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# Vette Gazette

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From the Prez:

February started out with lots of sweet treats after our General Meeting on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our members who contributed desserts. We then held our Valentine's Dinner on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at Red Lobster. (Thank you to Sandy Mart for setting up the dinner.) We had 35 members in attendance. The food and service were very good.

We were performing our grandparent babysitting responsibilities on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>, so we were unable to attend the club's first test run of 2020. We are pleased when other members arrange impromptu events. Remember, if you have an idea of a drive that the club would like—let an officer or board member know and we will send out the info to the club.

Beaver State Corvette club is holding a car show at the Heritage Mall in Albany in March. If there is enough interest, we will set up a tour to view their show—with food involved afterwards!

Our Valley River show is coming up in April and this year we are thinking of a red, white and blue theme in the center of the mall with 3 C-7's would be nice. So get out your cleaners and polish and get your car ready for the show. Reminder, only ¼ tank of gas and no cleaners or waxes allowed inside the Mall.

Sincerely,  
Prez Gerry

### **Test Run “Let the Fun Begin”**

One of our astute members noticed that the weather on February 28 was going to be dry, “warm-ish” and sunny. He proposed a test run to see how much participation we could anticipate for future impromptu cruises.

The following take-aways are what we learned:

1. Members are anxious for Spring and are ready to get the Corvettes out.
2. We need to do a better job in the future of letting the restaurant (or other venue) know we are coming.
3. To avoid anxiety, we need to have better knowledge of the available parking before we arrive.

And finally:

4. We know impromptu runs can work - we just need the suggestion.

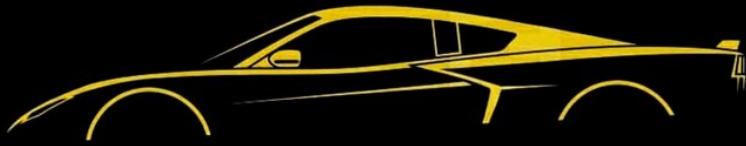


Reminder: Registration for “Corvettes on the High Desert” is open. For the first time this year they have instituted online registration and payment if you prefer. Online payment includes a 4% service charge. If you would prefer to mail them a check, follow this link: <https://form.jotform.com/200201253558040>

Print and mail your registration and check to:

High Desert Corvette Club  
PO Box 6442  
Bend, OR 97708

**Fewer than 25 registrations remain!!**



## Misc. Notes

### Valentine's Day Dinner

35 members attended the Valentine's Day Dinner at Red Lobster, it was a resounding success and nobody took any photos! But, trust me, it was a great evening with friends. Thanks again to Sandy Mart for taking the initiative and working with the restaurant for our benefit.

Due to the recent GM strike and further assembly plant delays and constraints, we will not have a C8 available for our April 18-19 Valley River Corvette Show.

Do you know of a restaurant or other event venue that the club should experience. If so, please collect a business card from that establishment, write the date on the back and give it to any Officer or Board member. Matt Horowitz has volunteered to organize a "hard-copy" database available to all members.

Additionally, if there is someplace you would like to see the club go - restaurant, event, museum - volunteer to lead a cruise. It's easy and fun, pick a destination, pick a route, pick a departure time & location and we will follow you.

It is *almost* Spring and we are all anxious to get the Corvettes out and *go somewhere*. Just waiting for you to tell us where and when.



### The future of "Corvettes in the Park"

After much discussion by the Board, including weighing several factors regarding the venues, food service and potential costs, it has been decided to end our 17-year run of "Corvettes in the Park".

What began in 1993 as the Romania Chevrolet Show-n-Shine evolved into Corvettes in the Park at Coiner Park in Cottage Grove. We worked well with the City of Cottage Grove, but lodging has *always* been an issue. Recently, after going to an every-other year format, we were fortunate enough to acquire the use of The White House Bed & Breakfast as our evening venue for dinners and awards. After our 2017 event, our club members who owned The White House experienced some health issues that prompted them to sell the bed & breakfast. Happily, those health issues have been mostly resolved, but that venue is no longer available to us.

