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# Vette Gazette

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Hi everyone,

So here I am, on the day after Thanksgiving. I'm home alone right now, because Becky is off in Black Friday land somewhere.

I'm pretty much enjoying my time by myself (other than watching our Ducks men's basketball team lose very close games yesterday and this morning) because it gives me a chance to think about some of the things I'm thankful for.

This wonderful country we live in. We certainly have our flaws, but I wouldn't want to live anyplace else. And for those out there who don't love this United States of America, why don't you leave and try someplace else? Betcha don't stay long.

Our grandchildren. They are beautiful, smart and even though we don't get to see them as often as we'd like, the time we do get is that much more special. We didn't get to be grandparents until seven years ago (not our fault), so that makes it even more special. Grandkids are just so much fun at this age.

Our families. My family is really small and Beck's is just the opposite. A lot of them live nearby but plenty more are pretty well spread out all over the place.

Our health. Probably sounds pretty crazy coming from someone who has been in the hospital 5 times since March. Despite that I'm getting better every day. Thanks to a great back surgeon and all of the fine people at the Eugene and Roseburg VA, I'm looking forward to a whole lot healthier 2020. I've really missed being part of the club so much this past year. And I certainly know now what it means to say "if you don't have your health you don't have anything."

Finally, our extended family. Yep. You guys. I often think how fortunate we are to be able to own and drive our beautiful Corvettes around. We didn't have any idea when we joined the Cascade Corvette Club 15 years ago. Now it feels like we've all been together forever. I'm obviously biased, but I think our club is one of the best. We do serious business, we are socially responsible, we are fiscally responsible, we donate to very worthwhile charities. We also have a heck of a lot of fun, and you know what I say about having fun. "If you don't have fun doing it, you might want to think about doing something else." I was having dinner with Jim and Nancy recently and Nancy said, "you know, if it wasn't for our Corvettes, most of us in the club wouldn't have even known the other members."

This is/was my 3<sup>rd</sup> term as club president, Jim certainly deserves the credit for leading the club. I can't thank him enough for doing what he (and Nancy) does for our club.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!!!!**



*Highlights of 2019:*

March 11-12: Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch, Corvette Owners School.



June: Corvettes at the Carousel



June: Corvettes on the McKenzie



August - September: National Corvette Caravan



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Notes



**Two December events coming soon!**

**Dec. 8 - Cookie Exchange**

Izzy's on W. 11th, 3:00 pm  
Each person brings one dozen cookies or fudge or Christmas candy. You then get to pick one dozen cookies from the myriad varieties to take home. Partake of Izzy's buffet prior to exchanging cookies.  
No RSVP needed - just show up (with cookies) and enjoy food and fellowship.

**Dec. 13 - Annual Meeting / Christmas Party**

Willie's Lebanese & NW Cuisine  
5:00 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner followed by our Annual Meeting, Installation of 2020 Officers & Board and Christmas Party / Gift Exchange.  
Cost is \$28.00 per person (club is paying the remaining costs, gratuities, etc).

*"We have 50 (!!)* signed up for the Dec. 13 event at Willie's. *Still room for more IF you notify us promptly so we can add you to the list. It will be a great party and we would hate for you to miss it".*

If you have not yet registered and want to attend, please call Nancy @ 541-729-8405.



2019





## Happy Birthday!

**December 3 - MaDonna Lewis**  
**December 4 - Mary Hobson**  
**December 4 - Robin Lindly**  
**December 7 - Joe Heidrick**  
**December 11 - Shirley Wolfe**  
**December 14 - Don Wittish**  
**December 17 - Jan Gshwandtner**  
**December 21 - Donn Massett**  
**December 25 - Patty Brooks**  
**December 26 - Charlene Thumel**  
**December 27 - Nancy Schrieber**



I have recently heard from some club members who were denied the Club discounts on Parts & Service labor at Kendall Chevrolet/GMC. In one case, they requested the discount (twice) and were denied. In another case, the owner assumed they received the discount, but on further reading learned that they received a Senior discount, but no mention was made of a club discount.

