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Banter From Bobby



The MCC hosted this years Chili Cook-off this past March. What an event, we were joined by the Wisconsin Corvette Club, Brew City Corvette club and Badger State Corvette Club. Our total attendance at 99 is a record turnout. The event raised \$1,600 for the Make A Wish Foundation. The club also raised funds from the Lynch car show and the MCC is matching the Lynch funds for the Make A Wish Foundation. So, at the April membership meeting, I have invited a member from the Milwaukee Make A Wish Foundation to come and accept a check for \$2,500 on behalf of the MCC.

The Chili Cook-off would not have been big success if it weren't for all the hard work and a very big thank you. To name a few, Joy Kuhns- Event organizer & baskets, Mia & Karen- baskets, Jack & George – hooking up the electric, Jim & Kevin who transported everything to the Brewhaus, Sue & Cindy for working the reception desk and 50/50, and everyone who brought their amazing chili, salsa and chocolate.

A thank you goes out to the Wisconsin Corvette Club, Brew City Corvette club and Badger State Corvette Club for your contributions to this great fund raiser event!

Our calendar is filling up once again for the year with tours, parades, car shows, drive 'n' dines, drives and events. Not mention our Social Corner monthly supper club dinners & fish fries. Looks like another fun and exciting year for our club. Our club continues to grow every month, let's all welcome our newest members, Christopher & Tammy Drzycimski

Stephen & Suzanne Mente
Steve & Cindy Hubert Markley
Brian & Coleen Puerner

Let's hope the month of April has better weather in store for us and we all can get the vettes out finally for the summer. Now for my monthly story.

The science teacher stood in the front of the class and said, "Children, if you could have one raw material in the world, what would it be?"

Little Stevie raised his hand and said "I would want gold, because gold is worth a lot of money and I could buy a Corvette."

The teacher nodded, and then she called on little Susie. Little Susie said, "I would want platinum because platinum is worth more than gold and I could buy a Convertible Z06 Corvette."

The teacher smiled, and then she called on Little Johnny. Little Johnny stood up and said, "I would want silicone." The teacher said, "Silicone? Why silicone, Little Johnny?" "Because my mom has two bags of the stuff and you should see all the Corvettes outside our house!"

Just remember, Objects in the Mirror are Losing!!

Bobby

2024 C8 CORVETTE FOR SALE

Owner: Club Member, Chip Fischer

Phone: 920-723-5775



Email: fischer.chip@gmail.com

Description: 2024 2LT

Mileage: Never Driven

Asking: ??

Club member, Chip Fischer, ordered a new 2024 Corvette Stingray 2LT which is scheduled to arrive in April. Chip has decided to keep the Corvette he already owns and sell this new one. If interested, please contact Chip directly for more information.

**Your 2024 Corvette Stingray 2LT
RWD**

Net Price **\$94,140[†]**

April Up-Coming Events

8th MCC Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00pm

Muskego Lakes Country Club

8th-9th Drive to Indianapolis for Total Eclipse

viewed at the Indianapolis Motor

Speedway (Hotel) (Bob Wiltse)

13th Tour Bennett Coachworks

9:00am

1500 North Vel R. Phillips Avenue

Milwaukee, WI (John Carini)

17th MCC Monthly Member Meeting:

7:00pm

Muskego Lakes Country Club

Food for Purchase: 5:30pm-7:00pm

April Birthdays

1st	Mike Woznicki
2nd	Connie Hernke
2nd	Karen Printz
4th	Gene McConkey
5th	Tom Weiland
8th	Lee Elger
8th	Jon Kolster
9th	Rick Johnson
10th	Charles Weeks
13th	Mark Pizur
14th	Cynthia Chamberlain
17th	Jan Hall
17th	Christine Hedstrom
18th	Glenn Fohr
21st	Janet Zimmerman
23rd	George Beardsley
28th	Preston Pietrzak
28th	Dave Wesolowski

Corvette For Sale

2019 Corvette GrandSport - Blade Silver - Red and Black interior.
Approximately 11,000 miles
Includes CB radio two antennas - Weather Tech cargo liner.
Asking price \$ 68,000
Car is in storage, have all maintenance records.
VIN- 1G1YY2D75K5100270

