



High Desert Corvette Club

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President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a fun New Year's celebration. In years past, Lori and I have always stayed up to watch the ball drop at Times Square, but this year might be the exception. I guess we are getting old...yikes.

For those who may not know, in a disappointing turn of events, The View Restaurant had to cancel our Christmas banquet the morning of the event. The banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 11th and there is still time to sign up with Sande Burgess if you would like to attend. We will be doing the gift exchange as planned. If you have any questions, please give me a call, or send an email.

The location of the January 8th business meeting has changed to the Pour House Grill, at [61276 S Highway 97, Bend, OR 97702](https://www.pourhousegrill.com/). The time will be the same: social starting at 6:00 pm, business meeting at 7:00 pm. The back half of the restaurant has been reserved. A special thanks to Laurie's Grill for hosting the club this past year.

This is an important meeting to attend. We will be taking nominations for all club officers. If you are unable to attend, nominations can be sent to Secretary Casey Gibbs by email at HDCorvettes@gmail.com by January 31st. Also, we are looking for someone to step up to fill one of the most important positions in the club, that of the Activities Director. If you like to organize social events and lead club drive-outs, this is the position for you. Sande has done a fantastic job over the years and is willing to share her experience and knowledge to get you started. Great news, Eric and Miriam Lea have offered to lead the Highway Cleanup Chair duties

At the November business meeting, the idea of establishing an HDCC scholarship program to send deserving individuals to auto mechanics school was discussed. By direction from the Club, the Board has prepared a scholarship outline and will be presenting it at the January meeting. If you would like to be involved in helping to establish this great program, please be sure to attend the meeting.

Is it too early to begin a countdown of when we can drive our Vettes? Probably, but I can't help myself. I miss being behind the wheel, so only four months to go. In the meantime, enjoy all the club has to offer until we can fire up those engines.

Sincerely,
Dave Schneider
HDCC President





January Birthdays

1/1 Mark Richards
1/2 Cathy Raaf
1/2 Larry Raaf
1/7 Ken Kaster
1/8 Rick Kerfoot
1/8 Mark Thorsett
1/11 Debbie Scherrer
1/12 Janice Silence Torsey
1/15 David Roth
1/17 Delila Genter
1/19 Sam Davis

January Anniversaries

1/17 Tim and Marlene Mangan
1/23 Terry & Christine Welsch

HDCC Events

June 20 HDCC Retreat Jacksonville FL.
July 18-19 SOCA Car Show Grants Pass
Sept 9 Pro Drive PRI in Portland

Portland International Raceway

Drive the track with an instructor in your own Corvette. A safe environment to drive fast. Mike Zumwalt is organizing this event. He is working with Dristen Moore at **Pro Drive**. She currently has space for up to 12 HDCC Corvettes for the Sept. 9th session. We need to be somewhat proactive however to secure the spots as she won't hold them for us indefinitely.

Interested members should go to "prodrive.net", select High Performance driving course and register for the September 9th course using promotion code "HDCCsavess" to get our discounted rate of \$599.00 Please let Mike know when you have registered. Mike and Mary would be happy to organize lodging and dinners for this event, provided there is enough interest. Please contact Mike Zumwalt at mikezfone@gmail.com or phone him at 503-3549-3223, for answers to any questions you may have.





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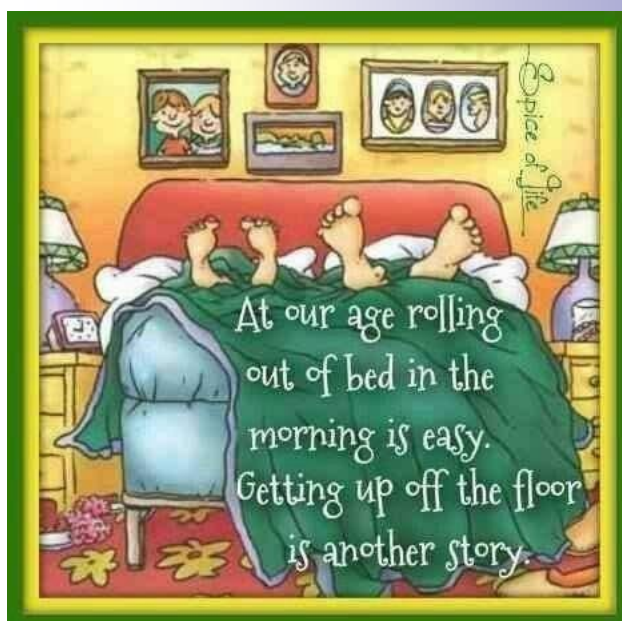
On the lighter side.



