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# Vette Gazette

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June 2021

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### Pres Notes:

I understand at the last meeting that people were having trouble hearing me. So for the next meeting I will try standing in the middle of the group and hope that this will address that problem.

We recently lost one of our former members and a past president of the club—Ralph Bloom. He did not want to have a funeral. But we couldn't let him go without saying goodbye. So we had a memorial cruise to Pioneer Park in Brownsville to honor his memory. The weather was perfect for a nice drive along the back roads of Oregon and we had over 20 cars show up. His sister Shirley showed up at the start of the cruise and told us how much this meant to the family. (Check out the pictures on the club website.)

Jim and Nancy will be leading a trip to Billings, Montana for the Big Sky Meet later this month. I think they have 9 cars following them to Montana and back thru eastern Oregon. We will get a report on their trip at the next meeting.

We also have a riverboat trip coming up on Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> on the Willamette Queen sternwheeler. The boat leaves the Salem Riverfront Park at 6:00pm for a 2 hour cruise on the Willamette River with dinner. The cost is \$58.00 per person with an additional \$10.00 parking security fee. We will have tour information for you at the June general meeting. There is still room for additional members. Please call Nancy to register for this trip.

Reminder: The Function for Junction cruise and car show is June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. For all of you that would like to watch the cruise, meet us on the corner of Hwy 99 and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Junction City on both nights.

We also have a **benefit** car show planned for Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> in back of the Valley River Mall. This is open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles. All money raised will be donated to the McKenzie River Fire and Rescue Volunteer Association and Project Hope. Both groups are working to help the victims of the Holiday Farm Fire.

Leo Perry is having a celebration of life for his late wife Julie who lost her battle with dementia. For those of you that knew Julie, please let Leo know that you will be attending. She will be missed.

If you have an idea for an outing that the club might be interested in—let an officer or board member know. We can always send out an email to our members for an impromptu tour—just because—you were bored, the weather is nice, you heard about a new restaurant to try—(hopefully soon) etc.

Pres,  
Gerry



## Corvette to Pace Indy 500

May 30, 2021, at the 105th Indianapolis 500, a 2021 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Hardtop Convertible will lead the 33-car field to the green flag. This 2021 Corvette will be the first convertible to pace the Indy 500 since 2008. This is not the first time Chevrolet or Corvette has led the field. The 2021 Indy 500 will be the 32nd time for Chevrolet to lead the field and the 18th time for Corvette. In fact, this is the second year in a row for a mid-engine Corvette Stingray to serve as the pace car. This 2021 Corvette Stingray Convertible has an Arctic White exterior and

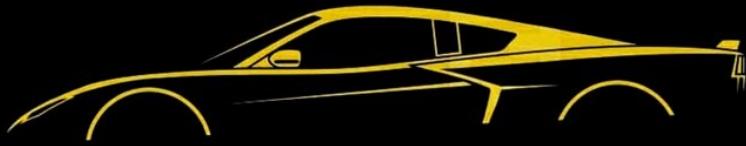


a complementary interior with Sky Cool Gray and Strike Yellow upholstery. The exterior of the Corvette has been festively adorned with decals for the race. These additions include Indy 500 logos, yellow and gray stripes, special Stingray decals, and more.

To maintain visible safety lighting on the pace car, Corvette engineers integrated four taillights into the tonneau cover nacelles. Strobe lighting has also been placed in the headlights, front louvers, and taillights. The Stingray convertible's design was inspired by fighter jets. The aerodynamically shaped nacelles work to decrease air circulation within the cabin and deliver a unique profile. Powered by a new 6.2L Small Block V-8 LT2 engine, the Corvette convertible produces 495 horsepower and 470 lb-of torque. Along with racing harnesses and emergency lights, the 2021 Corvette Stingray Convertible also is equipped with the Z51 package. This allows the Corvette a top speed over 180 mph, but the pace car only needs to reach 130 mph at the race. At this year's Indianapolis 500, Chevrolet is putting their best on display for the fans.

Reprinted from NCM E-news

[Just announced May 20, Danica Patrick will drive the Corvette pace car at Indy.](#)



## Misc. Notes

**There is still limited space available for the Willamette Queen dinner cruise.**

The cost is \$58 per person - this covers the cost of the cruise, the dinner, and the gratuity.

