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President's Ponderings Dave Schneider HDCC President

Greeting HDCC Members,

Hard to believe it is September already. I hope the smoke has not deterred you from driving your Vette. Lori and I recently took an overnight trip and while fueling, I was approached by a young man that loved Corvettes. We chatted for a bit, and I found out he was very knowledgeable about the car. His dream was to own one someday. I tried to offer some words of encouragement, as it took me 60 years to own my first one. He said some day he will have one. This was not our first opportunity showing off the car to a youngster. Several weeks ago, a friend of mine asked if his five-year old could sit in it. This young man loved Corvettes and never had a close encounter with one. How could I resist, and to make his day, I started it for him and let him climb in. He was hooked. A week later, the young man presented me with a painting of my car. Whether you are 5 years old or 90, the love of these cars is alive and strong. It brings a big smile to my face to drive our car, but the excitement I see in others enjoying the car is almost as fun.

Do you want to have fun? Then get involved with the club and have a blast. September will be a busy month with two planned club activities driving to out-of-town shows. If one of these events does not fit into your schedule, plan a trip that does and reach out to Sande Burgess to get it on the calendar.

Don't forget our next monthly business meeting. **PLEASE NOTE** the meeting place has been changed. We now will be meeting at Laurie's Grill, 415 NE 3rd St, Bend. The time is the same, the social starts at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





Corvette Prices for 2024

the 2024 **Stingray prices are going up** \$2,000 for the 1LT Coupe and \$1,800 for the 2LT/3LT Coupes while the increase for the 1LT Convertible is \$1,500 and the 2LT/3LT Convertibles are increased by \$1,800. Those new Stingray prices with shipping are:

- 1LT Coupe: \$67,895
- 2LT Coupe: \$74,995
- 3LT Coupe: \$79,645
- 1LT Convertible: \$74,895
- 2LT Convertible: \$81,995
- 3LT Convertible: \$86,645

For the 2024 Corvette Z06, there is a \$3,000 increase for the 1LZ Coupe and \$2,700 for 2LZ/3LZ Coupe. For the 1LZ Convertible, the price goes up \$2,500 with the 2LZ and 3LZ increased by \$2,700. The new Z06 prices with shipping will now be:

- 1LZ Coupe: \$109,695
- 2LZ Coupe: \$118,595
- 3LZ Coupe: \$123,245
- 1LZ Convertible: \$116,695
- 2LZ Convertible: \$125,595
- 3LZ Convertible: \$130,245

Lastly, onto those 2024 E-Ray prices. There is no change from the prices announced in January, except for an additional \$200 for shipping.

- 1LZ Coupe: \$104,495
- 2LZ Coupe: \$109,995
- 3LZ Coupe: \$115,445
- 1LZ Convertible: \$111,495
- 2LZ Convertible: \$116,995
- 3LZ Convertible: \$122,445

Destination fees up \$200,00 to \$1,595. 00

Museum Delivery \$1,495.00

The prices listed above are BASE PRICE. If you want wheels, tires and such things as a steering wheel, they are all additional. Remember, "It's Just Money".



Three New Corvette Colors for 2024



Cacti Green

Sea Wolf Gray

Riptide Blue Metallic

Deleted 2023 Corvette Colors



Caffeine

Elkhart Blue

White Pearl Metallic

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Most popular Corvette Colors for 2023

Torch Red	15%	Elkhart Lake Blue	5%
Artic White	14%	Ceramic Matrix	4%
Black	11%	Accelerate Yellow	3%
Red Mist Tint Coat	11%	Carbon Flash 70th	3%
Hypersonic Gray	9%	Silver Flare	3%
Rapid Blue	8%	Caffeine	1%
Pear White	6%		
Amplify Orange	5%		



There's only 1 new car left under \$20k

Car-buying wisdom if you're trying to save money: "Stick to public transit." But if the bus simply isn't your thing (or available), brace for a budget-shattering event: Cox Automotive found the Mitsubishi Mirage was the only new model going for less than \$20,000 last month.

The humble hatchback may make your mom's Prius look like a racecar, but its \$19,205 average selling price in July really does resemble a mirage in the heat of the auto market.

Cox reports:

- A middle-of-the-road new car cost over \$48,000 in July, up 30% since 2019.

And used cars were no better. The average July price was \$27,000, also a 30% hike from 2019.

The pricey four-wheeled boxes most Americans rely on to get places have been straining family budgets. It takes over 42 weeks of median household income to cover the average cost of a new car, per July data supplied by Cox and Moody's Analytics.

On top of high prices, high-interest auto loans also burden auto owners. Last quarter, a record 17.1% of new car owners had a monthly payment above \$1,000, according to Edmunds. This helps explain why auto loan delinquencies have been rising this year, despite a strong economy with exceptionally low unemployment.

