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# Vette Gazette

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Prez Notes:

The Corona virus is No Fun. It has us all on lockdown! The good news is that we haven't heard of any of our members being infected. (Let's keep it that way.)

It has caused us to cancel a couple of our general meetings, because EPUD has closed their meeting room. We have also cancelled our board meeting for April. And as of Tuesday, we have changed our Valley River show to the second weekend in October.

We have also just found out that IMSA has changed the date of the Laguna Seca race to a week earlier. Unfortunately this is a 3 day holiday weekend—not a good idea traffic wise.

So, as of now we remain on hold for club events. For us it is back to cleaning and organizing the Pantry—so exciting! And when the weather is nicer, there is always yard work. (We are growing a really good crop of weeds!)

Stay Safe,  
Prez Gerry

ps - You will notice there is no April calendar in this newsletter because all club activities are suspended until further notice.



V.P. Jim

Fellow Cascade Corvette Club members Jeff & Susan Homolka have been on a long-planned, extended trip to Australia and New Zealand. Their adventure began before the current crisis hit our shores. As news of the pandemic swept the world, their dream tour began to turn into a nightmare. First came the news that New Zealand was closing its borders to all travel. Soon, word came that visitors needed to leave Australia immediately. Thus began a turbulent time of airline bookings and cancellations, set-backs and whirlwind scrambling to get out of country and on the way home.

Jeff & Susan are now in "self-quarantine" for 14 days, safe in their own home!

We aren't exactly sure, due to the time changes and date changes, but we think it took us about 48 hours of travel to get home from Melbourne, Australia.

We return home with a profound sense of gratitude, awe and happiness. It felt like we were trying to out-run a tsunami and indeed we were. Doors were slamming closed in front of us and behind us the entire way.

As soon as things started to unravel, we began making plans to return. Just to be sure, we had two extra flights booked as backups. All of those through Fiji Air (1) and Qantas (2) were cancelled on us. In desperation we searched for alternative flights. Found 2 through Singapore air, but as soon as we made those, we got a notice that they had just been cancelled. Made a reservation on Air New Zealand. It was cancelled.

Found one on Emirates for 4 x the cost they usually charge. It stuck. Our 7th try was a winner. I am pretty sure they felt guilty about jacking up their price at the last minute, because they upgraded us to business class on the first flight and to first class on the second flight. That part was VERY nice.

The day we left Tasmania to go back to Melbourne so we could catch our flight, their governor-type person announced that there would be no more travel allowed for foreigners after midnight and that their borders would be closed for 6 months. We must have been on one of the last flights out.

Oddly our Emirates flight was booked with a fuel stop in Singapore. Just one hour though and we were off to Dubai, where we had to change planes with a 5 hour layover. I have been to the Dubai airport before and was not worried because they have miles of seating upstairs and down. However, they closed off ALL the upstairs seating and all of the airplane lounges, so everyone was crowded into the limited spacing downstairs. There were not enough chairs for all the people and many of us resorted to sitting on the ground to find some distance from others.

Then it got worse. We got a notice that our flight from San Francisco to Seattle was cancelled. So I made a reservation and checked into one headed for Portland. The only flight to Eugene from there left about the same time we would land, so I booked a car rental instead.

Due to new regulations from the USA, folks in Dubai were scrambling to figure out how to meet them before boarding us onto our 16 hour flight to San Francisco. They needed a large radius of space to individually thermal scan each of us. Instead of doing it at the logical point after each person present their boarding pass, they decided to clear our waiting area, set up the scanner there and crowd us into a 20 by 40 foot space in the hall. This was for one of those huge airbus A380, 600 passenger planes, which was full.

Panic set in. We were packed as tight as a mosh pit, no way to maintain space, aged and babies crowded up against two or three other people everywhere. We tried our best to comfort each other, but it was hard. One father with a baby and toddler looked like he was ready to cry. When masses of 20 somethings crowded to get in front, I finally yelled out, "please let the babies go first!". A few others yelled out "yes! And the elders too!". It helped for a while but not long. Finally we made it on board, wiped off every surface we could reach and relaxed. While reading the news updates on that flight we learned that Singapore was no longer allowing passenger transits. We must have been one of the last flights allowed through there.

Our plane had been delayed from leaving Dubai, which meant we probably would miss our flight to Portland due to the need to get our bags, go through border control, customs and back through security. Indeed we got off the plane in San Fran at the exact time they started boarding for Portland. They probably wouldn't wait because it was on a separate reservation and they had no idea we had just flown in from another country.

