



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

September is here, and somehow we are already heading into the final few months of our Corvette driving season. Before long, many of us will be putting our babies away for the winter, hooking up the battery tenders, and promising ourselves that *next year* we really won't spend any more money on them. So now is the time to get out, enjoy the roads, burn some premium, and put a few more miles on the odometer while we can!

First, a big thank you to the Sheerer's for putting together the event at Paulina Lake Lodge. We had a great group of Corvettes make the drive and a great turnout from the club. Beautiful Central Oregon scenery, Corvettes, good company, and no tow trucks required—that sounds like a successful day to me! Thank you to everyone who came out and made it a great event.

September is going to be a busy month for High Desert Corvettes. We have several drive-outs and events coming up, including the President's Mystery Tour and our First Annual High Chair Poker Run. I can't tell you much about the Mystery Tour because, well, then it wouldn't be much of a mystery. Just show up with a full tank of gas and a little trust in your President.

One important change for September: our September 9th business meeting has moved to Wild Ride Brewing in Redmond. Same day and time, different place. Please make a note of the change. If you accidentally show up at the old location, we will talk about you at the meeting.

We also have more club hats on the way. So, if you missed out on the first round—or already lost yours somewhere between a drive-out and your garage—you'll have another chance.

Looking a little farther ahead, we have finalized December 16th for our Christmas Party. It may seem early to be talking about Christmas, but it will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars now, and we'll have more details as we get closer.

We have a lot going on and plenty of good Corvette weather still ahead of us. Take advantage of the drive-outs, come try an event you haven't done before, and enjoy the cars and, more importantly, the people who make High Desert Corvettes such a great club.

Have fun, be safe, keep the shiny side up, and drive while we can!

Nathon Marker HDCC President





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September Birthdays

13 Leslie Chaney
23 Debora Richards
29 Scott Gamble
30 Walt Santos

September Anniversaries

15 Casy & Laurilea Gibbs
17 Jeff & Anne Riggins

HDCC Events

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)



David Roth
won the
50/50
drawing in the
amount of
\$45.00

Tough Times Don't last forever,
Tough people do.

Russell Wilson



Remembering Ginger Foote

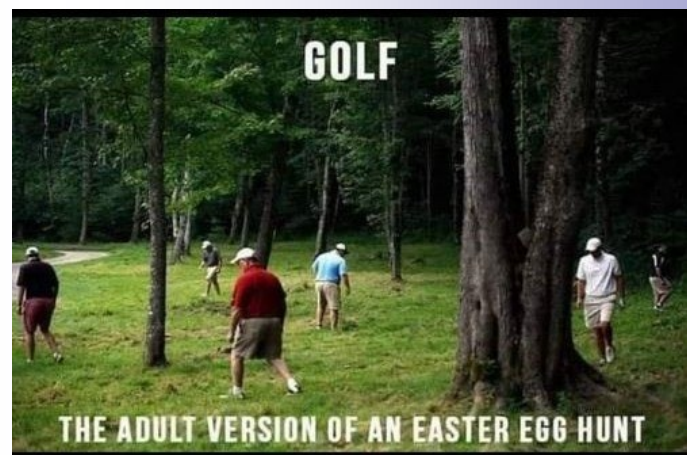
Ginger passed away peacefully of natural causes on August 14th at her home in Sisters, OR.

Scott and Ginger had been members of HDCC since 2014. They had the first C7 in HDCC.

On the lighter side.



"Now that you're semi-nude under garish lighting with a total stranger in an environment synonymous with illness and death, let's take your blood pressure to see if it's normal."





Remembering Jorge Reyes

Jorge passed away August 14th after battling a devastating illness. Jorge was the “go to guy” for Corvette problems and solutions. Aside from treating our Corvettes with tender loving care, he was a genuine person, loving father and husband, a nice man and most of all, a good friend. He will be missed not only because of his automotive skills but because he was just a nice fellow who cared.





Wine Tour 2026





More wine Tour





Social Night at Paulina Lake

Thank you Bill and Debbie for arranging the evening. Great venue, good food and a nice drive.





Roundabout Etiquette

Roundabouts have been around for a long time. They are fast becoming more fashionable, more lanes, more printed directions on the pavement surface and generally a bit more confusing. There are lots of concerning questions about roundabouts, is a driver supposed to signal before entering? Should drivers keep the left blinker on until they exit/, should they only signal when exiting? While roundabout rules vary by state, basic driving principles are consistent.

In most instances drivers should use the right turn signal before exiting. Many states instruct drivers to signal right after passing the exit immediately before the one they plan to take. Drivers shouldn't assume they need to keep the left turn signal on simply because they are continuing around the roundabout. Signaling requirements vary by state, and left signal may also be required when changing lanes in a multilane roundabout.

Another roundabout rule that can be confusing is which vehicle has the right of way. Vehicles already in the roundabout have priority, and approaching drivers should slow down and yield until there is a safe opening. Coming to a complete stop is unnecessary if a roundabout is clear. When using a multilane roundabout, drivers should choose the appropriate lane before entering and follow posted directions and pavement markings. The right lane commonly serves right turns and through traffic, while the left lane may serve through traffic and left turn movements.

My own personal method is to tightly grip the steering wheel, put the pedal to the metal, close my eyes, go like hell and pray for divine guidance. JB

Does Oregon Require a Front License Plate?

Oregon requires a front license plate. The plate must be securely fastened to the front bumper, not place inside the windshield. Exceptions are motorcycles, mopeds, trailers and certain antique vehicles only require a rear plate. Standard cars and trucks must have both. The standard presumptive cost is \$115.00. Judges can set the penalty anywhere from \$65.00 to \$250.00 depending on the situation.

To fix the issue or reduce your fine before your court date in Oregon, you have two options: "Fix-it ticket" dismissal or requesting a driving-record-based fine reduction. If you take the fix-it ticket route, attach plate immediately and take photographic proof to the court.

Most police officers tend to overlook the lack of front license plate, but I know of one that doesn't. JB



Why Are Costco Tires So Cheap?

Buying tires at Costco tire centers can offer potential savings of \$250.00 to \$300.00. Costco installs new rubber valves stems, fills the tire with nitrogen gas and supplies free tire rotation, balancing and flat repairs for the life of the tire. Costco keeps its prices low for two reasons: buying power and low margins. Costco negotiates directly with manufacturers to secure deep discounts and passes those savings onto customers. As well, Costco operates on incredibly thin margins-most of its profit comes from membership fees, not product sales. These tactics are how they keep their tire prices so cheap. I recently purchased a set of All Weather Michelins for our C8. I got a price from Costco but purchased the tires from another vendor where I had bought the two sets for our C7 and C6. I thought Costco staff seemed hurried and abrupt and really didn't want to take the time to explain what they had to offer. I am a big fan of Costco plus I value the cash rebates received once a year. Anyway, just my view. JB

Jacking Pucks

Most Corvette owners never jack up their own cars. Tire rotations, detailing, alignment, seasonal storage- someone else handles it. The car goes on a lift whether you are doing it or not. On a mid-engine C8 or any C5 through C8 the correct lift points aren't obvious to every tech who slides a jack or lift arms underneath. A shop moving quickly through the day is guessing unless the right spots are marked. There are war stories about Corvettes, especially the C8 falling off the lifting racks or partially slipping off the racks. There are several vendors that sell lifting pucks. They are easy to install and remove should you sell your car. It may be worth the investment.



C7 Lemo

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