



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members,

With the snow flying, it is hard to think about driving our Corvettes, but summer will be here before we know it. So, just for fun today, I went on the Chevy website to look at the new ZR1. What a machine! It has been on my bucket list to break the 200 mph mark. I did several laps around the famed Daytona International Speedway at 155 mph, but it was not fast enough. I'm very tempted to drop a deposit on one and sit back and wait. The 1,064 hp and 828lb of torque under the Corvette trademark make it very tempting. It's 50/50 at this point.

Our year-end banquet is just around the corner, March 22nd. An invitation was emailed to you last Wednesday with all the information. Join the fun with some great food and hang out with fellow club members. We will be recognizing and saying thanks to club officers and volunteers who have donated their personal time over the last year to make the club happen. Be sure to sign up with Sande Burgess by March 4th.

As approved at the February business meeting, our scholarship program has been launched. HDCC will be giving a \$1,500 scholarship to a worthy student or military veteran, from the Central Oregon area, to attend an auto technology school next fall. The scholarship requirements and application to apply are on the website. All thirteen schools in our area will be notified. Please be sure to pass the word along.

If you are a new member of the club, it is a great time to get involved. There are many ways to serve, such as running for office, volunteering, and attending the business meetings. This is your club after all.

I will see you at the February 12th business meeting.

Dave Schneider

President

HDCC





February Birthdays

2/9 Brad Crement
2/12 Annie Sheaffer
2/13 Mark Nielson
2/20 Scott Cheney
2/25 Tim Mangan
2/27 Terry Kingsfather

February Anniversaries

2/2 Scott & Ginger Foote
2/5 Fred & Jeannine Crowther
2/6 Doug & Debby Kunzman
2/16 Scott & Michele Kendall
2/17 David Roth & Nancy Kramer

HDCC Events

May 23-26 Big Sky Corvette Great Falls
June 20 HDCC Retreat Jacksonville FL.
July 17-19 Corvette Vest Fest, Boise ID
July 18-19 SOCA Car Show Grants Pass
Sept 9 Pro Drive PRI in Portland

Portland **International** Raceway

Drive the track with an instructor in your own Corvette. A safe environment to drive fast. Mike Zumwalt is organizing this event. He is working with Dristen Moore at **Pro Drive. She currently has space for up to 12 HDCC Corvettes for the Sept. 9th session. We need to be somewhat proactive however to secure the spots as she won't hold them for us indefinitely.**

Interested members should go to "prodrive.net", select High Performance driving course and register for the September 9th course using promotion code "HDCCsaves" to get our discounted rate of \$599.00 Please let Mike know when you have registered. Mike and Mary would be happy to organize lodging and dinners for this event, provided there is enough interest. Please contact Mike Zumwalt at mikezfone@gmail.com or phone him at 503-3549-3223, for answers to any questions you may have.



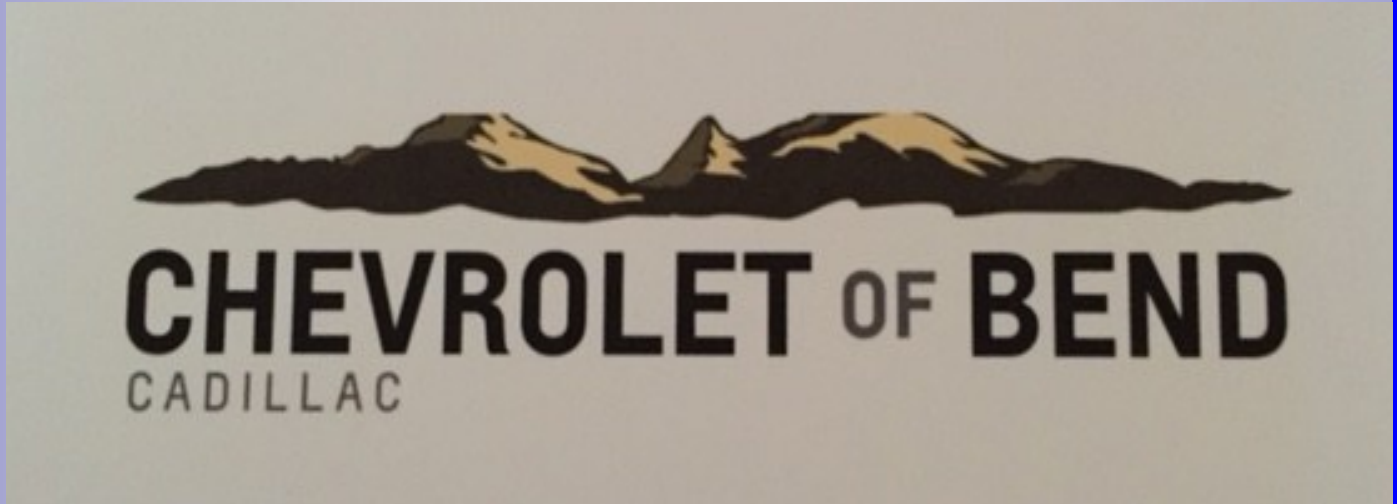
Don Ginter won Cutting board donated by Harry and Ingrid Bongers



