



# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter April 2023

## Officers and Volunteers

**President—Dave Schneider**

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Dee Ginter**

**Sunshine—Debbie Scherrer**

**Highway Clean up—Mike  
McClean**

**Publicity- Tess Birke—  
Morton**

**COHD—Chair Person  
Harry Bongers**

## President's Ponderings

Greetings:

I am very excited to be serving as your new President of the HDCC. I want to start off by thanking our last President Tess Burke-Morton, for her outstanding leadership over the last two years. I will have huge shoes to fill. Also, thanks for all the hard work from the other Board members and Volunteers that make our club fun. Without their dedication, this club would not exist.

Over the next year, I look forward to working hard with the Board and all the Committee Volunteers by continuing the objectives of the club: promoting the enjoyment of Corvettes with driving activities, social meetings, and technical education. In other words – FUN!

There is, of course, the business side of running the club. One goal is to make the business meetings enjoyable while getting the business done. There are some great ideas floating around. Keep an eye out.

The first order of business will be deciding on the future of the Corvettes On the High Desert (COHD). COHD is our bi-annual car show that raises money for charities that the club supports. This a huge event that takes the coordination of vendors and hotels, and will need lots of volunteers. With some of the Board members being new, me included, we will also be taking a look at the by-laws to ensure I lead the club in compliance.

The snow seems to be hanging around, but only a couple of months before we can get the cars out and have fun driving them. The calendar is filling up with great club activities. Be sure to check out the events in the newsletter or visit our website.

That is all for now. I hope to see you at the next Board meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bend Elks Lodge. The social part of the meeting starts at 5:00 pm and the business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Dave Schneider, President





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## April Birthdays

4/1 Chris & Jessica Andersen  
4/2 Frank Addressio  
4/7 Marna Parman  
4/10 Michael Broadley  
4/12 Walter Bailey  
4/12 Cheri McDowall  
4/19 Gary Silence  
4/20 Pete Bezek  
4/20 Pat Welsh  
4/23 Jorge Reyes

## April Anniversaries

4/24 John & Sande Burgess



Ingrid Bongers won the  
50/50 Jackpot drawing of  
\$55.00

## HDCC Events

April 12 HDCC Business Meeting Elks Bend  
Social hr @ 5:00, Bus. Mtg 6:00

April 26 Social Night @ the Cross-eyed 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 Cor-  
vettes

June 21-22 Shady Cove Club Retreat

June 30 National Corvette Day Cruise and Dinner

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

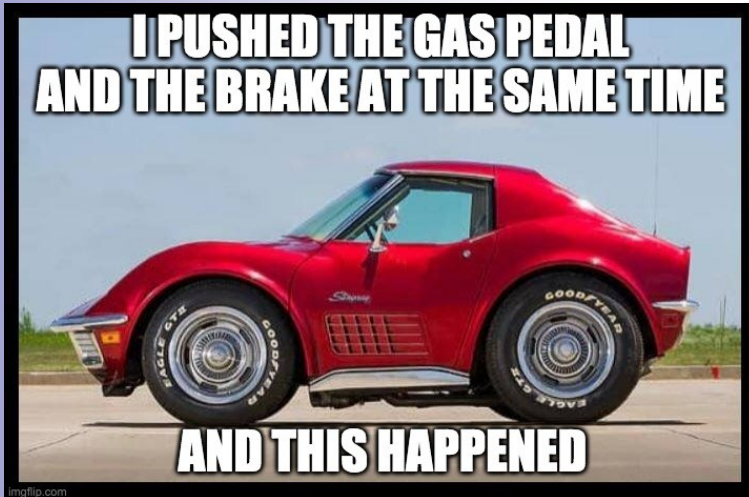
Aug 8-9 4th Annual wine Tour, Prosser WA

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

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

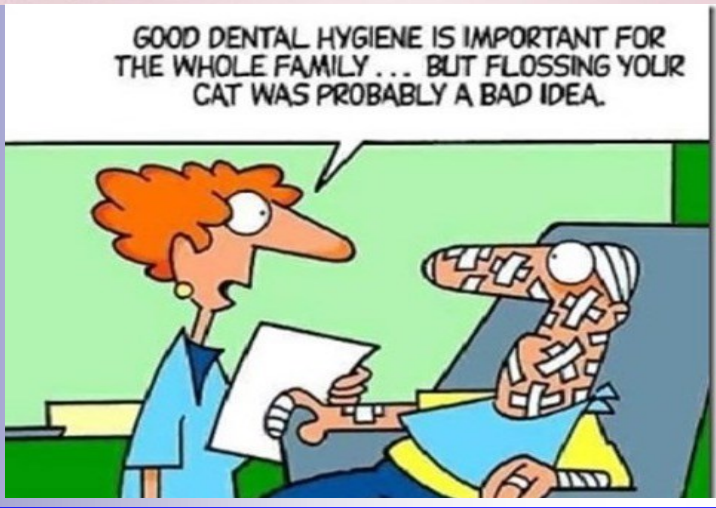


On the lighter side.  
Animal Funnies for Annie



When older people say,  
"Enjoy them while  
they are young."  
They are talking about  
your knees and hips  
not your kids.

