



Mid-Missouri Corvette Club

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Presidents Message

Fall is Here!

September is here, which means summer is officially behind us and a bunch of fun events are coming up. Eureka Springs is going to be a blast for those heading out—can't wait to hear all the stories.

Shoutout to everyone rolling in with brand-new cars... they look amazing! Congrats!

This month's meeting will be at Tommy and Starla's place. Looking forward to hanging out and catching up with all of you there!

See you at the Mallory's!

Best regards,

Chris Duncan

MMCC President



September Birthdays

Bill Chorce 1st Gary

Pauley 2nd Karen

Fischer 3rd Frank

DiBlasi 5th Jim

Dennis 14th Russell

Gibson 16th Tab

Powell 16th Mike

Lyman 18th Mike

Collins 19th

Cheryl Snodgrass 21st

Gary Findlay 22nd

Mike Lyon 23rd

Happy Birthday



Is the C8 Corvette a Sports Car or an Exotic Car?

The Corvette C8 is a massive step forward for America's sports car, with the majority of headlines focusing on the new mid-engine platform and proportions, both of which mark a major departure from the seven front-engine generations that came before it. Some C8 models sound quite exotic as well, including the C8 Z06, which can rev up to 8,600 rpm, all howling in a decidedly exotic manner along the way. Nevertheless, the question remains – is the C8 really considered an exotic?

As expected, there are good points to be made on both sides of the argument. For those that say it is an exotic, the mid-engine layout and proportions are a major factor. The high-revving 5.5L V8 LT6 gasoline engine cradled by the C8 Z06 is another good indication that the C8 is an exotic, with a flat-plane crank and other design attributes typically associated with European go-fast machinery. The performance is something to consider as well, with the C8 capable of challenging some of the fastest machines on the market, whether it's in a straight line, or in the corners.



Of course, there's also quite a few point to be made when it comes to arguing that the C8 isn't an exotic. For starters, some might say that anything made by Chevrolet isn't "exotic," given the Bow Tie brand is clearly GM's bread-and-butter. Indeed, the Corvette has always been a relatively accessible sports car, and as such, that disqualifies it from the exotic classification. The price is another factor of this – it has a five-figure MSRP, like the C8 Stingray, it isn't exotic, right?

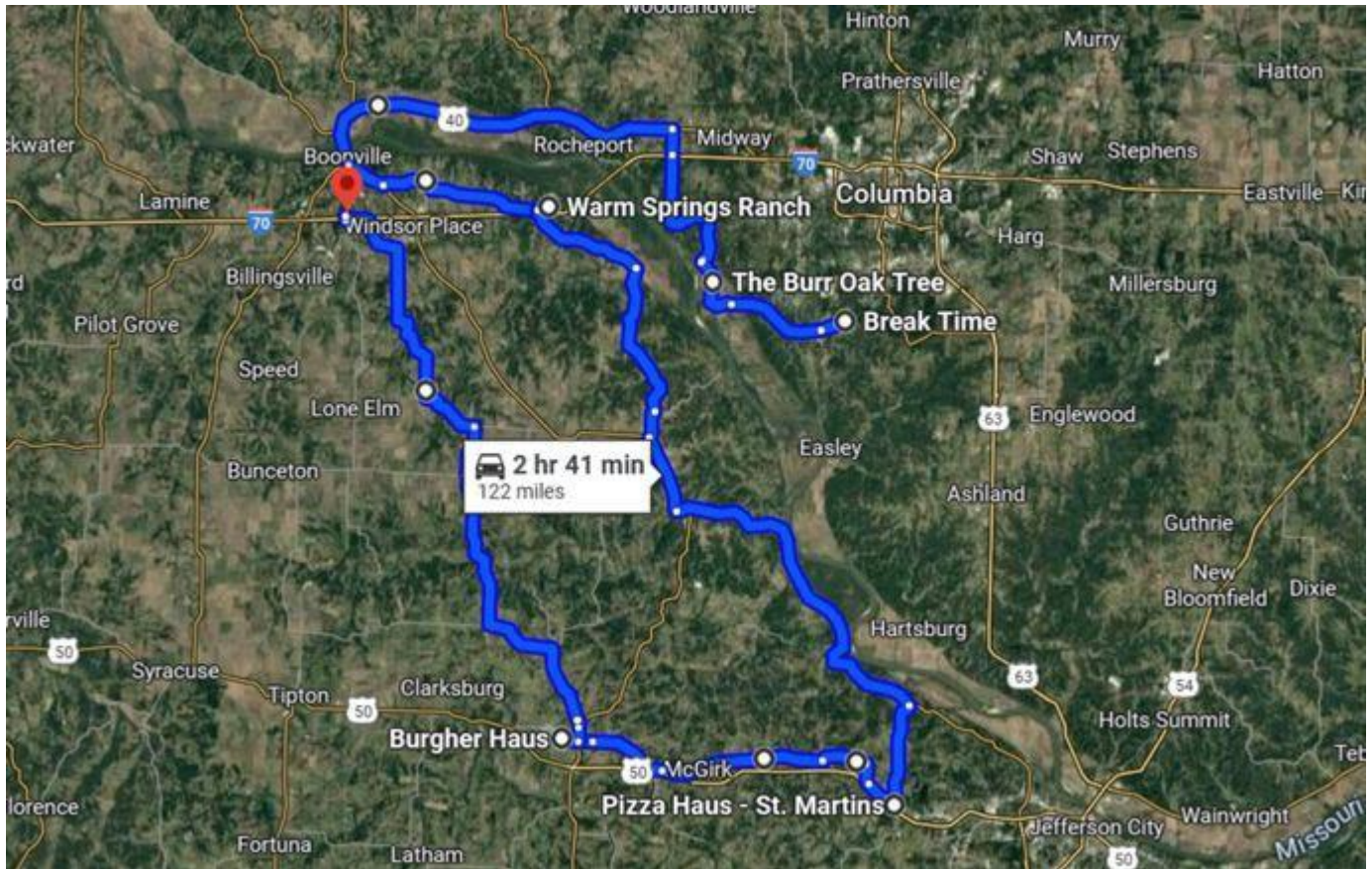
That all said, there are exceptions (there are always exceptions). The new C8 ZR1, for example, is expected to cost between \$175,000 and \$200,000 and can reach a top speed of 233 mph – definitely exotic territory by any measure. So perhaps the better answer is that some Corvette C8 trims are exotic, and other's aren't. Or maybe that's still totally off- base.

