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Newsletter

June 2019

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## PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

June 2019

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May was a fun-filled month. Our meeting place at Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant was well received. We'll consider that for future meetings. The Corvette-Porsche Car show in Sisters was very successful. We had 30 cars (15 of each) with many visitors viewing these fine pieces of machinery. The Corvette winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bill Scherer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Todd Layport and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rich Morton

The Battle Buddies car show had a slow start with the overnight downpour and very cloudy morning, but many attended this show which supplies support dogs to veterans.

This same Memorial weekend a group went to Casey's for a fun-filled campout (ok, RV's).

We ended the month with our semi-annual highway cleanup and celebrated our social at El Caporal in Bend on the same day. Always fun gatherings.

June is shaping up to be another busy month. We have the Trout Lake trip which is always a blast, and then the WVCA event in Salem. And new to this area is the Great Race which will be coming through Bend the evening of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Try not to miss this event as our very own Tim and Marlene Mangan will be a part of this huge event. There will be many great vehicles, old and new, to see.

Happy Father's Day! Happy Flag Day!

G-Man, President

"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

... Ralph Waldo Ginter

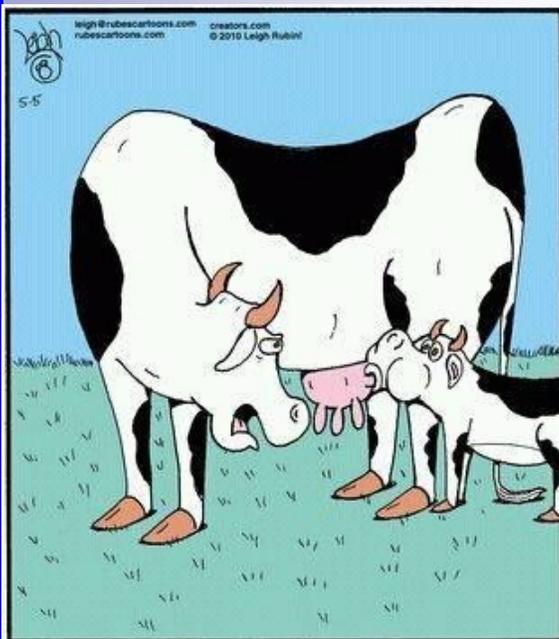


## June Anniversaries

- 6/7 Harry & Ingrid Bongers
- 6/10 Bob & Gay Jackson
- 6/11 Peewee & Hazel Blackmore
- 6/19 Don & Joyce Agosto

## June Birthdays

- 6/1 Joan McDonnell
- 6/1 Jon Wren
- 6/3 Roiann Santos
- 6/16 Bev Rodrigues
- 6/18 Marge Matthews
- 6/22 Sandi Cowell
- 6/23 Mike McClean
- 6/26 John Burgess



"For the last time, Junior, stop blowing milk bubbles! ... You're giving me gas!"

## Activities

### 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 Box Wood Kithche at the  
Box Wood Kitchen at the Old Mill
- 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
- 9 HDCC Business Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant
- 13 WAAM Traffic Jam Hood River Airport  
Vintage cars and Aircraft
- 12-14 SOCA Corvette weekend Grants {adss  
17—20 Vette Fest Boise ID
- 31 Social Night 6:00 at the Olive Garden Bend

### August

- 1-2 Trip to Coast. See Marian for details
- 13 HDCC Pappy's Pizza Bend Business Meeting  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Bus Mtg 7:00 PM
- 21-22 Wine tour to Willamette Valley Vineyards  
Check with Sande Burgess to sign up and  
Details.

Check the HDCC website to see all activities.



## CAR CRAZY TIPS

Washing with a two bucket system. One with a mild soap and another with clear rinse water. Both should have a dirt trap at the bottom of each. Chemical Guys have Cyclone Dirt Trap which works well. If you go to their website <https://www.chemicalguys.com/blogarticle?cid=blog-two-bucket-method> it will demo their scratch free system using the two bucket system.

Drying your car can be made easier if after washing and rinsing the car you take you garden hose and crimp it with about half or less of the water now coming out and pouring it over the rinsed vehicle. You will find if your car has a good shine on it this method of pouring a small amount of water over the rinsed car will remove a lot of the water which was left on the car after you rinsed making it easier to dry. Using a Meguiar's Water Magnet Drying Towel or a like towel will make the drying process easier. They also have similar like drying towels at Walmart located in their auto section. Read the directions as they are to be put back into their containers moist and not squeezed dry. They last will you a long time.

From Crazy Car Guy

### Trinity Lutheran Church & School

#### 2019 Classic Car Show

Dean Cowell won First Place in the category of Corvette 1971 to Current. Accepting the trophy along with Dean was his Mom.





