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Aah, as I sit here in the Valley of the Sun, as Arizonians so lovingly call the Phoenix and surrounding area, I'm reminded just how good retirement can be. Those of you who are retired know what I mean. Those still working, well it's going to be well worth the wait. Meanwhile, we retirees are thankful to those still working for helping us with our retirement, at least while Social Security lasts.

Being able to do almost anything we want is about as good as it gets. Today for example it will be a lovely 72 with beautiful blue skies. (Of course I'm not talking about Oregon!!!). Today Becky is heading home to Eugene after a few weeks of sun and fun, and is already regretting not staying longer.

So far this year the funnest thing, at least for me, has been attending the annual Scottsdale Barrett-Jackson classic car auction. Very cool this year again because we were able to attend with some current and former members of the club. Gerry and Connie Swartz, Becky and I, Gary Rothrock, Greg and Victoria Smalley, and Scott and Diane Kinder. If you have never been to event like this, PLEASE make time to do so if you have an opportunity.

In addition to the auction itself, there are acres and acres of automotive exhibits. (and some vendor areas that have nothing to do with cars). Each time I attend this show I wander through the pre-sale area and either just drool while looking at some of the most beautiful cars on the planet, or find similar cars to that which I had in younger years; my beautiful black '55 Chevy 265 4-door, my silver '69 Camaro 307 beauty, and my all-time favorite, '66 SS 396, marina blue 4 speed!!!! I'll bet that reading this is bringing back incredible memories for you too, and it's just so cool to see these cars in such pristine condition reminding us of the great times we had. (Of course there is also the feeling of amazement seeing these cars being sold for such amazing prices).

There also seems every year that some heretofore obscure example of car has jumped up and caught the attention of the collectors. Prime example is mid 70's Broncos and Blazers. Case in point, a very nice (but still a Ford Bronco!!) '75 Bronco that brought a cool \$75,000! I know. What the heck. All in all, just a great time with friends. Can't wait to do it again next year.

So, about time to head for the airport so Beck can get back to the cold weather! Y'all take care. Sooner than you think the weather will be sunny and we'll all be able to cruise along our way driving and eating, driving and eating, driving and eating.....

Stan





Misc. Notes

We currently have 9 couples signed up for our Annual Valentine's Day Dinner on Feb. 14., but we have room for many more. This year will be "just a bit" different - we will be holding our dinner at Los Potrillos Mexican Restaurant on Crescent. We have an entire room to ourselves, so we have LOTS of room for more people! We can order from the full menu and it is "\$5 Margarita" day. Please consider joining us for a Mexican Valentine's Day. We would like to have a count beforehand, so please email duckvett@comcast.net or call 541-729-8405.



We have suggested some joint events with Beaver State Corvette Club this year. Among some of the ideas is a winery brunch (as we used to do annually), a casino tour and one-day drives for lunch. Do you have any other suggestions? What would you like to do? Share your thoughts with any Board member.

After years of fighting traffic, near-impossible parking and transients downtown, the club has a new mailing address at a much more accessible Post Office branch. Our club's new address is:

Cascade Corvette Club
PO Box 5248
Eugene, OR 97405

And...it costs less than downtown.

Another scheduled event is a chance to visit the Silverton area on Thursday, March 21. The Oregon Garden Resort is offering a special for \$109 + tax (\$115.37 total). The reservation will give you a room (queen or king), dinner for two at 6:00 p.m. (we have arranged for a separate dining room), one bottle of red or white wine (special Oregon Garden Resort label), breakfast for two the next morning, AND entry for two into the Oregon Garden (the Resort has its own entrance). Early spring flowers should be in bloom. You need to **make your own reservation** by calling the Resort's direct line, 1-503-874-2500; when you hear the prompt press 1 to speak with the front desk; advise you are calling to make a reservation for the "Winter Special"; they will connect you with the reservation desk for Moonstone Properties; tell them you are calling for the "Winter Special" and the code is "WINTER FACEBOOK" - that will get you the \$109 rate. Also tell them to please place a note that you are with the Cascade Corvette Club - as that note will be transmitted to the Resort and they will attempt to put club members as close as possible, but probably not all in one building. Please call or email Gerry and Connie Swartz when you have made your reservation so they will know how many will be Participating. **Phone: 541-688-2654, Email: conswartz@msn.com**. We are researching a location probably in Lebanon to have lunch before check-in at the Resort (which is 3:00 p.m.) and will update those who will be joining the tour.





