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PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

Monthly Newsletter October 2019

President's Pondering II

Everybody hold on, the year end activities are slowly coming to an end (boo-hoo). I don't know if it's because we're all getting older and time is slipping by us faster, but...

September was a VERY busy month. For those of you that didn't participate in the HDCC annual golf tournament you missed a super day (little damp at times). The camaraderie was outstanding and afterwards everyone went to Baldy's for linner (lunch + dinner). Great job, PeeWee. Look for next year's FUN-FUN dates.

The PMT was out of the ordinary. Two different hotels and "driving" our Corvettes to different venues. It was exciting and we hope everyone had a good time.

Some of us (club members) attended two new car shows in the past couple of months (1st time for both) – Prairie Crossing & Cascades (at the Expo Center). Both shows were outstanding considering it was the first time for each. Next year I'm hoping more club members will participate in each of these.

Just remember all these outings are for *everyone* to enjoy and have fun; if you didn't have fun you probably didn't go.

Please note, the October 8th club meeting will be held at the Great American furniture store in Bend, compliments of Dean and Sandi Cowell. See you there!

G-Man



"The purpose of our lives is to be happy." ... The Dalai Lama

Don Ginter

HDCC President



October Anniversaries

No October Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1 Jerry Wilken

9 Gay Jackson

11 Stan Schrank

18 Barry Larson

23 Beccy Wren

24 Dave Parman

25 Joyce Agosto

27 Peewee Blackmore

28 Melanie Wilken

29 Ingrid Bongers

31 Dave Marlow



Todd Layport was the Winner of the 50/50 jackpot of \$54.00.

Activities

October

8 HDCC & COHD meeting Great American Furniture Bend

16 Highway Clean up. See Peewee Blackmore To volunteer

30 Social Night at Pronghorn's Trailhead Rest.

November

11 Veterans Day Parade (more info to come)

12 HDCC & COHD Mtg Mazatlan Rest. Redmond

No Social night for November & December

December

11 HDCC Christmas Party Aspen Lakes.

Nine people attended the annual HDCC golf outing. It was cool and wet but had a great time followed up with dinner Baldy's BBQ restaurant.





CAR CRAZY TIPS

Once you have applied a good coat of carnauba wax of your choice then apply a light coat of detail spray. This will help remove any remaining waxy residue if any has been left on the car. Also it's good to use the detail spray after each wash as it will help the wax last longer and it's very easy to apply. The detail spray will make for a very slick surface and will help keep dust, water spots, and other types of contaminants from the car. There are some great detail sprays on the market. A couple I have found to be good are: Liquid X from (West Coast Corvettes), Pinnacle Crystal Mist Spray form (Auto Geek). There are many brands of detail spray so you may have to try a few until you find the one you prefer and works for you. Before using a detail spray ensure your car surface is clean.

Car Tips from Crazy Car Guy.

Pictured to the right are Steve Madsen, Ken Lingenfelter, Bill Scherrer and Cody Buckley. Steve and Bill were invited to the Michigan Test site for the C8 by Cody who was at a club meeting and talked about the C8. While they were there they were fortunate to meet Ken Lingenfelter of Lingenfelter Performance Cars. Ken has one of the most comprehensive car collections in the country and the were invited to see the collection and had a private tour by Ken.



Son Fulfills Father's Final Wish Of Seeing 2020 Corvette In Person



The feel-good story of the week.

The [Chevrolet Corvette](#) is a special vehicle. It's been an icon since day one and remains one of the most sought after sports cars on the planet. But while many hardcore 'Vette fans will have to wait a few months to get their hands on the long-awaited C8, one lucky enthusiast got a chance to preview the 2020 model before anyone else.

Larry Webb is a life-long Corvette fan and one of the first people outside of [Chevy](#) to see the new C8 Corvette in person. As his son explains in a recent [Reddit](#) post, doctors diagnosed Larry with an aggressive form of bile duct cancer on his 70th birthday. After failed chemotherapy treatment, "his time is very limited," the post notes.

