



High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter December 2022

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President's Ponderings

Happy Holiday's to everyone!! Whether you're in central Oregon, or have traveled to warmer parts, sending each and everyone of you " Best wishes and happy New Year "!

An encouraging reminder, our Holiday party is fast approaching, Dec 14th at the Riverhouse! I am extending the sign up to Dec 5, as currently our list is at 44, and club committed to 60 attendees to use this Beautiful location! Please contact Sande Burgess ASAP, to add your name. This is a fun, festive, and very tasty event. Plus our last Corvette Club gathering for 2022!

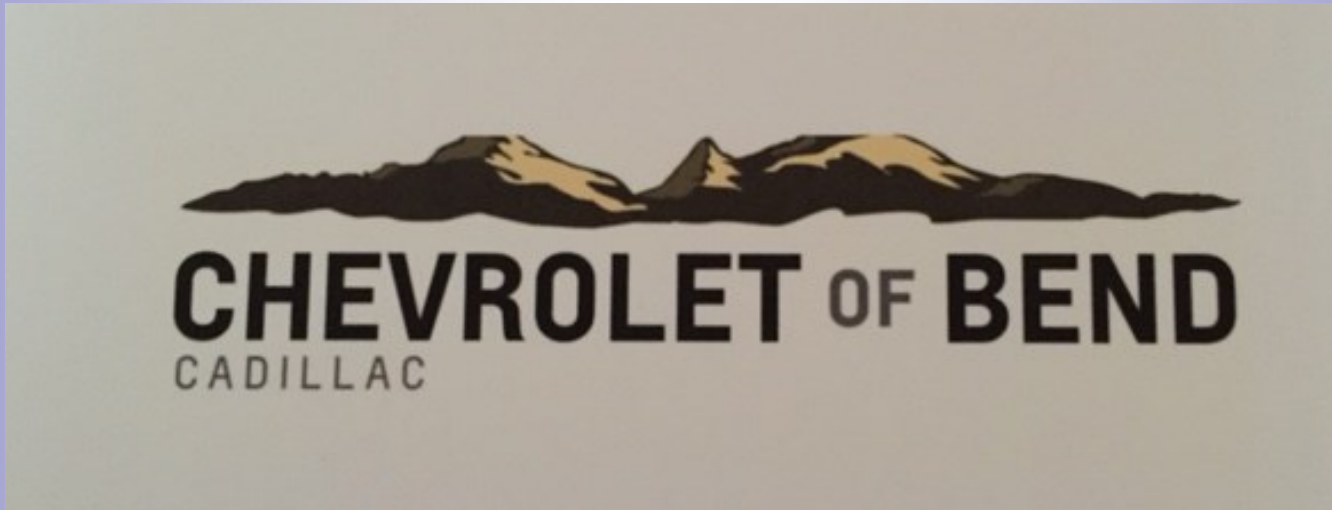
Until then or next year! Be safe, be merry and happy!

Tess Burke –
Morton

HDCC Presi-
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20240 Reed Lane, Bend OR

Barry and Christine Larson –Owners

Some Corvette Demographics

12% of Corvette Owners are between ages 61-63

10% of Corvette owner are between ages 49-60

3% of Corvette Owners are between ages 25-40

Most Corvette Owners are over the age of 55 which is 55% of Sales

The largest number of Corvettes are in Texas, Florida, California and New Jersey

On a per capita basis more Corvettes in Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee & S. Carolina



December Birthdays

12/7 Jessica Andersen
12/15 Scott Foote
12/28 Rob Ross

December Anniversaries

12/2 Mike & Judy McClean
12/5 Henry & Joan McDonnell
12/29 Barry & Christine Larson

HDCC Events

Dec. 14th Christmas Party at The River House , Bend
Jan 10th HDCC Business Meeting Location TBD
Feb 15th HDCC Business Meeting Location TBD
Jun 17th Glass on the Grass Willamette Valley Corvettes
June 21-22 Shady Cove Club Retreat
July 19-22 Vette Fest Boise, ID Waiting for online info
Sept 7-10 Corvettes of Fresno at Reno NV

Did You Know??

This first Z06 was produced in 1963 with the C2 Corvette.

It included :

Front anti-roll bar with a 20% larger diameter

Vacuum brake booster

Dual Master cylinder

Sintered-metallic brake linings

Power-assisted Al-Fin drums cooled by front air scoops and vented backing plates

Larger diameter shocks and springs.