## Liberace's 1982 Barrister Corvette

This custom Corvette was built by George Barris and was sold at the Bonham's Tupulo Auction for \$51,520.00. Barris is said to have built 16 Barresters Corvettes. James Cann, Bo Derek and Sammy Davis Jr are said to have owned one.

The Barrister, which Barris referred to as "a 1930s-style modern sports car," began its life as a [1982 Chevrolet Corvette](#). After Barris lengthened the frame, he added a long hood, gold radiator shell, the headlights from a Ford Granada, faux side-exhaust pipes, v-windscreen, and fastback humps behind the driver and passenger headrests. The interior features velour, tufted bucket seats, wood trim, and a candelabra between the seats, a tribute to its supposed previous owner. Under the hood is a 350-cubic-inch OHV V-8 engine with Cross-Fire fuel injection, which generates about 200 horsepower. The car has a four-speed 700-R4 automatic transmission, four-wheel independent suspension, and four-wheel hydraulic ventilated disc brakes.

## HDCC Highway Clean up

Nine HDCC members attended the May 29 highway clean up. As you know, HDCC has volunteer to maintain the mile of highway near the exit to Eagle Crest Resort. We have been doing this for a number of years.

Thanks to Peewee Blackmore for organizing this effort as well as providing refreshments.





## **E 15 Ethanol is coming. Here's what you need to know!!**

Owners of collector cars, or any vehicle built before 2001, beware: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing a rule approving the sale of E15 gasoline year-round, so use extra care when gassing up this summer.

In the United States, ninety-eight percent of gasoline sold already contains some amount of ethanol. Cars produced in the past two decades or so generally have no problem burning the common E10 blend, which contains 10 percent ethanol. Some stations have offered E15, which bumps the amount of ethanol to 15 percent, since 2005, but the EPA had previously banned its sale during the summer amid concerns that it contributed to the creation of smog. The EPA is poised to rescind the ban and make E15 available throughout the year under a rule it could finalize by June 1.

The change won't happen overnight, and you'll still be able to get E10. Still, motorists will want to be mindful when filling up. Not all cars can handle the higher concentration of ethanol, which can gum up fuel systems and cause corrosion in cars that haven't been designed to burn it.

The good news for new-car buyers is that the number of cars approved for E15 has increased for 2019, according to the Renewable Fuels Association, which represents ethanol producers. Among the holdouts are BMW, Lamborghini, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Mazda and Volvo. Oddly, the BMW-made Mini is approved for 2019. A few Mercedes models are available as Flex-Fuel models, which can use up to E85.

When in doubt about a new or late-model car, call the brand's customer assistance center, if one is provided. The holdouts will inevitably need to approve E15.

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Ethanol is a simple alcohol that, when added to gasoline, acts as an oxygenate. Federal regulations have mandated ethanol-blended gasoline to reduce carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon, and particulate emissions while increasing the use of renewable fuels. It's a topic that can spark heated debate, so we're not delving into the economic, environmental, and political machinations

. Yet, even if the ethanol had not been mandated, fuel producers would still use it because it is a cheap, and safe, octane booster. Pure ethanol has an octane rating of 130.

The EPA has approved E15 for use in cars built since 2001, but automakers, do not necessarily agree that the older cars should use it. Owners of collector cars, though, should avoid using E15 in any vehicle that hasn't been modified to handle it.

There's no need to panic, but you'll want to be vigilant. If you own a car built since 2012, check the owner's manual to see if you can use E15. If the manual doesn't specifically say it's OK, avoid using it.

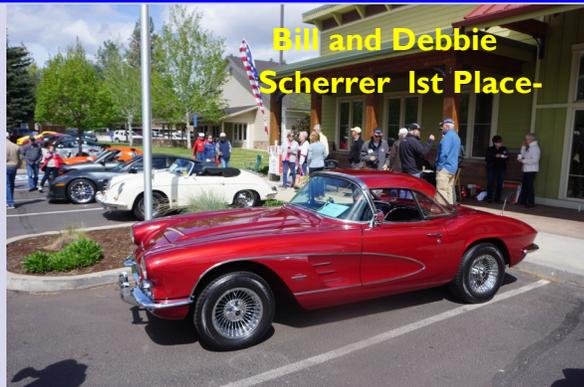
Any gas pumps dispensing ethanol should have a sticker affixed that explicitly identifies the ethanol content of the gasoline. If you don't see it, ask a gas station employee. If you live in New Jersey and many parts of Oregon, where attendants do the pumping, make sure they use the right one.

Using gasoline with a higher concentration of ethanol than the automaker recommends could damage metal and plastic parts. This is especially true in older cars, which can experience other problems associated with burning alcohol. Ethanol absorbs moisture more easily than gasoline, which can cause corrosion problems in fuel tanks and gum up filters and carburetors. It also can dissolve rust in the fuel tank, which could then find its way into the fuel system.