Happy Birthday!

February 2 - Vic Wolfe
February 8 - Dennis Hough
February 8 - Roger Braswell
February 9 - Janet Minter
February 16 - Jim Tatum
February 16 - Mike Donnelly
February 18 - Andrea Herling
February 21 - Julie Perry

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.



2019, the year of the National Corvette Caravan and it's impact on local Corvette events.

We are hearing from some Oregon Corvette clubs who have made a decision similar to our own regarding hosting annual events. We made the tough decision to cancel "Corvettes in the Park" in 2019 due to our traditional event date being so close to the Caravan departure on Aug. 22. We felt that being so close to the Caravan date, that we would lose a lot of our attendees and that would be financially disastrous to the club.

We have heard from Rogue Valley that they are ending their "Fall Classic" event after 13 years. There is a *rumor* that Pacific Coast may not hold their "Corvettes on the Bay" this year. That has not been formally confirmed yet.

But, the good news in all this...
There will still be plenty to do this Spring & Summer!

Some could attend the "Big Sky Meet" in Missoula, MT or "Corvettes on the Columbia" in Tri-Cities or "VetteFest" in Boise. No formal plans have been made regarding these events at this time. There is also "Corvette Weekend" in Grants Pass. This is one we have not attended recently, because frankly, it is too expensive. But I would encourage anyone who has not been to give it a try if you want.

That brings us to one event I would highly recommend that we have a large presence - "Corvettes at the Carousel" in Salem, hosted by WVCA. Close, inexpensive and a really nice show in a beautiful venue.

We are still planning a North Coast tour also.



Up Coming Events

**February 14
CCC Annual
Valentine's Day Dinner**

**March 21 - 22
Oregon Gardens**

**March 22 - 24
Heritage Mall Corvette Chow
BSCC
Albany, OR**

**April 25 - 28, 2019
"The Bash"
By Michelin
National Corvette Museum
Bowling Green, KY**

**April 27
"The Best Corvette Show
By a Dam Site"
Hosted by Wenatchee Valley Corvettes**

**May 24 - 26
"Big Sky Meet"
Missoula, MT**

**May 31 - June 1
"Corvettes on the Columbia"
Pasco, WA**

**June 22, 2019
"Corvettes at the Carousel"
WVCA
Salem, OR**

**July 12 - 14
"Corvette Weekend"
Hosted by SOCA
Grants Pass, OR**

**July 13
3rd Corvette City
Hosted by Timberland Corvette**

**July 17 - 20
"VetteFest"
Boise, ID**

**July 20
Gilchrist Cruise &
Summer Fun Day**

**July 27, 2019
OPVA Car Show
Salem, OR**

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

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

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

**August 2020
Vettes on the Rockies
Steamboat Springs, CO**

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popping off.**

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Mid Engine Monthly Update: Advantages and Disadvantages of C8 Mid Engine Configuration

First, Front Engine Corvette Advantages:

1) Let's start with the elephant in the room, e.g., Corvette *looks*. We know that at this moment in time that if we were to take a poll of current Corvette owners, *around 90% would prefer the looks of the traditional long-nosed hood, short rear deck of our 66 years of front engine Corvettes.*

For almost all of us, if we do not like the looks of a car, we immediately move on. But in this case, "not so fast" for two reasons... First whether with the end of this model year or maybe, *if the mid engine C8 is significantly delayed the rumored six months, by the end of the 2020 model year, there are not going to be new front engine Corvettes able to be purchased.* Second, the world is changing, and with the average of current Corvette buyers now being 60+, and will so many facing or now experiencing retirement with thus greatly dismissed financial resources for over 95% of retirees, in order for there to be a 2030 Corvette, it *must attract staggering numbers of new-to-Corvette buyers*, The first two years of the C7, even with its massively positive new looks, brought down the average age of Corvette buyers with "brand conquests," but that quickly faded, and again we are now back to 60+ average age of new Corvette owners. That bodes very poorly for the continued existence of our Corvettes. [Personally, I believe that given *a while*, most will really like the C8's exotic looks.]

