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President's Ponderings

Happy June to everyone!

I imagine everyone's summer plans are underway!! I look at the calendar and I'm so excited for all the activities and events, but I don't want the summer to fly by too fast!

I wanted to mention those who have signed up for the wine tour in August, that Jay Leno will be performing one night at the Seven Feathers casino in Canyonville on August 13th.

That might be a fun activity to take in on the way home.

This month's meeting will be at Madaline's Restaurant 2414 Hwy 97 in Redmond June 14th, 5:00-7:30. Lots to discuss and plan, hoping to have a good turnout to hear all your input!

Please contact Sande Burgess to sign up for our July 12th meeting at the Larson's ranch. Please send your \$18.00 each to HDCC PO Box 6442 Bend, Or. 97708 to prepay for your meal!

This will be a fun venue for the club to enjoy. Thank you Larson's for hosting the club!

See everyone soon!

Tess Burke -Morton Pres.



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HDCC Events 2022

6/17&18 Clay Pidgeon Shoot Creswell

6/29 Social Night Hola Camp Sherman 6:00 PM

6/30 Lunch Tiger Town Brewing Mitchell OR. NATIONAL CORVETTE DAY

7/12 HDCC Business meeting at the Larsons **\$18.00 per person.**

7/30 HDCC Corvette Show & Shine, Lithia Chevrolet

8/10-12 3rd Annual Wine Tour & Adventure (filled)

9/9-19 Corvettes on the Columbia

9/24 Sisters Glory Daze Car Show

TBD President's Mystery Tour

Christine Larson won one of two of a kind apron in a drawing



June Birthdays

6/1 Joan McDonnell

6/1 Candy Sheldon

6/3 Barbie Crement

6/3 Roiann Santos

6/5 Pete Olson

6/11 Earl Byers

6/22 Sandi Cowell

6/23 Mike McClean

6/23 Murray Newton

6/26 John Burgess

6/26 Cari King

June Anniversaries

6/7 Harry & Ingrid Bongers

6/10 Larry & Cathie Raaf

6/27 Jack Moore & Cari King

Harry Bongers was the 50/50 Jackpot winner garnering \$65.00





Most Popular Corvette Colors for 2022

Color	Total Units Sold
Torch Red	4147
Arctic White	3603
Hypersonic Gray	3291
Red Mist	3274
Black	2766
Rapid Blue	2261
Elkhart Lake Blue	1412
Amplify Orange	1375
Ceramic Matrix Gray	1202
Accelerate Yellow	1193
Silver Flare	922
Caffeine	385

Interior Colors

Jet Black	29%
Adrenaline Red	26%
Natural	11%
Skycool Gray	10%

Carjacking Suspect Shot Dead After Trying to Steal a Houston Man's C8 Corvette

Would be robber killed in process of trying to steal man's Rapid Blue C8. Looks like old Blue took a few rounds as well.

Bottom Line = Don't mess with those Corvette folks!!!!!!



History of Lithia Motors

(Chevrolet of Bend)

Lithia Motors began in 1946 when Walt DeBoer opened a single dealership in Ashland, Oregon. In the first year the five-person company sold 14 cars totaling sales fewer than \$100,000.00. The company took its name from a local springs that contained lithium. The company continued to operate as a small family business for 24 years bringing in less than a million in sales per year. In 1968 Walter DeBoer was killed in a car-pedestrian accident and his son Sidney DeBoer, took over the business and incorporated Lithia Motors Inc. Sidney reorganized the business and in 1970 purchased a Dodge dealership in Medford, Oregon and closed the Ashland business.

The company slowly turned the single store into a vary large chain of franchised auto retail stores. From 1970 to 1990 Lithia bought three dealerships encompassing five auto franchises and grew to include five stores and 19 franchises in southern Oregon. DeBoer began to tire of acquisitions as they were time consuming and usually required assuming substantial debt. In 1996 took the company public. They were the third auto dealership to go public.

Lithia raise 27 million through its public offering which they used to pay down debt and purchased 10 more dealerships. The company made a practice of clustering its franchises in areas with strong regional economies and livable cities. Many of the dealerships had a history of under performing and were available for less than top dollar.