Contact: Peter Traas ptraas427@gmail.com, 414-587-2178



2014 C7 CORVETTE FOR SALE

Owner: Stephen Ruh

Phone: 414-761-8508

Mobile: 317-507-6365

Email: stephen.ruh@pfgc.com

Description: 2014 white w/black interior

Mileage: original 6000 miles

Asking: \$41,000



Kathy McDonald's Corvette Makeover

I was thinking about having my Dodge Charger painted to the color Plum Crazy. But then I thought, "why not change the Corvette to my favorite color?" I got it wrapped instead of painted, to the color Plum Explosion. It was done by Automotive Vision Designs in West Allis. It's definitely a change but I am happy with it. The purple lovers along parade routes are going to love it!



John & Renee Carini's Corvette (and Friend)

I found this 2014 Z51 3LT Corvette convertible in Florida with only 9 thousand miles in 2022, so Renee and I decided to adopt the car. We enjoy just getting away from the house with the MCC putting the top down and slamming through all 7 gears. I told my 4-year-old grandson Kaden that someday I'll give him the Corvette and he said, "I'll take it home now." I get the feeling that our '57 Chevy is a little jealous.



GM Issues TechLink Article for C8 Convertible Top Water Leaks

Chevrolet struck gold with its hardtop convertibles for the C8 Corvette, boosting ownership over the previous soft top convertibles from under 20% to nearly 50% of all new Corvettes produced. So when GM issues a new TechLink article regarding a water leak in its HTCs, it's an issue that is bound to affect a lot more owners.

Thanks to the MidEngineCorvetteForum, we have the document for service technicians that shows them how to diagnose and fix the issue.

Some 2020-2024 Corvette convertible models may have a water leak around the side glass. The leak, which is found at approximately the middle rear of the side glass area (Fig. 11), may be noticed when the vehicle is exposed to a high-pressure car wash.



Fig. 11

The side glass leak may be due to slight variations in sealing between the roof panel seals. To correct this condition, a piece of semi-closed EPDM foam should be installed at the edge of the top panel.

Partially retract the top to access both ends of the top panel and remove the front-side window weatherstrip as well as the three T-25 bolts securing the front-side window weatherstrip retainer. (Fig. 12)



Fig. 12

Install a piece of semi-closed EPDM foam just inward of the rolled outboard edge of the top, but not on the edge itself so that the foam is less visible when the top is closed. Place the foam's narrow edge just forward of the trailing edge of the top panel. (Fig. 13) Reposition the existing narrow foam strip slightly inboard to accommodate the size of the added foam.



Fig. 13

After installing the foam, reinstall the front-side window weatherstrip retainer. The retainer should cover a portion of the new foam piece to help retain it. Next, reinstall the weatherstrip. Weatherstrip installation is sensitive to position, so be sure to properly install the weatherstrip to prevent any additional leaks. Refer to Bulletin #24-NA-026 for a helpful video showing correct weatherstrip installation. (Fig. 14)



Fig. 14

If there is a leak on both sides of the vehicle, repeat the foam installation procedure on the other side. If not, it may not be worth disturbing performance of the existing weatherstrip. If the leak persists, try adjusting the weatherstrip position again as shown in the video.

TIP: Read the recommended car wash guidelines covered in the Owner's Manual. Avoid using high-pressure washers closer than 12 inches to the surface of the vehicle. Using power washers exceeding 1,200 psi can result in damage or removal of paint and decals. Automatic car washes should not be used, as they can cause damage to the vehicle, wheels, ground effects and convertible top.

For more details, including parts information, refer to Bulletin #24-NA-026.

MCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 3/20/2024

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Bobby Alexander
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Birthdays: See March Newsletter
- Anniversaries: George & Sue Beardsley – 15 years
- Visitors/New Members: Sheri & Korey Wagner – Sheri said it is her 2024 C8 Riptide Blue Corvette;
Steve Markley & Cindy Hubert – 1975 Corvette
- 62 Members attended the March Meeting
- Charity Bucket: \$88
- Trivia: \$26
- 50/50 Raffle: \$93 went to charity and \$92 was won by Sheri Wagner who donated a portion back to charity
- Treasurer Report: Bank Balance \$25,905
- **Website Updates:** Bobby asked if the members have had an opportunity to look at the new MCC website. A lot have not. Bobby explained the website. No more logins and you can view it on your phone. There is now a “Donation” button, since we are a charitable 501(c)(3) organization for anyone who wishes to donate to our club can do it electronically instead of sending a check.

