



# High Desert Corvette Club

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## President's Ponderings

Happy Summer, and what a nice summer it is turning out to be. I hope everyone is enjoying your days!

PMT Quick note: I have two rooms left for this year, September 4, 5, 6 returning on the 7th. Please contact me ASAP if interested, 503.795.6020! I will release the unbooked rooms in August 5th

Exciting news, I have connected with a fun, friendly club in the Portland metro area "Bridge City Corvette Club" and together we have planned a meet n greet drive, October 9th! I will lead all of those who have signed up for an easy drive to Cooper Spur restaurant on Mt Hood for lunch. We have reserved this restaurant for both our clubs. I have been in contact with BCCC for a couple of months now, and much like our club, they are full of fun and super friendly folks! Their club President Gary Schull and Secretary Jeff Bach have expressed they have over 35 folks signed up eager to meet our friendly group! Sande Burgess has a sign up sheet ready for everyone. Plus, we might see some early vine maple on the drive as a fall bonus if conditions are right!

Please sign up and mark your calendar for this fun event!

One last note, this year will be our 3rd annual club's Halloween event AND our first Great Gatsby Murder Mystery! I am already working on the program! At the September meeting I will let everyone that has signed up, know who their character is....hoping you will keep it a secret until October 29th! This way everyone joins in the fun, no scripts needed! This event will be held at the Bend Elks Club, as to allow everyone an easy drive to and from. The Elks dinner will be \$22.50 each, so no dishes, just a "spooktacular fun evening".

This will be a sign up and pay in advance event, with two months in the planning. You definitely not want to miss this one! I will be sending pictures of the BCC clubs Murder Mystery members fun/easy costumes to get excited over! STAY TUNED

Please set your calendar to remind you of our next club meeting: August 9th 5:00-6:00 social/dinner, 6:00-7:00 business meeting at Madeline's Grill 2414 S. Hwy 97 in Redmond! I have reserved their big tented area, so plenty of elbow room to spread out in! See you all soon!

Tess Burke –  
Morton

HDCC President





## HDCC Events 2022

- 8 /4-7 Vettes in the Rockies, Steamboat Springs, CO
- 8/6 Touchmark Car Show 10-2 PM
- 8/9 HDCC Business Meeting Madeline's Restaurant, 2414 HWY 97 Redmond. Social/ Dinner 5:00  
Business MTG 6:00
- 8/10-12, 3rd Annual Wine tour & Adventure (filled)
- 8/13 Corvettes on the Bay, Coos Bay-North Bend
- 8/18 NCRS Regional Meet, Eagle Crest, Redmond
- 8/31 Social Night Manley's Tavern Crescent OR
- 9/4/5/6 President's Mystery Tour Returning on 7th
- 9/9-19 Corvettes on the Columbia
- 9/24 Sisters Glory Daze Car Show
- 10/29 Halloween Party
- 12/14 Christmas Party

## On The Lighter Side

Next year's car show due to gas prices!



## August Birthdays

- Aug 2 Suzanne Maitland
- Aug 3 Henry McDonnell
- Aug 5 Jean Krebiel
- Aug 6 Frank Gibson
- Aug 13 Judy McClean
- Aug 14 Bill Scherrer
- Aug 22 Dale Krebiel
- Aug 23 Karen Reyes
- Aug 27 Tim Mangan
- Aug 29 Dean Cowell

## August Anniversaries

- Aug 5 Bob & Pat Welsh
- Aug 7 Bill & Annie Sheaffer
- Aug 11 Jorge & Karen Reyes
- Aug 17 Bill & Debbie Scherrer
- Aug 24 Terry Kingsfather & Candy Sheldon

**NEVER LEAVE HOME  
WITHOUT A KISS, A HUG  
AND AN 'I LOVE YOU.'  
THEN REMOVE THE DOG  
HAIR FROM YOUR MOUTH  
AS YOU WALK TO THE  
CAR.**



## 70th Anniversary Corvette Z06



Arriving two years after the first mid-engine Corvette debuted, the [2023 Z06 Corvette](#) will take that performance to a whole new level. Designed with a wider sculpted look with unique front and rear fascia's that gives the car a confident stance, the Z06's striking appearance is only surpassed by the exotic sounds of the all-new 5.5L LT6, the highest horsepower, naturally-aspirated V-8 to hit the market in any production car, ever. With its flat-plane crank design and opportunity to rev at 8,600 rpm, the 670-hp Z06 is ready to fulfill your next-level driving adventures.

