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Prez Notes:

It has been a very quiet winter—I hope that everyone had a good holiday season and that you are all healthy and staying safe.

I recommend to everyone to go somewhere warm in the winter. (We know that Heidricks and Wolfe's are enjoying the warmer weather in California.) Connie and I went to Maui courtesy of Connie's boss. We checked Covid conditions out beforehand and Maui is one of the safest places in the USA. About 85% of businesses and restaurants are open and the temperature was 82 degrees the whole time we were there. Makes it hard to come home to the cold and rain.

We heard that Jim and Nancy took advantage of a sunny day at the Oregon Coast for a nice drive. They said that restaurants where open for inside dining in Lincoln County. So if anyone wants to get away for the day, check out Lincoln county. We could even set up a short notice tour if anyone is interested.

Mike and Nora Larion have also been enjoying their January. They are now owners of a 2006 Monterey Red C-6 convertible. A beautiful car. Congratulations to them!

If you have added a new vehicle to your fleet or a new member to your family—please let us know. We all need “cheerful news” this time of year.

We hope the virus starts to clear up soon and we can get together again. Until then, things continue to be on hold.

We will be sending out an updated club roster in February, so if you have changed your address, phone number or car, please send your updates to conswartz@msn.com so that Connie can get those changes on the new roster.

Yours,

Gerry Swartz
President



VETTE GAZETTE

- 1 * Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 * Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 * Drive carefully.. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- 5 * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- 6 * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 * Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9 * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 10 * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11 * Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- 12 * The second mouse gets the cheese.
- 13 * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14 * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 15 * Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- 16 * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- 17 * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- 18 * Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

- 19 * Save the earth.. It's the only planet with chocolate!*

Today someone asked me if I liked you all. I laughed, and said, "Ha! That's funny!! I absolutely LOVE them! They're funny, caring, crazy as heck, sweet, beautiful, they're reading this right now & I love them!"

Be the kind of person that when your feet hit the floor each morning the devil says~~
"Oh Crap, they're up!"

Have a Great Day!



Misc. Notes

“This Too, Shall Pass”

Pages 2 & 3 of Vette Gazette is usually reserved for reports of things the club has done the previous month and what we have up-coming. Well, there is a problem with that this month. A. We haven't been able to do anything for several months, and B. It's not looking good for the next couple of months.

That obviously means it is time to start looking into the future. This nightmare WILL end. Maybe not in February or March, but it will end. We will be able to gather together to talk, to hug and maybe to cry.

With that future in mind, let me remind you that Matt & Cheryl Horowitz have agreed to be Activities Coordinators for the club. If you have an idea for a club event - cruise, tour, lunch run, Corvette show - let Matt & Cheryl know. Maybe even volunteer to set something up and lead.

We are hearing from the crystal ball that, at least, a couple of events are tentatively planned for 2021. Kruise of Klamath (not a Corvette exclusive event) and The Black Hills Corvette Classic is planned for July 13-17 in Spearfish, SD. Hopefully we will begin hearing from other sources in the Northwest about Corvette events coming this Summer & Fall.

Again, if **you** hear about an event, contact Matt & Cheryl (or Gerry or Vic or any Board member). Let's start building our 2021 calendar!



The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, The creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers.

They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish.

Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most about you and you about them.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It won't. It's already tomorrow in Australia!"



Happy Birthday!

February 2 - Vic Wolfe

February 8 - Dennis Hough

February 9 - Janet Minter

February 16 - Jim Tatum

February 18 - Andrea Herling

February 19 - Rachel Boyd

February 23 - Mike Donnelly

Club Clothing

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Ghost Writer

Four years ago, (December 2016) I took the Spring Mountain C7 Corvette Performance School 2-day course, to learn how to handle some of the performance capabilities of my then, new 2016 Z06 Corvette! As is still the case today, whoever had bought a new Corvette was able to attend this course, within one year of purchase and GM pays \$2000 of the \$3000 tuition. In addition, each student had to agree to pay up to \$10,000 for any damages to his/her assigned car, during this course!