One day you'll  
find someone that  
is obsessed with  
you.  
It's probably going  
to be a dog, but  
it is what it is.







"Corvette Angel"  
Photograph by Jorge Reyes  
Edited by Anne Burgess Photography

## Corvette Angel

You may remember a few newsletters ago I had a picture taken by HDCC member Jorge Reyes of a cloud formation that resembled the C8 Corvette logo. Our daughter Anne, a professional photographer, removed the power lines, buildings and other objects and added the actual logo.

JB



## HDCC Donates to three pet oriented Charities

This years donations were in honor of **Ann Lankford Gray** who was a great lover of dogs and cats



Ken & Annie Kaster presented a \$500.00 to the **Three Rivers Humane Society**. Three Rivers Humane Society is located in Madras, Oregon. This shelter was born from the idea that shelter dogs deserve the best care possible. We are excited and challenged to take a tiny shelter in a small, rural area in a new direction; where dogs are seen as individuals, community members are proud to be involved, adopters share their experience with others, and above all...where Love Finds a Home.



Dave Roth, Nancy Kraemer, Walt and Roiann Santos presented a \$500.00 check to the BrightSide Animal Shelter in Redmond. BrightSide is a high-save shelter focused on sheltering and rehabilitating animals, and equipping them for success in their next home. We believe that every animal who enters through our back receiving door deserves the chance to leave through our front door with a secure future.





## Donation to Furry Friends of Sisters

(article as it appeared in the Sisters Nugget)

John and Sande Burgess of High Desert Corvette Club (HDCC) made a visit to the Furry Friends pet food bank this past week. They were pleased to deliver a \$500 donation to Furry Friends Foundation (FFF).

“People often ask me how we are funded and now I am happy to add High Desert Corvette Club to that list of supporters,” said FFF founder Kiki Dolson. The pet food bank is busier than ever and larger donations are vital to the operation of the pet food bank.

The donation was made in the memory of HDCC member Ann Lankford, who was a great lover of all animals, especially dogs and cats. The club is donating a total of \$1,500 to local animal rescues including Brightside Animal Center in Redmond and Three Rivers Humane Society in Madras.

High Desert Corvette Club is a social club dedicated to the love of Corvettes. In addition, they support the Central Oregon community in many ways. In 2022 they donated \$500 to another Sisters’ charity, STARS and in addition they have donated to numerous Central Oregon charities such as the Kids Center, Saving Grace, Central Oregon Veteran’s Ranch and others.

Currently aiding more than 125 families with pets monthly, Furry Friends distributes over two tons of pet food a month. “The cost of pet food has really risen since COVID and the need has increased. We really need cash donations right now. We’re also happy to take any bags of dog or cat food too,” Dolson added. Families are able to get pet food and supplies once a month from the pet food bank. FFF also sponsors free spay/neuters and vaccinations through the Rawley Project’s FixBend program.



Sande Burgess and Kiki Dolson of Sisters Furry Friends, and is the founder.

We also received a generous donation from former HDCC members Jerry & Candy Woods



## Bill's Big Brake Corvette

As you know, Bill Scherrer is restoring a 1958 "Big Brake Corvette". He has provided periodic updates as to his progress. This is his second Big Brake restoration as his first one was while stationed in Germany. Actually the first one is noted in the picture below.



Bill and Debbie Scherrer



Great legs Debbie!!

Bill and Debbie in the beginning





## GM to Recall Some 2020 and 2021 Corvettes Over Transmission Control Module Issues

Nobody likes to hear about trouble with their Corvettes, but thankfully, General Motors is being proactive in fixing the problem.

The automaker has issued a voluntary recall for certain [2020 and 2021 Corvette Sting-rays](#) over their transmission control module (TCM). The faulty TCM units may be clearing diagnostic trouble codes incorrectly when the car is turned off.