Today Lithia Motors is the 3rd largest new vehicle dealership group in the United states with 180 stores in 18 states and employ more than 14,150 people.

On The Lighter Side



KEVIN



"If you can't figure out how to use the technology in your new Corvette, I suggest contacting your inner child. Kids know about that kind of stuff."



Pictures from HDCC RV Campout



Confucius Says :

The Best Corvette Ever Made Is The One You Are Driving



Bill's 1958 Big Brake Corvette Update

As reported by John Burgess in the March 2022 Newsletter, I have started what I anticipate being a three year restoration project.

My first 1958 Corvette, which turned out to be a "Big Brake" car, and now 61 years later, I have been given the opportunity to purchase and restore my second "Big Brake" Corvette. I was lucky enough to find this car and therefore keep it from going to the boneyard. I have a passion to preserve the heritage of these historic corvettes. I love my 2020 C-8 , but have a special love for the solid axel C-1 class

The first seven months of the restoration process has consisted of securing all the missing parts. This restoration will be to NCRS (National Corvette Restoration Society), standards. These standards mean it must be exactly as it was when it left the factory in December 1957, every nut, bolt, screw and all parts and accessories need to be identical to what they were when installed by the assembly line in Saint Louis, MO.

This has been no small undertaking to find these materials, 90% of this has now been completed. Restoration and assembly process has now started. Following are some photos of the progress I have made so far:

The engine has been machined, assembled, painted and ready for installation.

Frame has been sand blasted, painted and ready for all new brake lines, gas lines, wiring and accessories.

Completed body fiberglass repairs, has had two coats of primer and is ready for paint. Since this was built as a race car by the GM factory, it has sustained a great deal of fiberglass repairs due to it's career on the racetrack.

Bill Scherrer

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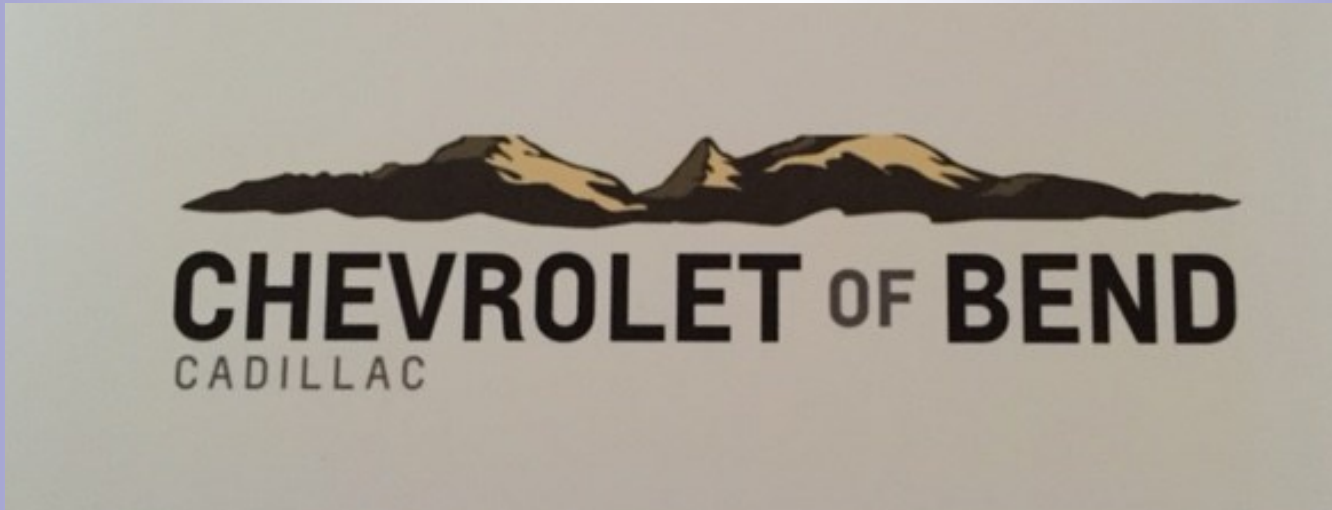
Big Brake Progress

1. Engine Machined and painted
2. Frame has been sand blasted and painted
3. Body has fiberglass repair and two coats of primer.





