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Prez Notes:

Our son just picked up his new 2021 C8 Corvette from Power Chevrolet in Sublimity. It is a nice dealership with a certified Corvette mechanic on staff. Talking with the manager he said that they were going to stop doing courtesy deliveries. (This is where you buy from a dealer back east and have it shipped out here.) The reason for stopping is liability. Plus think about this—when you buy from a dealer he is committed to you because he wants you to buy your next vehicle from him. That is how they stay in business.

We had a lot of members drive up to Salem to go on the Willamette Queen river boat for dinner. What a great turn out. It was perfect weather for taking our Corvettes out for some exercise and a wonderful meal. Plus, unknown by us, the captain is selling his boat and this was one of his last cruises. I think that if Charlene could have fit the Llama in their Corvette, she would have taken it home with them!

The Sweet Home, Sweet Ride car show was last Saturday. The club had a good turnout for the show even with the HOT weather. Jim & Nancy and Stan & Shannon were winners in their class, with lots of competition. I would also like to thank them for all their help with our upcoming Benefit Cruise In to raise money for the Holiday Farm Fire victims. All four of them have been busy with the planning and passing out flyers at several events to let people know about the show.



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On July 4th we are going to participate in the Harrisburg Parade. Anyone wanting to drive their car in the parade—please meet up at the old Shopko parking lot on Coburg Rd. We will leave at 9:00am and take the back road thru Coburg to Harrisburg. We will stage at the High School parking lot for the 11:00am start time. Bring your chairs and some water and we will sit under the shade trees until the parade starts. Be sure to bring your American flags with you for the parade. The theme this year is “long may she wave”!

Next on our list for July is Wednesday July 7th for blueberry picking up the McKenzie. We will leave the Albertson’s parking lot at 52nd and Main in Springfield at 8:30am for a drive up the McKenzie to the Garretson’s estate. (The blueberry farm is next door.) After picking as many blueberries as you want we will then relax on their deck or by their pool which is now open and decide if we want to drive for lunch or have Ike’s pizza deliver. Another tough decision! (Bring your own containers for your blueberries and drinks to stay hydrated.)

And remember—our Benefit Cruise In car show is coming up on Saturday July 17th. We are going to need lots of help with parking, registration and donations. We have received large donations from Lithia Toyota of Springfield and Oregon Community Credit Union. We can use more corporate sponsors and it is for a good cause, so be sure and ask anyone you can think of for donations.

Wow, it is so good to finally have events to talk about after our year of “staying safe”. So, let’s get out there and enjoy our summer. Hopefully when it is a little cooler!

Your Prez,
Gerry Swartz

GRIS needs new shoes!

If you own a C6 or C7 ZO6 or Grand Sport and are thinking about new tires from Michelin, you’re going to need some patience. The Pilot Sport “Super Sports” are still available, but for those of us who sometime drive in rain and are looking for an all-season tire, the choices are darn slim right now.

The Michelin A/S 3+ ZP all season tire is still available for our ZO6’s & GS’s, but only in the front tire sizes. Rears are “none available”. Michelin doesn’t use the word “discontinued”, just “none available”. These ARE still available in Stingray sizes.

The Michelin Pilot Sport 4 ZP and Pilot Sport 4S ZP have not yet begun manufacture on the rear tire sizes, but I am hearing from various sources that those sizes will be available “some time in the summer of `21”. Vague enough?

The **Pilot Sport 4 ZP** is replacing the A/S 3+ as an all-season tire. You may give up a tiny fraction of dry grip to gain increased usage in wet or cold conditions. This tire can be driven year-around.

The **Pilot Sport 4S ZP** is the new ultra high-performance summer tire derived from the Super Sport. With the dry grip of the Super Sport and the increased tread depth of an all-season tire, the 4S ZP sounds like a winner. However, the 4S ZP should not be driven in temperatures below 40 F. The advanced compounds of the ultra high-performance summer tires can split and crack in colder temperatures and will not be covered under the tire warranty.