Owners can avoid problems by install ethanol-compatible fuel lines, fittings, filters, and other parts. For winter storage, use only ethanol-compatible gas-storage additives.

If you want to avoid ethanol altogether, look for small vendors that sell pure gasoline. You can usually find them at or near marinas, drag strips and small airports. Check [pure-gas.org](http://pure-gas.org) for user-updated lists of such places in the U.S. and Canada. That said, these smaller vendors are getting harder to find (and tend to charge much more), so call ahead before driving to one.

**From Hagerty News Letter**



**Bill and Debbie  
Scherrer 1st Place-**

## Corvette—Porsche Car Show

The first Corvette/Porsche car show was held May 18 at the Sisters City Hall. There were 15 Corvettes and 15 Porsche on display. Thanks to the G Man for putting the event together and the Porsche Club members for their participation.



**Todd Layport 2nd Place**



**Rich Morton 3rd Place**





Battle Buddies Car Show  
No information if anyone  
From HDCC won Prizes  
There was a pinup contest  
As part of the show.



## MidEngineMonthly Update: Lots C8 Has Been Happening Late-ly (John Elegant)

Thank you NCM Bash for being the location for much of it. Interestingly while Bash registration was lagging a few months before the event at around the 800 folks, once the whisperings grew to a crescendo that there could well be some C8 info, Bash pre-registrations climbed to 1,250 registrants the week before it started. Typical of NCM, it was an extremely well run event. Also available for purchase were limited BGA Plant Tours — which nicely including a ten minute stop staring through large windows at a camo'd C8 about eight feet away. Most memorably as far as C8's and the event was this picture of a C8 driving by at slow speed around the new circle. Of course driver Jon Andrews, BGA's Body Shop Launch Manager, goosing the throttle a few times, added to the crowd's reaction — as did his brisk acceleration down the exit road as we heard its DCT progressively accelerate through its gears in fractions of a second.



For seeing many more of Craig's pictures, and also three videos of that drive-around (thanks to CorvetteBlogger, NCM and Spring Mountain), all are within this link:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/34100-c8-visits-ncm-bash-via-extensive-hr-pictures-and-videos>

How many "official GM C8 info releases" have there already been? Guess it was 5? Or was it 8? How about as of the day this was written, GM has actually shared C8 information on 13 different occasion. All are detailed here:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/34833-official-gm-c8-pre-reveal-teaser-timeline-and-events>



We surprisingly learned a moderate amount C8 info at the "Tadge, Harlan and Kirk Bash Presentation" (and subsequent events). Some was reaffirmation of info that was leaked earlier, such as the C8's emblem and the IP's start up animation, but some was nicely new to hear. Most importantly to many, was that the C8 will definitively be a C8 the end of August's National Corvette Caravan/25th Anniversary Celebration (August 28-31st). There will also be there a GM pop-up tent, a **"build your C8"** digital kiosk, and the typical 40+ GM staff to share its specs, do walk-arounds, answer your 1:1 questions and more — and probably some displayed there some options we might choose from, such as the different seats and maybe wheels. And while not officially confirmed, in response to a question posed to Harlan as to whether the C8 would be at Corvettes At Carlisle, Harlan stated, "Lance will be happy," (e.g., Lance Miller, CaC's principal).

Here is the first official GM pre-reveal C8 teaser video:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/34339-1st-official-c8-teaser-video-is-here>

In it, the following teaser screen print (thanks/credit as found by "Corvette\_Nut") which in its original form was partially occluded by a large date overlay, but thanks to renderer *fvs*, here it is unblocked. Is it one of the original GM C8 design sketches?

Here is a link to a recent video showing a C8 accelerating; even get to listen to its exhaust.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/36572-video-of-c8-corvette-acceleration-on-a-detroit-highway>

We are seeing more new wheel version pictures, and recent saw that unlike the C5/6/7, the "A" pillar will be body colored. Now + 750 threads, about 600 spy pictures/renderings, and over 60 C8 videos at: [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com). Thank you very much. John

Thanks John for providing the latest C8 update.





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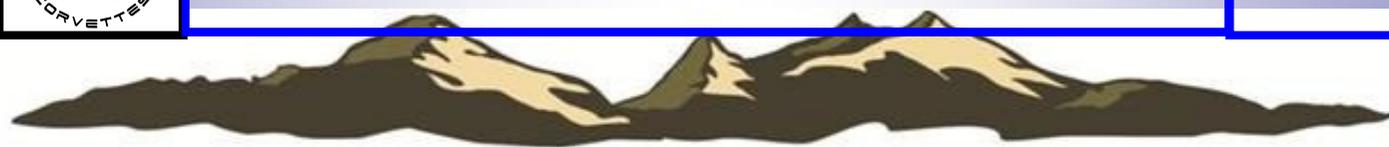
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