Total additional cost was \$1,800.00 In today's dollars it would be \$18,000.00

The price of the 1963 was \$4,252.00 You can get a C8 Z06 for as high as \$170,000.00

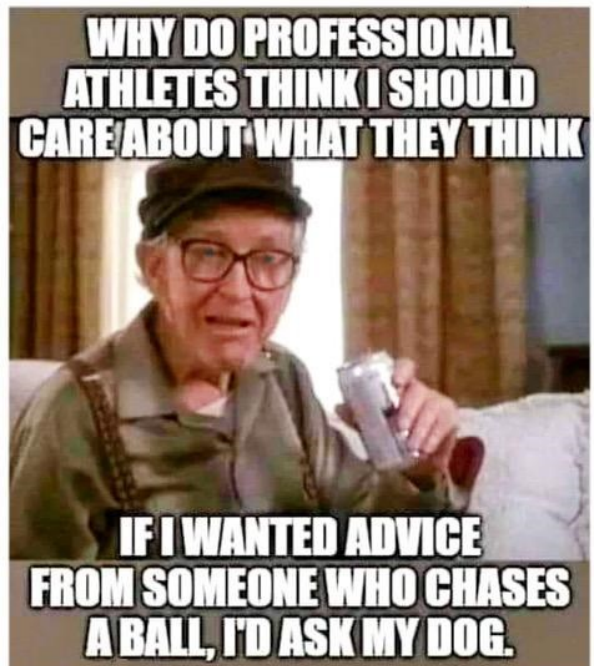
The next Z06 did not reappear until the C5.

The 2023 Z06 Build and price configurator is now available.

On the lighter side.



Baby Boomers will get this 🤔😄
Too Funny!!





In Memory of Annie Lankford Gray



Ann Lankford Gray

Dec 15, 1942—Nov. 29, 2022





Veteran's Day Parade 2022





The 500-hp Corvette That Chevrolet Didn't Talk About

Rarely does a manufacturer make a point to not advertise one of its products particularly one that is its peak performance offering. An exception to the rule was the 1969 Chevrolet Corvette Singray L88. And that intentionally low profile when new is part of what makes this car so valuable today.

The brainchild of Zora Arkus-Duntov, director of GM's performance division, the 1967 L88 Corvette was powered by a highly modified version of Chevy's 427 cubic inch V-8. Although the factory claimed horsepower was 435 real power output was likely somewhere between 540 and 580, enough to allow a "stock" L88 to run the quarter-mile in the mid to high 11 second range. The L88 could be ordered only with certain options such as a performance suspension, positraction differential, and upgraded brakes, while other features such as a radio and A/C were not available.

Since the car was to be built in limited numbers, Arkus-Duntov wanted as many of them as possible to end up on racetracks. As such, GM tried to discourage individuals from buying the L88 (the car's extremely conservative power rating was a ploy designed to turn off casual consumers), instead focusing on racing teams. The L88 stayed in production until 1969 with a total of 216 produced.

A 1969 L88 is currently being offered by Rick Cole Auctions with 2576 actual miles on the odometer. Aside from the mileage, this car is also impressive due to the fact that it has never been restored and was originally purchased and raced in the state of Michigan. Bidding on this car is expected to reach the neighborhood of \$500K to \$750K. Clearly the L88 is no secret among Corvette collectors.

Great Gatsby Halloween Party





1971 Corvette Sports Wagon

This 1971 Chevrolet Corvette Sport Wagon was built by Michigan-based customizer Chuck Miller's Styline Customs shop in 1975 and is said to have served as Miller's personal vehicle in the 1970s before being relocated to Norway in 2002 and subsequently acquired by the seller. The car is finished in gold and brown over multi-tone brown upholstery and is equipped with Vista Cruiser-style side windows and body-color removable roof panels as well as chrome bumpers, Chevrolet Monza headlights, power steering, four-wheel disc brakes, electric windows, and a push-button radio. Power comes from a 350ci V8 paired with a Turbo-Hydramatic three-speed automatic transmission. Work under current ownership consisted of fluid changes, brake service, and the installation of 15" chrome-clad wheels with new tires. This Corvette Sport Wagon was featured in *Styline Customs: Chuck Miller* and is offered in Norway with manufacturer's and historical literature as well as Norwegian registration. Bid to win \$17,000.00 Used to deliver "meals on wheels" in Norway.

Submitted by Henry McDonnell

Looks like someone wasted a good 71 Corvette



This Corvette Spent Over 20 Years At The Bottom Of The Willamette River



Three years ago, police near Portland, Oregon discovered a yellow Corvette submerged in Willamette River near a boat ramp. The Corvette, reportedly stolen over 20 years ago.

Using air bladders and chains, they're able to lift the Corvette up enough to turn it toward the ramp. When the tow truck shows up, it's able to drag the big yellow 'Vette back onto the ramp.

Even though the 'Vette was supposedly stolen, its location suggests that the owner could have been dumping it for an insurance check. According to the video, the owner fled the country shortly after the vehicle went missing.

Odds and Ends

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is littered with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000. Great.
I'll start later

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough"
"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo".

So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?