



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

,Greetings Club Members,

Lori and I just returned from a two-week trip to northern Italy and a week on Gran Canaria, a Spain-governed island off the coast of the Northwest of Africa. While in Italy, we saw many car clubs taking advantage of the tight, twisting roads through the Dolomites. There were Porsches, Ferraris, McLarens, and a few I did not recognize. The mountainous roads were perfect for these cars. On one occasion, we were heading into a restaurant for lunch, when we heard cars coming down the mountain and I recognized the sound of a V8. A C7 was right in the middle of the pack. The unmistakable sound of Corvette being floored is one I have heard many times on our club outings. It made me homesick. How fun are Corvettes? Keep reading!

On Gran Canaria, there is a racetrack called Circuit of Maspalomas. Every Friday, you have the chance to drive your pick of five supercars around the 8-corner racetrack. My brother and I chose to drive the Ferrari 360 FI, the Lotus Evora S, and the Porsche 911. After warming the cars up, your ride-along instructor turns you loose for two fast laps around the circuit plus a cool-down lap. It was a blast. All the cars were fun to drive. My favorite was the Lotus, followed closely by the Ferrari. The Lotus was a manual shift, which I found challenging, but fun. However, at the end of the day, I would rather drive my C7 Grand Sport. Granted, the supercars we drove were a little older, but the Corvette C7 is faster and handled much better and the sound of the Corvette V8, well there is no comparison. So how fun is a Corvette, well for me, it is the greatest car I have ever driven. But book a flight to Gran Canaria and find out for yourself!

The Christmas banquet is coming up on December 12th. The cutoff for signing up with Sande is November 20th. We need to give a count to Juniper at that time. Also, there will be no refunds after November 20th. If you have signed up, you will have to pay the cost, otherwise, the club will and that is no bueno. Check your email for the invitation that was sent out. If you have any questions, please email me at dwschneider52@gmail.com

If you have not served in an official club position, now is the time to step up. Officer positions that will be vacant next year are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also, Sande Burgess, our Activities Director, will be retiring. Officer positions are voted in by the club members and the director's positions are volunteers. If interested, contact me and I can fill you in on the details.

Our next business meeting will be on November 13th at Laurie's Grill. See you there.

Sincerely,

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





November Birthdays

2 Roger Petersen
4 Sande Burgess
13 David Schneider
19 Kemi Broadley
19 Kristen Crossan
19 Carolyn Davis
19 Patricia Lucas
20 Christine Larson
25 Jere Smith
26 John Shaw
29 Barbara Addressio

November Anniversaries

3 Dean & Sandi Cowell
5 Gary Silence & Janis Torsey'
20 Donald & Delila Ginter
28 Mike & Suzanne Sawyer

Jere Smith Won The
50/50 Jackpot Drawing
In the amount of \$80.00



HDCC Events

Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade Bend
Dec 12 HDCC Christmas Party
Dec 6 "Journey to Bethlehem" Bend
Adventist Church.
(non-denominational)
June 20 HDCC Retreat Jacksonville FL.
July 18-19 SOCA Car Show

Most Popular Corvette Colors for 2024

Color	Number	Percentage
Artic White	4815	15.6%
Torch Red	4462	14.4%
Black	3663	11.8%
Red Mist Metallic	3433	11.1%
Hypersonic Gray	2333	7.5%
Sea Wolf Gray	2227	7.2%
Riptide Blue	2039	6.7%
Rapid Blue	1651	5.3%
Carbon Flash	1366	4.4%
Ceramic Gray Met	1198	3.9%
Amplify Orange	1162	3.8%
Cacti Green	940	3.0%
Sliver Flare Metallic	872	2.8%
Accelerate Yellow	753	2.4%



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The History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a federal holiday. It was initially known as [Armistice Day](#) and celebrated the end of World War I (WWI) on Nov. 11, 1918. It honored WWI veterans and recognized the armistice, or call for peace, by the Germans on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

After World War II and the Korean War, veterans service organizations urged the U.S. Congress to amend the holiday to be more inclusive of all veterans. Thus, Veterans Day was officially born in 1954 to honor all American veterans, past and present.

[President Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) was responsible for changing the name officially.

Despite a similar history, Veterans Day in other countries is recognized but may have a different name. In Canada, Nov. 11 is known as [Remembrance Day](#) (or Poppy Day). While it also acknowledges veterans, the day's emphasis is on remembrance and paying tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. [Remembrance poppies](#) are often worn to honor those who died in war.

“What's the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?”