Bobby asked the members for suggestions to improve the website or add to it.

- **Members Short List:** Bobby explained this is a list of all MCC members names, phone numbers and email addresses. The Short List is no longer on the website. If members would like a copy of the Short List, they can contact any board member and they will email the Short List to them.
- **MCC Car Show:** Bobby explained this is our #1 fund raiser for the year. We need more members to go out and contact potential sponsors for monetary donations, gift cards, items for basket auction, food and drinks, etc.

Mark Pizur spoke that we need the 2024 MCC Sponsor Letter “501(c)(3) and Tax ID No.” and the 2024 Car Show Sponsor-Donation Form (yes or no to plaque) distributed to the members immediately. We should have started this in January. Many businesses budget charitable giving in January.

The following have been emailed to the members:

2024 MCC Sponsor Letter “501(c)(3) and Tax ID No”



MCC Sponsor
Letter-Generic.pdf

2024 Car Show Sponsor-Donation Form (yes or no to plaque)



MCC 2024 Car Show
Sponsor-Donation Fo

The following also have been printed for the members to pick up at the April meeting:

2024 MCC Sponsor Letter “501(c)(3) and Tax ID No”



MCC Sponsor
Letter-Generic.pdf

2024 Car Show Sponsor-Donation Form (yes or no to plaque)



MCC 2024 Car Show
Sponsor-Donation Fo

2024 Car Show Flyer



MCC 2024 Car Show
Flyer.pdf

- **Car Show Sponsor Donation Tracking:** Bobby informed the members that Terri Johnson is handling tracking of sponsors for the MCC car show. She has a spread sheet and all donations or sponsorships have to be reported to Terri. We need accurate tracking as we do not want several members contacting the same sponsors. You can call or email Terri and let her know you have contacted a particular sponsor so she can put it on the spread sheet. Then give the completed 2024 Car Show Sponsor-Donation Form to her in person at a meeting or email it to her. It is important that she is given every completed 2024 Car Show Sponsor-Donation Form!
- **MCC 50th Pins & Challenge Coins:** Bobby brought up selling the pins and challenge coins on eBay to recoup some of the cost of making them. 300 pins and challenge coins were made and there are about 100 of each still available. Any proceeds from the sale of the pins and challenge coins goes to charity. Also, MCC members as incentive for bringing in sponsor donations will get a pin or challenge coin based on the following:

\$25.00 to \$74.00	50 th Pin
\$75.00 or more	Challenge Coin
- **Corvette Adventures June 6-8 (Thursday-Saturday):** Jack advised there are two signup sheets.
 1. **Drive to Corvette Adventures & Cimaroli's Dinner Signup Sheet:** On Thursday, June 6th Jack is organizing a drive to Chula Vista that will meet at 8:45am and depart at 9:00am from the McDonald's on Hwy. 83 & I-94. Adventurous drive with a stop for lunch on the way to Chula Vista. Arrive at resort around 3:00pm to check in if you are staying overnight. Meet at 4:45pm at the golf course parking lot and depart at 5:00pm for a drive to Cimaroli's for dinner, which is a beautiful night club with wonderful food, \$3.00 Manhattans and Old Fashions and music. Chula Vista to Cimaroli's is about a half hour spirited drive. This is a club event and black or white club shirts are to be worn.
 2. **Corvette Adventures Weekend Signup Sheet:** Also, signup on this sheet if you are registering and plan on participating in the activities for the entire weekend so we know how many members are attending this event.
- **Chili Cook-Off:** Bobby thanked Joy Kuhns for organizing this event. She did a phenomenal job and it was a lot of work and she pulled it off. Bobby also thanked those who helped and worked the event. 99 people attended which we believe is the most ever for this event.

