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# Vette Gazette

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Prez Notes:

Let the Games begin—or at least our Corvette activities. We will be starting with our first general meeting of the year on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Kendall Chevrolet. Yes, after months of no meetings, we finally have approval from Kendall to again meet at the dealership. Masks will still be required and we will set up chairs 6 ft apart. Hope to see you there.

We also do have some upcoming events: Jim and Nancy are planning a tour to Billings Montana for the Big Sky Meet and a tour of northeast Oregon in May. If you are interested please contact them for tour and hotel information.

We also have a riverboat dinner cruise planned for Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be departing from the Salem riverfront park at 6:00pm for a two hour cruise on the Willamette Queen and dinner on board the boat. We already have about 20 members signed up, but there is room for more. See your newsletter for more information.

We are looking into possibly doing a one day or half day outside car show at Valley River. More info on this as it becomes available.

And if you have some fun idea's that the club might like to do, please contact Matt and Cheryl Horowitz. And as always, we could eat, drink and gamble at one of the several casinos in Oregon. Some members even win!

I am personally encouraging everyone to get their Covid-19 vaccine.

See you at the April meeting,

President,  
Gerry Swartz



## Corvette Racing Expected to Get a Waiver to Race Current C8.Rs in 2022 IMSA GTD Pro Class

[Corvette Racing](#) will apparently be allowed to compete in the new IMSA GTD Pro category slated to debut in January 2022 at the Rolex 24 At Daytona, according to a [report this week by RACER](#).

The website reports that competitors have reached a consensus to allow Corvette to transition from IMSA's GT Le Mans class to the new GTD Pro category next year, even without a currently eligible GT3 version of the C8.R as required in GTD Pro.

"Corvette and all the brands in IMSA are very important partners of ours," series president John Doonan told RACER. "We want to do everything we can to make their continued participation as relatively easy as possible. So we're in a decision mode, working very closely with the partners at Corvette Racing, GM as well, and all the other manufacturers to make sure that we can put them in a position to be able to continue to compete, right away, in GTD Pro, with an eye on what we can do with them going forward."

Despite not yet formally committing to compete in GTD Pro as yet, Corvette Racing will apparently receive a waiver allowing the use of a detuned version of its GTLM C8.R for the first one or two seasons of GTD Pro, competing with a special Balance of Performance formula applied.

"In the end, it's their company's decision to make relative to creating a GT3-spec car," Doonan said. "And we'll let them be the ones to share that news when they're ready to. But for the short term, IMSA is putting ourselves and everybody who's involved, from the tire makers to all the other manufacturers, in a position to let folks compete as easily as possible, given their current product, and to also have an eye on the future, which would be using only GT3-spec cars."

RACER says other competitors – including Acura, Aston Martin, Audi, BMW, Lamborghini, Lexus, Ferrari, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG, and Porsche – either have a GT3 model or have not asked to detune and use their GTLM/GTE cars in the new category, leaving Corvette as the only one apparently needing such a waiver.

"To be honest with you, we try never to make decisions in a vacuum," Doonan said. "So as we have allowed the market to speak, they've spoken in a forum that each of them can hear one another, and that includes Corvette Racing. Right now, nobody is giving us any blowback about trying to make it work, both in the short and the long term."

**Source:**  
[Racer.com](http://Racer.com)



## Misc. Notes

### **We are able to hold our Board & General meetings again!!**

Attendance guidelines are still a bit vague, but we have confirmation from our sponsor, Kendall Chevrolet, that we are allowed to meet in their Delivery Bays as long as we continue to mask and social distance. As before, some of our members will arrive early to set up chairs with the proper spacing. We will also have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available.

Our first Board meeting of 2021 will be held April 6. At this meeting, the Board will attempt to set out some long-term plans for 2021 activities.

Our first **General Meeting will be April 9, 6:00 pm at Kendall Chevrolet.** We do not foresee being able to go to restaurants as a group after meetings for some time to come. Plan on eating before or possibly breaking up into small (6) groups to go to dinner with friends after the meeting.

