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# Vette Gazette

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Pres Notes:

As of the writing of my notes for the October newsletter I have to say that September was a really slow month for the Corvette Club. Our usual meeting night was cancelled due to the wildfires and smoke and although we tried to reschedule the meeting for the following Friday night it too was cancelled due to the continuing health hazards.

As for good news—the PAC 12 will resume the 2020 football season—there goes the Beaver's chances for an undefeated season—sorry Suzi!

The board voted to donate \$500 from our year end charitable contribution fund to the Kendall Chevrolet fire relief program. Jim Tatum and Jim Garboden got a list of items needed and did a shopping trip for supplies to help those displaced by the fires and delivered the items to Kendall. So many have lost everything. Our prayers go out to them.

As I sit here writing down my thoughts, I am really looking forward to Vic & Suzi's North Coast tour. We are driving up the coast for an overnight stay in either Astoria or Long Beach which is a really great tourist destination. Everyone be sure to bring your masks.

Due to no board meeting and no general meeting in September, we are having to make adjustments this year. The club is fun because members come up with suggestions for safe events. Please consider running for one of these positions. We will be taking nominations at the October and November meetings, confirming that all of those nominated are willing to run and then emailing ballots.

If all goes well—we will be having a surprise dessert following the October general meeting at Kendall Chevrolet on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Pres Gerry



**Coast Tour, Vic & Suzi's Tour, Consolation Tour 2.** Whatever name you choose to call it, was a much-needed get-away for two days. Clearly not enough time to see everything we had hoped to see & do, but still a brief respite from our "new normal". And the weather! I can't remember two days on the Oregon Coast more beautiful - 90-92 degrees in Astoria with a slight breeze!



We departed Junction City at 8:30 am - who gets up that early?!? Picked up our northern cars in Philomath and headed toward Newport. Next stop - Lincoln City for lunch and "a bit" of gambling. The usual winners won, the usual losers lost.

Must have ice cream! What better place than Tillamook Creamery? Ice cream one line, restrooms another line and never the twain shall meet. Safety protocols have eliminated all seats, but the ice cream is still just as creamy and good!



On to Astoria & Long Beach. Traffic...sometimes heavy, sometimes slow, sometimes crazy, but it is the north coast. Our tour started to break up in Tillamook depending on where we were spending the night. Just as well, as we would have certainly been separated by traffic.



Those staying in Astoria drove directly to the Astoria Column. Views from the top of the hill were breathtaking. Those staying in Long Beach were rewarded with a spectacular sunset on the beach.

Tuesday morning our groups chose different paths, some headed inland to a "secret" lunch spot and winery visit, others drove back down the Coast and some stayed in Long Beach for another day.



The inland group "found new roads"... lots of them. They all had curves! After some confusion, we even found our way to Parrett Mountain Cellars for a private tasting arranged by Ken & Karlene. Amazing views of Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Hood.





# Misc. Notes

Amid a tragedy of untold proportion, we are happy to report some very good news for members of our Corvette club family. Rick & Kathy Garretson's home on the McKenzie River survived the Holiday Farm Fire. Son Mike reported today (9/25) that they have been back at the house for several days and have been busy from dawn to after dark cleaning up debris and ash. Unfortunately, the Osprey nest tree and the Eagle nest tree did not survive. The birds themselves did survive, but are now looking for new nesting trees.

We are so thankful that our friend's home was spared, but remember, thousands of other families were not so fortunate. Help where and how you can.

In the beginning days of the Holiday Farm Fire, the call went out from Kendall Chevrolet asking for donations of very specific items needed by evacuees. Cascade Corvette Club answered that call with an expenditure budget, which shoppers Jim T. & Jim G. promptly blew a big hole in and delivered our donated items to the Kendall showroom. The community response to this disaster was a beautiful thing. Thank you to the CCC Board and members for your timely and generous approval of this expenditure.

Board meeting has been moved to Kendall Chevrolet, Oct. 6 at **6:00 pm !!**  
General meeting, Oct. 9 also at Kendall Chevrolet, **6:00 pm !!**

**If you have not already done so, please consider getting a flu shot before the season really gets underway.**



The photo above illustrates the importance of changing your Passenger Air Filter in any vehicle you have driven during our recent smoke and ash event.

New Chevrolet ad featuring Corvette:  
**"Still a legend,  
Now more legendary"**



We have **ONE** NCM 2020 Christmas ornament remaining - \$18  
Call 541-729-6303





## Happy Birthday!

October 4 - Steve Miller  
October 8 - Dennis Cannon  
October 10 - Gerry Swartz  
October 16 - Larry Simelius  
October 16 - Cecile Simelius  
October 20 - Lonnie Hinde  
October 23 - Susan Homolka  
October 24 - CJ Braswell  
October 30 - Steve Beaty



**“Standin’ on a corner in Winslow,  
Arizona,  
Such a fine sight to see,  
Three old friends with just one thought,  
I gotta pee”**

