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Welcome to 2020

Another Year End Banquet and annual meeting is now done. One of the server's at Willie's commented that they have 2 banquets a day during December and most are pretty boring, but ours was a lot of fun. I certainly agree!

I will be your President for 2020 and have the following members to help our club have another fantastic year:

Jim Garboden and Vic Wolfe will share the Vice President position.

Nancy Garboden and Connie Swartz will share the Secretary duties.

MaDonna Lewis will be our Treasurer.

2020 Board members are:

Jeff Albright

Matt & Cheryl Horowitz

Dick Mart

Suzi & Vic Blomquist

Ken Dilger

Jim Tatum

With the above members, I am sure we will come up with some new and some returning fun activities.

Suzi is kicking things off with plans for the Winter Rod and Speed Show at the Linn County fairgrounds in January. We will have more information coming at our January meeting.

Since it is winter and our cars are hibernating, it is a good excuse to get out your waxes and polish and get those cars ready for our semi-annual Corvette Show inside the Valley River Center. The show this year will be April 18th and 19th with move in on Friday night April 17th. This is usually a good advertisement for the club, and I was once told by Art Ellsworth who was the mall manager at the time, that we were the biggest draw they had. With malls struggling, I feel good about supporting ours.

And don't forget our Annual Valentine's Day dinner. More information on this will be coming soon.

We are planning several other new and returning events for 2020, so please plan on attending as many as possible.

Sincerely,

Gerry Swartz
President



Misc. Notes

Rumors of things to come:

The coming C8 ZO6 will be powered by the same flat-plane crank V8 being used in the C8R factory race cars.

Guess-timate of horsepower: around 700. I am excited to see this iteration of the C8, but wonder where we would use all that power?

The C8 ZR1 will be a hybrid all-wheel drive, powered by a twin-turbocharged edition of the flat-plane crank V8 and electric motors at each front wheel. Estimated horsepower of this hybrid ZR1 is 900 hp.

900 hp!?! All-wheel drive!?! This is more horsepower than the C8R race cars are allowed to make! Where in the state of Oregon will we drive this beast to it's (enormous) potential?

Our first opportunity to see the new C8R in action will be the "Roar Before the Rolex 24" at Daytona on Jan. 3-5. Limited coverage on NBCSN. Next tv coverage will be the "Rolex 24" at Daytona on Jan. 22-26. Two races in California will be the closest opportunity for us to see the races in person. The Grand Prix of Long Beach will be Apr. 17-18. Weathertech Laguna Seca race will be Sept. 11-13.



Corvettes on the High Desert July 17 - 18

Please see the flyer later in this newsletter. High Desert Corvette Club of Bend/Redmond is planning some exciting changes to this year's event. This has always been one of the premier Corvette events in the state and we hope to have a large showing of Cascade cars & people this year. This event always sells out, so as soon as we see registration information we will forward it to all club members. Act quickly when you receive registration!



Drone photo by Don Thumel

Another club activity currently "under construction" is a proposed "Four Corners of Oregon" tour. Tentatively planned for late-August, early September, "FCO" will be a nine-day tour of Oregon with stops (again, tentatively) in Gold Beach or Brookings, Klamath Falls, John Day, Joseph/Enterprise, Hood River and Astoria. We want to incorporate as many interesting stops along the way as we can fit into our daily drives, so lots of planning yet to be accomplished. You can help by voicing your interest in this trip and by suggesting points of interest along Oregon highways.

Welcome to the Roaring 20's



Happy Birthday!

January 4 - Sandy Mart
January 8 - Derald Herling
January 13 - Ken Dilger
January 14 - James Lindly
January 17 - Jerry Swope
January 20 - Glenn Syron
January 21 - Carol Harmon
January 25 - Frank Murray
January 29 - Nora Larion



Tastes like chicken.....

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.

Among the new laws in effect January 1, I read that there will also be an increase in entry fees to National Parks, such as Oregon's Crater Lake National Park. If you don't already have one, I would suggest everyone eligible, 65 & over, buy a National Park **Senior Pass**. Cost of the Pass is now \$80, but it is a life-time pass and never needs to be renewed. That is a life-time of free entry into every National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, National Forests and Grasslands, and lands and waters managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers in the United States.



Up Coming Events

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SANTA'S GONE STINGRAY

That's right folks, Santa's traded in his sleigh for a sleek, sharp reconditioned Corvette. He couldn't resist the streamlined beauty . . . Besides he can get around much quicker now - 427 reindeer power as compared to his old 8 (And please don't ask us to name his 419 new ones!)

