



# High Desert Corvette Club

## Newsletter March 2025

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Harry Bongers**

### President's Ponderings

Greetings Club Members,

Is winter gone? This week, Lori and I went for a walk wearing tee shirts. Nice weather brings out the temptation to get the Corvette out and hit the roads. But during our walk, we could see that the roads were still covered with cinders (at least in La Pine). The car will have to stay covered a little longer. Even though spring is not here yet, the club is very active with gatherings.

Speaking of gatherings, our year-end banquet is just around the corner, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline to sign up has been extended to March 13<sup>th</sup>. Join the fun with some great food and hang out with fellow club members. We will be recognizing and saying thanks to club officers and volunteers who have donated their time over the last year to make the club happen. Be sure to sign up with Sande Burgess by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

This will be my final President Ponderings. The last two years have gone by so fast. I sincerely want to thank all the hard-working board members and volunteers who gave their time to run the club and make it fun. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you. I appreciate all the support I have received over the past two years; it makes a difference. We have new Board members stepping up to serve, and I would encourage the club to support them as they carry out their duties.

I hope to see you at the March 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

Dave Schneider

HDCC President





## March Birthdays

3/1 Lee Ann Kaster

3/2 Harry Bongers

3/7 Fred Crowther

3/4 Kara Keith

3/9 Charlie Thomson

3/25 Lisa Bagwell

3/28 Lori Schneider

3/29 Sue Gibson

3/29 Doug Kunzman

## March Anniversaries

3/8 Mike and Mary Zumwalt

## HDCC Events

March 22 Year End Banquet

May 23-25 Big Sky Corvette Meet Great Falls MT

June 20 HDCC Retreat Jacksonville OR.

June 28 Lithia Bend Dealership

July 4th Redmond 4th of July Parade

July 17-19 Vette Fest Boise ID

July 18-19 SOCA Car Show Grants Pass

Aug 9 Corvettes on the Bay North Bend

Sept 9 Pro Drive PRI in Portland

Barry Larson won the February Business meeting 50/50 Jackpot in the amount of \$100.00





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### Why Does Oregon have such high prices for gasoline

Oregon, Washington, California and Hawaii have some of the highest prices for gasoline if not the highest in the nation. Some explain this away because Oregon and Washington are so far away from the Gulf Coast which is the hotbed of U.S. oil production. Actually crude oil for Oregon and Washington comes mainly from Alaska since the 1970s and is refined in Washington State. Historically Washington's prices have been slightly lower than Oregon but that is now the case currently.

Five major factors tend to make Oregon gas extra pricey.

Oregon, Washington and Hawaii are not crude oil producers. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration those states produce zero barrels of crude oil.

Gas has to travel farther to get here. American Petroleum Institute shows a dense network of pipelines across the South and Midwest to cheaply distribute oil and gas from the Gulf Coast, but with much less connectivity to the West Coast.

The West Coast lacks refinery capacity. This is doubly true for Oregon, which not only produces no crude oil but also operates zero refineries. About 90% of the state's gasoline comes from refineries in the Puget Sound region. Puget Sound isn't too far away and there's a pipeline to move gas but Washington's refinery capacity is only about 3.4% of America's total capacity which means an outsized share of the country's finished gasoline is produced elsewhere leading to higher surpluses in other parts of the country and in turn lower prices.

Environmental rules make West Coast gas more expensive. Oregon, Washington and California are all known for their strong environmental commitments, but those commitments do contribute to higher prices at the pump.

State taxes make Oregon gas more expensive. Oregon has a tax rate of 38 cents per gallon. As well, cities can add their own additional taxes. The average gas for states is 32 cents per gallon. Supposedly every single cent of gas tax goes to road construction and repair so there is actually some return on investment that should make you feel warm and fuzzy.

As of January 2024 there are 132 operating oil refineries in the U.S.. An increase from the previous year but more closures are expected. There were 254 refineries in 1982 so there has been a significant decrease. However, total distillation capacity of all refineries has increased since 1982 with a 123% increase since per refinery since 1982.

Fuel is 60-70 cents per gallon higher in Sisters than Bend or Redmond. The supposed reason is that tankers have to make a special trip to Sisters. Funny how I see tankers driving through Sisters on their way to Bend.

In defense of the petroleum companies they probably have significant increases in drilling and/or fracking oil. Being more senior than some in the club I can remember my dad paying 15 cents per gallon for farm use. As well, in 1973 I remember telling Sande that after filling up our 1971 Corvette LT1 that I never expected ever to pay 45 cents per gallon of gasoline. Little did I know.

Socrates once said "it is what it is". I don't think he said that but it sounds good!!!!!!



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email about pork,  
ham, salt, and  
preservatives,  
don't open it.  
it's spam

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In 1959, a coffee maker was  
an optional extra in  
Volkswagen cars.



Exercise gives you energy. But you  
need energy to exercise. That **sounds**  
**like a pyramid scheme** to me.

