



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Happy September! Wow, ready or not here comes fall! 🍂. So, with that, here are some fun things to join in on! I've had a lot of contact with a club over in the Portland/Vancouver area that is very friendly and active just like our club. After many online correspondence, we mutually decided it would be fun to do a day fall run and meet for lunch. Please mark your calendar for Sunday October 9th to join us in a fall run to Cooper Spur restaurant on Mt Hood. Drive details will be given at the meeting, but now's the time to sign up!

Also, we have our 3rd annual Halloween event on Saturday October 29th, being held in Bend at the Elks lodge! This will make travel and attendance hopefully easier. Each year we have a larger attendance, I think, because we have so darn much fun, and being as it's a Great Gatsby MURDER MYSTERY theme, this year should be over the top! Look for a separate email with pictures to get inspired (everyone's closet will have what you need)!! Any questions, please do not hesitate to call, text or email me!

And to complete our season this year with a NEW Christmas party venue ~ Dec 14th @The Riverside! We have reserved a beautiful banquet room that will be full of holiday decor cheer, plus the foyer has a welcoming fireplaces all decked out for our individual pictures. Menu, is buffet Prime rib and Salmon with all the trimmings included, plus open bar!!!

Sign up time is now!

PLUS, You can book your December 14th hotel rooms for after the party! No worries driving home with unknown weather, and we can stay longer to enjoy the festivities!

Just click the link below to receive the group rate, great savings!

<https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=39132&Chain=21123&Rate=HOL22>

This month's meeting location: Pour House Grill

61276 S Hwy 97, Bend OR

Dinner/social 6-7PM Business Mtg 7:00 PM

Tess Burke –
Morton

HDCC Presi-
dent





Another HDCC Wine Tour is in the books.

So many positive happy comments as well as lots of social downtime for the participants. Wednesday, August 10th we left from Bend with a stop in Prospect at the Prospect Café and Trophy Room where everyone enjoyed their lunch. Next stop Wine Country Inn in Jacksonville. The next morning a historic tour of Jacksonville via Trolley. Our Trolley driver, Mike, was very informative about the history of Jacksonville. That afternoon we had lunch at Coquette Bakery, sampled chocolates from the world renown Lilliebelle Chocolates, glasses of wine at Rogue Grape and cheese from the Rogue Creamery, all in Central Point. Our last day was spent first at Dancin Vineyards where we enjoyed a fantastic lunch and wine tasting with Dan Marca, owner as our host. This was a wonderful experience of food and wine. Rellik Vineyards was next and last we visited Hummingbird Estates for our last tasting. It was a full and amazing day.

It was three days of enjoying great member friendships and conversation in the Jacksonville area.





HDCC Events

- 9/4/5/6 President's Mystery Tour Returning on 7th
- 9/9 Corvettes on the Columbia
- 9/13 HDCC Bus. Mtg Pour House Grill, Bend
- 9/24 Sisters Glory Daze Car Show
- 10/9 Coopers Spur. See Tess Morton for details
Meet & Greet with Bridge City Corvettes
- 10/29 Halloween Party
- 11/11 Veterans Day Parade
- 12/14 Christmas Party

September Birthdays

- 9/12 Leslie Cheney
- 9/23 Marlene Mangan
- 9/23 Debora Richards
- 9/30 Walt Santos

September Anniversaries

- 9/1 Mark White & Deb Calhoun
- 9/15 Casey & Laurilea Gibbs

IT'S A SHAME NOTHING
IS BUILT IN THE USA
ANY MORE. I JUST
BOUGHT A TV & IT SAID
"BUILT IN ANTENNA".

I DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHERE THAT IS.

John Wayne.. His 5 Rules to Life..



Submitted by
Dee Ginter

1. Money cannot buy happiness but its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.

2. Forgive your enemy

but remember the bastard's name.

3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they're in trouble again.

4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.

5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.

Behind every great man there is a great woman 🤪



Submitted by
Dee Ginter

Touchmark Car Show

It was a nice day for the car show at 'Touchmark. A nice combination of Corvettes, Porches and one vintage Jaguar XKE. Touchmark served a great lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and a desert. It was enjoyable talking to some of the Touchmark residents and hearing their Corvette stories as well as some hot rod stories. Very nice folks and we appreciate their interest. **A hearty thank you to HDCC member Charlie Tomson for arranging the event.** A big thank you to the Touchmark staff for making us feel so welcome.



