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President's Ponderings

Dave Schneider

HDCC President

Well, it is official, or at least it is for the Schneiders, after the first snow of the season, the car was cleaned and covered, the battery tender was hooked up and it was parked for the winter. Sad days. While the driving season might be over for those of us toughing out the winter in Central Oregon, the club still has a good time.

Next up is our social/business meeting November 8th at Laurie's Grill. The social begins at 6:00 pm followed by the business meeting. Come get involved in the club and have some great food and fun. It is not all business at the business meeting. And for those attending, you will get a free raffle ticket to enter the drawing to win prizes at our March annual meeting. Don't miss out.

For those hearty folks that have not parked their cars, we have the Bend Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. Please sign up with Sande Burgess if you **plan on attending.**

Then we have our Christmas party at The Riverhouse Convention Center on Saturday, December 2nd. The social will start at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 with the gift exchange starting at 7:30. It is still not too late to join the fun. We have room for four more and the cost is \$60 per person. You can sign up with Sande Burgess. More details will be sent out with the November meeting agenda.

It amazes me how fast this year has gone by. Before you know it, we will be through the holiday season and starting a new year. And speaking of the new year, don't forget January will start the process to nominate people for club positions which will take effect, April 2024.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





2024 Corvette Gets New Infotainment System With Google Built-In

The [2024 Corvette](#) introduces the fifth model year for the mid-engine sports car, bringing with it a few important updates and changes. Among these changes is a new infotainment system that incorporates Google built-in features. The 2024 Corvette is now equipped as standard with the [Chevrolet Infotainment 3 Premium](#) audio system with an eight-inch touchscreen. Tagged with [RPO code IOK](#), this system incorporates Google built-in features, but also continues to offer wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration for those customers that prefer the smartphone mirroring services.

The new IOK Chevrolet Infotainment 3 Premium audio system with eight-inch touchscreen replaces to systems offered previously for the [C8 Corvette](#) during the course of the 2020 through 2023 model years. Specifically, these systems that were replaced include (relevant RPO codes listed in parentheses):

- Chevrolet Infotainment 3 Premium audio system with eight-inch touchscreen (IOS)
- Chevrolet Infotainment 3 Premium audio system with connected navigation and eight-inch touchscreen (IOT)

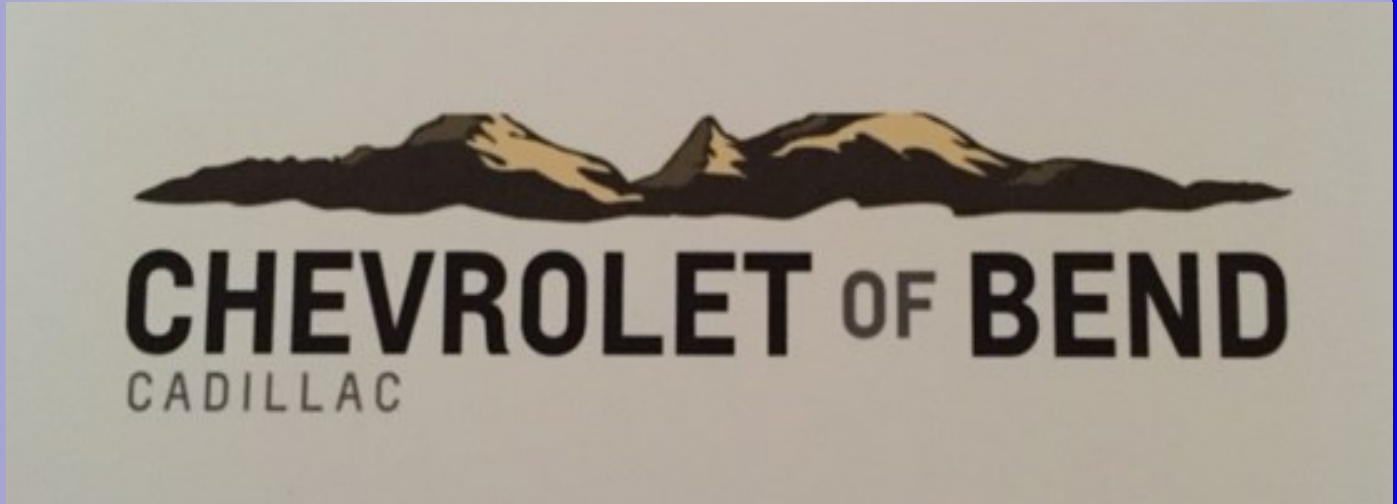
The IOS system was previously included as standard on [C8 Corvette Stingray 1LT](#) and [C8 Corvette Z06 1LZ](#) trim levels, while the IOT system was offered as optional on C8 Corvette Stingray 1LT and C8 Corvette Z06 1LZ trim levels, and included as standard on C8 Corvette Stingray 2LT and 3LT, as well as C8 Corvette Z06 2LZ and 3LZ trim levels.

