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Hey everyone,

I'm writing this just after Beck and I got home from the hot dog cruise at the Halsey city park. It was an absolutely beautiful early summer day with blue skies and just a little bit of a breeze. Perfect. And I have to say that Gerry Swartz and Vic Blomquist did a marvelous job with their weenies! Bravo to the weenie meisters. Now to the meat (pun intended) of my monthly message.

I know I spent one entire previous message on the C8, so far being referred to more as the next gen Corvette. No matter what you want to call it, it eventually will be known as the C8.

Last week, on the evening of the 18th, several of us gathered at our house to watch what we all had been anxiously awaiting since the date was announced. The coming out party of the new car, and I have to say we weren't disappointed.

GM put on a pretty good show, and even though the "fluff" before they showed the car was interesting, we were preoccupied with the anticipation of what was coming.

After what seemed like an eternity, there it was, the C8 "next gen" mid-engine Corvette!! Even after I had predicted that the first one we saw would be red (torch red to be exact), I was extremely happy to see that it was just as I predicted.

I have to say I was prepared to respond as I usually had when a new generation Corvette was introduced, with the exception of the C7. Oh my god, what have they done!! That isn't a 'Vette. Where is this. Where is that. And so on.

I will say that when I first saw the C7 my first thought was "Holy Moly, they really got it right this time." I thought then and still do that the C7 is an absolutely stunning car.

I was prepared to not be excited about the C8, but I gotta tell ya, after a few minutes I thought "Wow, that's a really beautiful car." I didn't say "Wow, that's a beautiful Corvette," because I still maintain that despite it's obvious beautiful lines and overall appearance that you can't just take a look at it and know it's a Corvette. With the placement of the powerplant, (emphasis on power), the body style just couldn't be such that you could immediately identify it as a Corvette.

Having said that, I think every time I look at a photo of it, I seem to like it more and more. It is spectacular, and with the introduction of all of the new technology we've heard about, I'm thinking GM just might have hit a home run. And even though it obviously was designed for a new demographic I also think more than a few of us "traditionalists" will jump all over it.

My final thought is just that although it is a really beautiful car, I'm gonna stick with my last year C7!!

Stan



To see our July in photos, go to www.cascadecorvetteclub.com and find the Photos page.

July 4 - What is more patriotic than Red, White, Blue & Silver Corvettes in a small-town July Fourth parade? Stiles, Heidrick, Tatum & Willer experienced Creswell hospitality while escorting young women from the various local pageants.



July 6 - A small number of CCC members returned to Creswell just two days later for their monthly “Cars & Coffee” at Creswell Coffee. From there, three Corvettes toured to Veneta for breakfast at “Our Daily Bread”. Good company and good food!



July 11 - CCC member Larry Simelius and Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel invited us to Cottage Grove to view the restoration of their carousel. King Estate Winery donated space in their warehouse for the carousel restoration. After a tour and a chance to ride the carousel as “guinea pigs”, King Estate invited us to the winery for lunch a private tour. Lots of great photos at www.cascadecorvetteclub.com



July 14 - 18 adventurous souls ventured to Camp Putt during the hottest part of the day for mini-golf. Maybe not the best laid plan, but we all survived the course and the walk across the parking lot for pizza and cold drinks at Roaring Rapids Pizza. Dessert was provided by Connie, who thoughtfully brought a birthday cake for Nancy. Sorry, no photos.

July 20 - Three CCC Corvettes signed up at the Crescent Park Assisted Living for their annual car show / fundraiser. Cascade Corvette Club was a trophy sponsor, but Crescent Park staff members did all the judging. CCC did come home with three trophies: Matt & Cheryl won '68 & Newer, Jim & Nancy won Best Sportscar and Best of Show. Other club members dropped by and we had a good time sitting in the shade and discussing this-n-that.