## 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.

2020 Stingray Orders:

- 83% Coupe / 17% Convertible
- 3LT most popular trim level (44% on Coupe and 56% on Convertible)
- 89% of buyers - performance exhaust
- 61% order the GT2 seats
- 58% order the front lift (E60)
- 42% order Bright Red calipers
- Most popular wheels: Carbon Flash (42%)
- Most popular exterior color Torch Red with 25% followed by Arctic White: 15%; Black: 12%; Sebring Orange and Elkhart Lake Blue 7% each; Rapid Blue, Ceramic Matrix Gray, Blade Silver and Shadow Gray with 6% each; Long Beach Red 5% and Accelerate Yellow & Zeus Bronze each 3%.
- Expect to see the Accelerate Yellow and Zeus Bronze pickup as they were some of the newer introductions.
- Interior color – Jet Black - 28%
- High wing very popular (23%)



## Coming Events

**(Rescheduled)**

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 1**  
**WeatherTech Sports Car Series**  
**Laguna Seca**  
**Monterey, CA**

**December 11**  
**CCC Annual Meeting / Christmas Party**  
**Willie's Lebanese & NW Cuisine**

The October General Meeting once again starts the process of nominating and electing new Officers and Board Members for the coming year. As in past years, we will be nominating live at the October & November General Meetings and by email. (Election Coordinator to be named later) Once the nominations are complete, the Election Coordinator will contact everyone who was nominated to ask if they will accept the nomination. A ballot will then be developed and emailed to all members. Some members do not have the ability to vote by email and they will receive paper ballots. Once you have your ballot(s), you will email your votes to the Election Coordinator. Officers & Board Members for 2021 will be revealed at the Annual Meeting December 11.

It is our fervent hope that we may find some semblance of normality in 2021 and can put together a year full of activities that we were unable to provide this year.

You have my word:  
 There will **NOT** be a  
 2020 Year in Review  
 Issue in this newsletter!

There will however, be a stat sheet about our members and their choice of Corvettes!

Cascade Corvette Club currently has 94 members.  
 Those 94 members own 65 Corvettes.

C1	4
C2	5
C3	4
C4	3
C5	19
C6	10
C7	17
C8	1

**Colors:** Reds were broken down to bright reds (Torch, Victory, Riverside) and dark reds (Anniversary, Magnetic, Long Beach, Monterey). Not surprisingly, red makes up more than half of the club Corvettes.

White	4	6%
Black	1	1.5%
Br. Red	15	23%
Dk Red	17	26%
Blue	11	17%
Green	2	3%
Gray	3	4%
Silver	7	11%
Pewter	1	1.5%
Yellow	4	6%





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# Car Stuff

## Corvette Garage Sale



polishrd stain kn ess Billy Boat exhaust  
 05 thru 09 . \$450.



C7 . 19x8.5 & 20x10  
 \$650.00.



c6 after market  
 18x8.5 & 19x10  
 center caps and  
 lugnuts. no tpms  
 \$600.



3xl. worn once.  
 dry cleaned. \$100.

Call Jerry at  
 503-580-3138  
 Or email  
[alpharat.917@reagan.com](mailto:alpharat.917@reagan.com)



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.







Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat

One of two new colors for 2021 production. As with many of the new colors, it is hard to distinguish between Red Mist and Long Beach Red until you can see them side-by-side. Red Mist has been described as “glowing from the inside”.

**2021 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Provisional Schedule**

Date	Event/Venue	Length	Classes
Jan. 22-24	Roar Before the Rolex 24 At Daytona	Test	DPI, LMP2, LMP3, GTLM, GTD
Jan. 28-31	Rolex 24 At Daytona	24 Hours	DPI, LMP2*, LMP3*, GTLM, GTD
March 17-20	Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts	12 Hours	DPI, LMP2, LMP3, GTLM, GTD
April 16-17	Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach	100 Minutes	DPI, GTLM, GTD
April 23-25	WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca	2 Hr., 40 Min.	DPI, LMP2, GTLM, GTD
May 14-16	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	2 Hr., 40 Min.	DPI, LMP3, GTD
TBA	Raceway at Belle Isle	TBA	DPI, LMP2, GTD**
June 24-27	Sahlen’s Six Hours of The Glen	6 Hours	DPI, LMP2, LMP3, GTLM, GTD
July 2-4	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park	2 Hr., 40 Min.	DPI, LMP3, GTLM, GTD**
July 16-17	Lime Rock Park	2 Hr., 40 Min.	GTLM, GTD
Aug. 6-8	Road America	2 Hr., 40 Min.	DPI, LMP2, LMP3, GTLM, GTD
Aug. 20-22	VIrginia International Raceway	2 Hr., 40 Min.	GTLM, GTD
Oct. 6-9	Motul Petit Le Mans	10 Hours	DPI, LMP2, LMP3, GTLM, GTD

**BLUE – IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup Event**

\* - LMP2, LMP3 races not for season-long WeatherTech Championship points

\*\* - IMSA WeatherTech Sprint Cup only



Silver Flare Metallic compared with Blade Silver. Appears to have more blue, somewhat like Sterling Blue.

Interested to see Silver Flare parked next to Blade Silver someday.