Several things come to mind here... (1) Kendall has not issued discount cards to members since 2016 and has not maintained a database of club members names, (2) There are a lot of new employees at Kendall Chevrolet who probably don't know each and every one of us as Corvette club members, and, (3) There does not seem to be clear-cut knowledge of the discount policy among Kendall employees.

I still carry my 2016 membership card (issued by Kendall) that states "20% Off List Price for Parts" and "12% Off Service Labor". This is/was valid at the Chevrolet store only and was for all vehicles owned by the club member.

I have been in conversation with our contacts at Kendall Chevrolet/GMC about clarifying a policy understood by us and all departments within the dealership. Until we hear that policy, it is important that you, the customer, identify yourself as a member of Cascade Corvette Club and **request** to club discount.

Jim

## 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.



## Up Coming Events

December 8  
Annual Cookie Exchange  
Izzy's @ W. 11th  
3:00 pm

December 13  
Annual Meeting/  
Christmas Party  
Willie's Lebanese & NW Cuisine

April 17 - 19  
Cascade Corvette Club  
Valley River Center  
Corvette Show

### Possible 2020 Events

May? June?  
Big Sky Corvette Meet  
Bozeman, MT

June 4 - 6  
Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise  
Monterey, CA

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

June 27  
Sweet Home, Sweet Ride  
Sweet Home, OR

July 13  
Corvette City Cruise  
Roseburg, OR

July 15 - 18  
Black Hills Corvette Classic  
Spearfish, SD

July 17 - 18  
Corvettes on the High Desert  
Eagle Crest, OR

August 28 - 30  
Sea to Sky  
Hosted by  
British Columbia Corvette Club  
Squamish, British Columbia

August ???  
Vettes on the Rockies  
Steamboat Springs, CO

September ???  
"Four Corners of Oregon"

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IMSA Race  
Laguna Seca  
(Monterey Peninsula)  
To watch the new C8.R race

Local 2-day (weekend) cruises?  
So. Oregon, Tillamook,  
Walla Walla Wine Tour,  
Central Oregon, Oregon Coast,  
Columbia Gorge,  
?????

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846 Goodpasture Island Rd.  
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**Car Stuff**

New Corvettes Now Available at Kendall Chevrolet/GMC/Cadillac



**2019**  
**Torch Red Coupe**  
**Jet Black interior**  
**1LT, auto**  
**\$59,411**

Used Corvettes Available



**2006 Coupe**  
**Daytona Sunset Orange**  
**49,402 miles, auto**  
**\$23,489**

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.

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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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## Hickory Dickory Dock has a bug got into your clock???

If you have a C6 Corvette with a GPS XM Radio you may have a issue now or in the near future with your clock display being blank and no obvious way to reset the clock because none of the reset screen buttons pictured on the display work.

This problem seems to appear after the battery has been disconnected and reconnected.

I had a mechanical problem during the Veterans Day Parade that required my 2007 C6 to be taken in for repair at our friendly local dealer.

When I got the car back a week later the clock display was blank and it would not let me reset it.



After hours of poking around on the internet in the Corvette Forum I found out that I am not the first person to have this occur and for sure I won't be the last. I saw lots of complaints and hardly any answers. This problem has occurred in other manufactures models including Ford trucks. Some manufactures and models have found some solutions and some have none listed.

Here is the one explanation that I found for this common problem.

<https://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/forums/c6-technical-and-performance/147170-air-force-wnro-updates-affecting-gps-clocks-c6s.html>

1. WNRO stands for GPS Week Number Rollover
2. The Air Force does a refresh to their GPS clock signals (affecting some military and civilian GPS's) every 1,024 weeks.
3. The AF first placed GPS on-line (using their AF-owned satellite system) on 1/6/80. Yes, all of our GPS's, as far as I can tell, use AF-owned GPS satellites.
4. The first 1,024 week update after 1-6-80 "should" have occurred on 8-21-99.
6. The second 1,024 update "should" have occurred on 9-6-18.

For a longer version check out the website from which the above explanation is copied.

Here is the fix I found on [www.corvetteforum.com](http://www.corvetteforum.com) to get my clock back up and running.