**** We have sent flyers to many newspapers, tv and radio stations about our July 17 event at Valley River; please let us know if you hear/see any of these ads. ****

8 Corvettes, 2500+ miles, good food, bad restrooms & 30 million people crammed into one corner of a National Park!

The story of Big Sky 2021

8 Corvettes left Eugene on May 25 for the Big Sky Corvette Meet in Billings, MT. After a late breakfast/early lunch in Bend, we hit the open road of Hwy 20. "HIT" being the operative word. East of Bend we came upon a road construction site with a warning sign for "Rumble Strips". We're all used to rumble strips, right? Those noisy little grooves cut into the pavement to get your attention when you deviate from the lane? THESE WERE 3 FREAKIN' SPEED BUMPS SET 3' APART!! If the Grand Sport didn't have bent wheels before, it does now. It was the hardest hit we took the entire trip.

Day 2 found us at Elevation 486 in Twin Falls, ID for lunch. Great food, spectacular view! Night two in Rexburg, ID.

On Day 3 the scenery began to be more mountainous as we traveled north into Montana & Yellowstone National Park. But, we weren't the only visitors to Yellowstone on this Memorial Day weekend. No, there must have been 300 bazillion cars in Yellowstone...and nary an open parking spot. (*Yellowstone Nat'l Park recorded over 685,000 visitors in the month of May*) Lunch in the park was an impossibility, so we headed to Gardiner, MT to find the largest restaurant in Gardiner closed (a victim of the pandemic) and long lines everywhere. We ate lunch at the market. The drive from Gardiner to Livingston on Hwy 89 is spectacular and not very crowded. We arrived in Billings and found the longest hotel hallways ever conceived. Suzi decided they need "moving walkways" like found in airports. We shared the hotel with high school track & field teams, tennis teams and a darts league.

Saturday we drove to a park complex in East Billings for the Show-N-Shine. It was early morning ... The Krispy Kremes were there, but the coffee guy was a no-show. Aargh! Our cars were spiffy clean, the sky was blue with some fluffy white clouds and a temperature of 48 degrees! Hey, it is Montana. At 11:30 we left the park and headed back to the hotel to depart on the rally. The rally was a 2-hour affair that took us 4. Lunch was to be on our own at one of the "hundreds" of restaurants on the route. We either didn't see them or passed due to the parking lots being full. Soon we found ourselves outside of town, hence no restaurants. Finally, at about 2 pm we found a sports bar and went in starving. Our server couldn't remember the drink orders (4 waters & 3 diet Cokes). 10 minutes later we got our drinks. Most of us ordered hot dogs, to keep it simple. 55 minutes later, we received our hot dogs! She "neglected" to tell us when we ordered that the hot dogs were frozen! Sheesh...

At the Saturday evening barbeque, we learned that one of our Oregon cars won! Suzi & Vic took third place in the combined C4-C5 class. I have to say something about the Show-N-Shine classes. C1, 2 & 3 lumped together is not fair to the fantastic cars we saw. C4 & C5 together? C6 was the only generation separate. C7 & C8 together in one class? Seriously?? Rant over.



Saturday was also the day of our greatest scare. Our friend Stan either had a diabetic issue that caused a stroke or a stroke that caused a diabetic issue. EMT's transported Stan to the hospital after they determined that his glucose level was dangerously low. After a few hours at the hospital, he was deemed stable enough to return to the hotel to rest. Becky flew to Billings the next day and she & Stan drove home to Eugene in two days. Back in Eugene, the VA diagnosed that Stan had suffered a stroke affecting the vision in one eye. He is currently on the mend with no serious after-effects.

Sunday was the autocross, which started & ended early due to graduation ceremonies. Jeff & I pulled into the autocross lot just as the last competitor was loading his trailer. Sunday was the "fun run" down to Red Lodge. Only one CCC car made the run as many of us had been up late the night before.

Sunday evening at the Awards Banquet, Cascade Corvette Club cleaned up on raffle prizes, trivia and Long Distance awards. Mike & Sandi won four raffle prizes (and shared them with other club members) and Steve won the most coveted raffle prize of all - an Adam's Polishes bucket filled with \$250 in Adam's products. We knew several of the trivia questions, but couldn't catch the speakers attention. Finally Jim G was fast enough & loud enough to win an Adam's travel combo. Steve Miller from Florence, OR was the Long-Distance winner, Jim & Nancy second and Stan third.

Monday morning we were off to Butte, MT. A really short day because we had to cancel a mid-day activity. We could have gone much further, but the reservations had already been made. Oh well...

If you find yourself in Butte, have dinner at the Montana Rib & Chop House. Order the Baseball Sirloin.