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June 30th is National Corvette Day

June 30th is National Corvette Day. On June 30, 2022 it will be 69 years since the first Corvette rolled off the line on June 30, 1953. On June 26, 2008 Rep. John Simkus from Illinois and 55 of his colleagues proposed House Resolution 970 declaring June 30th as National Corvette Day.



Mid Engine Monthly Update: What Are New/Upcoming C8 Developments? (John Elegant)

Corvette has paced the Indianapolis 500 race 19 times including most recently. The Official Z06 picture below is a true “one off” for the race car itself pictured below, as I was able confirm in writing with GM, will not be offering in this livery for customer sale, that they are only making three Z06’s like this to pace the race itself. However, should you want to recreate it, I see that already an aftermarket vendor is offering its complete vinyl application identical-to-Z06 Pace-Car vinyl package system for the 2023 Z06.

The 2023 Corvette Owner Manual became public on May 9th. It shared a lot of new to us 2023 Stingray AND Z06 information, in fact having 44 specific and unique Z06 information references, diagrams and charts that were initially and still posted here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-stingray-z06-powertrain-performance-wheels-tires-aa/376124-z06-owner-s-manual>

Z06 Burn Out/Manual Launch Control Mode!!! We know owners will love this new system. As will Michelin tires! Thanks to Corvette Chief Engineer Josh Holder, we learned in his communication with CorvetteBlogger that the Z06 will have a quick-to engage *burn out* mode. Yes, GM calls it something else, e.g., “Manual Launch Mode” and “Performance Transmission Active” mode, but we call it *tire smoking* mode. So very easily, it is quick to engage it coming out of a corner, off the line, or wherever you want. In fact GM warns us in the 2023 Owners Manual to be careful where to engage it, e.g., not around other cars nor pedestrians. Might the rear of the car want to start to dance to the right as we hear, smell, and experience that childish but oh so wonderful, tire burn out? For details on how it simply works: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/379776-z06-manual-launch-mode-explained-by-chief-corvette-engineer-josh-holder>

There is one chart on page 180 of the Owner’s Manual that lists in great detail all of the following for adjusting the z06’s many aerodynamic options. Lots of choices are listed, with both street and track specific ways the many Z06 aero components could be used. Those components include not just the aesthetically tasteful and beautiful, side-to-side rear deck spoilers on the standard Z06, but the Owner’s Manual notes ways to expand its duckbill height with larger corner duckbills (identically to how many did so on the entry C7 Z06); and of course at the opposite end is the Z07’s high wing. However GM has committed that IF one were to choose a standard Z06, the complete Z07 aero package would be an available option for it. In between just like the C8 Stingray, there are times when one should and should not install the underbody rear brake ducting and make other smaller aero changes. One interesting aero component factoid is that regardless how one configures the Z06 from street errand cruising to track weapon attack mode, there is always and only one set of identical side rockers on every 2023 Z06.

Meanwhile as of writing this the end of May, we still are “missing” key 2023 Corvette production information. Hopefully the following key pieces of information might have been released by the time you are reading this:

2023 Stingray Build and Price program; MSRP for the Z06;and, the Official Z06 Order Guide.

If not by then, many expect by the middle of this month, specifically for GM to have issued to those of its dealers who are getting an initial allocation(s) for the Z06 those specific allocation granting’s, and if all goes according to what GM itself said to its dealers two months ago in writing, **the first Z06 orders are tentatively scheduled go in on Thursday, June 16th.** Here’s to hoping for all of these releases to have occurred/will occur by those dates.



The other major development on the Z06's moving toward actual customer deliveries later this summer has been a major one. No longer is BGA just making "experimental" or test Z06's, but shortly after the Bash Bowling Green Assembly started making the first of the next step Z06's, e.g., producing "Captured Test Fleet (CTF)" vehicles. While we were told at that event that yet not one CTF Z06 had been made but they will be "very shortly," here is a nice capture of one with its "CTF" sticker on the front windshield



CTF units are later sale-able to the public, i.e., their meeting all safety and other requirements for daily public street usage. Typically after they are used by members of GM and especially the Corvette team to accumulate the 300,000 street mile real world testing standard that GM has for all its vehicles, CTF vehicles are awarded as "bonus allocations" to some dealers for retail customer sale. Having CTF's is just one more step, as we expect, hopefully, some of the following to even had occurred again by the time you are reading this or in the weeks shortly thereafter some or all of the following.

