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President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members:

Just a few weeks ago, I had the privilege to co-chaperon a group of high school and middle school kids at Sun Mountain Fun Center. Why is this relevant to a Corvette newsletter? Well, it is not, but it was 76 degrees in Bend at the time, and that means several of you have had your cars out already. I am not so lucky, as cinders are still very prevalent in La Pine and as I am writing this, it is spitting snow. Alas, the countdown continues before I can get my car out. Just 46 days to go.

Thank you to everyone that came out to our Annual Year-End banquet and celebrated those that work hard to make this a fun club. The evening was enjoyable, the food was fantastic, and we had a great turnout of new members. Speaking of new members, I would like to welcome our newest club members, Bryce, and Jeanett Woodall.

If you have not registered for our club's car show, join in on the fun and sign up. Registration for the COHD is located on our website.

Just as a reminder, 2024-25 club dues are due after the May business meeting and will be late on June 15th. The club voted, as part of the by-law changes, to move to one membership fee which will cover you and your spouse or significant other.

On a sad note, long-time club member, George Bony passed away at age 92. We will miss his mischievous grin and big bear hugs. His wife Barbara is still driving their Corvette and hopes to join us for a few events this summer. Our love goes to Barbara, who was our Sunshine Lady for many years. George will be missed.

Don't forget our business meeting on April 10th at Laurie's Grill. Please note, we will be moving to summertime hours with the social starting at 6:00 pm, and the business meeting at 7:00 pm. We have a lot of fun events scheduled for the year, so come to the meeting and get signed up. Hope to see you there.

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





CORVETTES ON THE HIGH DESERT CAR SHOW

FRIDAY,
JUNE 28, 2024
9-HOLE
GOLF TOURNAMENT
(OPTIONAL)

SATURDAY,
JUNE 29, 2024
10AM-2PM
CAR SHOW

RIVER'S EDGE GOLF COURSE

400 NW PRO SHOP DR, BEND, OR 97701

COME CELEBRATE NATIONAL CORVETTE DAY WEEKEND!

- SHOW-N-SHINE CAR SHOW
- AUCTION AND TROPHIES
- 9-HOLE SHOTGUN GOLF TOURNAMENT
- REGISTRATION FEE: \$100/PERSON
- DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2024
- NO REFUNDS AFTER: MAY 31, 2024

NET PROCEEDS WILL GO TO: **BRIGHTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER**

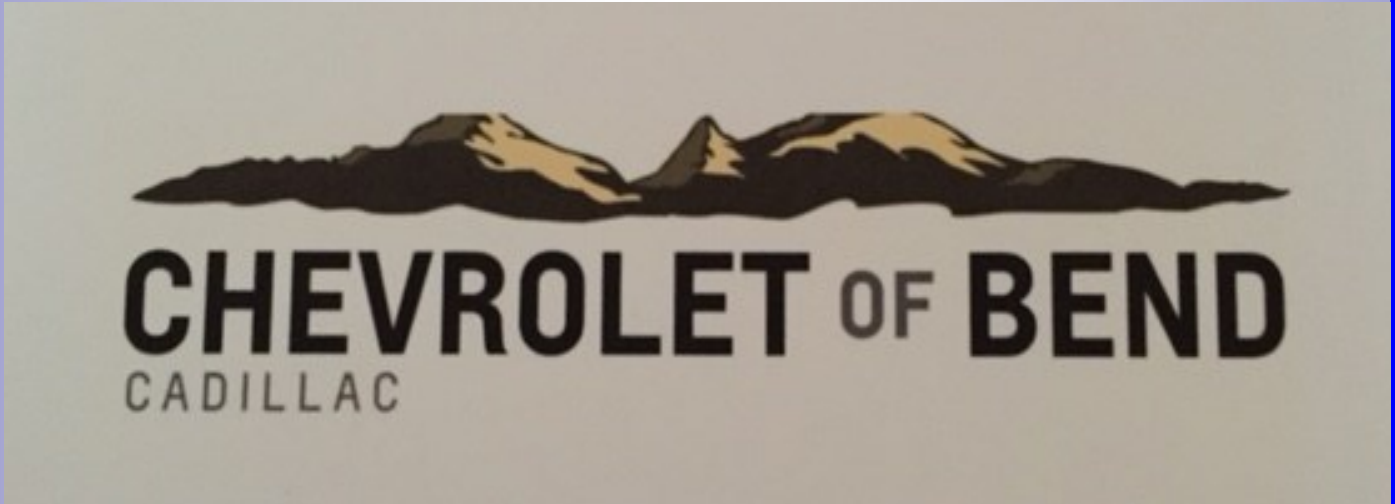


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April Birthdays

4/2 Frank Addressio
4/4 Bryce Woodall
4/4 Terry Bagwell
4/7 Marna Parman
4/10 Mike Broadley
4/19 Gary Silence
4/20 Pete Bezek
4/23 Jorge Reyes

