



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members,

What a busy summer it has been. We wait all winter for warm weather to come and then wham, we try to cram twelve months of fun into four short months. The last two months have been filled with club retreats, drive-out socials and our club car show, Corvettes on the High Desert. Throw in a few business meetings and that is why belonging to a Corvette club is fun. And we still have two months of warm driving weather to go.

Lori and I are busy planning for this year's, President Mystery Tour. Planning the tour is a blast but does have some challenges. Many restaurants are experiencing shortages of staff, which is making it difficult to find places to eat for large groups. Our Activities Director is experiencing the same problem. It is very important to communicate with Sande if you are planning on attending the socials and if you need to cancel. Showing up to a restaurant with more than was reserved or less than reserved makes for grumpy business owners. Please communicate with Sande well in advance.

Since I was a little kid, I've had a bucket list of things to do in life. I have been blessed to scratch many adventures off the list, and this summer one more will be taken care of. When you read this newsletter, Lori and I will be in Ireland. We have rented a car, and I am thrilled for the opportunity to drive on the wrong side of the road from the wrong side of the car. I won't be in a Vette, but it will be a new adventure none the less. Another bucket list item that I had which was much more exciting, was to drive on the autobahn. Sadly, my experience was during heavy traffic and my top speed was only 115mph. I will just have to go back and try again.

Thanks to all the club members who renewed your dues. Sadly, we lost a few for various reasons, but the club is still going strong with 104 members.

Please be sure to visit our club's fantastic website calendar and check out all the events going on and get signed up. Our next business meeting is August 14th. Come and be part of the club.

See you there.

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





The 2025 ZR1



	Stingray	E-Ray	Z06	ZR1
Horse Power	495	655	670	1064
Torque (foot lbs)	465	470	460	828
Weight	3366	3774	3434	3670
Starting Price	\$69,995.00	\$108,595.00	\$113,795.00	?????

Chart Showing best guess as to starting price of ZR1

Price range \$150k* 175k	39%
Price range \$175k * 200k	43%
Price range \$200k plus	18%

From GM Authority

For more information on the ZR1 see John Elegant's Mid-Engine Update included with this email.



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August Birthdays

8/2 Suzanne Maitland

3/3 Patti Bagwell

8/3 Lori Bowman

8/6 Frank Gibson

8/7 Susan Bezek

8/12 Rebecca Marker

8/12 Judy McClean

8/14 Bill Scherrer

8/22 Mike Sawyer

8/23 Karen Reyes

8/27 Tim Mangan

8/29 Dean Cowell

8/29 Betty Malloy

August Anniversaries

8/4 Gary & Lisa Bagwell

8/7 Bill & Annie Sheaffer

8/11 Jorge & Karen Reyes

8/17 Bill & Debbie Scherrer

8/22 Kolby Meyer & Kara Keith

8/29 Terry Kingsfather & Candy Sheldon

HDCC Events

Aug 9-11 Wine Tour Leavenworth WA

Aug 20 Corvettes on the Bay

Sept 6-8 HDCC President's Mystery Tour

Sept 12-14 Corvettes on the Columbia

Sept 21 HDCC—Lithia Motors Car Show

Sept 21 Sister's Glory Daze Car Show

Sept 26-30 Prescott Car Show Prescott AZ



Words of Wisdom

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - T.S. Elliot

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers

On the lighter side.

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.



This photo is concerning. I thought it was illegal to hunt deer using boobie-traps.



Did You Know That.....

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.



Member Profile

Sam Davis and Carolyn Airriess

Carolyn was born in Winslow, AZ, raised in Winslow, St Louis and San Francisco Bay area. She has a sister living in Minnesota, Sam was born in Berkeley, CA, and raised in SF Bay area. Has a brother in Waldport, OR and a sister in Placerville, CA.

Sam met Carolyn in Berkeley, Cain 1968. He had parked his 1965 Corvette in her parking space in Berkeley and she kicked him out. They were married on July 28, 1972.

They have lived in a variety of places; SF Bay area 1972-1984. Alamo, CA and Santa Ynes, CA in 1984, London, England from June 1996 to June 1997, Knights Ferry, CA near the Sierra Mountain foothills, in 1998 and finally to Bend, OR in 2005.