And he's giving them to good girls and boys for Christmas

How About This '67 Stingray Convertible for Only **\$3795.00**

Red 427 - 390 4 Speed

1967

And here's a list of some other Creampuff Corvettes

'66 Blue Convertible 300 - 4 Speed \$3150	'65 Blue Coupe Power & Fact. Air 300 - 4 Speed \$2750	'63 Red Hardtop 385 - 4 Speed \$2250
'65 Yellow Convertible 385 - 4 Speed \$2750	'65 Yellow Convertible Chrome Wheels 385 - 4 Speed \$2650	'62 White Convertible 348 - 4 Speed \$1795

Ray BOYLES'
Corvette VILLAGE
In Stingraytown

6224 Raytown Rd.
FL 33119

Dec 17 - 1967

Was Santa good to you?
Did you find a '67 big-block convertible
under your tree?



There are several members, both new and those who have been with us for many years, that we have not received a renewal from yet. You are all important. You are missed. We want you back. We realize that many of you travel during the winter months and may have overlooked the renewal. If this is the case, please contact us and let us know you intend to renew - we will add you to the mailing list. If you do not intend to renew, this will be the last newsletter you receive as we will begin using the 2020 email list with the February newsletter.

January 17-18
Winter Rod & Speed Show
Linn Co. Expo Center

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

June 12-13
Mecum Auctions
Portland
\$20 daily admission

June 27
Sweet Home Sweet Ride
Sweet Home, OR

July 17-18
Corvettes on the High Desert
Eagle Crest

August 28-30
Sea to Sky
Squamish, B.C.

Aug. 27 - Sept. 4
(tentative dates)
Four Corners of Oregon Tour

September 11 - 13
Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca
IMSA race



**Cascade Corvette Club
Membership Registration
2020**

Annual Dues: Individual \$40 - Couple / Family \$45	\$
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Name	E-mail Address	Birthday (Month / Day)

Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone(s)	

Your Corvette Information

Year	Model	Color	Custom Plate

Special Features

Yes / No - Permission is granted to share the above information in the club roster.

Yes / No - Permission is granted to use my vehicle images and information in the club website and newsletter.

I / We hereby apply for membership in the Cascade Corvette Club Inc. in the classification above. I / We agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club and the regulations governing its operation as adopted by the membership.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Corvettes on the High Desert

Presented by the High Desert Corvette Club

Come join the fun at Eagle Crest Resort

July 17-18 2020

Here's what we have planned:

Friday-- Registration, no-host bar, dinner & music.

Saturday-- Corvette Show & Shine featuring:

- Musical entertainment by Frank Carlsen (returning this year)
- Games of skill and chance—cornhole, disc drop, ring toss, ladder ball, putting game and Hot Wheels car racing

To increase the fun, we encourage club challenges or member challenges.

The more winning tickets you accumulate the better chance you have of winning one of our fantastic prizes so start honing your skills and be ready to get your "competitive juices flowing"

- **Enjoy lunch under the Big Top** (well maybe a canopy)

Saturday night—

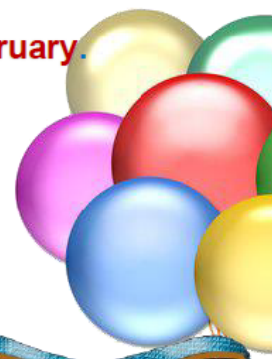
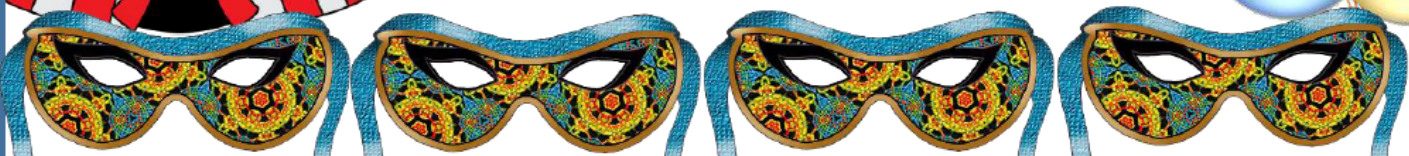
- Happy hour (no-host bar)
- Awards banquet
- Silent auction

Registration information will be sent out in early February.

