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Prez Notes:

Well, November was kind of a downer with no Corvette club activities. On the upside member Don Thumel has just released an amazing Christmas Jazz album CD. It is amazing how talented some of our members are.

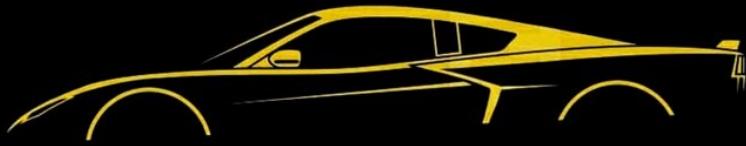
Unfortunately, it looks like our December activities will also be on the downside due to COVID-19. That means that we are not going to have our annual Cookie Exchange. I'll really miss those Christmas calories. It is always yummy to have that great selection of holiday treats.

We will also miss our year end Christmas banquet and gift exchange. Be assured, we will schedule more fun activities as soon as this pandemic is lifted.

You should have all received your club ballots. Please don't keep Jim in suspense email or mail your votes asap. Have a safe and healthy holiday season!

Save the wave,
Prez Gerry





Misc. Notes

EUGENE, Ore. - Eugene Police and community partners have delivered holiday meals to the families of 50 veterans in need this Thanksgiving.

It's part of an ongoing partnership between police and Elk Horn Brewery and Alma Catering.

The meals were delivered to their doorsteps - including some Holiday Farm Fire families still living in hotels, police said.

Cascade Corvette Club assisted the promotion and donation efforts, on short notice, by helping provide the last 30 turkeys needed.

A Board meeting will be held, in-person or virtual tbd, on Dec. 8 to discuss the amount and possible recipients of our annual giving. The need is greater than ever this year, so we will be discussing some new organizations as well as some we have supported in the past.

No General meeting in December.

Highlights from the past & Things to look forward to in '21





Happy Birthday!

December 3 - MaDonna Lewis
December 3 - Norm Oswald
December 4 - Robin Lindly
December 4 - Mary Hobson
December 7 - Jan Heidrick
December 11 - Shirley Wolfe
December 17 - Jan Gshwandtner
December 20 - Pat Melius
December 21 - Donn Massett
December 25 - Patti Brooks
December 26 - Charlene Thumel
December 27 - Nancy Shrieber



Positive thoughts from 2020



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.



Coming Events

**YEARS FROM NOW
WE'RE GONNA BE LIKE
2018, 2019, 2021, 2022**

"HEY YOU MISSED..."

**"NOPE! WE DON'T TALK
ABOUT THAT ONE"**

2020 has been a really lousy year!
Nobody needs to tell you that...again.
But there is a future, a future that dares
to look like "normal".

There is hope on the horizon, but that
horizon is still a few (?) months away.
Stay in your bubble, keep yourself and
your loved ones safe.

Don't surrender to fatigue.
Don't give up hope.

**Q: If 2020 was a
drink, what would it
be?**

**A: Colonoscopy
prep**

The reward when we finally emerge from
our cave, looking like overweight
cavemen, will be a Spring & Summer of
renewal. Meeting and cruising with your
friends. Eating in restaurants! Drives to
the Coast and Central Oregon.

And, someday in 2021, we will be able to
hug again.

**I SAT QUIETLY WITH
MY OWN THOUGHTS
TODAY.
REMIND ME NEVER
TO DO THAT AGAIN.**

Stay strong friends.

AND WEAR YOUR DAMN MASK

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Car Stuff



Christmas is coming and you are still looking for the perfect gift for your Corvette-loving spouse / child / friend.

Red Corvette "Telemark" jacket by Clique, women's size XL, never worn! C6 logo. Purchased from the National Corvette Museum.

Asking \$30. Call Nancy 541-729-8405.



The latest Christmas cd from fellow member and composer Don Thumel.
You can order this (and previous) cd's directly from Don by calling 541-912-4660
Or order online at: donthumel.com
Click on "music" for a full listing and order & shipping options.



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.

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

FIND NEW ROADS 

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Mid Engine Monthly Update: 2020's Ending: 2021's Starting (John Elegant)

What an emotional whirlwind started on 7.18.19. Under 3.0 seconds to 60 MPH and under \$60,000 MSRP!!! Demand went through the roof (and still is). As many professional industry analysts have noted, the C8 remains the hottest new vehicle introduction ever. Over 10,000 customers who thought they would be able to get a 2020 mid engine Corvette failed. Could be twice that number for some temporarily gave up and instead got on a dealership's 2021 C8 list. Many dealers are already sold out for all their 2021 allocations. Sure one can always buy a new Corvette way over list, but whom financially sane does that?

But more than the 2020 and 2021 StingRay's being sold out (or in the case of the latter will be sold out everywhere at sticker within the next couple of months), there are already massive lists for purchasing a 2022 Z06. Dealer lists over 100 long for that model are at several dealers right now. Want a 2022 Z06, then IMO you need to be on a reputable dealer's list NOW. Speculation of when that first C8 Z06 will start down the production line is rampant. We even received two "clues" this last month that next October could well be that production line initiation.

