



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

February 2020

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Monthly Newsletter February 2020

President's Pondering II

Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th! Don't forget your sweetheart on this special day.

This month we also would like the nominations for our board and volunteer positions. Please submit your name, or someone you think would be a good candidate, by this month's meeting. The e-ballot will be emailed shortly thereafter to all current email addresses on file. The results will be announced at the March meeting.

By the time you're reading this we will have had our monthly January social at Okawa's in Bend. This was also the opportunity for us to wish Stan and Marian safe travels to their new home in Wisconsin (Swiss or Cheddar County, not sure which one).

As many of you know we are diligently planning our biennial fundraising event, COHD (Corvettes on the High Desert), for July 17-18. Please help us by attending the monthly planning meetings and join the committee of your choice, for our new fun filled, Carnival-themed event. We welcome any suggestions/ideas so feel free to share them with Harry Bongers (COHD chair) or any committee member. Thank you all for your participation.

A very special 'Thank you' to Suzanne Maitland for the endless hours and programming effort she has put into creating the online 'Save the date' flyer to other clubs about our COHD event, plus the online registration form. This was a tremendous task and we appreciate all her efforts.

NOTE: The Bend meeting location has changed, as well as the day of the week, to the following:

Location: Pappy's Pizza, 20265 Meyer Dr., Bend OR 97702

Date: Weds., Feb. 12th

Time:

5:00-6:00pm = COHD meeting (2020 event planning meeting)

6:00-7:00pm = Dinner

7:00pm = HDCC club meeting



**Don Ginter
HDCC President**

G-Man



February Anniversaries

- 2 Scott & Ginger Foote
- 5 Fred & Jeanine Crowther

February Birthdays

- 1 Bob Welsh
- 4 Leslie Brodeur
- 8 Ramona Hidalgo
- 12 Annie Shaeffer
- 21 Greg Hammer
- 22 George Bosy



Tom Gray was the winner of the January 50/50 jackpot Drawing

A man, a miss,
A car, a curve.
He kissed the miss,
And missed the curve.

Burma Shave

Activities

- February**
 - 12 HDCC Meeting Pappy's Pizza BEND
 - 26 Social Night Tumalo Feed Company
- March**
 - 10 HDCC Meeting Mazatlan Restaurant Redmond.
 - 25 End of year banquet TBD
- April**
 - 8 HDCC Meeting
 - 29 Social Night TBD
- May**
 - 21-25 R V Camp out Casey's AV Park
 - 17 Plastic Fantastic All Corvette Show North County Corvette Club San Diego CA
- June**
 - Big Sky Corvette Meet, Bozeman, MT
 - 4-6 Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise Monterey, CA
 - 5-6 Corvettes on the Columbia Tri -Cities
 - 5-6 Trout Lake Trip
 - 13 Corvette City Cruise Roseburg, OR
 - 13 Bridge City Corvette Club Milwaukie, OR Elks Club
- July**
 - 15-18 Black Hills Corvette Classic Spearfish, S.D.
 - 17-18 Corvettes on the High Desert Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond. OR
- Aug**
 - 20-23 Vettes on the Rockies Steamboat Springs CO
 - 22 Corvettes on the Bay Coos Bay-North Bend OR
 - 28-30 Sea to Sky Hosted by British Columbia Corvette Club, Squamish, B.C.



Featured Members

Harry and Ingrid Bongers

Harry was born in The Dalles Oregon. They lived in Heppner Oregon for awhile before moving to Prineville where he attend schools. Ingrid was born and raised in the San Francisco area and moved to Bend in 1970

Both Harry and Ingrid are trained in medical technology and met at St Charles. Harry worked in that capacity for eleven years before moving to the information technology side of the business. He retired in 2016. Ingrid moved to the IT side of things as well. She currently is a private contracting consultant involved with the training of staff in the use of information systems. She currently works in Alaska where is on duty for two weeks and then home for two weeks.

