High Desert Corvette Club

Newsletter November 2026

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President's Pondering.s

Well, here we are, wrapping up October and heading into November. The temperatures are dropping, the days are getting shorter, and some of our Corvettes are being tucked away for winter. Of course, a few diehards believe Corvette season never really ends!

October was a quieter month for the club after a busy summer and September. Rebecca and I have returned from our adventures in Australia and Hawaii and are getting back into the swing of things. It was a great trip, but trading warm beaches for chilly Central Oregon mornings has been quite the adjustment!

As we head into November, we have a few important events coming up.

Our Bend Veterans Day Parade is Wednesday, November 11th. This is always a special opportunity to honor those who have served our country, and I hope we have a great turnout of members and Corvettes.

Immediately following the parade, we will hold our November business meeting at Oblivion Pour House, around 12:30–1:00 PM, depending on the parade schedule.

We are also approaching the time to consider club leadership for next year. Several E-Board positions will be up for consideration, and I encourage everyone to think about getting involved. Our club depends on volunteers, fresh ideas, and members willing to lend a hand. Every little bit helps!

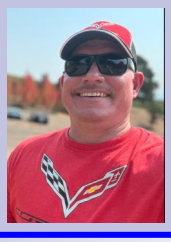
And don't forget our annual Christmas Banquet on Wednesday, December 16th! It's always a great evening to celebrate another year of friendships, good food, and plenty of laughs.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to thank everyone who has participated, volunteered, and helped make this another enjoyable year. The Corvettes may have brought us together, but it's the friendships that make this club special.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! Stay safe, enjoy the holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Remember, just because the Corvette is parked doesn't mean you have to stop talking about it!

Nathan Marker
President
High Desert Corvette Club





Highway Clean-up

Another successful highway clean up was accomplished on October 3. Thanks to all who came to help. Also thanks to Miriam and Eric Lea for gathering the needed equipment. The highway clean up effort was started by former HDCC president Jeff Moore in 2015. Hard to believe it has been that long, Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped over the years.







Social Night at the Okawa Steak House & Sushi Bar

Another well attended social night at Okawa. Great food and an entertaining chef cooking at your table. Thank you Bill & Debbie Scherrer for organizing the event.













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Nov 4 Sande Burgess
Nov 10 Douglas Maines
Nov 13 David Schneider
Nov 19 Kristin Baffert
Nov 19 Kemi Broadley
Nov 19 Carolyn Davis
Nov 19 Patricia Lucas
Nov 20 Christine Larson
Nov 25 Jere Smith
Nov 26 John Shaw
Nov 29 Barbara Addessio
Nov 30 Jeff Riggin
Nov 30 Wanda Simmons

Anniversaries

Nov 3 Dean & Sandi Cowell
Nov 5 Gary Silence & Janis Torsey
Nov 20 Don & Dee Ginter

If you are a veteran of the **U.S. Armed Services** please let me know **your name & branch of service** so I can recognize you in the photo slide show of the Veterans parade.

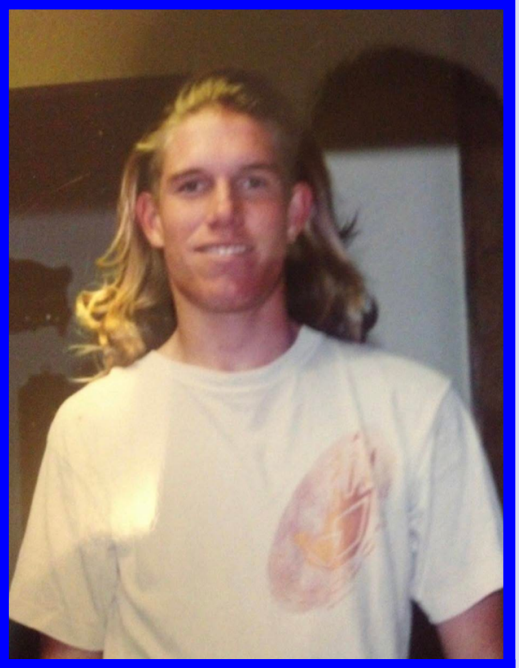
I already have the following:

