

# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter August 2020

#### **Officers and Volunteers**

**President—Don Ginter** 

Vice Pres.—Tom Gray

Secretary—Dee Ginter (interim)

Treasurer—Suanne Sawyer (interim)

Sgt At Arms—Chris Ander sen
Activities—Sande Burgess

Website—Walt Santos

Membership—Roiann Santos

Newsletter—John Burgess

Photographers—John
Burgess
Dee Ginter

Sunshine—Barbara Bosy

Highway Clean up—Peewee Blackmore

Publicity—Don Ginter Tom Gray

COHD—Chair Person Harry Bongers Monthly Newsletter August 2020

President's Pondering II

Can you believe we're already in August? Over half the year is gone and we all have had to make life adjustments. With our guidelines passed down, our options have been limited, but there are some planned excursions coming up that fall within the criteria.

Our July meeting, the first one in four months, which had to be outside, went well. Keep a lookout for the August meeting announcement, it will be something different as we try to mix things up a bit for you.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Corvette – Porsche car show at the Bend Factory Stores was a huge success. We had 20 Corvettes and 20 Porsches, plus the 2020 Red C8 Z51. The gentleman is a friend of Bill Scherrer and graciously brought it. We provided face masks, hand sanitizer and posted signs throughout the event, to remind people about social distancing. The Acme Hot Dog cart and shaved ice cart were big hits. Many thanks to John Burgess for setting up the PA system. The music was enjoyed by all. Next year, be sure and sign up early for the car show as it will be limited, once again.

G-Man

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one." - C.S. Lewis



Don Ginter

**HDCC** President



#### MINUTES OF THE HIGH DESERT CORVETTE CLUB MEETING

Date: <u>Tues.</u>, July 14, 2020 <u>Place</u>: Initiative Brewery

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President, Don Ginter. Attendance was taken by Dee Ginter, Interim Secretary. Sargent at Arms, Chris Andersen, sold 50/50 raffle tickets.

**Comments**: Welcome. It's been a long, four months since we had a meeting.

New Members and Guests – Roiann Santos; Don announced new members, Dale & Jean Krehbiel, they have a 1965 Red Corvette and are from Seattle WA

We have 84 members, 64 Corvettes

Secretary's Report—Dee Ginter (Interim) – Motion accepted and seconded, as printed

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>—Suzanne Maitland (Interim) – Report read by Don Ginter; motion accepted and seconded, as stated

<u>Sponsor's Report</u>—Tom Gray – Ongoing sponsor has not stepped up to retain their position; Todd Layport, Redmond Liquor, stepped forward to be the club's sponsor

<u>Activities</u>—John & Sande Burgess – In Sande's absence, John announced, with COVID requirement issues, the trip to Pendleton/Joseph isn't being planned; Re: Wine tours in valley, with .gov changes, and no more than 10 people in a group at a time, this, too, is off the table; Currently nothing pending, but working on possibilities.

July 29th Social at Sunriver, 4pm mini golf (optional), 5pm dinner at Village Bar & Grill.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Social – TBD.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Social at Broken Top.

<u>Highway Cleanup</u>— PeeWee Blackmore – Thanked everyone who signed up & those who showed up; Next date TBD – Sept/Oct; New director at ODOT, things working out great

**Publicity**—Tom Gray / Don Ginter – None due to COVID - COHD cancellation

Newsletter — John Burgess - Great job, John

Website —Walt Santos – Doing well; No sponsor mentioned; Will have one next year

**Sunshine**— Barbara Bosy – Announced July and August anniversaries and birthdays

**Photographers** - Dee Ginter/John Burgess - Trout lake photoshow enjoyed by all (Kudos, John B.)



#### **Old Business:**

July 18<sup>th</sup> Car Show @ Outlet Mall with Porsche Club – Details sent in separate email; 3 trophies for Corvettes (voted on by Porsche club) + 3 trophies for Porsche's (voted on by Corvette club)

EOY Banquet cancelled; Presented 'thank you' gift to Board members/Volunteers

Tom Gray – Presentation to President, Don/G-man - \$100 VISA gift card – "Big smile, compassion for club members, he calls members to see how they're doing, great soul, larger than life personality, great traits. Gift: "What a guy" hat (camouflage hat). Thank you for this past year. Don thanked Tom and the club and commented that everyone is great to be around.