Although they both involve honoring the military community, they serve different purposes. [Memorial Day](#) honors and remembers those who gave their lives in service to their country. While deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, the day specifically celebrates all living veterans who served in war and peace.

Another critical difference is when they are observed: Memorial Day is in May, and Veterans Day is in November.

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On the lighter side.



True love is real you guys



Brothers from a Different Mother



I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.





Highway Clean Up

October 28, 2025





CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BRAIN OF AN ELDERLY PERSON.*

1. Neurons in the brain do not die, as everyone around you says. The connections between them simply disappear if one does not engage in mental work.
2. Distraction and forgetfulness arise due to an overabundance of information. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to concentrate your whole life on unnecessary trifles.
3. From the age of 60, a person, when making decisions, does not use one hemisphere at the same time, like young people, but both.
4. Conclusion: if a person leads a healthy lifestyle, moves, has viable physical activity and is fully mentally active, intellectual abilities do NOT decrease with age, they simply GROW, reaching a peak at the age of 80-90 years .
5. So do not be afraid of old age. Strive to develop intellectually. Learn new crafts, make music, learn to play musical instruments, paint pictures! Dance!
6. Take an interest in life, meet and communicate with friends, plan for the future, travel as best you can. Do not forget to go to shops, cafes, and shows. Don't shut up alone, it's destructive to anyone.

Live with the thought: all good things are still ahead of me!

A Wood Cutters Dream

Friends of Don and Dee Ginter sent this picture of a C4 Corvette that has been Converted to a wood hauler in Colorado WOW, I guess you do what you gotta do but hauling wood in a Corvette might be over the top.



Four Wheel Dive Corvette Yikes!!!!!!!!!!

Mike and Suzanne Sawyer attended the Run for the Sun Car Show in Lake Havasu AR. They spotted this 4 wheel drive Corvette and forwarded the picture on for the HDCC newsletter. While this is certainly interesting, I hope it doesn't catch on. Thanks for sharing.





2024 Corvette Car Caravan Trip

By David Roth

Most know but some may not know that every 5 years since the Corvette Museum opened in 1994 there is a Corvette Car Caravan where Corvettes from all over make a trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Nancy and I made the trip this summer and had a great time. From Oregon and Washington there were 240 Corvettes. When we got to Bowling Green there was an estimated 5000 Corvettes.

We were the only ones from our club to go so we were adopted by the Corvette Club out of Grants Pass area. They had 12 cars going on the caravan. Great group of people (hope we have a good showing at their car show next summer) they had about 12 cars at our car show this summer.

The northwest leaders of this trip spent the last two years getting hotels blocked, places to eat and finding side things to see along the way.

We started trip at the Chevrolet dealership in Sandy. From there it was on to Richland where we hooked up with the Washington group. Then nights in Spokane, Butte, Cody, Cheyenne, Lincoln, Columbia, Mo. and then four nights in Bowling Green. Along the way we had some lunches provided by some Chevrolet dealers.

Montana was fun on the freeway as their speed limit was 80 MPH. Nancy took a photo of nothing but Corvettes in both lanes on a curve and we were doing 90 MPH.

We had been told not to speed as the police knew we were coming. Got a text message that spread thru our group. "A thousand Corvettes go by, the only car getting a ticket was a Kia"

Saw some great country along the way and some boring pedal to the metal corn fields. One side trip we did was in southern Montana just north of Yellowstone Park. Side road of about 70 miles where you start at 5000 feet and top out at 10,500 feet before starting down the other side. It is called Beartooth Highway. Makes the McKenzie Pass look tame. Some places were along ridges with very little shoulders and thousand foot drop on either side. If you have done it, please smile, if not put it on your bucket list with your Corvette.

In Bowling Green of course, the Museum is the draw, and it was just as good as the hype. We spent one day out of the three at the Museum. They have a road course across the freeway so that you could drive your car or rent a Corvette. Checked with my insurance agent and he said any damage would not be covered. Renting was a bit high for just four guided laps.

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2024 Corvette Caravan continued

But there are other things to see around Bowling Green, one day we drove 40 miles north and went through Mammoth Cave. The other day we went up to Lexington, Kentucky and spent the day at Kentucky Horse Park. Nancy enjoyed that!!!

After Bowling Green everyone is on their own getting home. We headed east and drove over the Great Smoky Mountains through Asheville, NC that just got hit hard. Then to Columbia, SC to see a grandson and his family including our three-week-old great granddaughter. (First great grandchild.)

Then on to Atlanta to see a friend of Nancy's. We'd already spent two weeks on the road in July going thru Canada, so Nancy flew home from Atlanta.