You have even more miles of smiles as the [Z07 Performance Package](#) turns the fun level up to 11 with unique aero styling that includes front dive planes and the high wing. Imagine the thrill as you can (or just know you can) [sprint 0-60 mph in as fast as 2.6 seconds!](#) The Z07 brings super sticky Michelin tires with the rear 345s being the widest to ever be fitted under a production Corvette. With those huge tires come equally huge carbon-ceramic brakes from Brembo which offer plenty of stopping power.

The [70th Anniversary Edition 2023 Corvette Z06 Convertible](#) comes in unique colors with exclusive badging and distinct gray wheels with commemorative wheel center caps with an Edge Red stripe. Inside you'll find two-tone Ceramic Leather GT2 seats with red stitching, red seatbelts, and sueded microfiber seat inserts and steering wheel. The package also includes 70th Anniversary logo on the seats, steering wheel, and sill plates, and there is also a set of custom luggage set with red stitching and the 70th Anniversary logo.

Taken from Corvette Blogger



## HDCC Car Show at Lithia Chevrolet



To say it was a very hot day would be an understatement. The temperature at one point was 105 degrees and 147 degrees off the asphalt. Nonetheless 40 HDCC members turned out for the event that included the car show and silent auction to benefit the Veteran's Ranch. The final numbers have not been finalized but looks like we should be able to give the ranch a healthy donation.

**Bill and Debbie Scherrer won the dealer trophy with their 1958 Corvette.**

A big thank you to Don and Dee Ginter for putting the show together. They were responsible for encourage folks to donate auction items, getting vendors and coordinating with Lithia Chev. This was no small effort. Also a thank you to Jorge Reyes and Lithia Motors for providing the space and use of the facility. Thanks to Debbie Scherrer for organizing the silent auction. Laurilea Gibbs and Leslie Cheney for selling the 50/50 raffle tickets, Suzanne Maitland and Sande Burgess work as cashiers. Debbie, Laurilea, Lynda and Roian for distributing the auction items to the winners. Steve Madsen and Johnson Brothers Appliance for providing the refrigerator and drinks. Todd Layport for providing water and ice as he always does. It was a great day but HOT

Photo show to follow.

## 1953 Corvette Rescued from Barn in Nebraska



We just watched the first episode about this [1953 Corvette](#) that's been stored in a dilapidated barn in Nebraska for about 50 years. The Corvette is believed to have been what's known as the General Lemay car that was raced at SAC and air bases around the Midwest in the '50s and '60s, C.G. tells us. "This car has an incredible history behind it that the owner has shared with us from the last 50-plus years of ownership," he says.

Apparently before General Lemay raced the car, it was used by General Motors as one of their test cars for paint and body impact. Scattered throughout the barn and other storage facilities are many rare parts that will be used to put it all back together, including the Blue Flame Six engine.

The total number of Corvettes produced in 1953 was 300. The most ever produced in one year was 53807 in 1979.

**Taken from Corvette Blogger**



## ."Never Forget Your Friends

A newlywed young man was sitting on the porch on a humid day, sipping ice tea with his Father. As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the Father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his Son.

"Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older." "Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally (if possible), but keep in contact with them some how. "What strange advice!" thought the young man. "I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life."

Yet, he obeyed his Father; kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number. over the years, he became aware that his Father knew what he was talking about. Inasmuch as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a person, friends are the bulwarks of our life. After 60 years of life, here is what he (and you) will have learned:

Time passes.

Life goes on.

The distance separates.

Children grow up.

Children cease to be children and become independent. And to the parents, it breaks their heart but the children are separated of the parents.

Jobs come and go.

Illusions, desires, attraction, ...weakens.

People do not do what they should do.

The heart breaks.

The parents die.

Colleagues forget the favors.

The races are over.

But, true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they are.

A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or in some way blessing your life.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead.

