

Happy National Corvette Day



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# High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter July 2025

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## President's Ponderings

**What's the only thing that can outshine a polished Corvette in the sun? Our club members' smiles in Jacksonville and at the Lithia Car Show!**

A huge *thank you* to all the members who made the trip to Jacksonville for our annual club retreat. I heard the weather did its best to cooperate, and judging by the smiles and stories shared at Bill's 90th birthday celebration at Takoda's, the weekend was a big success. Special thanks to Sande and John Burgess for organizing such a wonderful event—we truly appreciate all the time and energy you put into making it memorable.

Another shoutout to Don Ginter and the team of volunteers who helped pull off our 4th Biennial, Chevrolet of Bend Car Show. It was a fantastic turnout with great participation from our club and other local clubs. This group really knows how to have fun, and your support and enthusiasm are what make these events possible. Thank you again to everyone who helped out.

Looking ahead, our executive board will be meeting on **Monday, July 1st**. On **Thursday, July 4th**, participating members will be representing the club in the Redmond 4th of July Parade. We'll meet at the Redmond Post Office at **9:00 AM**. The Chamber will provide our official time and staging location on July 1st, and I'll forward that information as soon as I receive it.

Our next business meeting is on **Tuesday, July 9th**, and we're moving to a new location: **Moose Sisters in Bend**, from **6:00 to 8:00 PM**. We'll end the social hour a little early with a guest speaker from a potential club charity before diving into the meeting.

Nathon Marker

HDCC President





## July Birthdays

July 7 Bill Sheaffer

July 16 Tomoko Petersen

July 20 Don Ginter

July 21 Lori Nelson

July 31 Gart Laursen

## July Anniversaries

July 21 Mike & Kimi Broadley

July 22 Frank & Barbara Addressio

July 21 Sam & Carolyn Davis

July 30 Walt & Roiann Santos

## HDCC Events

July 4th Redmond 4th of July Parade

July 11-12 Mosier OR Trip

July 17-19 Vette Fest Boise ID

July 18-19 SOCA Car Show Grants Pass

Aug 8-9 Wine Tour Eugene

Aug 9 Corvettes on the Bay, North Bend

Aug 23 Highway Clean up

Aug 27 Manley's Restaurant Crescent Lake

Sept 9-5-8 Lake Chelan Campbell's Resort

Sept 9 Pro Drive PRI in Portland

Sept 11 Corvettes on the Columbia

Sept 13 Glory Daze Car Show Sisters, OR

## June 30th National Corvette Day

National Corvette Day, and the perfect opportunity to pay homage to the quintessential American sports car that owes its name to a small, fast World War II era warship. Designed in America. Built in America. Full of American ingenuity strengthened by American steel, grit and resolve. The Corvette is more than just a fast car. The Corvette is an aspiration and a symbol of power, freedom, and ambition. It has long symbolized the achievement of the American Dream. It is a monument to American ingenuity and to the promise of the American worker. And it is a reminder that when we come together, Americans can build great things recognized the world over.

June 30th was the day the first Corvette came off the assembly line in 1953



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## Hector Vega



Hector Vega the HDCC Scholarship recipient attended the June 11th meeting. Hector was presented with an HDCC hat. As well, he won the 50/50 drawing, in the amount of \$102.00

## Just So You Know

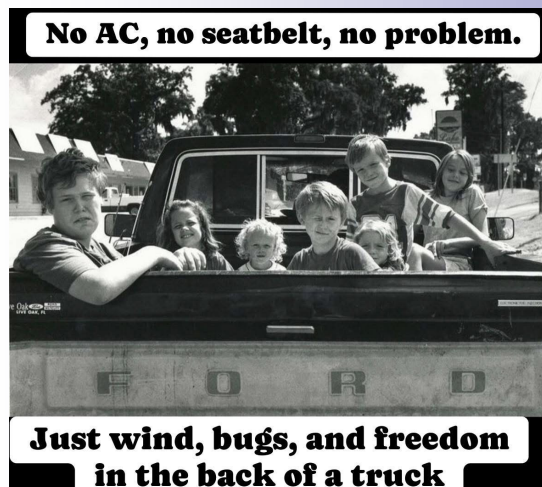
By David Roth

On my way back from Corvette Car Caravan the tire pressure sensor on my left rear tire indicated on my dash that tire pressure was down. Weather was very warm, and I had just put about 3000 miles on the car in two weeks so I thought I would add air and all would be good. For the next 1000 miles home I had to add air to that tire about every other day. When I got home, I took the car to Discount Tire here in Bend as they handle Pirelli tires. They told me chrome on the inside bead area was cracking and flaking off. Their fix was to buy a new wheel. After looking online for a wheel to fit my 2012 Grand Sport I found nothing but beat up wheels. Most people wanted about \$500 for their beat-up wheel. Don Ginter suggested I contact Northwest Wheel here in Bend. I took it in there and they ground and smoothed the bead area, took about 2 hours. They charged me \$60 and fixed the problem. No more air leaks. I guess this happens a lot with chrome wheels. If anyone has this problem, I strongly recommend Northwest Wheel to fix the problem.

## On the lighter side.



YOU MEAN THEY LET ANYONE MAKE BABIES, BUT YOU GOTTA HAVE A LICENSE TO CATCH A FISH??