#### **New Business:**

Vote by those present for two interim positions – Treasurer/Suzanne Maitland and Secretary/Dee Ginter – Unanimous vote for both positions

PMT (President's Mystery Trip) – Tentatively scheduled for Sept. 9 & 10 = COVID may delay or cancel any plans; still looking into possibilities

Need new Bend meeting location (Pappy's Pizza property sold) – Any suggestions greatly appreciated - Barbara Bosy mentioned "Chi", new restaurant near Macy's (they've moved from Newport Ave.); John B commented the Pourhouse offered area where we had our social in May; Indoors group size may be factor, again, due to COVID restrictions.

Don asked Jean Kriebehl to talk about herself and husband, Dale. They met on a blind date around 35 yrs ago, lived in Seattle past 30 yrs, was in banking & some hospital work; She grew up in Prineville and wanted to move back to C.O. after retirement; They have 3 Camaro's & I Corvette; have belonged to the two different clubs; They live on 2.5 acres, in Bend, have a 5 car garage, plus view of mountains.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm by President, Don Ginter. 50/50 – Chris Andersen

50/50 Drawing: Amount collected \$110

Winner(s) – \$55 Jeannine Crowther donated \$20 to club

Prepared and Submitted by Dee Ginter, Interim Secretary







## **August Anniversaries**

5 Bob & Pat Welsh
7 Bill & Annie Scheaffer
17 Bill & Debbie Scherrer

Missed July Anniversary
30 Walt & Roiann Santos

## **August Birthdays**

- 2 Suzanne Maitland
- 3 Henry McDonnell
- 3 Debbie Fuller
- 5 Jean Krehbiel
- 13 Judy McClean
- 14 Bill Scherrer
- 15 Caroline Fournier
- 22 Dale Krehbiel
- 22 Mike Sawyer
- 27 Tim Mangan
- 29 Hazel Blackmore
- 29 Dean Cowell

#### **July Club Meeting**

July was the first club meeting since the last one in February. The CORVID 19 situation has sure changed things for most of us. Initiative Brewing was very accommodating and had a nice selection of food and beverage. We had outside seating and we were all in close proximity. It was a little difficult to hear during the actual meeting but everything went well.

As there was no year end banquet President Ginter acknowledge the club officers and volunteer positions by presenting them with gifts. The gifts were very nice stadium blankets with the club logo.





#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **AUGUST**

- 5 TRIP TO DONATELLO'S RESTAURANT MARIAN FORKS LUNCH
- 12 HDCC BUSINESS MEETING 5:00 PM Bill Scherrer"s Garage. Please note date is a Wednesday

  See direction in box this same page
- 22 PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES

  CORVETTES ON THE BAY NO. BEND

  Canceled
- SOCIAL NIGHT 6:00 PM Vine N Tap546 NW 7th St Redmond , OR
- 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– CITIES WA
- 30 SOCIAL NIGHT BROKEN TOP COUNTRY CLUB

Jeannine Crowther was the winner of the 50/50 Jackpot. She gave\$20.00 to HDCC Thank you Jeannine



#### **Directions to Bill Scherrer's**

56866 Enterprise Drive. Sunriver which is Sunriver Business Park.

Go south on 97, turn onto Sunriver turn off. Follow to traffic circle and take second turn to stop lite. Turn left at the lite then immediate right onto Venture Lne pass Ace hardware, then right onto Enterprise Drive. Just pass "Powder Village" condo's you will see sign that says "compound", turn right into storage area units.

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







## July Social Night

Sunriver Putt Putt Golf at the Pavilion and the Village Bar and Grill provided a great evening of fun for about 20 of our members. Competition was tense on the golf course, but the tenseness was broken by an abundance of laughs. The service and food at the Village Bar and grill was great on a hot sunny evening filled with lots of conversation.