April Anniversaries

4/1 Chris & Jessica Andersen
4/24 John & Sande Burgess
4/24 David & Lorie Schneider

HDCC Events

4/10 HDCC Business Meeting Laurie's Grill
Social hour starts at 6:00 PM
5/19 Open House Chimp Sanctuary. See email
flyer for details
5/22-23 Lincoln City Club Trip
6/1 Possible Car Show with COCC Culinary
Institute (more details to follow)
6/21-22 HDCC Retreat Wine Country Inn
Jacksonville OR
6/28-29 Corvettes on the High Desert
7/20 Cascade Corvette/Kendall Chev Car
Show
8/9-11 Wine Tour Leavenworth WA.
8/10 Corvettes on the Bay, Pacific Coast Cor.
9/12-14 Corvettes on the Columbia
9/16 or 14 President's Mystery Tour
9/26 Prescott AZ Car Show

Betty Malloy

Won the 50/50 Jackpot
drawing

In the amount of \$74.00

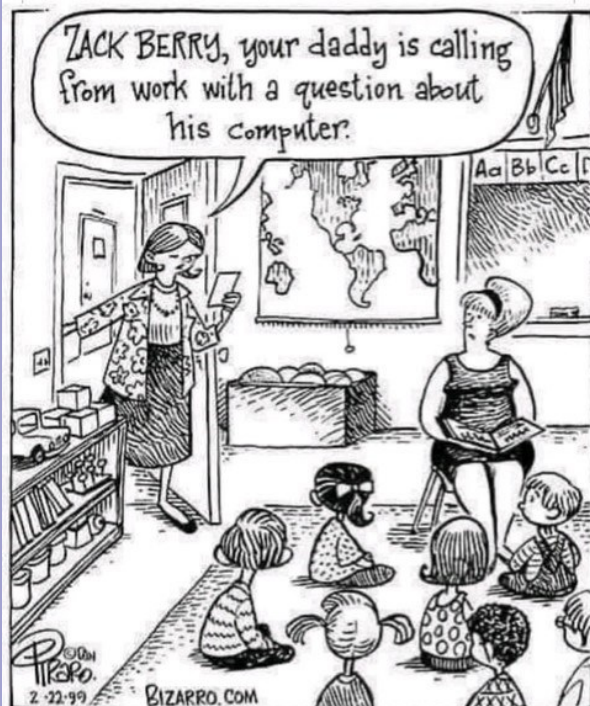


On the lighter side.

Starbucks is planning
on selling beer and wine.

Apparently it's getting
difficult to sell sober people
a \$12 cup of coffee.

It was only a matter of time, first hybrids
then electric and now vegan.





Here's Why Your C8 Corvette Convertible May Have A Water Leak

Owners of some units of the 2020 through 2024 [Chevy C8 Corvette](#) convertible may notice that their vehicle leaks water around the side glass while in high-pressure car washes. General Motors has identified the issue and released a Service Bulletin to address it.

Tagged with number 24-NA-026, the bulletin states that certain units of the C8 [Corvette](#) convertible may leak water from approximately the middle rear of the side glass, which is noticeable while the vehicle is going through a touchless car wash or being cleaned with high-pressure equipment. This may be caused by variations in the sealing between the roof panel seals.

In order to prevent future water leakage, technicians are instructed to inspect the Corvette convertible top while it is partially retracted. The existing weatherstrip should then be removed and a piece of semi-closed EPDM foam should be installed and the weatherstrip put back in place.

If a leak is found on both sides of the vehicle, then the procedure should be performed on the other side as well, although the bulletin notes that if no leak is present, then it should be left alone to prevent potential damage to the weatherstripping.

Once all repairs are performed, the Corvette convertible should be inspected to ensure the windows are sealed properly before being returned to the customer. The service is expected to take less than one hour to complete.

As a reminder, GM outlines proper washing procedures for the C8 Corvette convertible in the "Vehicle Care" section of the owner's manual. Customers are advised against using high-pressure washers closer than 12 inches to the surface of the vehicle. Using power washers that exceed 1,200 psi (8,274 kPa) may cause damage or removal of paint and decals. Automatic car washes should not be used, as they may also cause damage to vehicle, wheels, ground effects and convertible top. From GM Authority

P.S. Who takes their Corvette through a CAR WASH? Crazy!!!!!!!

