



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

.. NEWS FLASH - The May meeting is cancelled for the obvious reason.

I find it truly amazing what we can all find to keep us occupied at home.

ZZzzzzzzzzzz Greetings from I think I'm getting dementia, hard to remember what day of the week it is and where we have to be (Oh never mind we can't go there). I think we all realize what a PITB this is but we will win this fight eventually. We don't want anyone getting this virus, the largest problem is no one can predict when they will let us gather again and being a social club it's very hard to absorb. I know our activities Chairperson is keeping tabs on everything including restrictions and will let us know when we have a 'go'. This is it for this Month so Everyone stay safe and healthy and remember if you need help we are all here for you.

G-Man

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. Confucius



Don Ginter

HDCC President



HDCC Members
Following the CORVID 19 Rules
and otherwise having some fun during the
self quarantine.

New Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against GM Over Defective and Cracking C7 Corvette Wheels



It's been reported for years that some owners are experiencing problems with their wheels cracking on **CA Z06s and Grand Sports**. A [Pennsylvania law firm](#) is asking affected owners to contact them to take part in a class-action lawsuit against General Motors. Kehoe Law Firm, P.C., says the class action has been filed in United States District Court, Northern District of California on behalf of owners of 2015-2019 Corvette Z06s and 2017-19 Grand Sports.

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According to the complaint, said defect is a result of making the rims out of a cheaper cast material instead of being forged, and also because GM used less material than necessary to try and save unsprung weight (or weight that is not borne by the cars' suspension), resulting in cracks under normal driving conditions because the rims are too weak.

U.S. purchasers or lessees of either a Chevrolet Corvette Z06 (2015-Present) or Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport vehicle (2017-Present) designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, sold, warranted, and/or serviced by General Motors LLC are encouraged to contact Kehoe Law Firm, P.C. Michael Yarnoff, Esq., (215) 792-6676, Ext. 804, myarnoff@kehoelawfirm.com, info@kehoelawfirm.com, or John Kehoe, Esq., (215) 792-6676, Ext. 801, jkehoe@kehoelawfirm.com, to discuss potential legal claims.



May Anniversaries

5 Malcolm & Marlene Meyers

30 Ken & Annie Kaster

May Birthdays

5 Jeannine Crowther

8 Jan Carkhuff

18 Tess Morton

20 Tom Gray



Need Barber with 6 foot long arms.

Will Travel.

Correction

In the April Newsletter it was stated that Allen Fuller had owned 80 Corvettes. Should have been that he has owned 80 cars of varying brands.

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June 30th is National Corvette Day. On June 30, 2020 it will be 67 years since the first Corvette rolled off the line on June 30, 1963. On June 26, 2008 Rep. John Simkus from Illinois and 55 of his colleagues proposed House Resolution 970 which states the following:

Whereas the Chevrolet Corvette is America's first sports car;
Whereas the first production Corvette rolled off a Flint, Michigan, assembly line on June 30, 1953;
Whereas the Corvette is now manufactured in Bowling Green, Kentucky;
Whereas the Corvette is the most widely respected production sports car in United States history;
Whereas the Corvette is truly a symbol of American pride;
Whereas General Motors is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008; and
Whereas the 30th of June would be an appropriate day to designate as 'National Corvette Day':
Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives supports the designation of a 'National Corvette Day' to honor the Chevrolet Corvette."

June 30th falls on a Tuesday so hopefully the quarantine situation will be such that HDCC can have a function to celebrate.



2021 Chevy Corvette C8 First Details Emerge: Find Out What's New

Some of the highlights include [two fresh paints](#) – Red Mist Tint coat and Silver Flare – which according to [Corvette Blogger](#) will come to replace Long Beach Red and Blade Silver, respectively. It's a bit unusual to see such a change after just one model year, but it appears [Chevy](#) is looking to update the color palette already. The former is said to be in the same vein as Crystal Red Metallic and Magnetic Red Metallic, while the latter might have already been revealed on the C8.R.

A visible carbon fiber finish for the high-wing and the door intake trim will be available for the 2021 [Corvette](#), along with a bunch of body stripes in a multitude of colors. Sadly, the visible carbon fiber ground effects option will remain unavailable for the time being. On the flip side, the good news is customers will be able to get the [Magnetic Selective Ride Control](#) as a standalone option without having to go for the [Z51](#) package.