#### Featured Members Dale and Jean Krehbiel

Jean was born in Prineville and attended schools there through high school. She attended COCC and obtain training in medical records technology. She worked in Corvallis Oregon for a time and them moved to Seattle where she worked at Providence hospital and Virginia Mason.

Dale was born and raised the Albany Oregon and attended schools there. He went to OSU and then graduated from U of O. He worked in the banking business for his career.

When asked about hobbies both indicated that they had been involved in collecting cars and restoration of those that needed it. Currently have three Camaro's. Dale purchased their current Corvette, a 1956 Coupe, while living in the Seattle area. There was a course at a community college which dealt with the restoration of cars. Dale enrolled in the course and did a complete frame off restoration of their 1966 Corvette. This process took one and ½ years.

They enjoyed attending swap meets looking for car parts.

He has a 1955 big window Chevy pickup and he currently making improvements. They have owned this vehicle for over 20 years.

Dale is also a Vietnam Vet and served as air controller in the Da Nang area. They met on a blind date years ago. Seems to have worked out for them. Welcome to HDCC, we hope you enjoy your time with the club.







# Entombed" Corvette Now on Display at the National Corvette Museum

Richard Sampson, a grocery store owner in Brunswick, Maine, purchased a new 1954 Corvette and enjoyed driving the two-seat convertible for about five years. However, in 1959, Mr. Sampson found out that his wife no longer enjoyed riding in it. After finding this shocking information out from his wife and being disappointed himself, he decided that he would no longer drive the Polo White roadster.

Mr. Sampson was in the process of building a new building for his grocery store chain and chose to entomb the Corvette behind a brick wall inside the store with a square porthole for viewing. He also went to the extent of putting a statement in his will that the Corvette was not to be removed until the year 2000. However, before his death in 1969, he removed that clause from his will.

A new owner purchased the store in 1982 and wanted the 1954 Corvette removed from its tomb. In 1986, Mr. Sampson's daughter took the Corvette home with her, literally. She kept it in her living room for the next 10 years in Daytona Beach, Florida.

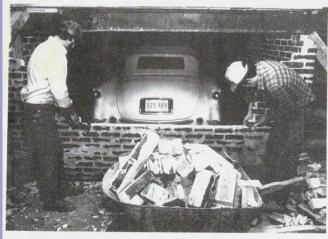
The 1954 Entombed Corvette has had multiple owners since then and now has been donated to the National Corvette Museum where it has a permanent display complete with brick walls and a porthole to view it from. Granted, the NCM has left one wall incomplete so that visitors can view the entire Corvette.







## **Entombed Corvette Pictures**



(AD2) BRUNSWICK, Maine, Sept. 29 - ENTONBED CORVETTE - Wesley Irving, left, and Will Irving remove a brick wall to reveal a 1954 Corvette convertible that was entonbed for 27 years. The late Richard Sampson St. sealed the care beind brick walls in 1959, but no one seems to know why. (AP LaserPhoto) jih2090Cmbr-Fimes Record Slug: Corvette Toub





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#### Mid Engine Monthly Update: News On Both The 2020 & 2021 Years (John Elegant)

It is probable that the 2020 C8 production year does not end until around Thanksgiving; if confirmed this supports a statement attributed to a GM dealership General Manager that 2021 production will literally not start until January.

We await the start of the 2021 model year in terms of hard, official information from the GM Owners Guide. But if you are reading this after July 27th, the Owners Guide will now be public; also, if you are reading this after July 30th, the first batch of 2021 Corvette allocations has been given to dealers and they will have matched them with their first 2021 customer orders. 2021 allocation levels are expected to be the same as those original estimated to dealers back in early September, 2020 for the C8's first year -- but that too is not yet GM confirmed.