As *GM Authority* covered previously, [OnStar](#), GM's subscription-based telematics service, now includes a slew of Google Built-in features. These features include Google Maps, Google Assistant, and Google Play. However, users who choose not to pay for an OnStar subscription will [lose out on some of these features](#), and as it turns out, the only features available without a subscription are AM/FM radio, Bluetooth phone and streaming audio connectivity, and Apple CarPlay / Android Auto.

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November Birthdays

- 11/2 Roger Petersen
- 11/4 Sande Burgess
- 11/6 Ginger Foote
- 11/6 Sue Dodsén
- 11/6 Ginger Foote
- 11/8 Janette Adams
- 11/9 Kimi Broadley
- 11/13 David Schneider
- 11/19 Carolyn Davis
- 11/19 Kristin Baffert
- 11/20 Christine Larson
- 11/21 Karen Carter
- 11/25 Jere Smith
- 11/26 John Shaw
- 11/27 Chris Andersen
- 11/29 Barbara Addressio

Anniversaries

- 11/3 Dean & Sandi Cowell
- 11/5 Gary & Janis Silence
- 11/7 Dale & Jean Krehbiel
- 11/20 Don & Dee Ginter
- 11/28 Mike & Suzanne Sawyer
- 11/30 Greg & Karen Carter

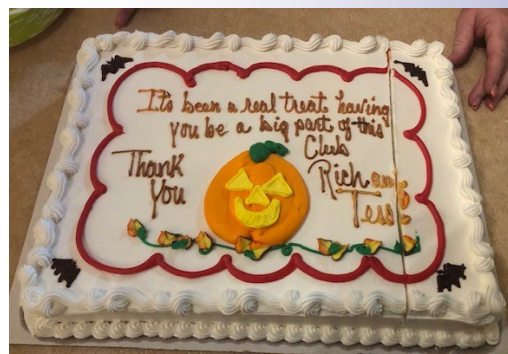
HDCC Events

- 11/8 HDCC Business Meeting Laure Grill Bend
Dinner 6:00 Meeting 7:00
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Parade
- 12/2 HDCC Christmas Party
- 6/21-22 HDCC Retreat Wine Country Inn Jacksonville Fl

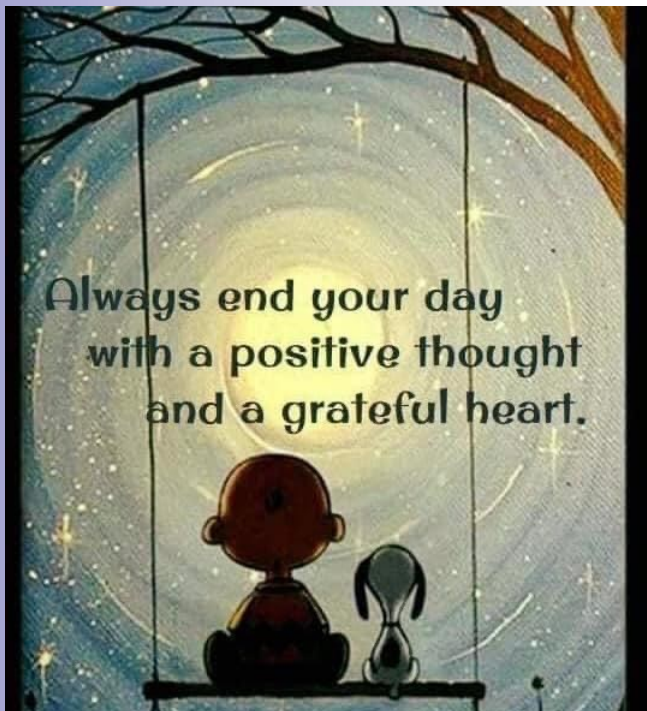
Rich Morton won the 50/50 Jackpot
\$75.00



Rich and Tess Morton moving to sunny Arizona
Farwell cake served at October Meeting



On the lighter side.