There are some changes inside as well where wireless Apple CarPlay will become standard across the entire range and the 3LT will be offered with a couple of new seat combos. All-weather floor liners are also listed, along with a car cover depicting the [C8.R race car](#). We're not sure what the "Stingray R" theme is about, but [Corvette Blogger](#) speculates it might have to do with a special-edition model with visual upgrades derived from the C8.R. Attached below is an image that emerged last month showing what might be the Stingray R as depicted in Chevy's visualizer.





Featured Members Barry and Christine Larson

Barry was born in California but spent his early years between Oregon and California. Christine was born in Portland and grew up in Milwaukie Oregon just south of Portland. She has an identical twin sister.

Barry had been a builder and Christine worked in real estate and that is how they met. Barry has a son and daughter and between them they have a son who is 22 and a grandson who is 2 1/2 years old.

They live on a farm and have several horses and 5 donkeys along with numerous cats and dogs. They have rental properties in the Portland area which keeps them busy.

With regards to hobbies they love to travel. Barry enjoys fishing in Alaska. They enjoy spending time with family and friends. Barry has been active in home builders association and Christine having been in real estate for 32 years has been active in related organizations.

They own a 2014 Z51 Cyber Gray Coupe. This is their first Corvette together although Barry has owned two others in the past. They have enjoyed their time with HDCC and Christine mentioned how welcoming the club has been.



Quarantine Funnies.

Picture of soon to be dead dog
(he was just bored like the rest of us)



Being quarantined is so boring - so I made this Bloody Mary this morning to take the edge off.



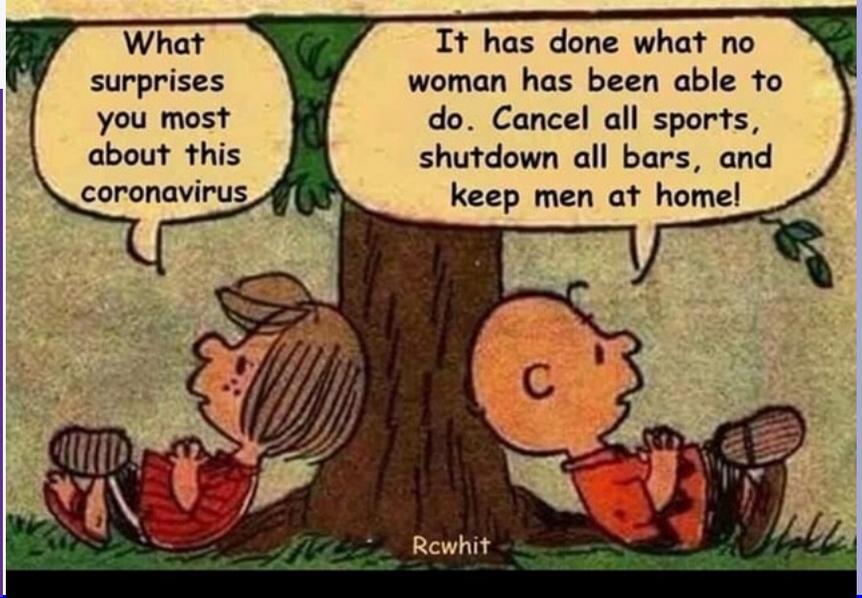
This is the longest something made in China has ever lasted.

**MY HUSBAND AND I
DECIDED WE DON'T WANT
TO HAVE CHILDREN.
WE WILL BE TELLING THEM
TONIGHT AT DINNER.**

PEANUTS

What surprises you most about this coronavirus

It has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel all sports, shutdown all bars, and keep men at home!



Rcwhit



Dave Parman contributed the following two items from the Corvette Magazine Tech Nerd.



Winter Storage

As we all know, it is recommended that when storing your Corvette for the winter months, you should fill the tank and add fuel stabilizer. It has been reported that Corvettes C4 to C7 are experiencing fuel gage problems because the sulfur in the fuel causes the fuel sender card to fail resulting in false readings. The article states you will get a reading of slightly less than full and then as you use the fuel the gage starts to show the correct amount of fuel in the tank. The next thing that happens is the gage will suddenly show you are close to empty. The article then recommends that when you store your car you should have less the ¼ of a tank of fuel. In the past when storing your car it was recommended that the tank be full so as to prevent condensation.

The fix is to remove the fuel tanks and replace the sending units. As you can imagine, this is not an inexpensive event.