C-8 Corvette





2020 Lotus
Exotic Car



The September Cruise

The September Cruise is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025. Participants will meet at Break Time, located at 1505 W Route K in Columbia, at 8:30 a.m., with departure planned for 8:40 a.m. The first stop on the route will be at the iconic Burr Oak Tree. From there, the group will loop through Boonville, making a stop at Warm Springs Ranch to attend The Mane Event. The cost for this portion of the trip is \$30 per person, and attendees are responsible for making their own reservations. While at the Ranch, participants will have the opportunity to explore the grounds and watch demonstrations, with an expected stay of approximately 1.5 hours. Afterward, the group will travel to Pizza Haus in St. Martins for lunch, then continue on to Burger Haus in California to enjoy Central Dairy ice cream. The cruise will conclude at the Casey's in Boonville, located at 2450 Main Street, with an estimated arrival time of 3:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to RSVP online or you may also email or text Darren at dstls1993@gmail.com or 573-473-7506 by September 13, 2025, to confirm attendance. A group text will be created for all cruise participants. Please remember to bring your two-way radios for communication during the trip, which will cover a total distance of approximately 122 miles.

“Doc” Raymond Plue Welcomes MMCC Members to visit

Rotarians Encouraged to Visit PDG Raymond Plue



Past District Governor Raymond Plue has been in various facilities for several months because of his health, and this is pretty lonely for him. Sarah Read from Columbia Metro Rotary set up a sign-up program to encourage visitors. It's called Lotsa Helping Hands.

Raymond welcomes visitors!

Due to a series of medical incidents Raymond is now residing at the Neighborhoods by Tiger Place in Columbia MO and would welcome your visit. He would especially appreciate a walk outside. Although confined to a wheelchair, Raymond is still the lively conversation partner he has always been. Schedule a visit on the calendar. He looks forward to seeing you. You can also leave a message and we will be sure he hears it. Rather than individual replies, we will post updates that you can view here.

Hours for visiting

Raymond says the best times to visit are between 9 to 11am and 1 to 4pm. We added some visiting days to the calendar to make it easier to schedule (just click on a red dot and claim it by adding in your name which will change the calendar to the "needs met" gray dot. You are not limited to the days listed! If you want to visit another day just note that on the message board, or drop-in!

Sarah Read Shares Thanks and Advice From Raymond

I visited Ray today and he wanted me to share how much he has appreciated your visits. He wants everyone to know that right now he can't type and it is difficult for him to even hold his phone and so can't respond directly to messages or reach out. He enjoys hearing from you though and especially seeing you. He says to visit anytime, and if he is sleeping to wake him up. He also wanted to share this advice: Don't fall!

