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Corvette Trivia:

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Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage,
There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge.
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,
So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.

I popped the release and lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good."
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?"

"No way, Santa" I said with a grin,
"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"

His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,
Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!"
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,
We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise,
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow,
We headed on out to where the hot rodders go.
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.

Ole Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound!
And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!
Power shift into second, again into third!
I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"

Thanks to the author: Rick Tavel, 2005



**In the true spirit of the Holidays,
Being thankful for time spent with
"Family, and Friends"
We want to wish every member of
SONH CORVETTES the happiest of
Holiday's !**

**While our Corvettes are both
incredible and unique, it is the
friendships that they help create and
keep that are truly what makes them
special!**

**Happy Holidays
SONH CORVETTES**



GM announces more C8 variants

During the recent GM Investor Day event held last week, GM President Mark Reuss discussed two upcoming high-performance Corvette model variants. With regard to the upcoming C8 Corvette ZR1, GM President Mark Reuss said that “as C8 was designed as an early architecture, we keep stepping it up, so this will again set the standard of the world for performance for Chevrolet, and I couldn’t be more excited for that.”

For those readers who may be unaware, the C8 Corvette ZR1 is set to be a highly capable all-round performer offering ultra-high-performance for both the road and the track. Making this possible will be the new twin-turbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7 gasoline engine, which will arrive as a boosted variant of the 5.5L V8 LT6 that motivates to current C8 Corvette Z06. Output from the new ZR1 is expected to peak at 850 horsepower and 850 pound-feet of torque. A pallet carrying the LT7 name recently foreshadowed the development of the new twin-turbocharged engine, as GM Authority covered previously.

Meanwhile, with regard to the upcoming C8 Corvette Zora, Reuss teased that “the next version of the C8 at the very top of the line [would be] something you won’t be able to imagine from a performance standpoint,” adding, “we’ll put the world on notice with this car, it’s our platform of excellence.”

The C8 Corvette Zora will stand out thanks to its twin-turbo, hybrid V8 power plant and all-wheel-drive system, similar to the forthcoming C8 Corvette E-Ray. Output from the Zora, however, is expected to surpass 1,000 horsepower and 1,000 pound-feet of torque.



2023 Caravan Season Look Ahead

While many of us have tucked our toy's away for the winter season, its never too early to take a peak ahead to the upcoming caravan season and share just a few of the things we're planning for 2023. But in order to look ahead, first we must look back on the 2022 season and use what we've learned. Our caravans grew immensely in size from the 15-20 cars we started with last May to the 35-40 car events the end of the season events drew. We anticipate that the car count in many of the future caravan events will continue to grow, (We're not afraid) and we're going to plan accordingly. As the size of our traveling group increased, some challenges presented themselves and we'll be working on addressing them. A couple of the challenges are finding restaurants large enough to accommodate our larger group sizes (not as simple as yes I'd like to make a reservation for 90 people) and to have better caravan communications! Having between 30 and 50 cars together, its imperative for the lead cars to communicate effectively with the caboose cars on the end! Two way radio's have had some effectiveness, but also have proven inconsistent at times when we're in hilly or mountainous area's. So we'll be looking at some radio alternatives for the upcoming season. Ultimately we'd like everyone in the caravan to have the ability to both hear and communicate with all other caravan members.

In 2023 we're looking at increasing the number of events, adding some weekday trips and shortening up some of the Sunday caravans that have turned into lengthy marathons. However, some of the caravans will carry over to 2023 as they are just too good to not have on the schedule such as "The Kanc" and "Bennington VT" end of the year events. Additionally we'll be looking to add a November Caravan (weather permitting obviously) and we'll be getting started earlier in April for our first kickoff event! We're also looking at holding our own monthly static SO NH CORVETTE members only car show as a another opportunity to bring our group members together, some of which perhaps have never been able to come along on a caravan.

We're also very excited to announce we'll kick off our 2023 season with our first annual "Post Holiday Holiday Party" in January. (details will be announced this month!) And at the party, we'll announce some of our planned 2023 trips.

