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Prez Notes:

So here we are under house arrest, or so it seems. Hopefully it will end soon.

In the meantime most of our future Corvette events have either been canceled or re-scheduled.

One event that several members of the club were going to go to is the IMSA race at Laguna Seca in Monterey California to see the new C-8R Corvette race for the first time. This event has been moved to the Labor Day weekend in September. Because it is a 3 day holiday weekend, most of our members have decided to cancel going due to the increase in traffic on a holiday weekend. But, for those that are still interested in going, they now have Corvette Corral tickets on sale. Contact the race track for more information.

As soon as they lift the stay at home order due to the virus, we will do several tours to make up for lost time. Trips to the coast, casino, wineries and lunch cruises will all be scheduled as soon as we get the all clear notice from our state and federal government.

In the meantime I am getting our vette ready for cruising. And I just want to say that whoever it was at GM that decided to put the oil pan drain plug in the front of the motor instead of the rear is not my friend! (Sorry, just had to vent on that one!)

With all this extra time we all have--if you have any ideas of what you would like to do as a club, let us know. And keep sending those emails. Some of you have a wicked sense of humor! I like it.

One that I remember is:

It's like being 16 again,
Gas is cheap and I am grounded!

Stay healthy and we will see everyone soon.

Prez Gerry



Care to speculate what future Corvette variants will be?

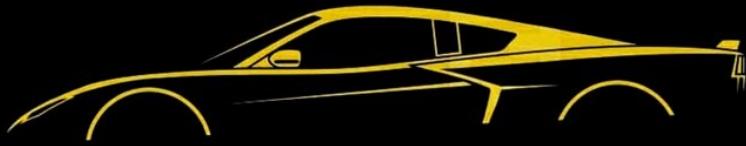
In a document that was “dropped in Hagerty Media’s editorial laps,” General Motors’ executive director in charge of program management, Michelle Braun issued a blanket order to suppliers that effectively pauses all future car and truck development in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This document is of particular interest around here as it tips off what GM has up their collective sleeve regarding the future of the mid-engine Corvette program.

Using these hints, other leaks, and some of their own speculations, Hagerty was able to surmise upcoming Corvette engines along with their estimated power and torque outputs, the most likely landing place for each engine, and the model year that GM had planned to put each one onto the road before the shutdown occurred. Here is what they came up with:

Year	Engine	Power (est.)	Torque (est.)	Likely Application
2021	LT2 6.2L 16-Valve OHV	490-495 HP	465-470 lb-ft	RHD Corvettes For Export
2022	LT6 5.5L 32-Valve DOHC	650 HP	600 lb-ft	Corvette Z06
2023	LT2 6.2L 16-Valve OHV Hybrid	600 HP	500 lb-ft	Corvette Grand Sport
2024	LT7 5.5L Twin-Turbo DOHC	850 HP	825 lb-ft	Corvette ZR1
2025	LT7HP1 5.5L Twin-Turbo DOHC Hybrid	1,000 HP	975 lb-ft	Corvette ZORA

The above is purely speculation, but, could the “wide-body” C8 be 2-3 years away?





Misc. Notes

We spoke with our contact person at Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD) yesterday and confirmed that the Community Room is still closed to public and private gatherings until further notice. Therefore, our May General Meeting, planned for May 8, is cancelled.

The CCC Board will be holding a virtual (email) Board meeting next week and one item on the agenda will be a discussion of possible outdoor meeting venues during the summer months.

"Corvettes on the McKenzie" is still a GO! Rick & Kathy want to take a wait & see attitude toward the club event at their home on the McKenzie River. Like all of us, they will monitor the State guidelines & restrictions before making a final decision in the days preceding June 27. There will be some changes from past events - the house will be off-limits, the club will rent porta-potties, we will have lots of disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer on hand and everyone will need to bring their own food & drinks.

June 30 is "National Corvette Day".

The National Corvette Museum recently held three raffle drawings for 2020 Corvettes...we didn't win any of them.



The NCM does, however, have a new encrypted way of ordering raffle tickets.

DID YOU KNOW... We now offer a secure, bar-coded raffle ticket order form that hides your credit card information when mailing it in? Fill the form out, your information is encrypted and mail it in to request your tickets!

Don't have a printer? You can write the same information on a piece of paper to mail in to us.

Two more "possible" car shows we may be interested in attending this summer:

July 25 - "Hagerty Cars & Caffeine" at the Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR. \$45 Show registration, includes driving "parade laps" in your car on PIR.