Speaking of waiting, we cannot wait to see the very first Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat (option code GPH). This picture could be very close, but could it be a photoshop. It's close to it nevertheless. However we do know a fair amount of what RMMT looks like. I had a conversation with the Corvette Color and Trim Manager five months, and while he would not confirm to me when I guessed when I then asked him, "Am I correct that the new 2021 red looks a lot like both the C5's Magnetic Red Metallic II and the Crystal Red Metallic," the look on his face was "yep!" — but of course he properly would not confirm that since it was not public info at that time. We also know that it is so beautiful that Exec. Chief Corvette Engineer Tadge Juechter has chosen this color for his "captured test fleet" (CTF) car.

Also there will be a new 2021 color is Silver Flair Metallic (option GSJ) which Tadge calls "liquid metal." Separately, we have confirmed that there is a known is a specific major, mechanical 2021 advance, a new suspension option FE2 which couples mag ride for the entry version (no Z51 required). Also new is that Apple and Android is wireless for the upcoming year. Here's the complete GM 2021 press release. <a href="https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/163168-2021-c8-officially-announced-with-first-picture-of-silver-flare">https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/163168-2021-c8-officially-announced-with-first-picture-of-silver-flare</a>

Already confirmed from a GM teaser video and partially from that above GM release are the 2021 new stripe colors of orange, red, yellow and blue. They will be joining the 2020's Carbon Flash Metallic, Midnight Gray and Sterling Silver stripe options. And a very different hood stinger stripe...

Lastly for 2021 will be two 3LT seat combinations called "Strike Yellow/Sky Cool Gray" and "Leather Jet Black with Sky Cool Gray." If you wish to join the discussion of these new colors and options and see GM's 2021 teaser video, it's here: <a href="https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/162484-such-a-tease-such-a-tease">https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/162484-such-a-tease-such-a-tease</a>

Want to have a fun weekly Corvette experience? And do it whenever you choose? Most of all listening to each one is BIG FUN! The relatively new "Corvette Today" podcast is available all the time, though each week's new episode starts on Monday Monday. Past interviewees have included the # 1 Corvette salesperson ever Mike Furman of Criswell (who has sold just under 5,000 of them), Reeves Callaway, Keith Cornett ("CorvetteBlogger"), Jeremy Welborn and more than ten other Corvette community notables. The great interviews are conducted by Steve (Bell) Garrett — the President of the Corvette Club of Kansas City, a 40+ year DJ on "the" rock station in Kansas City, a professional sports announcer and



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much more. Find all the episodes here, choosing in what order you wish to listen to them, though as there are now ten different ways to get to them, here's a broad link to give you the most options: <a href="https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/140039-listen-to-my-new-weekly-podcast-called-corvette-today-released-available-now">https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/140039-listen-to-my-new-weekly-podcast-called-corvette-today-released-available-now</a>

Need your C8 fix while you wait for yours to arrive, or just a C8 model for your Corvette cave. Blue and red ones @ \$20 are here: <a href="https://corvettestore.com/2020-corvette-stingray-124-diecast-model-die2020srcp3/">https://corvettestore.com/2020-corvette-stingray-124-diecast-model-die2020srcp3/</a>

Already more C8 have been manufactured since the May production resumption than all those assembled prior to the May 16 Covid BGA shut down, e.g., around 6,000 at this time. With an estimated total 2020 C8 production being 20,000 total units, the start of the second shift at BGA cannot come soon enough. Perhaps starting soon after some of you are reading this...

Thanks again for tuning in. I am always available to do my best to assist, by your private messaging me as "John" at: <a href="https://www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com">www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com</a>



Legally blind for 44 years, man has sight restored and buys Corvette

Mike Schickerowski had a condition called nystagmus in which causes all images to be a blur. After experimental surgery to correct the condition he was able to see. After several outings with his children he was inspired to purchase a yellow C7 Grand Sport. This was before he had passed the drivers license exam. Schickerowski was grateful to drive his Corvette on his own but even more grateful to be able to see the world clearly for the first time. So nice to hear a positive human interest event given all the turmoil we hear on a daily basis.

Taken from Corvette Blogger



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## More Car Show Pictures



## More Social Night Pictures.