Please send your check to: CASCADE CORVETTE CLUB, PO Box 5248, Eugene, OR 97405 by June 5. This will allow us to collect the funds, transfer it to Simone for deposit, and pay with one check the night of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Just trying to make it easier for all.

**\*\*\* NOTE: Arrangements have been made to have security to watch our cars for the time we are on the cruise in the parking lot of the AC Gilbert House/Museum. The cost for this is \$10 per car to be paid in cash. Jim Tatum will collect the fee to pay the attendant.**

If you have determined you cannot make the trip, please let us know ASAP so that we can advise the cruise company as they may need to change our seating arrangement.

Departure time and location has not yet been determined - assuming most of you want to tour together north to Salem. You may prefer to travel on your own and of course that is fine.

Bob Bailey invited the club to a Chicken BBQ at the Springfield VFW May 28, 29 & 30. Address is 5344 Main St.

Travel Awaits has listed the National Corvette Museum as one of the "9 Must-See Car Museums." Their article highlights the Museum's exciting *Corvette Cave-in* exhibit, where visitors can see the damage from the 2014 sinkhole, and the *Skydome Generations* exhibit. Visitors can see all Corvettes, old and new when they visit the Museum.

Your NCM Ambassadors have more pledge cards if you would like to donate to the new museum expansion. Jim & Nancy can also assist you with becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum.

A couple of minor changes to the Golf Day "Tournament, Not A Tournament" on July 20. Cost this year will be \$70, which includes a cart. Tee Time is 9:00 am, necessitating an earlier departure from Springfield. We are tentatively planning a 7:00 am departure, but this could be impacted by further logging, road construction and other restoration work following the devastating fires.

Veteran's Legacy has invited CCC to join them for a fundraiser Poker Run on July 31. We hope to have more information at the June meeting and will ask for a count of cars interested in attending.



## Happy Birthday!

June 1 - Christine Kopachik

June 1 - Lynn Ingram

June 3- Pete Lightcap

June 3 - Stan Stiles

June 5 - Rick Garretson

June 13 - Iris Edmiston

June 15 - Cheryl Horowitz

June 18 - Suzi Blomquist

June 23 - Karlene Dilger

## 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



### It's time to change that gnarly passenger air filter.

If you are smelling funky odors inside your C5, C6 or C7, it's probably coming from the passenger compartment air filter. The filter housing can be accessed (on most Corvettes) on the passenger side of the firewall. Look for a row of clips, unsnap these and pull down on the narrow door it releases. You should be able to see the end of the filter and pull it out... you may be shocked at all the gunk it has accumulated.



## Coming Events

June 4 - 5  
Function 4 Junction  
Junction City, OR

June 5  
Julie Perry  
Celebration of Life

June 11 - 13  
Vette-A-Bration  
Yakima, WA

June 18  
Willamette Queen Sternwheeler  
Dinner Cruise  
Salem, OR

June 26  
Sweet Home, Sweet Ride  
Sweet Home, OR

July 10  
Graffiti Wknd & Corvette City  
Roseburg, OR

July 17  
Benefit Car Show  
Valley River Center

July 13 - 17  
Black Hills Corvette  
Classic  
Spearfish, SD

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

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

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

“Vettes On The Rockies” 2021 has been cancelled for August 2021 We are rescheduling the event for August 4 thru 7 2022.

Follow us on our web site for future information -  
(Looking Glass Corvette Association.org)  
Thank You

Cancelled

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I SAT QUIETLY WITH  
MY OWN THOUGHTS  
TODAY.  
REMIND ME NEVER  
TO DO THAT AGAIN.

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# Car Stuff



## 1964 Corvette Fastback

Very nice '64 fastback with some paint chips & scratches from enjoyment  
'67 327 block – assume 300hp – extremely smooth running  
4 speed manual transmission  
Power Steering  
Recently upgraded 4-wheel disc brakes  
Recently upgraded dual master cylinder  
Recently upgraded full front & rear (VBP High Performance suspension)  
Power windows  
Leather interior – no rips or tears  
New exhaust  
'66 Corvette big block hood  
Brand new wheels & radial tires  
Dash has no cracks on dash pad  
Good solid frame & undercarriage

\$44,000 – call Dennis 541-554-3617

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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# 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.*



**Ralph Bloom**  
April 25, 1949 - May 5, 2021



Ralph Martin Bloom passed away May 5, 2021 in Springfield Oregon. The eldest son of Fred Travis Bloom and Helen Lee Kiser, he was born on April 25, 1949 in Phoenix, Arizona. There he spent his happy childhood enjoying raising pigeons, family camping trips, playing baseball, being a Cub Scout, riding his tote goat and hunting doves with his favorite 22 rifle.