Knowing Larry's love of the Corvette, Webb's son reached out to GM. The company granted Larry a private viewing at a local dealership, Midway Chevrolet, a day before the car debuted in front of the general public. All of it to Larry's surprise.

This was a total surprise to my dad," his son notes. "He knew he was going out on Friday but he didn't know where or what for. I invited all of his friends to the event and it was amazing. They gave him a bunch of Corvette swag and a really cool coin that was giving out to the people who attend the unveiling of the Corvette C8. He had a great time seeing all of his friends and getting a tour of the C8."

Since it was an early prototype, Larry didn't get to feel the C8 Corvette on-road. But he did spend time with product specialists and Corvette engineers who walked him all the impressive details of the new C8, and received plenty of Corvette swag – including a limited C8 commemorative coin.

[The is a Youtube video of this event should you care to look it up.](#)



President's Mystery Tour 2019

HDCC president Don Ginter sounded the gong at Ray's Market in Sisters and seventeen cars headed out on the PMT. Dee Ginter handed out survival bags that included water, food and other items for the trip. We divided into two groups which made it easier to maintain communications. We stopped for lunch at Covered Bridge Café in Stayton. From there we moved on to I-5 and headed south. After a few comfort stops along the way we reached our destination, the Seven Feathers Casino and Hotel in Canyonville. The Ginters invited all to their suite to enjoy hors d'vors, berages and great conversation. The hotel provided designated parking for the group which was comforting. Most attended a buffet and followed up in the casino.

The next day we gathered in the parking lot for instruction and questions if any. We again headed down I-5 and stopped in Grants Pass. We maneuvered through the city until we reached the Glass Forge where we the staff make glass objects. As well there was a nice variety of custom glass objects available for purchase. We then moved next door to the Grants Pass Brewery where we enjoyed an excellent lunch. We had one waitress who should great patients in dealing with the group and did a good job in getting the orders out.

We continued on down I-5 passing on into California. Upon reaching the Railroad Resort in Dunsmuir Ca. most all of us were ready for a rest and the appropriate beverages. The Railroad Resort is a collection of railroad cars and cabooses that have been re-modeled into rooms. Lots of opportunities for pictures. One car was devoted to a bar where most of group visited.

Once again, very accommodating staff and a very relaxing time. We then moved onto two dinning cars and had dinner. Don and Dee had a couple of drawings and if I am not mistaken, they gave away a new 2020 C8, but then maybe not.

It was an enjoyable two days and we thank Don and Dee for their efforts.

The Ginters and Cowells graduate from Ron Fellows Driving School.





Pictures from the PMT





Prairie Crossing Car Show





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Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant)

The C8 world keeps exploding in a positive way, with GM announcing the **HT convertible** will be revealed October 2nd, at the Kennedy Space Center. I am again very fortunate to have received a GM media invite.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/69611-10-02-19-c8-ht-convertible-reveal>

Before its actual reveal, we have seen this GM teaser screen print of HT convertible. What is the word “nacelle” that GM is using to describes those behind-the-seat tapered, rearward diminishing “cones”? The origin goes way back, but in post WW II times, it means, “the enclosed part of an airplane, dirigible, etc., in which the engine is housed or in which cargo or passengers are carried.” Lockheed Martin uses the term to describe their aircraft engine housings. *Oh, if the word “nacelles” sounds familiar, those are the structures that house the engines on the Star Trek’s Enterprise. Warp Speed; thank you Mr. Sulu!*

Look IMO!



Excitingly is that very first C8 actual, matched-with-an-allocation orders were *formally* accepted to GM order status 3000, “Order Accepted for Production Control.” That is a massive milestone, that after 66 years of mid engine Corvette discussion, then years waiting for its formal reveal, actual customer orders now working their way to currently-scheduled, December 2nd start of production — with first customer deliveries estimated to be around February 1st. Meanwhile, GM is starting to share timing for when currently-constrained accessories will become available. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/68848-updated-constraint-timing-for-specific-options-and-accessories>

A new video, a 20 minute interview of Harlan is here for your pleasure; it contains some new and more info.



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