



# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

July 2020

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## PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS II

Here we are in July already. My how this year is flying by. While we have seen a few of the club members, it seems like it's been forever since we've had a meeting. With that said, we're researching our options for a July meeting location. Keep your eyes peeled for a future email regarding same.

Our annual trip to Trout Lake was a blast. We took all 14 rooms again this year, the food situation was taken care of by Tom & Annie and what a great job they did. Remember it's not about the trip but the adventure, and that was included at no charge.

The Corvette-Porsche car show is still scheduled for Sat., July 18<sup>th</sup> @ the Bend Factory outlet mall. Bring your masks so we can stay compliant, and be aware of the social distancing requirements.

John & Sande have been beating the bushes, also, for places that will accept our group for our social nights, plus future trips. They're doing a super job. The Boneyard pub social last month was attended by 30 members and all had a great time.

Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence day and be careful and safe. We are blessed for what we have and remember those who fought for it.

We're all hoping for Phase 3 to drop soon so we can get back to a somewhat normal life. Keep safe and continue practicing social distancing.

*Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. ~ Buddha*



Don Ginter

HDCC President



## HDCC Featured Members

### Murray Newton and Helen Pendergraft

Murray was born in Eugene, OR. His father was in education and consequently they moved several times and finally arrived in Madras and graduated from high school there. He graduated from the U of O with a degree in economics and was also on the U of O basketball team. He then joined the Air Force where he spent 21 years. Murray was the navigator on the B-52 bombers. An interesting note is that when the Pueblo was captured by the North Koreans Murray's unit was activated and flew to Okinawa where they were met by protestors who did not want them there. No military action was taken against N. Korea but nonetheless Murray stayed in Okinawa for a year and flew missions over Vietnam.

After the Air Force he did a variety of things including selling motorcycles and worked many years for Ross Perot at Electronic Data Systems. During one of his employments he built the Saturn automobile plant in Tennessee.

Murray has a son and grandson in Reno and a daughter and granddaughter in Columbia TN. His hobbies include making violins, carving full sized merry-go-round carousels and showing Afghan Hounds.

He has owned four Corvettes, a 1964, 1968, 1991 and their current Electron Blue 2003 Z06.

Helen was born in La Junta, CO. The family moved to Madras when she was seven years old. She graduated from Madras high school. In one of her employments she worked for Evasco and was involved in the construction of the Pelton Dam. She worked 30 years in real estate in Bend. Her hobbies include sewing, quilting and antiques. She noted that real estate was more than an eight-hour day so she included it with her hobbies.

Helen has two daughters, 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild

As noted, both Murray and Helen graduated from Madras high school. They had stayed in contact over the years and at their 55<sup>th</sup> high school reunion they got together for keeps.



When someone asks where you see yourself in 5 years...



Buddy, I'm just trying to make it to APRIL 30th!! 😞



**My stomach is FLAT.  
The L is just silent.**

**DEAR SWEET BABY JESUS**



**Botox**



My Parents spanked me as a child, as a result, I now suffer from a psychological condition known as **respect for others**

## July Anniversaries

- \_ 9 *Dave and Marna Parman*
- 21 *Mike and Kemi Broadley*

## July Birthdays

- \_ 7 *Bill Scheaffer*
- 7 *Stan Schrank*
- 20 *Don Ginter*
- 22 *Barbara Fisher.*



1963 Z06

After being neglected in a junkyard for nearly 50 years after traveling just 59,000 miles, one of the [rarest 1963 Corvettes of them all](#) is finally on its way back.

According to [musclecarsandtrucks.com](#), who found this Z06 on an Instagram account for [Rotting Classics](#), the 57-year-old Stingray is already in the process of being restored by the new owner.

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**Only 199 Z06s** were produced in 1963, the first year for that option, at the St. Louis factory, and not many are believed to have survived.

Their L84 fuel-injected 327 engines pushed out 360 horsepower, 110 more than the standard 250.

### Starting Them Early

Probably no Corvettes by the time she can drive

Submitted by Grandma



## ACTIVITIES

### JULY

- 4 JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> @ SISTERS AIRPORT **Cancelled**
- 14 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – TBD
- 15-18 BLACK HILLS CORVETTE CLASSIC  
SPEARFISH, SD ??
- 18 Corvette Porsche Car Show 10:-12  
Bend Factory Outlet Store Mall.
  