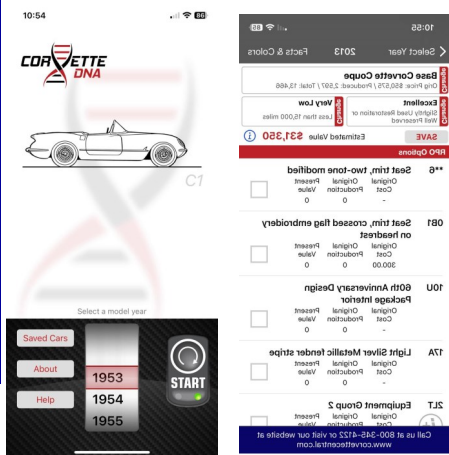
So as we ponder the long winter days in anticipation of the warm weather returning, Plans to make our 2023 summer season the best yet are already under way and we look forward to once again being able to gather with both old friends and new as we enjoy "driving the wheels off" these beautiful machines

Name Tags

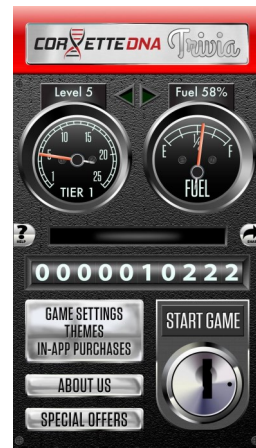
As part of our effort to make things simpler for caravan members (and Administrators) We're making available official SO NH CORVETTE Nametags for anyone who would like to order one. As our caravan size has increased and new members have joined us, keeping tract of everyone by name is virtually impossible and nametags are a great way to bring people together and make everyone feel more comfortable right away. Details can be found on our website at www.sonhcorvettes.org/merchandise



The long awaited arrival of the **Red** SO NH CORVETTES ball cap is over! They can now be ordered through our website with either white or black font colors.



Did you know.. There's an app that can tell you everything there is to know about your Corvette. It can decipher every single RPO (Regular Production Option) your car was built with. It's called **CorvetteDNA** and its available for free to download onto your phone or tablet for either the Apple OS or Android systems. Using the option codes on your car (inside your dash) you can see how your car was built and it will list all the factory options. It will also give you the approximate value your car has in todays market. There is also a Corvette Trivia game by the same company that you can use to sharpen your Corvette knowledge called CORVETTEDNA trivia. Download it and give it a try.



Outdoor Winter Storage Tips

As many Corvette owners enjoy the luxury of having a garage to keep your car tucked away during the long winter months, there are some of us that don't have access to a garage and or choose not to pay storage facility fee's, we instead keep our cars outside during the winter months. And while this may not be a perfect scenario, there are things that one can do to minimize the effects that the cold can do to effect our cars, and there is an added bonus that we'll get to later. You have to remember that when GM designed and built these cars they used the same mind set that they use in building every single car they manufacture. The ability to withstand the elements. They come with windshield wipers to be driven in the rain. They make snow tires for them to be driven in the winter. The paint is designed to withstand the harshness of the environment.. All in the same way every GM vehicle is built. So while we like to think of our cars as being unique and different, from a manufacturing stand point they're not. So while the 70 degree heated garage is a perfect storage scenario for any car, keeping your Corvette outside isn't considered abuse or blasphemy.

So what can you do to minimize the effects winter can have on your Corvette stored outside? First it is recommended that you invest in a good quality outdoor cover, one that is specifically designed to be exposed to the elements. They are relatively inexpensive and will do a great job of protecting your cars exterior finish. (Do not use an indoor cover outdoors as they are designed completely different).

Secondly, make sure you have a good coat of wax or paint sealant applied prior to hibernation as this will allow the cover to move over the paint without leaving any marks you'll have to deal with later on in the spring.

Next deal with the potential rodents looking to make a home, (same as indoor storage) and the steps you take to minimize this are pretty easy and straight forward. Use a deterrent such as a product called Cab fresh placed both in the cabin and under the hood and around the car will make the car an uninviting habitat. (Just remember to remove the product under the hood before starting or driving the car). Place some Stainless steel in your exhaust tips (you can use balled up aluminum foil) and these steps should effectively deter your car from becoming an unwanted home.

Fuel storage should be the same as indoor storage. Keep the fuel tanks between half and three quarter full and add a fuel stabilizer .

Lastly , start the car every two to three weeks and allow the car to run up to temperature for 30 minutes or so, and when doing it, move it a few inches to keep your tires from flat spotting.