Charlie Tomson's 1965 427 Chevy Caprice





HDCC Donates \$7,000.00 to Central Oregon Veteran's Ranch



HDCC presented a check to Allison Perry from the Central Oregon's Veteran's Ranch on August 30th at the Lithia Chevrolet. Alison began her association with COVR from the inception in 2012, and has been instrumental in the growth of the Ranch, as well as being the Point of Contact for other states wanting to mirror for their Veterans what has been done at COVR. Present were event coordinators Don & Dee Ginter & Jorge Reyes (Chevy of Bend), major financial contributors - John & Sande Burgess, Scott (Leslie) Cheney, Barry & Christine Larson & Todd Layport (absent), plus Phil Valbert, Chevy of Bend General Manager. The HDCC membership should be very proud with the club's \$7,000 donation to the COVR.



2023 Corvette Z06 Customers Now Required to Sign Acknowledgement Form Not to Flip the Car.

Customer Acknowledgement Form

Dear Customer

Congratulations on your decision to purchase or lease a model year 2023 Corvette Z06. You are part of an exclusive group of customers with the opportunity to acquire one of the most powerful sports cars in the history of Chevrolet. Given the limited quantity of model year 2023 Corvette

Z06 vehicles, sales are reserved for true Chevy enthusiasts.

We are proud to have you as a customer and want all our loyal customers to receive the superior Chevrolet experience provided by their preferred dealer, avoiding speculators who may try to re-sell Corvette Z06 vehicles on the secondary market. We encourage you to cherish this special vehicle and maintain possession for at least one full calendar year from the date on which you take delivery. If you decide to sell, or otherwise transfer ownership of your 2023 Corvette Z06 within the first 12 months after delivery:

1. You will be ineligible to place vehicle reservations or place a sold order with a dealer for certain high demand models (as identified by GM) including but not limited to future Corvette Z06,
2. The Bumper-to-Bumper, Powertrain, Sheet Metal, Tire and Accessory coverages under GM's New Vehicle Limited Warranty will be voided.
3. You will not be eligible to receive the exclusive Z06 award of 500,000 My Chevy Rewards Points (a \$5000.00 Value).

By signing below you are acknowledging that you understand these terms. Given the impact on warranty coverage, you are also agree that, if you choose to sell this vehicle within one year after you have taken delivery, you will communicate the loss of warranty coverage to the transferee. These changes will not impact product recalls in any way.

Customer

From Corvette Action Center



C8 Corvette Logo in the sky
 "Corvette Angel"
 Submitted by Jorge Reyes

Corvette Production Statistics 2022

Total produced	25,831
Touch Red	4147
Artic White	3603
Hypersonic Gray	3291
Red Mist	3274
Black	2766
Rapid Blue	2261
Elkhart Blue	1422
Amplify Orange	1375
Ceramic Gray	1202
Accelerate yellow	1193
Silver Flare	922
Caffeine Metallic	385

Corvette Production Statistics 2021

Total produced	26,216
Torch Red	5171
Artic White	3769
Red Mist	3476
Black	2818
Silver Flare	1804
Elkhart Blue	1713
Ceramic Gray	1367
Sebring Orange	1255
Dark Shadow Gray	1111
Rapid Blue	2384 ??
Accelerate Yellow	839
Zeus Bronze	509

From Corvette Action Center



ZR1 Corvette

According to their inside informants, the engine will be the [same 5.5L LT6](#) unit from [the Z06](#) but with two turbos bolted on, some reprofiling of cams and valves, different headers, and the development of a new transaxle gearbox, which is enough to give it a new engine code of LT7. This will result in 850 HP and, reportedly, over 800 lb.-ft of torque. To say that more than a few sets of rear tires will disappear from that alone is an understatement.

The expected release of the ZR1 is to come 2 to 3 years after the Z06, to give that car enough time to “breathe” on the market, so the ZR1 will most likely be a 2025 or 2026 model year car. As far as the [leaked roadmap document from GM HQ in 2020](#), taking into consideration that the global pandemic shifted everything on it back a year, that fits exactly into the planned release schedule.

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Barry and Christine Larson –Owners



Rich and Tess Morton donated 20 stuffed animals to The Kids Center.. The club had originally intended to donate to law enforcement but they did not want them as no room to carry in vehicles or something like that.

The C9 Corvette (maybe)



Even with the eighth-generation Corvette in full production, and with new iterations of the increasingly popular mid-engine car preparing to take flight, GM's design studios are once more at work imagining the future of the Corvette. And just like each of its predecessors before it, the as-yet-unrealized C9 Corvette will once again present consumers with cutting-edge technologies never before introduced in the brand's 70+ year history...because the C9 will almost certainly utilize electric propulsion.

