Rumblings & Ramblings

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Steve's Synopsis

I trust you all enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.



Our November meeting was a testament to

the character of this club. I am pleased to report that we donated \$1,000 each to the Muskego Senior Taxi and the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these worthy causes.

We were also delighted to welcome four new members: George & Paula Wolwark and Chris Clark & Lynn Angleroth. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

Upcoming Event: Our Annual Christmas Party and White Elephant exchange will be held on Tuesday, December 16th. It is always a highlight of our year.

As we finalize the 2026 calendar, we are excited to offer a wide variety of events, many of which were suggested by membership. If you are interested in leading an event, please reach out—a board member who will be assigned to assist you every step of the way.

May you have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas, Steve **For Sale:** *Brand New* 2024 C-8 Corvette Wheels. Comes with TPS sensors and center caps. Looking for any reasonable offer.

Michael 414-881-4666







MCC members please inform Marianne Fahning (Sunshine Lady) at 414-587-1276 directly, if you know of a member who has had surgery, a major illness, in the hospital, etc. Marianne will make sure the member receives "best wishes" from the MCC.

December Up-Coming Events

(See MCC Website for Full Details)

4th Supper Club Dinner-Packing House 5:00pm Cocktails, 6:00pm Dinner

8th MCC Monthly Board Meeting 6:00pm @ Matty's Office

16th MCC Christmas Party Dinner

MEC @ Matty's Bar & Grill

4:30pm - Cocktail Hour, 5:30pm - Dinner

Short Meeting

6:30pm - White Elephant Gift Exchange

December Birthdays

4th Vicki Dunham

6th Tammy Drzycimski

10th Kristin McMillan

12th George Mack

13th Mary Wysocki

15th Mary Elger, Jim Kuhns

Jackie Laumann, Judi Luedke

16th Mike Burgarino, Don Kolata

Gail Orlick

20th Bill Schneider

21st Nanci Mayer

22nd Janice Rose

24th Karla Jordan Gustafson

27th Christopher Drzycimski, Brian Hall

28th Jay Wesner

29th Brian Maddox

30th Peter Traas

31st Peggie Reinke

MCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 11/19/2025

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Steve Rose
- Pledge of Allegiance MCC veterans stood up front in honor of Veteran's Day
- Birthdays: See November Newsletter for the List
- Anniversaries: Don & Karen Decker 49 years
- New Members: Chris Clark & Lynn Angelroth have a 2008 C6
 George & Paula Wolwark have a 2005 C6
- 64 Members attended the November Meeting
- Charity Bucket: \$63.00
- 50/50 Raffle: Total \$157.00 \$80.00 went to charity/\$77.00 was won by Jay Wesner
- Treasurer Report: Bob Wiltse advised the following:

The MCC has moved \$15,000 into a CD that pays 3.3% interest. The \$15,000 is the amount the MCC wants to keep as a cushion.

Bank Balance is \$15,788 minus the \$2,000 just given away to charity.

- <u>Jack Bartley:</u> Steve announced that Jack was resigning from the MCC board effective immediately for personal reasons. He will remain a member of the MCC. He was on the board for 10 years and the members thanked him and gave him a round of applause.
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- <u>MCC Website Update:</u> Steve informed the members that the MCC has hired a company to update our website. Improvements would include:
 - 1. Signup for MCC Events available online (can only access by MCC members-not public) (will still have paper sheets)
 - 2. Photo Gallery showcase more photos make digital
 - 3. Updated Design
 - 4. Display Sponsors
 - 5. Charities Supported
 - 6. New Member Signup and Application online
 - 7. Member Information with Photo (can only access by MCC members-not public)
 - 8. Square to pay Dues and Events
 - 9. Email updates to members attending a specific MCC event
 - 10. Help with updating Face Book
- <u>Newsletter:</u> Don Decker asked the members to send him any stories of their past or current experiences with Corvettes to put in the Newsletter. Send information to <u>dedecker0123@gmail.com</u>
- **By-Laws Addendum:** The majority of members in attendance voted to add the following addendum to the MCC By-Laws.