This dog never wants to hear anyone complain about his barking ever again.



It's not a Vette but it will do!!!!!!





Odds and Ends

Corvette Stingray And E-Ray Among Car And Driver's 10Best Cars For 2025

The [Chevy Corvette](#) is no stranger to the prestigious *Car and Driver* 10Best Cars list, and it earns a spot again on the 2025 list. Specifically, the [Stingray](#) and [E-Ray](#) models, which continue to be widely regarded throughout the automotive press as the best bang for the buck in performance cars, bar none.

"Part of the magic of this high-performance sports car is how each model in the lineup feels both unique and uniquely Corvette," writes [Car and Driver](#) associate editor Jack Fitzgerald. "From the 490-hp Stingray to the first-ever all-wheel-drive Vette in the form of the E-Ray, and right up to the shatteringly quick Z06, each version of the Corvette combines track-scorching capability and explosive acceleration with supple-for-a-supercar ride quality and everyday usability."

We couldn't agree more. The way [Chevy](#) managed to introduce so much variety to the Corvette lineup is spectacular, and it picks up a stunning new [ZR1](#) variant for [2025](#), which is the [fastest American car of all time](#).

Is This Widebody Prototype The Upcoming C8 Corvette Grand Sport?

Way back in October of 2020, *GM Authority* reported that [General Motors wasn't planning on offering a Grand Sport model](#) for the eighth-generation [C8 Corvette](#) lineup, instead offering the hybrid, all-wheel-drive [Corvette E-Ray](#) in its place. So far, that report has remained true, with nothing official coming from GM to indicate the forthcoming arrival of a new C8 Corvette Grand Sport. Now, however, a new photo has been surfaced on social media that could throw that all through a loop. While the details surrounding this photo are a bit hazy, the model shown definitely raises a few questions.

I guess we wait and see!!!!!!



From G. M
Authority



Would Cadillac Have Been Better Off With A Complete Branding Reset Like Jaguar?

Jaguar is set for a complete top-down rebranding, recently announcing plans to totally [reset its brand identity](#) and [transition immediately to an all-electric lineup](#). By contrast, [Cadillac](#) has opted for a more gradual shift, balancing internal combustion engine (ICE) models with electric vehicles (EVs). Which begs the question – should Cadillac have embraced a complete branding reset like Jaguar?



Mid-Engine Cadillac XLR Rendered Stokes The Sports Car Flame

A series of new renderings depict a futuristic mid-engine 2025 [Cadillac XLR](#) concept, giving us a taste of what a modern, ICE-based, Caddy-branded supercar might look like.

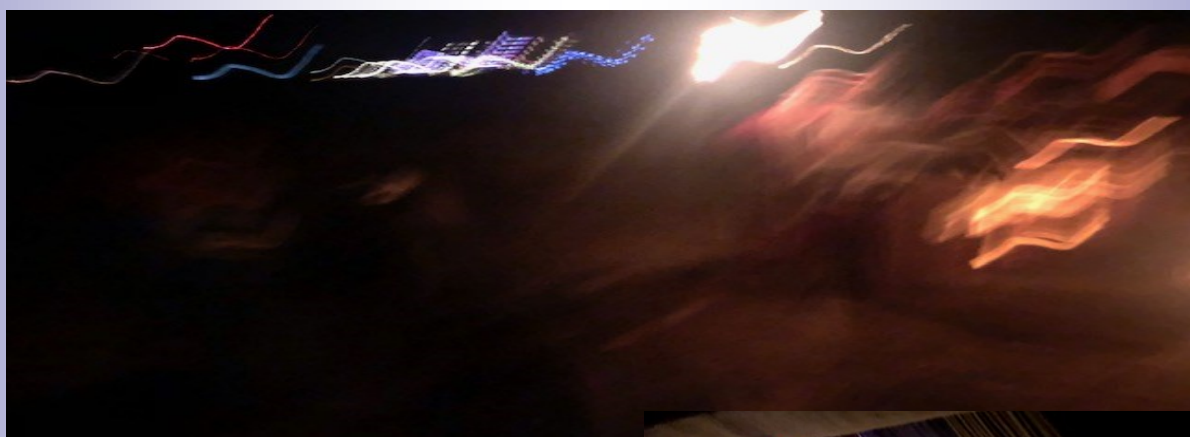
The images were recently posted to [social media](#) and show the mid-engine 2025 [Cadillac](#) XLR concept from multiple angles, including the exterior and the interior. While GM currently has no known plans to create such a thing, seeing these images certainly gets us thinking.