**The problem:** Affected TCM's may incorrectly clear the loss of communications Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs) when the vehicle is keyed off after detecting a loss of communications with other control modules.

**The hazards:** If the loss of communications fault persists, the TCM may not detect it again even after the vehicle is keyed back on. If this happens, the transmission could operate in a default mode with no DTC set and the malfunction indicator lamp not illuminated.

**The fix:** certified GM technicians will be instructed to inspect affected vehicles and reprogram the TCMS with updated software as needed. It should take techs less than one hour to complete the recall.

**Affected components:** Transmission Control Module (TCM).

### Affected vehicles:

- 2020 Corvette Stingray
- 2021 Corvette Stingray

**Owners should:** GM will notify owners of affected vehicles and instruct them to make an appointment with their dealer. Any owners that are unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by this recall can visit [my.gm.com/recalls](https://my.gm.com/recalls) and type in their VIN to see any open recalls or other actions that may be active on it. Owners can also reach out to Chevy or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) directly with any questions or concerns they may have using the recall number and contact information included below.



## All New Engine

In 2022, Japanese auto parts manufacturer TPR invested \$5 million in a new type of hydrogen internal combustion engine developed by Israeli company Aquarius Engines. The latter consists of one central cylinder in which the piston moves between two heads. This engine design is especially effective when using hydrogen. The engine has a simple design, consisting of only 20 elements, of which only the piston remains movable. This hydrogen engine weighs only 10.1 kg, while for a conventional internal combustion engine this figure is 120 kg.

The operation principle of the conventional internal combustion engine has not changed since the end of the 19th century: thermal expansion of gases, which occurs during combustion of a fuel-air mixture and ensures movement of the piston in the cylinder. The internal combustion engine cycle taking place during two revolutions of the crankshaft and includes four strokes: first, the fuel-air mixture formed in the intake and fuel systems (intake), which is then compressed (compression) and ignited (power stroke), then the exhaust gases are removed from the cylinder into the exhaust system where they are cooled, treated and further evaporated (the exhaust).

The development of Aquarius Engines is based on the idea of a free-piston internal combustion engine without a crankshaft, and a piston stroke is carried out under the impact of the compressed air pressure. A full operation cycle of such an internal combustion engine includes not four but two strokes, by combining the processes of exhausting the cylinder and its filling. A linear generator based on a free-piston internal combustion engine has only one piston: a valveless cylinder moves its guide to the right and to the left at high speed. The tip of the rod is connected to a magnet s

The advantage of the Aquarius Engines development is its low operating costs: a conventional internal combustion engine requires maintenance every 400 hours of operation, but a free-piston linear generator – every 1,000 hours. At the same time, the innovation can find its widest application from standby generators for telecommunications towers and supply of remote settlements to the use with pleasure yachts and cargo drones. Land vehicles are not an exception because the Aquarius Engines generator can charge the electrical components of hybrid cars, as well as power the truck refrigerators

Taken from Palm Springs Corvette Club



## Inspirations by Dee Ginter

- My goal for 2022 was to lose just 10 pounds...only 15 to go!
- Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce...and cheese...FINE, it was a pizza...I ate a pizza!
- How to prepare Tofu...Throw it in the trash...Grill some meat!
- I don't mean to brag but, I finished my 14-day supply of diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
- A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
- I may not be that funny, or athletic, or good looking, or smart, or talented...I'm sorry, I forgot where I was going with this.
- I love being over 60...I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.
- My dentist told me I need a Crown. I said, "You bet, pour mine over the rocks"!  
Ever have one of those days when you think it best if you just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day?

### Try this out!!!

- Take the number of the month you were born
- Multiply by 4
- Add 13
- Multiply by 25
- Subtract 200
- Add the day of the month on which you were born
- Multiply by 2
- Subtract 40
- Multiply by 50
- Add the last two digits of the year in which you were born
- Subtract 10,500

**This should be your birth date!**

**Submitted by Dee Ginter**





## HDCC Year end Banquet

HDCC Members gathered at the Bend Elks Lodge March 29th to celebrate another successful year of fun and good times shared by with fellow Corvette owners.. Officers and volunteers were presented gifts by president Tess Biuke-Morton. Special recognition to Jorge Reyes for his work as liaison with Bend Chevrolet .Vice President Don Ginter presented Tess with gifts and a huge thank you for her two years as president. The group enjoyed a buffet dinner of prime rib, salmon and all of the extras plus delicious desserts prepared by Tess. Another enjoyable HDCC evening.

Thank you Rich and Tess for putting it all together.



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