This course was one of the most fun, challenging and also sometimes scary driving experiences that I ever had! So, shortly after receiving my brand-new mid-engine C8 in August of this year and given the fact that mid-engine cars handle differently than front engine cars, I scheduled myself for the C8 training for December 8th and 9th! My main goal was to learn as much as I could about the performance characteristics of this revolutionary car and more importantly, how to safely handle the C8 in a variety of difficult circumstance!

Without any exaggeration, the C8 course fulfilled and, in several ways, exceeded my expectations! In addition, the course curriculum itself has been changed for the better since I took it four years ago in a C7. More about these changes later!

This year, students are able to reduce the \$10,000 liability to \$2000, by purchasing additional insurance for \$200! I opted to do this as I have vivid memories of nearly losing my assigned C7 Z06 4 years ago on hairpin curves on a wet track! During these encounters, I felt the rear end of the Z06 beginning to spin out, but fortunately I was able to gain control of the car both times! In fact, during one of these near spins, the instructor in the trainer's car ahead of me, radioed back: "nice recovery Stan"!!! I have relived those moments several times since

then, still thankful that they turned out the way they did!

On December 7th, I checked in at the Spring Mountain Welcome Center/store and was assigned a very nice Condo for 2 nights! The accommodations really are pretty nice and include availability of using a Club House and Fitness Center. And breakfast and lunch for 2 days are included in the training package and the food was not bad!

On December 8th, we had breakfast, registered and began with introductions and our first class. After a brief classroom experience, we went outside, divided into groups of 3 or 4 and picked the C8 that we would be assigned to for the next 2 days! I picked a beautiful orange C8 as someone beat me to the Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic C8! As a side note, there are around 50 C8s at Spring Mountain, so every color of C8 was there, with 14 assigned to our training class! Our first in car training, involved sharp turns around strategically placed pylons. The first runs with a clear view ahead and then several runs with the windshield covered, completely blocking the view ahead! This was great for learning how to drive around a course, using only your side windows to see where you are going, where and when to steer, brake and accelerate! This was fun, but please do not try this at home!

The next in-car training involved accelerating from a full stop to about 60 mph and then engaging in a full panic stop on a flooded track and while also trying to steer either right or left to go between two short cones. What really made this exercise challenging, was that you did not know if you were supposed to be turning left or right during the panic stop until one of the instructors, who was quite a ways straight head, pointed either right or left, at the last minute of your run!

The takeaway from this exercise was that with today's abs braking systems, you should NOT rapidly tap your brakes, like we used to have to do for better braking control, during panic stops (in the old days). But instead, you should apply full pressure on your brakes and let the abs system bring you to a full stop (NO TAPPING on the brakes)! It is amazing how well this system works, even on a wet track, you can come to a rapid stop! The second takeaway is that during a panic stop, you can still have good steering control if you gradually turn the wheels, trying to avoid any sudden turns!

We then all put on our safety driver's helmets and connected our HAN DEVICE to protect the neck from sudden movements right, left, back or forwards. And then we placed our cars in TRACK mode and disengaged the traction control and spent our first of six, 20-25 minutes sessions on the track, in groups of 3 or 4. This track is a 1.5-mile loop with several serious turns and one good straightaway! Our first session on the track was at a fairly slow pace, but even then, several of the students were strongly encouraged to go faster and to work on getting closer to the apexes! Keep in mind all of the instructors are current or former professional race car drivers and part of their job is to encourage you to learn better and faster driving skills! They were all good at their jobs. They also encouraged us to not drive beyond our comfort levels, but there was definitely pressure to go faster!

What I liked about this track, that we did not have 4 years ago, was the incorporation of tall white signs with numbers indicating when to start braking before reaching the most difficult turns. In addition, before these turns there were small cones to indicate when you needed to start your turns. This was helpful. But even with these aids, on our third time out on the track during day #1, and driving at a much faster pace, the car directly behind me lost control, at the most difficult curve. He then went off the track, spun around and hit a barrier made from stacks of tires, doing much damage to the back of the car!

This driver was thankfully not hurt, but was obviously shook up and was then given the option of not having to do anymore track work or to have an instructor ride with him while he was on the track! To his credit he opted to do his track time with a professional driver seated next to him! It was really nice to see how supportive all the instructors and the other student were towards him and several of us made sure to sit with him at dinner time and again during the next meals on day #2!