Direct questions to Suzanne at highdesertvettes@gmail.com

or visit

www.highdesertcorvettes.org



Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant)

The 2020 Stingray "start of customer C8 production" is about month away. What has been accomplished? Let's start with the 2020 Stingray already earned the "Top Ten Best" Car & Driver award, then we move forward to its also winning the Motor Trend **Car of the Year** award.



We need to debunk two prevalent C8 myths for neither is true. *1st*: You cannot order one unless it is heavily equipped. Not true, for there are actually GM "accepted for production" orders that GM that are literally no-option, under \$60,000, C8's. *2nd*: That GM is losing money on all sold for under \$80,000. More nonsense! GM actually makes thousands of dollars on a \$59,995 C8.

Let us look at just a two-option C8 and see how well it performs, e.g., a Stingray with the Z51 and the mag ride options, with its standard 495 HP/470 TQ "LT2", and its' also-standard, 8-speed DCT (dual-clutch trans); including transportation, is \$66,890. It has accomplished:

0-60= 2.8 seconds (November, 2019 C&D)

1/4 mile = 11.1 seconds @ 123.2 MPH (MT, Oct, 2019)

Top Speed = 194 MPH for the entry version, non-Z51 Stingray (GM.com)

60-0 Stopping Power = 97' (MT, Oct, 2019)

Lateral Cornering = 1.09G (AutoWeek, November, 2019)

How does the 2020 StingRay's 0-60 time compare to other notables?

1) The 2020, 789 HP, McLaren Senna took the same 2.8 seconds to reach 60 MPH as did the 2020 Stingray, but the Senna costs \$1,400,000 (C&D, November, 2019); and,

2) The 770 HP, 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby 500 GT takes 3.5 seconds to get to 60 MPH (C&D, November, 2019). That's 0.7 seconds **slower** -- yet the Mustang has 760 HP (+265 horses).

Where are we now in the C8 pre-production process?

The last C7 was completed; the Bowling Green Assembly Plant has been converted to 100% C8 production; and over 1,200 BGA employees have been trained to "level four" job skill mastery (the highest performance level).

Between December 9th and January 31st, BGA will assemble approximately 350 "captured test fleet" C8's for further street and track evaluating/refining

Starting at 6:12 AM, Monday, Feb 3rd, C8 Stingray **CUSTOMER** cars will be assembled.

One of the most fascinating Corvette video interviews I have ever seen, is this delightful ride with Tadge Juechter being driving in a HTC Stingray (hard top convertible) by none other than Jay Le-no. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/95487-fascinating-autoline-tadge-c8-interview>

Another exciting video is the following video teaser showing the new C8.R on the main runway at the Kennedy Space Center and footage from Sebring race track. By the time many read this, the C8.R will have already completed its first major pre-race test, the Daytona Roar Before the 24 (January 3rd-5th); more excitedly, the first actual 1st race of the C8.R will be at the Rolex 24 (Jan 25th/26th) just about three weeks away. First this teaser vid:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/95623-c8-r-video-teaser-including-at-kennedy-space-center-and-sebring>



Then, here are links to both events: <http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/Events/2020/Roar-Before-The-Rolex-24/Roar-Before-The-Rolex-24.aspx>

<https://www.imsa.com/events/2020-rolex-24-daytona>

The eight week strike, which delayed C8 customer production by that amount, had *upsides*, specifically giving Corvette team engineers that much more time to refine the StingRay's software controlling its transmission, suspension, steering, braking and more. Consequently, when Randy Probst re-tested the Stingray roughly eight weeks after his first August testing, he was *much* more positive about the C8. He suggested some improvements to GM to improve those systems. GM listened to many. Here is that MotorTrend article after those upgrades <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/94661-randy-on-c8-track-further-handling-improvements>

Hopefully, the C8's capabilities for real over-the-air (OTA) software updates can further modify the software helping to control its transmission, suspension, steering, braking, etc., *will allow more, future refinements to occur while we are driving our 2020 C8's down the road.*

To round out the major C8 accomplishments and notables since the last issue of this article, is this truly fascinating interview of Tadge Juechter by Autoline. Whether one is a C8 fanatic, or just mildly interested in how Corvette engineering becomes reality, here you go: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/95487-fascinating-autoline-tadge-c8-interview>

Thanks for reading, and as always, I would like to directly communicate with you when you contact www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com, your sending a private message to "John".

Here to many more miles of Corvette smiles whatever Corvette you are now driving!



Goodbye C7R

Hello C8R



January 2020

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