The second issue Dave mentioned is that if you disconnect your battery the clock will quit or show in incorrect time. Dave stated he has experienced this problem. Apparently the disconnect with the satellite does not re-establish with the car so that the time shows incorrectly. This pertains to C6s that have navigation. Dave stated that there is a fix on a CD that will correct the problem. This assumes that you still have a CD player in your Corvette. You can also go you to the dealer and they can do a software update.

Thank you, Dave for providing this information. If any members have had problems with their Corvette that you believe might be beneficial for other members to know, please forward it to me.





ACTIVITIES

MAY

- 12 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING –MAZATLAN REDMOND (cancelled)
- 17 PLASTIC FANTASTIC ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW, SAN DIEGO CA
- 21-25 RV CAMPOUT CASEY'S RV PARK
- 24-26 BIG SKY CORVETTE MEET – MISSOULA MONTANA
- 27 SOCIAL NIGHT – PICKLED PIG BEND

JUNE

- 4-6 MONTEREY COAST CORVETTE CRUISE EVENT
- 5-6 CORVETTES ON THE COLUMBIA TRI-CITIES WASHINGTON
- 10 HDCC BUSINESS MTG. – PAPPY'S PIZZA BEND

- 5-6 HDCC TROUTLAKE, WA TRIP
FILLED-SEE ALTERNATE LODGING
- 13 HDCC/PORSCHE CAR SHOW-OUTLET MALL
- 13 CORVETTE CITY CRUISE – ROSEBURG, OR MILWAUKIE, OR ELKS
- 24 SOCIAL NIGHT - TBD

JULY

- 4 JULY 4TH @ SISTERS AIRPORT
- 14 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – MAZATLAN REDMOND
- 15-18 BLACK HILLS CORVETTE CLASSIC SPEARFISH, SD
- 17-18 CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT

June cont.

- 13 CORVETTE CITY CRUISE – ROSEBURG, OR
- 13 BRIDGE CITY CORVETTE CLUB – ALL CARS MILWAUKIE, OR ELKS
- 24 SOCIAL NIGHT - TBD

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- 14 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – MAZATLAN REDMOND
- 15-18 BLACK HILLS CORVETTE CLASSIC SPEARFISH, SD
- 17-18 CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT EAGLE CREST, REDMOND, OR
- 29 SOCIAL NIGHT = TBD

AUGUST

- 11 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – TBD
- 22 PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES CORVETTES ON THE BAY – NO. BEND
- 26 SOCIAL NIGHT – TBD
- 28-30 SEA TO SKY WHEELS & RAILS (delayed till 2021) SQUAMISH/WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

SEPTEMBER

- 8 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – TBD
- 30 SOCIAL NIGHT – TBD

Remember if you have an idea for a Corvette event or cruise present the idea and plan of action to the activities committee.



Featured Members Jerry and Melanie Wilkins

Jerry and Melanie were born in Nebraska. They did not know one another at that time. Both families moved to Oregon in the late fifties, to Corvallis and Melanie to Albany. Both attended school the those respective towns.

They have a daughter and eleven year old grandson who live in Redmond and was their incentive to move to the Redmond area. Their daughter is a paramedic and fire fighter with the Redmond Fire Department.

Together Jerry and Melonie operated Wilkins Photography in Albany and Lebanon for over 30 years.

Jerry has been a pilot and flight instructor since the late sixties. He built a kit airplane which took about 5 years. It is a Van's Air Craft model RV6A. Due to medical issues he has had to give up his pilot's and instructors license. The airplane is now for sale.

They have a 1931 Model which is original. This was Jerry's father's car. They own a 2019 C7, Z51 Silver coupe which is their first Corvette.

We all hope you enjoy your time with HDCC.