Anyway, the next day included three more times on the track and each time we went a little faster than the time before! During my last track run I came close to going off the track at the same place that the student had the day before, because I barely applied enough brake to negotiate the toughest turn on the track! All I can say is thank God for the incredible C8 brakes and incredible planted turning ability of this car, as we got it done, but with not much sidetrack

space left!!!

Our next exercise was to hone our apex turning skills by driving around a short track that had two very sharp curves and every so often you would be told to do a panic stop while also going around a curve.

After this exercise we went to a large, flooded lot with figure eight cones set up! The purpose of this exercise was to show you how much value there is in the cars traction control system! With this system turned off, I was easily able to make the car spin out! With this device turned back on I could not make the car spin out, no matter how hard I tried!

One of the highlights of this training was a ride along HOT LAP with a professional race car driver! It is a really fun experience and in some ways is really humbling!!! If you ever do this, HANG ON, for you are in for a ride!!!

The final two exercises were not part of the curriculum 4 years ago and both were really fun and valuable, concerning enhancing driving skills! The first was Autocross and after a few trial runs I managed to have the second fastest run in the class by ½ second! If only I had gone faster!

The second involved using Launch Control to do the fastest 0 to 60 runs! Launch Control is an amazing system and really gives you a good idea how fast this car can accelerate!

There were quite a few classroom sessions covering many different topics and the instructors encouraged any questions that we had!

All in all, this was an incredibly fun and informative two days, and I can honestly say that this course has given me a much greater appreciation for not only what the C8 Corvette can do, but also for what it cannot do! Every car, no matter how good it is, has its limits and a course like this is a great, safe way to learn what each of these are!!!

Best Regards,
Stan W Czerniak





Coming Events

We continue to monitor other regional Corvette club websites and national publications for any news about **local & regional** Corvette events, but honestly, it is still too early in the year to many listings.

Until we begin to hear about more (possible) events, here are a few **national** events.

April 22 - 24
The Bash
By Michelin
National Corvette Museum
Bowling Green, KY

May 28 - 30
Big Sky Corvette Meet
Billings, MT
https://www.glassreunioncorvettes.com/f/50th_Annual_Big_Sky_Corvette_Meet_Registration_Page1.pdf

July 13 - 17
Black Hills Corvette Classic
Spearfish, SD

Vette Fest 2021
 Boise, ID
 has been postponed until
 2022

Four Corners of Oregon Tour
Will be revisited in 2021



Hopefully our members remember that the club has a **Facebook** page (monitored by Becky Stiles and Connie Swartz) and an excellent **web page** (maintained by Simone Thomas) and take the time to check them out. Just to let you know how valuable these tools are, let us introduce you to new members that found their way to us.

Robert Foster and Lynn Ingram have a 2014 Crystal Red Corvette. They live in Cottage Grove and maybe they found us from the internet or MAYBE they ran into other members from CG? Either way they and everyone else are anxious to get the Corvette season started. Keep your fingers crossed, keep wearing your masks, and let's hope we can get driving soon.

As well as inquiries about membership, we receive several messages each month from individuals who found us through the club website. Many of these inquiries are asking for general information - where to have service done, which tires should I buy & pre-purchase inspections.

I would encourage everyone to please contribute to your club newsletter by submitting an article or story for publication in the "Ghost Writer" column. It can be anything Corvette or club related, but please no politics! We have heard enough about that to last a lifetime.

Submit your story by email to:
duckvett@comcast.net
 I will edit for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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This Corvette will be going up for auction the second week of April 2021 on bringatrailer.com

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.

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What's Happening In C8 Mid-Engine Developments? (John Elegant)

The rumors about future models keep heating up. Including the blockbuster one that there *could* be a Corvette C8 Crossover. Of course lots of negative feelings about that possibility by Corvette diehards, but we saw that same ballistic negativism when Porsche started with their SUV's yet this last week we saw that now that Porsche SUV's are outselling all their Boxsters, Caymans and 911's alike. Can we live with a Corvette SUV if there is one?