- 17-18 CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT  
EAGLE CREST, REDMOND, OR  
**Cancelled**
- 29 Social Night Sun River  
Miniature Golf 4:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM

### 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  
SQUAMISH/WHISTLER, BRITISH CO-  
LUMBIA **delayed till 2021**

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING – TBD
- 18-19 Corvettes on the Columbia Tri City's WA
- 30 SOCIAL NIGHT – Broken Top Country Club

**The July social** night will be at Sun River starting with miniature golf at 4:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:00.

We will be golfing in groups of five. It should take 25—30 minutes to finish the course. The golf is optional but should be fun.. From there we will go to the Village Bar and Grill for dinner. None of the places in Sunriver could take reservations but said they should be able to seat us with in 15 minutes. This will make our social night a little chopped up but think it should be fun. Please let us know ASAP if you will be attending and designate if for golf and dinner or just dinner.

Thanks to Rich and Tess Morton for the suggestion for social night.

If you are signed on to attend an event be sure to check with the sponsoring organization as events are in a state of change as restrictions are lifted or not.

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

## Social Night at the Boneyard

Thirty HDCC members attended social night at the Boneyard Pub in Bend. The weather cooperated such that we were able to dine outside. (social distancing) We could order our meals and drinks via our phone or go inside the restaurant. I think most gave up and order in person. The food was good although a little atypical of most pub food.



## Trout Lake 2020

The HDCC group left the Redmond Walmart early June 5th for Trout Lake, WA. With a comfort stop along the way we ended up in Moro at the city park for lunch. Following lunch we continued up highway 97 and across the Columbia and finally at the Trout Lake Valley Inn. The entire Inn was taken over by HDCC members. After unloading, naps, socializing etc., we moved down and across the highway to a pizza joint. This was a new business our last visit and was within walking distance.

The next morning we enjoyed the Trout Lake Valley Inn's legendary waffles with huckleberry's. After a little more socializing we left the Inn for a tour of the country side and on to our lunch location. Lunch was at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. A great facility with beautiful gardens and view of the Columbia River. Lunch was excellent as well.

After returning to the Inn and a little more R & R we moved on down the road to the Station Café. We were served an excellent BBQ dinner consisting of smoked ribs and chicken and numerous side dishes. It was a nice trip and was a great time following so many days of quarantine etc.. Thanks to Don and Dee Ginter for organizing the trip and to Tom and Ann Grayford for lunch and dinners and guiding us to the Columbia Gorge Hotel.

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## HDCC Highway Clean Up.

Nine HDCC members volunteered for the semiannual highway clean up. For those that don't know about this, HDCC has volunteer to clean up a mile of highway near the Cline Falls exit off of highway 126. This is actually two miles if you count both sides of the road. Former HDCC president Jeff Moore started this several years ago and the club has persevered in keeping this going. Thanks to the Ginter's. Mangan's Harry Bongers, Suzanne Maitland, Dave Parman, J Burgess and especially Hazel & Pee-wee Blackmore for organizing the event, providing the equipment , coffee and donuts.



## PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

This is our pledge to our country. You hear it often. **What does it mean?**

“I pledge allegiance”

(I promise to be true)

“to the flag”

(to the symbol of our country)

“of the United States of America”

(each state that has joined to make our country)

“and to the Republic”

(a republic is a country where the people choose others to make laws for them)

“for which it stands”

(the flag means the country)

“one Nation”

(a single country)

“under God”

(the people believe in a supreme being)

“indivisible”

(the country cannot be split into parts)

“with liberty and justice”

(with freedom and fairness)

“for all”

(for each person in the country...you and me!)

**The pledge says you are promising to be  
True to the United States of America**

Submitted by Dee Ginter



## Frequently asked questions about the FLAG

### What do the red, white and blue of the flag represent?

The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose the colors. However, in 1782 the Congress of the Confederation chose these same colors for the Great Seal of the United States and listed their meaning as follows: white to mean purity and innocence, red for valor and hardiness, and the blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. According to legend, George Washington interpreted the elements of the flag this way "the stars were taken from the sky, the red from the British colors and the white stripes signified the secession from the home country.. However, there is no official designation or meaning for the colors of the flag.

### Who designed the flag?

Betsy Ross sewed it, but who designed it? The answer, according to the experts at the Betsy Ross house, is that it was possibly designed by Francis Hopkinson, a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

### Why are the stars in a circle?

The stars were in a circle so that no one colony would be viewed above another. It is reported that George Washington said, "Let the 13 stars in a circle stand as a new constellation in the heavens.

### Why would Betsy Ross be chosen to make the flag?

It was usual in that day for upholsterers to be flag makers. As Betsy Ross prayed in the pew next to George Washington and was a niece of George Ross, it is not hard to believe that these members of the Flag Committee formed by the Continental Congress would call upon Betsy Ross to make the Flag.

