



# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

August 2019

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## PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

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President's Pondering II

Why don't we have time to work? My guess is that we are a SOCIAL club and loads of activities to attend, like cars shows and rallies. In line with that, we are planning our COHD event at Eagle Crest for next year. As always, any suggestions you may have for our new "Carnival" theme, would be greatly appreciate. Come to the planning meetings and share your thoughts (as of August, they will be at 6:00 pm, just before the HDCC monthly meeting).

July was a very busy month with the Sisters 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade - 12 cars and one big winner of the 50/50 \$\$ = Stan Schrank.

Our travels to "Vette Fest" in Boise, Id, consisted of 11 cars, 7 of which caravanned over together (look for a unique club photo on Facebook). You had to be there. It was a great adventure with lots of activities = the lunch ride with 63 cars was an experience as you can imagine, Auto Cross = awesome job by Todd Layport, along with the drags where we again cheered Todd. We all had an uneventful trip home.

All these activities keep our social club busy, plus comradery with other clubs. Keep your eyes on our website for current activities.

G-Man, President

**"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."**

**Anthony Robbins**



Don Ginter

HDCC President



## August Anniversaries

- 8/7 Mark and Leslie Brodeur
- 8/15 Bob & Pat Welch
- 8/17 Bill & Annie Scheaffer
- 8/17 Bill & Debbie Scherrer

## August Birthdays

- 8/2 Suzanne Sawyer
- 8/3 Debbie Fuller
- 8/3 Henry McDonnell
- 8/13 Judy McClean
- 8/14 Bill Scherrer
- 8/15 Caroline Fournier
- 8/27 Tim Mangan
- 8/29 Hazel Blackmore
- 8/29 Dean Cowell
- 8/29 Melinda Linss

Gay Jackson won the drawing for a Great Race T. Shirt



Walt Santos won the 50/50 drawing for \$75.00



# Activities

## August

- 1-2 Trip to Coast. See Marian for details
- 10 Salute to Veteran's Car & Motorcycle Show
- 13 HDCC & COHD Pappy's Pizza Bend Business 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.
- 23-24 Airshow of the Cascades, Madras Airport
- 28 HDCC Social night Brasada Ranch House Restaurant. 6:00 PM

## September

- 4-6 President's Mystery Tour. See G-Man for details
- 10 HDCC & COHD Business Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant.
- 20-21 Cascade Car Show Deschutes County Expo. Center
- 25 HDCC Social night Pronghorn Trailhead Grill 6:00 PM





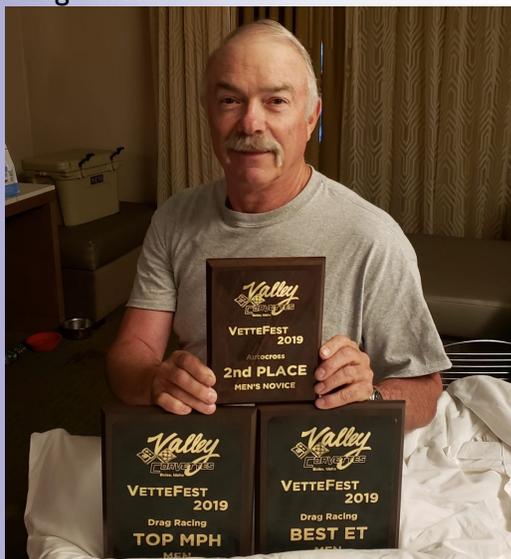
## CAR CRAZY TIPS

After the use of a clay bar on your car you might wash and rinse the entire car to make sure you now have a clean surface to apply a mid-rubbing compound to the clear coat. This will remove all of the swirl and scratch marks on the car. The best set up for this is the 3M combo kit. <https://www.runern.com/3m-compound---perfect-it-16oz-buffing-polishing> This kit has everything you need to remove marks on your car. Go through the three step process to ensure a smooth clean scratch free paint surface. Normally it is best to use a buffer however it can be applied by hand.

