



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter April 2022

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President's Ponderings

Happy Spring to everyone ☐ I'm confident we are all eager to get this season underway, and get our Vettes on the road! This year we are all very disappointed with having to cancel our COHD. As not to let that get us down and out, I have a wonderful announcement!!!! As many of you know our club member George Reyes is the shop Forman at one of our sponsor's Lithia Chevrolet, and he has graciously offered to Chair with myself as cochair host a SHOW and SHINE for our club this summer. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 23rd. George assures us that they will accommodate every one of our cars. So let's see if we can make at least 65 of our club cars all front row and center. Much more information to come shortly. It is going to be a great time and we are hoping to include all proceeds go to the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch in lieu of our canceled COHD.

Our club activities directors, John and Sande Burgess upcoming activities are always posted on our website and an email blast is sent after our monthly meetings of upcoming activities for the club. Please don't hesitate to sign up and join in as many activities as fits your busy schedule. Whether you can attend one or all the outings this year, we love having so many of our members show up. I do need to mention when you sign up for any activity, this is a "commitment" to the club and the organizing chairperson for that activity! If you sign up, please put it on your calendar to follow up. If something should change or prevent you from attending, please notify that Chairperson for that event immediately. Many times our activities are limited in numbers and your signup is taking the place of someone else who would like to go but cannot because the activity is full. Looking forward to an outstanding year full of activities to enjoy.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Please mark your calendar for a new location for our club meeting, NOTE Wednesday, April 13 meeting is at the Elks Lodge 61320 Boyd Acres Road in Bend. Regular time, 5 to 6 social dinner hour. \$15 each includes spaghetti, salad, French bread, coffee, tea, and lemonade. Open no host bar available. This is a quiet private room with no limit on space, everyone is welcome, plus easy access and plenty of paved parking. Hoping for good weather for our Corvettes. A Big Shout out to Barbara Bosy for suggesting this terrific meeting location. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!





HDCC Events 2022

- 4/13/ HDCC Business Meeting, Elks Lodge, 61320 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend
\$15.00 Per Person Spaghetti dinner with all the extras
- 4/27 HDCC Social Night Location TBD
- 5/26-31 Seven Feathers RV Resort. Full but is a waiting list
- 5/28-30 Big Sky Corvette Meet, Whitefish MT.
- 6/10-11 Creswell, Trap/Skeet Shooting event
- 6/22-23 Trout Lake Trip
- 7/23 HDCC Show & Shine Lithia Chevrolet Bend
- 8/10-12 3rd Annual Wine Tour & Adventure (filled)
- 9/9-10 Corvettes on the Columbia

April Birthdays

- 4/2 Frank Addressio
- 4/7 Marna Parman
- 4/10 Mike Broadley
- 4/12 Walter Bailey
- 4/19 Gary Silence
- 4/20 Pat Welsh
- 4/23 Jorge Reyes