Former HDCC member and friend to all, George Bosy passed away on March 16, 2024. George and Barbara were active members of the club for many years and participated in many activities. George had an easy smile and a twinkle in his eye and a hearty bear hug.

He will be missed.





Tesla Battery What It Takes to Build it & the Return

The Tesla model Y battery takes up all of the space under the passenger compartment of the car.

To manufacture it you need: --12 tons of rock for Lithium (can also be extracted from sea water) --

5 tons of cobalt minerals (Most cobalt is made as a byproduct of the processing of copper and nickel ores. It is the most difficult material to obtain for a battery and the most expensive.) --

3 tons nickel ore and 12 tons of copper ore You must move 250 tons of soil to obtain: -- 26.5 pounds of Lithium --

30 pounds of nickel --

48.5 pounds of manganese --

15 pounds of cobalt To manufacture the battery also requires: --

441 pounds of aluminum, steel and/or plastic --

112 pounds of graphite The Caterpillar 994A is used for the earthmoving to obtain the essential minerals. It consumes 264 gallons of diesel in 12 hours.

Finally you get a “zero emissions” car.

Presently, the bulk of the necessary minerals for manufacturing the batteries come from China or Africa. Much of the labor for getting the minerals in Africa is done by children! If we buy electric cars, it's China who profits most!

BTW, this 2021 Tesla Model Y OEM battery (the cheapest Tesla battery) is currently for sale on the Internet for \$4,999 not including shipping or installation. The battery weighs 1,000 pounds (you can imagine the shipping cost).

The cost of Tesla batteries is: Model 3 -- \$14,000+ (Car MSRP \$38,990) Model Y -- \$5,000–\$5,500 (Car MSRP \$47,740) Model S -- \$13,000–\$20,000 (Car MSRP \$74,990) Model X -- \$13,000+ (Car MSRP \$79,990)

It takes SEVEN years for an electric car to reach net-zero CO2. The life expectancy of the batteries is 10 years (average). Only in the last three years do you begin to reduce your carbon footprint. Then the batteries have to be replaced and you lose all the gains you made in those three years.



Corvettes on the High Desert

It's time to step up and step in and make this a success!!

Corvettes on the High Desert dates are just over the horizon. We have an active committee putting this event together. The committee is in need of additional members to help with this event. As with all successful undertakings, "it takes a village." This is a terrific opportunity for members, both long term and new, to help the club realize a positive outcome for our club as well as Brightside Animal Shelter, our charity.

Experience has shown that this is a terrific opportunity to enjoy working with other members as well as get to know other Corvette enthusiasts from around the Pacific Northwest. Register for COHD and give volunteering to help in some capacity some thought, it will only take a small amount of time from the weekend to help make this event the success it has garnered in past years. The committee is also asking for donations for the silent auction. If you cannot donate or solicit donations, the committee is open to cash donations to purchase items for the silent auction.

If you are new to the High Desert Corvette Club, you might be curious as to what Corvettes on the High Desert is. The club has produced Corvettes on the High Desert every two years, an event that hosts Corvette Clubs and enthusiasts from around the Pacific Northwest and beyond. We have put a maximum of 125 cars attending as a club of our size cannot adequately host attendance larger than this number. This event supports our club as well as supporting a charity decided by the club. There are usually many entertaining activities as well as the car show. Entertaining activities included music, raffle, auction.

Each year can be different. Corvettes are judged and trophies are awarded.

Register, volunteer, and join in the fun. If you have any questions regarding Corvettes on the High Desert contact any member or our co-event coordinators Harry Bongers or Dave Roth.

By Sande Burgess



Upgrade Your C8 Corvette

Hennessey- The complete Hennessey Supercharged Corvette C8 Stingray includes the supercharger, high-flow air induction system, air to water intercooler upgrade, Hennessey calibration upgrade engine tune, lightweight wheels and graphics. All this resulting in 708 HP, and 638 lb.-ft torque, three years/36000 mile warranty. All this for \$34,950.00.

Lingenfelter – The Lingenfelter modified C8 Corvette includes stage I Magnuson supercharger, ECT intercooler and heat exchanger system, Lingenfelter 95 mm throttle body, as well as other additions. All of this resulting in 700 HP no number available as to ft-lb torque. This cost is basically for the supercharger, other extras such as Corsa performance exhaust and headers will add to the cost.

