



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members,

My family and I went on vacation recently, and I have to say, it was an experience driving in Scotland and Ireland. But surprisingly, the challenge was not driving on the wrong side of the road and the wrong side of the car, the real challenge was the very narrow roads that you had to share with exceptionally large tour buses. I am happy to say that both cars were returned without a scratch, despite several close calls. I am glad to be back in the States, driving my Corvette on nice wide roads!

The Corvettes on the High Desert was a success. Thank you to all who entered their cars from near and far, and to the HDCC volunteers who worked hard to put on this show. The numbers are in, and we will be able to donate over \$7,800 to this event's charity, Brightside Animal Center. Way to go club!

Summer activities are in full swing with many driving events and socials. The most recent outing was a trip to Leavenworth, and we would like to give a huge thanks to club members Doug and Debby Kunzman for hosting this event. The next outing will be the President's Mystery Tour in September. Lori and I are looking forward to once again leading the group on a mystery trip.

As our club continues to grow with new members being added almost every month, we would like to welcome them and encourage them to get involved with the club. Please visit our fantastic website calendar, check out all the events going on, and sign up.

If you have not signed up for the Chevrolet of Bend car show, there is still time. You can find a registration form on our website. The entry fee is only \$20, which will help to cover the cost of the show. This year's theme is to give recognition and thanks to all the agencies from Central Oregon that keep us safe. Vice President Phil Derr has done an excellent job organizing the show, you won't want to miss it. So, sign up and join the fun.

Our next business meeting will be on September 11th, and I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Dave Schneider
HDCC President





Baptizing Your Corvette

Harry and Ingrid Bongers recently had their 1969 Monaco Orange Corvette baptized in a local waterway. It took only 900 hairdryers and 10 million kilowatt hours to dry it out. It was blessed by the ghost of Zora Arkus-Dontar.

(Harry sent this picture to me and I couldn't let it go without a comment. He did not dunk his car. Thanks Harry)



The Most Overlooked Maintenance Item On Our Vehicles is...the Cabin Air Filter

The cabin air filter is designed to keep dust, pollen, and other airborne contaminants from entering the passenger cabin through the air vents or when using the air conditioner. Want to learn more about the service procedure, download the [2024 Corvette Owner's Manual](#). The manual shows us how to do it, but there is nothing within the manual that specifies how often the cabin air filter should be changed. It is suggested that it be done yearly when you change your oil, and as these filters sell for just \$10-\$15 on Amazon, why wouldn't you change them more often?

Check out youtube for a video.

From Corvette Blogger



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September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

9/15 Casey & Laurilea Gibbs

HDCC Events

Sept 6-8 HDCC President's Mystery Tour
Sept 12-14 Corvettes on the Columbia
Sept 21st Lithia—HDCC Car Show
Sept 21st Glory Daze Car Show Sisters
Sept 26-30 Prescott Car Show Prescott AZ



Can you identify
this HDCC mem-
ber?

(Hint, it is not
Chuck Norris but
close!!)



Don Ginter won the 50/50
Jackpot drawing in the amount
of \$86.00. See Don for low in-
terest loans.

On the lighter side.

PRO TIP:
To drain all the oil, squeeze the car real good.



Comfort Dog



3RD Annual HDCC-Lithia Corvette SHOW-N-SHINE CAR SHOW.

September 21, 2024

Spread the word, invite your friends with Corvettes

You don't have to be a HDCC Member

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See Event Flyer on nest page

[Registration form on the HDCC Website.](#)

HDCC LADIES NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, August 21 was ladies night out for five HDCC ladies. 541 Trends and Lynda Derr hosted the group for an evening of shopping and socializing. Several of the ladies found some fun garments to take home and add to their wardrobe. An added treat was wine, margaritas and light appetizers. It is hoped this will become at least an annual event with even more ladies attending.



3RD ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW-N-SHINE CAR SHOW



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Wine Tour Leavenworth WA.

Eighteen cars left the Walmart parking lot in Redmond for the 6-hour trip to Leavenworth. Midway we stopped at Maryhill Winery for lunch. The view from the patio was spectacular as was the lunch and service. We arrived in Leavenworth at our motel at about 4:00 PM. After registering and a few minutes to fluff our nests, we started our 20-mile trip to Camp Kunzman. Doug and Debby Kunzman hosted the group at their cabin. The Highchair Group, so named because the three couples (Kunzman, Zumwalt's and the Markers) were seated together at the elevated table at the year end banquet, had set up a nice picnic area with tables, benches and chairs. Doug was busy barbequing chicken and hogs while Nate and Mike helped parking cars and Rebecca and Mary assisted Debby with bringing out appetizers and sides for the meal. Lots of delicious side dishes and Deb made special cupcakes. Deb had made special T shirts for the "Highchair Trio". Sande presented each couple with their own miniature highchair. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and of course the conversation.

The next day Doug led the group to Plain WA., and the Plain Winery. It was bit of a stunt keeping the cars together getting out of Leavenworth, but we did it. The Town was very busy with an ongoing stream of traffic throughout the day. Very nice setting and a friendly staff at the winery. The wine seemed to be a big hit as quite a few bottles were purchased as well as being enjoyed in the dining area. Lunch from the food trucks on property was delicious.

That evening Doug had arranged a group dinner at Gustav's German Restaurant. The food was excellent, and the staff was friendly and efficient. Some of the group went home on Sunday, others traveled to Lake Chelan, and some stayed to enjoy the town of Leavenworth.

On Monday, the remaining group left for the return trip. We stopped in Goldendale WA for lunch. On the way back we had a comfort stop in Shaniko which was also busy with travelers.