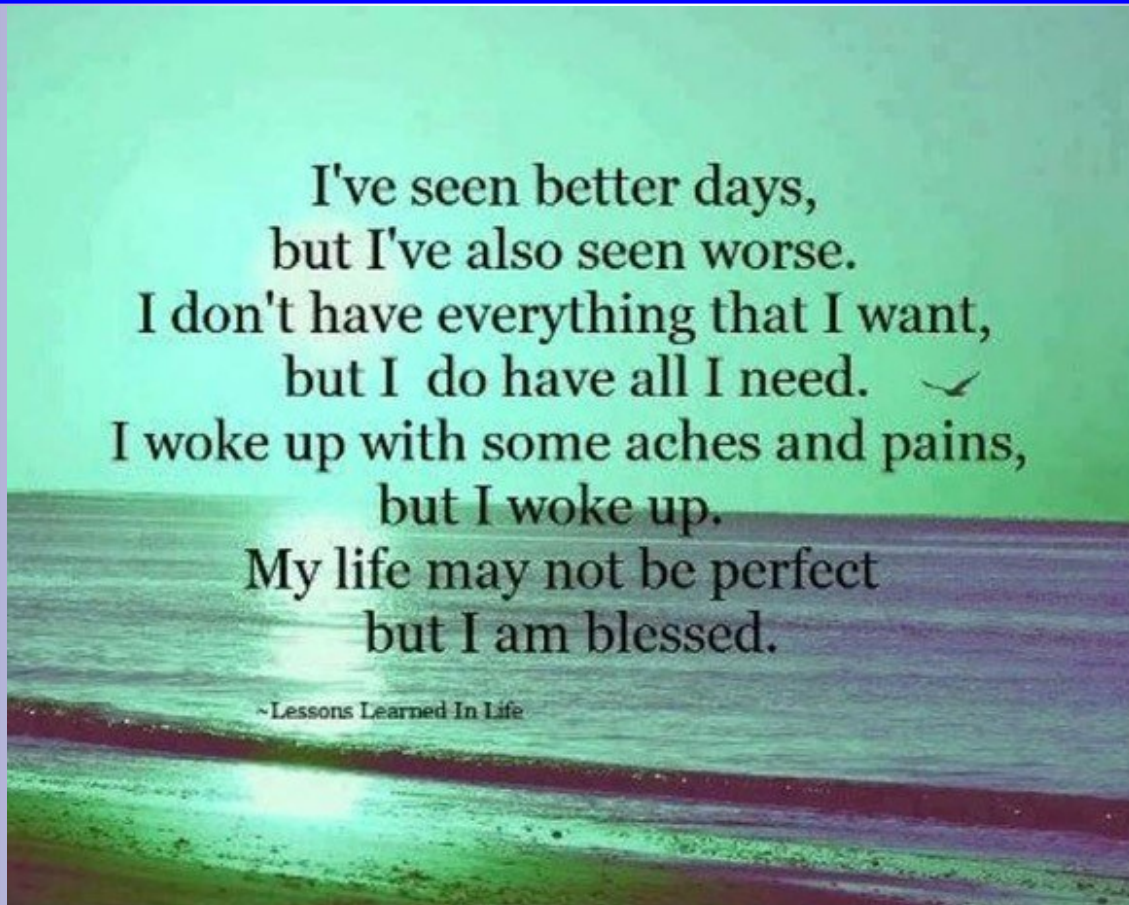
April Anniversaries

- 4/1 Chris & Jessica Andersen
- 4/14 Jerry & Melanie Wilkins
- 4/24 John & Sande Burgess
- 4/24 David & Lori Schneider



Fred Crowther won the 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$67.00

See Fred for low interest loans.



COHD Canceled for 2022

As most of you know by now, the COHD event for 2022 has been canceled. Several factors entered into this discission. Another Oregon Corvette Club scheduled their event the same weekend as COHD. Probably post COVID concerns, gasoline prices etc. At the rate registrations were coming in it was doubtful that we could meet our financial obligations to Eagle Crest Resort. Had we proceeded and did not have adequate numbers of registrations the financial consequences for the club would have been devastating.



CAR CRAZY TIPS

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n 2019 I asked Rich Morton to give his formula for taking care of the paint on his Corvette. He did this over 5 editions of the Newsletter. Soon it will be time to roll out our cars and get them ready for the spring and summer so I thought it appropriate to once again review Rich's program for paint care. Several the HDCC members have worked with Rich, myself being one, I have to say this is a great system and it really works well and will keep your car looking great throughout the driving season..

JB

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CAR CRAZY TIPS

Washing with a two bucket system. One with a mild soap and another with clear rinse water. Both should have a dirt trap at the bottom of each. Chemical Guys have Cyclone Dirt Trap which works well. If you go to their website <https://www.chemicalguys.com/blogarticle?cid=blog-two-bucket-method> it will demo their scratch free system using the two bucket system.

Drying your car can be made easier if after washing and rinsing the car you take you garden hose and crimp it with about half or less of the water now coming out and pouring it over the rinsed vehicle. You will find if your car has a good shine on it this method of pouring a small amount of water over the rinsed car will remove a lot of the water which was left on the car after you rinsed making it easier to dry. Using a Meguiar's Water Magnet Drying Towel or a like towel will make the drying process easier. They also have similar like drying towels at Walmart located in their auto section. Read the directions as they are to be put back into their containers moist and not squeezed dry. They last will you a long time.