Four clubs attended and below is the ranking of the most members attending:

1. Muskego Corvette Club (thank you for attending)
2. Brew City Corvette Club
3. Wisconsin Corvette Club
4. Badger State Vettes

Great time was had by all. There were a lot of chilis and a lot of baskets that were raffled off. We raised \$1,600.00 for Make-A-Wish Foundation. (The MCC also participated in the Lynch Burlington Car Show last year and the MCC matched the funds raised for charity which was also Make-A-Wish Foundation.) At the April meeting a representative from Make-A-Wish Foundation will receive a check in the amount of \$2,500 from the MCC for the two charitable events.

Bloomington Gold: Bobby mentioned this event is coming up on June 21-22, 2024. He asked if there are any members interested in participating in this event. Two members were a maybe. Due to lack of interest, this will not be an MCC event, but members should still participate if they are interested.

Great River Road & Beef-A-Rama: Steve Rose and Karla Jordan are the coordinators of the Great River Road event and Steve asked Karen Decker to speak about availability to attend this event and Beef-A-Rama. Karen mentioned the following:

Great River Road Drive is August 1-5, 2024 La Crosse, WI to Hannibal, MO. There is a limit of 25 cars and hotel rooms. There is one spot still available. Once all spots are filled, you can go on a Wait List should there be a cancellation for 2024. Karla reminded Bobby this is a three-year event with the second leg in 2025 beginning in Hannibal, MO and the third leg in 2026 ending in New Orleans for a party of the century. If you participated in the first leg in 2024 you have first opportunity to participate in the second leg in 2025. There is a Wait List for 2025 for those who were unable to participate in 2024.

Beef-A-Rama is September 27-29, 2024. There is a limit of 30 cars and hotel rooms. All 30 spots are taken. There is a Wait List with one name on it should someone cancel.

- **Suggestions for other 2024 Events:** Bobby ask the members for ideas for future MCC Events. Please contact a board member with your ideas.

Randy Johnson asked if there was any interest in the MCC participating in a parade and car show in Mukwonago on Father's Day, June 16, 2024. There wasn't a lot of interest due to the fact it is on Father's Day.

- **Social Corner:** Reminder of the Social Corner on the website. If members want to add any outings to the Social Corner such as Packers games, fish fry's, dinners, etc. event organizers should email Bob Wiltse, Bobby Alexander, Mia Stone Engelmann or Karen Decker with the information and they will see that your event gets posted to the Social Corner on the website.

Upcoming Events:

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Henry Flach's Steak House**
 Date: **March 27, 2024 (Wednesday)**
 Time: 5:30PM
 Location: Henry Flach's Steak House, 9140 West National Avenue, West Allis, WI
 Coordinator: Karla Jordan - karla@giftworksplus.com or 414-915-6200
 Description: Order off the Menu – Separate Checks – Limit 40 people

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Eric's Porter Haus**
 Date: **April 24, 2024 (Wednesday)**
 Time: 5:30PM
 Location: Eric's Porter Haus, 229 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha, WI
 Coordinator: Karla Jordan - karla@giftworksplus.com or 414-915-6200
 Description: Order off the Menu – Separate Checks – Limit 50 people

- **MCC-Indian Motorcycle-Shriners Car Show:** Bobby gave the members a heads up of a potential second car show to be held sometime in July, 2024. All cars-all motorcycles event for charity with all the proceeds going to the Shriners. Shriners will handle all the food.

- **Trivia Game:** George Beardsley gave an explanation of the game:

When you sign-in at a meeting, Trivia Forms are available for you to purchase, from Marianne Fahning or Sue Beardsley, for only one dollar!! Half of the money will be donated to charity and the other half will be handed to one winner. To play all you need to do is:

- Place your name on the trivia sheet.
- Answer the four questions. Each correct answer is worth a ticket PLUS your name is worth a ticket. One dollar can earn you five tickets each time you play. That's The Best Deal EVER!!!
- BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE MEETING return the completed forms to Sue Beardsley.
IT'S THAT EASY!

For the 1st round, when the pot reaches the size of the 1st Corvette engine (\$235), there will be a drawing. You can play at any meeting. You can purchase as many trivia forms as you would like AND you don't need to be present to win.