While it is a little older news but still superbly exciting, here is the mule sighting of a probable future Z06. As typical however, GM has not even acknowledged that there will be a single future model C8, but looking at the C5, C6, and C7 generations, Z06's were exciting parts of every one. We all know that C8 Z06 sighting's and information are just rumors, but FWIW here is a thread with its having a picture worth 1,000+ words to gear up the speculation. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvette-discussion-photos-videos/195377-latest-c8-z06-spy-pictures-and-rumors>



Meanwhile "closer to home" at the time one reads this, the 20,131 unit 2020 model year, mid- engine Stingray production will be close to or just ended. Will the 2021 production start the week before the annual Bowling Green Assembly Plant two week Christmas/New Year's vacation, or will it starting on Monday, January 4th? A GM internal document said that it would start on Tuesday, December 8th but that was before a couple of more BGA plant shutdowns due to the virus again stopped parts supply. But even more important, how long will the 2021 model year be? Some speculate it too will go until December next year, but other birdies are whispering that the 2021 model year will be a short one, that GM will return to its more traditional process of ending annual production around September 1st. If it is the latter, again tens of thousands of folks who thought they would be getting a 2021 will just like those who were crushed they did not get a 2020 C8, will likewise not get a 2021 — being

instead forced to wait for a 2022. But for those wanting a C8 Stingray which likely won't be model changed but very slightly from 2021 to 2022, might that even make more than the most minor difference?

As many are now choosing their 2021's exact options (initial allocations opened up on November 12th), that is a tough set of decisions, including many debating the biggest one of coupe versus hard top convertible; to assist here is a worthwhile thread to help make that choice: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/205213-c8-coupe-vs-htc-headroom-and-the-winner-is>



Meanwhile to help make your C8 option choices: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/200285-2021-c8-configurator-is-live>

Corvette lovers can never get enough engineering info about how our latest ones were developed. Here's discussion based on an excellent Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) article on how the C8's exhaust was created, including some of the major factors that had to be overcome in developing its mid engine system:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/205128-sae-article-on-c8-exhaust>

The biggest single enhancement on the 2021's is the new Mag Ride suspension option on the non-Z51 cars, option code "FE2." At \$1,895 it is a considerable amount. Many feel however it is a major ride improvement. What is it and is it worth it to you? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/204499-magride-on-non-z51#post205884>

The Corvette C8.R's rocks, winning in this in our first mid-engine year the IMSA Weather-Tech three top positions of the Manufacturer's Championship, the Driver's Championship, and the Team GTLM Championship! Fantastic job/kudos to the entire driving, engineering, pit and support crews! You created such a monumental year for Corvette racing. While not yet official, Nick Tandy replaces Oliver Gavin and other C8.R changes (though for sure, not yet GM confirmed): <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/208289-nick-tandy-to-replace-oliver-gavin-in-4-c8-r>

Thanks for reading. As always I can be reached at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum by sending me a private message (to "John"). Here to many, many more miles of Corvette driving smiles whatever generation Corvette you are driving and loving.

Hello fellow **Corvette Weekend** enthusiasts and past participants,

The Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Board of Directors has decided to cancel plans for the SOCA **Corvette Weekend** in Grants Pass, Oregon, scheduled for next year from July 9 to 11, 2021.

We were hoping the positive news of the development of effective COVID-19 vaccines would allow us to continue plans to host this very popular Southern Oregon event that supports local charities. However, who would have believed back in March of this year the State of Oregon Department of Health restrictions on large-gathering events would still be in effect eight months later?

The SOCA Board believes there is too much remaining uncertainty to go to the effort to plan an event the size of **Corvette Weekend**, only to have it cancelled at the last minute by Oregon State health mandates. In addition, we do not want to create a situation that could create a coronavirus transmission that results in severe illness or death to participants.

We very much appreciate your past support of the first 28 **Corvette Weekend** events, and we hope to be able to schedule the 29th **Corvette Weekend** after 2021.

Ron Howard
SOCA President

2020 Corvette Most Popular Colors

1. Torch Red – 5,137 (25%)
2. Arctic White – 3,098 (15%)
3. Black – 2,383 (11.7%)
4. Sebring Orange – 1,377 (6.8%)
5. Elkhart Lake Blue – 1,369 (6.7%)
6. Rapid Blue – 1,243 (6%)
7. Ceramic Matrix Gray – 1,216(5.97%)
8. Blade Silver – 1,130 (5.55%)
9. Shadow Gray – 1,111(5.45%)
10. Long Beach Red – 1,068 (5.25%)
11. Accelerate Yellow – 688 (3.38%)
12. Zeus Bronze – 548 (2.69%)

December 2020

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*Board Meeting
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*Christmas Party
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