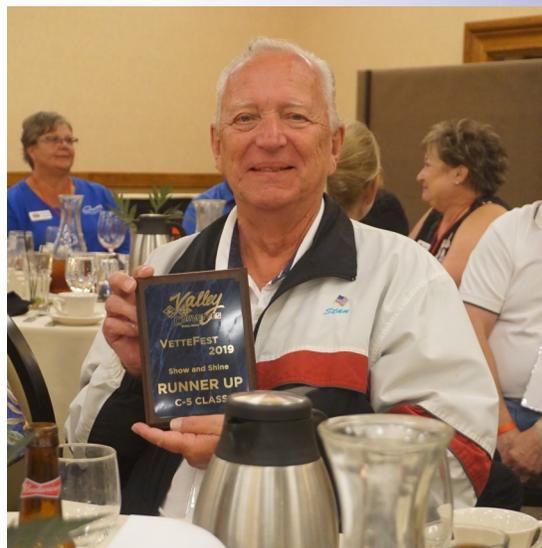
Car Tips from Crazy Car Guy.

## Vette Fest Winners-Boise, Idaho

Todd Layport won in the auto cross and had best time and speed in the drag races.



Stan Schrank won 2nd place for best C5.





# GM Explains How It Kept The 2020 Chevy Corvette Under \$60,000

### A “portfolio” of Corvette models will help spread out costs.

One of the greatest mysteries surrounding the [2020 Chevy Corvette](#) is how, exactly, General Motors was able to keep its [starting price under \\$60,000](#). The current C7 Corvette Stingray, this generation’s entry-level offering with 455 horsepower (339 kilowatts), starts at \$55,900. And yet, according to GM, the C8’s starting price could be within a stone’s throw of the C7. [Motor Authority](#), also curious about the mental mathematics needed to justify the low starting price, asked GM how it kept the price so low.

### Get Up To Speed On The C8 Corvette:

[Got Time? See The 2020 Chevy Corvette C8 In 24 Videos](#)

[2020 Chevrolet C8 Corvette Unveiled As Mid-Engine Rocket](#)

[C8 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Previewed At End Of Reveal](#)

[What Do Current Corvette Owners Think Of The New C8 Stingray?](#)

General Motors president Mark Reuss told the publication the automaker would spread out the C8 Corvette’s cost over an expanded future lineup. Just like the C7, the C8 will have a “portfolio” of models. The new 2020 Corvette Stingray is just the beginning. [Rumors of a hybrid and plug-in model are already swirling online](#). And there are rumors [GM could expand the Corvette model into a brand](#) with a sedan, SUV, and Corvette-based Cadillac offering. That’d be one way to spread development costs. Reuss also pointed to GM’s new Global B electrical platform as another reason for the price.

Corvette Chief Engineer and Vehicle Line Manager Tadge Juechter attributed the C8’s remarkably low starting price to GM’s economy of scale, which allows the automaker to provide a lot of content in the vehicle without having customers pay for extras. Being part of a larger company has its benefits, according to Juechter.



## Corvette SUV

In [a recent interview with \*Automotive News\*](#), iconoclastic auto-industry figure and former General Motors vice chairman Bob Lutz was asked about a number of topics, including a Corvette SUV.

[If I were still at GM], what I would do is develop a dedicated architecture, super lightweight, super powerful, Porsche Cayenne-like, only much better and a little bigger, medium-volume Corvette SUV. Target worldwide 20,000 to 30,000 units, and price it starting at \$100,000. Gorgeous interior. No V-6 powertrain. No low-end version. It has to be the stellar premium sport-utility made in the United States, and the Corvette brand could pull that off."

Now, we don't have any reason to think that a Corvette SUV is something that Chevy is even considering, and neither does Bob Lutz, seemingly. But what he said got us thinking: What if Chevy actually *did* make a Corvette SUV? It's not such a preposterous idea even if there's no basis for it, and we also think it's a no-brainer for Chevy to expand the Corvette brand beyond just the titular model.

While we do like Lutz's idea of an expensive Corvette SUV with no low-end version, we think it's a bit unrealistic. To better compete with the Cayenne, an entry-level Corvette SUV should have a starting price point of around \$70,000 and a twin-turbo V-6. But it would need at least a couple different V-8 engine options, and there would have to be high-performance variants. Chevy could easily position a Corvette SUV as the sportiest and most road-oriented of all the high-end SUVs, which would set it apart from the competition.

The only thing left for us to imagine is the name. Would it be Corvette Activ? Corvette Xtreme? Corvette TourX? Corvette Bison? Corvette Trail Boss? Corvette High Country? Corvette Z71? Corvette Trans Sport? GM has so many good off-road-y names to choose from.

This article was taken from the MSN.com feed and was condensed somewhat.