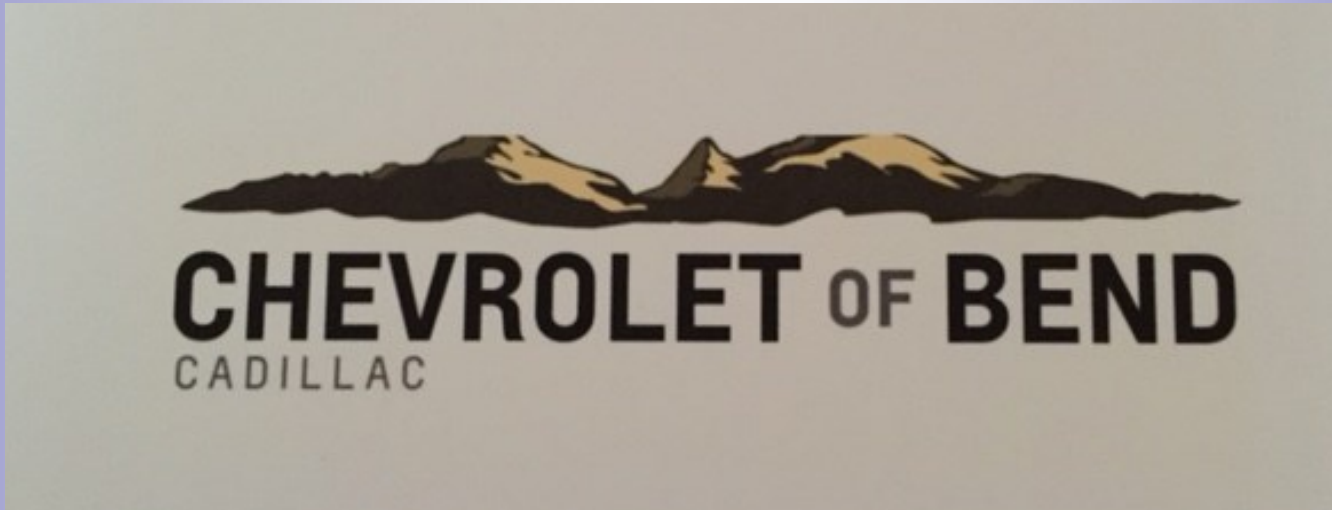
We did not know how much we would need from each other.

Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends. Dialog with them but do not impose your criteria.

Author—Common Sense



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**20240 Reed Lane, Bend OR**

**Barry and Christine Larson –Owners**

### Pricing for the 2023 Corvette Z06 is Officially Announced

Z06 Coupe  
1LZ: \$106,395  
2LZ: \$115,595  
3LZ: \$120,245

**Z06 Convertible:**  
1LZ: \$113,895  
2LZ: \$122,595  
3LZ: \$127,245



## Which Vehicles Do Catalytic Converter Thieves Target Nationwide

### All areas

1. 1985-2021 Ford F-Series pickup trucks (F-150, F-250, etc.)
2. 1989-2020 Honda Accord
3. 2007-17 Jeep Patriot
4. 1990-2022 Ford Econoline vans
5. 1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup trucks
6. 2005-21 Chevrolet Equinox
7. 1997-2020 Honda CR-V
8. 1987-2019 Toyota Camry
9. 2011-17 Chrysler 200

### Catalytic Converter Theft in the West

1. 2001-21 Toyota Prius
2. 1985-2021 Ford F-Series
3. 1989-2020 Honda Accord
4. 1990-2022 Ford Econoline
5. 1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado
6. 2007-20 Subaru Outback
7. 2007-17 Jeep Patriot
8. 2003-11 Honda Element
9. 1998-2020 Subaru Forester

### Catalytic Converter Theft in the Northeast

1. 1985-2021 Ford F-Series
2. 1987-2019 Toyota Camry
3. 1989-2020 Honda Accord
4. 2007-17 Jeep Patriot
5. 1997-2020 Honda CR-V
6. 1998-2020 Subaru Forester
7. 2007-20 Subaru Outback
8. 1990-2022 Ford Econoline
9. 1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado

### Catalytic Converter Theft in the South

1. 1985-2021 Ford F-Series
2. 1989-2020 Honda Accord
3. 2007-17 Jeep Patriot
4. 1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado
5. 1990-2022 Ford Econoline
6. 2007-21 Jeep Compass
7. 1993-2020 Nissan Altima
8. 2008-14 Dodge Avenger
9. 2011-17 Chrysler 200

### Catalytic Converter Theft in the Midwest

1. 1985-2021 Ford F-Series
2. 2007-17 Jeep Patriot
3. 2011-17 Chrysler 200
4. 2005-21 Chevrolet Equinox
5. 2008-14 Dodge Avenger
6. 1990-2022 Ford Econoline
7. 1997-2020 Honda CR-V
8. 1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado

### How Thieves Make Money on Stolen Catalytic Converters

Thieves hope to make a big payday by melting down the precious metals found in the anti-pollution devices – namely, platinum, palladium, and rhodium.

