



# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

May 2019

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## PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

Ready, set, go (almost) - the snow is gone and waiting for the cinders to be picked up, then look out, HDCC will be back on the highway's and by-ways again. The club had a great week-end at the Tulip farms / Oregon Garden Resort including the social at Okawa's last month. In looking at the calendar of events this year our Activities Chair person has an action-packed year. I'm looking forward to some new and exciting places. Remember to mark your calendars for the highway clean up on Hwy 126 @ Eagle Crest on May 29<sup>th</sup>, as we can always use a couple more "Picker Uppers".

**NEWSFLASH:** This month's meeting will be at Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant, 1302 S. Hwy. 97, Redmond, 541-923-7426. Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7pm. I would like to hear any comments about this meeting location. Hope to see you there.

Happy Mother's Day! Happy Memorial Day!

G-Man, President

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read." - Groucho Marx



### May Anniversaries

*May 30 Ken & LeeAnn Kaster*

### May Birthdays

*May 5 Jeannine Crowther*

*May 8 Jan Carkhuff*

*May 18 Teri Burke*

*May 20 Tom Gray*

### **Important Days in May**

May 1 International Labor

May 5 World Laughter Day

May 7 World Asthma Day

May 8 Red Cross Day

May 12 **Mothers Day**

May 12 Nurses Day

May 15 Family Day

May 17 Telecom Day

May 18 World AIDS Vaccine  
Day

May 31 Anti Tobacco Day

Submitted by Mary Poppins

## **Activities**

### **May**

- 14 HDCC Business Meeting, Mazatlan Mexican Rest  
1302 S. HWY 97 Redmond. OR Dinner 6:00  
Meeting start 7:00 PM
- 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
- 27 Hemmings Motor News Great Race  
Bend, Down Town 5-8 PM
- 29 Hot Rods & Gourmet Hot Dogs Aspen Ridge  
Retirement Center 10:00 –1:00 PM

### **July**

- 4 Rally On the Runway Sisters Airport 7-12 noon
- 13 WAAM Traffic Jam Hood River Airport  
Vintage cars and Aircraft
- 12-14 SOCA Corvette weekend Grants {adss
- 17—20 Vette Fest Boise ID



**Gay Jackson won the April 50/50 Jackpot**

See Gay for low interest loans!!



**Dean and Sandi Cowell Presented a \$500.00 Check to the Central Oregon Council on Aging as part of HDCC's annual giving**



**Suzanne Maitland Sawyer and Sande Burgess presented a \$500.00 check to Saving Grace as part of HDCC's annual giving**

**Pictured below is the 8th generation  
Corvette Logo**



1ST GENERATION



4TH GENERATION  
1984



5TH GENERATION  
1997



6TH GENERATION  
2005



7TH GENERATION  
2014

## The new Corvette C8 makes its debut July 18, 2019, and will go on sale by the end of the year.

This first Corvette C8 model we will see in July is the base Corvette Stingray, which will kick off the lineup. Initially, the C8 will use an upgraded version of the current car's pushrod 6.2-liter V-8, which we suspect will be upgraded to produce somewhere around 500 horsepower. The engine will also be renamed LT2 to reflect its new location in the car. [A dual-clutch seven-speed automatic gearbox supplied from Tremec](#) is slated to be the only transmission choice—unfortunate news for #savethemanuals diehards like us.

Multiple high-performance variants are set to follow in quick succession, including Z06, ZR1, and a range-topping hybrid that may use the Zora name. The current thinking is that the Z06 will have a DOHC 5.5-liter V-8 with a flat-plane crankshaft, while the ZR1 will add twin turbochargers to that engine, and the Zora will get the twin-turbo V-8 *and* an electric motor in the front axle to cement its place as the most powerful Corvette, with a combined power rating that could approach 1000 horsepower.

We hear Chevrolet will hold the line on pricing for the 2020 Corvette, despite its monumental philosophical shift and abundance of new technology. Expect the new Corvette to cost around \$62,000 to start, an increase of around \$5000 compared with the C7 Stingray's starting price of \$56,995. There's no official on-sale date yet, but given that Chevrolet is already rolling out a ["Next-Generation Corvette" page](#) on its consumer website, we feel certain that the order books will open by the end of 2019 at the latest.

## 1969 Corvette Sports Wagon For Sale





## C8 Mid-Engine Up Date

Here is a thread with lots of info and *many* more pictures of that April 11<sup>th</sup> reveal announcement.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/32028-official-c8-july-18th-reveal-announced-by-gm>

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Other news/info: Linked is a fun video of a 1,000+ mile testing and development trip, with the video, if nothing else, showing that GM President Reuss was on at least part of the trip. Other video's on MECF forum show that additionally Tadge Juechter, Harlan Charles, and Alex MacDonald (Chief Corvette Performance Engineer) were on this trip through parts of the southwest, including the mountains just east of San Diego. Taking the very top members of the Corvette team on a long trip close to the end of the testing and development process, echoes exactly what GM did earlier for both the C6's and the C7's development, e.g., the 2020 Corvette is coming this year. Thanks To George Kenner, who was coincidentally just leaving a fast food restaurant after a late lunch near Yuma, AZ, and saw/videoed this ending part of the caravan.

Most excitedly we learned, majorly leaked, and believed-to-accurate, a set of about half of the C8's specs; they were found on a Canadian dealership's WorkBench Connect GM ordering software system. Here are the leaked C8 specs; want to get a start on building your C8?



Most surprising was that the transmission would be an *eight* speed DCT (dual clutch transmission), not the seven speed we thought, and no surprise, no other transmission is listed in the transmission section of the alleged specs. The only motor was listed was a **LT2**, with the following descriptors: “8 Cyl, 6.2L, DI, VVT, AFM, HO, Alum.”

The below-linked specs confirm that for the first time, consistent with GM’s earlier statement about the new BGA paint shop’s capabilities that the 2020 Corvette will come in twelve colors (nine of them 2019 carryovers, three brand new ones). Here are just two of the seven C8 specification detail threads (with others specifically six seatbelt colors, the four caliper colors, its 6 wheel choices, etc.

12 Exterior Colors: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/30326-me-exterior-colors>

6 Interior Colors:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/30330-six-me-interior-colors>



**Thanks to John Elegant for his C8 update**

## Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm

Fourteen HDCC members traveled to the Wooden Shoe Tulip farm in Wilsonville, OR. The weather was cold and rainy but the visit was enjoyable. We left the farm and drove to a pub in Mt Angle to thaw out. We then drove to our lodging point, the Oregon Gardens and continued the thawing process. This was followed by an excellent dinner in a private room. Many thanks to Marian and Stan for organizing the trip.





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