Chevrolet has already announced that the eighth-generation, mid-engine Corvette Stingray will include a pair of hybrid models, including the thousand-horsepower Corvette Zora, which will use electric motors and a twin-turbo V8 engine to achieve that insane level of power.

Given all of that, it seems both plausible and unavoidable that the C9 Corvette will be an all-electric hyper car capable of producing power at levels previously unseen in any Corvette before it.

Corvette will follow in the footsteps of its lesser production counterparts. Namely, it will shed its internal combustion engine in favor of battery packs and high-torque electric motors. The question is when? And perhaps who? Designer Kirk Bennion and Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter will almost certainly be retired before a next-generation e-Vette gets underway....unless, of course, they've already started development of an all-electric Corvette somewhere deep inside the hallowed halls of GM's Design Studios....maybe down in the gallows of the infamous Studio X? One can only wonder...

From MSN news feed.

GM Benchmarking Ferrari SF90 Stradale As C8 Corvette Zora Rival



The [Chevy Corvette C8](#) is already a game changer, offering world-class mid-engine performance to take on [some of the most potent speed machines](#) on the market. That said, GM is far from done with the C8, with plans to release the [Corvette Zora](#) as the forthcoming range-topper of the lineup. Now, *GM Authority* spy photographers have caught The General benchmarking the new Ferrari SF90 Stradale as a rival to the upcoming [C8 Corvette Zora](#).

The Ferrari S90 Stradale you see here is draped in Nero black paint and was seen on the North / South straight at the [GM Milford Proving Grounds](#) in Michigan. For those readers who may be unaware, the Ferrari SF90 is the Italian automaker's new mid-engine coupe, mating a twin-turbocharged, 32-valve, 769-horsepower 4.0L V8 with a plug-in hybrid electric system and three electric motors. Two of those electric motors are mounted in front and operate independently, while the third motor is located between the engine and gearbox.

The end result is all-wheel drive grip and a combined output of 986 horsepower and 590 pound-feet of torque, enough to propel the Ferrari SF90 from a standstill to 60 mph in the low-2-second range, with top speed estimated at 211 mph.

Impressive stuff, no doubt. However, all that Italian-bred performance will have to face GM's take on the mid-engine hybrid supercar segment, namely the upcoming C8 [Corvette Zora](#).

As *GM Authority* has covered extensively in the past, the C8 Corvette Zora will catapult the latest eight-generation Vette to all-new levels thanks to the twin-turbocharged [5.5L V8 LT7](#) gasoline engine and complimentary hybrid system. The C8 Zora will also be the second Corvette to feature an electrically assisted all-wheel drive system after the upcoming [C8 E-Ray](#). However, the C8 Zora will offer the highest levels of performance of any Corvette, with total system output approaching, if not surpassing, 1,000 horsepower and 1,000 pound-feet of torque.

Of course no one knows what changes will be made to the Ferrari SF90 by 2025. Should be interesting.

From GM Authority



Mid Engine Corvette Update: Best of Times & “Not So Good” (John Elegant)

Stingray good news and yet some August Stingray constraints too, but thankfully the first ones are just partial constraints, e.g., Z51, FE2/4 Mag Ride. However its last constraint, the RCC Engine Cover, is fully constrained but as we know that can simply be added later. For Stingray customers who are still awaiting theirs to be made, there is a silver lining in the Z06 news below; in fact there is a massive Stingray silver lining below within the Z06 news.

Another fantastic Stingray video review, this time it being driven at the Nürburgring by a very experienced driver: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/391298-wonderful-stingray-video-n%E2%80%99ring-review>

Does GM have a secret favorite interior for all C8's? If one asks the question how come on most other C8, 3-level interior trims you have to pay up to \$890 more than you do have to pay for the two-tone blue Stingray and Z06 interior, the answer seems to be “yes.” Here's that detail: https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/401596-gm%E2%80%99s-secret-interior-choice-two-tone-blue-interior?fbclid=IwAR3X340sRr6okI3IHiiUExQK5JNtgwKeLirX0g422V3AO_7Nwvrv1-9UxUY



Some Z06 news is really good; some is far from good: First off even though GM does not yet provide a way to price your Z06 (outside of dealership computers), here is a really nice and quick way to figure out your Z06's price via a spreadsheet created by “HappyVettePerson” (“HVP”): <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/393255-z06-pricing-spreadsheet-thanks-to-%E2%80%99Chvp%E2%80%99D>

Good Z06 Production News: GM states that the Z06's “TPP” (actually a GM term meaning “Target Production Period”) is September 12th for the Z06. Could that mean that the SORP



(start of regular production) for customer Z06's is really going to start around September 12th, not September 19th for that latter date is when we have already seen some TPW's for it. I am sure, lol, that not one of us have forgotten nor overlooked that key first word, e.g., TENTATIVE.