I then hit the road to El Cajon, CA. to see youngest daughter and her family. Then finally home, traveling for 21 days and driving 7,600 miles.

Overall, a lot of miles but a great trip, I would maybe think about doing it again in 5 years. Yikes I will be 81.





Twin-Turbo Corvette E-Ray Does 0-60 In Neck-Snapping 2.0 Seconds

Vehicle performance specs are absolutely ridiculous these days, and the C8 corvette lineup is certainly no exception. In stock guise, models like the Corvette E-Ray can dole out some seriously insane speed. However, take a foray into the aftermarket, and the numbers get even crazier, as evidenced by this twin-turbo E-Ray snapping off a 0-60 mph run in two seconds. After coming to a stop and activating the Performance Timer, the driver builds the revs to 3500 rpm before letting it rip. The twin-turbo Corvette E-Ray races past the 60 mph mark in two seconds as indicated by the timer. This particular model, a 2LZ trim with 2,300 miles on it, made 629 HP at the rear wheels combines with the 160 HP up front electric motor.

From Corvette Blogger

The 2025 Corvette ZR1's Official Top Speed is 233 MPH

Chevrolet has released the [2025 Corvette ZR1's](#) top at 233 MPH. Driving the all new 2025 Corvette ZR1 was GM President [Mark Reuss](#) who said he had confidence in the car's ability thanks to the people who helped prep the car for the run, but also the engineering that is behind it as well. Mark says he left it in Sport Mode and we also see from the data telemetry that the car was in 6th gear with the RPM pegged at the 8,000 red line! Chevrolet says that the 233 MPH top speed run is unrivalled by any current production car priced under \$1 million, and it wasn't something that was achieved in a specially prepped Corvette.

Is The Corvette C8 An Exotic?

There are arguments on both sides. The mid-engine layout, the high-revving 5.5l V8 LT6, the flat-plane crank are indications that perhaps the C8 Corvette is indeed an exotic.

As well there arguments saying that it is not an exotic. Some say the Bow Tie Brand and that Corvette has always been a relatively accessible sports car disqualifies it from the exotic classification. The price is another point that might exclude it from the exotic classification but with the ZR1 price expected to be between \$175,000.00 and \$200,000.00, the price might not be an issue.

From GM Authority



Social Night Soup Party At The Cheney's





Corvette Will Never Be Taken Out Of Chevrolet

Rumors have swirled for years about Corvette becoming a brand separate from [Chevrolet](#) and could expand beyond the flagship sports car. As recently as 2022, [we reported](#) that such a brand could include an electric sedan and crossover in addition to an electric successor to the C8. However, according to GM's top brass, it sounds like any vehicle bearing this iconic name will be part of the Chevrolet brand for the foreseeable future.

In a [recent video](#) on the 'Jay Leno's Garage' YouTube channel, GM President [Mark Reuss](#) confirmed that there is no intention to spin off Corvette into its own brand. "We'd never take [Corvette] out of Chevrolet because the core of Chevrolet is offering people more than they thought for the money and doing it with fantastic design and performance," Reuss told Leno while admiring a [C8 ZRI](#). "That's what Corvette is."

Indeed, the Chevy sports car has represented one of the best values in premium sports cars for over 70 years. The current [C8](#) generation continues that legacy, with pricing well below its rivals delivering similar performance from luxury brands like Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, and Lexus. Of note, the rivals to America's sports car have been dropping like flies with the Chevy holding a dominant market share in premium sports cars. The [Jaguar F-Type](#), [Audi R8](#), and [Nissan GT-R](#) have all been discontinued within the last year.

Reuss' comments echo what recently retired Corvette chief engineer [Tadge Juechter](#) said in an [interview last month](#). "I mean, Corvette's at the heart of Chevrolet," Juechter told *CNBC*. "It's a pure business play. If you've got this brand equity, you can just keep it at home or you can choose to try to monetize it and put it outside." He added that GM typically hasn't done the latter and instead "[embraces] our important franchises, and [Corvette] is a really important franchise."

The Vette will remain in the Chevy portfolio, but a 2019 [analysis](#) by Morgan Stanley said a standalone brand could eventually have a cash value of as much as \$7 to \$12 billion. The same analysis estimated that the Corvette brand under the Chevy umbrella at the time had a value of about \$2 billion. I wonder how Morgan Stanley made that calculation. Probably used the "WAG" method. If they took Corvette out of Chevrolet which would result of 7-12 billion gain, would that be an unrealized capital gain??

From GMC Authority