Amend Article IV – Section 1 – Board of Directors

Add:

- 6. All members in good standing are eligible to serve on the Muskego Corvette Club Board of Directors provided they are not currently serving on the Board of any other car club.
- **2026 Membership Dues:** 2026 dues will be \$50.00 per membership/car. Dues are required to be paid by December 31, 2025. Dues can be paid by cash, check, credit card or on the MCC website.
- MCC Annual Christmas Buffet Dinner: The Christmas Party Buffet Dinner will be catered by Matty's and will be held at the MEC at Matty's on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. The cost is \$40.00 per person. The price includes tax and tip. Please pay in advance by December 3, 2025 by cash, check, credit card or online on the Website.

3:30PM – Setup

4:30PM - Cocktail Hour

5:30PM – Dinner

Short MCC Meeting – announce newly elected members to the board

6:30PM – White Elephant Gift Exchange

The dinner buffet will include the following:

Wisconsin Classic Charcuterie Board (chef selected meats, cheeses, fruit, crackers & breadsticks)
Fresh Veggie Platter (medley of fresh seasonal vegetables served with our creamy house ranch dip
and hummus (breadstick garnish on the side)

Herb Butter Roasted Turkey Breast w/Gravy

Pepper Crusted Prime Rib (Carving Station)

Garlic & Herb Redskin Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

Green Beans Almondine

Beet Salad w/Goat Cheese & Candied Almonds

Assorted Rolls & Butter

Decorated Cakes from Costco

Mia Stone will MC the White Elephant Gift Exchange and explained a white elephant gift is usually anything you might have lying around your house that you no longer want. If you like everything in your house, there is a \$20.00 limit to purchase liquor or anything else. This is always a fun and entertaining evening. Bring one gift per person to be able to participate. There will be one steal allowed. When you check-in you will be given a ticket to participate. Tickets will be drawn in no particular order.

- **Door County Drive & Newport Resort:** Mia Stone spoke to the members that she is organizing a drive to Door County with a two-night stay at the Newport Resort. Dates are Monday-Wednesday, June 22-24, 2026. Newport Resort, 7888 Church Street, Egg Harbor, WI. Members need to call 920-868-9900 to make a room reservation. You have to mention this is for the Muskego Corvette Club to get the reduced rates. There are 2 bedroom/2 bath suites (1 king bed and 1 queen bed bedrooms) which have a common living room with fireplace and a full kitchen for \$271.66/night or a 1 bedroom/1 bath suite (1 king bed), living room with fireplace and a full kitchen for \$252.86/night. There is an indoor swimming pool. The MCC has done this off and on over the years. There are 14 2-bedroom suites and 8 1-bedroom suites available. Members need to reserve rooms ASAP before Christmas as they are going fast. Dinners, wineries, boat tours, etc. George Beardsley is assisting Mia with the drive.
- Green Bay Drive-Hotel-Fun: Karla Jordan spoke to the members that she and fellow MCC member Cliff Barber are organizing a drive to Green Bay with a two-night stay at the Home2 Suites, 810 Morris Avenue, Green Bay, WI. As of now off-season rates are \$103 a night. Dates are Wednesday-Friday, May 6-8, 2026. Leisurely drive along Lake Michigan with a stop (if you want) at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc for a submarine tour and have lunch on the way. Supper club dinner the evening of May 6th at Club Chalet Supper Club, 4642 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI which has been in business since 1941. Second day (if you want) we can do the Legends Tour at Lambeau Field and see the new Hall of Fame, have lunch at a dive bar and dinner at Hinterland Brewery, 1001 Lombardi Access Road, Ashwaubenon, WI. There is a lot to do in Green Bay. There will be more options for things to do coming out. Choose what you want to see and do and meet up with the group for lunch and dinner.
- Great River Road-Part 3: Steve and Karla along with Cliff Barber are working on the third leg of the Great River Road drive to New Orleans. Dates will be October 12-24, 2026. Limit is 25 cars. There are three legs to the drive. Feel free to join for Part 1, Parts 1-2, or all Three! If you sign up, you will receive detailed information in reference of the below itinerary.

Part 1 - Muskego to New Orleans

- Mon 10/12/26 Cape Girardeau, MO (Dinner overlooking Mississippi River, Casino)
- Tue 10/13/26 Clarksdale, MS (Delta Blues Museum)
- Wed 10/14/26 Th 10/15/26 Natchez, MS (Historic downtown and tours of plantation estates)
- Fri 10/16/26 Sat 10/17/26 New Orleans, LA (French Quarter, Jackson Square)

Part 2 - New Orleans to Bowling Green

- Sun 10/18/26 Tupelo, MS (via Natchez Trace Parkway, Elvis' birthplace)
- Mon 10/19/26 Bowling Green, KY (Corvette Plant Tour)

Part 3 - Bowling Green to Lexington

- Tue 10/20/26 Th 10/22/26 Lexington, KY (Woodford Reserve, Buffalo Trace, Keeneland Race Track Horse Racing)
- Friday 10/23/26 Homeward Bound
- <u>Supper Club Dinners:</u> Karla Jordan talked to the members and mentioned the following supper club dinners that have been scheduled. There are signup sheets.