Misc. Notes

Without a doubt the biggest news in the world of Corvettes was the unveiling of the new mid-engine C8 Corvette on July 18. Our friend John Elegant of WVCA and Mid-Engine Corvette Forum was invited by GM to attend the reveal in Tustin, CA. See John’s update later in this newsletter. In addition, John will be our guest speaker at our meeting on August 9. **Remember** - our meeting that night will be in the river-side park in Harrisburg, beginning at 7:00 pm.

More local C8 news! Our sponsor, Kendall Chevrolet has shared that they will have an allotment of 18 2020 C8 Corvettes! Of those 18, they already have 5 orders!

In recent days, GM has “leaked” photos of the yet to be released C8 Convertible. If you’re holding out for a convertible, they’re coming.

Great turnout for the Hot Dog Rally! 14 Corvettes and a food/chair/table hauler F-250. Hot dogs, chips, watermelon, salad and cookies. Scavenger trivia hunt...yes, you read that correctly.



A Shadow Gray 2020 C8 Corvette

August 9 Meeting
Our regular meeting night
with a twist: Eat before or bring a picnic to Riverside Park in Harrisburg. Meeting time will be 7:00 pm

Ask Jeff Albright which famous people he met in August 1969.

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Like my mind)*

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Accuracy Is Our Watchword**



Happy Birthday!

August 3 - Fred Willer

August 7 - Al Sather

August 11 - JoAnn Syron

August 14 - Vic Blomquist

August 17 - Larry Thomas

August 20 - Joyce Wittish

August 22 - Kim Bailey

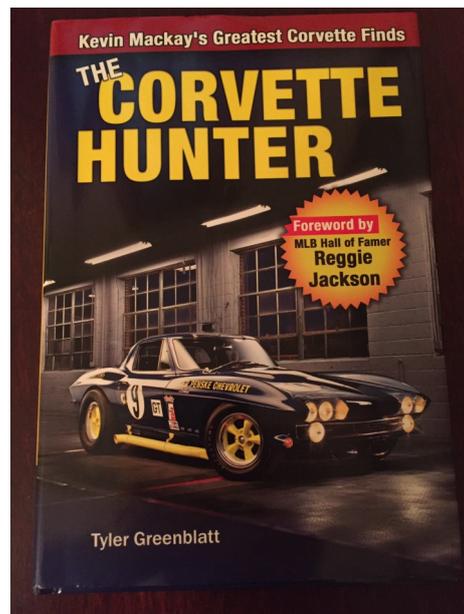
August 29 - Joe Heidrick



Book report,

My son gave me this book for Fathers Day and it is a great read. It is about Kevin Mackay and his tracking down of collector Corvette's. it also gives you the restoration information and the back story of one - even includes murder! Add this to your summer reading list.

Gerry Swartz



Club Clothing

We have two options for embroidered club clothing & hats.

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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.

Welcome our newest members.
Jim and Tonya Cates live in Eugene and
own a 2017 Black Stingray with some
performance upgrades.



Up Coming Events

**August 8
Men's Golf Day
Tokatee Golf Club**

**August 9
General Meeting
@ Riverside Park
Harrisburg**

**August 10
Salute to Veterans
Car & Motorcycle Show**

**August 18
Wham Bam Kendall Jam
Car Show @ PK Park**

**August 22, 2019
Departure of PNW
National Corvette Caravan**

**August 28 - September 1, 2019
25th Anniversary Celebration
National Corvette Museum
Bowling Green, KY**

**September 14
North Eugene High School
Car Show
(more info to come)**

The Board will be planning events for the remainder of the year at this next Board Meeting, August 6. If you have an idea of something the club can do, please contact a Board member or attend the Board meeting at Stiles, Aug. 6 at 7:00 pm.



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2019
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\$66,780



2019
Grand Sport Coupe
Arctic White, Black interior
2LT, auto
\$82,620

2019
Z06 Coupe
Ceramic Matrix Gray, Black interior
1LZ, auto
\$88,275



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Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8 Comes Out Of The Closet! (John Elegant)

Being at the C8's reveal was a "lifetime top ten," especially due to energy in the room, both coming off the C8's and everyone's individual and collective excitement. WOW, 0 to 60 in under 3.0 seconds, and under \$60,000 to start!!! All pictures are official GM's photos.