At a very young age Ralph learned he had been born into a racing family. He helped his dad and Uncle at the circle track but his favorite was the drag strip. He spent his days soaking up every bit of information he could on how motors work, taking them apart and making them go faster. His skills at driving led him to owning his own dragster, which he raced at all of the big tracks in So. Calif. He developed a great life-long love of the sport. His need for speed introduced Ralph to the world of Corvettes & he became President of the Cascade Corvette Club. Through the years he also belonged to UFRA United Flathead Racers Assoc., the Elks, Emerald Roadrunners 4x4 club and Neighborhood Watch.

At 16 Ralph's parents moved the family to Oregon. Wanting some excitement, he decided to drive himself, his best friend Bob & 2 buddies to Alaska. It was quite an adventure which he talked about his whole life.

Upon his return he married the love of his life Deborah Lahr. Their union created son Anthony and daughter April. Ralph was very involved in their lives and enjoyed coaching them in sports, teaching them about race cars, hunting, fishing, gardening and generally watching them grow into the fine young adults he was so proud of.

Ralph worked in construction for many years & was proud to say he helped build Space Mountain in Disneyland. He excelled at his welding skills and went on to own a mobile welding business. After sustaining a back injury, it forced him to find a new profession so he enrolled in college and learned CAD. He loved drafting, making blueprints and designing new products. He formed Morningstar Industries when he created and sold The Woodpicker firewood tool. With Ralph's impeccable work ethic, he quickly progressed to General Manager in the field of steel fabrication, where he retired after 30 years.

Ralph continued to use his knowledge & drafting skills to the benefit of many friends & family, always more than happy to help where he could. He also loved mentoring and sharing his knowledge about all things mechanical.

After a divorce, Ralph found new love and married Marveen Todd. They enjoyed their 'Vette's, sight-seeing and traveling with their RV, meeting many new friends along the way. He enjoyed riding his motorcycles, creating new projects in his wood shop, spending time with his family, having a good Margarita, collecting a slew of inappropriate T-shirts and being the crew chief for Bloom Family Racing.

Ralph was very proud of the family and worked hard to keep traditions alive. He will be remembered as a kind, loving, responsible and generous family man. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and his second wife. He is survived by his son Tony Bloom (Juli), of Eugene, daughter April Bloom of Eugene, sisters Shirley Kirkpatrick of Coburg and Sheryl Bloom of Marcola, brothers Robert Bloom (Teresa) of Coburg and Raymond Bloom (Stacy) of Creswell, numerous nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

No services will be held at his request. Since Ralph believed strongly in supporting our Veterans, the family asks that lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to:

VFW post #3965  
5344 Main St., Springfield, OR 97478

## **Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8 News: What Happened; Is Happening; And, What's Next** (John Elegant)

Future C8 model Corvette mules were found testing in Ohio, and then a week later, were discovered a couple of different times in Colorado. Colorado is always a favorite place for testing new models, with the Rockies being a perfect location for high altitude testing. Might these miles be Z06's, ZR1's and/or might there be an E-Ray be hiding among these? As Tadge said in the new C8 Stingray book, we do things by "hiding in plain sight." So what is being shown or not shown here?



<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/265271-c8-corvette-zr1-z06-prototypes-testing-in-ohio>

Speaking of, how about 0-60 MPH for the C8 Z06 in 2.49 seconds and 5.58 seconds to 100 MPH sound? Does that seem right to you? This is what a self-proclaimed "math nerd" calculated by using actual track measurements, those reference measurements being shown on a video of a mule at GM's Milford Proving Ground, it repeatedly practicing "launch control." Here is more of what he found:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/269242-c8-z06-2-49-seconds-to-60-mp>