How about C8 Z06 rumors? When will it become a model, e.g., 2022 or 2023? I am guessing and going with sentimentality, thus thinking the Z06 will be revealed on 7.18.21 and production would start the first week of this October. But as of yet of course, GM has yet to even acknowledge such a model, let alone timing hints.

Also heating up for some is the question as to whether there would get an AWD, hybrid powered E-Ray Corvette, partially powered by our 6.2L LT2, OR, will they choose a Z06 with its likely 5.5L flat plane crank super high-revving DOHC? The Z06 vs E-Ray will sure have two complete personalities. Want to read the most probable component attributes and differences? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224392-z06-vs-e-ray-components>

It is amazing to me that there are already two dealers whose C8 Z06 customer lists are not just over 100 each, but according to customers who say they know because their dealer has told them, one of those dealer's list is over 200 customers already. From talking to some dealers, they say "no way" that they can get a customer who called them now a 2022 Z06. How does this Z06 rendering (thanks "BuzzArt") strike you?



And speaking of "striking" lots of polarized opinions here about the probable Z06 rear wing — at least on its Z07 version. There is a collection of high wing photos here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/230417-collection-of-z06-spoiler-pic>

Two GM C8 videos were released in the last month. The word spellbinding to describe them both would be an understatement. Here is part one on the elements of C8 design:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224687-revolution-the-c8-%E2%80%9Ccorvette-engineering-documentary%E2%80%9D>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/220764-from-gm-media-just-released-c8-“revolution”-1st-part>

However even more fascinating to me was the second one which focused on its engineering, with almost all of it being shot at the Nurburgring track:

[https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224687-revolution-the-c8-“corvette-engineering-documentary”?](https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224687-revolution-the-c8-“corvette-engineering-documentary”?fbclid=IwAR1czf4nx0yzqIe5Y6CwNwqDeIbzD8yHDLIwBdk9-gWeBnzL11CqrGSrQrY)

[fbclid=IwAR1czf4nx0yzqIe5Y6CwNwqDeIbzD8yHDLIwBdk9-gWeBnzL11CqrGSrQrY](https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224687-revolution-the-c8-“corvette-engineering-documentary”?fbclid=IwAR1czf4nx0yzqIe5Y6CwNwqDeIbzD8yHDLIwBdk9-gWeBnzL11CqrGSrQrY)

How about the last line in the second video, if that doesn't get you revved up, especially as our entry C8 Stingray does under 3.0 second to sixty, faster than both the Shelby GT Mustang 500 (by more than a half second), and a touch faster than a \$1M McLaren, so that last line in the second video is that the entry C8 Stingray is "*just the tip of the iceberg!*"

We finally are seeing many superb pictures of customer Silver Flare and Red Mist. For many more pictures:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/229336-silver-flare-chameleon-color>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/226836-red-mist-is-explosively-beautiful-in-the-sunshine>



What about Stingray deliveries? They are proceeding very nicely. GM produced just 1,472, 2021's even before Christmas, with January production since been humming. Similar to the above on Z06 deliveries, many dealers are now saying to customers who are now first contacting them at this time, "sorry, there is no way I can get you a 2021 Stingray" (at least that is what most honest dealers say). Of course that refers to dealers who are charging MSRP, and there are still opportunities as some "market adjustment" overage dealers who will be able to get you a 2021 — but is that worth between \$10,000-\$25,000 OVER sticker to you? I know of one dealer who told me that he sold a loaded 2020, coupe for \$147,500. Insanity! And one 2020 recently at Mecum, the seller refused to sell it at \$140,000. Crazy and greed!

Are you a Corvette engineering aficionado, loving the details of both engineering and body structure components? If so, here are a couple of truly fascinating articles, two technical articles on how the composite panels for the C8 were developed, and specifically sharing the many industry breakthroughs that contributed to the C8's enhanced body panel, both internal and external, excellence:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/221451-technical-articles-new-composites-developed-for-the-c8>

Thanks again for reading. If I can personally be of assistance, please private message me at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum — to "John."

Most importantly, whatever Corvette you are driving, here's to miles of Corvette driving smiles in 2021 for you while you are safe and healthy!

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