Thursday, December 4, 2025: This Supper Club Holiday dinner is at the Packing House Restaurant, 900 East Layton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. Cocktails are at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Meet at the restaurant. We have 75 members attending and room for more. Entrée selection will be going out by

email. Price will include tax and tip. (Separate checks.) Contact Karla at 414-915-6200 for more information.

Wednesday, January 14, 2025: This supper club dinner will be held at the Blue Heron Supper Club, W229S8300 WI-164, Big Bend, WI. Cocktails are at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Meet at the restaurant. Contact Karla at 414-915-6200 for more information.

Thursday, February 12, 2026: This supper club Valentine's dinner will be held at Sandra's on The Park, 10049 West Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, WI. Cocktails are at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Meet at the restaurant. Limit 60 people. Contact Karla at 414-915-6200 for more information.

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A SUPPER CLUB DINNER YOU MUST SHOW UP OR BE CHARGED FOR YOUR DINNER. IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT KARLA AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO CANCEL.

THERE ARE LIMITS AS TO HOW MANY ARE ABLE TO ATTEND. IF YOU DIDN'T SIGNUP, YOU CAN'T JUST SHOWUP.

• <u>Members Running for Open Board Positions:</u> Steve said there are four open board positions and he asked those running for those positions to say a few words.

<u>President</u>: Steve Rose said he has been a member of the MCC for a number of years. Enjoys the MCC, with its awesome members and all the fun. This year with the great membership and board that we have that the focus is, for me as President, to get input from the membership and the board is here to serve the members and to listen to their suggestions. We have a lot of events coming up in 2026. You don't have to do them all, just sign up for whatever you can fit into your schedule. MCC is a social club and there will be 3-4 things every month for us to get together to have a great time. Implemented a Suggestion Box but still have not received any suggestions. Each member who contacts the board with any suggestions, changes, events, etc. will be contacted directly with a reply.

<u>Secretary</u>: Karen Decker said she has been with the MCC since April 2021. Member Judy Weber talked her into running for Secretary for the 2022 term. Again, ran for the 2024 term and now for the 2026 term. No one seems to want to run for Secretary! I enjoy working with all of you and hope I am doing a good job to your satisfaction.

<u>Board Member</u>: Scott Burkhardt said he is looking forward to making more friends and decided to step up to continue to take the MCC in the right direction. Looking forward to all the upcoming events and working with the members and listening to their suggestions.

<u>Board Member</u>: George Beardsley said he is a recovering board member and I had so much fun on the board the last time, I thought I would try it again! George and his wife, Sue, have been in the MCC for ten years and it has been the best ten years of driving the Corvette. He has been driving Corvettes since the '70's. Being a part of the MCC and driving Corvettes and hanging out with the members is just fantastic. The MCC has going on 53 years and what an accomplishment for this type of club. Great members, a new board going in a great direction and I would like to be a part of it again. I would appreciate your vote.

- <u>Upcoming Events:</u> Steve asked George to say a few words about events he is working on. George said he is working on rides each month starting in April, May, June, July, August, September and October. Couple of rides each month. George is already working on the Color Ride and dinner at Copper Dock in October. Hoping to have two rides a month with some during the week and on the weekends. Will be one day rides no overnights. Working with Rod Lautenbach, Scott Burkhardt and George Predick to put these rides together.
- Winter Events: Steve said we have put together the following events so the members can have some fun during the winter months.

Saturday, January 24, 2026: Lunch at Pegasus Restaurant & attend Milwaukee Boat Show

Saturday, February 21, 2026: Lunch & attend World of Wheels

Saturday, March 7, 2026: Lunch & attend Milwaukee Sports Show

Looking for more suggestions of things to do from the members. All events will be listed on the monthly Agenda more details of the events are on the website.

