



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Happy May to everyone and a Mother's Day to all of you mum's.

A big thank you to everyone that came out to our last month's club meeting at the Pour House in Bend. We had a great turn out with over 40 members in attendance who helped me kick off my first club meeting as your Pres. I think we all were so glad to be out and about to get this season started with good times ahead. Thanks to all of you, for the warm welcome!

As temps are getting warmer I am hopeful we will be able to add more club activities as mentioned by our Activity Director. With COVID -19 the key word is hopeful! With this in mind, I want to suggest a new option to be introduced, and I am hoping some of you will embrace this idea. I am drafting an emergency "things to know form" that you can choose to fill out then placed in the provided HDCC envelope, to be sealed then placed in your corvette glove compartment. The reason for this is, In case of (and only in this situation) an unforeseen medical emergency arises on any one of our club corvette tours. We would have access to any medical knowledge that you would want to provide and deemed helpful. This form is confidential and sealed in your corvette glove compartment and only used if needed, and this information when you are unable to relay it, then we all know where to go to retrieve this vital information which may help you! There are times when many of our members will want to join a tour solo.... I did several times in recent years. As an example, I for one have a medication that I cannot take without severe reaction. If for any reason I needed immediate aid and could not relay this information, it would be comforting to know this form is available. I am hoping to have these forms and envelopes always available at our monthly meeting and we will try to see if they can be put online for downloading and printing off at home. Just remember to mark your envelope in big HDCC letter on the front and sealed.

As for our upcoming May meeting, I have two locations in the works and I should know shortly which location for Redmond meeting is secured.

Thanks again for your patience!

So let's get our cars out on the road and this and kick this season off.

T-Gal
Tess Morton
HDCC President





May Anniversaries

5/5 Phil & Lynda Derr

5/16 Malcolm & Marlene

Meyers

5/30 Ken & LeeAnn Kaster

May Birthdays

5-5 Jeannine Crowther

5/8 Jan Carkhuff

5/18 Lynda Derr

5/18 Tess Morton

5/20 Tom Gray

2nd Sunday of May

Mother's Day



On the 2nd Sunday of May, the whole world celebrates Mother's Day to recognise motherhood and the contribution of mothers in society. The origin of Mother's Day is attributed to Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, who are believed to have established the idea of Mother's Day in the USA. Most countries mark the day on the second Sunday in May. However, the UK and Ireland observe it on the fourth Sunday



Jere Smith was honored at the End of Year Banquet as the oldest active member of High Desert Corvettes at 22 years. Jere has been very active in all phases of the club and has been the key person in providing lunches at the Corvettes on the High Desert event.

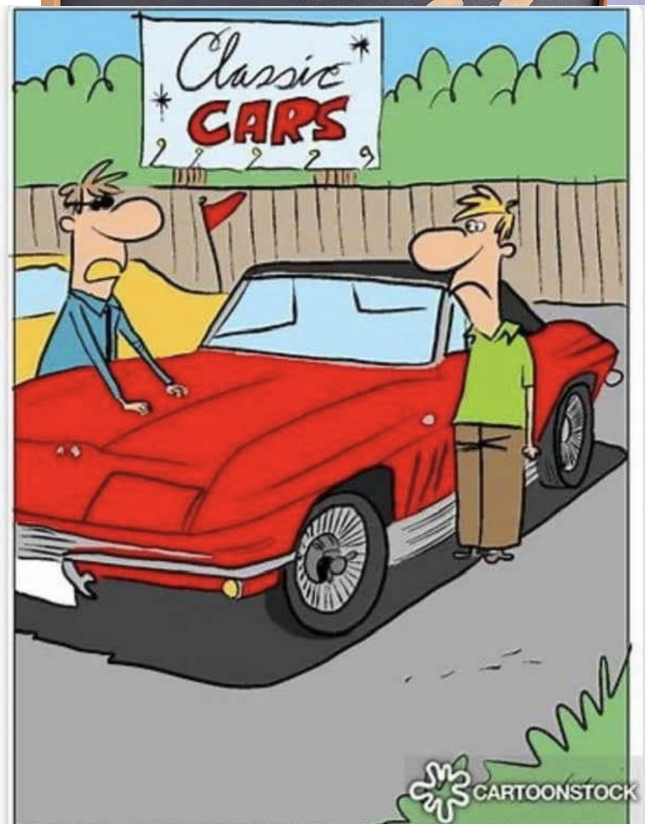
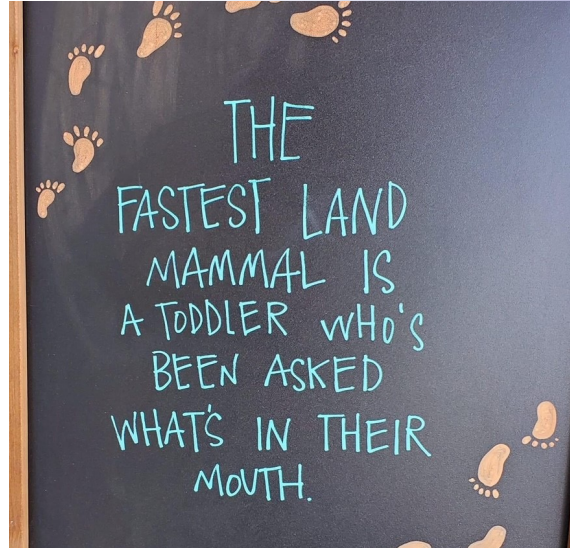
Thanks Jere for all your efforts.