CORVETTE ODDITIES

Here's a Corvette SUV Rendering



Corvette- El Camino

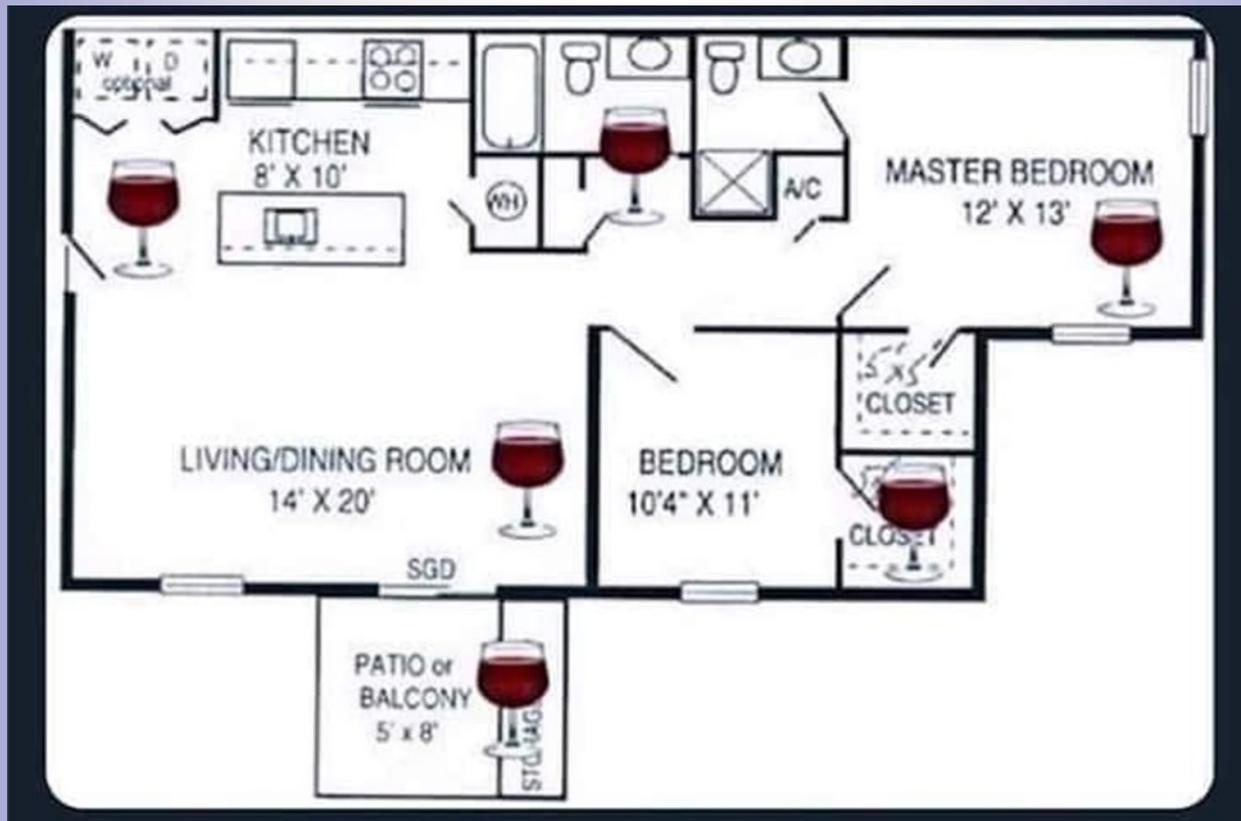
What would happen if a [C5 Corvette](#), a Miata, and a Volkswagen got together – While some people have complained for years about the big rear end on the C5, we think replacing it with a smaller version reminiscent of a Beetle or a Plymouth Prowler might not necessarily be the right way to go.





MAY WINE TOUR

Realizing that activities have been limited, your activities chairpersons have planned a spring wine tour for May. Below is a map to follow for your self guided tour. If you happen to be following a fellow club member, please be sure to obey the six foot rule and give them plenty of space. Enjoy your tour.



Submitted by
Sande Burgess

Featured Members Gary and Janis Silence

Gary was born in Vallejo CA but grew up in Missouri. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and served 26 years with numerous tours of duty in Utah, Texas, New Mexico and Vietnam in 1971. After his service time Gary and a group of fellow academy graduates formed a group called Sky Fighters of Denver. He later became an instructor at the Academy.

Janis was born in Illinois. She attended San Diego St University. She worked as a flight crew scheduler for Pacific Southwest Airlines. When she moved to Bend she worked for Duke Warner Realty.

Janis's first husband John was also an Air Force Academy graduate and knew Gary during their days there. Both Janis and Gary lost their spouses and eventually got together about 5 years ago. They moved to Bend about 2 years ago.

Janis has two sons in Portland, one grandson and other grand children on the way. Gary has two daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson.

Janis enjoys skiing and cooking along with other interests. Gary enjoys model building of airplanes, railroads and also photography.

Gary owned a 1965 Corvette and has had Triumph Spit Fire, Porsche 924 and a super-charged Eagle Talon.

They currently own a 2005 LeMans Blue Roadster. They have been involved with racing and Janis serves as the navigator.

We hope you enjoy your time with HDCC.

