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Prez Notes:

Another month has come and gone. We had a good October meeting where Connie and I celebrated our 50th anniversary as members of the Cascade Corvette Club. To celebrate we had muffin sized cupcakes for our members and even shared them with the sales team at Kendall Chevrolet. And the best of all is that our son Greg and his wife and daughter came down from Lake Oswego to celebrate with us. (And yes, he does own 2 Corvettes)!

The club also had a tour to Grants Pass for the Southern Oregon Corvette Association show at Jim Sigel Chevrolet. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend, but it sounds like our members had a good time and great weather. See page 2 for story & photos. More photos available for viewing on the club's Facebook page.

It is club election time. Send your nominations for officers and board members to Jim Garboden. When you receive your ballot via email, please vote and return as soon as possible. Last year we had a 4 way tie for the board, so we need everyone's vote.

Because of Covid 19, the board surveyed our members and it was decided to forgo our year end banquet and Christmas party. We can hopefully plan an event for early next year.

That is it for October. We are looking forward to the November general meeting. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Prez Gerry



VETTE GAZETTE

After months and MONTHS and MONTHS of cancellations, an opportunity presented itself and Cascade Corvette Club took advantage! Southern Oregon Corvette Association usually holds a summer Corvette show at their sponsor Jim Sigel Chevrolet in Grants Pass, but as we know, there was *nothing* usual about this year. Their rescheduled date of Sept. 12 had to be cancelled due to wildfire smoke, so they found a date in October and, lo & behold, the weather cooperated. It was 70+ degrees, sunny and beautiful in Grants Pass!

Stan & Shannon Czerniak brought their Elkhart Lake Blue C8 and had it sparkling for the show! Here you see it garnering just some of the intense attention it received all day. Also shown are the “first losers” in both C7 & C8 class....

Cascade Corvette Club had 6 Corvettes attend - 2 C5's, 3 C7's & one C8.

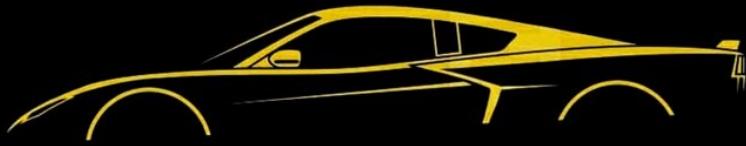


Congratulations to Stan & Shannon for their win in the C8 class.

The “entry fee” to the show was to bring one raffle prize worth \$20+. Among those raffle prizes was a Joey (Joe Heidrick) original oil painting. Vic Blomquist made it known that if his numbers were drawn he was going after the painting. Well.... His number was not drawn, but several of us made a pact that if we won we would grab it for him. Jim & Nancy were the first from CCC to be drawn and we secured the painting, but didn't tell Vic it was for him. I thought it would be a great birthday present.... Until I learned his birthday was 2 months ago. Long story short - Vic has his painting!

We had to wait 10-1/2 months for the first Corvette Show of the year, but it turned out to be a fun day.





Misc. Notes

The Most Impactful Election In History

Who will be the Officers and Board Members of Cascade Corvette Club in 2021? You will decide!! Your voice counts!! Vote!!

We received a good list of nominations during our live nominations at the October meeting, but email nominations have been a trickle. At this point I think we have all the nominations we are going to receive. Soon I will begin the process of emailing every person who was nominated, tell them what position(s) they were nominated for and let them decide to accept or decline. If you accept your name will appear on the ballot for that position. This request will arrive in your email Inbox from "Jim Garboden" and will be flagged High Importance. Please respond as promptly as possible. *Don't make me come looking for you!*

Once the ballot is completed, everyone will receive another email containing your ballot. (Those who do not use email will receive a paper copy) You can vote by email by simply replying with your picks for each position. If you wish to remain anonymous, print the ballot(s) and mail them to the club PO Box.

2021 Officers & Board will be revealed in December.

**Please print and mail your 2021
Membership renewal before
December 20!**

Form is available in this newsletter.



Remember the cupcakes Gerry mentioned on page 1? Like this chocolate with salted caramel frosting....Oh, MY!!