Sam has a BA in Economics from U.C. Berkeley and a BA in Chemical engineering from U.C. Berkeley. Carolyn was a scholarship student at Washington University St Louis in Fine Arts. Also a BA in sociology, UC Berkeley and a teaching degree at Cal State Hayward.

Sam was a water plant operator in 1966, then joined the Chevron Corporation in 1979 as a Process and Chemical Engineer. He designed, constructed, and started-up and managed oil and gas processing systems in wester US from 1979 – 1991. Designed, constructed and managed international oil and gas processing systems and oil fields in Kazakhstan, Russia, Republic of Congo, Angola, Nigeria, Australia, London, China, Middle east and South America from 1991-2010. Retired from Chevron in 2010 but continued to consult with Chevron on international projects 2011-2014 then retired for good.

They have many hobbies and community interests:

Horses-bought first of 17 horses in 1974, bought the first of 6 horses ranches and restored them. Traveled to Bend many times in the summers to watch a horse trainer friend's horses perform in the High Desert Classic Horse Show at J Bar J ranch. During trip to Bend, bought a horse ranch in 2005.

Dogs-always have two together.

Animal rescue – dogs and horses

Music and Performing arts

Golf

Kayaking

Hiking

Cars

Fly Fishing

Support college programs. (sponsor yearly
OSU Cascades engineering projects



Community Support (volunteering)

(member profile continued)

Member of Deschutes County Dog Board

Member of Deschutes County Marijuana Advisory Board

Support of Bright Side Humane Society

Sponsor of Tower Theater

General Construction Manger Central Oregon Veterans Village (Sam)

Clubs

Central Oregon Geologic Society

High Desert Porsche Club

High Desert Corvette Club

Sports Cars:

Sam- 1965 C2 Corvette Convertible 1966- 1969, sold it when he could no longer financially support college and car insurance.

Carolyn- 1962 Austin Healy 3000, 1975 MGB GT

Sam and Carolyn 1974 Triumph TR6, 1975, 1975 MGB, 1976 Datsun 260Z, 1978 280Z, 1985 Porsche 944, 1987 Porsche 911, 2005 Mercedes SL500, 2016 Porsche 911 Targa 4S, 1986Porsche 930 Turbo Slant nose cabriolet, 2018 Porsche Macan GTS. 2021 Corvette Z51 HTC, 2023 Corvette Z06 HTC





Gasoline

Here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon:

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode if you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom. Credits goes to the respective Owner?

From Palm Desert Corvette Club



The Corvette flag below has been done periodically at the car show, "Corvettes at Carlisle". Most recently in 2018. Corvettes at Carlisle is one of the largest if not the largest Corvette show with usually 5000 Corvettes. In watching a time-lapsed video I notice there were no C8 in the formation which let me to research the origin of the flag. In 2012 GM produced a Carlisle Blue Corvette Color. There were only 535 of them produced.

An American flag made out of 200 corvettes old and new





2016 Corvette Stingray Z51 Coupe

\$48,500

Torch Red with Black Interior.

Automatic 8 spd with paddle shifters

2LT Package (memory, shades, auto dimming, heated/ventilated seats, HUD, etc)

19,000 miles, dealer maintained, adult non-smoking driver

[Original owner, no accidents, no tracking/racing.](#)

[Z51 Performance Package with Magnetic Ride Control.](#)

[Carbon Fiber Interior Package.](#)

Also includes the following additions:

- Tinted (ceramic) side & rear windows, Paint Protection Film,
- Carbon flash Z06-style side skirts, Integrated navigation,
- Mag ride control upgrade, Wheel splash guards,
- Inside-hood C7 emblem, Blendmount installed; radar detector ready,
- Stingray/C7 premium floor mats (+originals), Black lug nuts w/ locks (+originals),
- AFM disabler (maintains V8 mode), Red car cover w/ storage bag.
- New AGM battery

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12 Unique Features Found On Corvettes

Horn Ring Steering Wheel (1953-1955)



Sting Ray Under Seat Storage (1963)

As the C1 generation drew to a close, the GM design team sought to develop the into the car they knew that it always could be. In these initial designs, the C2 Sting Ray was actually to include power seat adjustments. However, this idea was ultimately scrapped, and the depression that remained under the driver seat was converted into tool storage.

