

# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter March 2023

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## **President's Ponderings**

#### March 2023

Spring is right around the corner, even though these past few weeks might not feel like it! And with that comes our end of the club year's activities! But before I get to that, I would like to take a moment and thank everyone for sharing these last two years with me as your president. I am honored and humbled by all the amazing people who have given me genuine respect and support. I am also elated that those individuals who have chosen to offer their time and talents as your new board members will continue this tradition.

. As I have demonstrated in these last two years, I will continue to do my very best to support this new board of amazing individuals, and all the volunteers that serve our club. The camaraderie and goodwill this club expresses towards one another, is definitely what makes this club special which we all enjoy!!





Tess Burke –Morton HDCC President



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#### **March Birthdays**

- 3/I Debbie Byers
- 3/I LeeAnn Kaster
- 3/5 Harry Bongers
- 3/7 Fred Crowther
- 3/9 Charles Thomson
- 3/20 Sue Gibson
- 3/28 Barbara Bosy
- 3/28 Lori Schneider
- 3/31 Todd Layport

#### **March Anniversaries**

3/8 Mike & Mary Zumwalt3/17 Dick & Sue Dobson3/20 Rich & Tess Morton



Don Ginter won the 50/50 Drawing \$55.00

#### **HDCC** Events

March 8th HDCC Business Meeting Bend Elks
Social Hour 5;00 PM Meeting 6;00
March 29 HDCC Year End Banquet Bend Elks
April 26 Social Night @ the Crosseyed Cricket
On the corner of Boyd Acres & Brinson

May 24-25 Trip to Baker City/ Geiser Grand Hotel

Memorial Weekend HDCC Campout see T. Morton for details

Jun 17th Glass on the Grass Willamette Valley Corvettes

June 21-22 Shady Cove Club Retreat

June 30 National Corvette Day Cruise and Lunch at Bakoven Grill, Maupin, OR

July 19-22 Vette Fest Boise, ID On line registration available. (Valley Corvettes)

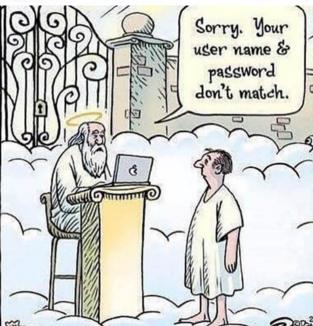
Sept 7-10 Corvettes of Fresno at Reno NV no information yet.

Sept 14-16 Corvettes on the Columbia No information available at this point.



## On the lighter side.





Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector that shuts off when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"

## Did you know?

By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.







#### March 29th is

## **National Vietnam Veterans Day**

## **HDCC** Dues are payable at this time

\$60.00 per couple, \$36.00 per single member

Harry is 80-years-old and owns a C7 Corvette. It's his only car. It's also his only truck. So he uses it for hauling, camping, and hunting. Harry is our new favorite Corvette owner. #GOAT (Greatest of all time)



From Facebook

# The Corvette Assembly Plant Played Its Part in Helping GM Reach Record Profits in 2022

GM reported record profits of \$14.5 billion on revenue of \$43.1 billion for 2022, and the company is giving lots of credit for its "fantastic" year to the Bowling Green facility where the Corvette Stingray and Z06 are assembled. (I wonder if they ever paid off their 49.5 billion bankruptcy loan by the government in 2009.)

From Corvette Blogger



# Corvette E-Ray Buyers Camp Overnight In Front Of MacMulkin Chevrolet In New Hampshire To Place Orders for New E-Ray



Customers eager to place an order for the new 2024 <u>Chevy Corvette E-Ray</u> camped overnight outside MacMulkin Chevrolet in New Hampshire on January 30<sup>th</sup>, braving nighttime temperatures in the teens to lay claim to their copy of GM's first-ever hybrid-powered Vette. GM gave MacMulkin Chevrolet that distinction because it was the country's #I selling <u>Corvette</u> dealership in 2022. They require a \$4,000.00 deposit.

Taken from GM Authority

## Now that AWD is Available, Will Corvette Enter the Hot New

## Off-Road Sportscar Market?



Taken from Corvette Blogger



#### **HDCC Featured Members**

## David and Nancy Roth

David was born in Alliance Nebraska. Moved to Silverton, Oregon when he was nine months old. He attended Salem Technical College which is now known as Chemeketa Community College. His study emphasis was engineering and drafting. He worked at Coe Manufacturing where he signed and built plywood and veneer manufacturing equipment. That firm was later purchased, and he then worked in parts and service area. Dave has two daughters and a son and 9 grandchildren. He did a tandem sky dive with one of his grandsons jumping out of a perfectly flying aircraft at 13,000 feet.

Nancy was born and raised in the Portland – Beaverton area. She attended Willamette university for two years and University of Oregon for two years. Her studies were in the area of community service and public affairs. Most of her working career was in property management. She has one son.