2) GM has front engine Corvette production mastered. It works exceptionally!

3) Cost: If well engineered as a mass production Corvette, a front engine Corvette costs less than what the 2020 mid engine Corvette will. As Bob Lutz just publicly said, "version for version" a mid engine will cost a little more. For more details:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/19367-lutz-c8-little-more-than-c7-version-for-version>

Conversely, The Mid Engine (ME) Corvette's Configuration Advantages:



Intro: *There are truly many ME advances due to the laws of science.* As Tadge has noted, "we have maxed out the performance of a front engine Corvette." As an example, even though the horsepower of the ZR1 is 16% more than a Z06, its 0-to-60 time is only 3% faster than the Z06. Additionally, the ZR1 however costs \$40,000 more (a 49% increase), and just gets a 0.1/second better 0-to-60 time (from 2.95 seconds to 2.85 seconds).

1) Acceleration: With the ME's weight of its motor/transaxle right around its rear driving wheels, acceleration would be greatly enhanced. Expect around a 3.3 second, 0-to-60 time for the roughly 500 HP C8. Living in the northern half of the U.S. as I do, with most days of the year below 70 degrees, my 650 HP, Z06 is a near continuous process of throttle modulation if I want acceleration (as opposed to tire smoke). I believe most days, my car thus has a functional HP around 550, and even my friends with their 460 HP SR's and GS's are needing throttle modulation much of the time.

2) Braking: A mid engine configuration not just has better inherent braking, but as a consequence, it typically also allows smaller brakes — thus lesser weight and lesser cost.

3) Handling: ME's handle better because there is no 450 pound mass of metal in the front of the car, e.g., at the opposite end of its driving wheels. Please forget the long discussed, and espoused originally by Corvette advertising in the mid-1960's, that 50F/50R weight is the optimal for handling — for that is simply not true. The average Corvette competitor with a ME configuration has a 42F/58R weight bias. Even front engine Ferraris now have 53% rear wheel weight distribution.

4) Tire size reduction for almost all ME's: While a Grand Sports 275mm front tires look terrific, the average mid engine exotic sports car has 245 fronts, and instead of GS's 335 rears, the average ME has 305 rears. Even the 711 HP Ferrari Pista has 245/305 tires — again clear weight reduction and cost reduction advantages. BTW, the 2020 ME Corvette will also have the same 245/305 tire sizes.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/19367-lutz-c8-little-more-than-c7-version-for-version>

In summary, on a twisty short race track like Lime Rock, it is quite probable that with the same driver, on the same day, and the same track temperatures, etc., that the roughly 500 HP C8, with its standard and only DCT transmission, that the C8 would be faster than a 2019 650 HP Z06.