So, what **was** shall be no more. But, what **could be** is still out there to be discovered. What could we do that would both attract other Corvette owners and be a fun one (or two) day event? If you have an idea, please attend a Board meeting to discuss the possibilities.

It is the desire of the Board that by ending Corvettes in the Park, we can concentrate more on functions that involve and benefit our club members.



## Happy Birthday!

March 6 - David Kopachik  
March 10 - Dennis Huntley  
March 11 - Matt Horowitz  
March 11 - Bill Schrieber  
March 13 - Jack Minter  
March 14 - Mike Larion  
March 15 - Gail Tatum  
March 16 - Sandi Donnelly  
March 16 - Jeff Homolka  
March 17 - Duane Daggett  
March 17 - Kathe Murray  
March 17 - Leo Perry  
March 18 - Larry Tracy  
March 22 - Jim Garboden  
March 31 - Chris Lewis



One of the most commonly asked questions on the various online Corvette forums regards front tire “hop” during low-speed, sharp turns. This tire hop or chatter has been around for at least three Corvette generations and has become more noticeable as front tires become wider.

It is known as the “Ackermann Effect” and is the result of various factors. Tire width, tire compound, ambient temperature and steering geometry are major factors. The simplest explanation - the inside tire is trying to catch up to the outside tire.

Let’s take our 2019 Grand Sport as an example. Wearing P285/30ZR19 Michelin Super Sports on the front, this may be the most extreme example of the wide tires used on today’s Corvettes. As you back your fat-tire Corvette out of the driveway on a 45 degree morning, you turn your steering wheel sharply to the left or right and immediately hear a chunking sound and can visibly see the front of your Corvette bouncing. This is the moment many think they have broken their Corvette or GM built a defective part. The tire on the outside of the turn is just rolling along, fat, dumb and happy. Meanwhile the inside, soft, summer-only compound tire is in a bind. In order to try to keep up with the outside tire, it is forced to move sideways. The only way it can move sideways is to break contact with the surface and hop toward the opposing tire. It’s normal and unavoidable, you did not break your Corvette. Just try to increase your turn radius (wider turns) at slower speeds (driveways, parking spots, etc).

## 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.



## Up Coming Events

March 7-8  
Salem Roadster Show  
Oregon State Fairgrounds

March 20-22  
Portland Roadster Show

April 18 - 19  
Valley River Center  
Corvette Show

May 22 - 25  
Big Sky Corvette Meet  
Bozeman, MT

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

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

June 27  
Corvettes on the McKenzie

June 27  
Sweet Home Sweet Ride  
Sweet Home, OR

July 15-18  
Black Hills Corvette Classic  
Sioux Falls / Spearfish, SD  
<https://www.blackhillscorvetteclassic.com/>

July 17-18  
Corvettes on the High Desert  
Eagle Crest  
**See registration link on page 2**

August 20 - 23  
Vettes on the Rockies  
Steamboat Springs, CO

<https://www.lgcacorvette.org/vettes-on-the-rockies>

August 22  
Corvettes on the Bay  
Coos Bay / North Bend, OR

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

**Note regarding IMSA at  
Laguna Seca:  
Gerry & Connie are coordinating with  
those going to the races. They are  
awaiting notice of Corvette Corral ticket  
sales. The Corvette Corral is a  
MUST DO, bucket list, you will never  
forget thing to do!!**

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AREN'T REAL,  
BUT MAN DO THEY  
COME UP WITH  
SOME GREAT IDEAS**

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Eugene, Oregon

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Cascade Corvette Club discount when having service  
done on your vehicles or when buying parts.

Kendall Chevrolet / GMC / Cadillac  
is currently “Corvette-less”  
as they and all of America  
await the arrival of the new  
2020 C8 Mid-Engine Corvette.



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).