Winterizing Your Corvette

Many of us put our Vettes away during the ice and snowy months. Lots of varied opinions on what to do to winterize your car. Here are a few ideas floating around. Not hard fast rules but just suggestions, you can pick out what works for you.

.1 Install a battery tender to maintain a charge. Remember not all battery tenders are created equal. Spend a little more and get one that stops charging once the battery up to appropriate level. A continuous charging can reduce your batteries life.

.2 In the past we have been told to fill your tank to prevent condensation. Now there is a recommendation that you have a quarter of a tank to avoid immersing the fuel sensor for long periods of time. The “tech nerd” for Corvette Magazine doubts the validity of this approach because a tank one fourth full still immerses the fuel sensor. Do your own research and do what you think is meaningful. You may want to consider using a fuel stabilizer. You may want to run your motor for awhile to circulate the stabilizer through the fuel system

4. Some place carpet or special foam pads under the tires to prevent flat spots. Others just turn the car around so that the car is resting on a different spot on the tire. It is not recommended to jack your car up as this can stress the suspension and the shocks. Another approach is to inflate your tires to 45– 50 PSI for the winter to avoid flat spots but to be sure to change when start driving.

5. If possible, start the car every week or so and get it up to temperature.

6. Starting in 2014 the Z51 Stingray, Grand Sport, Z06 & ZR1 came standard with racing tires. It is recommended not to let the temperature of your storage area fall below freezing as it will damage the tires.

7. Finally if you drop some of your insurance remember to reinstate the insurance.



Most Expensive Celebrities Car Collections

The Sultan of Brunei	5000 Cars	5 billion Dollars
Floyd Mayweather	100 Cars	1 billion
Ralph Lauren	70 Cars	300 million
Jerry Seinfeld	150 Cars	150 million
Jay Leno	342 Cars	100 million
Reggie Jackson	65 Cars	20 million
Lady Gaga	11 Cars	14.2 million
Tom Brady	15 Cars	10 million
Gordon Ramsey	20 Cars	10 million
Snoop Dog	15 Cars	5 million



Chevrolet Has Raised the Price of All Corvette Models by \$2,000 Effective October 2nd

Chevrolet dealers received a memo overnight from General Motors announcing a \$2,000 price increase across the board on all [2024 Corvette models](#). The effective date for this price increase was October making every new order submitted subject to the price increase. However, dealers who had submitted orders for the 2024 models and have an I100 status may have price protection. We've seen this before, and having a "price protected" order sometimes means having to fight with your dealer to insure you get it. Here is what the estimated revised pricing looks for all three Corvette models and their trim packages. **Prices include the destination fee of \$1,595:**

2024 STINGRAY PRICES

- 1LT Coupe: \$69,895
- 2LT Coupe: \$76,995
- 3LT Coupe: \$81,645
- 1LT Convertible: \$76,895
- 2LT Convertible: \$83,995
- 3LT Convertible: \$88,645

2024 Z06 PRICES

- 1LZ Coupe: \$111,695
- 2LZ Coupe: \$120,595
- 3LZ Coupe: \$125,245
- 1LZ Convertible: \$118,695
- 2LZ Convertible: \$127,595
- 3LZ Convertible: \$132,245

2024 E-RAY PRICES

- 1LZ Coupe: \$106,495
- 2LZ Coupe: \$111,995
- 3LZ Coupe: \$117,445
- 1LZ Convertible: \$113,495
- 2LZ Convertible: \$118,995
- 3LZ Convertible: \$124,445

GM is Ending 2024 Camaro Production Early, Leaving the C8 Corvette as Chevrolet's Lone Performance Option

The Corvette is going to be the only option under the "Performance" tab on Chevrolet.com sooner than we thought. The Camaro's already "abbreviated" 2024 farewell tour has been cut short by General Motors again.

In June, [a pair of special edition sendoffs](#) were announced along with a January 1st end date for the Stingray's iconic little brother. Now, a disappointing report out of [GM Authority](#) brings news that the 6th Generation Camaro's already dangerously close finish line has been moved forward.

The new plan will see GM's Lansing Grand River assembly plant piece together its final drop-top Camaro on November 22nd of this year, with the last coupe following suit two weeks later on December 7th



Some Worthless Information

Will airlines replace free pretzels with free Ozempic? It's something they might consider after a report by Jefferies estimated United Airlines could save \$80 million a year in fuel costs if the average passenger's weight fell by 10 pounds. Fuel is one of the top costs for airlines, and the lighter the planes, the less fuel they need to burn. That's why they've been ditching magazines and switching to lighter utensils and beverage carts in the past few years, according to Bloomberg. Will prices decrease for passengers, I don't think so!!!