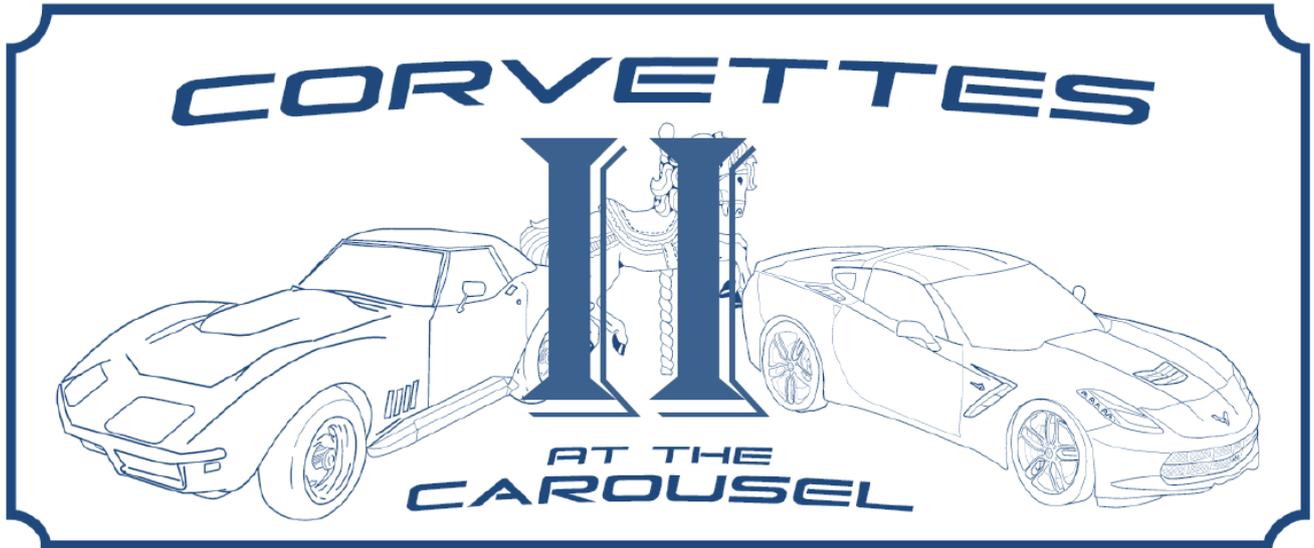
Actual C8 Interior photos here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/22346-c8%E2%80%99s-interior-uncovered> One sample:



To see over 150 C8 spy pictures, a similar amount of C8 renderings, and more than 475 mid engine information/discussion threads, thanks for visiting: www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com We also have hundreds of C1-C7 threads, and related front engine Corvette information discussions.

John Elegant (Co-Founder & decades long Corvette fanboy; can be reached at the forum via a PM)

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June 22nd 2019 8 am to 5 pm

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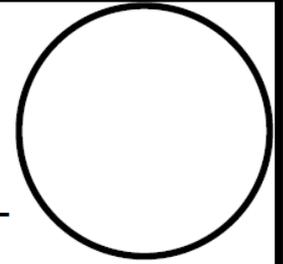
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Email (for confirmation and last minute info):

Club Affiliation (if any) _____

Number in car: (1)___ or (2)___ (check one)

Year _____ (C1)___ (C2)___ (C3)___ (C4)___ (C5)___ (C6)___ (C7)___

Coupe _____ Convertible _____ Modified _____

ZR1 _____ Z06 _____ Grand Sport _____

Participant #1 (driver/owner) Print: _____

Participant #2: Print _____

Local hotel/motel information can be reviewed here:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g52053-Salem_Oregon-Hotels.html

If you are interested in staying in Salem please check ___ and we will get back to you with available rate specials.

Liability waiver: *Willamette Valley Corvette Association, Capitol Chevrolet, Vendors and all associated facilities assume no responsibility or liability for any theft or damage to vehicles, and/or displays and related items during move-in, show hours, or move-out.*

I have read the above Liability Waiver; I understand that it is a release of any and all potential claims regarding my participation in this event, and accept the provisions of the waiver.

Participant #1 (driver) signature: _____ Date: ___/___/2019

Participant #2: signature: _____

Make checks payable to WVCA P.O. Box 20576, Keizer, Oregon 97307

(entry fee is \$25 after May 22nd \$20 before) Questions?

Call Kent @ 503-680-2907 or email: vp@willamettevalleycorvettes.com

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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Board Mtg
 7:00 pm
 @ Tatum's

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General Meeting
 @ EPUD
 6:15 pm
 Dinner provided by club!

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Corvette & Hi-Perf Swap Meet Puyallup

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Valentine's Day Dinner
 Los Potrillo
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