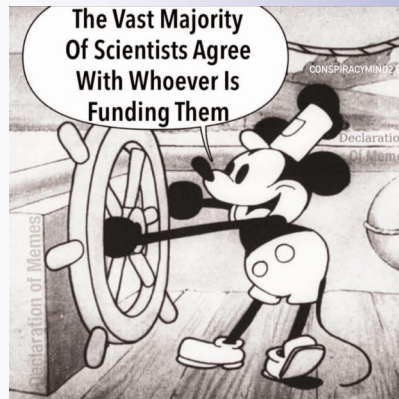


On the lighter side.

WHEN THE WIFE DECIDES  
SHE'S COMING TOO



The Vast Majority  
Of Scientists Agree  
With Whoever Is  
Funding Them



Am I the only  
one you've ever  
been with?

Yes. All the  
others were  
nines or tens.





## Widowed Woman Trades Baseball Cards For Dream Corvette



Widowed lady sells 1952 Mickey Mantle rookie baseball card as well as a Willie Mays card and others for a \$80,000.00 Yellow Corvette her dream car. Her husband, who is deceased, was an avid sports memorabilia collector. She had been contemplating this for years and finally made the leap. A 1952 Mickey Mantle rookie card sold in 2023 for 12.5 million dollars. Seems like she could have bought an airplane or two for that much money. O well, she is living her dream and that's what counts.

From Corvsport

## VE Launches 2025 Yenko/SC C8 Corvette With Up To 1,250 HP

For anyone who likes the idea of a souped-up two-door [Chevy](#) with Yenko branding and performance, [SVE is offering](#) the 2025 Yenko/SC [C8](#) Corvette, available with up to 1,250 horsepower. At the heart of the 2025 Yenko/SC [Chevy Corvette](#) is the [6.2L V8 LT2](#) engine, which is rated at 490 horsepower in factory spec. However, in order to do the Yenko/SC name justice, SVE enhanced the LT2 with a long list of performance upgrades in addition to the turbos, including a forged steel crankshaft, forged H-beam rods, and 2618 aluminum pistons, ensuring robust performance and durability. Further upgrades include ARP high-strength head and main studs, CNC-ported high-flow cylinder heads, an upgraded valvetrain, a proprietary ground camshaft, a custom intake manifold, and integrated oil separators. The upgrade costs \$99,995.00 plus the cost of a new Corvette. OUCH!!!!!!!.



From GM Authority



## How Much Is The Most Expensive 2025 Corvette ZR1?

	MSRP
ZR1 CONVERTIBLE	\$ 195,995.00
EXTRA CHARGE PAINT COLOR	\$ 995.00
10 SPOKE CARBON FIBER WHEELS	\$ 13,995.00
ZR1 CARBON FIBER AERO PACKAGE	\$ 8,498.00
CUSTOMER SELECTABLE VIN	\$ 5,000.00
CARBON FIBER INTERIOR PACKAGE	\$ 4,995.00
FRONT LIFT WITH MEMORY	\$ 2,595.00
VISIBLE CARBON FIBER SILL PLATES	\$ 1,995.00
TWO-PIECE PREMIUM LEATHER BAGS	\$ 1,685.00
ATK PERFORMANCE PACKAGE	\$ 1,500.00
CORVETTE MUSEUM DELIVERY	\$ 1,495.00
OUTSIDE MIRROR COVERS	\$ 1,250.00
FULL-LENGTH DUAL RACING STRIPES	\$ 1,195.00
COLOR CORNBINATION OVERRIDE	\$ 698.00
PAINTED BRAKE CALIPERS	\$ 695.00
CARBON FIBER STEERING WHEEL	\$ 695.00
TWO-TONE GT2 SEATS	\$ 595.00
STEALTH INTERIOR TRIM PACKAGE	\$ 595.00
COLORED SEAT BELTS	\$ 495.00
CUSTOM LEATHER STITCHING	\$ 495.00
CONTOURED LINER PROTECTION PACKAGE	\$ 425.00
BLACK EXHAUST TIPS	\$ 395.00
3 YEARS SIRIUSXM	\$ 299.00
CHROME EXTERIOR BADGE PACKAGE	\$ 295.00
BLACK LUG NUTS	\$ 275.00
PREMIUM CARPETED FLOOR MATS	\$ 275.00
JAKE LOGO WHEEL CENTER CAPS	\$ 250.00
ROADSIDE SAFETY PACKAGE	\$ 195.00
COLLAPSIBLE CARGO AREA ORGANIZER	\$ 175.00
BLACK WHEEL LOCKS	\$ 130.00
REAR FASCIA PROTECTOR WITH EMBROIDERED FLAGS LOGO	\$ 125.00
BLACK RECOVER HOOKS	\$ 125.00
BATTERY PROTECTION PACKAGE	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>	<b>\$ 248,529.00</b>

From GM Authority





## Whether You Have One Corvette or Two, Car Capsule USA is Taking Vehicle Storage to New Heights

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### Double-Wide CF1 Series Showcase

. Pricing starts at \$5,995.