- MCC 2026 Car Show: Date is Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home, W195S6610 Racine Avenue in Muskego. Lot opens at 8:00am. Mia Stone is the chairperson with assistance from Rod Lautenbach, Scott Burkhardt, Steve and others. We will have The Hit-Men band again. George Beardsley and Scott Burkhardt are working on the food trucks. George Beardsley is handling the sponsors again this year.
- <u>Potential Charity:</u> Steve, Karen Decker and Mia Stone attended one of the Muskego Chamber of Commerce networking events. They met Hanna Schmidt whose husband is the pastor at Muskego Apostolic Tabernacle Church in Muskego. Hanna is the sister of Krisann Durnford the director of the Muskego Chamber of Commerce. The church runs the Eagle's Wing Free Clinic, Inc. which is a charitable organization and is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Free & Charitable Clinics. They offer medical services to people who have no medical insurance. Board will look into this charity in more depth and decide whether we might want to add them to our list of charities and have Hanna come to the January monthly meeting.

• Open Forum:

1. Kevin Jaqua looked into the MCC doing a track day at Slinger Speedway. We would rent the track for the day during the week. Time would be from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Only one car on the track at a time. No speed limit. Need to wear a helmet with a face shield. No roll bar is required. Costs are to rent the track:

\$1,000 As many cars as we want – does not include an ambulance or safety crew

\$1,400 As many cars as we want – includes an EMT

\$2,500 As many cars as we want – includes an ambulance, EMT and fire truck

Your personal auto insurance does not cover this. Looking into Hagerty Insurance for the one day.

A couple of members raised their hands that they were interested.

- 2. Karen Pizur asked the members if interested in a casino Night possibly on January 31, 2026.
- 3. Darlene Loch invited all the members to her home for the Packer game on Sunday, December 7th. Game was at Noon but was moved to 3:25pm. First 40 people get a seat!
- 4. Darlene Loch invited the ladies to a luncheon for the Shriners on Saturday, December 6th. Any interest contact Darlene.
- 5. Darlene Loch said that Holz Motors is collecting coats for kids new or gently used. Need coats by December 1st.
- 6. Steve and Darlene are working on an event at Holz Motors.

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- ➤ March 7 (Saturday) Lunch TBD & Milwaukee Sports Show (Brian Hall)
- May 6-8 (Wednesday-Friday) Green Bay Drive-Maritime Museum-Lambeau (Karla Jordan)
- May 14-15 (Thursday-Friday) St. Jude Corvette Drive (John Klemmer & Fred Anderson)
- > June 4-6 (Thursday-Saturday) Corvette Adventures & Cimaroli's Dinner
- June 22-24 (Monday-Wednesday) Door County Drive & Newport Resort (Mia Stone)
- July 25 (Saturday) MCC Annual Car Show (Mia Stone)
- > September 12 (Saturday) MCC Annual Picnic & Cornhole Tournament
- > October 10 (Saturday) Fall Color Drive & Dinner Copper Dock (George Beardsley)
- October 12-24 Great River Road Drive Part 3 New Orleans (Steve Rose & Karla Jordan)

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Decker, Secretary MCC

2026 MCC EVENTS & IDEAS

As most of us store our cars for the winter months, your MCC board and members are hard at work scheduling events for 2026. We have indoor events that are planned for the winter, including dinners at various supper clubs. Beginning in spring there are one-day drives to a variety of locations, always including a stop for a bite-to-eat and also in 2026 the drives will include museums, airports, wineries, car shows, etc. How about a drive to Road America so we can witness the Corvette Racing Team compete in the WeatherTech Sports Car Championship. PLUS, we are finalizing details on several multi-day drives. To date we have Green Bay and St. Jude Hospital in May, Corvette Adventures and Egg Harbor in June, The Great White North in August and The Great River Road in October.

You are probably asking "How do I sign-up for all this cool stuff"? Well, that is also being tackled from two sides. First there are sign-up sheets at the monthly meetings and second, all active members will have the ability to signup online on our website which is currently under construction, but will be rolled-out soon (so make sure your club dues are current).

With the 2026 calendar being populated with events, the board is requesting from ALL members, their ideas on destinations / events / stops / that you would like to see OR you have experienced and would like to share that experience with the club. Please text or call anyone on the board to get your thoughts or ideas closer to being an actual event. Now is the time that those ideas make it into 2026. The goal is to have a wide variety of events where all members have a chance to participate and enjoy the camaraderie that the MCC always delivers.

