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Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

Spring is here so let's move on from all the snow to some showers that will make everything bloom. The moments of sunshine have been truly welcomed. Hopefully no one had ice dams, but I know quite a few did have trees and branches broken from all the snow. Fingers crossed it wasn't major.

The votes are in so read the minutes from our March meeting to see who your board and volunteer folks are. Some surprises, some not. I, for one, appreciate your votes to be president for another term. Thank you. I feel we have another good team. Come to the meetings and/or check out the activities and join us when you can. As always, we do our best to have fun. Remember, our COHD in 2020 is in the planning stages. We will need volunteers to make it a success, so look for future emails regarding the planning meetings. Thank you, all, for your support.

While the snow did keep us indoors most the time last month, the weather cleared enough for our EOY banquet on March 27th. We had a fine group of 31 at the Bend C.C. They served a delicious buffet with outstanding service. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Keep your eyes open for the Easter bunny this month. We're looking forward to enjoying tulips this month at the Tulip Festival. They'll be in full bloom.

Stay safe on the wet roads. It will be soon that our 'babies' will hit the pavement again.

G-Man, President

"Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken." – Oscar Wilde



April Anniversaries

April 1, Chris and Jessica Andersen

April 14, Soloman & Ruth Ann Cuddeback

April 15 Dave and Sandy Marlow

April 24 John and Sande Burgess

April Birthdays

April 2 Rick Schadenauffen

April 6 Marian Scharnak

April 7 Marna Parman

April 1 Michael Broadley

April 19 Gary Silence

April 20 Pat Welch.

Important April Information

April 1, National Sour Bread Day

April 2 national Peanut & Jelly Day

April 7 National Beer Drinking Day

April 14 National Gardening Day

April 15 National Eraser Day

April 16 National Bean Counter D

April 17 National Bat day huh?

April 30 National Bugs Bunny Day

Submitted by Dee Ginter

Activities

April

- 9 HDCC Bushiness Meeting Pappy's Pizza Bend, OF.
Dinner at 6:00 Meeting 7:00
- 13 Day road trip to Woodburn OR to Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm and Fest..Contact Marian for details
- 20 Wild Ride Brewing Classic Car Show Redmond.
Cars 1980 and older.
- 24 Social Night at Okawa Steak and Sushi Rest.
- 27 Wenatchie Valley 8th Annual all day "Nothing but Vettes" car show.

May

- 14 HDCC Business Meeting, Pappy's Pizza Redmond
Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00
- 26 Elk's Lodge Car Show 7 BBQ 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Pin up contest by Battlin Betties benefiting Battle Buddies of Central Oregon \$22.00 entry fee
- 24-26 Big Sky Meet Missoula MT
- 29 Highway Clean up 9:00 AM , Contact Peewee Blackmore for details.
- 29 Social Night El Caporal Family Mexican Rest.
- May 31-June 1 Corvettes on the Columbia
Registration form on HDCC website
HDCC Annual Camp out at Casey's RV Park in Oakridge OR. See Ann Scheaffer for details

June

- 11 HDCC Business Meeting Pappy's Pizza Bend
Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12-14 HDCC's Trip to Trout Lake Valley Inn.
Contact Ann Scheaffer if interested.
- 26 HDCC Social Night TBD

See HDCC website for additional events and registration.



Three Reasons the C8 Might be Delayed

Last Friday, [Hagerty](#) reported that it has dug up three reasons why the hotly anticipated [mid-engine Corvette](#) hasn't surfaced yet. They all point to the fact that Chevy's supercar killer simply isn't ready for prime time yet.

Reason number one is a rumor we've heard before. According to sources, the mid-engine Corvette isn't playing nice with a new electrical architecture. The report said every GM vehicle is moving to the new architecture to support 100 or more computer modules communicating with a CAN bus, or computer area network. Apparently, engineers have had many issues sorting out the bugs in the mid-engine Corvette and other unnamed models.

Secondly, sources shared with *Hagerty* that the aluminum spaceframe was prone to distortion under extreme duress. Apparently, one of the mid-engine C8 Corvette's engines was powerful enough to twist the rear of the car so much that it broke the glass hatch that covers the engine planted in the middle. The incident reportedly happened with a twin-turbocharged V-8 that made 900 to 1,000 horsepower. Engineers are likely working to beef up the spaceframe to ensure it's strong enough to withstand the forces exerted by all of the engines planned for the car.

The final reason, per the website, is somewhat vague. Sources shared that there's some sort of internal argument between designers and engineers, but it's unclear what it's about. Of course, designers work hard to make the Corvette a good-looking machine, while engineers do their best to push the performance envelope. What the two sides can't agree on is unknown, but it could be anything from an ergonomic issue inside the car or even an exterior component.