## Corvette Sales Down, But Still Dominate Segment During Q1 2025

### Sales Numbers - Premium Sports Cars - Q1 2025 - USA

MODEL	Q1 25 / Q1 24	Q1 25	Q1 24	Q1 25 SHARE	Q1 24 SHARE
CHEVROLET CORVETTE	-20.78%	6,794	8,576	56%	64%
PORSCHE 911	+8.08%	2,086	1,930	17%	15%
PORSCHE 718	+85.19%	1,476	797	12%	6%
MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GT	+16.01%	819	706	7%	5%
LEXUS LC	+5.27%	519	493	4%	4%
MERCEDES-BENZ SL-CLASS	+25.37%	252	201	2%	2%
JAGUAR F-TYPE	-64.91%	120	342	1%	3%
NISSAN GT-R	-58.43%	32	77	0%	1%
AUDI R8	-98.34%	3	181	0%	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-9.04%</b>	<b>12,101</b>	<b>13,303</b>		

Chevy Corvette sales decreased in the United States and Mexico but increased in Canada during the first quarter of 2025. [Corvette](#) sales continued to dominate the premium sports car segment during Q1 2025 when ranked by sales volume. The Bow Tie brand's [mid-engine Vette](#) has commanded this space for far more than a dozen years now since we started [tracking Chevy Corvette sales](#).

From G M Authority



### HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Eight HDCC members met bright and early on highway 126 near the Eagle Crest exit to clean up trash along a one mile strip of the highway. We were greeted by a fine display of pastries and beverages to get things started. The area didn't seem quite as cluttered as compared to previous clean ups. Thank you to Eric and Miriam Lea for organizing the vent and providing the treats. Thank you to the club members that assisted with the clean up.



### Corvette ZR1X Among The Quickest Production Cars On The Planet



GM just [introduced the Corvette ZR1X](#), a hybrid, AWD version of America's sports car that adds an electric motor to the twin-turbocharged [5.5L V8 LT7](#) gasoline engine that powers the [C8 ZR1](#). The combined output is a stunning 1,250 horsepower, and GM estimates a lightning-quick 0-60 mph time of less than two seconds. The [ZR1X](#) builds upon the fastest American production car of all time and makes it even quicker and more powerful

The title of quickest production car is still held by the [Dodge Challenger SRT Demon 170](#), a dedicated drag car that flies from 0-60 mph in just 1.66 seconds. However, being a factory drag car, it's pretty compromised. Although it's street legal and the tires are DOT-approved for street use, Dodge warned against using the factory Nitto NT05R drag radial tires for daily driving and advised against driving the car in the rain. It also required 100+ octane race gas to unlock its full 1,025 horsepower rating. These compromises don't apply to the Corvette ZR1X.

## Corvette Pickup Truck Rendering Is More Proof AI Has No Soul



There's a lot of hype around artificial intelligence (AI). You may have heard some fearmongering about AI replacing people's jobs, but based on new computer-generated renderings of a Corvette pickup truck, car designer won't be one of those jobs any time soon.

Rumors swirled years ago that [Corvette](#) could expand into [its own brand](#) that includes an electric sedan and crossover, but what about a truck? Here are some images circulating on social media of what a computer thought a Corvette pickup truck might look like.

Let's start with the front-three-quarter-angle image. It looks an awful lot like a [Chevy Silverado](#) 1500, from the front-end design to the body lines. Even the wheels are a bit uninspired; they look like they could be a set of stock wheel options for the Silverado. This looks more like a Silverado appearance package than a distinct model focused on road and track performance.

What makes it a "Corvette" is a botched cross-flag emblem in the grille and...not much else. It looks like there's supposed to be another red emblem in the grille, possibly an "SS" emblem? There's also a hood vent that kind of looks like the one on the [C7](#) and some red splotches down in the lower fascia that look like they're supposed to be red fog lights.

The rendering of the back of the Corvette pickup is at least a bit more interesting; it doesn't quite look like a Silverado. For starters, it says "Corvette" four times (if you count the license plate) but doesn't have a crossed-flag emblem at all. Interestingly, it uses fonts from different generations of the Corvette. The lettering in the middle of the tailgate looks like [C4](#) branding, while the other Corvette scripts are more italicized like in more modern generations.

GM is already using AI to assist in designing new cars, including a [Corvette concept](#), but these renderings show that human artistic instinct and skill are still required to create good car designs.

Submitted by Dee Ginter via GM Authority





## Jacksonville Retreat





## Bill Sheaffer Celebrates 90th Birthday

(You are looking good Bill)







## Lithia Corvette Car Show







## C8 Z06 Thief Gets Stuck Driving Through a Dealer's Window and is Arrested



### **Sometimes criminals don't think things all the way through.**

For example, the attempted theft of this [2025 Corvette Z06](#) valued at more than \$165,000 from a California dealership over the weekend.

After gaining entry into Felix Chevrolet by smashing a plate glass window with an e-scooter, the would-be thief managed to find the keys to the Z06 but here's where not thinking things through nabbed him. After using the car as a battering ram to break through another window, the thief forgot that Corvettes are really low-slung vehicles and halfway out of the building, the frame on this Z06 got stuck after bottoming out on the lower part of the window frame.

From Corvette Blogger

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