From Crazy Car Guy

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HDCC member Sande Burgess presents \$500.00 check to STARS (Sisters Transportation and Ride Share) Stars provides non-emergent rides for medical appointments for Sisters residents.



On March 18th, Don and I visited Thelma's Place in Redmond to present them with the club's EOY (2021) donation check. We met Kathy Dominguez, the Executive Director of the program who then introduced us to Amanda Leyva, the Program Manager. Thelma's Place offers an adult day respite program for the person with memory loss, providing a positive setting focusing on socialization, learning memory enhancing activities, enjoying a variety of music, participating in whole body fitness, as well as games, woodworking and creative arts. The program is open Monday-Friday with some folks coming every day. Thelma's Place gives a respite to families and caregivers so they can have a day to themselves to take care of their own personal appointments, or they just need a rest.

There is constant research to find treatments and cures for Alzheimer's disease. At Thelma's Place they structure all of their programs and activities based on the latest research and incorporate social activities. It was a heartwarming visit to see folks with this dreaded disease smiling, laughing and enjoying each other's company.



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CAR CRAZY TIPS

Clay Bar

Once you have washed the car and dried it take you fingers and feel the surface. You most likely will feel little bits which may feel like sand. These are contaminates which have stuck to your finish. Prior to any type of polishing these should be removed to prevent swirls in you paint finish. They are easily removed using a “Clay Bar” a small bar of clay like product. If you have a clear protection film on the car a better product will be the new “Clay Eraser Pad”. These come in many different shapes, some for hand and polishers When using a clay bar around any clear protection film it is not good to rub the clay bar over where the film line ends as the clay will be hard to remove. After using the clay bar feel the finish again as it will feel like glass. Attached is a good starter kit which includes the necessary “Clay Lube” which allows the clay bar to move freely over the finish. https://www.chemicalguys.com/og-clay-bar-and-luber-synthetic-lubricant-kit-light-medium-duty/CLY_113.html Walmart and many other auto shops have these types of kits. Clay Eraser: <https://www.amazon.com/d/Car-Washing-Sponges-Mitts/MZQLight-Clay-Surface-Finish-Eraser/B076M6XKJR> Instruction Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3CL04f2NAc>

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CAR CRAZY TIPS

After the use of a clay bar on your car you might wash and rinse the entire car to make sure you now have a clean surface to apply a mid-rubbing compound to the clear coat. This will remove all of the swirl and scratch marks on the car. The best set up for this is the 3M combo kit. <https://www.runern.com/3m-compound---perfect-it-16oz-buffing-polishing> This kit has everything you need to remove marks on your car. Go through the three step process to ensure a smooth clean scratch free paint surface. Normally it is best to use a buffer however it can be applied by hand.

Car Tips from Crazy Car Guy.



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CAR CRAZY TIPS

Once you are finished and are satisfied with the removal of swirl marks you can apply a good coat of polish. Normally you would choose one which has a blend of Carnauba in it. Carnauba wax is the preferred car wax of collectors and concours enthusiasts because it creates a rich, warm glow. It doesn't appear to sit on the paint. It transforms the paint into a deep, liquid pool that shimmers under changing light conditions. You can find these products online at Autogeek, Adams, Chemical Guy, Amazon, and many others. This wax can be applied by hand or buffer. I normally will apply with a buffer and remove with a microfiber towel. Here is a great video to review on how to apply wax:

<https://www.autogeek.net/car-wax-detailing.html>

Car Crazy Car Guy

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CAR CRAZY TIPS

Once you have applied a good coat of carnauba wax of your choice then apply a light coat of detail spray. This will help remove any remaining waxy residue if any has been left on the car. Also it's good to use the detail spray after each wash as it will help the wax last longer and it's very easy to apply. The detail spray will make for a very slick surface and will help keep dust, water spots, and other types of contaminants from the car. There are some great detail sprays on the market. A couple I have found to be good are: Liquid X from (West Coast Corvettes), Pinnacle Crystal Mist Spray form (Auto Geek). There are many brands of detail spray so you may have to try a few until you find the one you prefer and works for you. Before using a detail spray ensure your car surface is clean.

Car Tips from Crazy Car Guy.

