



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Here we are half way through the year, hotter than usual, but things are looking up as we slowly get back to our Pre- C, days! And I bet we all can agree this is a great thing!

I'm not sure if it's just me, or if anyone else shares the urge to go everywhere and do everything each day. Knowing that the last couple of months of our summer time here in Central Oregon will come to a close all too soon. With that said the PMT is almost all buttoned up and I am so excited for those who can make it this year! Dates (no location 😊) will be announced at our monthly meeting!

We just celebrated national Corvette anniversary on June 30, with an outstanding HDCC month end social night at Moose Sisters, with a huge turn out! Great suggestion Debbie Scherrer and organization from our infamous social directors Sande and John Burgess! We love it when club members share their ideas and enthusiasm for events.

We have so many events coming up, I am really hoping to see many of our club members who haven't been able to join us recently! Please, please come and introduce yourself, as I am still getting to know our 90 plus members!

Happy Independence Celebration, I personally plan to celebrate the full month of July ususus
See you all soon, and stay cool!



Tess Morton T-Gal
HDCC President





HDCC Featured Members -Dave and Lori Schneider

Dave and Lori Schneider are the happy owners of their first Corvette, a 2019 GS Convertible. Fast cars have always been something they enjoy. It started in their dating years when Dave purchased a race car to impress Lori. Clearly, it must have worked since they celebrated 39 years of marriage in April. Recently Dave retired from the CEO position at Midstate Electric Cooperative, stating that it was time to play. Lori also retired from a 20-year career at La Pine High School, working in special ed. They have lived in La Pine for 26 years and have enjoyed the outdoor activities Central Oregon provides.

Dave and Lori met while working at Bridge Bay Resort in Redding, California, in 1980 and married in 1982. In 1986, Dave started attending California State University, Chico, while still working part-time as a boat mechanic in Redding. He graduated in 1989 with a degree in Business Administration. His first job out of college was working for an accounting firm, where Dave became a CPA. After discovering that he felt tax work was boring, Dave went to work for a utility as a controller. This career path led them to move to La Pine in 1995, where Dave eventually became the CEO of Midstate.

Shortly before they married, Lori changed jobs and went to work at an engineering firm as a computer processor. In 1987, she had the opportunity to switch careers and became a professional assistant with the Redding School District. For the first few years after their move to La Pine, Lori stayed home with their kids. Then she began work at La Pine Elementary as an Educational Assistant, eventually transitioning to the Special Ed department at the high school. She loved helping the students be successful, with a definite plus of being on the same schedule as their own kids.

Dave and Lori have two daughters, Rachel and Danielle. Both girls have followed in their mom's footsteps and have careers in education. Rachel is a kindergarten teacher in Eugene, where she lives with her husband, Ben. Danielle also lives in Eugene and is the Testing Coordinator at Thurston High School in Springfield. Both girls have the same passion for the outdoors and travel as their parents.

Dave has always been adventurous, from racing motorcycles as a teenager to stock car racing, water skiing, mountain climbing, and competing in 10-day adventure races in his forties. For his sixtieth birthday, Lori bought him a NASCAR driving experience at Daytona. His brother, Paul, joined the fun. Both brothers competed to see who could drive the fastest; Dave was the proud winner, besting his little brother's speed of 155.29 mph with his own of 155.89. Faster is faster, Dave claims.

Lori loves adventure, but on a smaller scale than her husband. She enjoys outdoor sports such as cycling, skiing, and hiking. When she is not outside, she has fun reading, cooking, sewing. Her favorite thing to do is spend time with family.

Dave and Lori share a passion for travel. They plan to spend time in retirement traveling the world, including a cycle trip across Europe. When they are not traveling abroad, they look forward to touring the states in the convertible with the top down. This fall, they hope to start with a trip down the entire west coast from Vancouver to Mexico.

Other retirement projects will include restoring their 1969 Convertible Firebird that Dave's dad bought brand new when Dave was ten years old. Home projects are also on the list, including a bit of remodeling, building a greenhouse, and working in the shop. Down the road, another goal will be to either restore or modify their 1949 F1 pickup. It still runs, but it's not road-ready.

Retirement will allow them to spend more time with their kids and be more involved in church. They are looking forward to attending club events, where they hope to make new friends.



Anniversaries

- 7/9 Dave & Marna Parman
- 7/21 Mike and Kemi Broadley
- 7/28 Sam & Carolyn Davis
- 7/30 Walt & Roiann Santos

Birthdays

- 7/7 Bill Scheaffer
- 7/20 Don Ginter
- 7/22 Barbara Fisher

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE.