Corvette

Early C3 Removable Back Glass (1968-1972)

When the third-generation Corvette came onto the market in 1968, new strides had been made toward in-cabin ventilation. By this point, an "Astro-Ventilation" system became prominent, which routed fresh air from the cowl area into the car's cabin and out through vents located in the C3's interior. To take this ventilation one step further, the C3 was engineered to feature a removable back glass. While this feature was indeed unique, it did not last and was ultimately nixed at the conclusion of the 1972 production year.

Seat Belt Cinch Mode (1984+)

When the C4 Corvette burst onto the scene in 1984, several technological advancements and features had made their way into the latest rendition of America's sports car. One such feature was a cinch mode button for the seatbelt. If you decided to blow off steam and take your Corvette to the track, with the simple push of a button, you could lock your seat belt in place for a snug, harness-like ride.

C5 Corvette Multi-Stage Door Lock (1997-2004)

Turning your key one notch will unlock the driver's door, turning a second notch will unlock the passenger's door, and turning the key a third notch will open the trunk. This is just one of the many fine convenience functions that were engineered into the C5.

C5 Passive-Entry Lockout Function (1997-2004)

Whether we are willing to admit it or not, we have almost all certainly locked our keys in our vehicle at one point in time or another. However, if you own a C5 Corvette, you do not have much of a problem on your hands at all. Upon realizing you have locked your keys in your C5, wait a few minutes, and then simply shake the car back and forth. It will unlock, letting you retrieve your keys

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Heads Up Display Shift Points (1998+)

Beginning in the Corvette's 5th generation, shift points have been displayed by the HUD for all manual shift cars. This assists the vehicle's driver in knowing precisely when the time is right to grab the next gear, maximizing performance and efficiency. Shift points are not the only item of significance displayed by the Corvette's HUD. The unit also relays data such as engine speed, gear position, and oil temperature. The HUD is touted by many as being one of the finest new features of the Corvette upon the C5's release.

C6 Key Fob Receptacle (2005-2013)

In a world of push-button ignitions and other assorted functions that have antiquated the ignition cylinder keys of old, we are often left to wonder what is in store should our key fob's battery go dead. GM engineers obviously thought this through during the design of the C6, as they included a receptacle that will allow your Corvette to start when the key fob is placed within, even if the fob's batteries are dead.

C6 Turn Signal Lane Change Feature (2005-2013)

Sixth generation Corvettes feature a unique function that allows drivers to signal their intention to change lanes, by simply manipulating the turn signal lever half-way in the direction in which they wish to signal. This causes the vehicle's turn signal to flash a total of three times. The presence of this function eliminates the necessity for manually disabling turn signals upon completing a lane change.

C7 Wiper activated Headlights (2014-2019)

When designing the 7th generation Corvette, GM engineers implemented a feature that was not only helpful, but looked out for the safety of consumers as well. C7 Corvettes feature a function that automatically activates the vehicle's headlights, whenever wiper functions are enabled. GM felt that it stood to reason that heavy rain could potentially signal a visibility issue, and therefore headlights should be simultaneously engaged as well.

C8 Front Lift System (2020)

When designing the 2020 C8, engineers figured out a way to thwart one of the Corvette's biggest enemies, the speed bump. The purchase of an optional \$1495.00 Front Lift System package, allows Corvette owners to raise the front end of their vehicle by two inches, in an attempt to avoid dragging over speed bumps. As if this isn't enough, a C8's owner will then be prompted to select whether or not they would like this location stored. Upon reaching a stored location, the C8's front end will automatically raise without a driver being forced to intervene. Up to 1,000 locations can be stored simultaneously.

C8 Stealth Mode (2020)

Another unique feature of the 2020 Corvette is the availability of an in-cabin stealth mode function. This feature allows drivers to minimize the brightness of, or otherwise blackout all readouts on the vehicle's digital display other than the speedometer. This is of immense value when roads are unlit, and visibility lacks. Simply put your C8 in stealth mode, thereby avoiding blinding light from the dash itself.

From CorvSport