They can make anywhere from \$25 to \$300 for a standard catalytic converter, McDonold said. Ones from hybrid vehicles can sell for up to \$1,400.

Why hybrids? It's because more precious metals are needed for a hybrid's catalytic converter. Hybrid engines do not run as often, so their exhaust does not get as hot.





Picture showing Tim and Marlene Mangan visiting with Stan and Marian Schrank in Wisconsin Dells. The Schranks were long time members of HDCC prior to moving to Wisconsin. Now proud owners of red C7 Convertible.



Annie Sheaffer won the 50/50 Jackpot of \$88.00



Barry Larson won a black HDC Corvette bag



Frank Gibson won a beige HDC Corvette bag



Michelle Louvrein won Corvette Jacket



Bill Scherrer assisting with restoration of a Corvette. This is where he got his start!!!!!!!!!!!!



## **Mid Engine Monthly Update Re Our Corvette C8 World: What's New** (John Elegant)

Of every single vehicle evaluated in last month's JD Power customer quality survey in terms of having the least amount of initial problems, the 2022 Stingray received a near perfect score 101. It was THE BEST, of course in the process beating Porsche and all others. In terms of brands, Chevrolet and Lexus finished tied for # 1 with Buick right behind: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/387504-2022-c8-stingray-1-in-customer-quality-survey-per-j-d-power>

Stingray news: 91% of all 2022's made were sold to U.S. customers; 4% were sold to Canadians. For the breakdown on the last 5%: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/394326-91-of-2022-stingray-sold-with-the-u-s>

Meanwhile the E-Ray is being tested at the Nurburgring. Similar to last August's first Z06 session, this first E-Ray visit there was for testing and development, nor for potential lap record setting. It does bring us to wonder when the Z06's will be returning there as Tadge announced they would return there this year to attempt



There is real progress toward getting customer Z06's made. Mid last month the Z06's pricing was finally released. It was candidly not pleasant news, e.g., having a \$106,395 MSRP with shipping. Well optioned ones are in the \$140K range, and I read of one build that is literally \$191,000 — though that included every single major cost option such as it being a 70th Anniversary model HTC, a Z07, having visible carbon fiber wheels, and is standard for the Z07, comes with the complete aero package and CCB's. But this person's tentative order did not stop there as roughly next Spring when her allocation comes up, she has also included the LT6 Engine Build Experience. While that option "PBC" is not available up front ("delayed availability"), can we imagine how much fun she is going to have building her own LT6! pt to set that all time Corvette N'Ring lap record. Here's the E-Ray there just weeks ago.



Not surprisingly the Z06's MSRP being an average of \$14,000 more than the average of the MidEngineCorvetteForum pricing poll concluded, that pricing caused more than a little unhappiness. Words like being, "shocked and saddened" and phrases more negative than those two were all over the internet. However, for every one that was really unhappy at this unexpected major price bump, yet there were also tempered comments like, "sure it is way more than I thought, but getting literally the record breaking V8, 8,600 RPM, 670 HP NA flat plane crank motor with so many of its parts being made by the same companies that make winning, NRHA funny cars motors, so 'I am all in.'" Yet the higher than expected pricing had some tapping out. Yet others are finding ways, one way or another, to still buy one — so when the dealer says, "I am ready to place your Z06 order now," they will have found a way to afford it. Downgrading and/or eliminating options, talking about "I do not need another vacation this year," and "I am going to cut going out going to restaurants by half weekly until my order goes in about a year from now," are the types of reactive and constructive comments now are being posted.

Yet there were/are two bright-light Z06 option costs, first that GM is selling the gorgeous Carbon Revolution carbon flash wheels at \$9,995/set (carbon flash ones) — by far the lowest OEM price (by mega thousands) with \$11,995 for the visible carbon fiber ones; however though to get them either one must get the Z07 package @ \$8,995, and also purchase the complete aero package at \$8,4995 (carbon flash version), so overall the carbon fiber wheels become very spendy. Yet in comparison the GM/Carbon Revolution largest wheels (13" wide @ 21" diameter) are literally \$7K less than the Mustang GT 500's do; about half what Porsche's carbon fiber wheels cost; and, a whopping \$23,000 a set less than visible carbon fiber wheels on a Ferrari Pista. Lastly as noted by Carbon Revolution, GM's rigid specs for the Z07's wheels are the most stringent of any of all their other OEM manufacturers. If you want to learn more about the Carbon Revolution, the MidEngineCorvetteForum was granted an exclusive written, lengthy interview with CR's head of production here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/c8-stingray-z06-powertrain-performance-wheels-tires-aa/389397-midenginecorvetteforum-interview-with-carbon-revolution>