Nov 11, 2019 #20

Posted today on Corvetteforum.com by forum member Vintagegas, the fix for the clock.

<https://www.corvetteforum.com/forums/c6-tech-performance/4223246-c6-from-2005-2010-navigation-radio-clock-stops-after-battery-disconnect-75.html#post1600471371>

Note: I am not a software engineer and I neither work for Denso nor GM.

The following is the info, as promised:



[https://tis2web.akamai.gm.com/radio/corvette\\_gps\\_my\\_05\\_10\\_fix.zip](https://tis2web.akamai.gm.com/radio/corvette_gps_my_05_10_fix.zip)

The above link is for Corvettes only

1. download the zip file.
2. Extract the KWI file.
3. Burn the KWI file to a disc
4. Start your car
5. Put the CD in the map disc slot.
6. The update will start automatically.
7. Reinstall your Nav disc

I applied the update and it appears to work. Note to use a CD-R not a DVD-R.

Creedence85 | Ian McLeod | 2005 Chevrolet Corvette Z51 6 spd | 2003 Infiniti G35 6MT

I have down loaded the file, extracted it from a Zip file and made a CD that I will share with anyone who needs it. One of the above listed steps that stopped me cold for about 4 hours was Item 7. Reinstall your

Nav Disc. I could not find my Nave disk. It was not in the glove box with the 3 other disks from Chevrolet. It was not in my closet with all the other software disks.

Behind the screen pictured above are two disk drives. One is a CD drive for playing music CDs. The second drive is a DVD drive and that is where the Nav disk is located more or less permanently. Step 5 above is telling you to put the CD in the DVD drive after you remove the map data DVD. The LOADIN.KWI file reloads the GPS operating system. It takes 2 to 3 minutes. After the CD is loaded eject the CD from the DVD and but the MAP Data disk back into the DVD drive. The navigation is now reset and the clock reset screen is now working so you can reset the clock time and time zone twice . One setting for each Key Fob.

Larry Thomas

### Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant)

Major mid engine C8 news this past month included the reveal, finally, of the Accelerate Yellow Metallic color: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/89871-accelerate-yellow-c8-surfaces-for-real>



The 2020 Corvette is a Motor Trend Car of the Year! There is some very good analysis, GM's official press release, and info/analysis at the link. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/90720-2020-c8-is-motortrend%E2%80%99s-car-of-the-year>

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Fantastic pictures and video of Zeus Bronze: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/90034-excellent-zeus-bronze-video>

Chevy released the long-awaited performance figures for the 2020 Corvette Stingray. Specifically, the 2020 Z51 Stingray with the Z51 package will hit 60 mph in 2.9 seconds and run the quarter-mile in 11.2 seconds at 121 mph. C8's powertrain info straight from Chevrolet. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/88232-chevy-releases-official-performance-stats-and-much-more>

The C8's High Wing spoiler kit option can now be included on your R8C Museum Delivery optioned Corvette. In addition to the popular high wing, the Museum can now also install the ground effects and rocker panel extension options as well. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/88671-museum-delivery-is-now-avail-with-high-wing-ground-effects-kit-or-rocker-panel-ext>

TPW's or "tentative production weeks" suffered significant delays due to the eight week strike. So what is happening now? C7 production ended on November 14th. Starting the 18th, BGA has been going through a three week plant conversion and upgrade to 100% C8 production. During this time, all BGA employees are receiving additional C8 production training — culminating in every assembly employee being tested and needed to demonstrate "level four skill mastery" for their job. Consequently on Monday, December 6th, BGA will start assembly 350+ CTF's ("captured test fleet"). As shown in much more detail thanks to Jeremy Welborn, here is what has been and will be happening between now and February 3, 2020 — the start of customer C8 production. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/87475-2020-c8-corvette-production-process-explained-making-sense-of-ex-mvb-ctf-sorp>

Projecting ahead with an earlier rumored Feb. 10th HTC start of production before the strike, does that mean that HTC customer cars would now start down the production line early April??? Thanks for reading. If I ever can be of further C8 info assistance, please contact me at MECF, posting under "John." Happy Corvette Miles of Smiles to you!

John Elegant



Available early 2020.

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