Tuesday morning - Butte, MT to Worley, ID. Mostly a freeway day, but through some absolutely beautiful scenery. Montana is spectacular in any season, but June is amazing.

On to Joseph! No more freeway!! We drove Hwy 95 south along the Idaho border to Lewiston, ID and Clarkston, WA and into the small town of Asotin, WA. From Asotin we climbed in elevation onto a high plateau before beginning our descent on "The Rattlesnake". Who needs the Tail of the Dragon? Washington & Oregon have The Rattlesnake! Our next planned stop was the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center near Baker City, but they are still closed due to COVID restrictions. So, let's go to lunch... We got lost in downtown Baker City. I know, right? We kept circling the block looking for a restaurant that was right there in plain sight. Would have been helpful if they had not taken off the name and address when they remodeled!

We spent the better part of two days in Joseph enjoying the scenery, art, food and huckleberry milkshakes. Correction - most of us enjoyed the milkshakes. They ran out of ice cream when Jim G stepped to the counter.

We spent our last night in John Day and had dinner at the Snaffle Bit Restaurant. Not what it used to be.

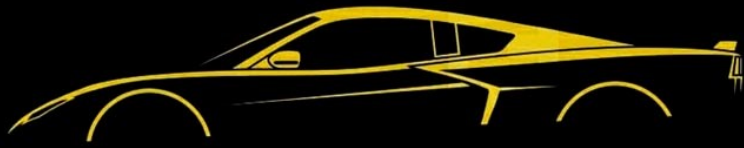
Several of the group needed to get back to Eugene for Julie Perry's Celebration of Life, so the group broke up Saturday morning in John Day. Some went home on their own, other left a bit later. 12 days on the road and I'm gonna sleep in my own bed tonight....

See photos of our trip on the next page



Mike Donnelly was approached on two occasions and given gifts (pin & a star) to wear on his Viet Nam Veteran hat.





Misc. Notes

**The blueberries are coming!
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Actually, you must go to them. And do your own picking. And it's not free, but hey... IT'S **BLUEBERRIES**.

We have been invited to Rick & Kathy Garretson's home on the McKenzie River to pick blueberries, lounge around on the deck or swim in the pool. **July 7**, we will meet at the **Thurston Albertson's (58th & Main)** and depart at **8:30 am**. Picking is best in the mornings to avoid yellow jacket issues. Bring your own buckets, etc to carry berries and Rick *strongly* encourages bringing your oldest, dirtiest yard shoes because the berry orchard is muddy and messy. Bring a plastic bag to put these old shoes in when finished. This is **not** a Corvette-driving event.

However, July 17 IS a Corvette event and we want to see a majority of club members at Valley River Center for the **"Holiday Farm Fire Benefit Car Show"** hosted by Cascade Corvette Club. The Board has been working hard on this event and members have been handing out hundreds of flyers to build attendance. We are going to need all hands on deck to help with parking, registration and donations. This is a free event to participants and the public, but we will be asking for donations to help victims of the devastating fires of last summer.

If you are in town on July 17, we could surely use your help. Expect to show up early (7-8:00 am) to help set-up and start parking the early-birds.

If you would like to participate in the Fourth of July Parade in Harrisburg, but are not already signed up, please contact Connie at conswartz@msn.com

6th Annual

"Tournament, Not A Tournament"

July 20

Tokatee Golf Club

I would like to encourage every member to attend a very special July 9 meeting at Kendall Chevrolet at 6:00 pm. Joe Heidrick will receive his "Quilt of Valor" at a ceremony during our meeting.

We had the honor of attending a Quilt of Honor ceremony for David Kopachik recently and it is gratifying to see these veterans honored for their service and their sacrifices.



Sweet Home, Sweet Ride

Yes, it really was 106 degrees... Beaver State & the SHSR committee did a great job setting up this year, it's unfortunate that the weather was so hot.



Best C8 - Czerniak

Best C7 - Garboden



Happy Birthday!

July 2 - David Brooks

July 18 - Nancy Garboden

July 19 - John Ressler

July 18 - Chris Hough

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.