Glenn Syron recently was admitted to McKenzie-Willamette Hospital and spent 6 or 7 days there due to heart rhythm ailments. He is now back home, resting and on several new medications. JoAnn was able to stay with Glenn the entire time which is rare in these times. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

We just learned that Frank Murray had a stroke overnight Oct. 23 - 24. He is now home, but will be recovering and undergoing speech therapy for many months to come.

Don't forget to "Fall Back" - set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed.



Happy Birthday!

November 2 - Cathy Tracy

**November 18 - Alan Shepard
(First American in space - 1961
Walked on the moon - 1971)**

November 29 - Nora Larion

**November 30 - Samuel Clemens
(Mark Twain)**



It's time to think about putting the Corvettes to bed for the winter. (No plans yet, but we may try to do a "DIY Veteran's Day Parade" similar to what we did on July 4, weather permitting.)

One of the biggest changes in Corvette winter storage has been how much gas in the tank. Used to be we wanted to fill the tank to the top and add some Sta-Bil. Now the current recommendation is less than a quarter of a tank. Sulfur contaminants in the fuel can change the resistance of the sending card, causing issues with the fuel system and no reading to your gas gauge.

Normal tire inflation is 30 psi. For winter storage, pump up inflation to 35 psi.

Put your C4-C8 Corvette on a good quality battery tender. NOT a battery charger, a battery tender. Corvettes from C4 have numerous "memory" features that will draw down a battery over time. The tender will maintain your battery charge level.

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.



Coming Events

There will **ABSOLUTELY NOT** be a review of the year past in this newsletter!!
Let 2020 pass and never speak of it again!
Instead, let's try to focus on the positive.
Some day soon



We will be able to return to doing the things we have done before.
Like these:

- ◆ Valentine's Day Dinners
- ◆ Tech Days
- ◆ Daffodil Tours
- ◆ Drive & Eat Tours
- ◆ Big Sky Meet in Montana
- ◆ Burger Runs
- ◆ Coast Runs
- ◆ Corvettes on the Columbia
- ◆ President's Mystery Tour
- ◆ Lunch Runs
- ◆ Corvette Weekend by SOCA
- ◆ Corvettes on the High Desert
- ◆ Golf Day
- ◆ Corvettes on the Bay
- ◆ IMSA racing at Laguna Seca
- ◆ Halloween Parties
- ◆ Veteran's Day Parades..... And
- ◆ COOKIES!

Once we out from under this cloud, we are gonna party like it's 2019 !!



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FIND NEW ROADS 

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Mid Engine Monthly Update: Latest C8 News (John Elegant)

We have an exciting picture and “news” breaking about the upcoming C8 Z06. Yes this picture speaks a full 1,000,000 words, and there are now more videos which have us hearing the motor of this model being a flat plane crank. This of course echoes the C8.R’s sound and with the IMSA racing body requiring a motor to be based on at least 500 production versions; that too lends credence to the Z06’s motor being a 5.5L naturally aspirated flat plane crank engine. Of course nothing yet has even officially GM confirmed there will even be a C8 Z06, but if it quacks like a duck. Thanks CorvetteBlogger for this “confirming” picture.



Major analysis and discussions are occurring here about the Z06’s wing, front corner dive planes, its “wider but not as tall” rear fascia exiting air ducts, and its great looking deeply concave wheels:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/197230-spied-2022-corvette-z06-with-a-rear-wing-and-undisguised-wheels>

The Chevy 2021 “Build and Price configurator is now up and live, important as IMO the first consensus is starting on November 12th; I believe it will be this date as GM has lately been initially having their consensus start on the second Thursday of the month: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/200285-2021-c8-configurator-is-live>