Among the items the Board will be discussing is some kind of "Reopening Celebration" this Spring. If you have an idea, please let a member of the Board know or plan on attending the Board meeting to share your thoughts. The Board meets April 6, 2:00 pm at Kendall Chevrolet.



**Cascade Corvette Club  
In Lincoln, Nebraska  
2014**



**"Corvettes in the Park"  
2017**



**CCC & HDCC  
at Castello di Amarosa, Napa, CA  
2013**



## Happy Birthday!

**April 12 - Jan Willer**

**April 13 - April Wilson**

**April 16 - Don Thumel**

## 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.

## Ghost Writer

Cascade Corvette Club has several new members since we last met, seems like *years ago!*

Steve & Hollie Roman own a 2020 Torch Red coupe.

Bob & Rhonda own a 2017 Black ZO6. They request to remain anonymous in our club publications, but we hope to meet them in person soon.

Robert Foster & Lynn Ingrim drive a 2014 Crystal Red Stingray.

Stan & Shannon Czerniak have been around for several months, but most of you have not had the opportunity to meet them. They own a 2016 Shark Gray ZO6 and a 2020 Elkhart Lake Blue Stingray coupe.

In addition, some of our members have added (see what I did there?) different Corvettes to their garage.

Mike & Nora Larion sold their Arctic White '95 convertible and bought a 2006 Monterey Red convertible.

David & Patti Brooks sold their '03 Anniversary Red coupe and bought a 2015 Velocity Yellow ZO6 coupe.

Don & Charlene Thumel have had their 2016 Long Beach Red ZO6 coupe for several months, but with the lack of activity we endured in 2020, many have not seen it yet.



# Ghost Writer

Corvette projects and the corvette community are amazing. Back in 2019 I had a desire to purchase a mid year corvette. Mom and Dad's 1965 Corvette is the most special car in the world to me and since they would not sell it to me, I needed a mid year of my own. I purchased a 427 1966 corvette convertible with side pipes and knock off wheels on 4/27 in 2019. About a month after acquiring the car, Mom and Dad came up to Portland to take the car to Cars and Coffee. As we were walking around looking at cars Mom got a call from a guy in Salem with a 1964 Corvette project. If one mid year is good then two mid years would be better. A car friend of mine wanted to make a deal so we went to look at the car. On 6/4 of 2019 a 1964 was loaded onto the trailer and followed us home.

As with any classic car project you never know what you are going to get. The car looked solid but the owner knew it had a bad accident history. Dad could see a new front clip had at some point been installed and the back of the car had been backed into with fiberglass cracks on both sides. The price was a good deal for both the owner and our team so a deal was struck.

As for the car, it's a 1964 small block 327 that is not original to the car. It has all the parts however a fair amount were not installed on the car. The wheels and tires are almost brand new to the car and give it a nice look.

When COVID hit in 2020 it gave me extra time in the garage to start the body work. A number of ITCHY days followed as we did a lot of fiberglass work to get the body solid and ready to start the sanding and filling work. We started with a good solid sanding of the whole body to find the high and low spots, followed by some filler primer and lots of water sanding.

Then came the news we were expecting. The past history has caught up to the car and the frame would take a lot of work to get road worthy. Calls went out to the Corvette community and we are in the process of acquiring another frame. At the same time we are looking to update to 1965 suspension to get disc brakes on the car and new bushings as well.

Hopefully this time next year Dad can provide an update on the car when we get to team up for a father/son paint job to put a coat of silver/blue on the car.