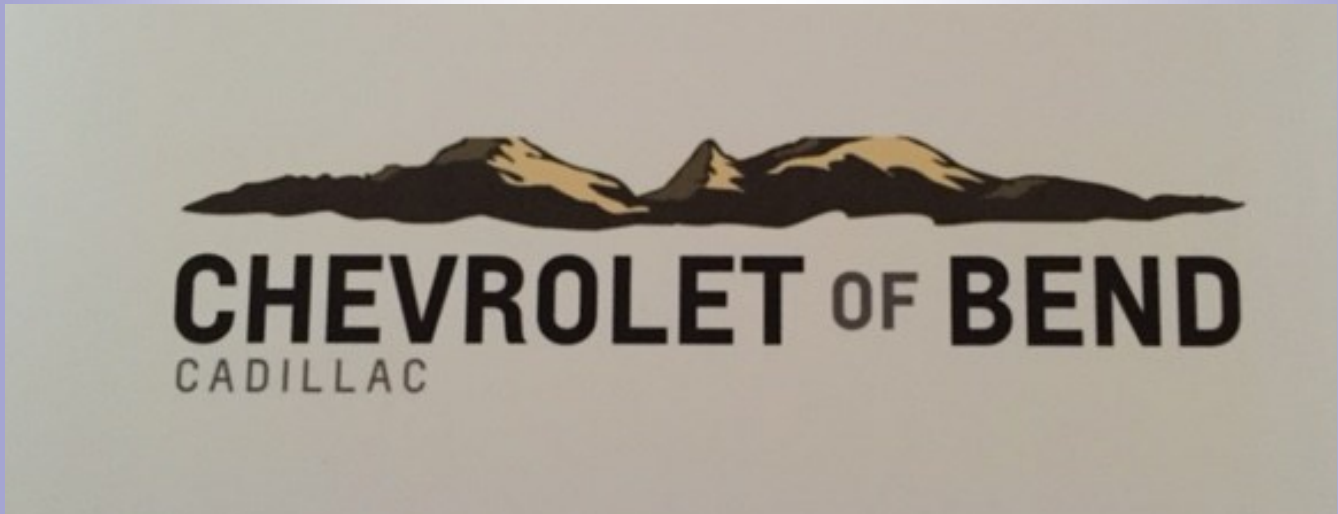


HDCC Year End Party for 2021





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Mid Engine Monthly Update: 2023 Stingray Pricing & Options and Z06 News (John Elegant)

The price for the 2023 Stingray's MSRP went up to \$61,900. This is a just 1.6% increase and far better than most competitor brands have announced. It is truly amazing when that 1.6% increase for the 2023 Stingray is compared to many other OEM's, i.e., OEM price increases have been consistently at least twice what the Corvette's is for the upcoming year — and one OEM just adopted a 10% across the board price increase. Well done GM!

The 70th Anniversary SR is a \$5,995 extra cost option — unless you choose to add its optional dual, full length stripes at the typical C8 price of \$995. The package is not limited in terms of total numbers, i.e., if you want it and your dealer has a 2023 allocation for you, you will not be shut out.

New 2023 Stingray wheel options: Q9I = Black & Q99= Machine Faced; picture credit to “Z06WOT”

20-spoke Gloss Black forged aluminum (19" x 8.5" front and 20" x 11" rear)



20-spoke bright machined-face forged aluminum (19" x 8.5" front and 20" x 11" rear)

Equally stunning is that none of the major options for the Stingray went up in price, i.e., such expensive components as the Z51 package, mag ride, front lift, the interior upgrades to the 2LT and 3LT trim packages **do not have even a \$1 additional cost**. A couple of the more minor cost options actually had a price decrease. *KUDOS TO GM!*

Key new-for-2023, additional Stingray component option pricing increases include:

\$200 for the black exhaust tips;

\$595 for the interior aluminum black out trim;

\$995 for Gloss Black Q9I wheels

\$1,995 for Machined Q99 wheels

N/C for the complete Adrenaline Red interior IF you get the 3LT trim

More info here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/363977-2023-stingray-price-increase-only-1-000>

And while we are talking about deserved praise, the 2022 Stingray was just named the “Best Luxury Sports Car” by U.S. News and World Report. It was praised by them *for its “value proposition, lightning-quick acceleration, precise handling, comfortable and well-trimmed interior, and intuitive tech features*Pros of the new Stingray, according to U.S. News, include its sharp handling, blistering acceleration, comfy, posh interior, and useful cargo space; the only con they could come up with is poor rear visibility.” Which competitors did it beat out to win this award? The Porsche Boxster, Porsche C amen, Porsche 911, the Audi R8 and 8 other luxury sports cars.”