They met on a blind date at a ski club having been introduced by Nancy's best friend.

Dave enjoys skiing, golf, hiking and bike riding. Nancy's hobbies include biking, hiking, skiing and riding her horse, Hannah.







#### **Consumer Reports**

## Cars People Love The Most

How do we define owner satisfaction? It's measured by the answer to this key question: Given the opportunity, would you buy or lease this vehicle again? This year we received responses from owners of more than 300,000 cars, SUVs, trucks, and vans

For the second year in a row, the Chevrolet Corvette is the most satisfying vehicle in our survey. It's unabashedly a high-performance sports car that, with its 2020 redesign, could be mistaken for a Ferrari or Lamborghini. Joining it at the top of the list are the iconic Porsche 911 and brawny Dodge Challenger, a modern take on the 1970s muscle car. People buy these cars for their performance and looks, and their high satisfaction scores prove they give their owners just what they want.

But big power isn't a requirement for admittance to the most satisfying car club. The Subaru BRZ and Toyota GR86 sports car twins and the Mazda MX-5 Miata roadster also make the list of the most satisfying cars, even though they produce one-half to one-third less horsepower than the Corvette, 911, and Challenger. They prove there's more to a fun sports car than just lots of power.

Energy- and fuel-efficient vehicles have always dominated CR's most satisfying lists, and this year three electric vehicles are among the top scorers. The new Rivian RIT pickup truck and Hyundai Ioniq 5 compact SUV tied with another EV, the Polestar 2 hatchback, with 88 percent of owners saying they'd buy them again. All three also stand out with unique styling, while the Rivian has the distinction of being the first electric pickup truck to come to market

## Most Satisfying

- Corvette
- 2 Kia telluride
- 3 Rivian RIt
- 4 Ford Maverick Hybrid
- 5 Hyundai Lonig 5
- 6 Polestar 2
- 7 Subaru BR2

#### Least Satisfying

- I Kia Forte
- 2 Nissan Altima
- 3 Nissan Kicks
- 4 Volkswagen Taso
- 5 Kia Seltos
- 6 Jeep Compass
- 7 Mercedes Benz GLA

## Submitted by Leslie Chaney





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#### **End Of Year Banquet**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29th 5:00-6:00social hour, dinner 6-7:30 BEND ELKS LODGE 63120 Boyd Acres Rd Bend, OR

#### Memu

Prime rib or Salmon, green salad, veggie medley, baked potatoes with all the fixings and rolls. Dessert choices, cheesecake or chocolate mouse cake!

#### \$32.50 per person

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HDCC P O Box 6442 Bend, OR 97708

Reservations are held by payment, received on or before March 22nd

We will honor those who have donated their time and talents this last year, plus welcome in those who have graciously offered to help direct the club with their time and talents for the upcoming year!

This banquet is one of our biggest opportunities to connect with the club members at one big gathering, surrounded with memories of this past year's adventures! And this event also provides you the opportunity to meet your new board!

We are looking forward to a great turn out to show our appreciation to everyone, as this is what makes our group very special!



# Colin Powell's 2015 Chevy Corvette Stingray Fetches \$200K For Charity

This <u>2015 Chevy Corvette</u> Stingray, which previously provided the daily transportation needs for the late General Colin L. Powell, recently hit the auction block to raise funds for charity, with the final bid placed set at an eye-raising \$200,000.

For those readers who may be unaware, General Colin L. Powell served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff between 1989 and 1993, and as U.S. Secretary of State under George W. Bush between 2001 and 2005. Powell passed away in 2021 at the age of 84.

Powell's 2015 <u>Chevy Corvette</u> Stingray is finished in Gunmetal Gray paint, a fitting hue that gives the sports car a menacing battleship sort of vibe. In the corners, the Vette rides on a set of chrome five-spoke wheels, while up top, you'll find a removable carbon fiber roof panel.

Moving inside, we find a Black leather interior with 8-way power-adjustable seats, keyless entry, and a push-button starter. There's also a five-position Drive Mode selector, while the 8-inch infotainment touchscreen runs the <a href="Chevy">Chevy</a> MyLink infotainment system. A rear-view camera is also equipped.

As for the power spec, the 2015 Chevy Corvette Stingray runs the naturally aspirated <u>6.2L V8 LT1</u> gasoline engine, which is rated at 455 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 460 pound-feet of torque at 4,600 rpm from the factory. In this particular example, output is routed exclusively to the rear wheels via the GM six-speed automatic transmission. Just 15,600 miles are on the clock.

Now, Powell's 2015 Chevy Corvette Stingray has sold as Lot #3003 at the recent <u>Barrett-Jackson Scotts-dale 2023</u> event in Scottsdale, Arizona, with a final bid of \$200,000. The entire hammer price will go to benefit the America's Promise Alliance charity, which Powell founded in 1997.



Article from GM Authority



## Wine Chocolate Pairing, Sisters



Social Night Moose Sisters