August 15 - "Salute to Veterans" Washington Co. Fair Complex, Hillsboro.

**YEARS FROM NOW
WE'RE GONNA BE LIKE
2018, 2019, 2021, 2022**

"HEY YOU MISSED..."

**"NOPE! WE DON'T TALK
ABOUT THAT ONE"**



Happy Birthday!

May 2 - Billy Wilson
May 3 - Simone Thomas
May 5 - Dick Mart
May 9 - Kathy Garretson
May 14 - Becky Stiles
May 17 - Angie Lightcap
May 28 - Lynn Cannon



My body has absorbed so much soap and hand sanitizer that when I pee, it cleans the toilet.

Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly.

Next week: Turn Signals.

Going outdoors is not cancelled, listening to music is not cancelled, quality time with our families is not cancelled, reading a book is not cancelled, sharing with friends is not cancelled, singing out loud is not cancelled, laughing has not been cancelled, sharing HOPE with others has not been cancelled. Let's EMBRACE what we have.



I ran into Glenn & JoAnn Syron recently at a local plant nursery. We were all properly masked, distancing and buying veggie starts. I am happy to report that Glenn is doing very well after his recent hospitalization. He suffered two "mini-strokes", which did no further lasting damage.

It was good to "bump into" club friends and be able to share for a few minutes.

JoAnn mentioned an idea that could be helpful to alleviate some of our isolation. If you are comfortable with the idea, call a few of your club friends and meet somewhere for a take-out or picnic lunch. A small group, social distancing, in a parking lot could be a boost to feelings of isolation or gloom.

I got a message from Hormel Foods, they made their first batch of Spam in 1937, with all the people that are shopping and hoarding food, they said they are going to make their second batch of Spam tomorrow.



Coming Events

May 22-23
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
Pagle Crest

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

September 3-5
Weathertech Sports Car Series
Laguna Seca
Monterey, CA



That is just darn depressing!
So, let's talk about something we think
(hope??) we know.

August 25 - 28
BIG CHANGES

Coming to
Four Corners of Oregon Tour (Pt 1)
Now a **four** day tour instead of seven.

We started at 7 days, thought that might
be too much.

Changed to 4 days.

After this loooong house arrest,
we thought everyone would want to "bust
loose"! So, back to 7 days.

We quizzed some club members who
convinced us that 4 days was the way to
go for higher participation and cost
savings.

A condensed version:

Day 1: Eugene - Florence - Reedsport -
Bandon - Gold Beach.

Day 2: Gold Beach - Brookings -
Jacksonville - Ashland.

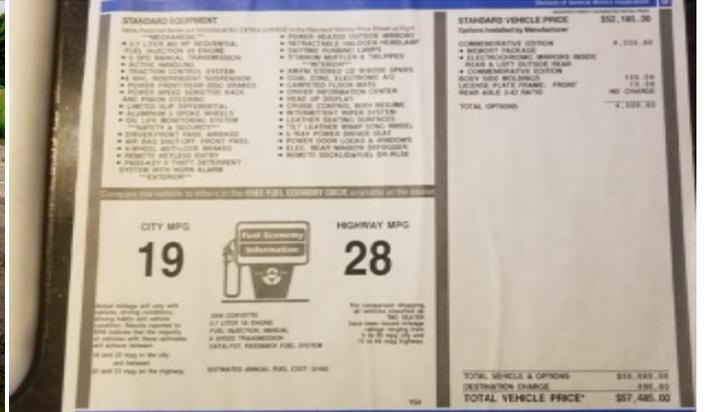
Day 3: Ashland - Klamath Falls -
Lakeview - Ft. Rock - Silver Lake -
Cowboy Dinner Tree - La Pine.

Day 4: La Pine - Bend - Sisters - Eugene.

Part II - 2021
From the Coast to the Willows!

Cascade Corvette Club
 Is Sponsored By
Kendall Chevrolet
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Car Stuff



For Sale

2004 Corvette Commemorative Z06. 18,077 actual miles. Very good condition. Well maintained & always garaged. Asking \$29,500.

Interested parties contact Dennis at hnhwolfpak501@gmail.com



For Sale

Given the current situation, most of us are not driving our Corvettes very much. So what can we do with our Corvettes?

Well, we can modify or accessorize them.

So, I ordered new jacking pucks!

Offering the ABS snap-in jacking pucks I previously used on our C7, but they will fit C5, C6 or C7. Paid \$44.95, but since you are my friends, I will let them go to a good Corvette home for only **\$50 !!**

No?? That doesn't sound right? Okay, okay, how about \$10

Jim Garboden - duckvett@comcast.net or 541-729-6303

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.