Thank You

G Beardsley

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Ed Note: Still to be determined is how Randy and John got themselves featured in the Newsletter for two months for the same event!



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PACKER PARTY DAY-FIRE MUSEUM-SHERYL'S CLUB

This MCC event was held on November 2, 2025. The coordinators were Kevin and Brenda Jaqua. Those attending had a private tour of the Venerable Fire Collection Museum at 4349 Hillside Rd. in Slinger. It featured lots of antiques including fire trucks, horse drawn equipment and memorabilia dating back to the 1800's. "The Collection is fabulous"!!!!

Then off to Sheryl's Club 175, 3545 WI-175 in Slinger for the Packer Game, fun, food & drink.





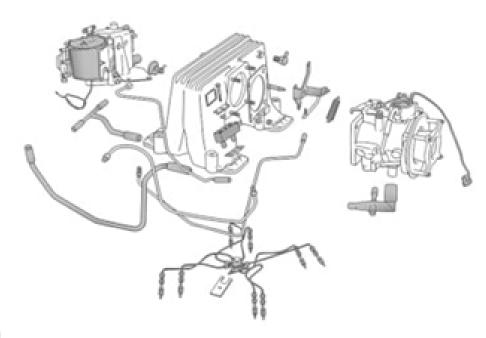


Evolution of Fuel Injection

Like any ingredient in the Corvette's recipe for success, there have been changes and evolutions in the fuel delivery system. Follow along as we dive into the evolution of fuel injection systems used in Corvettes from the earliest versions to today's power-packed and highly efficient combinations. We offer replacement parts and upgrades for nearly every fuel injection system in the Corvette legacy, so let's dig into the history and evolution of Corvette fuel injection systems.

C1 - 1953-1962

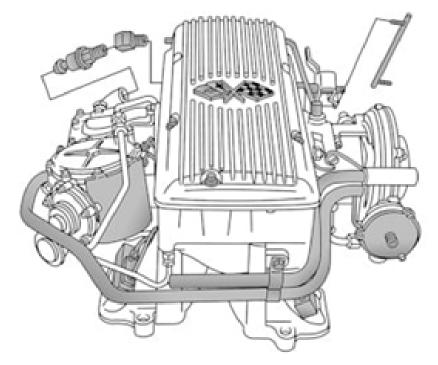
The most common fuel delivery enhancements for early Corvettes came in the form of multiple carburetors. However, the engineers at General Motors and Rochester developed a revolutionary new method to feed the famous small block Chevy V8. The Rochester Ramjet fuel injection system debuted in the 1957 model, enabling the 283ci small block to produce one horsepower per cubic inch. This mechanical fuel injection system had its flaws. Still, it was a step in the right direction from a marketing perspective, as it elevated



the Corvette's status in the sports car industry. Rochester fuel injection started with a ribbed top in 1957 through 1959, then changed to a smooth casting in 1960 and remained in place until the end of the C1 generation.

C2 - 1963-1967

The C2 Corvette rocked the world with its futuristic body, four-wheel independent suspension, and increased horsepower offerings. Part of the formula was an updated version of the Rochester fuel injection unit. When used on Chevrolet's hottest 327ci small block, this combination produced 375 horsepower. A lack of replacement parts and a general lack of information on the fuel injection units led many Corvette owners to swap the injection for carburetors. When Chevrolet rolled out the 396ci big block engine in 1965, fuel injection took a back seat and would not return until the end of the C3 generation.

