



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

As we wrap up March and look ahead to April, it's hard not to feel the shift this time of year brings. The days are getting longer, the weather is starting to cooperate, and our cars are finally coming out of hiding—ready to get back where they belong, out on the road.

We recently had the chance to test out a sample drive, and it turned out to be exactly what you'd hope for. Great roads, good stops, and even better company. It was a nice reminder of what makes this club special. We're hoping to build on that by putting together a similar drive that brings both new and existing members together—an easy way to connect, welcome new faces, and just enjoy being out driving.

We'll also be sending out an updated activities sheet soon with upcoming events, drive outs, and ways to stay involved as the season gets going. There should be something in there for everyone, whether you're looking for a quick local cruise or a longer day out.

On a personal note, Rebecca and I have officially been tasked with planning a 2027 wedding for our daughter Michaela—so if you see me studying routes a little less and venues a little more, you'll know why.

April really marks the start of it all. Cars are coming out, the roads are calling, and it's time to get back at it. Looking forward to seeing everyone out there.



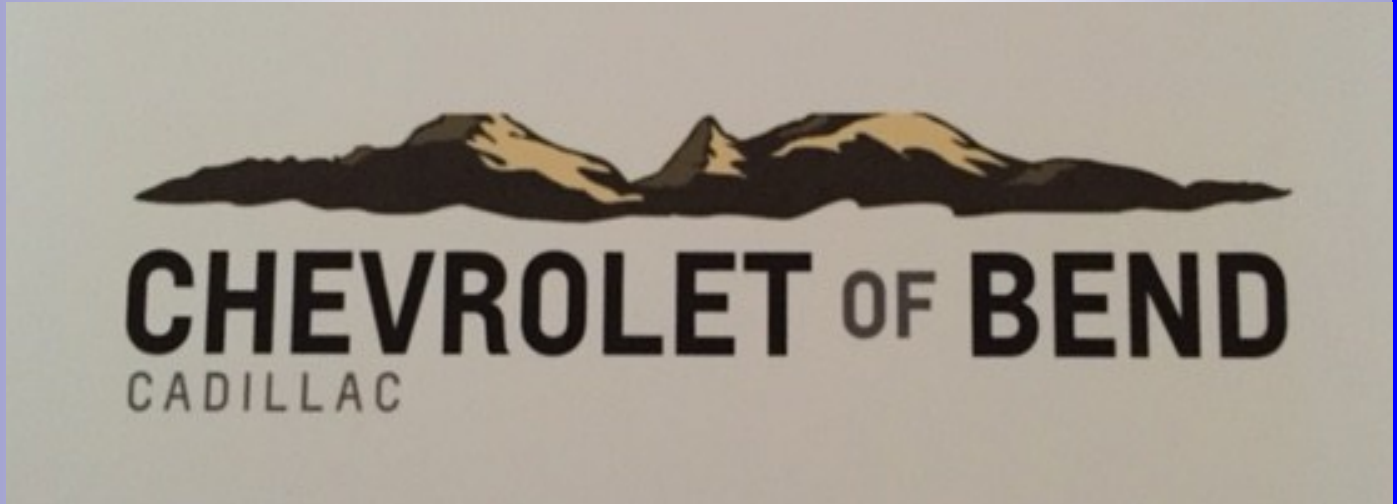
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April Birthdays

- 2 Frank Addressio
- 2 Bryce Woodall
- 4 Terry Bagwell
- 6 Jennifer Maines
- 10 Mike Broadley
- 11 Miriam Lea
- 18 Lori Gamble
- 19 Gary Silence
- 20 Pete Bezek
- 23 Jorge Reyes

April Anniversaries

- 24 John & Sande Burgess
- 24 David & Lorie Schneider

HDCC Events

- April 8,, HDCC Bus. Mtg Poorhouse
- Memorial Day Weekend Big Sky Corvette Meet Bozeman MT.
- June 12-14 Vette-A-Bratton Yakama WA
- Jine 19-21 Jacksonville Retreat
- June 26-27 COHD Bend OR
- June 30 National Corvette Day
- August 8 Corvettes on the Bay
- August 14-16 Wine Tour Eugene OR
- Sept 10-12 Corvettes on the Columbia

Highway Clean-up Dates

- April 12
- June 6
- Sept 12



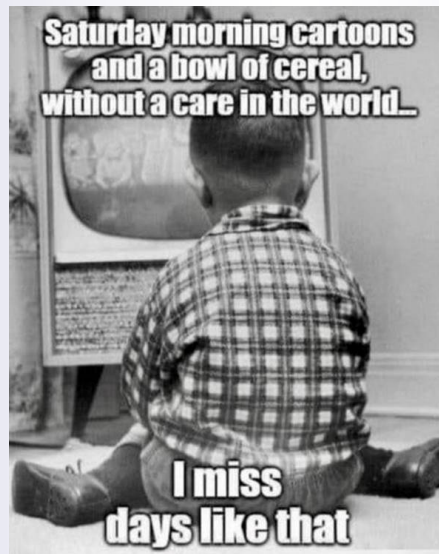
Jere Smith won the

50/50 Jackpot Drawing

In the amount of \$78.00

On the lighter side.