The have a blended family of five and seven grandchildren consisting of four girls and three boys. Four of the grandkids live in Bend and three in Springfield OR.

Both enjoy vacationing in Hawaii. They have an 80-year-old house which they like to continue to make improvements. Ingrid enjoys knitting and sewing among other things. Harry has restored a 1964 Dodge Dart Station Wagon.

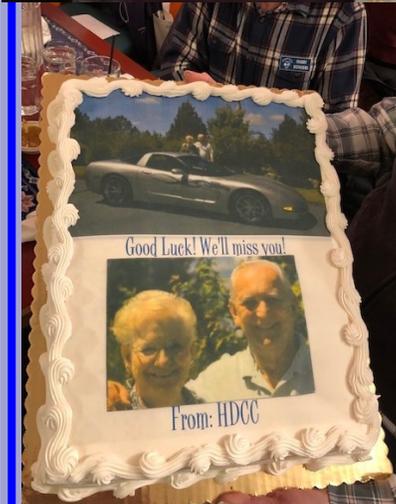
As most of the club knows, Harry has taken on the huge task of COHD Coordinator. This requires a lot of time and effort and we all appreciate his efforts.

They have a 1969 Monaco Orange Corvette Coupe.



Stan and Marian off to Wisconsin.

At the January meeting the club said good by to Stan and Marian Schrank and thanked them for their many contributions to HDCC over the years. They will be moving to Wisconsin. They were presented with a cake showing their picture and a picture of their car. Sandi Cowell presented Marian with an Oregon Sand Stone necklace and a big smooch. Stan received two mitten ice scrappers . (Stan, I suggested a C8 but was overruled., sorry buddy!!)



Extra-rare 4-door Chevrolet Corvette surfaces for sale

One of the two that are known to still exist is currently up for sale at a car dealer in Milpitas, Calif., for \$102,526. [BarnFinds.com reports](#) that it was previously listed on Craigslist last October for \$119,650 and for \$275,000 in 2017. The seller, [NBS Auto Showroom](#), claims the very red-on-red hatchback is a numbers-matching original with 21,000 miles on its 350 cubic-inch V8.





Featured Members Steven and Barbara Fisher

Steven and Barbara are the newest members of HDCC. Steven was born and raised in Fresno CA. Barbara was born in Los Angeles and then moved to South Dakota. She then moved to Palm Springs where she met Steven.

Steven graduated from California University at Fresno formerly known as Fresno State. His area of study was in business and office management with an emphasis in accounting. His first employment opportunity was in Gilroy CA where he did management and accounting for three smaller newspapers for five years. He then took a position with a box making firm where they specialized in production of boxes for transporting grapes. That firm was purchased by Georgia Pacific where Steven continued to work in the same capacity for twelve years.

Barbara worked as manager and supervisor in retail sales. She retired early to specialize in household management but has been active in many outside activities.

They both like walking, hiking, reading and travel. They particularly like visiting our many state and federal parks. They have traveled the states and are looking forward to some overseas trips.

They purchased a home in Summer Creek in 2006 and moved there permanently in 2008. They became sold on central Oregon when they visited Eagle Crest. They particularly like the four seasons.

Steven and Barbara now live in Prairie Crossing where they met Chris and Jessica Anderson as well as Bill and Annie Shaeffer who were instrumental in the Fishers joining HDCC.

The Fishers have a 2008 LT3 black coupe. This is their first Corvette and they have enjoyed traveling in the Corvette.

Welcome to HDCC, we hope you enjoy your time with the club.