Thanks,  
Greg Swartz





## Coming Events

**May 28 - 30  
Big Sky Corvette Meet  
Billings, MT**

**June 4 - 5  
Function 4 Junction  
Junction City, OR**

**June 11 - 13  
Vette-A-Bration  
Yakima, WA**

**June 18  
Willamette Queen Sternwheeler  
Dinner Cruise  
Salem, OR**

**June 26  
Sweet Home, Sweet Ride  
Sweet Home, OR**

**July 10  
Graffiti Wknd & Corvette City  
Roseburg, OR**

**July 13 - 17  
Black Hills Corvette Classic  
Spearfish, SD**

**August 14  
Salute to Veterans  
Car & Motorcycle Show  
Hillsboro, OR**

**August 27 - 28  
Wallowa Mountain Cruise  
Joseph, OR**

**August 28  
Cruisin' Sherwood  
Sherwood, OR**

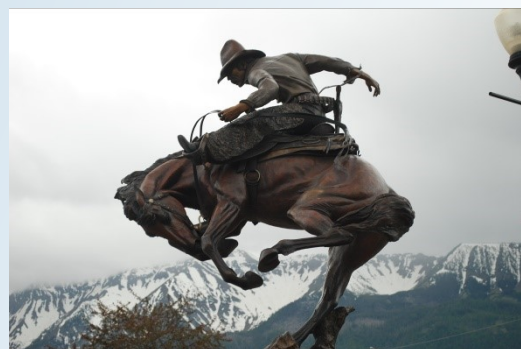
**August ???  
Corvettes on the Bay  
Coos Bay/North Bend, OR**

**September 10 - 11  
Corvettes on the Columbia  
Tri-Cities, WA**

**September 11 - 13  
IMSA Weathertech Series  
Laguna Seca  
Monterey, CA**



**Rogue Jet Boats  
2018**



**Joseph, Oregon  
2016**

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# Car Stuff



Now at Kendall Chevrolet:  
**2018 Corvette Grand Sport  
Coupe in classic Arctic White  
with Adrenaline Red interior.  
2LT, Auto, 16,100 miles.  
\$65,891**

**For Sale: C7 Corvette cover & folding windshield sun screen. \$50 for both.  
[bill.schrieber@guaranty.com](mailto:bill.schrieber@guaranty.com)**

**One of our members is looking for: 2016 - 2019 Stingray convertible. Must be Torch Red (**non-negotiable**), manual transmission (**good luck on that one! Maybe we can talk him into an auto**), 3LT (**thinking he will settle for 2LT**). And...low miles would be nice.**

**Should be simple, right? Hmmm...there is one in Minnesota, another in Florida. If you know of someone selling one of these unicorns, let Jim G. know and he will pass the info on.**



All Cascade Corvette Club members receive 20% off parts and 12% off labor at Kendall Chevrolet, your source for everything Corvette.\* And be sure to see our entire new and used inventory online at: [kendallautooregon.com](http://kendallautooregon.com).

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

FIND NEW ROADS 

**KENDALL**  
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Our meals are prepared differently each week. We will cater to your dietary needs as long as we know in advance. If you have any food allergies, be sure to tell us when making your reservations.

*Appetizer on table*  
*Salad - Garden Green Salad with various toppings to select from*  
*Spinach Salad upon request*  
*Entree's: Chef's choice usually has meat, fish, and/or chicken*  
*Vegetables (seasonal)*  
*Pasta dish*  
*Desserts*  
*Non-alcoholic beverages*

**DINNER CRUISE**— Reservations Required Friday, Saturday, Sunday (6 to 8 pm)  
Adults \$58.00, price includes full dinner, two-hour cruise and gratuity. A full bar is available for purchase. If restrictions are lifted regarding restaurants we will have a buffet instead of a plated dinner.

We have reserved a large area for our group and will need to advise them by May 15 how many will be in our party. You do not have to pay for the dinner until June 1; the club will collect the cost and issue one check for payment the night of the dinner.

We had looked into renting a bus to take our group to Salem and return but the cost would add significantly to the event. So --- we are putting together a cruise for those that want to travel as a group; staying off I-5 going north but returning on the freeway.