Roger Petersen won the 50/50 jackpot in the amount of \$75.00



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More Than 25 GM OnStar Data Collection Class Action Lawsuits Have Been Filed So Far

GM is facing increased scrutiny over its data collection practices, with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently announcing that it was [taking action against the automaker](#) and accusing General Motors of improperly sharing sensitive consumer information gathered via [OnStar](#), the automaker's subscription-based services subsidiary. In addition, GM is also facing more than two dozen new lawsuits over the issue.

The first of these lawsuits was [filed back in March](#), highlighting GM's alleged data practices. In the initial lawsuit, a GM customer in Florida alleges that GM and LexisNexis Risk Solutions violated privacy and consumer protection laws after sharing data collected through the OnStar Smart Driver program, which the customer claims *he never enrolled in*. The customer also claims that this data sharing resulted in significantly elevated insurance premiums, and that he was rejected by seven auto insurance companies before discovering that his driving habits had been shared with insurers.

Now, according to a report from [CarComplaints](#), GM is facing more than 25 lawsuits over the issue. Per [CarComplaints](#), the class action lawsuits have been consolidated into multidistrict litigation titled, "IN RE: Consumer Vehicle Driving Data Tracking [Litigation](#)," and [alleges that plaintiffs were not properly informed how using OnStar and the Smart Driver program could impact their car insurance](#).

"In addition, plaintiffs allege that data was collected and shared without ever agreeing to the stipulations laid out by OnStar or the Smart Driver program. In some instances, simply downloading a specific vehicle app, such as the [myCadillac](#) app, resulted in automatic OnStar driving data sharing.

Among the data collected were instances of hard acceleration, hard braking, speeding, when trips started, and when trips ended.

"GM monitored and sold people's precise geolocation data and driver behavior information, sometimes as often as every three seconds," said FTC Chair, Lina Khan, following the announcement of the FTC action against GM and OnStar. "With this action, the FTC is safeguarding Americans' privacy and protecting people from unchecked surveillance."

On the lighter side.

I see people my age out there climbing mountains and zip lining and here I am feeling good about myself because I got my leg through my underwear without losing my balance. 🧑



**I hate that feeling after surgery when you're not sure if you're awake or asleep...
...or if you operated on the right patient.**

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

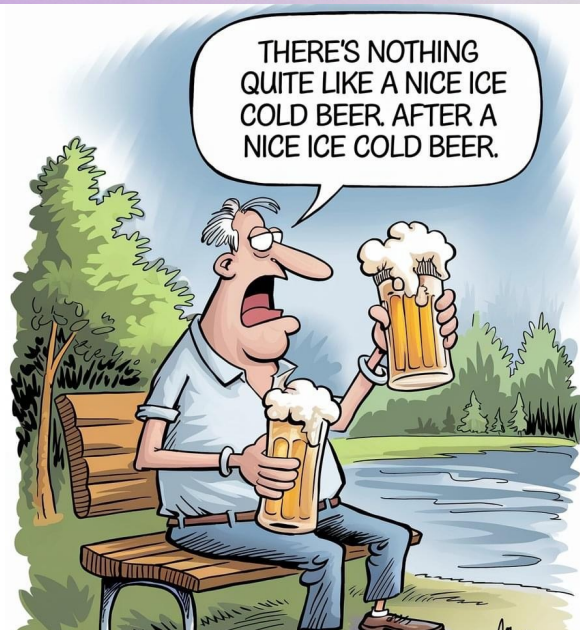
Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



Remembering Dale Krehbiel



Former HDCC member Dale Krehbiel passed away on January 20, 2025.

Dale was born in Albany OR, and attended schools there. He went to OSU and then graduated from the U of O. He had a career in banking.

Dale had been a car collector for some time and had restored several Camaros. Dale purchased their current 1956 Corvette while living in Seattle and did a complete frame off restoration.

Dale and Jean were very active members of HDCC and attended many events. He will be missed.





Words of Wisdom

Sorry that I'm late. I got here as soon as I wanted to.

One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, it's a really good box.

If you drop something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit, contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

I like to make lists. I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter, and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side-effects is bad for you.