- *The Z06's MSRP price release — as well as pricing on its options;
- *The sharing of the Official Z06 Order Guide so we know each and its every option;
- *Dealers getting the amount of a first round Z06 allocation(s); and, if it happens...
- *The initial placement of first Z06 customer orders on Thursday, June 16th.

Why did I select June 16th as that initial customer Z06 ordering submittal — for that seems to be an arbitrary date?

In GM's last written statement to its dealers about seven weeks ago, it stated that the Z06's orders will first go in "tentatively late spring." As June 16th is the last Thursday this spring, and as it has been an that the ordering six-day ordering dealer ordering submission process (DOSP) for Corvettes always starts on a Thursday, that is how June 16th was arrived at as being a likely door-opening ordering door for first Z06 orders being officially GM received during the first "dealer order submission" (DOSP) process.

Stingray June allocation are next going in to GM on June 16th. Preceding that, dealerships have been told by their Zone Managers that they will receive the number of allocation granting on or about June 9th. As we await Z06 ordering confirmation from GM, again perhaps and hopefully GM would announce it officially in the middle of June — maybe even piggy-backing on June 16th's Stingray orders. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/379971-june-stingray-allocation-date>



The National Corvette Museum “Bash” event was not only well attended but featured four Corvette team lead seminars. Here are the key ones, with links to those seminars videos and one PowerPoint slide complete recapture:

*LT6 Presentation by Jordon Lee: <https://youtu.be/uTdSyae9Njk>

*Major GM Seminar by Harlan Charles Josh Holder: <https://youtu.be/NBUVMkDwN1o>

*BGA Update by Assistant Plant Manager Nora Roper: <https://youtu.be/uTdSyae9Njk>

*Every GM main seminar PowerPoint Slide on 2022 Production stats, the 70th Anniversary models and the Z06: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/375555-every-gm-bash-seminar-hq-slide-here>

During the Bash seminars and in the large new-for-2023 Corvette display area was examples of the 2023 Stingrays, the 70th Anniversary models and several Z06’s. The Corvette team members demonstrated those cars to those that asked, and for those +1,500 who were collectively in the display area during the event, were also individually able to ask questions and more questions of team members about the 2023’s. Collectively, we learned tons of new information! This following link summarizes most of what we learned and has some great pictures: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/372762-ncm-bash-master-thread>

Even during our early May drive home from the Bash to the west coast, my wife and had to detour 400 miles to get around a Rocky Mountain crossing, blockage blizzard. Here’s to hoping the last of winter’s ugly weather is over for all, that we are enjoying our Corvettes for lots of daily miles of driving smiles by now! Summer starts later this month as we all will celebrate by even driving our Corvettes more.

Up Date On ZRI Corvette

Development of the Chevrolet Corvette ZRI is now underway, and *Muscle Cars & Trucks* claims to have insider info about the model that allegedly comes from "bulletproof sources." These insiders [reiterate the claim](#) that the ZRI uses a twin-turbocharged version of the 5.5-liter V8 from the Z06. The addition of forced induction allegedly brings the output to about 850 horsepower (634 kilowatts), versus 670 hp for the naturally aspirated variant in the Z06. The only gearbox choice is reportedly the Tremec-sourced eight-speed dual-clutch gearbox from other [C8 Corvettes](#).

The ZRI has a more aggressive body to match its additional power. There is new styling for the front and rear fascia, this report claims. Like the Z06, the exhausts exit out of the center of the back bodywork. The wheels are allegedly a unique design for this model. Michelin Pilot Sport 4S would be the stock tire choice, but a performance package reportedly upgrades them to Pilot Sport Cup 2R rubber.

Muscle Cars & Trucks claims the ZRI arrives for the 2025 or '26 model year. This is later than previous rumors that put the vehicle's debut in 2023, suggesting it would be a 2024 model year product.

From Muscle Cars & Trucks