Ray really enjoys going outside. I was able to wheel him to a very nice outdoor bridge with benches that is surrounded by trees. So if the weather is nice and you are able to do that it is a good experience for him.



You can add comments on the well wishes page. You can also upload pictures of Raymond and share a memory. All will be shared with him.

You can choose to get notices daily, weekly or custom. You can unsubscribe or update your email preferences by clicking on the Unsubscribe button. You can even indicate what day and what time you want to receive notices.

Here is the link: <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/request/raymond-plue>



Lotsa Helping Hands
CREATE COMMUNITY



August Meeting Highlights

*Meeting was held at El Jimador Mexican Restaurant in Jefferson City

Meeting was attended by 36 members.

*The membership renewal cut-off date is August 31.

*The September meeting will have a report on membership renewals and lapses. Renewal income vs. Annual Budget.

September Cruise was announced. One important point, to tour Warm Springs Ranch, you must make your own tour reservation.

Corvette Cup details to be discussed at the September meeting.



September 21 Meeting 1PM

The Fabulous

PowerGlide Museum

13101 S. Joy Rd.

Ashland, Missouri

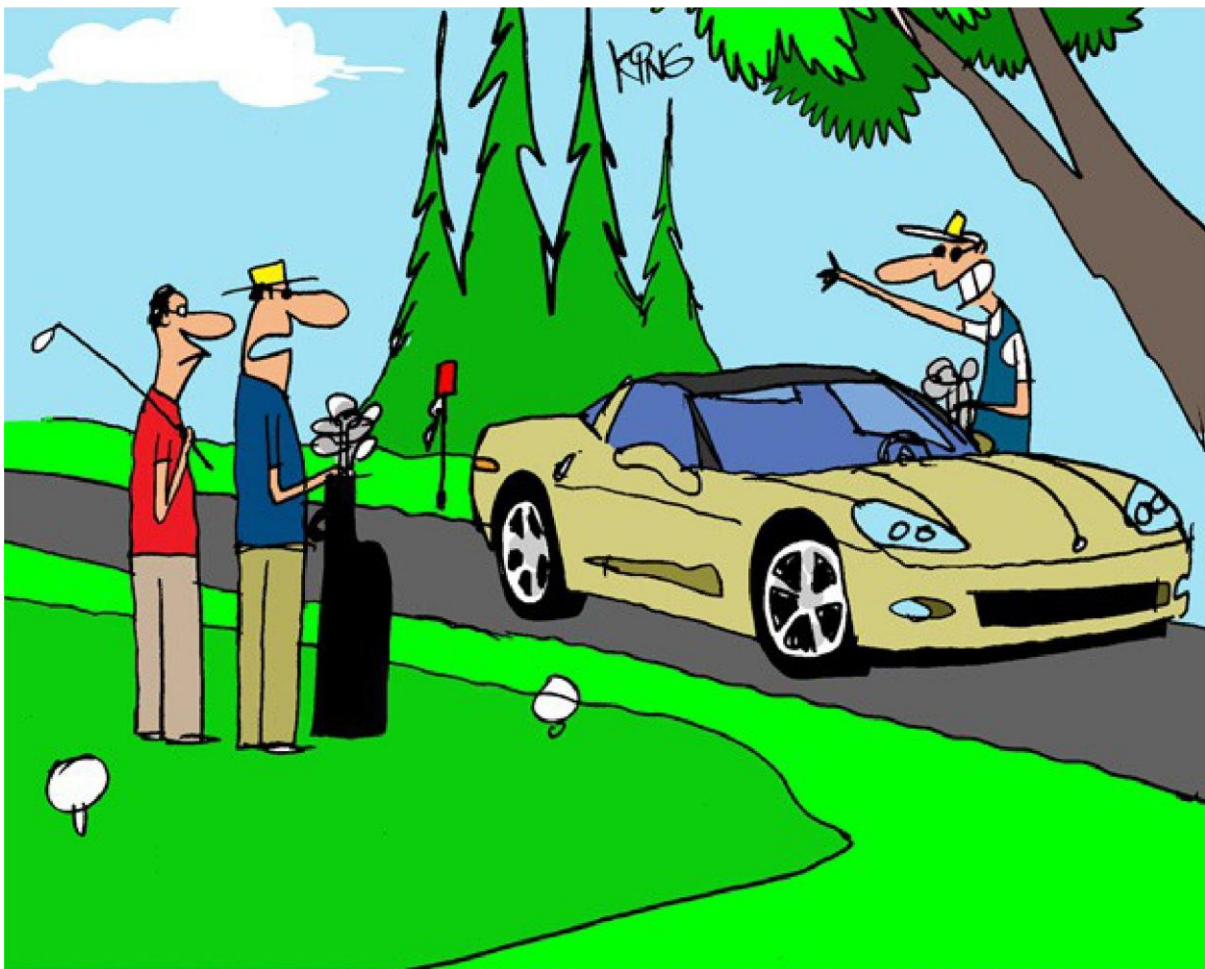




Good Food Good Time

\$10 each & bring a covered dish





*"I do,n't care h,ow much he enjoys driving it.
He can use a golf cart like the rest of ,us!"*