Meanwhile, on the unfortunate but needing to be worked through side of the C8, is that there are currently four different C8 recalls — all of which were not caused by any oversights nor engineering omissions by the Corvette’s design nor engineering teams in creating the C8, but all being the result by supplier manufacturing issues. We are still learning about the magnitude of some of them. An exception is that 39 C8’s in total had a manufacturing problem with the C8’s brake module. Before getting to the remaining three recalls, we need to digress on the continued major problems Bowling Green Assembly is having with getting 100% of its C8 400, *unique* suppliers to keep their parts in sufficient supply to not interrupt nor slow down the manufacturing process. Finally after repetitively needing to juggle which cars with which options can be made due to incessant supplier parts shortages, BGS cried “uncle” and for the week of October 12th shut down the plant entirely — but only for that week to allow its 400 unique Corvettes suppliers to catch up so daily 180 unit daily-target C8 production could resume. With its resumption of production on October 19th, GM which has already successfully made over 13,000 C8’s this 2020 challenged year, re-announced on October 8th that it still will complete the remaining 7,000, status 3000 remains 2020 C8’s this year. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/197152-plant-shutdown>

The C8 won another major award this past month when Popular Mechanics declared it its 2020 Car of the Year: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/196943-c8-“car-of-the-year”-by-popular-mechanics>

No C8 Grand Sport? Instead a hybrid “E-Ray” with AWD? That rumor has again resurfaced, this time with more “supporting information?” With 600 HP too? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/197227-no-c8-grand-sport-but-e-ray-hybrid-is-coming-soon-per-automobile-magazine>

If this is later confirmed, as of course GM right now only acknowledges that there are two C8 models, the 2020/21 Stingray coupes and the 2020/21 Stingray convertible, this would be a massive “sea change” for Grand Sports were chosen by one-third of all C7’s purchased the last three years of that generation and were also a very popular C6 model. Really no more Corvette Grand Sport — instead a E-Ray which is an AWD hybrid?

Want to watch a really good review video of the C8 hard top convertible:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/199121-c8-htc-review-by-steve-hammes-another-great-video-review>



As to the nagging issue of current C8 recalls... First, for anxious C8 owners wondering if any of these effect their completed C8, at all times owners can go to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration site and determine whether their C8, in fact every vehicle sold within the United States, has an active recall here by typing in their VIN: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls> The four current recalls are the driver’s side seat belt seatbelt pretensioners (thankfully affecting only five total C8’s according to “Consumer Repairs”), faulty brake modules (affecting those just 39 C8’s — including mine), its infotainment radio receiver failing but in such a way that it results in a constant battery draw that will cause battery charge depletion, e.g., no start, thought this has been a very infrequent problem with our only so far our learning of a handful effected by this issue.

However, what we are lacking at this time is any information from GM as to the number of Corvettes who have one or more faulty, cracked piston rings — with occasionally those failures resulting in the need for a major motor rebuild or even replacement. We have learned that the piston ring problem covers the time of C8’s manufactured between July 1st and September 15th, and that the LT2’s defective piston rings actually are part of a much larger problem, effecting nine different GM models including SUV’s and pickups. Did the supplier fail to properly heat treat the piston rings? Use the wrong component metals? We do not yet know. But again, how many C8’s have this problem? So far we have read from owner reports that there are around 50 in that have had this problem, but is this about the right number? GM does not yet know this (or at this time is not sharing how many there are), but we did learn that when a C8 has been GM identified with this issue for C8’s manufactured during that window, that the warranty paid repair is to replace every one of that LT2’s rings on every motor that has at least one cracked ring.

As to the fix for the few defective radio infotainment receivers, that is clear and easy, i.e., GM is replacing the few defectively manufactured ones with a new one. The five defective driver’s side seat belt pretensioners are similarly being replaced. As to the 39 brake modules identified as having a manufacturing flaw in which some foreign material contaminated the brake sensors, as of now GM has identified the fix of replacing that faulty unit but interesting says that “no remedy is yet available.” Not enough replacement parts for 39 total units???

The C8’s exhaust has been the subject of mega millions of hours of joy. How was it created? What were the major considerations in its design? And what were the unique problems to create it? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/199210-symphony-in-the-key-of-c8-latest-article-from-sae-automotive-engineering>

Thanks for reading. As www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com approaches 10,000 threads, we hope you have enjoyed the C8’s news, discussions, conjectures, pictures and videos with us. More to come every day. **Here’s to many more miles of Corvette driving smiles!**

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