Steven and Barbara Fisher

2008 3LT Z51 Ebony Coupe





Change of Date for HDCC meetings in BEND

Beginning with the February HDCC Meeting, all Bend meetings will
Be on **Wednesday** evenings at Pappy's Pizza located at 2020
Meyers Drive. Next to Fred Meyers

Year End Banquet

Location—The View Restaurant at the Juniper Golf Course, 1938 S.W. Elkhorn Ave
Redmond, OR

Date—Wednesday March 18th

Time— 5:00 to 6:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 to 7:00 PM –Buffet dinner Chicken Marsala & Braised Brisket

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Awards Presentations

Cost—\$35.00 Per person, Make checks payable to High Desert Corvette Club

Mial to **HDCC—Banquet, P.O. Box 6442, Bend, OR 97701**



Probably not a bad idea _____

Instead of my car saying
stupid things like
"your door is ajar"

it should say helpful things
like "there's a
cop hiding in the bushes"





2020 Corvette Stingray VIN 001 Sells for \$3 Million at Barrett-Jackson

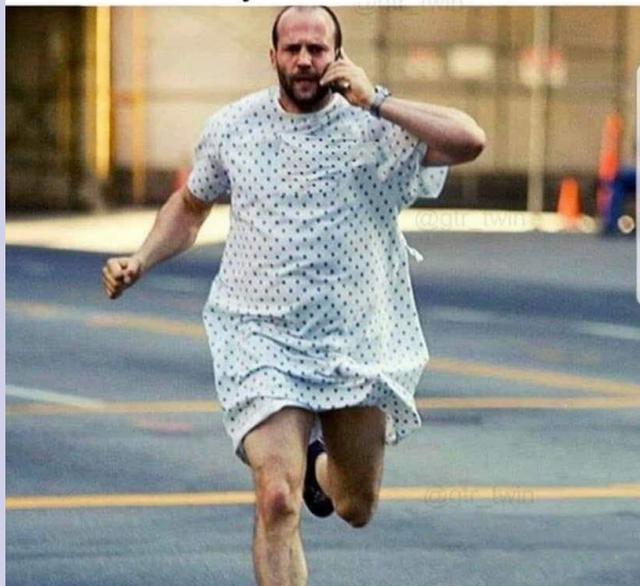
GM CEO Mary Barra rode onto the auction block at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale in a [Torch Red 2020 Corvette Stingray](#) that represents the first retail VIN 001 mid-engine Corvette to be produced. Mary headed up to the auction stage where she gave due credit to the team at Chevrolet for taking the Corvette to the next level. After a few brief remarks, she introduced a representative from the Detroit Children's Fund, the charity that is the beneficiary of the VIN 001 Corvette auction.

Purchasing the Corvette Stingray was Chevrolet dealer and NASCAR team owner [Rick Hendrick](#) who was in attendance to make the purchase. The Corvette will be right at home in his collection of VIN 001 Corvettes that includes the first C7 Corvette Stingray, Z06 and ZR1. The purchase represents the highest price paid at auction for a new Corvette and **the money paid goes directly to the Detroit Children's Fund charity.**

"Dad you have to get home now!"

"I can't son I'm in the hospital"

"But dad, it's mom, she's trying to sell your **corvette!!!**"



Do you remember the DeLorean??

DeLorean Motor Company of Humble, Texas confirmed to Hagerty news that there will be a limited production of car of the early 80s. Of the original 9000 it is estimated there are still about 6000 on the road. The company was started by John DeLorean a GM executive in the late 70s. Due to cost overruns, underfinancing and DeLorean's legal problems the company failed. The DeLorean Motor company was formed in Humble Texas in 1995 to restore and maintain existing cars. The original DeLorean has a 130 HP motor. The new version will have a 350 HP motor and associated upgrades to accommodate the increase power. Estimated price was in the \$100,000.00 range plus or minus.



Corvette SUV

Compare the Torch Red C8 to the rendering of a fantasy Corvette SUV called a Chaparral. Fortunately this is just somebody's fantasy. Seems to me that GM has enough SUV in their fleet of automobiles that they need not downgrade the Vette to something like this. But if there is a dollar to be made, who knows!!!