Ghost Writer

I had a rather, um... "interesting" conversation a couple of days ago. While at the driving range, I spotted a very nice looking newer Mustang. When the owner was finished and getting ready to leave I wandered over, introduced myself and invited him to attend the Holiday Farm Fire benefit car show. We talked Mustangs for a few minutes, then he asked what Corvette we have. I told him we have a 2019 Grand Sport, to which he replied, "is that one of the 1100 horsepower models"? I quickly gave him the 5 cent tour and explained that the highest production model was the ZR1 at 755 hp. Then it got interesting... he proceeded to tell me that I must not know much about Corvettes because "I have a friend who has a stock Corvette (he didn't know what year) and it came with 1100 horsepower. Some models go as high as 1300 hp".

Okay then.....



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Coming Events

July 4
4th of July Parade
Harrisburg, OR

July 7
Blueberry Pickin' Party
Garretson's on the McKenzie River

July 10
Graffiti Wknd & Corvette City
Roseburg, OR

July 17
Benefit Car Show
Valley River Center

July 20
6th Annual
Golf Day
Tokatee Golf Club

July 31
Veteran's Legacy Poker Run
(more info to come)

August 14
Salute to Veterans
Car & Motorcycle Show
Hillsboro, OR

Cancelled

August 27 - 28
Wallowa Mountain Cruise
Joseph, OR

August 28
Cruisin' Sherwood
Sherwood, OR

September 10 - 11
Corvettes on the Columbia
Tri-Cities, WA

September 11 - 13
IMSA Weathertech Series
Laguna Seca
Monterey, CA

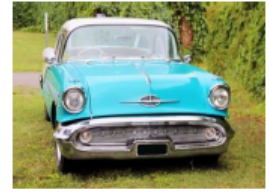
September 11
Millersburg Car Show
millersburgcarshow@gmail.com

August 29 - 31, 2024
National Corvette Caravan
Bowling Green, KY



Larry's Lion

This carousel lion was saved and restored by Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel. The majority of restoration work & carving was done by Larry Simelius.



Holiday Farm Fire Benefit Cruise In

Saturday July 17, 2021

At Valley River Center behind Eugene Crossfit

Open to all cars, trucks, and motorcycles!
Hosted by Cascade Corvette Club

Registration: The day of the show

NO ENTRY FEE - but please donate to continue the
much needed assistance to the Holiday Farm Fire victims.

Cash and Checks only please.

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

This is a benefit show to help victims of the Holiday Farm Fire. 100% of the money donated goes to the McKenzie River Fire & Rescue Volunteer Association and to Project Hope to help fire victims.

No awards or trophies.

Arrive when you want, meet up with friends, look at the other cars on display, have lunch at the many restaurants at Valley River Center and leave when you are done for the day.

*Donations may also be mailed to: Cascade Corvette Club, PO Box 5248, Eugene, OR 97405
For more information, please contact Gerry Swartz 541 688 2654.*



About this event

\$ 1,000 HIGH HAND • \$500 LOW HAND

Come Join Us for the Fifth Annual **Veteran's Legacy Fund Raiser Motorcycle Ride -**

Everyone Welcome!

Buy Tickets Online or at:

- **American Legion - Post 83**
- **Prairie Road Automotive**

FIRST 100 ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATIONS INCLUDES a T-SHIRT!!

If you do not pre-register - You may register Friday, July 30th or Saturday, July 31st, 2021 at American Legion Post 83, Eugene at 9:00 am

- First Hand \$35 • Additional Hand \$10.00
- Breakfast provided by Prairie Road Automotive - Donations Accepted
- First vehicles leave at 10:00 am - Last vehicles leave at 11:00 am
- Begins and Ends at American Legion Post 83 - Last vehicle in 4:00 pm
- One of the stops will be at [Veterans Legacy in Alma](#). There will be tours of the camp so you can see what your dollars are doing to help our community of Veterans.

Raffles will be held throughout the day at the [American Legion](#) along with a silent auction from generous businesses in our area who are supporting our Veterans.

- Oral Auction will start after the last vehicle is in
- Silent Auction Ends at 5:00 pm

Come and join us for the day, it will be a great time - and help us support our Veterans

Date and time

Sat, July 31, 2021

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM PDT

[Add to calendar](#)

Location

American Legion
3650 River Road
Eugene, OR 97404

[View Map](#)

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S p o n s o r s

40th annual Graffiti Weekend
4th annual **Corvette City** (Second Try)

Park-n-Peruse

July 10, 2021 - 9am to 4pm

All **Corvettes** welcome

We will be asking for a \$10 per car donation to
Camp Millennium and/or UCAN

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Mid Engine Monthly Update: Latest C8 News (John)

The 2022 model year C8's were just announced but no Z06. Sorry for those of you who were sure the Z06 was going to be a late announcement for the 2022 model year, but it will not be before a 2023 model. As most believe that GM will not reveal two major models in the same year, which means that the E-Ray would now become a 2024 MY reveal. So what did GM reveal recently that is new for '22?