## Mid Engine Monthly Update: 2020 HTC Featured

This month we feature the exciting 2020 hard top convertible (HTC) mid-engine C8. It started down the production line a few weeks ago and are now arriving at dealerships. I was so fortunate to be invited to the HTC's original reveal and this is one amazing looking, functioning, and super performing Corvette convertible. If I were to do it over again, might I have skipped our loved 2020 C8 coupe and instead waited for the HTC. As we are now repeatedly reading of new and even used C8's selling at up to \$25,000 over their actual paid Monroney sticker, might the first HTC's go for even more than that?



Bowling Green Assembly plant continues to shine, having produced way more than 5,750 C8's since the May 26th production resumption (in fact by the time some of you read this it could be as many 6,500 could have been made (above and beyond the 2,741 made in the initial Feb/March

first assembly period). The line is now functioning at its full assembly rate with both convertibles and coupe intermixed. While there was a C7 parameter that the no two convertibles could be nose to tail on the assembly line, we do not believe that this is the case for the C8; however, probably not three in a row.



Many months earlier, Harlan was caught driving a test version HTC.

As always occur at this point in the first year of a new generation Corvette, rumors abound about the next, in this case the Z06, model. Of course as we know for every rumor that turns out to be correct, mega-times that amount turn out to be just plain wrong. However, what are the three most prevalent

C8 Z06 rumors, though I would not put any stock in any of them being a "for sure" yet? They C8 Z06 will be a 2022 model, revealed sometime during 2021 (this is the most probable rumor becoming reality); that the Z06 will be a naturally aspired, 5.5L flat plane crank motor; and, that it will redline at +8,500 RPM. For a complete discussion of the pros and cons if the latter two items were to become reality: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/179134-600-hp-z06-c8-coming-with-8500-rpm-red-line>

When Z06 facts appear — which unfortunately will not be for up to a year from now, and then for real within an official GM press release, that information will appear immediately at: [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com). At this time we need to realize that GM has yet to even state that there will be a C8 Z06. However, just as I had a deposit on the 2020 C8 mid-engine for years before its reveal, I have had a separate deposit on a Z06 for 2 1/2 years. We will have a C8 Z06, but will their annual amount be limited? Again that conversation is at the above link.



If you wish to learn more about the design considerations and reasons behind the formation of the C8, there was an interesting interview held with Chief Corvette Exterior Designer Kirk Bennion. Story and video are here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/178602-kirk-bennion-on-key-design-features-of-the-c8-corvette>

The C8 was selected to Pace this month's Indy 500. For pictures and more: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/177976-2020-corvette-stingray-is-the-official-pace-car-of-the-104th-indianapolis-500>

We recently learned from a Tadge Juechter video at the virtual Peterson Auto Week, that unlike typically, there will be no production interruption when the current model year ends and the new MY (2021) begins. Tadge also talked about the two new colors of Silver Flare and Red Mist Metallic tintcoat and his personal passion for Red Mist. He has chosen RMMT for his 2021 captured test fleet car. As of yet however not one C8 has been painted in either color for us to see.



Speaking of 2021's, the best news is that not just that its MSRP is unchanged (announced first at in last May's NCM Bash), but that there are no price increases for either the 2LT nor the 3LT. With about 100 C8 options, all but four kept their 2020 pricing. The four that will have 2021 price increases include the front lift, Z51, visible carbon fiber mirror caps and the LPO black trident wheels. For complete pricing information: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/171871-2021-c8-pricing>

The McLaren is an outstanding sports car, known for its exceptional quality workmanship, its handling, but of course carrying a price tag many times what our C8's do. What does a professional McLaren salesperson think of the C8? This is one amazing video: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/179769-what-does-a-mclaren-supercar-salesman-think-of-the-new-corvette-c8>

Thanks for reading. If I can ever personally be of help, please private message me at the MidEngineCorvetteForum ("John"). Thanks for saving the wave, being a positive part of our growing Corvette community.

# October 2020

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4	5	6 <i>Board Mtg 6 pm Kendall Chevrolet</i>	7	8	9 <i>General Mtg. 6 pm Kendall Chevrolet</i>	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31 



A short story: several years ago CCC was on some type of tour (can't remember if it was to a special location, a rally, a car show??) and stopped at the McDonald's in Corvallis. While there a very bubbly lady jumped out of a 1995 Dark Rose Metallic coupe with the license "OK IM 50". This friendly person asked us where we were from, where we were going, questions about the club ..... So she was given printed information we had and invited her and her husband (he was the 50-year old) to the next CCC meeting. They did start to attend meetings, joined the club, and participated as much as possible with their work in Corvallis. Some of you already know we're talking about John and Eileen Ayer. Unfortunately we lost Eileen Sept. 22 to cancer although she gave it a good fight. Some older and former members of the club stay in contact with the family. If/when a memorial is planned, we will let members know.

Patti Brooks shared that a book written by her son, Mark Colbert, called "Mi\$fortune" is now available on Amazon.. She was one of the people who read the drafts and says it is great. He is working on a follow-up. Read the blurb from Amazon and it looks very Interesting. Just thought we should share. For more information go to:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08JLHQFJB..>





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