



High Desert Corvettes Newsletter

January

2019

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January 2019

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holiday with family and friends. We enjoyed our family time in SoCal along with visiting some friend's but are so glad to be living in Central Oregon. We saw C.O. had a white Christmas which was awesome.

Our club Christmas party at Aspen Lakes C.C. was enjoyed by all – the decorations, food and fun gift exchange, although we had a few people unable to attend due to illness. We hope they're feeling better and making some great plans for trips and adventures in 2019.

Reminder, E-Mail ballots will be sent out in January for club officer's nominations. If you feel like throwing your hat in the ring, we'd love it. There really is enjoyment in participation

We're a social club so we do our best to have fun, and know that there's always someone around to help, so never be shy about asking.

Check Marian's emails for upcoming outings, ie. Jan. social at Moose Sisters, a Chili cookoff, and our year end banquet in March, details TBD.

I hope to see you at our first meeting of 2019. It's at Pappy's Pizza in Redmond. Come and hear about the events that are planned for the new year and don't forget to bring your club officer's nominations.

*Happy New Year ~
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Nuevo*

G-Man, President

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it". – Swindoll

Don Ginter HDCC President



Activities

January 2019

- 8 HDCC meeting Pappy's Pizza Redmond. Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 **Vote on By-law changes**

January Anniversaries

- 17 Tim and Marlene Mangan
- 23 George and Barbara Bosy

January Birthdays

- 1 Janice Silence
- 7 Ken Kaster
- 8 Rick Kerfoot
- 8 Sonya Massey
- 11 Debbie Scherrer
- 17 Dee Ginter
- 18 Mark Sanderson
- 20 Rich Morton
- 23 Tim Krugh



Activities continued

January

- 19 Chili Cookoff to be held at the club-House across the street from the Schrank plantation. Need 5 people to Make chili.
- 30 Social night 6:00 at Moose Sisters Rest. Bend. Cascade Village Shopping Ctr. 2nd floor.

February

- 12 Pappy's Pizza Bend. Dinner 6:00 mtg 7:00 meeting
- 27 Social night in Bend 6:00 Okawa Steak And Sushi on 3rd street.