Also on August 17th surprised us by announcing Z06 wheels in carbon flash and visible carbon fiber are now no longer tied to getting a Z07 with its mandatory Cup2 R tires. GM now refers to both carbon fiber wheel versions as "free flow options." Now one can get the Carbon Revolution carbon fiber wheels with the standard Z06 and its PS4 tires —or as before if you get a Z07 you can optionally choose both the carbon flash and the visible carbon fiber wheels for that version too. Relatedly, Carbon Revolution announced video shows us that all of its Z06 carbon fiber wheels are now CT scanned/X-rayed as one more quality control proof.



Now some really not pleasant news: Insiders have been whispering since the reveal that the LT6 pays a fuel economy penalty due to its sucking fuel (well..., they did not use that term but one called it "really bad"). Here the specifics that while even the 755 HP, 2019 ZR1 with its larger, 6.2L engine "ONLY" has a \$2,100 gas guzzler tax (GGT), the smaller 5.5L LT6's gas guzzler is \$2,600 if you do not get the complete aero package, jumping to \$3,000 if you do. <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/398929-z06-gas-guzzler-amount-out>

Bad news for Z06 purchasers: At the link is GM's constraint list for the Z06. But also in GM's constraint document is the bad news that Z06 production for the entire 2023 years in "Plant Restricted" to just 10% of production. Further the complete aero package (dive planes, high wing and more) which as all know is required to get the Z07, is restricted by a "Supplier Restriction" to just 3% of all 2023 production. And without it of course, all who were wanting to get a standard Z06 with that package are also severely constrained. Here's more details: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/402789-only-10-of-2023%E2%80%99s-will-be-z06%E2%80%99s>



Yet as hinted at above, this low 10% 2023 Z06 annual production rate means that Stingray for this year will be 90% of total production. This is quite different from many predicting that 2023 Stingray production would be slaughtered because Z06's would be every other car going down the line that a few predicted. Even more numerous predictions were Z06 would be one car in three on the assembly line, e.g., two Stingrays then one Z06, etc. So now it appears that the Z06's rate of 1 in every 10 going down the line is close to identical to the ZR1's total production of 2,951 units in 2019. Imagine being inside BGA and visualizing coming down the assembly line your seeing nine Stingray's in a row and then one Z06.

In an announcement that some view as less than desirable (understatement) GM announced that while it will award \$5,000 in "my GM Rewards" for both GM accessories and which also could be used for service costs at GM dealers **IF** you keep your C8 Z06 for one year, there was also a stick in that GM declaration, i.e., the loss of warranty for all Z06 owners who sell their Z06 within one year and their also their being forever banned from future purchase of GM high demand vehicles. Currently the three so-defined high demand vehicles are the Escalade V, the Z06 and the Hummer EV. Here, more specifically, is that GM announcement with all its details: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/396667-gm-clarification-of-z06-warranty-cessation-under-certain-circumstances>

Emilia Hartford drove the first C8 Z06 press car. Emelia, known for her 1,200+ twin turbo C8 she created, was the lucky first member of the media to be given a Z06 for her to drive: Here's that experience: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/402061-emelia-gets-the-first-press-z06?fbclid=IwAR2TutmjOxB3C5RXGOxZ1LuzEkq7ddnnMQ2zltQteUknefuK4Xww7BaleA>

Days after that Speed Phenom got a ride along from the fantastic C5.R-C7.R race car driver Ron Fellows. It was only a press ride as opposed to 10/10's laps but does the LT6 screamingly wail! <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/403374-speed-phenom-z07-ride-along-laguna-seca?fbclid=IwAR0wyPd1SxLwR1wHxyNT4CySRTCpA7xlq-tbah7Ku1R5gogEgCPHnL0o-9U>

GM is working on future C8 versions now testing the Ferrari SF90 Stradale at Milford Proving Ground (MPG) with perhaps eyes towards benchmarking that \$507,000 as part of the development of the ZORA C8. For those not yet aware, the Stradale, is a 4.0-liter twin-turbocharged V-8 that creates 769 horsepower; but wait there's more -- for its three electric motors develop an additional 217 HP. There's a picture of the Stradale caught at MPG should you wish: <https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2022/08/15/spied-gm-testing-the-ferrari-sf90-stradale-performance-hybrid-at-milford-with-eyes-towards-the-eray-and-zora/>

Thanks for reading. May as the summer ends, you get in lots more miles of Corvette driving smiles.

John Elegant