From Morning Buzz News Brief

GM Currently Losing \$21M A Day Due To UAW Strike, Says Brokerage Firm

As the United Auto Workers (UAW) labor union continues its strike against the Big Three Detroit automakers, the costs are adding up. Now, financial services firm J.P. Morgan has released a new estimate that GM is currently losing \$21 million every day as a result of the ongoing UAW strike. The UAW began its strike following the expiration of the previous labor contract on September 14th.

Per a report from [Reuters](#), J.P. Morgan says that the UAW strike has put a \$191 million drain on GM's operating profit for the third quarter. J.P. Morgan also estimates that Ford's operating profit has taken a \$145 million hit, and is losing \$18 million a day due to the strike.

A recent report from Anderson Economic Group estimates that the UAW strike has cost the U.S. economy nearly \$4 billion so far.

It's estimated that 25,300 UAW members are currently participating in the strike. The union represents 146,000 autoworkers across all three of the Big Detroit makes (GM, Ford, and Stellantis). This is the first time in which the UAW has called for walkouts at all three automakers at the same time.

The UAW is currently employing a targeted strike strategy wherein union members at certain facilities are called on to strike, as opposed to all union members at all facilities, all at once. The targeted strategy is expected to provide UAW negotiators with greater flexibility.

“Hey, it's always something”

From GM Authority



John DeLorean's Daughter Wants to Build a New DeLorean Based on the C8 Corvette



Then there's Classic DMC, run by a Liverpool mechanic named Stephen Wynne who bought the DeLorean name and the original company's parts inventory and factory drawings back in 1995. He's since made his money servicing and reproducing parts for the original 9,000 DMC-12s.

But only one company still has John DeLorean's bloodline as CEO, his daughter Kathryn DeLorean. Now her company – named DeLorean Next Generation Motors (DNG) – is planning a lineup of two DeLorean's, according to an exclusive story by Hagerty. "I needed to find a way to build an affordable car for the DeLorean community," Kathryn says. "They'll be heartbroken forever if I don't give them something."

Hence, the upcoming pair of cars – led by the Model JZD at the top with only 42 hand-built units to be produced. For the common folk, there's a less expensive version that will, appropriately enough, be based on a C8 Corvette, fitting since John Z. spent 17 years of his career at General Motors and was even president of Chevrolet from '69 to '72.

That version will replace the Corvette body with a design by DNG, including the iconic gullwing doors, and performance upgrades from aftermarket builders are in the works, too. Automotive designer Angel Guerra, who worked six years for Croatian EV firm Romac and stayed with them after its 2021 merger with Bugatti, has penned some renderings to give an idea what may lie ahead.

From Corvette Blogger



Social Night at the El Rancho Grande



2024 Corvette E-Ray

If you have an interest in the Corvette E-Ray
Be sure to view the video interview with Jay Leno and
Chief Corvette engineer Tadge Juechter. Very detailed
Information, more than you hope to know.

(no link available so you will have to Google it.)

2025 C8 Corvette: Is the Iconic Great Wall of Buttons Retiring ?

The [2025 C8 Corvette](#) is set for a transformative interior revamp. Buzz around the automotive community suggests the iconic Great Wall of Buttons might be bidding adieu.

While the design feature, which distinctly separates the driver and passenger with a line of tactile controls, has received mixed reactions, many Corvette enthusiasts have come to adore it for its blend of aesthetics and functionality.

Leading automotive voices like *MotorTrend* and *GM Authority* hinted at this change since 2021. With the 2025 models nearing, we might see a shift in Corvette's interior design. Speculations are rife about controls potentially moving to central console areas or even the reintroduction of the C7's renowned passenger grab handle.

Regardless, Chevrolet's design ethos, centralizing the experience around the driver, remains commendable. The Corvette world waits with bated breath for what's next.

From GM Authority





Corvette Camping— Can you believe it!!!!!!



A Crushing Experience

In the physics equation of C7 [Corvette](#) versus 18-wheeler, you wouldn't expect the occupants of the Corvette to fare all that well. Incredibly, everyone walked away from a recent incident in Louisiana after a massive semi-truck rolled over a C7 Corvette, crushing the sports car in the process. From GM Authority