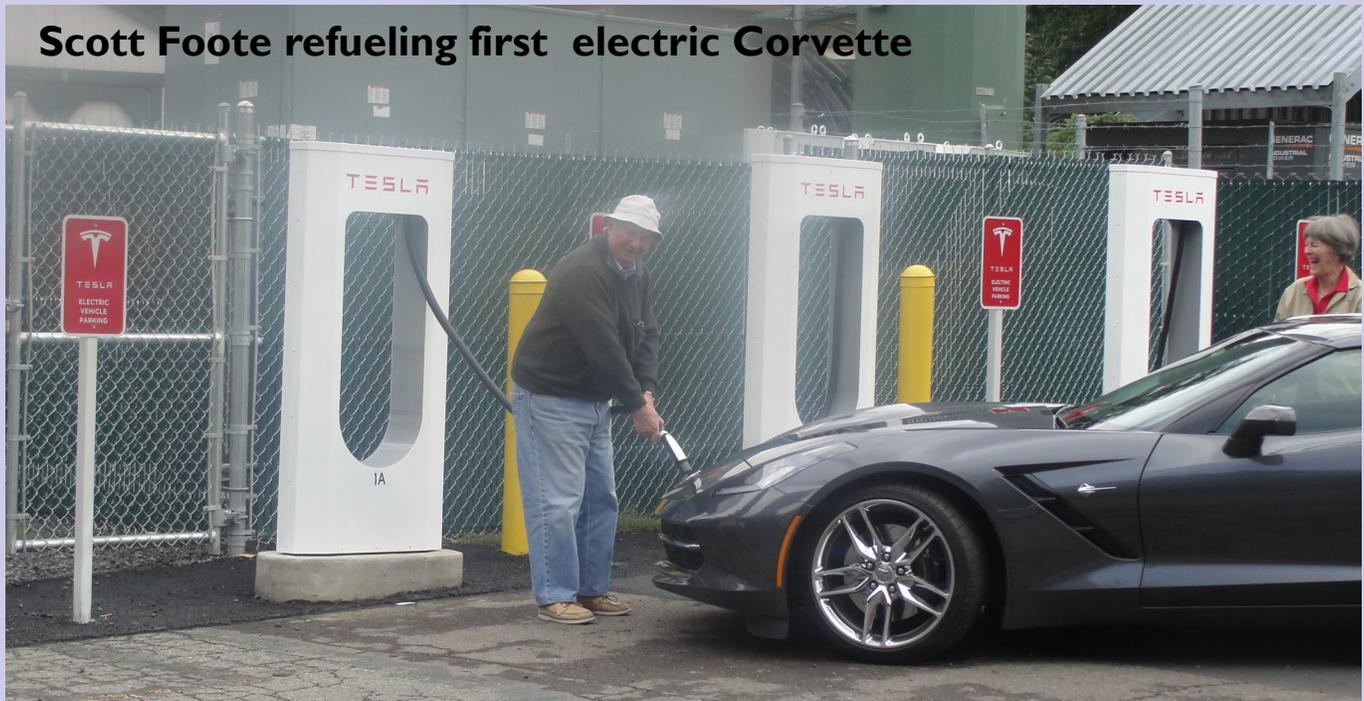
March

- 12 HDCC Business Mtg Pappy's Pizza Redmond.
- End of year banquet TBD

HDCC Officer and Chair Positions

- President – Don Ginter
- Vice President – Tom Gray Secretary – Dee Ginter
- Treasurer – Sande Burgess
- Sgt. at Arms – Rick Schladenhauffen
- Activities – Marian Schrank
- Membership – Terry Schladenhauffen
- Newsletter – John Burgess
- Photographers – D. Ginter & J. Burgess
- Publicity – Bob Jackson
- Website— John Burgess
- Sunshine – Barbara Bosy.
- Highway Clean up - Peewee Blackmore
- COHD Chair—Harry Bongers

Scott Foote refueling first electric Corvette





Mid Engine Monthly Update # 3: Arguments For/Against The C8 Reveal's Location/Time

Rumors about the 2020 mid engine (ME) Corvette C8 reveal have so far included: last August's year's Pebble Beach Concours, then October's Petit LeMans C7.R Race, then SEMA, then the Los Angeles Auto Show. These "predictions" were based on a very extensive pre-C7-reveal "**tease**" process that GM followed for the eventual 1.13.13 reveal of the C7 at NAIAS in Detroit. If you want to learn or re-live how that process unfolded, for perhaps it could be similar for the C8's reveal — though clearly in a later time period

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/115-the-me's-pre-reveal-orchestrated-tease-progress>

What if the mid engine C8 were to follow a very similar process, but be very time delayed. Or instead, might GM follow the Ford GT's, 2016 total-surprise, reveal process at next month's NAIAS? What are the arguments for a surprise reveal at Detroit literally those couple of weeks from now? 1) GM's headquarters Renaissance building is literally blocks away; 2) Detroit is the home of the "Big 3"; 3) The C5, C6 and C7 were all revealed in Detroit; and 4th) many Corvette folks are excited, want to see it soonest-possible.

However, NAIAS instead will be a major disappointment, with no reveal of the 2020 ME, based on a GM comment, that *nothing will be revealed At NAIAS; that GM is not even using its allotted 30 minute OEM press conference time there* (though revealing there the CT6, 3-row SUV the night before).

If not NAIAS, what follows Detroit as a potential C8 reveal location? The Chicago Auto Show starts on February 9th, Geneva Show on March 9th, and the New York Auto Show in mid-April.

Or, could GM "go contrary" and reveal the ME at the mid-January Barrett Jackson Auto Show? While tons of national TV, the GM insiders I have talked with, have been adamant that GM will use a venue to reveal the C8 that is *100% GM controlled*

Is Chicago a big enough show to reveal the 2020 mid engine Corvette? Highly unlikely, for it is too small a show; but might they bring there, to tease us by having there a couple nine (9) GM mid engine prototypes (mostly Corvettes) that GM has shown us over the last six decades? Here's highlights of the history of those ME



Mid Engine C8 update continued.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/15-9-mid-engine-corvette-prototypes-that-never-made-it-to-production>

Speaking of those, I am hearing that at the ME's reveal, perhaps also on the stage, GM might have two of those ME's, showing the ME Corvette is part of Corvette lineage.