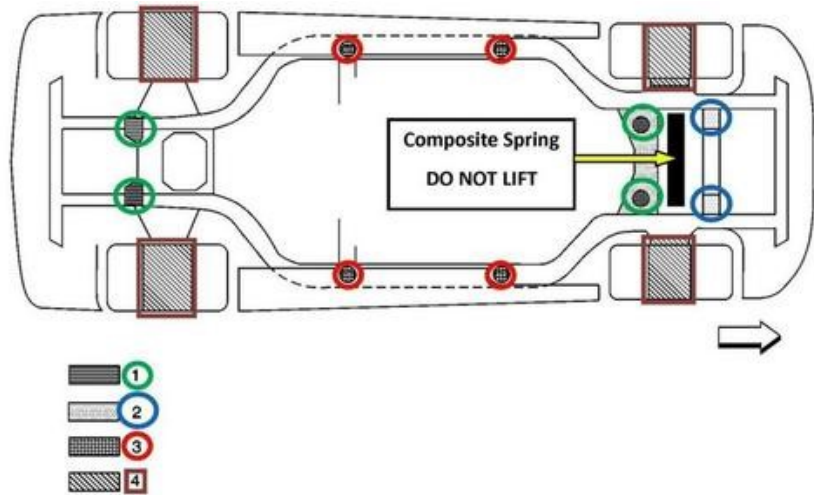
We are thinking Corvettes **IF** the weather cooperates. If the weather does not cooperate, we can put together some type of carpool.

We heard early from several members that they were interested in attending. We list them below but if you have changed your mind, just let us know. If you are not listed and want to join in, email [duckvett@comcast.net](mailto:duckvett@comcast.net) or call Nancy G. 541-729-8405.

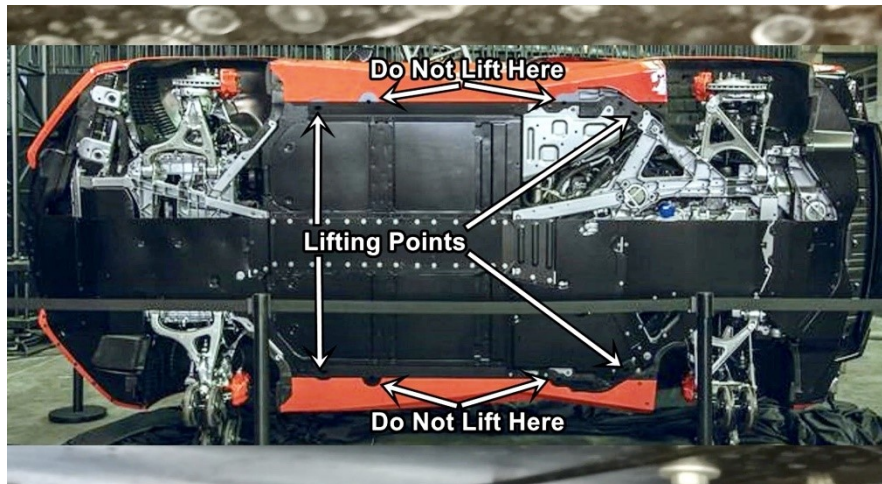




Recently I have seen two cringe-worthy photos of C8 Corvettes that have fallen off a lift while being serviced. The reason: improper placement of the lift points. The first diagram shown is a C7, but the lifting points are the same on C5 and C6. If using the red contact points, it is recommended that you use jacking pucks to prevent the lift from cracking the rocker panels. In the C8 photo below, notice how much further back the rear jacking position is. The reason those C8's fell off the lift was simply the lifting points had been placed too far forward. 60% of the C8's weight is now at the rear. Make very, *very* sure that anyone servicing your C8 knows how to properly lift it!



