



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter

March 2021

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President's Pondering II

Everyone, hold onto your hats because we are seeing a leap of freedom for all of us. With businesses opening back up it's appearing that we're going to be back in the driving seat of our favorite cars and driving somewhere soon, and NOT sitting in the garage. It doesn't matter where we go, but let's just go and be outside for some fresh air and scenery.

I have heard that there will be 3 new C8's arriving very soon for some of our members - Congratulations (YIPEEE).

The annual voting process for the 5 HDCC board members will be tallied up and announced at our March 9th club meeting. Hopefully you'll be able to participate in our next Zoom club meeting. A separate email with the login information will be sent on that date.

I would like to thank all the board members and volunteer chairs for doing the best job EVER. Members might want to also thank them personally for doing a great job. I'm sure it would mean a lot.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day

Good, better or best. Never let it rest till your good is better

and your better is best. - Author St. Jerome



Don Ginter
"The G-Man"
HDCC President



March Anniversaries

3/20 Rich & Tess Morton

March Birthdays

1 LeeAnne Kaster

5 Harry Bongers

7 Fred Crowther

9 Charles Thomson

10 Fredy Jenkins

28 Barbara Bosy

28 Lori Schneider

29 Malcom Meyers

30 Ron Massey

31 Todd Layport

Important Days In March

March 5 - National employee appreciation day

14th Daylight savings

17th St Patrick's Day

20th First day of spring

23rd National puppy day

27th Passover begins

Submitted by Dee Ginter

HDCC New Club Sponsors

Redmond Liquor

For all your beverage needs for family or social gatherings.

Jessica Andersen, Broker Legacy Realty, LLC

Buying? Selling? Contact Jessica for any real estate assistance.

Barry & Chris Larson, Eagle Landing Apartments

Bend rental housing, at it's finest.

Thank you Todd Layport, Jessica Anderson and Barry and Christine Larson for sponsoring HDCC

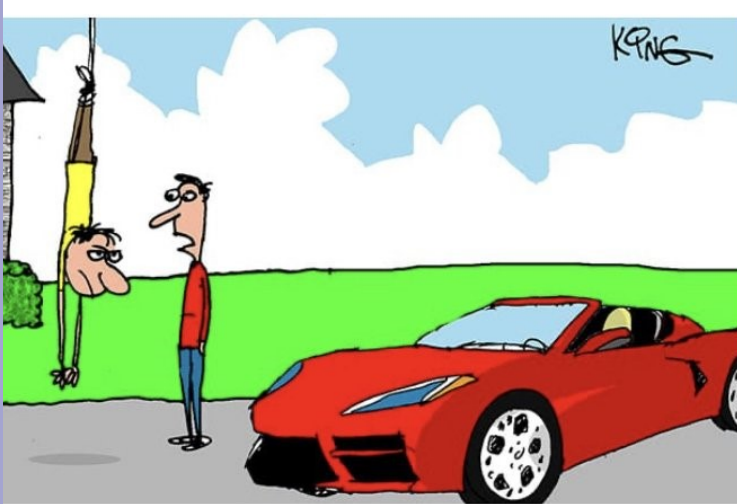
Three 2021 Corvette Colors Ending This Year

