



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

As we welcome August, I'd first like to ask everyone to keep the families and communities affected by the wildfires in your thoughts and prayers. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the fire-fighters, law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, and all first responders who continue to work tirelessly to protect Central Oregonians. We truly appreciate your dedication and sacrifice.

July was another great month for the High Desert Corvette Club! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fourth of July parade, joined our cruises, and attended our social nights. It's the friendships and participation of our members that make this club so enjoyable.

We've got some exciting events and drives coming up this month, and I encourage everyone to come out and join the fun. Thank you for making this club such a great group to be part of.

Nathon Marker

HDCC President





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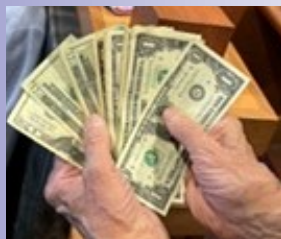


August Birthdays

02 Lori Bowman
03 Patti Bagwell
12 Rebecca Marker
13 Judy McClean
13 Butch Simmons
14 Bill Scherrer
23 Karen Reyes
29 Dean Cowell
29 Betty Malloy

August Anniversaries

04 Gary & Lisa Bagwell
07 Bill & Annie Sheaffer
11 Jorge & Karen Reyes
16 Roger & Tomoko Peterson
16 Butch & Wanda Simmons
17 Bill & Debbie Scherrer
28 Douglas & Debbie Maines



Jeanette
Woodall won
the 50/50
drawing in the
amount of
\$93.00

HDCC Events

August 8 Corvettes on the Bay
August 14-16 Wine Tour Eugene OR **PIC= Eric & Mirium Lea**
Sept 11-13 President's Mystery Tour
PIC= Nate & Rebecca Marker
Sept 12 Glory Daze Car Show Sisters
Sept 10-12 Corvettes on the Columbia
Sept 19 First Ever High Chair Poker Run
PIC= Kunzman Marker, Zumwalt
Sept 12 Highway Clean up
PIC= Eric & Miriam Lea

(PIC = Person In Charge)



Harry Bongers presenting
Phil Valpert ,Lithia GM, with COHD
sponsor trophy.

On the lighter side.



A 70 year old man asked his wife, "Do you feel sad when you see me running after young girls?"

Wife replied, "No, not at all. Even dogs chase cars they can't drive!"

funny.co

Honestly, I don't care how I look in photos anymore... As long as I look good on ultrasounds, CT scans and MRIs.



Dogs wake up every day excited to see the same People, eat the same food, and walk the same route. And somehow, they're still happier than all of us.

WE NEVER USED TO WORRY ABOUT OUR TV GETTING STOLEN BACK IN MY DAY, BECAUSE IT TOOK 4 PEOPLE JUST TO MOVE IT A FEW INCHES.





Social Night at the Larson's



Thank you Barry, Christine & Blondie for a nice evening.



How to Clean the Inside of Your Windshield

I saw an article on how to wash the inside of your windshield and didn't think much about it until I reflected back on my days working in a gas station while in high school. People would come in for a "lube job" which included changing the oil and filter, grease the fittings and vacuum the inside of the car and wash the window inside and out. In those days practically everyone smoked so consequently getting the inside of the car window clean without streaks was a real challenge. Washing the windows took twice as long as all the other parts of the lube job. As well, there weren't many options for window cleaners as there are now. Also windows in the cars were more vertical, which helped, current cars which have more extreme angles which makes getting to all the edges and corners more challenging.

Here is what I have been able to find out about the best options for cleaning the inside of the windshield.

Get your favorite automotive glass cleaner or use 70% isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol to cut through the grime. Be sure to cover your dash with towels to collect drips from the spray. If you prefer not to use commercial cleaners on the inside of the windshield you can use a solution of water, dish soap and rubbing alcohol. **Be sure your windshield is cool to touch.**

Wipe the windshield with a microfiber towel. Dampen a microfiber cloth with glass cleaner or alcohol or your own mixture and scrub the windshield. You can spray directly windshield, your choice. Scrub side to side or up and down. Do in sections versus the entire windshield. Commercial wands scrubbers with head shaped like clothes iron are advantages for getting into corners.