Another very successful HDCC outing. Very special thank you to Doug and Debby Kunzman for making all the arrangements at the motel and restaurant and for providing a great dinner at their home.

Deb Kunzman's Famous Baked Bean Receipt

2 cans pork and beans	1/2 cup ketchup
One can garbanzo beans	1/2 cup white sugar
2 cans dark kidney beans, drained	1/2 cup brown sugar
One lb. hamburger, fried & drained	One table spoon vinegar
One lb. bacon, fried, drained & crumbled	One table spoon yellow mustard
One onion, chopped	



Here Are The Top Rivals Of The C8 Corvette ZR1 According To GM

With an incredible 1,064 horsepower on tap, the [2025 Corvette](#) ZR1 is the fastest and most powerful production vehicle to ever wear the [Chevy Corvette](#) nameplate. With such formidable power and performance, it should come as no surprise that the new [C8 ZR1](#) is positioned to take on some of the world's most elite supercars. Now, we're looking over a list of the vehicles that GM considers the ZR1's the top rivals. Before diving into the competitors, it's worth noting that GM has yet to reveal official pricing for the 2025 Corvette ZR1. However, a recent [GM Authority poll](#) suggests that most readers anticipate a price between \$175,000 and \$200,000 (41 percent), followed closely by a figure between \$150,000 and \$175,000 (39 percent). A smaller portion, about 19 percent, believe the MSRP will exceed the \$200,000 mark.

While these number are certainly not *inexpensive*, this price range could make the ZR1 a relative bargain compared to some of its rivals.

Here's a look at the top rivals GM has identified for the C8 ZR1, along with their horsepower and price points:

- Ferrari SF90: \$524,814, 1,016 horsepower (XX model)
- Lamborghini Revuelto: \$608,358, 1,001 horsepower
- McLaren 765LT: \$382,500, 755 horsepower
- Mercedes-Benz AMG One: \$2,720,000 (est.), 1,063 horsepower
- Porsche 911 GT2 RS (992 generation): \$300,000 (est.), 700+ horsepower (est.)

As this list illustrates, the C8 ZR1 not only holds its own in terms of raw power, but also stands out for its potential value. especially when compared to competitors like the Lamborghini Revuelto and Ferrari SF90.

As a reminder, the C8 Corvette ZR1 is powered by the twin-turbocharged [5.5L V8 LT7](#) gasoline engine, chucking out 1,064 horsepower at 7,000 rpm and 828 pound-feet of torque at 6,000 rpm. Output is routed to the rear wheels via the upgraded eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, which features new inner and outer output shafts, shot-peened gears, and a revised final drive. This setup allows the ZR1 to sprint through the quarter mile in under 10 seconds and reach a top speed north of 215 mph. Like all C8 variants, the ZR1 is built on the GM Y2 platform.



From GM Authority



Pictures From Leavenworth Wine Tour





General Motors Futurliner For Sale In Massachusetts

For diehard General Motors fans, the GM Futurliner is a truly impressive sight. Just a dozen examples were built, each serving as a vehicular display for The General's various technology efforts. Now, this particular GM Futurliner is up for sale in Massachusetts.

First, it's worth briefly going over the history of the GM Futurliner. Designed by the legendary [Harley Earl](#) and built between 1936 and 1941 (and again later between 1953 and 1956), these massive retro vehicles were part of General Motors' Parade of Progress, providing a rolling exhibition of GM's technology and engineering prowess. These vehicles would visit towns across the U.S., providing interested onlookers with lectures and demonstrations on things like radar, television, and jet propulsion.

As you know, Harley Earl is considered "The Father of the Corvette". Good that he branched out and decided to design Sports Cars otherwise we might be in the Mustang Club.



From GM Authority



The 5 Slowest Corvette to Ever Roll Off The Assembly Line

Number
one



1953-54 C1 Corvette

Power: 150 HP / Accel(0-60 MPH): 11 seconds

Number
Two



1975 C3 Base Corvette

Power: 165 HP / Acceleration (0-60 MPH): 7.7 seconds

Number
Three



1980 C3 Corvette – California Emissions

Power: 180 HP / Acceleration (0-60 MPH): 7.3 seconds

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The 5 Slowest Corvette to Ever Roll Off Of The Assembly Line (continued)

Number
Four



1976-1978 C3 Corvettes

Power: 180-185 HP / Acceleration (0-60 MPH): 7.7 seconds

Number
Five



1981 C3 Corvette

Power: 190 HP / Acceleration (0-60 MPH): 7.2 seconds

Comfort Stop on Wheels!!!!!!!!!!



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vette logo
(Is that Jere?)



The LT7 In The C8 Corvette ZR1 An 'Utter Monster'

"The goals for the LT7 were first and foremost the power and torque," explains Assistant Chief Engineer Small Block Engines, Dustin Gardner. "It had to be more than anything we've ever done in a Corvette and beyond that, more than the vast majority of the rest of this market is willing to offer their customers."

To that end, the LT7 chucks out a very healthy 1,064 horsepower at 7,000 rpm and 828 pound-feet of torque at 6,000 rpm. Additionally, the engine produces over 800 pound-feet of torque across a 3,500-rpm bandwidth, providing excellent drivability and "an unrelenting sense of acceleration."

As for the boost-makers, the LT7 relies on a set of mono-scroll turbos with a 76mm compressor and 67mm turbine wheel, plus integrated turbine housing exhaust manifolds. The turbos are effectively mounted right next to the exhaust valve, providing a compact shape and reduced turbo lag.

2025 CorvetteLT1 with LT7 Engine



Henry Ford's Model T Engine

(same principles I guess)