Sebring Orange - 4th with 1377 units sold

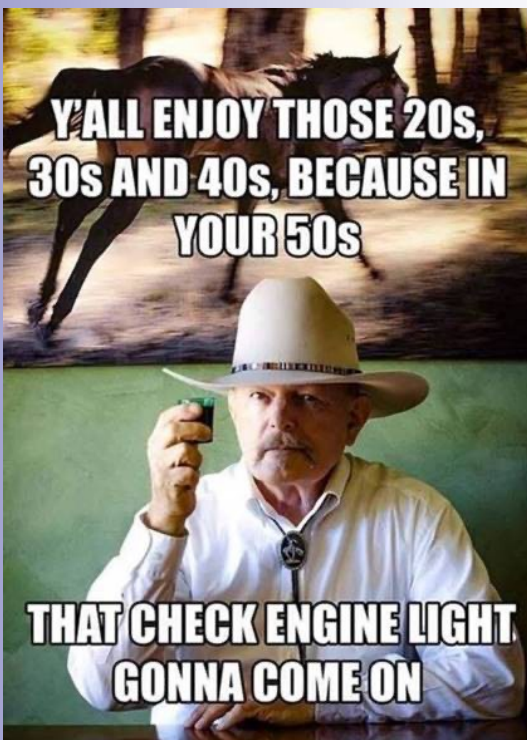
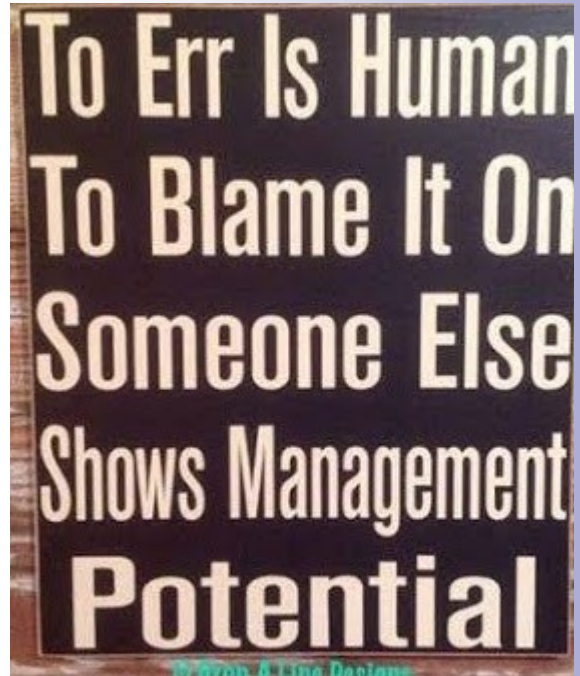
Shadow Gray 7th with 1111 units sold

Zeus Bronze 12th with 548 units sold

On The Lighter Side



Next time let me know if you're going to approach my car. I'll disarm the external security system."





Activities

Here are some proposed activities for 2021. Of course club meetings and social nights will be added in.

March 31 - Year End Banquet –View Restaurant Redmond - sign up now!!

May 13 - Lunch Trip to Point Restaurant Sweet Home Oregon

May 21-22 - Skeet Shoot Creswell

June Corvettes on the Columbia Usually first weekend in June but may be held
In September. Stay tuned for more information

June 25-27 - Trout Lake Trip

July 4 - Sisters Airport Fourth of July (tentative)

7/17 - Corvette/Porsche Car Show Bend Factory Stores

8/21-22 Long Beach Washington Kite Festival

8/26-29 Pendleton, Joseph/Wallowa Mountain Cruise & Car Show

9/TBA - President's Mystery Tour

10/30 - 2nd Annual Halloween Party

11/11 - Veterans Day Parade

Will also schedule a 3rd annual wine tour date TBA

We will probably also receive invitations to other Corvette Car Shows to include (as time goes by) **Remember due to COVID everything is tentative, will try to keep you up to date as we receive information**

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Sylvester Stallone Buys a Rapid Blue 2021 Corvette Convertible



That line isn't in any of the Rocky movies, but actor [Sylvester Stallone](#) might be able to slip it in with an ad-lib after the legendary actor just became the owner of a mid-engine Corvette! The 74-year-old Hollywood star is all smiles with his Rapid Blue hardtop convertible in a Facebook posting on Saturday by Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. No other details on the Corvette were available, other than the fact that it includes the 3LT Tension Blue/Twilight Blue leather interior and the optional 19" front. 20-inch rear 5 Trident-Spoke Machined Face Spectra Gray Painted Aluminum Wheels for \$1,495.

This [isn't the first Corvette Stallone has owned](#). Back in 2009, he purchased a custom 510/660 horsepower 1968 Stingray convertible for \$198,000 at Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas. He ended up selling the bright red Corvette, which featured exposed headlights, side pipes, and custom interior, in 2011.