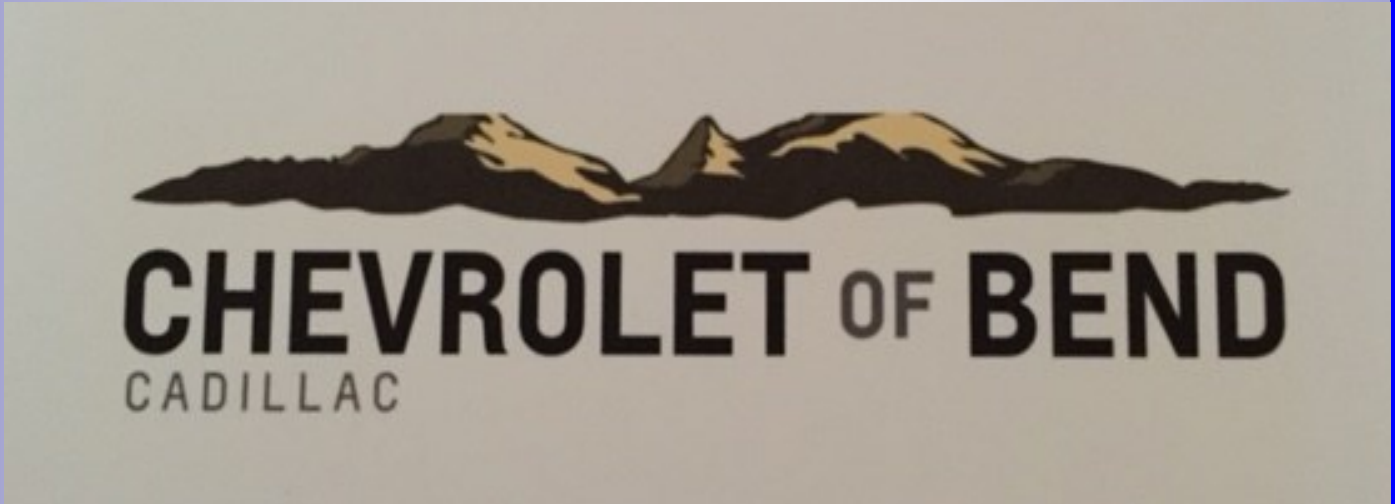
America's obsession with supersized rides is partially to blame for the high prices since carmakers have ditched affordable compact vehicles. Pandemic-related supply chain snags also threw a wrench into production, creating a car shortage that let auto producers slap exorbitant price tags onto windshields.

But...despite the lack of cheaper models on the market, new car prices have slowly begun to fall as dealers report having more cars sitting on their lots. EVs are getting discounted the most as manufacturers engage in a price war.—SK

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Birthdays

9/13 Leslie Cheney
9/23 Marlene Mangan
9/23 Debora Richards
9/30 Walt Santos

Anniversaries

9/15 Casey & Laurilea

HDCC Events

Sept 7-10 Corvettes of Fresno at Reno NV Registration on line

Sept 14-16 Corvettes on the Columbia Registration on line

Sept 23 Glory Daze Car Show Sisters, OR
Register on line.

Sept 27-29 Annual PMT Full at this time. There is a waiting list

11/11 Veteran's Day Parade

12/2 HDCC Christmas Party

New HDCC Meeting Place

Laurie's Grill

415 N. E. Third St
Bend, OR

View menu at www.lauriesgrill.com

Meeting date: September 13, 2023

6:00 PM Social, Business Meeting 7:00 PM

On the lighter side.



Every woman's dream is that a man will take her in his arms, throw her into bed and clean the house while she sleeps.

Dirty Crude Jokes 21+

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Submitted by Dee Ginter



WOMAN:
Shampoo for dry and damaged hair.

MAN:
6 in 1 shampoo for hair, face, body, carpet, car and dishes.





Wine Tour Prosser Washington

Twelve cars departed the WalMart parking lot in Redmond on August 9 for the annual wine tour. This years tour went to Prosser Washington by way of Maryhill Winery & Bistro, where we had a good but windy lunch. The highlight of Prosser was 14 Hands Winery where we tasted some great wines. The first night we had dinner at Witstrands Steak & Spirits. The second night dinner was at The Prosser House. Both evenings we enjoyed good food and great service.

The last day a visit to Chuckar Cherries added sweets to our visit to Prosser.



Can you identify this HDCC Member? Should be easy as he hasn't changed much.



For Sale

2000 C5 Corvette Convertible

72,249 mi's

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Cars & Coffee



Rev Up for "Cars and Coffee" at Juniper Preserve!