That leads to the biggest question: when will we see the car? *Hagerty* pegs the National Corvette Museum's 25th birthday celebration, which takes place in August, as a good guess. That falls in line with previous reports that the car would [debut this summer](#).

From Corvette on Line




HDCC Annual Dues

The annual HDCC dues are now payable. Please send payment
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If you are not renewing your membership please contact
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waltroi@yahoo.com to **avoid receiving unnecessary emails**

Mike and Judy McClean presented HDCC's donation to Central Oregon Veteran's Outreach (COVO). Pictured below is J.W. Terry COVO's executive director



I've seen better days,
but I've also seen worse.
I don't have everything that I want,
but I do have all I need. 
I woke up with some aches and pains,
but I woke up.
My life may not be perfect
but I am blessed.

- Lessons Learned In Life



The original mid-engine Corvette was a **boat**



In the mid-1990s, the team at [Malibu Boats](#) decided to inject some extra machismo into its ski-boat lineup. Considering the vessels' sleek looks and low-slung fiberglass construction, there was no better place to look for automotive inspiration than Corvette. Twice in the last 20 years, Malibu has opted for Corvette engine transplants and styling cues in order to provide the proper attitude adjustment.

The first run of 1997–98 Malibu Corvettes featured the squared-off styling of the C4, while the later 1999–2000 models switched to the oval lamps that mimicked the C5's look. A Callaway-sourced 383-cubic-inch "Super Natural" V-8 producing 400 horsepower provided ample thrust for water skiing, whereas gen-five lookalikes were eligible to receive a 375-hp version of the then-new LSI. There's no question that this boat wasn't meant to be competition for all-out performance machines from Donzi or Skater, but its top speed of 57 mph guaranteed that Bayliners and Sea Rays would be staring at those quad taillamps.

In 2008, Malibu revived the Corvette model, this time based upon the svelte lines of the C6. The basic "coupe" model provided ample thrust with another 400-hp 383-cu-in engine, and the Z06 upped the ante with the fire-breathing 7.0-liter LS7. This 505-hp mill was plucked directly from the aforementioned super-'Vette and installed nearly as-is into the Malibu, right down to high-lift camshaft and sodium-filled exhaust valves. It was rightfully displayed under a lexan cover in the back, a full year before Chevrolet started doing the same with the LS9 powered ZRI.

Submitted by Scott Foote thank you Scott!!!!

Mid Engine Monthly Update (by John Elegant)

A lot is happening in the C8 world, starting with this new to us interior C8 picture. For those concerned that it appears the interior is too small, if you can fit in the C7, you will be just fine in the C8.



Notice the “Stingray” emblem in the shot on the “waterfall.” Might the 2020 mid engine (ME) be again called a Stingray? If so does that confirm that the C7 is over at the end of this production year — for having two distinctly different Stingray models, an front engine and a mid engine version, seems to me to be an exercise in “Corvette confusion creation.” Is that a Stingray tail design in the seat back?

Latest artistry by renderer “Chazron”::





<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/23204-gm-has-told-us-that-the-mid-engine-c8-is-coming>

Great new video was taken of the C8 testing in the southwest fairly recently, including in the following two videos, we saw Tadge, Harlan, Alex MacDonald (Chief Corvette Performance Engineer), with even GM President Mark Reuss on this testing and development trip.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/27046-c8-corvette-caravan-video-captured-by-corvette-nut-were-there-7-8-or-9-of-them>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/28379-6-me-convoy-but-in-different-location-and-many-minutes-underway-footage-this-time>

Meanwhile we also recently have these 48 high resolution pictures.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/27264-major-c8-sighting-in-se-michigan-with-many-high-quality-pictures>

We also learned that the C8's rear turn signals are sequential, with at least a three LED progressively-narrowing-band to the turning side. Also, the C8's door mirrors have echoing turn signals.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/27599-led-door-turn-signal-indicator-shown-with-sequential-turn-signals>

Now to the one, most asked question, *when will be the 2020 ME be revealed?* We do not for sure know for positive, but a little birdie whispered to me that I should "re-read the original GM Authority article" (the one that said the C8's reveal would be a stand alone, GM event this summer). If so, the ME should be at Corvettes at Carlisle and at the end of August's National Corvette Caravan/25th NCM Anniversary event.

Another of Chazcron's skilled works:

Submitted by John
Elegant

Thanks John.



Year End Banquet Pictures





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