Base price is \$24,950.00

2024 E-Ray Does 0-60 in 2.1 Seconds

The 2024 E-Ray with 495 HP 630 lb.-ft torque, 160 HP front electric motor did a 0-60 in 2.1 seconds. The original C8 Stingray did the 0-60 in 2.0 seconds as a routine event. Is that fast enough, probably not. Stay tuned.



2024 HDCC Year End Banquet





.BMW Bids Farewell to EV's... Hello Hydrogen 2025!!

BMW is set to introduce the BMW iX5 Hydrogen, an eco-friendly SUV that promises to lead electric mobility with impressive performance! While the entire world was gradually moving towards electric vehicles (EVs), Toyota was the only major carmaker who stuck to developing their hydrogen-powered engines. And in a sudden turn of events, another giant car manufacturer, BMW is set to move towards the same technology. BMW is among the few manufacturers actively pursuing hydrogen technology and plans to roll out hydrogen-powered cars by 2025.

Hydrogen-powered engines appear to be emerging as a potential game-changer in the automotive industry, challenging the dominance of electric vehicles (EVs) in the quest for zero-emission transportation. While EVs have taken centre stage, hydrogen cars, equipped with innovative hydrogen fuel cell, are making their mark by offering a unique eco-friendly advantage.

In contrast to the 2.5 million EVs on US roads alone (one of the biggest car markets in the world), as of mid-2022, only around 15,000 hydrogen cars are in operation. However, the tide is turning as hydrogen engines gain traction and aim to secure a substantial market share, even before the electric vehicle companies set their sights on dominating the market by 2030.

According to BMW CEO Oliver Zipse, hydrogen engines are poised to play a significant role globally in the long term. The focus on fast performance, quick refueling, and environmental sustainability aligns with the emerging priorities in the transportation sector. Hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles operate similarly to battery-electric vehicles but utilize a stack of fuel cells instead of a heavy battery. These fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce only water vapor and generate electricity, making them a type of hybrid known as fuel-cell hybrid electric vehicles (FCHEV). Creating pure hydrogen for vehicles involves an energy-intensive process, typically derived from fossil fuels. However, the advantages of hydrogen engines, such as quick refueling and consistent driving range, make them a compelling alternative to EVs.

From Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs

Tough Times Don't Last

Tough People Do

Russell Wilson



Tips That Could Save Your Life

WRITTEN BY A COP: Everyone should take 5 minutes to read this. It may save your life or a loved one's life. In daylight hours, refresh yourself of these things to do in an emergency situation... This is for you, and for you to share with your wife, your children, & everyone you know. After reading these 9 crucial tips, forward them to someone you care about. It never hurts to be careful in this crazy world we live in.

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do :The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

2. Learned this from a tourist guide. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse,..... **DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM.** Toss it away from you... Chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. **AND RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!**

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy..The driver won't see you, but everybody else will.This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc.)... **DON'T DO THIS!** The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your **HEAD** and tell you where to go. **AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE..** If someone is in the car with a gun to your head **DO NOT DRIVE OFF.....** Repeat: **DO NOT DRIVE OFF!!!!** Instead gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your Air Bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes.....**BAIL OUT AND RUN!!!!** It is better than having them find your body in a remote location.

5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:

- A.) **BE AWARE...** look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor and in the back seat.
- B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.
- C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side.. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/ policeman to walk you back out. **IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.** (And better paranoid than dead.)

. 6 **ALWAYS** take the elevator instead of the stairs. Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at **NIGHT!**)

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7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, **ALWAYS RUN!** The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely **WILL NOT** be a vital organ. **RUN!!!!** Preferably in a zig -zag pattern!

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: **STOP!!!** It may get you raped or killed. (Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who **ALWAYS** played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked 'for help' into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next **VICTIM**).

9. Another Safety Point: Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last and because it was late and she thought it was weird..She called the police. The police told her 'Whatever you do, **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!** The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, 'We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, do not open the door.' He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby.. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

10. Water scam! If you wake up in the middle of the night to hear all your taps outside running or what you think is a burst pipe..... **DO NOT GO OUT TO INVESTIGATE!** These people turn on all your outside taps full blast so that you will go out to investigate and then attack. Stay alert, keep safe, and look out for your neighbors! I'd like you to forward this to all the women you know. It may save a life. I was going to send this to the ladies only but guys, if you love your mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, etc.... You may want to pass it onto them.

11. If wearing "eye catching" jewelry on your hand when shopping, it is a good idea to turn it so it is not showing. Some criminals watch for this and will follow you to the parking lot and/or home and the outcome is never good.

Everyone should take 3 minutes to read this and SHARE. It may save your life or a loved one's life. Even if you only remember two items from this article, it could make a difference.