Luckily, there were few people to go through border control and customs. We hit security with 8 minutes before take off. You know when the door to a plane is closed they can't reopen it. San Fran is big and we started running. We heard our names on the overhead, "last call and 1 minute before the doors closed". We ran harder. With me waving my lap top over my head and shouting "we're here! we're here!". Wheezing and panting, we made it! There were 7 people on the plane, 3 others back from New Zealand, 2 others from the states and us trying to get home. Everyone had a story to share.

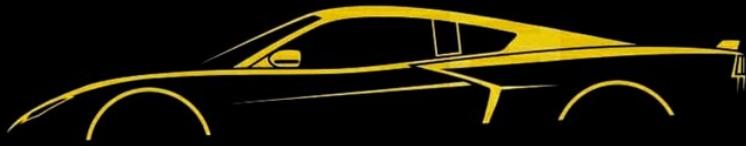
When we got to Portland I saw a message on my phone that no one who had traveled out of the state in the past 14 days could rent a car in Portland. I suggested we just check the gate for Eugene because it was leaving 15 minutes late and was close by. They said we could get on if we had a boarding pass, which we did not have. I could not buy one for that flight because it was too late to purchase. But I bought one for 2 days later and they used that to change us onto the flight. This time they held the doors open because they knew we were at the gate trying to get on. There were 4 people on this flight, each with a story to tell.

Just as I turned my cell to airplane mode I noticed a message that Emirates was no longer flying passenger flights. We must have been on one of their last flights.

When we arrived in Eugene there was a taxi so we grabbed it, but told him we would load our bags for his own protection. On the way to our place he said there were just a couple of them driving still, but that their boss said as long as someone needed them, he wanted to have folks available to drive. We were grateful and Jeff tipped him very well.

Our kitty was delivered outside our door shortly thereafter for a no-contact hand off (Thanks Parker, Krystyne and Aaron). We desperately needed the pet love.

We are amazed that we made it. This was an act of God as well as all the other gods and goddesses in the universe and we thank them all. Its crazy here, but there's no place like home.



## Misc. Notes

At the time I am writing this newsletter (3/24/20), we don't know when we will be able to resume our lives as we knew before COVID-19. The decision has been made to cancel all April club meetings and the Valley River Center car show is up in the air. I expect to add current news about the show before you receive this newsletter.

**\*\*UPDATE\*\* April 18-19 dates are cancelled. Tentative new dates are Oct. 10-11.**

I hope all of you are able to weather this social and economic storm. Of utmost importance, of course, is our health. Please protect yourselves and your immediate families. And if you need help or assistance please do not hesitate to ask as members will step up.

One of our members suggested that the club donate monthly to Food for Lane County during this crisis. The suggestion was brought to the Board and discussed via email. It was decided by the Board, that an expenditure of this size would exceed the amount we budget each year for charitable donations. Some mentioned that it is more of a personal decision and they make monthly donations individually. It was also noted that Food for Lane County has broad individual and corporate support throughout the region and our donated amount could be put to more beneficial uses. We encourage our members to individually donate to the charities and causes that mean the most to you personally.

### IMSA - Laguna Seca

OK race fans, below is a date change for The IMSA Monterey SportsCar Championship race at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. It has been moved up one weekend to run on Sept. 4-6. It was originally scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 11-13. This date adjustment was made to accommodate IMSA competitors planning to participate in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, which now will run on Sept. 19-20.

We will all need to rethink our travel plans. This is the 3 day holiday weekend which means more traffic and possibly higher hotel rates. Plus, we have still not received any info on the Corvette corral. We will send more info when it is available.

Gerry

### Function 4 Junction

"This year they have the 1975 and newer on cruise June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30. I hope this year we can over take the MOPAR group with as many of Corvettes as possible, 1975 and newer. Pre-registration on their website [www.function4junction.com](http://www.function4junction.com)"

Bill Schrieber

KVAL "Can Do" Food Drive  
Scheduled for April 15  
Location TBA



## Happy Birthday!

April 12 - Jan Willer

April 13 - April Wilson

April 16 - Don Thumel

\*our April birthdays are practicing social distancing\*

## Club Clothing

We have two options for embroidered club clothing & hats.

Fiddler's Green Golf Center  
Embroidery Dept.  
can order anything you like  
and will embroider our club logo  
for a small fee.

Or you may take in any garment, regardless where it was purchased and they will embroider the club logo for you.



Previously in this column, we congratulated Don & Charlene Thumel on the purchase of a restored 1965 Corvette coupe. As it turned out, that congratulations was premature.

Don bought the '65 from a private party in Houston, TX. Before the purchase, he did his due diligence and had the car thoroughly inspected and certified. Somewhere in that process, things went sideways. Upon arrival in Springfield, everything appeared normal and respectable. Soon however, problems began to surface and Don found that the '65 had been "grossly misrepresented".