Broadley	Kunzman	Larson
Crowther	Maines	Scherrer
Derr	Smith	McClean
Gamble	Petersen	Shaw
Gibbs	Thomson	
Gray	Silence	Sheaffer

HDCC Events

Nov 11 Veteran's Day Parade
PIC Don Ginter
Dec 16 HDCC Christmas Party
PIC Nate Marker

(PIC = Person In Charge)

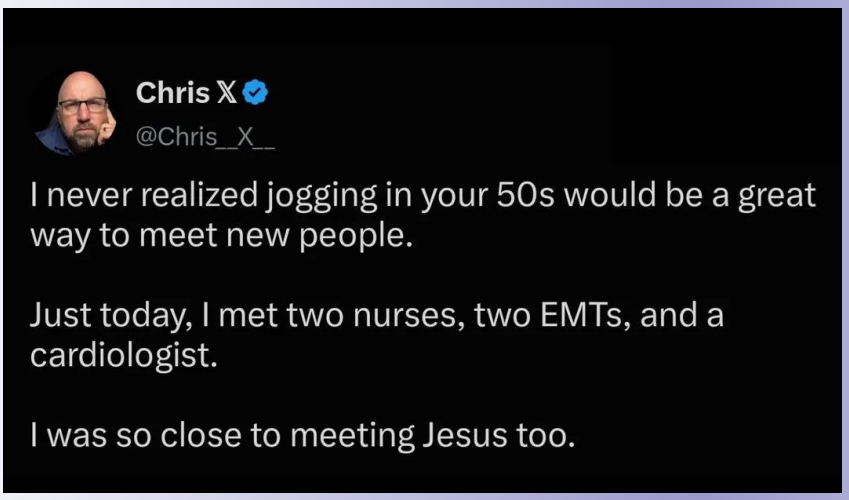


Can you identify this HDCC member.

Get it right and win a 2 nights stay at the Tumalo,OR Hilton Presidential Suite.

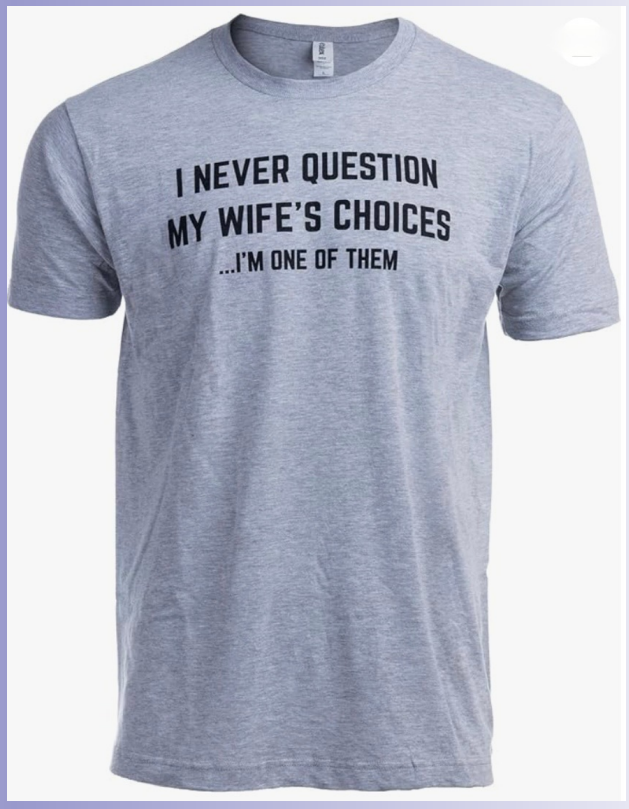
(there is no Tumalo Hilton}

On the lighter side.









HDCC Christmas Party Information

Good day, Club Members!their meals, even if they are unable to attend. Unfortunately, refunds cannot be issued after the deadline.