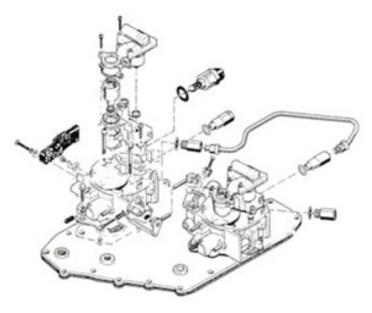


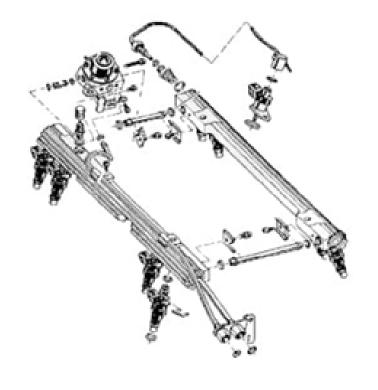
C3 - 1968-1982

Fuel injection was wiped off the Corvette's option list for nearly two decades. Even during the height of the horsepower wars, carburetors were once again the leading form of fuel delivery. Fast forward through the smog era, and we land in the 1980s, where technology began making its way into the conversation. In 1981, Chevrolet equipped the small-block Chevy engine with an electronic Quadrajet carburetor, which allowed a computer and a series of sensors to optimize the fuel flow. The general idea was to lower emissions and increase fuel economy, but the unique Quadrajet only lasted one year. The only fuel-injected Corvette from the C3 generation was the 1982, which featured the ill-fated Cross-Fire fuel injection system. The crossram style intake manifold was reminiscent of the '69 Camaro Z/28 cross-ram. However, instead of two carburetors, the Cross-Fire system featured two throttle bodies, operated by an onboard computer and a series of sensors.

C4 - 1984-1996

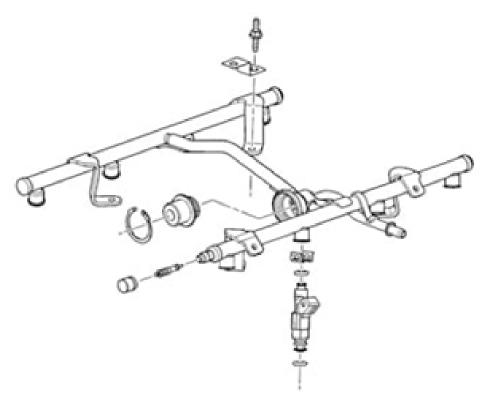
Although the Cross-Firefuel injection system debuted at the end of the C3 generation, it is most known for its use in the 1984 Corvette. Plagued with problems from this system, GM changed course to develop the Tuned Port injection system for the 1985-1991 L98 engine platform. This configuration featured port fuel injectors and a long ram design fed by a dualblade throttle body. The next update came in the form of the Gen II LT1 in 1992. The new LT1 featured a host of high-tech upgrades, including a reverseflow cooling system, improved fuel injection, and an Optispark ignition system, replacing the small block's recognizable rear-mounted distributor. The standout of the C4 generation was the LT5, only used in the 1990-1995 ZR-1, with a horsepower peak of 405 and plenty of room for upgrades.





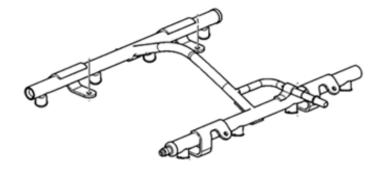
C5 - 1997-2004

The modern rendition of Chevrolet's conventional V8 platform, called the LS1, included an aluminum block, aluminum cylinder heads, and entirely new valve train geometry to produce excellent horsepower. By this point, General Motors had a good handle on in-tank fuel pumps, pressure regulators, and injector sizing for optimal economy and performance. The Gen III small block engine remained as the go-to engine throughout the C5 generation, and the fuel injection system was unchanged for most of those years. The LS1 and LS6 engines from C5 Corvettes prove to be excellent platforms for LS swaps into older Corvettes, as adapting the modern fuel system and electronics is relatively simple with the use of aftermarket components.



C6 - 2005-2013

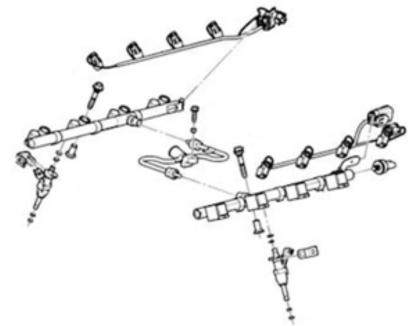
The C6 Corvette, based on the LS platform but with updated internals, brought it into the Gen IV classification. The base model engine was the LS2, a 364ci (advertised as 6.0 liter) powerhouse. The new normal became 400 horsepower with excellent fuel economy, thanks to efficient cylinder heads and a 10.9:1 compression ratio, enhanced in 2008 with the introduction of the 430-horse LS3. The 2007-2013 Z06 LS7 427ci (7.0-liter) LS7 will go down as one of Chevrolet's most impactful engines, as it broke the



500-horsepower barrier, but retained most of its standard fuel system. Next up was the reintroduction of the 2009-2013 LS9 ZR1 model, which opened the door to GM's first supercharged LS combination, which required additional fuel flow.