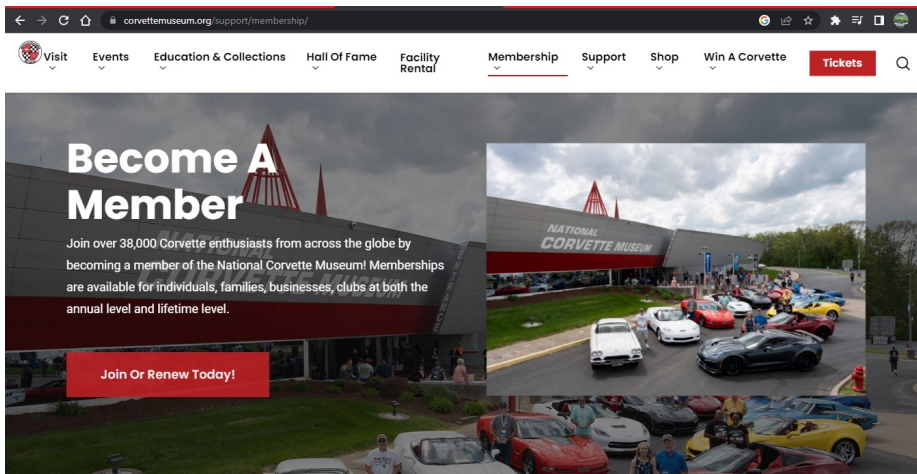
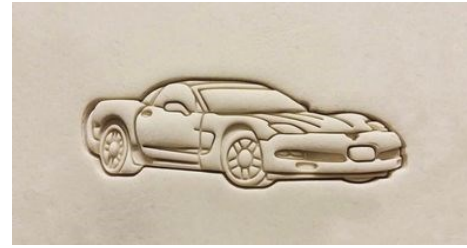
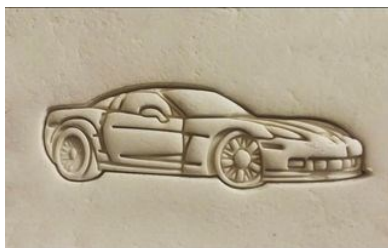
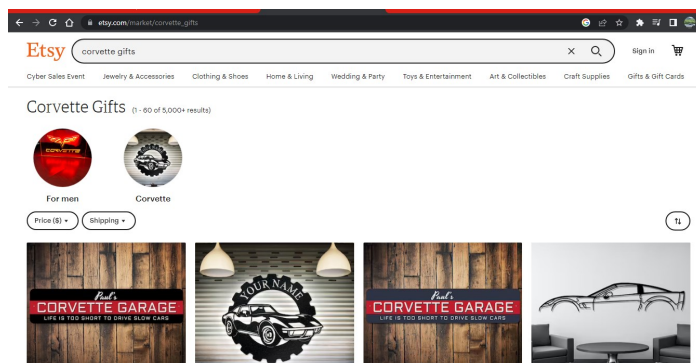
Lastly, if you happen to catch that stretch of beautiful dry weather in winter.. Take it out and enjoy it even if its for a hour or two! Run it through a brushless car wash and you'll be as good as new ..



Corvette Christmas Idea's

You know who you are.. Anything Corvette related. You've got to have it! Well here is a inexpensive and novel idea for your next party. How about some Corvette Cookies. They Corvette cutouts are available for every generation and are an inexpensive way to dress up your desert table at your next gathering. Just go to Etsy.com and type in Corvette Cookies and you can choose which ever Generation you wish to share with your guests. And they're affordable as well. Etsy.com also has tons of other Corvette related holiday gift ideas for that hard to buy for person on your shopping list..

www.etsy.com and type in Corvette related in the search bar



National Corvette Museum membership

Another great gift Idea.. Give the gift of membership to the National Corvette Museum! Better yet give the gift of family membership and you both can enjoy the many benefits of membership. If you're planning on attending the 2024 Corvette Caravan then this is a must on your holiday shopping list, Free admission to the museum and discounts in the Corvette Store. Your membership also includes free **CARFAX** access so you can learn the Service and registration history of your Corvette

Trivia answer : Has there ever been a Corvette made of anything but fiberglass? The answer is **yes!**

Italian coachbuilder Pininfarina completely re skinned a new 1962 Chevrolet Corvette in steel and called it the Rondine. The Italian coachbuilder commissioned GM to build one car and it was completely constructed out of steel. However any plans for production never advanced beyond the prototype that was built for the 1963 Paris Motor Show. The car is still in existence and most recently sold at the 2008 Barrett Jackson auction for a cool **1.76 million**.