Upcoming Events in 2025

September 25-28

Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Club hotel: Travelers Inn 479-363-6863

Upcoming Club Meetings

September 21: PowerGlide Museum, Ashland, MO

October 19: Chris & Jayna Duncan's Home, New
Bloomfield, MO

December 7: Christmas Party, Madison, Missouri



***Corvette Club Dues are Due ***
\$30

Pay at meeting or send to:

**Don Martin
2207 Oak Cliff Dr.
Columbia, MO
65203**

If you have already paid the annual dues, pretend like you don't see this page!
Thanks.



August 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at El Jimador in Jefferson City. Chris opened the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Officer's present:

President Chris Duncan
Vice President Russell Gibson
Treasurer Don Martin
Secretary Teresa Stice

Our guest speaker, Howdy, discussed the Love Columbia Second Annual Howdy's Car Show. It occurs on October 4th at the Crossing Church. Pre-registration ends September 27th. All proceeds go to Love Columbia's transportation coaching program. They can be followed on Facebook @LoveColumbiaMO.

Chris turned the floor over to Russ Gibson to discuss the new website, midmissouricorvetteclub.com.

- Russ created a link on Facebook to create an app on your phone, whether iPhone or android, for the website.
- A page of QR codes was passed around that could be scanned to RSVP for club meetings and cruise, NCM raffle and to pay dues.
- Sponsorship flyers are available.
- There is now a D-Sports online store in the members only section until the end of September to purchase shirts and hats.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador's report:

Bob and Vickie Mallory

- There is a 1967 Corvette convertible raffle, with the opportunity to purchase eighteen tickets for \$25, plus 4 free tickets, since our club is a lifetime club member. The drawing will occur on December 15th.
- NCM representatives appreciated our new website and Russ's effort put into it.
- The club's brick is now covered up. The NCM can move the brick for \$360. Individual member bricks can be moved for \$75 if desired.
- Bob and Vickie will see if they can get Don Martin and Ron Salmon's new corvettes to be redelivered to the museum. This is also available to all members for \$500.



Corvette Cup

- Vickie mentioned that Steve Garrett will do a 20-minute podcast, help with announcing and handing out trophies at the Cup.
- It was recommended that those who want rooms at the Isle of Capri get reservations soon since other Corvette clubs are already reserving rooms, approximately 12 rooms are already reserved.
- A meeting of the Cup committee leaders will be scheduled soon.
- Those who would like to volunteer may sign up on the sheet today or let Bob Mallory or Russ Gibson know.

Chris handed out new club business cards with the club's information to hand out to potential members.

Cruises

- Teresa Stice discussed the past cruise on July 26th. Fifteen cars and 22 individuals participated in the cruise leaving from Columbia with a stop in Fulton at The National Churchill Museum. Members Sheila Gray, Mike Luebbert and Curt Cunningham shared information about the memorial. Lunch was at Cowans in Washington and frozen custard at Bob's Frozen Custard in Belle.
- Next cruise will occur on Saturday September 20th, arriving at 8:30 AM and leaving at 8:40 from the Breaktime at 1505 W Route K, Columbia. The route will include a stop at the Burr Oak tree, Warm Springs Ranch for the Mane event for approximately 1.5 hours exploring the grounds and observing demonstrations. It will cost \$30 per person, with each person making their own reservations. For those who want to forgo Warm Springs, they can meet us at the Cenex gas station at 179 & I-70 at approximately 11:30 but recommend arriving early.
- Lunch will be at the Pizza Haus in St. Martin and Central Dairy ice cream at the Burger Haus in California. The cruise will end at Break Time in Boonville, 2450 Main St, at approximately 3:30. A group text will be developed for those participating. Walkie-talkies are recommended. Trip distance will be 122 miles.
- A fall colors cruise is being planned for October 18th. Details to be announced later.

The September 21st meeting will be at Tommy and Starla Mallory's.

The October 19th meeting will take place at Chris and Jayna Duncan's.

There is no meeting in November.

December's Christmas meeting will be held at the Madison Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.



Monthly Quote:

“You know you’re getting old when
the candles cost more than the cake.”

Bob Hope

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