Rick Kerfoot won the 50/50 Jackpot at the last HDCC business meeting. The amount was \$90.00

On The Lighter Side

90% Have No Idea
What This Is. Do You?
SHARE if you do.



"I JUST WANT TO WARN YOU IF
YOU BUY THIS, YOU MAY NEVER
AGAIN KNOW IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU
FOR YOU OR YOUR CORVETTE."



Activities

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

May 13 - Lunch Trip to Point Restaurant Sweet Home Oregon

Canceled, cannot accommodate groups

May 13 Lunch Trip to Maupin, OR At the Imperial Bar & Grill

May 21-22 - Skeet Shoot Creswell

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 **Canceled**

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

9/9 & 10 Corvettes on the Columbia

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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Mustang pickup 15 were made in 1965

Corvette Magazine Questions and Answer by the “TECH NURD”

Question: Intermittent mal function of key fob.

Answer: the logical place to begin our diagnosis is with the battery in your fob. When this battery grows weak, the fob will work intermittently and then stop working altogether. Another easily solvable cause of your problem is a weak car battery. Many of the electronics in late model Corvettes are hyper-sensitive to voltage change, and as a result a weak battery can be your problem. Do a load test of the battery and if shows weakness replace it. One more thing to try is reprogramming the fobs. There is a defined procedure for this in your owners manual. If both batteries are in good condition the problem lies elsewhere. One test is to insert the fob into the glovebox receiver. If the car recognizes the fob, then the problem is likely a battery in the fob, or interference from something such as a cell phone. If the car doesn't recognize the fob, and the battery in the fob and the car are in tip shap the problem is likely with the control module or something



Reckless Driving Careless Driving Distracted Driving

Reckless Driving in Oregon – It is a crime to drive “recklessly” in a manner that endangers the safety of persons or property. The term “recklessly” means the person *understood the conduct was risky but decided to do it anyway*.

[Reckless Driving Penalties](#) – The consequences of an Oregon reckless driving conviction depend on the circumstances. But generally, reckless driving is a class A misdemeanor. A conviction carries up to a year in jail and a maximum \$6,250.00 in fines. The convicted motorist also faces license suspension for period of 90 days for a first offense, one year for a second offense with five years, and three years for a third offense within five years.

[Careless Driving in Oregon](#)– A motorist can be convicted of the offense for driving in a manner that endangers the safety of persons or property. Unlike with reckless driving - which requires proof that the driver knowingly did something risky behind the wheel-motorists can be convicted of careless driving without realizing the dangerousness of their driving.

[Careless Driving Penalties](#) – Usually careless driving is a class B traffic violation and carries fines between \$130.00 to \$1,000.00. A motorist who causes an accident while driving carelessly is guilty of a class A traffic violation and is looking at \$220.00 to \$2,000.00 in fines. Careless driving offenders who cause “serious physical injury” or death to another person face \$200.00 to \$2,000.00 in fines and 100 to 200 hours of community service and must complete a traffic safety course.

[Distracted Driving in Oregon](#) – The Oregon Department of Transportation defines distracted driving as what “occurs” when a driver diverts attention to something not related to driving that uses the driver’s eyes, ears or hands.” ODOT lists four types of driver distractions: **Visual:** looking at something other than the road, **Auditory:** hearing something not related to driving, **Manual:** handling something other than the steering wheel, **Cognitive:** Thinking about something other than driving.

On average, distracted driving causes an accident every 2.5 hours in Oregon.

Oregon’s statewide distracted driving law currently prohibits:

- Reading, writing and sending text messages or emails from a handheld device
- Talking on a handheld cell phone.
- Using any type of handheld of handheld mobile communications device.
- Drivers under 18 from using any cell phone even if in hands free mode.



