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# Vette Gazette

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January 2019

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**Newsletter**  
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As 2018 slowly sinks into the sunset (not that we see any sunsets this time of year so just go with it), I'm personally looking forward to the new year, and really thankful for everything that Beck and I have. And one of those things we have is all of you, our fellow CCC members, who we will always call our family.

Unfortunately, one thing that time will always do is take away some of our friends. I'm gonna use this first newsletter of the year to remember Debbie Rothrock and Gordie Juve, both just super people who were so much fun to be around. And just as we lose some great people, we continue to get new members to join with us as we celebrate the one thing we all have in common, our beautiful Corvettes.

The new year will also see the last of the C7 and that of course will cause mixed emotions aplenty as Corvette moves to the C8. I remember as new generations were introduced having really mixed emotions. Feelings like Holy Crap, what the hell did they do!!!!, to OMG they finally got it all right (C7)!!!

The new mid-engine iteration will start appearing sometime next year. We all know this is the most revolutionary new design, in nearly every way, that Corvette has seen in like, forever, and I think will continue the long tradition of Holy crap/OMG emotions. Me personally again. I'm waiting like so many others to see the finished product. Beck and I did just get a beautiful new '19 Torch Red (is there really any other color for a Corvette convertible!) Grand Sport convertible, and we'll help everyone else continue to carry the torch for previous generations.

As most of you know I head south to our little "La Casa de Patos" in Mesa. (It means House of the Ducks). So my first official announcement will be to inform our new Vice President Jim Garboden that he is acting President while I'm gone. So among other things, the next President's message I write will be from the patio of our little place, sipping probably a lovely margarita, while the sun keeps me nice and warm.

With our recent elections we have two new board members, MaDonna Lewis and Cheryl Horowitz. Welcome to the board ladies.

The entire board and officers will do our best to keep things exciting. We plan everything around our unofficial motto of "Drive and Eat", along with adequate potty stops along the way. You know, I used to call them rest stops, but we don't need any rest but we do have to pee!!

I hope you all have as much fun as I do this year while being your President, and remember, when you're sitting there somewhere saying to yourself "I know he's President but what the hell is he thinking?", you guys voted me in!! HA HA HA

Stan



**2018  
Annual Meeting / Christmas party**

As 2018 comes to an end, we gathered at Shadow Hills Country Club to celebrate and remember the past year. The old friends we lost this year and the new friends we embrace. The great events we attended, the awards we earned, and the camaraderie of owning America's sports car. The special feeling when we are able to touch other's lives through the donations we share with local organizations helping children, seniors and our veterans.

We wish to thank the 2018 Officers and Board for the effort they gave all year and we welcome the 2019 Officers and Board.



**Your 2019 Officers and Board:**

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# Snack Pack Program Spring Creek Elementary

December 15, 2018

Dear Larry and Cascade Corvette Club,

Thank you once again for your generous donation to the snack pack program. We received your check on the day we got word that our grant application was turned down. Because of your generosity we are able to continue to provide weekend food for the neediest students at Spring Creek Elementary.

with appreciation,  
Nancy Fischer



**Misc.  
Notes**

**Two recent announcements regarding C7 and C8 Corvettes:**

1) GM is raising the MSRP of all C7's.

Model	Increase
Stingray Coupe	\$405
Stingray Convertible	\$905
Stingray Z51 Coupe	\$405
Stingray Z51 Convertible	\$905
Grand Sport Coupe	\$405
Grand Sport Convertible	\$905
Z06 Coupe	\$1,405
Z06 Convertible	\$1,905
ZR1 Coupe	\$2,000
ZR1 Convertible	\$2,500

**However**, this increase does NOT pertain to vehicles already in stock at dealerships.

2) Official unveiling of the 2020 C8 (?) Mid-Engine Corvette has been delayed, up to 6 months.

For more Mid-Engine news, read "John's Monthly Mid-Engine Update" later in this newsletter.