She wanted to have dinner somewhere really expensive





GM Officially Confirms C8 Corvette Grand Sport With Next-Gen V8 Engine

Chevy representatives confirmed to *GM Authority* that the Corvette Grand Sport will return for the 2027 model year, that it will be powered by GM's next generation V8, and to expect more details on Thursday, March 26th. C8 Corvette Grand Sport will actually consist of not one, but two models. The first will be the "regular" Grand Sport discussed above, powered by the 6.7L [LS6](#) V8 engine good for 535 horsepower, which will be part of the [GM Gen 6](#) Small Block engine architecture. The second will be the Grand Sport X, which will replace the [C8 E-Ray](#) within the C8 Corvette range. In making the switch from the E-Ray, the Grand Sport X will also gain the aforementioned LS6 along with some key upgrades to the front electric drive unit, delivering 721 combined system horsepower.



See John Elegants Mid-Engine Update for more details on the C8 Grand Sport



**PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHMENTS TO THE
NEWSLETTER CONCERNING VOTING ON
CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS**

**ALSO ATTACHED IS THE NEW JOB
DESCRIPTION FOR THE ACTIVITIES
COORDINATOR**

**THE VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT
THE APRIL 8TH BUSINESS MEETING
AT THE OBLIVIAN POUR HOUSE**

(the voting issues are noted with red line)



Sponsors Award— Jere Smith

We've (Sponsors: Prestige Flooring and Eagle Landing Apts.) enjoyed the club and happy to be sponsors. We want to pay it forward. Glad we passed scholarship program. Idea: As club co-sponsors we have a special award to-night. The club started in 1991. In 1999 this person, over 27 years, has gone above and beyond, been in every office, maybe more than once. Jere Smith is our honoree for his participation and being a long-term member. He shows up, he joins adventures, he has the same love of corvettes, and he always lends a hand when needed. These gifts are our appreciation of your membership of being the member with the longest tenure and dear friend. Special t-shirt and plaque were presented.

Leslie Cheney





Those who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the oddities of English language

1. Why is it called Tourist season if we can't shoot at them?.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes.
4. The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman "where's the self-help section?" she said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap.
8. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
9. Is there another word for synonym?
10. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
11. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant.
12. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
13. Why do they lock gas station toilets? Are they afraid someone will break in and clean them?
14. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
15. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
16. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
17. If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he him he has the right to remain silent?
18. Who do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines?
19. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
20. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people
21. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
22. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
23. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
24. How is it possible to a civil war?
25. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too.
26. If you ate both pasta and antipasto would you still be hungry?
27. If you try to fail, and succeed which have you done?
28. Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" and not "asteroid's"?
29. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
30. Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?



Corvettes For Sale at Chevrolet of Bend



2026 Corvette Z06 2LZ

Arctic White

Black Interior

\$137,130.00



2026 Corvette Stingray 2LT

Blade Silver

Black Interior

\$91,810.00



2015 Corvette Z51 3LT
Arctic White, Red Interior

33,462 Miles

\$45,995.00



ARE EXTENDED WARRANTIES WORTH THE COST

The short answer is sometimes – not often. It really depends on your car, your finances and your tolerance for risk.

Some things to consider:

An extended warranty is basically a bet. You pay upfront (often \$1,300 - \$4,000.00). The company bets your car won't need expensive repairs, you bet it will.

Extended warranties can be worth it if you have an unreliable or expensive to repair car. Luxury cars or high-tech vehicles can have very costly repairs. Older or high mileage vehicles are more likely to break down. Also, if a \$2000.00 to \$5000.00 repair would hurt financially. If you plan to keep the car a long time, especially past the factory warranty usually 3 -5 five years.

When they are usually not worth it. If you have a reliable car that history has few breakdowns you might pay for coverage you never use. Also, if a warranty is expensive and restrictive and may exclude wear and tear items, certain parts and have specific repairs shops you must use.

Sometimes claims can sometimes be denied or complicated if the repair is questionable.

Another approach is to create a repair fund or look into mechanical breakdown insurance which is sometimes cheaper. Obviously, you would want to wait until the factory warranty is close to expiring and then decide.

The bottom Line:

When it is worth having an extended warranty- (1) when buying used care (2) when buying a unreliable car (**who would do that?**) (3) Long term ownership (4) tight budget

When it is NOT worth it: (1) when purchasing newer car, (2) Reliable brands. (3) If you have adequate savings, (4) short ownership.

Tips for buying: Negotiate the price, understand terms “exclusionary policies”, ensure company is reliable, factory warranties are generally more reliable.

The overall assumption is that extended warranties are not worth. These are high profit centers for manufacturers as well as independent companies as can be attested to by the massive T.V. advertisements and cold calls one receives at their home. When purchasing a new car, the dealership tries it best to intimidate you into buy an extended warranty. (that is just my view)



2027 Corvette To Offer New Asymmetrical Seat Color



The new interior treatment visually divides the cockpit into two distinct areas, with the driver's seat finished in vivid Santorini Blue, a color that's extended across the lower dash, center console, and driver's side door trim. By contrast, the passenger side remains finished in Jet Black, creating a clear visual separation that reinforces the Corvette's driver-centric layout.

From the driver's perspective, the cabin is almost cocooned in blue. The steering wheel sits ahead of a fully digital instrument cluster, while the center stack angles toward the driver, now wrapped in matching blue trim. Both seats feature aggressive bolstering

As with the asymmetrical Adrenaline Red / Jet Black configuration introduced for the 2026 model year, buyers can expect the new Santorini Blue / Jet Black interior to be offered in conjunction with either the GT2 seats, the Competition seats, or even a mix of both (such as a Competition seat for the driver and a GT2 seat for the passenger).

Do you remember when you ordered a Corvette when it was coupe or convertible?

Now you have Stingray, E-ray, Z06, Grand Sport & Grand Sport X, ZR1 & ZR1X and multiple interior options including seating options.

Will there be a Z06X?