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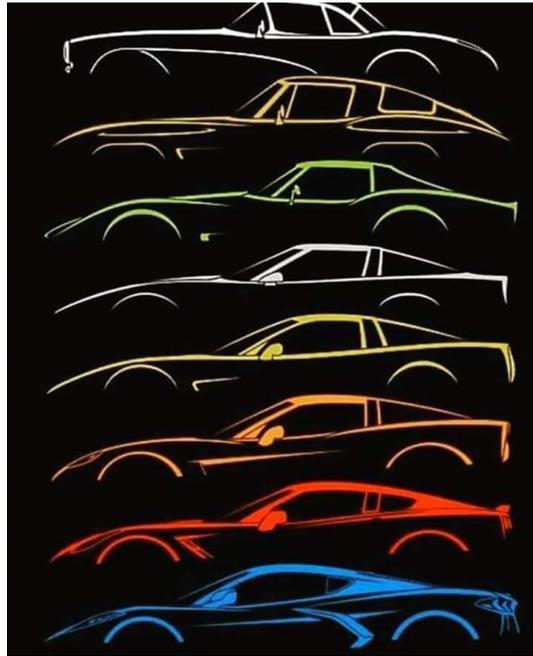
**KENDALL**  
CHEVROLET | CADILLAC

Winner of the NCM Raffle for the  
last 2019 Grand Sport Convertible  
was...

**Mike Donnelly!**

Unfortunately, it was not  
OUR Mike Donnelly.

Congratulations  
Mike Donnelly of  
Huntsville, AL



Cascade Corvette Club members should have  
Already received John's  
Mid-Engine Monthly Update #22  
in a previous email.

If you missed it,  
read it here:

[MEMU#22.pdf](#)

**I think my guardian  
angel drinks.**



**BEWARE OF  
SMARTPHONE  
ZOMBIES**

More ideas for 2020

Mini-Golf...

Let's not do it on the hottest day of the year!  
Or the coldest.

Breakfast get-together at Ye Olde Pancake House.  
Watch for email updates.

Fourth Annual Men's Golf Day.

Newport Bay Aquarium.

Oddities of Oregon  
(yes, there is a book)

Do you own a C6 with Nav?

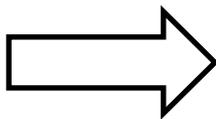
Has your clock disappeared from the Nav screen after disconnecting the battery?

If it hasn't already, it will.

The following explanation (and fix) was scanned from Corvette Magazine's "Tech Nerd" column.

Larry Thomas wrote about this same issue several months ago - this is the latest "fix" to become publicly available.

The C6 "disappearing clock" problem emerged in 2018 and has



*become pervasive since then. It may be the result of something called the GPS Week Number Rollover (WNRO), which takes place every 19 years. When it does, calendars related to global-positioning satellites (GPS) are set back to zero, causing some receivers to no longer communicate correctly with the relevant satellites. It appears that the GPS receivers are able to continue communicating as long as they are connected to the satellite network, but once the connection is broken—as happens when power in the car is lost—they can't reestablish communications. This has impacted portable navigation devices and navigation systems in a variety of different vehicles. When available, a software upgrade has fixed the issue, and thankfully Chevrolet recently released one for C6 Corvettes. You can take your car to your local Chevrolet dealer (or almost any experienced repair shop) for the fix, or you can perform it yourself. To do the latter, download the satellite navigation system update via a link available at renowned Corvette mechanic Paul Koerner's website, [www.thecorvette-mechanic.com](http://www.thecorvette-mechanic.com). After performing the download, you'll have something called `LOADING.KWI` on your computer. Burn this to a blank CD-R. Start your Corvette's engine and, with the car outside, press the open/close button on the radio display. Eject the map DVD by pressing the DVD Map Database Eject key, and insert the CD-R you previously burned the update file in the DVD map-disc slot. If you've followed these instructions exactly, the update file should automatically load, as evidenced by a progress bar that will appear on your screen. After about two minutes the update will finish loading, and the Corvette logo will appear on your screen. Eject the CD-R and reinsert your map DVD. Your clock will now work.*

# March 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3 	4	5	6	7 <i>Salem Roadster Show</i>
8 <i>Salem Roadster Show</i>	9	10 <i>Board Mtg Garboden's 7 pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Gen. Mtg 6:15 @ EPUD Dinner at Dickie Jo's</i>	14
15	16	17 	18  <i>Spring Fever</i>	19	20 <i>Vernal Equinox 1st Day of Spring</i>	21 <i>Portland Roadster Show</i>
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29	30	31				

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