From two extremely reliable sources, the C8 Z06 is still under development and still is not meeting all performance and durability criteria. What does that exactly mean is happening right now? 1) GM is making more captured test fleet beta mules to continue the testing and development process; and 2) to do that they have to assemble more than the previously few hand built ones in Michigan, e.g., the "alpha test mules." So starting about a month ago Bowling Green Assembly plant was integrating the first of the Z06's into the BGA assembly line. A few were built in that first week. How that went, both well and not well, resulted in analysis and refinements of those assembly procedures and/or "lifting assist" assembly equipment to insure that all build-execution-criteria were being progressively being obtained. [To build the first C8 at BGA, admittedly a ten times more complex process than creating the first Z06 on the line, took 206 hours at BGA.] Then the following week after the first Z06's test vehicles were introduced into BGA, a few more Z06's were added into the customer-Stingray-producing main assembly line. Each week the building of Z06 mules gets better, more efficient, resulting in higher quality mules; all these improvements being based on those initial, and progressive-week incremental Z06 assembly line learnings. Still there are *many months* to go.

The good news is that knowing Tadge's insistence that nothing will be sold to customers until GM is sure that it meets every production and performance standard they have established. These new test vehicles are known as N50's (as explained below in the link). Does this mean that customer Z06's are going to be soon going down the line? Sorry but definitely not, for we are a long way from that becoming reality — in fact still IMO about approximately eight months from its reveal.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/263986-yes-great-news-about-n50's-starting-next-week-at-bga>

However the news is not all good regarding the reveal and subsequent customer production timing of the C8 Z06. We know for sure that at least one of the Z06's development standards/requirements has not yet been met. That comes from an impeccable source but I cannot even hint any more as to "what" is that potential item is that is still needing more development, nor from whom that information comes. Of course that means further testing as we discussed above; and perhaps even some engineering changes to some of the parts in those Z06 CTF's (captured test fleet) mules. As noted, we have a VERY LONG WAY yet to go.

How many parts are in a C8 Z06 that are different from the C8 Stingray? That is not yet precisely known at this time, so we go to our factual, historical information that there were 750 parts in the C7 Z06 that were different from the C7 Stingray. [Source = Phil Minch, Assistant Chief Corvette Engineer] But things are not that simple, i.e., we cannot conclude that same differential number for the C8 Z06 but instead we believe that the 2023 Z06 will have over 1,500 new parts different from the C8 Stingray. How come that number just doubled? The Z06's new flat plane crank, dual overhead cam motor (DOHC) alone has about 750 more parts compared to its overhead valve (OHV) LT2 sibling — for always DOHC motors are way more complex, have lots more moving parts, than do OHV's.

Exciting that Corvette HTC paced the Indy 500. This is the 18th time a Corvette has paced the Indy 500. However to our best knowledge, this one will unlike a couple of previous Indy 500 Pace cars, will not become a special edition that would be order-able/purchasable at your dealer. It is an Indy 500 "one off."



Regarding how to properly daily drive of our C8's, GM reached out to the MidEngineCorvetteForum (MECF), asking us to help spread the word on how to appropriately drive the C8's LT2. They specifically stated that we should drive it **spiritedly** once it has been warmed up. Heck, it's a Corvette — and it needs to be "exercised!" Full details at are the following link, e.g., GM's "how to drive the C8" written directions.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/270594-keep-your-lt2-motor-spiritedly-running>

2022 model year C8 ordering and information release details have been recently included in an internal GM memo to its dealers. If a 2022 is part of your future, here is where you will find the dates when the different parts of the 2022 purchasing roll out process would occur: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/270546-2022-c8-ordering-details>

Interestingly, the current production schedule also calls for the 2021's to be made until late August — and perhaps even into the first few days of September. That would result in approximately 25,000 C8's this model year, a major improvement on the 20,387 C8's made for its 2020 rollout year. You smart readers that went to that Link have just realized that this will be the second year in a row that the year-to-next-year model transition is without a break. However with the 2023 changes coming to both the Stingray and the introduction of the Z06, there will be a significant BGA "re-tooling close down time" during the summer of 2022. As more info is learned, it will be shared at MECF as "breaking news." This last month alone MECF pioneered the release of quite a few newly-learned C8 information items.

Now that the weather is in full spring bloom, I hope you are now experiencing lots of Corvette miles of driving smiles. Thanks for reading. John

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*Sweet Home  
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This month's color is "Magnetic Red" in honor of Ralph & Marveen.



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