Thank you for helping us keep everything organized and running smoothly!

It's hard to believe we're already approaching November and another Christmas season is just around the corner! As we wrap up another year of Corvette adventures, it's time to get together and celebrate the holidays with our HDCC family.

Attached is the invitation to our **2026 High Desert Corvette Club Christmas Banquet**, and we hope you'll join us for an enjoyable evening of food, friendship, and holiday festivities!

Christmas Banquet Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 16, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Location:** The View Tap & Grill at Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, OR.
- **Cost:** $58 per person

Reservations & Payment

If you haven't already reserved your spot, please contact **Sande Burgess** sandbur@me.com by **December 4th**. Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions so we can accommodate. Please let ME know once you let Sande know your interest in attending. Email Nate at ormarker@gmail.com with restrictions.

Payment must be received by **November 26th** and can be made conveniently through the club's online payment portal (*there is a fee*) or you can send me a check.

Please make the CHECK payable to **High Desert Corvettes.** Send to 63445 Mustang Rd, Bend, OR 97701.

https://highdesertcorvettes.org/payment-page

A Quick Note About Reservations

Because this is a catered event, we are required to provide Juniper Golf Course with a guaranteed number of guests by December 4th . We understand that plans sometimes change. However, if you need to cancel your reservation, please let us know by **December 4th**. After that date, all reservations will be considered final and members will be responsible for the the cost of their meals even if they cannot attend.

Refunds cannot be issued after the deadline.

Let the Gift Stealing Begin! h always adds a little entertainment and friendly competition to the evening!

For those who want to join in, bring a wrapped gift with a value of **$25 or less**. It can be something useful, unusual, funny, or just plain entertaining. Half the fun is seeing what everyone brings and watching which gifts become the most sought-after treasures of the night!

Participation is completely optional, but we encourage everyone to get in on the fun. No gift tags or names needed!

Let's Celebrate Another Great Year!

Nathan Marker HDCC President

GM CEO: We're making leaps and bounds toward 'eyes-off, hands-off' driving

GM plans to introduce eyes-off, hands-off driving by 2028, signaling a shift from current supervision to personal autonomy in driving. Mary Barra cited recent testing improvements and framed the move as a way to let people drive when they want and not drive when they don't. The effort follows GM's 2024 decision to exit the Cruise robotaxi venture, redirecting resources toward consumer-owned autonomous systems. The approach emphasizes expanding advanced driver assistance across models after the initial rollout, with an eye toward maintaining consumer ownership and control. The path hinges on progressing technology to reach reliable, user-optional autonomy within the stated timeframe.

Mary Barra described notable progress since an earlier demonstration and underscored confidence in achieving greater personal autonomy in vehicles as the technology matures. The company shifted strategy in late 2024 by abandoning the Cruise robotaxi business after investing more than $10 billion, opting to focus on autonomous systems for consumer-owned vehicles rather than ride-hailing fleets. From CNBC

What Are Cyber Tires?

Fans and car enthusiasts may be familiar with the name Pirelli. The company is a global Tyre Partner of Formula 1. They design the tires that are used on the race cars. Their latest development introduces a wild new technology to your ride: the cyber tires can talk to your car to give you feedback about your driving. And the company says that soon they may be able to communicate even more.

Pirelli boasts that "Cyber™ Tyre is the world's first integrated hardware and software system capable of collecting data from sensors inside the tires, processing them through Pirelli's proprietary software and algorithms, and communicating in real time with the vehicle's electronics."By collecting this real-time data, Pirelli can develop"new features that are fully integrated with the driving and control systems." This data will allow them to focus on "enhancing the driving experience and improving safety."

Your typical tires have tire pressure sensors that will let you know what the pressure is and whether or not it's too low. Pirelli says that their tires go beyond that. In addition to tire pressure, Cyber™ Tyres can tell you things like your tire temperature- including when to start warming them up and when they need to cool down, and when you're reaching the top speed recommended for the tire performance.

From Family Handy Man