My wife and I are road trippers, not track people, and consequently we gave up the visible carbon fiber wheels due to GM's requirement to get them one must get the Z07 package, e.g., for the Z07 only comes with Cup2 R tires. Even so, our very, very loaded HTC but without the Z07 package, without the Engine Build (\$5K), without the 70th Anniversary Package (\$5,995 or \$6,995), and without the custom VIN (\$5K) would be in around \$162K. And that does not include state taxes, gas guzzler tax (option "R8E") nor title, registration and tag fees. So you can see how easily Z06 purchasing costs can climb! One last example, want a standard Z06 without a single option but it must be a hard top convertible in the top 3LZ trim, it would set you back \$124,850 plus the \$1,395 SHC delivery fee. Not surprisingly GM is already making 1LZ sale-able, captured test fleet cars for we have already read one comment, that "as that is the lightest weight Z06, it will be the fastest one and what I am getting."

One bright light appeared about a week ago when GM announced that if you kept your Z06 for one year, GM would credit you \$5,000 through its "GM my rewards" program (separate from the GM credit card earning program), only if you are the original buyer of the Z06. That \$5,000 could be used for purchasing a later GM new vehicle, for buying accessory parts for your Z06, for routine maintenance at your Chevy dealer and more. For more details on that program: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/393892-for-real-5-000-if-you-own-keep-your-z06-for-one-year>

Was/is this program designed to reduce flipping? Most think so but wonder if GM is still additionally working on a more directly related program that could affect the Z06's warranty program, either an all carrot approach for those who do not sell it before one year, or conversely a carrot-and-stick warranty



adjustment, or even a pure penalty program. Stay tuned for right now while the Corvette internet world is abuzz with rumors, I never count on a upcoming GM program until a GM press release. One thing that will keep those struggling with its MSRP being an average of \$14K more than most thought, is there will be initial, cost-avoided savings, that many visible carbon fiber options will be delayed availability including and all this was “breaking news” at the MidEngineCorvetteForum (MECF) via communications I had with Harlan, the beautiful “U-shaped” visible top-of-LT6 trim piece (option “EOC), the alternative X-brace (also in vis CF), the grille trim in visible CF (option “R9Z”, and even the Edge Red rear fender “Z06 emblem.” Surprisingly a non-carbon-fiber part that is very popular with new Corvette buyers, splash guards are “not in the production plans.”

Great news that finally on day 269 after its reveal, the official GM Order Guide was released. While with its cousin 2023 Stingray components covers 101 full-sized pages, MECF has THE IMPORTANT-MOST 12 pages here thanks to Jeremy Welborn, his picking among them all and sharing the ones 99% of those use/need to put together their Z06 order: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/394021-z06-order-guide-now-available>

While its pricing and Order Guide were key to those ready to order in the first batch of Z06 customer cars, there remains two critical “missings” preventing the first customer orders to become GM accepted. A great initial step was on July 28th GM when allowed all of its Chevy dealers to submit preliminary orders, i.e, “the order banks opened.” But as on that date and most probably still as you are reading this all such entered ordered are “preliminary” -- meaning that if not later paired with an allocation, they would amount to literally nothing. The two key critical MIA components as of this time is that, 1) dealers have yet to get their Z06 allocations, 2) nor whether initial Z06 final orders might experience the dreaded “constraint” word, e.g., part (s) that is not available to all in that first batch who ordered it.

Of course for most who are getting a Z06 at some point (dealership lists are sold out for an average of four years here and in Canada already), the key questions is when is “SORP” start of regular (meaning customer) production. I had heard from several key insiders weeks ago that it will be early in September but again relying on fact, GM stated in *writing* on July 15th that customer Z06 production will start in September. GM’s major Z06 web site still says today, “available Summer 2022,” and for those at NCM’s April Bash, the pointed question during the GM seminar, “Harlan, when will the first customer Z06’s be delivered?” His answer was “the last of summer is September 21st.” We all want to learn more about the actual first customer delivery. Speaking of sale-able units, we now have confirmation that at least 125 eventually sale-able CTF (capture test fleet) Z06’s are prowling the streets. Just under half are HTC’s. We sure await the day when customers start receiving their own Z06!

Thanks for reading. I hope your summer is going really well for you and you,are racking up many miles of Corvette driving smiles.

Thanks to John Elegant for providing these monthly updates.