Nice that the entry car comes standard with all seasons, yet gets just a fraction under 1.0G grip. The Z-51 comes standard with the Pilot Sport 4S tires. The car "starts" with 495 HP and 470 TQ (though I believe the final numbers would change them to 500/475 when later officially its exact pricing and more is GM shared). The options list is over the top, and for those who want, or should I say NEED a front axle lift option (E60), it is available to separately order on a 2LT and a 3LT. The C8 holds two regular-sized golf bags in its rear trunk, and has a good sized front "frunk" that holds an airline-sized overhead bin suitcase and also had good additional room above it.

Impressions? The car's workmanship is a leap forward, especially the interior, for everywhere is an eye-catching piece of jewelry. It is long; with its +2.2" inches width over a C7 Stingray, it appears as a *wide-bodied* car.

Competitors beware, for at that price point and with its performance and its interior jumping upward, the C8 is coming to get you. Here are a bunch of links to help you learn and enjoy more.

<https://media.chevrolet.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/next-gen-corvette.html>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/47725-full-press-release-2020-stingray-is-the-fastest-most-powerful-entry-corvette>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48461-2020-ordering-guide-available-for-c8-stingray>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48389-c8-stingray-1-2-3-1t-components>

More mid-engine exotics' myths exploded. For the past year, FB and another site have been forecasting C8 doom and gloom, that it is not going to be able to be used on a trip, that the interior is cramped, "worse than a C7." More uninformed crap. *The interior of the C8 has over +1" more seat travel than the C7's; the height from the seat cushion to the bottom of the coupe's roof is also increased more than 1"; lastly, the distance between the armrests (its cabin width), is also up in the C8.*



The three new seats are terrific. Please do not order the Competition Seat unless you are a significant track person, though if you are, it is improved for the track capabilities, with its more-protruding side and seat bottom bolsters, harder foam, and similar. And now, the issue of “looks” (which is why some bought the C7’s Comp seat), is fully resolved in the new C8 GT2 seat. It too has the gorgeous visible carbon fiber “Butterfly,” has really nice bolsters (for all of us for whom the track is a not a typical weekend occurrence), and yet has a softer foam than the Comp Seat. It is the perfect world IMO for + 90% of us. Again, with its great looks too! Notice the baby-ventilation holes pattern, which BTW is repeated on the C8’s luggage set. Speaking of, the entire five piece C7 luggage set will fit into a C8, with room left over.

A fantastic close up video, then others all taken by Jeremy Welburn (“jagamajajaran”), then a second C8 Tadge and team reveal video from the NCM’s Friday Expo/Expo event. Thank you so much JAG!!!
<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48388-c8-corvette-stingray-close-up-walk-around-video>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48303-friday-c8-corvette-stingray-presentation-videos>

Want a bunch of C8 factoids that could be helpful for those who want to learn more, and especially for those who are thinking about option choices, here’s another place to add to your fun C8 trivia facts.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48327-c8-stingray-interesting-facts>

We await GM’s release of the 125 dealerships that will be receiving a C8 traveling show. By the time you read this, it should be out. As should either a separate or integrated list of such places where we expect it to be, e.g, the Pebble Beach weekend three events, Corvettes At Carlisle, C7.R Corvette Corrals, and GM confirmed, will be at the end of next month’s National Corvette Caravan, e.g., NCM’s 25 Anniversary Celebration.

A huge thanks to the talented renderers fvs, Chazcron, bdsavars and ZoraC2 for your helping us this past 1 1/2 years with your great artistry. Were you ever spot on in your visual predictions! All of us C8 lovers say **thank you!!!**

Thanks for considering visiting or joining www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com — with over 1,000,000 page views the last six months, and now cited/linked by major auto media 100+ times for breaking C8 news — and still has C8 factual content not on any other site. Most importantly, we are having fun! Thank you. John

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Board Mtg
@ Stiles
7:00 pm

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Men's Golf
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Football begins



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