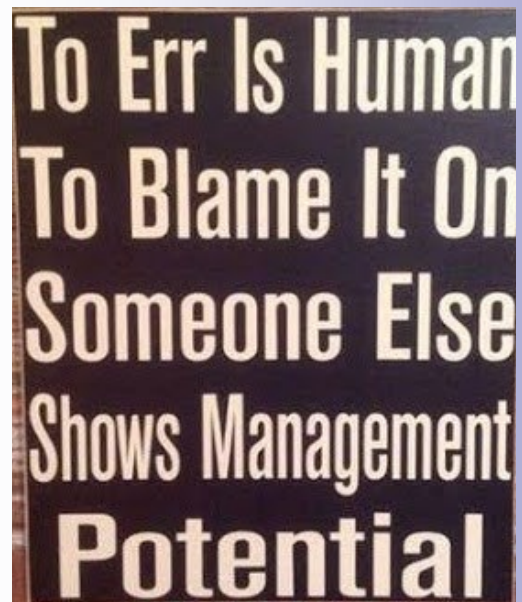
Burma Shave

On The Lighter Side

Incredible barn find today. Completely unused, original-finish sheets of plywood



Sorry Sam and Pete, I couldn't resist.
Submitted by Jeff More former HDCC
member and president.





High Desert Corvette Club Anniversary Potluck Celebration!

Wednesday July 21, 2021

Location— 16839 Pony Express Way Bend, OR 97707

RSVP— **is must** to insure adequate table seating. Please text name and number of guests and dish you will bring to Tess Morton 1-5031705-6020
No host bar (BYOB) however Boneyard IPA Beer will be on tap for with \$2.00 contribution

BBQ beef and chicken will be provided by our club

Please bring one of the following: A-K any type of salad

Based on last name

J-P	any side dish i.e. baked beans, corn etc..
Q-Z	any choice of dessert

Activities

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

July 4 - Sisters Airport Fourth of July

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

7/21– 30th Celebration of HDCC Rich & Tess Morton' home

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

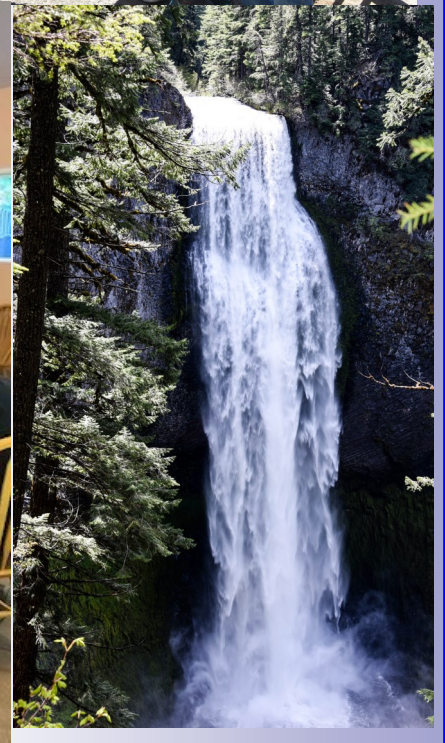
11/11 - Veterans Day Parade

The wine tour is still a work in process but it will happen.



Casey's R.V. Campout 2021

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.
Burma Shave





[This Heavily Damaged 2021 Corvette Is Ready For You To Make An Offer On It](#)



HDCC Annual Excursion to Trout Lake Washington

Thirteen HDCC cars left the parking lot at the Redmond Wal-Mart on June 25th heading for Trout Lake WA. Some of us were trying to determine how long the club has been doing this. Ann Lankford said it has been an annual event since 2005. We traveled up highway 97 with the first comfort stop just outside of Shaniko. We stopped for lunch at the city park in Moro. We crossed the Columbia at Biggs Junction and headed west to Trout Lake.

Like everywhere else in Oregon and Washington, it was hot. Fortunately the Trout Lake Motel has lots of shaded areas so after everyone check in we gathered for the chatter and beverages. Then we headed to “the barn” for pizza. Along with the pizza we had a nice selection of salads and desserts.

Saturday morning we were disappointed to learn that the motel no longer served huckleberry sweet potato waffles but they did have other items for us. Tom Gray led us on a scenic tour with a stop in Goldendale for lunch at a Mexican restaurant. We then headed back to the motel for a little R & R prior to dinner.

Once again, we drove to “the barn” and enjoyed a smoked brisket meal with many salads and desserts. Andy, the owner, is a great host and excellent BBQ-er. We parked in a field with Mt Adams in the background for a photo shoot.



HDC Highway Cleanup June 2021 Reflections from Mrs. Gray's favorite son Tom

As expected I found a great assortment of 'meals to go' containers. thank you COVID-19

Most passing motorists are paying attention and keeping good lane position as we're 6 feet away at times.

As I lifted a large piece of weathered cardboard a mouse darted from her nest...she scurried for cover elsewhere...abandoning her babies in their nest. So I covered the nest and left them at peace until next year...unless later this summer they show up in my garage... then...game on!