## Vette Fest Boise Idaho

Nine HDCC cars left Wednesday for the Vette Fest. Due to reports of the “chip and seal” paving on highway twenty the group chose to go via Prineville, Mitchell and John Day to avoid the potential damage to the cars caused by “chip and seal”. It was great weather and good roads all the way until we met up with an OSP officer. From what I understand this is a first for HDCC. A nosy neighbor came out to take a picture which was posted on the OSP Facebook page. Since Sande is a follower of the OSP Facebook page it popped up on her Iphone. She sent it to our daughter who then posted it for the entire world to see. We got lots of responses and comments. Sande did reply to the OSP noting the \$20,000.00 we donated in 2018 to point out that we are more than just a group of fat cats driving around in fancy cars. Of course no response to that.

We arrive in Boise about 3:30 PM and proceeded with the check in and registration process. This was a busy for days with a scenic drive, autocross and drag races followed by a show and shine and awards banquet. It was a first for many of us to see live autocross and drag races. Todd Layport placed in the auto cross and won the trophy for fastest time and speed in the drag races.. There were about 63 cars on the scenic tour. After lunch we had the opportunity to continue with the tour or return to town which many of us did. Lunch was really something!!!!





Touchmark Car Show





## Vette Fest Pictures





## Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8 Comes Out Of The Closet! (John Elegant)

Being at the C8's reveal was a "lifetime top ten," especially due to energy in the room, both coming off the C8's and everyone's individual and collective excitement. WOW, 0 to 60 in under 3.0 seconds, and under \$60,000 to start!!! All pictures are official GM's photos.



Nice that the entry car comes standard with all seasons, yet gets just a fraction under 1.0G grip. The Z-51 comes standard with the Pilot Sport 4S tires. The car "starts" with 495 HP and 470 TQ (though I believe the final numbers would change them to 500/475 when later officially its exact pricing and more is GM shared). The options list is over the top, and for those who want, or should I say NEED a front axle lift option (E60), it is available to separately order on a 2LT and a 3LT. The C8 holds two regular-sized golf bags in its rear trunk, and has a good sized front "frunk" that holds an airline-sized overhead bin suitcase and also had good additional room above it.

*Impressions?* The car's workmanship is a leap forward, especially the interior, for everywhere is an eye-catching piece of jewelry. It is long; with its +2.2" inches width over a C7 Stingray, it appears as a *wide-bodied* car.





Competitors beware, for at that price point and with its performance and its interior jumping upward, the C8 is coming to get you. Here are a bunch of links to help you learn and enjoy more.

<https://media.chevrolet.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/next-gen-corvette.html>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/main-forum/47725-full-release-2020-stingray-is-the-fastest-most-powerful-entry-corvette>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48461-2020-ordering-guide-available-for-c8-stingray>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48389-c8-stingray-1-2-3-its-components>

The three new seats are terrific. Please do not order the Competition Seat unless you are a significant track person, though if you are, it is improved for the track capabilities, with its more-protruding side and seat bottom bolsters, harder foam, and similar. And now, the issue of “looks” (which is why some bought the C7’s Comp seat), is fully resolved in the new C8 GT2 seat. It too has the gorgeous visible carbon fiber “Butterfly,” has really nice bolsters (for all of us for whom the track is a not a typical weekend occurrence), and yet has a softer foam than the Comp Seat. It is the perfect world IMO for + 90% of us. Again, with its great looks too! Notice the baby-ventilation holes pattern, which BTW is repeated on the C8’s luggage set. Speaking of, the entire five piece C7 luggage set will fit into a C8, with room left over.

A fantastic close up video, then others all taken by Jeremy Welburn (“jagamajajaran”), then a second C8 Tadge and team reveal video from the NCM’s Friday Expo/Expo event. Thank you so much JAG!!!

Want a bunch of C8 factoids that could be helpful for those who want to learn more, and especially for those who are thinking about option choices, here’s another place to add to your fun C8 trivia facts.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/48327-c8-stingray-interesting-facts>

We await GM’s release of the 125 dealerships that will be receiving a C8 traveling show. By the time you read this, it should be out. As should either a separate or integrated list of such places where we expect it to be, e.g., the Pebble Beach weekend three events, Corvettes At Carlisle, C7.R Corvette Corrals, and GM confirmed, will be at the end of next month’s National Corvette Caravan, e.g., NCM’s 25 Anniversary Celebration.

A huge thanks to the talented renderers fvs, Chazcron, bdsavars and ZoraC2 for your helping us this past 1 1/2 years with your great artistry. Were you ever spot on in your visual predictions! All of us C8 lovers say **thank you!!!**

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