Most expect around 500 HP for the C8 entry 2020 motor, with a similar TQ, but for it to have a new name, e.g., not be an LT1, but maybe an "LT2" — for while it will be an advanced version of the LT1, it be modified to reflect GM's engine enhancements learned in the six years since it was introduced — though be heavily LT1 based. Might just the motor be revealed at Chicago – as GM revealed the C7's motor prior to the car itself?

So if not the Chicago Auto Show for the 2020 C8 itself, what about Geneva or the New York Auto Shows? The Geneva Auto show is the world's most prestigious one. We remember the 2017 Grand Sport being revealed there, and last year, the Ferrari Pista. GM chose the U.A.E. to reveal the ZR1 last November, so maybe? However, most believe that this time GM will **not** go international for the C8's initial reveal, and that **the mid-April New York Auto Show is where we would first see it.**

Does the historical January 17, 1953 New York City Corvette Motorama reveal add to the sentiment of a NYC 2020 ME debut? BTW, I checked the Waldorf Astoria, site of the '53 Motorama, but it is closed for a massive remodel until 2021; however, could GM rent the Javitz Conference Center, the site of the NYAS, before the show starts, for a mega-location, private invitation reveal? And lest we forget, the New York Auto Show is the largest auto show in the country -- about 115 days from now.

Or how about a total outlier, have the 2020 ME Corvette's reveal be the night before the May 26th Indy 500 – for it is very probable that the 2020 Corvette will be the race's PACE CAR...

I can always be reached via my forum name "John" at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com

Thank you very much for reading. John Elegant

Thanks John for the update



THY CORVETTE

1. Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow Corvette owner.
2. Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress without offering aid.
3. Thou shalt not feed thy Corvette budget grade fuel.
4. Thou shalt treat thy Vette with respect; great power, great responsibility.
5. Thou shalt keep thy Corvette clean and waxed at all times, yet thou shalt not bring thy Corvette to an automatic car wash.

COMMANDMENTS

6. Thou shalt park thy Corvette in such a manner as to protect her tender fenders.
7. Thou shalt blow out carbon with a high speed run as required.
8. Thou shalt not cruise on an unpaved road.
9. Neither friend, nor foe, nor even thy spouse may drive thy Corvette without first showing proper reverence.
10. Each Vette is an individual work of art; judge not lest ye might be judged.





HDCC Christmas Party 2018



John Wayne's 1953 Corvette



Most everyone knows or at least have heard rumors that at some point the actor legend John Wayne owned a 1953 Corvette. There are conflicting stories but most point to the fact that it was a 1953 white-over-red convertible VIN E53F001051 and was number 51 off the production line. In that era it was common practice for automobile manufacturer's to give cars to celebrities for promotional purposes. This was the case for the 1953 given to John Wayne. It has been noted that anyone over six feet tall the 1953 Corvette was not a good fit. Wayne was appreciative of the car but being 6' 4" tall it was not a comfortable ride for him. Consequently he gave the car to fellow actor and close friend Ward Bond (Wagon Train). The history of the car from this point forward is vague. Latest information is that it is on display at the National Auto Museum in Reno. Let us know if you have additional details regard John Wayne's 1953 Vette.



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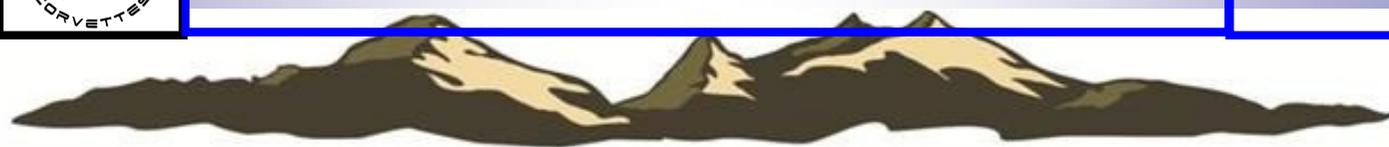
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