Dates: 8.27 | 9.10 | 9.24

Time: 8 - 10 am

Location: 65600 Pronghorn Club Dr. Bend, OR

What to Expect:

Car show: Attention all car enthusiasts, display your prized automobile and be part of an impressive lineup that's sure to turn heads and spark conversations.

Coffee Bliss: Sip on freshly brewed coffee and indulge in a scrumptious breakfast spread at the Coyote Lounge.

Network & Connect: Forge new connections, swap stories, and share your passion with fellow car enthusiasts.

Admission:

FREE for all participants and visitors! Just bring your love for cars and an appetite for a great time.

This **WILL NOT** be on the HDCC Activities sign up Sheet. If you are inclined to attend, keep track of the dates and just go.



Rolls-Royce New Two Seater

They will be making just four of these at 30 million dollars each.

Rolls-Royce has long indulged requests from its clients seeking special design elements, be they [an embroidered falcon](#) in the headliner or a baby's footprints in the dash trim. But recently, the company has taken this effort up a notch, from a "bespoke" level of specialness to a new level: "coachbuild." The first product from Crewe to flex those muscles was [the Sweptail](#), back in 2017, a two-door fastback that looked much like the Wraith but was based on the Phantom. Next came [the Boat Tail](#), a nearly roofless tapered-bodied coupe with butterfly doors covered in Caleidolegno-wood veneer over the luggage compartment, from which a sun parasol could be deployed. The tale of custom 'tails now continues with the Droptail, which is again an open coupe but this time with seating for just two.

This project was more extensive than the previous efforts. The Droptail's architecture is described as a monocoque made from steel, aluminum, and carbon fiber. The car is some 10 inches shorter than a [Ghost](#), and the body is a combination of steel (doors, front fenders) and carbon fiber (rear quarter-panels, trunklid). The 6.7-liter V-12 here got a 30-hp bump over the standard Phantom spec to 593 horsepower, and torque is increased to 620 pound-feet.

The first of the four Droptail efforts makes its debut at The Quail during Car Week. Dubbed La Rose Noire, it takes inspiration from a type of rose that the commissioning owners have a particular penchant for. The Baccara Rose informs the exterior colors, which appear to be red and black, but the latter has dark red highlights. The brightwork also wears a unique dark finish. The upright elements in the Rolls grille are angled, for the first time, and the lower air intake features 202 individual rectangular projects, a three-dimensional twist on mesh.

Inside, 1603 pieces of black sycamore wood trim veneer are used to create a design that suggests rose petals scattered in the wind. An (also custom-designed) Audemars Piguet watch is mounted into the dash but also can be removed and worn. And there's a special champagne storage compartment that stores (at the correct temperature) champagne from the clients' own vineyard. Three other Droptail commissions are still to come, each with its own specific detailing.



14 Hands Winery

Wine Tour 2023





10 Most Expensive Options in Corvette History!

10. 2018 Carbon 65 Edition. RPO Z30 \$15,000. 19.7% of \$76,235 MSRP

The Carbon 65 Edition package was offered on the 2018 Grand Sport 3LT and Z06 3LZ models. It would set you back \$15,000. So, if you ordered the package on the Grand Sport that option would represent nearly 20 percent of base MSRP. Only 650 Carbon 65 Edition cars were built. They all included Ceramic Matrix Gray paint, several visible carbon fiber elements, and several other unique touches. It was a good-looking car, but it didn't come cheaply.

9. 1967 427 L88. RPO L88 \$947.90. 21.6% of \$4,388 MSRP

Ordering the most powerful engine in the Corvette lineup for just \$947.90 would seem like a no brainer. But in 1967 that would represent 21.6 percent of the base price of the car. That is one of the reasons why only 20 1967 Corvettes with this engine were ever built. Of course, if you have one of these cars today it is worth upwards of \$2 million so that \$947.90 investment really paid off.

8. 1957 283ci Airbox. RPO 579E \$726.30. 22.9% of \$3,176.32 MSRP

In 1957 GM offered RPO 579E. This was the 283ci V8 engine with a cold air intake. The Corvettes with this option are known as "airbox" cars. Only 43 Corvettes were equipped with this rare option. A \$726.30 air intake represented a whopping 22.9 percent of the base price of the Corvette in 1957. That would be the equivalent of GM charging \$15,000 for an air intake on the C8 Stingray. That would not be an easy pill to swallow.

7. 1957 Heavy Duty Racing Suspension. RPO 684 \$780.10. 24.6% of \$3,176.32

There were some expensive options for the 1957 model year. Selecting RPO 684 would get you the heavy duty racing suspension. It included a thicker anti roll bar and heavy duty springs. It also came with larger shock absorbers, and a tighter steering ratio. Even metal brake linings with finned ventilated drums were included. So, it was a comprehensive package. But it added nearly 25 percent to the price of a base 1957 Corvette.