Once a 1st round winner is announced the game starts over. For the 2nd round there will be a drawing once the pot reaches the size of the 2nd corvette engine (\$265). Third round – 3rd corvette engine (\$327).

April trivia questions will be included in the April Newsletter and a "MCC TRIVIA STANDINGS" sheet will be on the activities table at each meeting.

March Trivia Answers:

9. In 1990 the most expensive Corvette, to that date, was manufactured. What was the MSRP? **\$58,995**
10. What was the last model year that Polo White was available? **1958**
11. What year was the V8 engine introduced? **1955**
12. In 1954 three new colors were introduced, select one of the following that WAS NOT introduced:
Pennant White, Harvest Gold, Black, Sportsman Red? **Harvest Gold**

- **Open Form:**

1. Jack Bartley mentioned the sale of MCC cling-on decals for your vehicles. They sell for \$1.50 each.
2. Bobby reminded new members to see George Beardsley for name tags. They are \$10.00 each.
3. Bobby again asked the members to email photos of their Corvettes, details, story, etc. to Don Decker to put in the Newsletter.
4. Lee Elger spoke that he along with his wife, Mary, went last week to Ron Fellows Performance Driving School located at Spring Mountain Motor Resort & Country Club in Pahrump, NV compliments of Chevrolet. Cost was \$3,600 with Chevrolet picking up \$2,600 and they put in \$1,000. Spent two days on the track, 200 C8 vehicles, 18 drivers, 4 tracks in the mountains about 50 miles from Las Vegas. Did track time, auto crossing, ran through water and spun the cars, launch control 0-60 in 3.4 seconds. Got to meet Ron Fellows. Location, accommodations and food were outstanding. Lee advised if members have a C8 and get the post card from Chevrolet to attend this event, it is well worth it and a lot of fun. Great time beating up their cars and not your own.

MCC Official Club Shirt Events for 2024 – (See Sign-up Sheets):

- **April 8-9 (Monday-Tuesday) – Drive to Indianapolis for viewing of the Total Eclipse of Sun (next one not until 2044) at the Indiana Motor Speedway \$20 includes parking and glasses.** Meet at 7:00am at the Hales Corners Park & Ride. Stay at Comfort Suites, 31 Frontage Road, Lafayette, IN 47905; phone 765-447-0016;

Group Name: Muskego Corvette Club; Group Number: DR59C1; room must be booked by March 8, 2024. It is suggested to wear red or green clothing which will show up in photos. **(Bob Wiltse)**

- **April 13 (Saturday) –Bennett Coachworks, 1500 North Vel R. Phillips Avenue, Milwaukee, WI.** This is a two-hour tour starting at 9:00am. This is a restoration shop focusing on restoration, performance, customization, interior & paint. Range of focus is on European super cars such as Lamborghinis and Ferraris, Corvettes, Classic Cars 1930-1970. Shop has won numerous awards. Donuts and coffee provided. **(John Carini)**
- **May 15-19 (Wednesday-Sunday) - St. Jude Corvette Drive – Kankakee, IL to Memphis, TN** **(John Klemmer)**
- **June 2 (Sunday) – Trip Around Lake Winnebago – Fond du Lac, WI** **(Bob Wiltse)**
- **June 6 (Thursday) – Corvette Adventures – Morning Drive to Chula Vista & Cimaroli’s Dinner –** meet at 8:45am and depart at 9:00am from the McDonald’s on Hwy. 83 & I-94. Stop for lunch. Check in to Chula Vista around 3:00pm. Meet at 4:45pm at the golf course parking lot and depart at 5:00pm for a drive to Cimaroli’s for dinner. **(Jack Bartley)**
- **June 6-8 (Thursday-Saturday) – Corvette Adventures – Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells**
- **July 4 (Thursday) – Holz Motors Car Show – 8:00am-3:00pm – 7:30am meet at M-W Marine, 11901 West Janesville Rd., Hales Corners to travel as a group to Holz to be able to park together as a club. \$10 entry fee per car.** **(Jack Bartley)**
- **July 20 (Saturday) – Port Washington Fish Days Parade & Car Show – “TENTATIVE”** **(Jack Bartley)**
- **July 28 (Sunday) – Tichigan Parade – 11:00am - Location & time to meet TBD** **(Terri Johnson)**
- **August 1-5 (Thursday-Monday) – The Great River Road Drive** **(Steve Rose & Karla Jordan)** Drive from La Crosse, WI to Galena, IL to Davenport, IA to Hannibal, MO (hotel rooms available)
- **August 24 (Saturday) – MCC Annual Car Show – Richlonn’s corner of Racine & Janesville in Muskego 9:00am-3:00pm** **(Rod Lautenbach & George Beardsley)**
- **August 25 (Sunday) – Muskego Dandelion Daze Parade 11:00am** **(Jack Bartley)**
- **August 27-31 (Tuesday-Saturday) - North Central National Caravan to Bowling Green** **(Steve Rose)** Effingham to Bowling Green - National Corvette Museum (30th Anniversary)
- **September 7 (Saturday) – MCC Annual Picnic – Muskego County Park, Picnic Area #4 – time TBD**
- **September 22 (Sunday) – MCC Annual Hayride – 11:30am board wagon at B-Lazy Bar & Grill** **(Don Decker)**
- **September 27-29 (Friday-Sunday) – Beef-A-Rama** **(Steve Rose)** - Minocqua, WI - Drive is planned for Friday, September 27th and 25 hotel rooms are available for the nights of Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28th. Drive back on Sunday, September 29th.