From GM Authority



Journey to Bethlehem

Lynda and Phil Derr organized a wonderful start to the Christmas Season with a few HDCC members attending Journey to Bethlehem at the Advent church in Bend. It was a cold but inspirational evening. The production was very well done as those attended walked through different vignettes culminating at the manger where Jesus was born. This production included approximately 100 actors and live sheep, goats, camels, and horses. A must do to start next Christmas season.





Let's Talk About Your Brake Fluid, Because No One Else Is

This article was submitted by Bill Scherrer. Brake fluid is seldom discussed and is rarely mentioned when having your car serviced. With most newer cars it is rarely a problem. I don't know if that is because of the quality of the mechanics or the brake fluid of today. It is worth considering especially with older cars. This was taken from Corvette On Line.

Sitting in the dark corner of neglected, recommended service intervals and tucked away between your cabin air filter and your differential fluid sits the lowly and ever humble workhorse; your brake fluid. We wouldn't be surprised if 75-percent of the vehicles on the road are still using the factory-installed fluid — and the ones who aren't, probably only changed it because their mechanic sternly suggested it.

Many people are surprised to hear this, but you can easily boil your brake fluid. Why is that bad? Boiled fluid results in creating air bubbles in the brake lines. While brake fluid itself is not compressible, as we all know from forced induction, air is very compressible.

Those bubbles result in a squishy brake pedal and a reduced squeezing force on the rotors. It can get so bad, you can push the pedal to the floor and still not be able to stop your car. That's not what you want mid-corner at Laguna Seca race track, and that certainly isn't what you want coming down a mountain pass with your family in the car.

Brake fluid is highly hygroscopic, which means it absorbs water. This absorption can occur through the rubber brake lines, various seals around the system, or if you open the reservoir to add fluid. This happens less than it used to with modern brake lines, but it still happens. That's why fluid manufacturers list two boiling temperatures for their fluids. A dry boiling point and a wet boiling point:

Temperature resistance isn't the only reason to change your fluid. Too much water in the system can lead to corrosion of metal components, like iron calipers. That build-up of corrosion leads to interference with moving parts — possibly to the point of a seized caliper. Even worse, the included anti-corrosive compounds in the fluid break down over time, compounding the issue.

That's why shops will offer to test your brake fluid for water and copper content. Copper seems like a strange thing to make its way into your brake lines, but copper content in your brakes is an indicator of corrosion. If you've done enough work on your cars, you'll know that copper crush washers are used in fittings in the brake system, and those are some of the first components to corrode.

The Automotive Maintenance and Repair Association (AMRA) recommends changing your brake fluid when its copper content reaches 200 parts per million (PPM). We would take that number with a grain of salt, though, because that organization is made up of companies who have a financial interest in you flushing your brake fluid often. Either way, save that little fact in your head for some obscure Jeopardy question someday.

If unsure if you need your brake fluid changed, check your owners manual. If your brakes feel mushy and unresponsive, ask your mechanic to check the brake system. This is one of those things that if it is still working why worry but for sure it is something to be aware of and keep in mind to prevent brake failure.



Pictures From The Past

Trip to Sumpter Oregon



Practicing for the Las Vegas Chorus Line Fourth of July at the Blackmores 2016





2024 In The Rearview Mirror



Year End Banquet



Lincoln City



Albany Carrousel





2024 In The Rearview Mirror (cont.)

HDCC Retreat Jacksonville



Corvettes on the High Desert



4th of July Parade Redmond





Wine Tour Retreat Leavenworth



President's Mystery Tour