Final 2019 Corvette production statistics

Model	Quantity	Percentage
Stingray Coupe	11,499	33.0%
Stingray Convertible	2,192	6.3%
Grand Sport Coupe	9,496	27.3%
Grand Sport Convertible	1,745	5.0%
Z06 Coupe	5,965	17.1%
Z06 Convertible	972	2.8%
ZRI Coupe	2,441	7.0%
ZRI Convertible	512	1.5%
Totals:	34,822	100%

Color	Quantity	Percentage
Arctic White	6,789	19.5%
Black	6,164	17.7%
Torch Red	4,848	13.9%
Sebring Orange	2,980	8.6%
Dark Shadow Gray	2,519	7.2%
Long Beach Red	2,397	6.9%
Elkhart Lake Blue	2,166	6.2%
Blade Silver	1,844	5.3%
Ceramic Matrix Gray	1,581	4.5%
Watkins Glen Gray	1,415	4.1%
Corvette Racing Yellow	1,291	3.7%
Admiral Blue	828	2.4%

International Market-4047 of the total 34822 Corvettes were sent to the following areas. Canada 2986 Mexico 92

Europe 738

Mid East 130

Japan 101

To see all of the 2019 Corvette statistics go to the Corvette Museum Website.



Mid Engine Monthly Update (By John Elegant)

The 2020 C8 Stingray was chosen the North American Car Of The Year! How far we have come since when a mid engine Corvette was a decades in the future concept, was something to now customer production starting within weeks! <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/102658-2020-corvette-is-the-north-american-car-of-the-year>



Already we are learning that the 2020 MY, just like 1997 when the C5's debuted, will be a shorter run, of course compounded by the two month strike. Some are not happy about their possibly being shut out of a 2020 C8, forced to order a 2021. Might there be a silver lining about that yours instead might be a 2021? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/102395-shorter-2020-c8-run-could-be-positive-for-some>

For those of us who live in the 30 states that require a front plate, we finally we see what a C8 will look like with one installed, e.g., very similar to how C5's had it. We thank Chief C8 Designer Kirk Bennion and CorvetteBlogger for this info and pictures: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/101159-installing-a-front-license-plate-to-the-c8-corvette>

Wonderful news that if you were considering not getting a Museum Delivery because you were concerned about its not having paint film protection for your drive home, the National Corvette Museum now has a partnership with a highly skilled XPEL installer located at NCM Motorsports Park, to get your C8 wrapped before you drive home: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/101031-c8-xpel-installs>



More really positive NCM news, re how to forever remember your C8's birth experience with a photo album! <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/100748-commemorate-the-build-of-your-2020-corvette-with-a-photo-album-from-the-ncm>

The C8 is faster 0-to-60 than the new Mustang Shelby GT 500 by over a half second, and even faster than the \$1,400,000 McLaren Senna to 60. Very interesting article as to why: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/96666-why-c8-so-fast-to-60-mp>

Why GM not just recommends but actually cuts the C8's torque for the first 500 miles: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/98760-c8-reduced-torque-during-drivetrain-break-in>

GM stated in writing that customer C8's will be delivered before February is over. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/104219-wow-gm-projecting-february-customer-deliveries>

I love my exhaust loud — but not on a full day's, or week long road trip, and why I and most of my friends have chosen the C8's NPP adjustability option (though standard in the Z51 package). Here is a really good exhaust sound compilation video. Also nice that already BB Exhaust is announcing specific plans for their many C8 exhaust options (just awaiting their C8's arrival). <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/97566-c8-exhaust-compilation-thanks-to-drive615>
<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/marketplace/vendors/bbexhaust/92941-upcoming-bbexhaust-c8-systems>

Actual C8 pictures with the full aero splitter and the aero rocker. This is nice to see after earlier only seeing them on the visualizer: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/101088-actual-c8-splitter-and-rocker-full-aero-pictures-thanks-to-bear-127>

Thanks for reading. I am always at the forum, posting under John. Here's to your many miles of Corvette smiles.