Facing the reality of the situation, Don contacted the seller, and after the threat of legal action, was able to negotiate the return of the car and his purchase amount. Don did get stuck with paying the transportation charges both ways however.

A painful lesson and one that should not have happened had the seller been honest.

So, what to do about that empty garage space? Don realized that he really missed his previous Z06, so he set out to find the *perfect* C7 Z06!

Congratulations (again) to Don & Charlene on the purchase of a beautiful 2016 Long Beach Red Z06 coupe.





## Coming Events

I will admit, I thought about just filling these columns with giant questions marks!

But, I know this will end. And when it does, our club activities and friendships will play a big role in returning our lives to normal.

**SOMETIMES  
I PRETEND TO BE  
NORMAL.**

**BUT IT GETS BORING...  
SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.**

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**PEOPLE SHOULD  
SERIOUSLY  
STOP EXPECTING  
NORMAL FROM ME...**

**We all know it's NEVER  
going to happen!**

April 18 - 19  
Valley River Center  
Corvette Show

Postponed  
May 22 - 25  
Big Sky Corvette Meet  
Bozeman, MT

June 5-6  
Corvettes on the Columbia  
Tri-Cities, WA

June 12-13  
Mecum Auctions  
Portland  
\$20 daily admission

June 27  
Corvettes on the McKenzie

June 27  
Sweet Home Sweet Ride  
Sweet Home, OR

July 15-18  
Black Hills Corvette Classic  
Sioux Falls / Spearfish, SD  
<https://www.blackhillscorvetteclassic.com/>

July 17-18  
Corvettes on the High Desert  
Eagle Crest

August 22  
Corvettes on the Bay  
Coos Bay / North Bend, OR

August ??  
**BIG CHANGES**  
Coming to  
Four Corners of Oregon Tour (Pt 1)  
Now a **four** day tour instead of seven  
Dates & details to come.

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**Car Stuff**

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Very Soon...

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\*Not to be combined with any other offer. Discounts only available at Kendall Chevrolet. See dealer for details.

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## 50th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

- To celebrate Corvette's 50th Anniversary, Chevrolet created the 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette.
- All 2003 Corvette's had 50th Anniversary emblems on the hood a rear deck, but only the 50th Anniversary Edition had:
  - Anniversary Red "Xirallic Crystal" paint
  - "Champagne" painted aluminum wheels
  - Unique 50th Anniversary fender emblems
  - "Shale" interior including "Shale" dash
- 4,085 of 12,812 Corvette coupes produced in 2003 were equipped with the 50th Anniversary Package.
- 7,547 of 14,022 Corvette convertibles produced in 2003 were equipped with the 50th Anniversary Package.
- A nearly stock 50th Anniversary Corvette coupe paced the Indy 500 on May 26th, 2002.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- Engine: LS1 V 8
- Displacement: 5.7 Liter
- Horsepower: 350 @ 5600 RPM
- Automatic Transmission
- Optional 3:15 Performance Axle
- Magnetic Selective Ride Control
- Active Handling / Stability Control
- Heads Up Display
- Multifunction Driver Info Center
- Weight: 3,246 pounds
- MPG: 18 City / 25 Highway
- MSRP: \$51,305

Mileage  
5,465



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**For Sale**  
**2008 Corvette**  
**Convertible**  
**3LT**  
**LS3**  
**6-speed**  
**automatic**  
**15,574 miles**  
**See list of**  
**accessories**  
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### 2008 Corvette LS3 Convertible

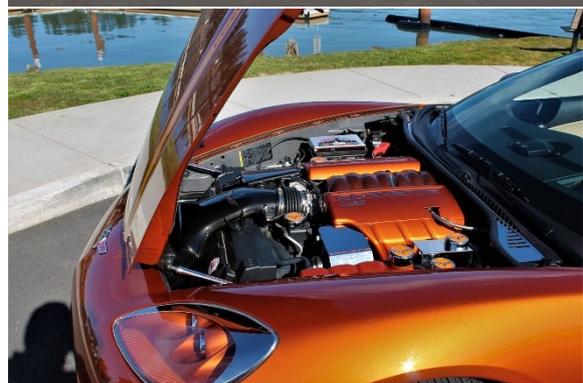
#### ADD-ONS:

Clear Bra - \$600      S&S Exhaust - \$659      Car Cover - \$119  
    Spoiler, painted to match - \$379      Brake Caliper Covers (red) - \$229  
Chrome Headlight Trim - \$80      Chrome Side Marker Trim - \$83  
    Chrome Taillight Louvers - \$90      Chrome Rear Valance Trim - \$70  
    Chrome Rear License Frame - \$120      Chrome Exhaust Plate - \$50  
Chrome Seat Adjust Handles - \$80      Atomic Orange Dash Letters - \$30  
    Atomic Orange Door Pulls - \$60      Chrome Radio Knobs - \$22  
Exhaust Plate Light - \$45      Leather Seat Logos - \$55      Chrome Rear Letters - \$33  
    ALTEC Splash Guards to match - \$189      Hood Graphics - \$53  
Windshield Graphics - \$70      Stainless Mesh Grill - \$100      Show & Go Front Plate - \$50  
    Sequential Taillight Kit - \$96      Retro Side Spears - \$170

#### UNDER THE HOOD:

Painted to Match: Fuel Rail Covers - \$330      Carbon Fiber Plenum - \$200  
    Recovery - Tank \$150      Battery Cover - \$160      Fluid Caps - \$60  
  
Stainless Cowl - \$ 112      Stainless Brake Fluid Cover - \$60      Stainless Oil Cap - \$70  
    Chrome Hood Strut Covers - \$60      Chrome Dipstick - \$60  
Stainless Fuse Box Cover - \$60      Chrome Hood Buttons - \$57  
    Metal Hood Blanket Logo - \$74      LS3 Engine ID plate - \$33  
Hydro Carbon Fiber Dipped Intake - \$360      Chrome Screw Covers - \$33

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## **Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8's Are Arriving In Customers' Garages But Nationwide We Are Dealing With The Way More Important Corona Virus Pandemic**

Most important is the health of our country and its families. The virus had a specific C8 consequence of temporary cessation of production — but that we know that is small in comparison to the significantly more important corona virus crisis. As a start, GM is assisting in our nation's fight against the virus: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/general-forums/wheeled-transportation-section/128860-gm-assisting-in-ventilator-production-in-conjunction-with-key-partners>

Of course Corvette related, the virus already shut down Bowling Green Assembly (BGA) plant. Here is GM's press release announcing at least a short term shutdown: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/127660-2020-a-short-run>

During the current BGA shutdown, the completed C8's were transportation backlogged there, here's some good news: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/128641-2020-corvettes-will-continue-shipping-from-the-plant-to-dealers-during-shutdown>



At this time, BGA is currently scheduled to resume on April 6th...

It is so exciting that after 60 years, no more talk and now we have action, that some C8 are now being driven by owners, including one on a 2,400 mile cross country road trip already.

For those who are still enjoying seeing many media videos from GM's "C8 First Drive" that I attended, thanks to Jeremy Welborn for creating in one place a complete collection of the C8 being driven both on great country roads and then one day later on Spring Mountain Motorsports Resorts tracks: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/114921-2020-corvette-first-drive-program-media-videos-all-in-one-place>

GM is wanting C8 owners to have multiple ways to learn about this car, and to that end, GM is very soon sharing 24 new videos to help you learn more about your car and its operations. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/113937-24-new-gm-c8-videos-coming-real-soon-to-help-us-learn-more-better-operate-our-c8's>

While waiting for your C8, here's a link to get you directly to its Owners Manual. 335 pages of reading and information, and then next link and info to four other GM C8 manuals: <https://my.chevrolet.com/content/dam/gmownercenter/gmna/dynamic/manuals/2020/chevrolet/corvette/2020-chevrolet-corvette-owners-manual.pdf?fbclid=IwAR04LMqSCbS8FhiGhUquS64k618cd8MoHvH2oWGIoF0bCCUSRHpUv0Rawg>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/118232-more-c8-manuals>

Like to learn about the mid engine Corvette's engineering? Don Sherman wrote a gem of an article from the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE): <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/123330-sae-engineering-the-chevrolet-corvette-s-first-ever-mid-engine-architecture>

We are starting to see a few visible carbon fiber aero systems, option 5VM, show up installed on a very few new Stingrays (as it was massively constrained). Here is close up in a wonderful video of that option's splitter and side rockers as done by ACS Composite: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/121571-5vm-visible-carbon-fiber-ground-effects-unboxed-video>

Consequently, we are starting to see many install C8 accessory install videos. Here's one on converting the Z51 standard spoiler to a high wing and then some more detailed ones. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/125360-install-video-brake-ducts-underbody-shields-splitter>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/128307-diy-c8-5vm-splitter-install-instructions#post128877>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-mods-planned/128392-diy-c8-5vm-rocker-install-instructions>

As we deal with current extreme medical times, we thank all who are assisting others, and like you we understand that while Corvettes are important to us, especially those awaiting their C8's, all this is less important than our country dealing with our nation's overriding problem of the virus and its consequences on growing millions of us, either medically and/or financially. Thank you for reading. John Elegant

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