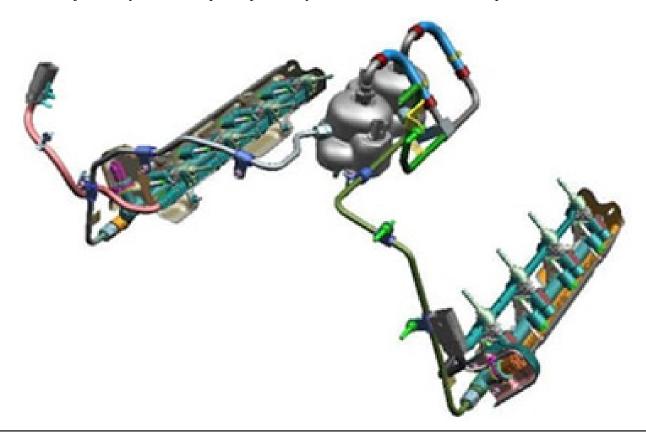
C7 - 2014-2019

The LS engine, phased out in 2014, made way for a new generation of LT engines. The Gen V LT1 (not to be confused with the other two LT1s from years past) was the base model engine through the entire C7 generation. This engine was the first to feature direct injection, a type of fuel injection that sprays fuel directly into the combustion chamber. This form requires a standard in-tank fuel pump to feed the system, in addition to a high-pressure mechanical pump that sends upward of 2,900 psi of fuel pressure into the injectors. Much like the mechanical fuel pumps of the old days, a lobe on the camshaft drives the high-pressure pump.



C8 - 2020-Present

Moving into the C8 generation, the base model engine became the LT2, an updated version of the LT1 from the C7, so the direct injection system remained in place. Next to debut was the LT6, an all-new naturally aspirated 5.5-liter V8 with a flat-plane crankshaft and double overhead camshafts. The LT6 is a wildly different concept, so the fuel system received a significant overhaul. General Motors engineered the direct injection system to feed from the "hot side" and increased fuel pressure to an operating range of 1,450 to 5,000 psi. The injectors are pointed upward instead of down toward the piston, like previous designs. The high-pressure fuel pump lives in the lifter valley, driven by a driveshaft with eccentric lobes, similar to a camshaft. The LT7 from the C8 ZR1 uses both a direct injection system and a port injection system to feed the 1,064-horsepower beast.



1963 Corvette Grand Sport On Display At Saratoga Automobile Museum

By Jonathan Lopez



Visitors to the Saratoga Automobile Museum in Saratoga Springs, New York, were recently treated to some of the rarest and most celebrated Corvettes ever built. In a special exhibit titled "Speed – Style – Legacy: The Corvette Story," the museum explored the heritage, technological advances, and motorsport achievements of America's sports car. One of the centerpiece vehicles was a 1963 Corvette Grand Sport, on loan from the Revs Institute in Naples, Florida.

The Grand Sport was conceived in the early 1960s as Chevrolet's counter to Carroll Shelby's Cobra, under the leadership of Corvette chief engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov. Compared to the production-spec Sting Ray, the Grand Sport was stripped down, shedding nearly 1,000 pounds, while up front, the team installed a high-output 377 cubic-inch aluminum V8 producing roughly 500 horsepower (earlier models were fitted with a less-powerful 327 V8, with the 377 fitted later).

The Grand Sport was originally expected to compete in GT World Championship racing, with plans to roll out a total of 125 examples in order to meet homologation requirements. However, GM's corporate ban on factory-backed racing forced the cancellation of the project, leaving just five cars completed.

Despite the setback, Duntov and his team refused to let the project fade away quietly. In 1963, three Grand Sports were secretly entered into the Nassau Speed Week in the Bahamas under privateer John Mecom. Equipped with the 377-cubic-inch aluminum V8 engines, the Grand Sports managed to deliver on their promise and went toe-to-toe with Shelby's Cobras, with drivers such as Roger Penske, Jim Hall, and Dick Thompson demonstrating the immense potential on tap.

Following Nassau, the five Grand Sports were campaigned by private teams across the U.S. at tracks including Sebring, Watkins Glen, and Bridgehampton. With only five ever built, the Grand Sport remains one of the most valuable Corvettes in existence. But beyond the obvious rarity, the Grand Sport also represents Duntov's vision for Corvette as a true international contender in the world of motorsport.



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