National Corvette/Car Events 2024 (not MCC Events – if enough interest, *leaders* for these events needed)

- **June 21-22, 2024** **Bloomington Gold – Illinois State University – Normal IL**

Bobby adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Karen Decker, Secretary MCC

MCC TRIVIA UPDATE

We are through three months of trivia questions and as meeting attendance increases so does the number of members playing TRIVIA. Hopefully that trend continues as we reach our first goal of \$235 (corvette's first engine) for the first drawing. For anyone that is new to the game - TRIVIA forms are available at each meeting. There are four Corvette and or MCC related questions and you can earn five tickets for the drawing. Questions are listed in the newsletter for the next month - just in case you want to do a little research.

Super Easy to play - Entry forms are at the registration table or see Sue Beardsley – Put your name on the form, four multiple choice questions, select your answers, hand the form back in and you are included in the drawing. AND you can purchase multiple TRIVIA forms if you missed a month OR want additional chances to win. Also - A summary sheet is displayed at the meeting, on the activity table, so you can see how many tickets you have earned. Through March the most tickets earned is 14.

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Trivia answers will be included in the monthly newsletter (see below) and a “MCC TRIVIA STANDINGS” sheet will be on the activities table at each meeting.

January Trivia Answers:

1. Color offered on ALL 1954 Corvettes: Polo White, 300 built
2. First year a coup and convertible offered: 1963
3. 1953 0-60mph time: 11 seconds
4. Route 66 Nicknames: Road of Dreams, America's Highway, Mother Road and Will Rodgers Highway

February Trivia Answers:

5. When did corvette production begin in Bowling Green: 1981
6. Base cost of the 1984 Corvette: \$21,800
7. Year the convertible was re-introduced: 1986, 7.300 built
8. Hours to build a C5 corvette: 55 Hours

March Trivia Answers:

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10. Last model year that Polo White was available? 1958
11. What year was the V8 engine introduced? 1955
12. In 1954 three new colors were introduced, one WAS NOT introduced – Harvest Gold

Here are the four questions that will be presented at our April meeting:

13. In what late-model year did “Sting Ray” reintroduce itself as “Stingray”?
14. Due to the number of powerplants offered in 1967, how many hoods were offered in 1967?
15. Which of these greens was never offered: Forest, Brands Hatch, Goodwood, Elkart?
16. What was the horsepower rating for the 235 c.i. engine released in 1953?

Any questions please contact George Beardsley and Good Luck.

Editor's note: I found this story about a Milwaukee area Corvette adventure. Anyone of current retirement age who was a gearhead in the '60's and '70's will remember lusting for paint by Butch, and may even remember seeing this car at the Milwaukee *World of Wheels* exhibition. Your editor does.