### Double-Stack Showcase

Pricing for the Double-Stack starts at \$6,495



### Signature Series Indoor CarCapsule

Pricing starts at \$789





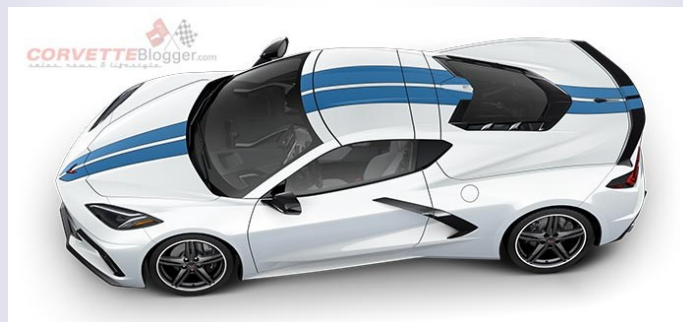
## Chevrolet Announces Four New Appearance Packages for the 2025 Corvette Stingray

### Adrenaline Red Accent Package



- Adjusted MSRP \$3,000 (\$1,475 discount)
- Available in Torch Red, Arctic White and Black Exteriors
  - Low-Profile Rear Spoiler (TVS)
- Performance Exhaust (NPP) • Black Wheel Choice (Q8Q, Q9I, QE5)
  - Torch Red Seat Belt (3F9)
  - Bright Red Brake Calipers \*J6F)
- Stingray Stripe (DZV for Torch Red, DZX for Arctic White or Black)
  - Requires Adrenaline Red Interior

### Tension Blue Accent Package



- Adjusted MSRP \$3,000 (\$1,670 discount)
- CERV inspired, Available in Arctic White Only
  - Low-Profile Rear Spoiler (TVS)
  - Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- 5-Split Spoke Satin Graphite Wheels (Q90)
  - Tension Blue Seat Belt (3A9)
- Carbon Flash Outside Mirrors and Spoiler (ZYC)
  - Edge Blue Dual Racing Stripes (DUW)
  - Requires Sky Cool Gray Interior



## Velocity Yellow Accent Package



- Adjusted MSRP \$3,000 (\$1,475 discount)
- Available in Riptide Blue, Arctic White, and Hysteria Purple
  - Low-Profile Rear Spoiler (TVS)
  - Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- Black Wheel Choice (Q8Q, Q9I, QE5)
  - Yellow Seat Belt (3M9)
- Velocity Yellow Brake Calipers (J6E)
- Carbon Flash/Competition Yellow Stinger Stripe (DZU)
  - Requires Jet Black Interior

## Edge Orange Accent Package



- Adjusted MSRP \$3,000 (\$1,670 discount)
- Available on Black or Arctic White Exteriors
  - Low-Profile Rear Spoiler (TVS)
  - Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- Black Wheel Choice (Q8Q, Q9I, QE5)
  - Orange Seat Belt (379)
- Carbon Flash Outside Mirrors and Spoiler (ZYC)
  - Edge Orange Dual Racing Stripes (DSY)
- Requires Jet Black Interior





## Do You Remember These Former HDCC Members????



**Joyce & Don**  
2008 Coupe



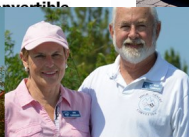
**Cheryl Larry**  
2005 Coupe



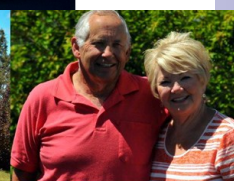
**Betty Dave**  
1988 Convertible



**Mary & Richard**  
2008 Coupe



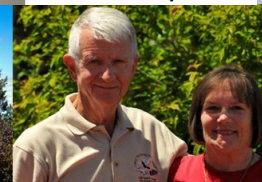
**Jan & Richard**



**Victor Carol Ann**  
2002 Coupe



**Joan and Henry**  
2000 Convertible



**Don Marge**  
1999 Coupe



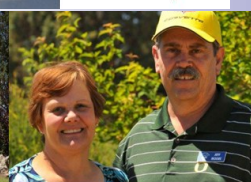
**Mark Sanderson**  
2010 ZR1



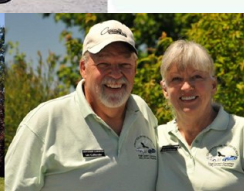
**Steve Janet**  
2014 Coupe



**Gary Jolene**  
2000 Z51 Coupe



**Faythe Jeff**  
2006 Coupe



**Len Nicki**  
1963 Roadster



**Rick Terry**  
Sgt at Arms Membership  
2013 Grand Sport





## Bend Chevrolet - Corvettes For Sale



2025 ILT HTC

\$86,995.00

Black

2024 ILT  
\$68,991.00  
87 Miles



2019 Grand Sport ILT

\$55,990.00

Elkhart Lake Blue

19341 Miles



From GM Authority

## The 'Maverick' Fighter Jet Conversion for the C8 Corvette is One of the Strangest Yet



You have to be somebody to get a Maverick.

That's just one of the lines of hyperbole used on the website for a company named [Mxtrem Automobile](#), which is introducing not a customized Ford pickup truck but instead an "intense and intimidating" version of a Corvette C8.

The internet isn't quite sure what to make of this creation, and whether it's for real or just the product of an overzealous graphic designer remains to be determined.

Regardless, at least on paper, this is one cool-looking Corvette, inside and out.  
From Corvette Blogger