*Not to be combined with any other offer. Discounts only available at Kendall Chevrolet. See dealer for details.



C8 Production Stalled; However Reviews, Evaluations & Information (By John Elegant)

We all want precise information about when BGA production resumption will occur but as of now we do not have it. We know that around 2,700 C8's have been produced and delivered to customers. Our best guess is that BGA production could start around May 11th. However, as below, you see that this date is as likely or unlikely as any other one. Fortunately our own C8 just arrived, just made it.



We also know that GM wants to make and delivery as many C8's as is possible as soon as is safely possible. Unfortunately for the reasons BGA Plant Manager Kai Spande told us in his NCM telephone interview a couple of weeks ago , with the plant relaying on hundreds of different vendors to make the many thousands of parts, and each supplier and BGA committed to their employees practicing safe assembly techniques during the virus, it is not a simple decision nor process to get that to occur. Thanks to "toold2race" for sharing the following key points from his listening to Kai's phone conference.

[Quote] I took notes.... It was entertaining and a bit informative. With respect to production, he really could not answer questions about production after the shutdown and, specifically, if the HTC's would be 2020's or 2021's, basically, his answer was "It's too soon". If someone could have told him when everything will be released it would have been a different story.

He did say that to his knowledge, no one from the plant has come down with the virus. He also pointed out that the 'supply chain' situation will be critical with respect to the re-start of production. Specifically he referred to Mexico where all manufacturing is shut down to at least April 30. He said **NO** NA auto manufacturer will be able to resume production until those lower tier suppliers are back in business. He also noted that Corvette relies on about 400 different parts from outside suppliers (and that the engine is considered only 1 part!) Without all of 'em in production it would be difficult to assemble a car. Also noted were a lot of changes regarding work routines, scheduling to minimize concerns regarding 'social spacing', health issues (masks and individual temperature readings, etc) were being addressed to accommodate a safe resumption of production. He also spoke about training and re-familiarization before quality efficient production could resume. I was impressed with his professionalism but not surprised, having met him at gatherings in the past. [/Quote]

So as we wait for more to be made, here is Mike Furman@Criswell special Corvette, BTW his 21st.



We have seen so many positive reviews of the C8 by both professional drivers and also by highly experienced exotic sports car owners. Here are three that stand out to me: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/136344-c8-good-things-come-to-those-who-wait>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/133478-no-understeer-brakes-flawless-more-c8-test-results-by-professional-race-car-driver>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/136262-600-mile-c8-review-by-very-experienced-sports-car-owner>

As we cannot now get into the plant, thank you to Jeremy Welborn for sharing pictures of his NCM Photo Album. It shows not just his beautiful C8 but how the Plant builds C8. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/136221-vin-50-photo-album-picture-by-picture-thanks-to-jeremy-welborn>

Our new C8 is both very easy to comfortably drive as a daily driver and yet with my having driven it on Spring Mountain's track, I also know it is also an excellent, extremely fast track car. If you missed my detailed, two day earlier driving reviews: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/113865-my-c8-drive-day-1>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/114262-my-c8-drive-day-2>

One of the concerns many had was if you ordered the Z51 with the E60 front lift option, that you lost your ability to adjust its front ride height. Thanks to Cicio Performance, that problem has been solved. I already ordered their lowering collars for mine.

We wish we had more definitive information on when C8 production will resume. More C8's are coming but we just do not know how soon that will be. Thanks for your patience and here's to you and all of your family being healthy and safe. John (always reachable via a private message at: www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com)

CORVETTES ON THE BAY 2020



Pacific Coast Corvette Club

When: Saturday August 22, 2020

What we have planned for this year:

Morning show and shine

Raffle with drawings on the half hour

50/50 ticket sales

Lunch

Poker Run (or other) driving event with prizes

Outdoor BBQ Dinner

Awards and 50/50 drawing

**Details and Registration information will be available on the web site in early February
(Pacificcoastcorvetteclub.org)**

Please direct any questions to David-odonnell@att.net

Click link for Flyer and Registration:

[Corvettes on the Bay 2020](#)

May 2020

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*National
No Pants Day*

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**Meeting
Cancelled**

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*National Lost
Sock Memorial
Day*

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*National
Dance Like a
Chicken Day*

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*National Talk
Like Yoda Day*

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*National
Hamburger
Day*

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