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- 1) Preferred Vehicle Jacking Locations
  - 2) Optional Vehicle Jacking Locations
  - 3) Frame Contact Hoist Locations, Optional Vehicle Jacking Locations
  - 4) Suspension Contact Hoist Locations



## Mid Engine Monthly Update: Lots Of C8 News (John Elegant)

It is exciting that several upcoming C8 models are now being tested. We think this is the E-Ray: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/250891-camouflaged-c8-corvette-prototype-driveway-find>



Thanks to “Corvette\_Ron\_Himself” for capturing pictures of a C8 mule, one showing bigger tires than even those on the 755 HP, 2019 ZR1 — both diameter and width, e.g. 345/R20/25’s: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/249469-345-25%E2%80%99s-confirmed-by-corvetteblogger>

We also saw in an earlier AutoBlog article a picture of a front tire of a mule being a 275/30/20. Wonder what upcoming C8 model is going to need those massive tires? While we have seen this before thanks and credit to Don Sherman @ Hagerty, here is what he said a year ago, repeated this past month as the progression of upcoming C8 models: 2022 Z06 with 650HP & 600 TQ; 2023 Grand Sport (E-Ray) with 600 HP & 550 TQ; and the 2024 ZR1 with 850 HP & 825

TQ.

The 2021 model year appears to be a short one based on an internal GM schedule. The very last week of production as currently scheduled is July 19th. However, in a recent great Corvette Nation podcast, Harlan acknowledged it could be a little later but then added nowhere near as late as 2020 production was. It is always fun to listen to Harlan. In the podcast we learned within his response to a specific question by a MidEngineCorvetteForum member which was, “what also besides the PDR did you push for in the last two generations?” He responded the “hard top convertible was something I presented as a C8 proposal in 2013.” Thank you Harlan! Whereas in C7 and earlier Corvette generations the convertible was about 20% of customer orders, it has C8 doubled: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/245769-it-s-here-harlan-charles-answers-your-questions-on-the-corvette-today-podcast>

<https://anchor.fm/steve-garrett/episodes/CORVETTE-TODAY-46-Harlan-Charles--Corvette-Product-Manager--Answers-YOUR-Questions-About-Corvette-er100d>

There will be three replacement colors for 2022, a new orange, gray and a brown; that is based on two European Corvette dealership sites: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/243930-here-are-the-internal-gm-names-of-the-new-exterior-colors-for-the-2022-corvette>

Perhaps as GM did once during the C7 generation for Corvette Racing Yellow, when they used the C7.R to “advance present” a following model year customer color, did GM just do this again with “Hypersonic Gray Metallic” being on both of the C8.R’s that raced at Sebring??? Here’s more info and one of many pictures within the thread:



As GM announced last fall, at the beginning of this calendar year they were going to make right hand drive models for overseas shipment. RHD's were recently caught testing here. The first batch of about 300 are heading to Japan, later some to Australia and to England: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/240369-right-hand-drive-c8's-spotted-testing>

It is good news that a C8.R is entered in some WEC Endurance races in Europe to prepare for the 24 Hours of LeMans (even though we just saw the LeMans race has been Covid postponed until August). Glad to see Oliver Gavin is going to be back in the driver's seat for one of the WEC Endurance races, for the SPA World Endurance Challenge race: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/250858-after-sebring-c8-r's-will-go-to-spa-with-driver-thoughts-on-lemans>

If you have yet to see the striking 2021 Sky Cool Gray and Strike Yellow interior:



As our weather starts to improve for most, we are heading for many miles of Corvette driving smiles. And as many are getting their Covid shots, that too will bring more of us out for larger numbers of Corvette fun times. I am always available to "talk" with you via a private message to John at [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com).

May you stay safe!





Wigwam Motel  
Cave City, Kentucky  
2009



Wigwam Motel  
Holbrook, Arizona  
2019



# April 2021

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*PB & J Day*

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*Board Mtg  
Kendall  
2:00 pm*

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*National  
Beer  
Day*

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*Gen. Mtg.  
Kendall  
7:00 pm*

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*National  
Golfer's  
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*Nat'l  
Wear Your  
Pajamas to  
Work Day  
(that is so last  
year)*

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*Jelly Bean  
Day*

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*Prime Rib  
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