**Copy of a letter the club received from "Bags of Love" regarding their fundraiser night at Mazzi's:**

Thank you so much for supporting our Mazzi's fundraising event! I didn't realize that there were so many people there from your group. The Cascade Corvette Club has been so good to Bags of Love through the years.

And, your timing is perfect to ask about the event; we just received the check from them this week! (too late to add to our newsletter) We raised \$733.10 that night. This was down a little bit from our Mazzi's night held earlier in the year, but still a tremendous boost for Bags of Love. Thank you again for getting so many people to attend.

As you probably are aware, the demand for our services just keeps growing. We now provide 'bags of love to over 2,000 Lane County children annually. The support we receive from the Cascade Corvette Club plays a crucial role in our ability to meet the growing demand.

Thank you!

Becky Stenzel  
Executive Director

We also received letters of thanks from the Snack Pack Program at Spring Creek Elementary and Veteran's Legacy.



## Happy Birthday!

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

## 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.



Here is the scenario:  
You drive your brand new C7 Corvette into your garage for the first time. Unable to eat, sleep or maintain a rational thought, you immediately start personalizing your new Corvette. You set your favorite radio stations. You set the memory seats. And you set the automatic locking features. But did you really read the Owner's Manual? You just skimmed, right?

Later that night, you notice a smudge on the inside of the windshield, so you grab a cloth, reach in the open window and set off the alarm. Wow, is that ever touchy!

The next day your wife steadies herself while putting on shoes by touching the outside mirror and the alarm goes off. By the time you run to the far end of the house, retrieve the key fob and get back to the garage, the alarm has timed out and you have a text from OnStar saying, "Your new Corvette is being stolen!! Quick, call the Police!!" (Okay, it's not that dramatic)

You drive your new Corvette to the gas station for it's first fill-up. Get out and stand next to the car making sure that Goober doesn't touch your new Corvette. Your wife is still in the car, she moves, the alarm goes off. Open the door to shut off the alarm, close the door, she moves, alarm goes off. WHAT THE HELL!?!

If you had just taken your own advice and read the Manual, you would see that there is a button next to the hatch/trunk button that **TURNS OFF THE MOTION DETECTOR!**

Yes, guilty as charged.....



## Up Coming Events

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

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

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

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

July 20  
Gilchrist Cruise &  
Summer Fun Day

July 27, 2019  
OPVA Car Show  
Salem, OR

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

As you can see



We have a lot of space to fill in on our  
up-coming events.

More information regarding events will  
be coming in the first three months of  
2019, but in the meantime...

What do YOU want to do in 2019?

We heard some of the complaints last year  
about events during the week, so we will  
work very hard to plan more weekend  
events.

Not all club events require massive  
amounts of planning -

We (YOU) can plan a lunch run to the  
Coast or a Burger Run to a favorite joint  
or an afternoon run to a historic site, or...

Just give us (Jim & Nancy) one or two  
days notice and we will send email  
messages to the club roster and let them  
know where & when to meet.

No one hates  
winter like  
someone who  
has a Corvette  
in their  
garage.



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# Car Stuff

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**New 2017  
Blade Silver Coupe  
Adrenaline Red interior,  
3LT, auto  
\$69,993**

**2019  
Black ZO6 Coupe  
Jet Black interior,  
2LZ, auto  
\$90,065**



**Used 2015  
Laguna Blue Coupe  
Jet Black interior  
Z51, 1LT  
\$44,974**

**Coming Soon:  
2019 Grand Sport Coupe  
Elkhart Lake Blue / Jet Black interior  
2LT, auto  
\$78,015**

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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## Mid Engine Monthly Update # 3: Arguments For/Against The C8 Reveal's Location/Time



Rumors about the 2020 mid engine (ME) Corvette C8 reveal have so far included: last August's year's Pebble Beach Concours, then October's Petit LeMans C7.R Race, then SEMA, then the Los Angeles Auto Show. These "predictions" were based on a very extensive pre-C7-reveal "tease" process that GM followed for the eventual 1.13.13 reveal of the C7 at NAIAS in Detroit. If you want to learn or re-live how that process unfolded, for perhaps it could be similar for the C8's reveal — though clearly in a later time period.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/115-the-me's-pre-reveal-orchestrated-tease-progress>