Chevy Corvette Sales Dominate With 51 Percent Market Share During Q1 2021

The healthy double-digit jump in Chevy Corvette sales in the U.S. during Q1 2021 enabled the perennial sports car to remain the best-selling model in its class. In fact, the Corvette outsold all other rivals combined,. It should be noted that the other cars are significantly more expensive than the C8 Corvette so that may factor in as well.

| MODEL | Q1 21 | Q1 20 | Q1 21 SHARE | Q1 20 SHARE |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| CHEVROLET CORVETTE | 6,611 | 3,820 | 51% | 43% |
| PORSCHE 911 | 2,782 | 2,590 | 22% | 29% |
| PORSCHE 718 | 1,506 | 400 | 12% | 4% |
| MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GT | 1,,212 | 967 | 9% | 11% |
| MERCEDES-BENZ SL | ,311 | ,,401 | 2% | 4% |
| MERCEDES-BENZ SLC- | 198 | 419 | 2% | 5% |
| AUDI R8 | 148 | 97 | 1% | 1% |
| NISSAN GT-R - | 50 | 58 | 0% | 1% |
| FORD GT | 33 | 79 | 0% | 1% |
| ACURA NSX - | 17 | 34 | 0% | 0% |
| B MW I8 | 8 | 66 | 0% | 1% |



Mid Engine Monthly Update: What's Happening In Our Current & Future C8 World (John Elegant)

Corvette has the highest customer loyal in luxury sports cars, even ahead of Porsche and yes even high end exotics: [https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/258072-corvette's-highest-loyalty-among-all-luxury-sports-cars](https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/258072-corvette-s-highest-loyalty-among-all-luxury-sports-cars)

Last minute sad news for C8 customers who had planned on either Sebring Orange or Zeus Bronze, for on the April 15th order-submittal day, there was a major, negative surprise as all told that these two colors were now fully constrained (not allowed to be entered in that color): <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/260581-super-bad-news-so-zb-totally-constrained-today#post260584>

That meant that customers who had chosen those two exterior colors, and who had then built their interior, wheel and then caliper choice, stripes or not, and other color related choices based on their exterior color choice of SO or ZB, received a call from their dealer on the morning of Thursday, April 15th and had to immediately choose a replacement color and almost-certainly had to consequently change several or many other options too. More here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/260581-super-bad-news-so-zb-totally-constrained-today#post260805>

We often look at the typical or most popular interior and exterior combinations, but sometimes there are brave alternative ones. Thanks to Morgan Crosbie, his Cars and Crosbie YT channel (which we often feature at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum.com (MECF), we have this picture of Elkhart Lake Blue with the Morello interior. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/260142-featured-morello-red-interior-in-this-latest-cars-and-crosbie-video>



What is our new C8 news? As we await the Bash (this was written before the event though most are reading this after the event was over), we wonder what new 2022 information will have been released there. Here are my predictions as to what will and what will not be shared during the Bash (by Tadge and Harlan in their virtual presentation).

*NOTHING will be shared about the 2022 Z06. In fact, Tadge nor Harlan will even mention it and if someone asks an after-presentation question about it, both of them will respond, "we do not discuss potential future product."

*The three new, 2022 replacement colors are a different orange, a new gray and a coffee; they all will be shared via actual, painted fender panels (as the Corvette team has previously done at



the Bash). Those pictures as well as comparisons with the three outgoing versions of those colors will be (were) immediately found in detail on MECF.

*No information will be shared on the 2022 prices changes.

*The probable 2021 ending production week (July 19th) will be stated, with the announcement of the estimated late August/early September first customer 2022's arriving then at dealerships.

*2022 orders will start to be formally placed for actual acceptance (matched with allocations) on or about early July.

*Lastly, from the National Corvette Museum Bash, the other major announcement was that there will be a 2024 National Corvette Caravan. While the National Corvette Caravan's Captain and more details will be announced later, this is exciting confirmation. My wife and I personally cannot wait, for it will be our sixth we have personally been involved in. Bet many of you are also looking for to this event!

Interesting projections and a rendering of the C8 ZR1 were shared here thanks to Australia's "Wheels" magazine: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/261830-very-interesting-c8-zr1-article-thanks-to-wheels-magazine>



Sometimes waiting from a C8 coming off the line to dealer delivery is an excruciating process. We know of one person in the Pacific Northwest who for a wide variety of reasons waited a total of two months for that to occur. Amazingly, sometimes it can be literally just three days for an east coast delivery to New Jersey. We remain pleased that GM is currently continuing the temporary process (we do not know how long it will remain that way) of using a single Jack Cooper Transport truck to take C8's from BGA all the way to the west coast. We have seen completed transit to the west coast lately be just under two weeks via the JCT transporter trucks. That is a wonderful improvement over the previous train-transport's one month average.

We believe that GM still plans to build a further 11,000, 2021 Corvettes. If so this would mean that the 2021 model year's production would slightly exceed the number of 2020's.

Hopefully nice spring and early summer weather has hit your area and you are getting back into jump-into-the-Corvette-often delightful routine. For those of you who live where you have been driving it all winter and early spring, we envy you!

Thanks for your continuing the Corvette wave. May you have many upcoming miles of Corvette driving smiles. John