I love bacon. Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting.

I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end, I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, when they've never even seen one of his paintings.

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.



Tips To Be Safe In Your Car

Be safe when driving by avoiding distractions:

- Don't text.
- Don't talk on cellphones. A phone conversation can be distracting.
- Don't eat or drink.
- Don't be distracted by passengers.
- Don't adjust controls.

Keep yourself safe when you're on the road by following these tips:

- Keep your doors locked and windows closed when you're in your car.
- If you have to open the car windows, try not to roll them all the way down.
- Try not to drive alone, especially at night.
- Carry a charged cell phone with you.
- Map out your route if you're traveling in an unfamiliar area. Try to stay on highways and major roads instead of side streets.

When you stop in traffic, try to leave enough space in case you need to move around other cars.

Tips for Being Safe in a Parking Lot

When parking your car, continue to be aware of your surroundings. Here are some other tips to follow:

- Park your car in brightly lit areas.
- Don't park near large trucks or vans, dumpsters, or anything that can limit your visibility.
- If you're using a commercial garage, find one that has attendants.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view. Put them in the trunk or take them with you. Even in areas that you think are safe, don't leave your valuables on the seat unattended.
- Before you get out of your car, have a look around.
- Remember where you parked so you don't spend time wandering around the parking lot.
- When walking to your car, be alert and walk purposefully.
- Be wary of people asking for directions or handing out flyers. If you're approached, head in another direction.



Price List For The Corvette ZR1

General Motors just released the price list for the various models of the new ZR1 . The experts feel this is a good buy based on what you are getting. As well, there will be a limited number produce. Best estimates are from 150 to 200 units but no clear facts on this number yet. What will be interesting is the amount of the dealer mark-up. Some “best guesses” at \$50,000.00.

Thanks Sam Davis for submitting this information

Trim Level	Configuration	2025 MSRP + DFC
ZR1 1LZ	Coupe	\$174,995
ZR1 1LZ	Convertible	\$184,995
ZR1 3LZ	Coupe	\$185,995
ZR1 3LZ	Convertible	\$195,995

2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 Price vs. Competition

2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 Price vs. Competition	MSRP
2025 Chevy Corvette ZR1	\$173,300
2025 Mercedes-AMG GT 63 S E Performance	\$195,900
2024 Porsche 911 GT3 RS ¹	\$241,300
2025 McLaren Artura	\$254,100
2025 Ford Mustang GTD	\$325,000 (est.)
2025 Lamborghini Temerario	\$357,621
2022 McLaren 765LT ¹	\$382,500
2025 Aston Martin Vanquish	\$429,000
2025 Ferrari 12Cylindri	\$459,000
2024 Ferrari SF90 XX ¹	\$528,764
2025 Lamborghini Revuelto ¹	\$608,358

JANUARY SOCIAL NIGHT





Lithia Chevrolet of Bend

2025 2LT Corvette
Black
\$91,160.00



2024 1LT Corvette
Carbon Flash Metallic
87 miles
\$68,991

2019 3LT Z06 Corvette
Black
19341 Miles
\$68,997.00



2019 1LT Grand Sport Corvette
Elkhart Blue
19,160 Miles
\$55,990.00



25th VetteFest Event!

**Valley Corvettes presents
VetteFest 2025**

Boise, Idaho

Thu.-Sat., July 17-19, 2025

Valley Corvettes has sponsored the biennial premier Corvette show in the Pacific Northwest called VetteFest for 25 years! It is three fun-filled days of a poker run, car show, auctions, awards banquet and socializing. This year proceeds will benefit Breakthrough T1D (formally known as JDRF).

VETTEFEST 2025 INCLUDES:

All Corvette Car Show with Judging & Awards

Poker Run & Prizes

Silent and Benefit Auctions

Firebird Raceway Drag Racing (additional)

Evening Social, Dinner and Awards Banquet

Live Music & Dancing at the Awards Banquet

Also enter to win a chance to win a Corvette! Our Primary Sponsor Fairly Reliable BOB's has donated a Corvette to benefit Breakthrough T1D.

Refer to Valley Corvettes website for
program details and registration,



Southern Oregon Corvette Association

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**Corvette
Weekend**

Refer to SOCA website for
program details & registration

July 18-20, 2025

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The poster features a central oval image of a classic white Corvette, a modern blue Corvette, and a boat on a river with a bridge in the background. The text '30TH Corvette Weekend' is prominently displayed in a stylized font. A box at the bottom right contains the text 'Refer to SOCA website for program details & registration'. The Southern Oregon Corvette Association logo is at the bottom left, and the dates 'July 18-20, 2025' are at the bottom center.