HDCC Featured Members Tim & Marlene Mangan

Tim and Marlene are native Oregonians, Tim born at Camp Adair, a WWII Air Force base that is now known as Adair Village, and Marlene born in Prineville.

Both were born into the Oregon timber industry. Tim's father was a sawmill partner and mill manager in Lebanon. Marlene's father owned and operated log trucks in central Oregon. Tim growing up in Lebanon, with O.S.U.'s school of forestry and business as his alma mater. Marlene was not too far away at Western Oregon state college in Monmouth.

Both went to work for Willamette Industries, at that time manufacturing lumber, plywood, particle board and co owner of Western Kraft paper mill in Albany. Their company would in the early 1970s become publicly traded as Willamette Industries Inc., having timberlands and manufacturing facilities across the U.S.

They met in the early 70's when Marlene was transferred from Springfield plywood to Lebanon as human resource director and Tim was the mill manager. Marlene arrived at the mill driving a brand new copper metallic 1971 Z28 Camaro, the girl and the car definitely caught Tim's eye. After a combined 68 years they left their forest products career's in 2001, when Willamette Industries was bought out by Weyerhaeuser.

Their hobby over the years was cars (19 Corvette's, 5 currently, Marlene suggests the number can change at any time), skiing and building houses. Building in Lebanon, and vacation houses in Bend and Sunriver for those week-end ski get away's to Mt. Bachelor.

After leaving the daily work world they took up cross continent bicycle touring. Over seven years pedaling across all 50 state's (Hawaii was circling the Big Island), and Canadian provinces not including the Maritimes.

After checking this off their to do list their son Brad, also a muscle car and Corvette enthusiast suggested they pursue the old car hobby once again. Off they went finding Corvette's and other old iron to take to auction. Over the year's having bought and sold over 30 cars at Barrett- Jackson and other auctions. Tim, when asked if they make any money at it, Tim's response will be "never lost money on any car they bought, only when it comes time to sell". No reserve auction's are exciting, if the car goes on the block at happy hour it sometimes works out for the seller, if it is morning coffee time for the car to be on the auction block things can sometimes go south.

Tim and Marlene will be competing in their 6th Hemmings Motor News Great Race this year. Scheduled to start June Starting in San Antonio at the Alamo and finishing in Greenville, South Carolina.

They will have new competition this time. Their son Brad and his wife Jamie who reside in Klamath Falls, have entered their 1962 Corvette, with Jamie as driver and Brad navigating. Jamie is working on her driving skills and shoulder strength as the 62 has manual steering. With the youngest of their 3 children now in the final month's college, and their middle son in line to one day take over their independent insurance agency, new adventures await them.



The Mangan Armada





With precious metals in demand, brazen thieves are stealing catalytic converters

Catalytic converters, the emissions-control devices designed to reduce toxic exhaust emissions, have always been an easy target of enterprising thieves in search of precious metals. With values of rhodium and palladium recently eclipsing that of gold, however, catalytic converter thefts are spiking nationwide. The devices can be sawed from the underside of vulnerable automobiles within minutes, and some thieves are so proficient at this automotive amputation that they'll perform it in broad daylight.

Thefts of these components are not a new phenomenon, but the recent volume of these crimes has been indirectly triggered by a worldwide crackdown on emissions regulations, which have increased demand for palladium and rhodium. Palladium is a close relative of platinum—they're both categorized as transition metals on the periodic table—and helps accelerate the breakdown of harmful hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide. Rhodium combines with platinum to form a reduction catalyst, which lowers nitrogen oxide emissions (NO₂) by stripping off nitrogen atoms and forming oxygen (O₂) and nitrogen gas (N₂).