### Where is the first flag?

No one knows what happened to the first flag. Very few flags from that time have survived.

### Why is the flag called "Old Glory"?

In 1831, Captain William Driver, a shipmaster from Salem, Massachusetts, left on one of his many world voyages. Friends presented him with a flag of 24 stars. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze, he exclaimed, "Old Glory." He kept his flag for many years, protecting it during the Civil War, until it was flown over the Tennessee capital. His "Old Glory" became a nickname for all American flags.

### What is a vexillologist?

A vexillologist is an expert on flags and ensigns. Vexillum (plural vexilla) is a military standard or flag used by ancient Roman troops.



Pictures from Trout Lake 2020





## **Mid Engine Monthly Update: C8's Are Shipping Again (john elegant)**

Over 1,200 C8's have been made since production resumed on May 26th. The plant is now producing at full one-shift capacity. Expectations, thanks to detailed calculations from Jeremy Welborn, are that by the end of this model year around November 1st, that there will be about 20,000, 2020 C8 Stingray's built.

Meanwhile in another exciting development, the short term "pause" on the development of future C8 models has ended, as witnessed by this picture of what is believed to be a 2022 model year Z06. At the link is a short video of its "drive by" and more information. Thanks to CorvetteBlogger for this picture! For those who have yet to subscribe (free) to the biggest and most accurate Corvette blog site everywhere, here a great daily "Corvette's of all generations" visitor to your email should you wish to subscribe: [www.CorvetteBlogger.com](http://www.CorvetteBlogger.com) *More C8 Z06 pictures at the link.*



<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/156317-video-center-mounted-exhaust-spied-on-c8-corvette-z06-prototypes>

Another article on the C8 Z06 — or is it the upcoming Z06/Z07 or the ZR1? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/155921-c8-z06-just-spotted-by-gm-authority>

Meanwhile the C8 continues to win more major awards, most recently "Top 10 Interior" from WardsAuto (Europe's most prestigious industrial evaluation firm that chooses its award recipients regard of price). BTW, earlier this year WardsAuto chose the C8's LT2 as one of its Top 10 motors: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/155576-c8's-new-award-top-10-interior>

What is also coming during the rest of the 2020 model year? We expect we are going to see the 2020 hard top convertibles starting production probably the first week of this August — though some are even suggesting their production will start this July. Meanwhile why we have really good information that the single BGA shift is now at its full 11.6/hour production rate; and, we are also hearing from several sources that the second BGA shift will also be debuting this July.

Super nicely, especially if your 2020 order was not officially picked up and you missed this 2021 really good news, Tadge Juechter announced that there will not be a MSRP price increase for the 2021 models. They however gain Red Mist Metallic (losing Long Beach Red); RMM is best imagined as a cross between previous Corvette red's of Crystal Red Metallic and Magnetic Red Metallic II. Here's a thread to see the discussions on this new exciting dark

## MID engine update continue

candy apple red: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/139601-c8's-2021-red-mist-tintcoat-metallic>

Blade Silver will be no longer next model year, replaced by Flare Silver Metallic. We have only seen one rendering of it yet, but here's a start: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/150166-c8-exterior-color-flare-silver>

Very exciting for some, you can next model year get mag ride without the Z51 option (option code FE2).

Critical C8 jacking info is in the Owners Manual. It is different from the C7's jacking points, and already one C8 was consequently wrongly lifted and crashed (destroyed) at one Chevy dealer and almost a second one crashed off the lift at another dealership. Why? Again because the wrongly used jacking locations and/or the lack of jacking pucks, so thanks to Jeremy Welborn for this critical thread. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/128924-critical-c8-jacking-point-information-thanks-to-jeremy-welborn>

Already some who were diehard manual only Corvette owners, are starting to change their tune once they have driven the C8. However, many who have yet to drive it are still manual only insisters. I wonder when most have driven a C8 whether 3/4's of the initial resisters have become converts. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/149845-unpopular-opinion-i-m-excited-about-moving-to-a-dct/page2#post156400>

Getting ready to move beyond daily driving in your C8 and explore launch control, performance driving modes and more? Thanks to Morgan Crosbie we have one video to help one in all three areas. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/156593-how-to-prepare-your-c8-corvette-for-the-track-launch-control-performance-driving>

Thanks for visiting here. As always you can reach me via a private message at [www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](http://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com). BTW, here's our C8.

**Thanks John for sharing this information.**