What if the mid engine C8 were to follow a very similar process, but be very time delayed. Or instead, might GM follow the Ford GT's, 2016 total-surprise, reveal process at next month's NAIAS? What are the arguments for a surprise reveal at Detroit literally those couple of weeks from now? 1) GM's headquarters Renaissance building is literally blocks away; 2) Detroit is the home of the "Big 3"; 3) The C5, C6 and C7 were all revealed in Detroit; and 4<sup>th</sup>) many Corvette folks are excited, want to see it soonest-possible.

However, NAIAS instead will be a major disappointment, with no reveal of the 2020 ME, based on a GM comment, that *nothing will be revealed At NAIAS; that GM is not even using its allotted 30 minute OEM press conference time there* (though revealing there the CT6, 3-row SUV the night before).

If not NAIAS, what follows Detroit as a potential C8 reveal location? The Chicago Auto Show starts on February 9th, Geneva Show on March 9th, and the New York Auto Show in mid-April. Or, could GM "go contrary" and reveal the ME at the mid-January Barrett Jackson Auto Show? While tons of national TV, the GM insiders I have talked with, have been adamant that GM will use a venue to reveal the C8 that is *100% GM controlled*.

Is Chicago a big enough show to reveal the 2020 mid engine Corvette? Highly unlikely, for it is too small a show; but might they bring there, to tease us by having there a couple nine (9) GM mid engine prototypes (mostly Corvettes) that GM has shown us over the last six decades? Here's highlights of the history of those ME prototypes (posts #'s 1 & 2).

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/15-9-mid-engine-corvette-prototypes-that-never-made-it-to-production>

Speaking of those, I am hearing that at the ME's reveal, perhaps also on the stage, GM might have two of those ME's, showing the ME Corvette is part of Corvette lineage.

Most expect around 500 HP for the C8 entry 2020 motor, with a similar TQ, but for it to have a new name, e.g., not be an LT1, but maybe an "LT2" — for while it will be an advanced version of the LT1, it be modified to reflect GM's engine enhancements learned in the six years since it was introduced — though be heavily LT1 based. Might just the motor be revealed at Chicago – as GM revealed the C7's motor prior to the car itself?

So if not the Chicago Auto Show for the 2020 C8 itself, what about Geneva or the New York Auto Shows? The Geneva Auto show is the world's most prestigious one. We remember the 2017 Grand Sport being revealed there, and last year, the Ferrari Pista. GM chose the U.A.E. to reveal the ZR1 last November, so maybe? However, most believe that this time GM will **not** go international for the C8's initial reveal, and that **the mid-April New York Auto Show is where we would first see it.**

Does the historical January 17, 1953 New York City Corvette Motorama reveal add to the sentiment of a NYC 2020 ME debut? BTW, I checked the Waldorf Astoria, site of the '53 Motorama, but it is closed for a massive remodel until 2021; however, could GM rent the Javitz Conference Center, the site of the NYAS, before the show starts, for a mega-location, private invitation reveal? And lest we forget, the New York Auto Show is the largest auto show in the country -- about 115 days from now.

Or how about a total outlier, have the 2020 ME Corvette's reveal be the night before the May 26<sup>th</sup> Indy 500 – for it is very probable that the 2020 Corvette will be the race's PACE CAR...

I can always be reached via my forum name "John" at [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com)

Thank you very much for reading. John Elegant

# January 2019

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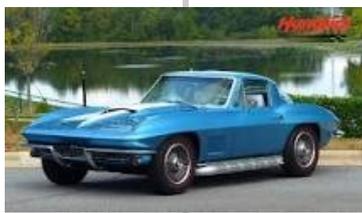
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*Nat'l  
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Day  
Nat'l Bloody  
Mary Day*

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*Board Mtg  
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6:15 pm*

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Ducky Day*

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*MLK, Jr Day*

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*Beer Can  
Appreciation  
Day*

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