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<https://cars.usnews.com/cars-trucks/rankings/luxury-sports-cars>

One other praiseworthy review of the C8 Stingray comes from Top Gear UK. While historically the Europeans, especially the British automedia have not been kind to Corvettes, here is a YT video that I believe you would enjoy. It's title is: **"Sports car money, SUPERCAR SPEED: Chevrolet Corvette, 184mph, 480+bhp | by Top Gear: <https://youtu.be/HMFQ0Rvvsxl>**

2023 Official Stingray Order Guide released by GM:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/362770-2023-stingray-order-guide-is-now-up>

First 2023 Stingray orders officially went in on Thursday, March 31st. This first batch is already closing in on status 3000 and if later GM confirmed, the initial 2023 Stingrays would start down the production line on Monday, May 9th.

The news on Z06 production is far different. As Josh Holder, Chief Corvette Vehicle Manager, and Harlan Charles, Marketing Manager, told us at Sebring race presentations, allocations for the Z06 are not beginning until later this summer. Of course summer starts as early as June 20th, and later this summer does not necessarily mean late this summer. However lots of insider sources are repeatedly whispering that if we get our first customer Z06's around September 1st, we would be fortunate. Still in spite of other revisions, GM's official web site is still stating, *"available summer."* Does this mean that the most likely time for first batch Z06 customers to get theirs delivered is during the September 1st through September 20th window?

Picture thanks and credit to CorvetteBlogger.



The Z06 Order Guide was leaked. While not official, it appears to be perhaps 90% correct?

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/357265-z06-ordering-code-sneak-peek-thanks-to-corvette-action-center>

We also have not heard word one about the Z06's MSRP. However, Tadge said on the Z06's October reveal date, and this was echoed later by Harlan Charles on a "Corvette Today podcast," that the MSRP price differential between the C8 Z06 and the C8 Stingray would be "in the ballpark" of the difference between the C7 Z06's MSRP and the C7's MSRP. This difference averaged \$26,000 during the C7 generation, so approximately \$89,000 and \$90,000 for the C8 Z06's MSRP is within that estimate. If so that would be truly amazing as the cost to make a DOHC motor, with its hundreds of more parts than the C8's OHV, is considerable. Also factors suggesting the C8 Z06's could be higher



Mid Engine update cont.

include that the LT6 is a bespoke motor with all of its internal parts and many of its external parts are not only being machined but all are the best quality engine parts that can be bought anywhere. The connecting rods for example are made by CP Carrillo who makes them for many race cars. As Jordan Lee, the Chief GM Engineer and Manager of Small Block Performance, said, "The LT6 has the best parts we can source." Because of these latter factors, my own estimate for the Z06's MSRP is \$91,495 — though full disclosure I was high in my C8 MSRP pricing estimate and lately wrong in predicting a \$2,000 price increase for the 2023 Stingray. I hope I am again too high and that the majority opinion of \$89,995 is accurate for it.

The National Corvette Museum Bash is this month from April 28th-30th. There will be a ton of GM Corvette staff there to share their Stingray and Z06 knowledge through their Engineering Technical presentations and to answer your questions. Harlan noted that there will be Z06's there on display and for folks to sit in. The same displays and that have been at the Z06 dealer tours will be there too. Here are the key GM and related Bash seminars: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/364108-ncm-bash-agenda-and-information>

Also we are having there the annual MidEngineCorvetteForum Bash Breakfast. Over 65 signed up already: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/349963-mecf-bash-breakfast-back-again>. We hope you can join us!

Here's to your having many miles of Corvette driving smiles.

John Elegant

Do You Remember This Event From 2015 ??

