has had several Monza Spiders. Also a 1995 Z28 Camaro. He also has owned a 2004 Pontiac GTO that was built in Australia by Holden Car company which is owned by GM. One of the very few that made it to the U.S.. They bought their first Corvette several months ago.

Welcome to HDCC, we hope you enjoy your time with the club.





A Look Back At All The Prior Corvette ZR1

C3—ZR1 The first Corvette to bear the ZR1 designation was the C3. Available during the 1970 to 1972 model years, the [Corvette C3](#) ZR1 featured a variety of performance goodies, including the solid-lifter 5.7L V8 LT-1 gasoline engine (rated at 370 horsepower), heavy-duty four-speed manual transmission, power brakes, aluminum radiator, and a reworked suspension setup with special springs, shocks, stabilizer bars, and spindle-strut shafts.

C4—ZR1 Following a near-15-year hiatus, the ZR1 badge returned with the C4 Corvette. The C4 ZR1 had 375 horsepower and 370 pound-feet of torque, yet was bumped up to 405 horsepower and 385 pound-feet of torque for 1993 and beyond following various updates to the valvetrain.

C6-ZR1 After skipping the [Corvette C5](#) generation, the ZR1 returned for [Corvette C6](#). The C6 ZR1 produced 638 horsepower and 604 pound-feet of torque and delivered said output to the rear wheels via a specially-tuned Tremec TR6060 six-speed manual transmission.

C7-ZR1 Offered exclusively for the final model year of the [Corvette C7](#), the 2019 Corvette ZR1 followed in the C6 ZR1's footsteps and featured considerable upgrades over the Corvette C7 Z06, most notable of which being the supercharged [6.2L V8 LT5](#) gasoline engine. With a 2.6L Eaton supercharger strapped on top and fed by a dual-injection fuel system, the C7 ZR1 developed 755 horsepower and 715 pound-feet of torque, making for the most powerful production-spec front-engine Corvette ever. Improvements to the engine cooling helped to support this monstrous power rating.

C8-ZR1 General Motors has [confirmed](#) that the high-performance mid-engined Vette will be unveiled in Summer 2024. Expected to launch for the 2025 model year, the C8 ZR1 will likely be powered by a twin-turbocharged variant of the [5.5L V8 LT6](#) found in the [Corvette C8 Z06](#), called the [LT7](#). Of course, exact power figures have yet to be detailed, however, it's possible that the V8 LT7 will deliver somewhere in the ballpark of 850 horsepower and 700 pound-feet of torque.