Two "C8.R Special Editions," one primarily in Accelerate Yellow Metallic, one in Hypersonic Gray Metallic, were released for the 2022 model year. You can get either in a coupe or a HTC; 1,000 special editions will be made.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/278331-special-editions-for-2022>



The actual detailed specs for the 2022's will be announced on June 28th. Ordering for the 2022's will start around the time most of you are reading this, e.g. somewhere in the beginning week or two of July. 2022 production remains scheduled to be started around Sept. 10th. Those who were on dealer lists to get a 2021 but could not due to limited supply, are being moved to a 2022 – but please check and confirm this with your dealer.

Pricing for the 2022 models went up \$1,200 MSRP. Even if one factors in March's \$1,000 increase, the Corvette year-to-year price increase was 3.7%; this is far less than the industry average price increase of 12%

from one year ago.

The 2022 GM model color and component "Visualizer" is up and available to build yours. 2022 <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/278337-2022-visualizer-up>



Changes to the C8's LT2 motor are occurring for 2022, but not resulting in more HP nor more TQ: For the complete story as to why and consequences: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/279996-2022-lt2-mods-explained>

Many of you are still planning on getting your C8 Z06. I know I am getting one. However how is the ride of this performance version for the many who never see a race track in their Z06? That question is asked in different ways in the following three threads. Of course the factual is the one you make for your usage pattern, and as detailed below, the "your correct answer" is greatly based on both the quality of roads in your area and how firm a ride do you like.

Part I: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/277130-z06-be-careful-what-you-wish-for>

Part II: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/279320-the-z06's-ride-quality-for-your-consideration-part-ii>

Part III: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/279757-z06-with-z07's-ride-quality-concerns>

The C8's "buying pool" has already changed somewhat from before with three major changes: younger buyers, more affluent ones, and more diverse ones. They are coming a fair amount from exotic cars, something confirmed weekly by different large Chevy dealerships noting quite a few Porsche, Ferrari, and coming from other exotic car buyers who heretofore bought high-end Euro sports sedans — even including a few trade ins of those cars. This changing buying audience is just what Corvette needs for there to be a C10 (and later) Corvette generation, for candidly with many more traditional Corvette buyers retiring and on average having their incomes dropping 33% as a consequence, many cannot or choose not to afford one more new Corvette. More info here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/280434-lots-of-different-c8-buyers>

Pricing for the C8 continues to be crazy. We are seeing tens of individual C8 owners flipping theirs for up to \$20,000 over what they paid — and this is even after months of ownership and 1,000 or more miles on it. Dealerships who are finding themselves in possession of new ones are asking \$50,000 over MSRP. Not saying that they are getting that amount, but many are "discounting them" to "just" \$30,000 over sticker and moving them out. How long will this craziness last?

Could the unthinkable be possible? Could the Corvette E-Ray, which is believed to be an AWD hybrid combination of the LT2 and an electric motor driving the front wheels, be revealed ahead of the Z06? That question again resurfaced recently. Of course that does not mean there is an ounce of validity to it, but what if since GM is all in on their plan to only sell electric vehicles only roughly 10-15 years from now, could it be that the E-Ray is the new model being revealed for 2023 and the Z06 becomes a 2024 model. Lots of strong and differing opinions on these questions. But as of yet not one answer, not one fact — for the only one who knows what next C8 model is coming and when, is GM and for sure they are not talking. GM of course has yet to acknowledge that there will ever be an E-Ray nor a Z06. However GM has stated that "additional C8 models are coming at some time." What ones? And when?

Thanks for reading. I hope your summer is going well, that whatever Corvette you are driving is bringing you joy and adventures. John

Congratulations to CCC Members:

Rick & Kathy Garretson recently purchased a 2017 Torch Red Stingray Coupe.

Our newest member, Mike Garretson with a 1998 Pewter Convertible.

Leo Perry recently bought a 2016 Long Beach Red Convertible.

July 2021

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4th of July
Parade
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Board Mtg
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8:30 am

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