According to [The New York Times](#), the price of palladium has quintupled within the last five years, hitting a record of \$2875 an ounce in 2020. It is currently worth \$2000–\$2500 an ounce. For context, gold is currently \$1850 an ounce. Rhodium is even more valuable; it skyrocketed more than 3000 percent last year to a record \$21,900 an ounce—almost 12 times the price of gold.

ABC-7 News in San Francisco reported a rash of [catalytic converter thefts](#) last year, and SF Toyota service manager Geoff Blackburn told the television station: "It's gotten real bad. Talking to the insurance companies ... [they're] saying that the majority of their day is spent going out there inspecting these cars."

Replacing a catalytic converter can cost \$2000–\$3000 and, although Germain Honda's Parsons says insurance generally covers the repairs, sometimes the provider chooses to total the car instead. Since that isn't the best-case scenario for many people, some are choosing to take preventative measures.



From Hagerty News

Does anyone remember this picture and where we were going many years ago?!



For those going to Casey's RV Camp out, this would be a cheap ride. Try this Toyota Prius Camper





Mid Engine Monthly Update: What Is New? What Is Next (By John Elegant)

What do we know about the end of the 2021 year and the start of 2022 MY? Here's what we know about the 2021's ending schedule: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/242785-2021-my-build-out-official-gm-information>

We also have learned that as the 2021 MY ends, three current colors will be leaving for good (two prematurely), and that there will be three new colors for 2022. The three going goodbye are Sebring Orange, Zeus Bronze, and Shadow Gray. No new color replacement specifics have been announced yet but probably the three new ones would be announced at the NCM April 20th-22nd Bash. Some wonder if we would see Shadow Gray metallic being changed to the very popular, customer-highly-requested, gray # 4 C8.R?

[Suggest C8.R picture here]

We heard from Brembo that they created for the Cadillac CT5-V their newest, 4th generation, carbon ceramic brakes. Separately we became aware that one new Blackwing Caddy will have a magnesium wheel option. So might both of these be options be part of the C8 Z06, even standard on the Z06/Z07 version? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/241407-c8-z06-to-have-carbon-ceramic-brembo's>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/241316-might-c8-z06-mag-wheels-be-an-option>

With the dearth of competition for the C8.R this year here in the U.S., in order to fine tune the C8.R for the 24 Hours of LeMans, there is a likelihood that the C8.R's are heading to Europe for two, pre-LeMans, WEC races. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/corvette-racing-info-news/241701-c8-r-s-possibly-headed-overseas>





Z06 testing continues. It was captured by Motor Trend and also on the streets of Arizona. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/234763-c8-z06-mule-captured-on-track-with-video-thanks-to-motortrend>

Right hand drive C8's were caught testing. The first batch of about 300 are heading to Japan, later some to Australia and England: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/240369-right-hand-drive-c8's-spotted-testing>

[Suggest right hand drive picture here]



The AWD, hybrid E-Ray testing continues, with E-Ray mules being caught twice this past month: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/237687-e-ray-mule-caught-by-gm-authority>

Will the E-Ray C8 be introduced ahead of the Z06? I raised that question a good amount of time ago, presenting it then a "left field" rumor, but if as two birdies have chirped that C8 Z06 development has further to go, could the E-Ray jump ahead of the C8 Z06? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/238267-factors-suggesting-the-e-ray-could-be-the-2022-introduced-c8>

When the E-Ray was first conceptualized, very few Corvettes fans came forward with other than with a big "raspberry," saying they would NEVER own a hybrid Corvette. But "times are a changing" (thanks Bob D) with now roughly 1/3 of MidEngineCorvetteForum members saying they would seriously consider on E-Ray. So how would a C8 E-Ray's components differ from the C8 Z06's? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224392-z06-vs-e-ray-components>

Or if neither the C8 E-Ray or the Z06 are ready for 2022 model year introduction, currently estimated as happening in late August or early September, how about a special edition 2022 GTLM Championship edition preceding both? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/240930-2022-gtlim-championship-special-edition-c8>

Thanks for tuning in this month. As always, if you wish to communicate directly with me, please private message "John" @www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com.