How a Medieval Midyear Corvette Killed Our Plan

Story and photos by John L. Stein

18 March 2024

Wolves howl in the forest while on the hunt. So do car guys when they sense they may make a killing. That could explain why, during the run-up of classic Corvette values in the early 2000s, my friend Scott Young and I bought this 1964 convertible sight unseen. Reportedly built by a Milwaukee enthusiast in 1968, the "Executioner" competed at the strip and in regional International Show Car Association (ISCA) shows. Ultimately, however, the radical customizing turned a low-mileage 300-hp, four-speed Sting Ray into a nearly unsaleable oddity. We just didn't know it yet.

Popular in the early 1960s, straight-axle drag conversions meant surgically altering the frame, and so began the journey of this genial Daytona Blue roadster into a medieval menace. Sawed off and discarded was the independent front suspension—a real value loss. In showboat tradition, chromed parts included the requisite tubular axle, steering box, and control arms. Revealing the brightwork were 12-spoke American Racing spindle-mount mags. Chrome likewise found the traction bars, the rear transverse spring, the driveshafts and control arms, the wheelie bars, and the push-bar (fashioned like an executioner's axe).



Over the stock Daytona Blue, Milwaukee painter Butch Brinza applied a candy blue finish, which used fish scales to create a shimmery pop. The Corvette's original blue vinyl interior ceded to diamond-tufted navy seats, floor mats, door panels, and hardtop, which also sported a ventilated Plexiglas backlight. Still more chrome graced the rollbar, fire bottle, and butterfly steering wheel. All in for the win!

The once-mellow 327 had been stroked to 370 cubic inches and wore a chromed side-by-side manifold topped by dual quads and chromed scoops. Early in our stewardship, it vehemently resisted starting; something was a foul with cam and/or ignition timing. You'd swat the pedal and turn the key, and the engine would backfire dramatically. The predicament broke three starter motors, and once, a flame-front bigger than Krakatoa nearly torched the ceiling. Ultimately, a visiting friend requested a 9/16-inch wrench and reset the distributor. Thereafter, the Executioner started fine.



Driving that thing anywhere was another matter. Every couple of miles, the engine surged and stopped, then mulishly refused to restart. Looking back, I suspect the root was a clogged fuel line or filter, a tired pump, a plugged gas-cap vent, or some similarly easy issue. But when you don't have a clue, you're clueless. Ultimately, after nursing the Executioner to 20,458 miles, we tapped out. Naturally, selling that car was equally difficult. "We were the only ones who didn't make money on a Corvette!" Scott joked. Yep, we were those guys.

No wonder—our execution was fatally flawed.

Chevy Corvette E-Ray Dyno Run Reveals Higher Torque Than Advertised

The first-ever hybrid 'Vette packs more of a punch than Chevy lets on.

BY
NICO DEMATTIA

MAR 18, 2024

The Chevy Corvette E-Ray uses the same 6.2-liter naturally aspirated V8 as the entry-level Stingray, but with some help from an electric motor on the front axle. The automaker claims that combination makes a combined 655 horsepower and 592 lb-ft of torque. Paragon Performance's all-wheel-drive dyno tells a better story, though.

At the wheels, a stock Corvette E-Ray made 573 hp and 630 lb-ft of torque in Paragon's testing. That's 14% less horsepower than Chevrolet says, though that's typical drivetrain loss for a rear-wheel-drive car with a dual-clutch transmission. So, the advertised figure is pretty spot on there. It's the torque number that's shocking, however, as it's a 6.4% increase at the wheels from what General Motors claims. That might help explain the E-Ray's ability to hit 60 mph from a standstill in just 2.5 seconds.

How do the E-Ray's actual figures compare to a stock Corvette Z06? The Z06 makes more power, with 610 wheel-horsepower, but it only begins to best the E-Ray at around 7,500 rpm—2,000 rpm higher than where the E-Ray hits peak power. The Z06 also makes considerably less torque, with a 424 lb-ft of peak wheel torque. And once again, that torque kicks in far later in the rev range. So, in almost all real-world circumstances, an E-Ray is going to be quicker than a Z06.

We already knew the Corvette E-Ray was a bit of an overperformer. After all, it was The Drive's Best Performance Car of 2023. But it's nice to see our suspicions confirmed with science and graphs.





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