

THE **KETTLE KAPERS**

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Two-time IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship champion Pipo Derani has joined DXDT Racing for the 2025 Rolex 24 At Daytona, completing the team's lineup in the No. 36 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R for January's twice-round-the-clock classic. Derani, already the proud owner of a Rolex Daytona watch courtesy of his overall victory in 2016, joins the team after a successful test in November.

(See Daytona results on the next page.)

CORVETTES AT THE ROLEX 24 HOURS OF DAYTONA



This year's Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona featured 5 Corvette Z06 GT3R's in two different classes, GTD PRO and GTD. The results were significantly better than last year.

In GTD PRO, the #3 Corvette driven by Garcia, Sims, and Juncadella finished on the podium in 2nd place. The problem is that they were sandwiched in by the 1st and 3rd place Ford Mustang GT3's, only their 2nd time at Daytona.

In the GTD class, things were better, much better! Matt Bell, driving with Orey Fidani, and Lars Kern brought the #13 Corvette home in 1st place. Congratulations to the AWA Racing team out of Canada.

The remaining Corvettes: the Corvette racing #4 finished 7th, and the #91 Weathertech Corvette finished 9th in GTD PRO, while the #36 DXDT Racing Corvette finished 20th in GTD. All considered, much better showing than last year.

Rick Hendrick Just Bought The First 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 For \$3.7 Million



NASCAR team owner and car dealership magnate Rick Hendrick just paid a pretty premium to get his hands on the first 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1.

The build slot for the car was put up for [auction](#) by Chevy at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale event to raise money for the American Red Cross and it accomplished the mission.

Hendrick won the car with a bid of \$3.7 million, which was a bit of deja vu, because he paid the same amount for the first 2023 Corvette Z06 in 2022.

Hendrick also paid \$3 million for the first 2020 Corvette Stingray and \$1.1 million for the first 2024 Corvette E-Ray, with all of the proceeds earmarked for charity.

The auction as a whole this year was loaded with expensive trucks!

Example: \$357,500 for a 1976 Ford Bronco SUV. (Yes, that's correct)

2025 KMCC Calendar At A Glance

FEB:	KMCC Meeting Town and Country Club Golf Course W 1943 County Road J, Sheboygan	7:00 PM Wed. the 5th
MAR:	KMCC Meeting Town and Country Club Golf Course W 1943 County Road J, Sheboygan	7:00 PM Wed. the 5th

Top 10 Sports Cars for the Money in 2025

Just because a sports car is expensive, doesn't mean it is better. These ten sports cars offer the most driving pleasure for the money in 2025.

- 1) **BMW M2 (\$65,500)**
- 2) **BMW Z4 M40i (\$67,000)**
- 3) **Chevrolet Corvette Stingray (\$68,300)**
- 4) **Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 (\$174,995)**
- 5) **Ford Mustang Dark Horse (\$64,380)**
- 6) **Mazda MX-5 Miata (\$29,330)**
- 7) **Porsche 911 Carrera (\$120,100)**
- 8) **Porsche Boxster GTS 4.0 / Cayman GTS 4.0 (\$99,700/\$101,800)**
- 9) **Toyota GR86/Subaru BRZ (\$30,000/\$32,210)**
- 10) **Toyota GR Supra (\$56,250)**

Please note: the list is not a ranking. They are listed in alphabetical order with their starting MSRP. Are there any sports car values that were missed?

Courtesy of *CorvetteForum.com*



2025 KMCC WINTER FAMILY BRUNCH

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Location: Millhome Supper Club (about 3 miles east of Kiel on Hwy 57,
16524 Lax Chapel Rd. Kiel, 920-894-7414)

Brunch buffet is \$12.00, \$1.00/year until 10 years old.

Children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, prospective members; are
all invited

Table reservations are at 11:30, arrive as early as 10:30 if you want a
Bloody Mary or cocktail before your brunch.

We have tables reserved so I need to call in a number. **To make a
reservation contact Herb at 920-849-2717 or hobuhl@yahoo.com by
Feb. 21st.**

Winterized C8 Corvette Proves to Be Quite Capable in the Snow



For the most part, sports cars like the C8 Corvette are what we consider to be fair-weather machines – heck, many owners [don't even drive them in the rain](#). However, there are certainly some folks out there that refuse to store their C8 Corvette away [in a warm garage](#), hooked up to a battery tender, where it will sit until the world outside thaws. The man behind the *Don's Life* YouTube channel is such a fellow, and as he proved in his recent video, a winterized C8 Corvette actually makes for a [pretty competent winter ride](#), too.

As for what Don considers “winterized,” his C8 Corvette has been wrapped in paint protection film and equipped with mud flaps, various other trim pieces, and a good, highly-rated set of [winter tires](#). Regardless, his journey could still prove challenging given the fact that on this particular day, it's too cold for road salt to be effective, but that doesn't really matter in this case. In fact, the C8 Corvette performs quite nicely, though it's also more than capable of having a little fun in the slippery stuff when called upon, too.

Check out the video at the *Don's Life* YouTube channel.

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KMCC would like to give a warm welcome to our joining member:

No new members this month

The roster is at 157 members

ENJOY THE RIDE AND “SAVE THE WAVE”

Trackhouse Racing Partners with Weathertech



[Trackhouse Racing](#) and TF Sport just announced that the primary sponsor of their single Daytona 24 Rolex entry racecar will be IMSA series partner WeatherTech. A new photo of the racer shows the American automotive accessories company prominently featured on the livery for the number 91 Corvette Z06 GT3.R.

The No. 91 Corvette entry marks the first opportunity for Trackhouse to compete in the GT Daytona (GTD) Pro Class for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship at the Rolex 24. Previously, Trackhouse has been successfully competing in the NASCAR Cup Series since 2021.

Drivers in the No. 91 Corvette at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, will be Trackhouse NASCAR drivers Shane van Gisbergen and Connor Zilisch, joining Indycar star Scott McLaughlin and veteran sports car racer Ben Keating.

The Top 20 Corvette Dealers for 2024

Congratulations once again to Tommy Thompson, Jr and his staff at MacMulkin Chevrolet who crushed everyone with a total of 1,857 Corvettes sold for the year. Ciocca Corvette of Atlantic City was second with 1,074 Corvettes sold and third on the list is Criswell Chevrolet/Mike Furman with a total of 521.

There were 33,330 new Corvettes delivered in 2024 and by our count, these Top 20 Dealers were responsible for 7,107 of that count. That means the majority of Corvettes were sold by much smaller dealers, possibly, your local dealer. No Wisconsin or Illinois dealers on the list.

	DEALER	LOCATION	# SOLD
1	MacMulkin Chevrolet	Nashua, NH	1,857
2	Ciocco Corvette	Atlantic City, NJ	1,074
3	Criswell Chevy/Mike Furman	Gaithersburg, MD	521
4	Bomnin Chevrolet Dadeland	Miami, FL	442
5	Les Stanford Chevrolet	Dearborn, MI	431
6	Stingray Chevrolet	Plant City	269
7	Classic Chevrolet	Grapevine, FL	263
8	Hendrick Chevrolet		230
9	Rick Hendrick Chevrolet		203
10	Coughlin Chevrolet	Pataskala, OH	202
11	Stonebriar Chevrolet	Frisco, TX	201
12	Don Mealey Chevrolet	Clermont, FL	196
13	Bomin Chevrolet West Kendall	Miami, FL	193
14	Jim Ellis Chevrolet	Chamblee, GA	190
15	Mac Haik Chevrolet	Houston, TX	157
16	George Matick Chevrolet	Redford, MI	143
17	Camino Real Chevrolet	Monterey Park, CA	141
18	Capitol Chevrolet		134
19	Rydell Chevrolet	Northridge, CA	130
20	Van Chevrolet	Scottsdale, AZ	130

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FROM THE EDITOR:

By David Modra



The 1967 Chevy Corvette L88 seen above sold at Barrett-Jackson for a somewhat staggering \$3.5 million (plus an additional 10 percent in fees) back in 2014.

The same car surfaced again at the Mecum auction in Kissimmee, FL. this past week and was bid up to \$2.5 million, but did not sell.

4500 cars were scheduled to cross the auction block during the two week program.

How Much Will the 2025 Corvette ZR1 Cost?



It's been six months, but the collective heads of Corvette Nation are still spinning. Somehow, Chevrolet wasn't overselling the [2025 ZR1](#) by calling it "The Unthinkable" during the leadup to its unveiling. Unthinkable is exactly what they delivered: The new King of the Hill makes a C6 ZR1-matching 638 HP at just 4,100 rpm and gets to the C7 ZR1's 755 just 650 rpm later on its way to a scarcely believable One Thousand Sixty-Four Horsepower and an 8,000 rpm redline.

For the introduction of the 2025 Corvette ZR1, we believe the pricing for a base 1ZR Coupe will come in at \$159,900 for the first year, and then it will probably be increased to approximately \$164,000 for 2026 which is when we expect to see a mid-cycle update for the interior. At \$159,900, the difference between it and the base 2019 ZR1 would be 34.5% while the difference between the 2025 Z06 and the 2025 ZR1 would be 42%. Should Chevy keep the difference between the Z06 and ZR1 at 50% like it was for C7, that would make the starting price approximately \$168,100.

And finally just for kicks, if we apply the same difference between 2025's 1LZ Z06 Coupe and a 3LZ Z06 Convertible, that would put a potential starting price of the 3ZR Corvette ZR1 Convertible at \$182K.

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