Buff dry with dry microfiber towels. Use up and down, side to side or circular motions whichever you prefer. Using paper towels tends to leave lint and increase the chances of creating streaks.

To be sure you are streak free, park your car facing into the sun and check for remaining streaks.

Do not use commercial cleaners on windows that have at tinting material applied. Only soap and water.

There are many options or techniques for cleaning windshields, this is just an option you can try or not.



Maupin Oregon Trip



Thank you Dean & Sandi Cowell for arranging the event.!!

Road-Raging C6 Corvette Driver Slashes SUV Tire At Traffic Stop



For today's daily dose of crazy things on the internet, we see a lovely red [Chevy C6 Corvette](#) with a not-so-lovely driver in a fit of road rage. In a manner that suggests she'd done something like this before, the driver of the Corvette hops out of the coupe at a stop light, knife in hand, and proceeds to puncture the front passenger tire of the gray [Acura](#) crossover that she nearly swipes as they approached the light.

No word as to what caused the Corvette driver to lose her grip. She was able to puncture the tire, run a red light and leave the scene. Not everyone carries a tire puncture capable knife with them so maybe this was her method of retaliation when frustrated with surrounding traffic.

The moral of the story is ,“Don't piss off women driving red Corvettes”.

From GM Authority (with some modifications)



Corvette Odds and Ends

HP Tuners teased us with big news happening today and then revealed that [they have cracked the C8 Corvette's T46 Transmission Control Module](#) (TCM). Now, tuners can now fine-tune both the engine and transmission control modules for more power and controlling when the transmission shifts as well as adjusting the clutch/shift pressures and torque limits on the C8's Tremec 8-speed dual clutch transmission.

The C8 Grand Sport is expected to have an ADM (additional dealer markup) of from \$10,000 to \$25,000.00. This is also referred to as "market adjustment". The ADM combined with the MSRP should place the price of the C8 Grand Sport in the \$145,000.00 to \$150,000.00 range. Seems America's affordable sports care is fast becoming unaffordable.

C8 Cell Phone Holder—As a C8 owner know that the cabin space for "extras" has decreased compare to other Corvette generations. One item that seems to float around the cabin for me is my cell phone. I put it in the cup holder along with the walkie talkie and other small items but it usually falls out on the floor or down by the seat. Jon Drake, new HDCC member, pass on to me the **ProClip** cell phone holder. I purchased one and it works great. Easy to install and so far has lived up to expectations. Also available for other generations of Corvettes.

Grand Sport Pricing—Pricing for the 2027 Grand Sport starts at \$88,000.00. Grand Sport accounts for 34.9% of production and the GM Assembly Plant.

Carvana, the on line used car retailer has 320 Corvettes for sale ranging from 2010 to 2026. C6 range from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00, C7 range from \$36,000.00 to \$45,000.00. If you are still a fan of the manual transmission, only 42 standard transmissions.



THE 12 BEST USED CARS TO BUY

According to Consumer Reports, Kelly Blue Book & Carmax

Honda Accord

Honda Civic

Chevrolet Impala

Ford Fusion

Dodge Charger

Volkswagen Passat

Subaru Outback

Toyota Camry

Honda Ridgeline

Honda Fit

Mini Cooper

Jeep Wrangler



A few of the fellows (pictured above) from HDCC got together for a Pickle Ball tournament. I can't seem to remember their names!!



The Corvette Wave...

Wave rules:

- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.**
- 2. Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.**
- 3. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.**
- 4. There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!**
- 5. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.**
- 6. As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.**
- 7. Any type of wave is okay.**
- 8. Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting**
- 9. A late wave is better than no wave.**
- 10. If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going.**

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple: Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them. This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud Palm



Will This Be The C9