The closer I got to the Eagle crest ramp, the more refined was the assortment of spent and discarded alcohol containers.

I found a deer's rear leg...which I tossed further into the roadside brush...to allow the food chain to continue.

Use of Snuff is still rampant despite the oral cancers it promotes.

Fireball appears to be a popular Central Oregon whiskey.

Plastic car parts continue to flap until they break off...maybe cars should be biodegradable. That would be truly 'green'

Of course, due to the pandemic precautions, there were numerous masks amongst the rubble.

Oh, and I found a quarter!

Which reminds me...As a school crossing guard in the fifth grade, a passing motorist tossed a bill out the passenger window...I grabbed it. A Confederate \$5 bill! I still have it, amongst multi denomination bills from countries I've experienced.

Thanks to all who participated!





Trout Lake Pictures





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Mid Engine Monthly Update: Latest C8 News (John)

The 2022 model year C8's were just announced but no Z06. Sorry for those of you who were sure the Z06 was going to be a late announcement for the 2022 model year, but it will not be before a 2023 model. As most believe that GM will not reveal two major models in the same year, which means that the E-Ray would now become a 2024 MY reveal. So what did GM reveal recently that is new for '22?

Two "C8.R Special Editions," one primarily in Accelerate Yellow Metallic, one in Hypersonic Gray Metallic, were released for the 2022 model year. You can get either in a coupe or a HTC; 1,000 special editions will be made.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/278331-special-editions-for-2022>



The actual detailed specs for the 2022's will be announced on June 28th. Ordering for the 2022's will start around the time most of you are reading this, e.g. somewhere in the beginning week or two of July. 2022 production remains scheduled to be started around Sept. 10th. Those who were on dealer lists to get a 2021 but could not due to limited supply, are being moved to a 2022 – but please check and confirm this with your dealer.

Pricing for the 2022 models went up \$1,200 MSRP. Even if one factors in March's \$1,000 increase, the Corvette year-to-year price increase was 3.7%; this is far less than the industry average price increase of 12% from one year ago.

The 2022 GM model color and component "Visualizer" is up and available to build yours. 2022 <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/278337-2022-visualizer-up>

Changes to the C8's LT2 motor are occurring for 2022, but not resulting in more HP nor more TQ: For the complete story as to why and consequences: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-powertrain-and-performance/279996-2022-lt2-mods-explained>



Many of you are still planning on getting your C8 Z06. I know I am getting one. However how is the ride of this performance version for the many who never see a race track in their Z06? That question is asked in different ways in the following three threads. Of course the factual is the one you make for your usage pattern, and as detailed below, the *“your correct answer” is greatly based on both the quality of roads in your area and how firm a ride do you like.*

Part I: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/277130-z06-be-careful-what-you-wish-for>

Part II: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/279320-the-z06's-ride-quality-for-your-consideration-part-ii>

Part III: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/279757-z06-with-z07's-ride-quality-concerns>

The C8's “buying pool” has already changed somewhat from before with three major changes: younger buyers, more affluent ones, and more diverse ones. They are coming a fair amount from exotic cars, something confirmed weekly by different large Chevy dealerships noting quite a few Porsche, Ferrari, and coming from other exotic car buyers who heretofore bought high-end Euro sports sedans — even including a few trade ins of those cars. This changing buying audience is just what Corvette needs for there to be a C10 (and later) Corvette generation, for candidly with many more traditional Corvette buyers retiring and on average having their incomes dropping 33% as a consequence, many cannot or choose not to afford one more new Corvette. More info here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/280434-lots-of-different-c8-buyers>

Pricing for the C8 continues to be crazy. We are seeing tens of individual C8 owners flipping theirs for up to \$20,000 over what they paid — and this is even after months of ownership and 1,000 or more miles on it. Dealerships who are finding themselves in possession of new ones are asking \$50,000 over MSRP. Not saying that they are getting that amount, but many are “discounting them” to “just” \$30,000 over sticker and moving them out. How long will this craziness last?

Could the unthinkable be possible? Could the Corvette E-Ray, which is believed to be an AWD hybrid combination of the LT2 and an electric motor driving the front wheels, be revealed ahead of the Z06? That question again resurfaced recently. Of course that does not mean there is an ounce of validity to it, but what if since GM is all in on their plan to only sell electric vehicles only roughly 10-15 years from now, could it be that the E-Ray is the new model being revealed for 2023 and the Z06 becomes a 2024 model. Lots of strong and differing opinions on these questions. But as of yet not one answer, not one fact — for the only one who knows what next C8 model is coming and when, is GM and for sure they are not talking. GM of course has yet to acknowledge that there will ever be an E-Ray nor a Z06. However GM has stated that “additional C8 models are coming at some time.” What ones? And when?

Thanks for reading. I hope your summer is going well, that whatever Corvette you are driving is bringing you joy and adventures. John