6. 2016 Z06 C7.R Edition Coupe. RPO ZCR \$23,055. 26.1% of \$88,345 MSRP

In 2016 GM offered the Z06 C7.R Edition under RPO code ZCR. Only 500 examples were built, and they all included the Z07 Package with carbon ceramic brakes. The package was available on a Z06 coupe or convertible with the 3LZ trim. A 3LZ coupe had a base MSRP of \$88,345 which is an expensive car, so adding over 26 percent to the cost in a single option isn't easy. However, the ZCR option was a staggering \$23,055. You did end up with a car that looked like a C7.R race car, but you paid handsomely for it.

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5. 1971 Special Purpose LS6. RPO ZR2 \$1,747. 31.8% of \$5,496 MSRP

In 1971 GM offered the ZR2 option that combined the 454ci big block V8 with Muncie M22 “Rock Crusher” 4-speed manual transmission, and other details that made this the performance Corvette to buy. Unfortunately, the option cost \$1,747 which represented 31.8 percent of the base MSRP. As such, only 12 Corvettes with this option were built.

4. 1963 Z06. RPO Z06 \$1,818.45. 45% of \$4,038 MSRP

The 1963 Corvette with the Z06 package is a legendary car. Today the Z06 is its own model, but in 1963 it was not. It was ordered by selecting the RPO code Z06. 199 people made that selection even though it at \$1,818.45 it tacked on 45 percent to the price of the car. Those lucky individuals essentially had themselves a factory-built race car. And considering a C8 Z06 GT3.R would cost you \$735,000 which is nearly 7 times the cost of a base Z06 the Z06 option in 1963 looks like a downright bargain.

3. 1991 Special Performance Package. RPO ZR1 \$31,683. 97.7% of \$32,455 MSRP

The options that land on the podium for the most expensive ever offered have some truly staggering prices when measured against the MSRP of the base car. In 1991 the Corvette ZR1 was not a separate model per se. There was an RPO code for it and that code was naturally ZR1. Selecting that option would nearly double the price of your Corvette. But for that price you got a 375 horsepower Corvette that could hit 60 mph in less than 5 seconds and top out at 171 mph. Numbers that were on par with the nearly twice as expensive Porsche 911 Turbo of the day

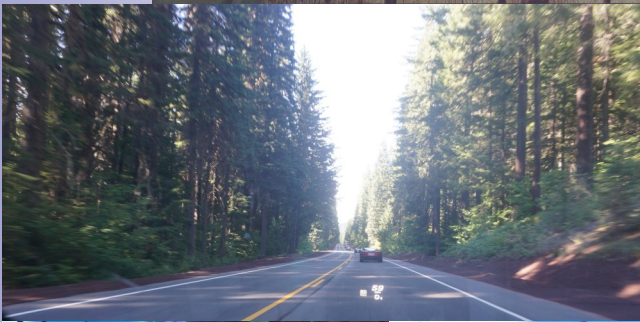
2. 1969 L88. RPO ZL1 \$4,718. 98.7% of \$4,781 MSRP

The ZL1 option alone in 1969 cost nearly as much as a base Corvette. And because of the outrageous price, only two Corvettes with this option were ever built. But the option could justify its outrageous price thanks to the incredible all-aluminum 427ci engine. The engine was officially rated at 430 horsepower but that was a joke. This was a race engine that in reality made closer to 600 horsepower. The ZL1 Corvette is one of the most valuable models in the Corvette world. This [example sold at RM Sotheby's](#) recently for over \$3.1 million.

1. 1991 Callaway Twin Turbo. RPO B2K \$33,000. 101.7% of \$32,455

The most expensive Corvette option ever was the famous RPO B2K in 1991. Ordering this code got you the iconic Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette. It is the only option in Corvette history to cost more than the car itself. But this option got you an entirely different car 400 horsepower and 575 pound feet of torque

Social Night at—





Famous Quotes

John Glenn...

>> As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

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~ ~ David Letterman...

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

~ Old Italian proverb...

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

~ Betsy Salkind...

Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for thirty years.

~ Jean Kerr...

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

~ Zsa Zsa Gabor...

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.

~ Prince Philip...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

~ Harrison Ford...

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

~ Spike Milligan...

The best cure for Sea Sickness, is to sit under a tree.

~ Robin Hall...

Lawyers believe a person is innocent until proven broke.

~ WH Auden...

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

~ Jonathan Katz...

In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.

~ Johnny Carson...

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.

~ Steve Martin...

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.

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>> ~ Jimmy Durante...

>> Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is.

>> *****

>> ~ George Roberts...

>> The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

>> *****

>> ~ Jonathan Winters...

>> If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport.