



FIBERGLASS FOREVER



CORVETTES OF FRESNO

"HOME OF THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

ESTABLISHED 1963

APRIL 2015



OWNER: BOB & JUDI REINKE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 11, 2015 - SATURDAY & SUNDAY - NETHERCUTT COLLECTION & NHRA MUSEUM
JIM AGAR 559-297-2200 - ALLEN TEIXEIRA - 559-449-1505

APRIL 17, 2015 FRIDAY - KINGSBURG CAR SHOW & DINNER
HARRY BELLOW 559-761-6696

MAY 16, 2015 - SATURDAY CORVETTE FEED & SPEED - JIM KOZERA - 559-260-0304

MAY 30TH - SATURDAY - FUN RUN TO CAYUCOS AND MORRO BAY
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Tahoe 47

"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL
CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2015

**\$165.00 PER COUPLE
\$100.00 SINGLES**

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2015 WILL BE ENTERED IN A
DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00 CASH!

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS



Silver Legacy Resort Hotel & Casino
407 N. Virginia St. Reno, Nevada

(COVERED SECURE PARKING ON LEVEL 6 & 7 OF THE SELF PARKING GARAGE)

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE \$165.00 REGISTRATION FEE?

1. DUFFEL BAG & BLANKET
2. BREAKFAST FOR 2 EACH MORNING AT "FLAVORS BUFFET"
(must book through group code 915corv)
3. THURSDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY IN "RUM BULLIONS BAR"
4. FRIDAY SHINE & SHOW AT LEGENDS MALL
5. FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY SHOW IN THE "CATCH A RISING STAR SHOWROOM"
6. SATURDAY - SCENIC POKER RUN ENDING WITH LUNCH (lunch not included)
7. SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET

Registration: Forms available on the website:

www.corvettesoffresno.com

also released via e-mail - jim.agar@att.net

Registration must be Received by August 15, 2015



All Net proceeds from Tahoe 47 will be donated to Charity

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday:

11:00 AM - 5:00 pm REGISTRATION HOURS

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE REGISTRATION

CALL LYNNE AGAR @ 559-593-1126 PRIOR TO 8:00 PM THURSDAY

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Welcome Social - Rum Bullions Island Bar

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - No Host Dinner at La Strada's Italian restaurant

located in the Eldorado Hotel & Casino - just a short walk from Rum Bullions.

Friday:

8:00 am - 9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast at Flavors Buffet

10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Participant's Choice Shine "N" Show at Legends Mall
Home of Scheels "worlds largest sporting goods store"

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Slot Tournament - Silver Baron Room -
\$10.00 p/p Payable at Event - 4 GUARANTEED WINNERS
(all event participants invited to attend)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Catch A Rising Star Comedy Show -

Special Guest Appearance by Donnie Dukes (some parts may be objectionable)

Saturday:

8:00 am - 9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast at Flavors Buffet

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe
ending with lunch. (lunch not included)

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Black Jack Tournament - Silver Legacy main Casino floor

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Pre-dinner Social - No Host Bar

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Awards Dinner and Ceremony

PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL

HAVE A SAFE WEEK-END - PLEASE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

Accommodations

Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733

Use the Group Code 915CORV

Room Rates: Thursday \$76.00 Friday & Saturday \$122.00
(plus tax & resort fee)

Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!

(must book through group code 915CORV to get included breakfast buffet)

Register now so you don't miss out on the 47th Tahoe Tour

Register by August 9, 2015 for Room Rate Guarantee

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates

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DUE TO CONTRACTS WITH OUR VENDORS WE CANNOT ISSUE ANY REFUNDS ON CANCELATIONS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2015

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CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

Is a non-profit organization formed by those owners who are proud to drive America's only true sports car
THE CORVETTE

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East side of Cedar

If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, nametag and many other goodies.

The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE START TIME IS 6:30 PM EVERYONE IS WELCOME

1956 TRIVIA



There are 13 vertical bars or "teeth" in the grill of 1956 Corvettes.

One of the few ways to differentiate between a 1956 and 1957 Corvette without opening the hood is to look at the inside rear view mirror. On the 1956 model, it adjusts with a thumbscrew, on the 1957 adjustment requires a wrench to loosen the locknut.

CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2015 OFFICERS

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PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH VIA EMAIL TO:

newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com



THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and it's warming up already, perfect Corvette weather!

Very successful General Meeting in March, the place was packed with Members, New Members and Visitors. The restaurant did a nice job of arranging the tables so we could fit more, looked like about 85 places to sit. That's good, it's hard to find a restaurant with a large room.

Had a great time on the Ice Breaker Run, Steve did a great job with the planning and Chucks Margarita's took care of the rest!

Chuck's first Mystery Run was a success, we had a nice drive through the foot hills, everything was green and the flowers were in bloom. It ended with a nice lunch. We have 6 events happening between now and the end of May, I hope most everyone can attend some or all of them. The more people, the more fun! There are still weekend's available, plan a run and get involved!

Looks like Sharon has the Christmas Party arrangements all taken care of. We appreciate the work that goes into this event.

Keep our Members who are sick in your prayers, hoping for a quick recovery for everyone. Hope to see you back soon!

Check this Newsletter and the Web Site for information and Up Coming Events.
That's all for now, be safe.

Chris Campbell





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2015



Call to Order: President Chris Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Board Members present were Kaye Campbell, Nancy Teixeira, Chuck Feccia, Jim Agar, and Clay Mumby. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the meeting February 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the February 2015 minutes was made by David Dutton and seconded by Don Dukes, Motion carried.

A motion to accept the February 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Chuck Robb and seconded by David Dutton, Motion Carried Unanimously!

Treasurers Report: Kaye Campbell reported the accounts activity for February, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read. The Motion was made by Larry Minnich and seconded by Billie Talley Motion Carried Unanimously.

Membership: Clay Mumby reported attendance for the March 17, 2015 meeting. There were 55 members and 12 guests present. Guest who introduced themselves were, Jerry Baldwin, Frank and Loretta Battaglia, Sam Smith, David & Carol Trauger, Doug MacNab, and Mocky Cowser. Jose and Aleyda Valencia were presented their membership package and welcomed as the newest club members. Corvettes of Fresno, has 118 members and 76 corvettes.

All March birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of March is \$20.00. Remember to always sign in at the beginning of all meetings!

Communication: Jim Agar announced that the March edition of Fiberglass Forever was 20 pages printed and 50 pages on the Corvettes of Fresno web site. If anyone has any articles or pictures for the Newsletter for the April edition please submit to Jim Agar by Friday March 20, 2015 in the am.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that he needs pictures of cars for anyone who doesn't already have their car posted with their picture. A few ads have been added.

Chris announced that members can put car ads on the webpage for free but for non members we will charge \$25.00 for up to 3 months.

Larry Minnich gave Chris Campbell special thanks for the good job he is doing.

Activities: Chuck Feccia reported, please refer to the Calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site, www.corvettesoffresno.com for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign up sheets are on the side table.**

Past events were discussed.

February 28 Ice Breaker, Steve Profera reported that everyone had a good time and they made some different stops on the way. He presented Chris Campbell with a wrench since he had problems with his battery but didn't have the tool he needed.

Report on upcoming events.

March 7 Sanger 27th Annual Blossom Trail Car Show, Art Durham and Lee Delap reported that 2 members showed their Corvettes and Shirley Doshier won for best C6.

March 14th Mystery Run and Lunch Chuck & Celia Feccia, Clay reported that they had a good run thru the foothills and had lunch at Logan's.

Upcoming Events

March 20th Meet & Eat at 2pm at Olive Garden hosted by Larry & Sharon Minnich.

April 11 & 12 Nethercutt and NHRA Museums make reservations for the Sheraton in Pomona and the room rate is \$139.00, also admission to the Nethercutt on Saturday is free, but admission to NHRA is \$5.00. For those who didn't go last time you are encouraged to attend, there is a lot to see.

April 11 Tower District Car Show

April 17 Kingsburg Dinner/Car Show, Harry Bellow will chair. We will meet at 5:30 at Denny's at Jensen and 99. Sign up sheet in back, dinner is \$17.50 single and \$35.00 couple with choice of beef or chicken. Deadline April 13th

May 2nd Meet and Eat hosted by Larry and Sharon Minnich will email details

May 12th Tahoe Meeting at Denny's Herndon and Blackstone at 7pm. No meeting in April.

May 16th Corvette Feed and Speed hosted by Jim & Joan Kozera with invitation to other Corvettes, Central Valley Corvette Club was extended an invitation to attend, more details later, but sign up sheet on table.

May 30th Run to Cayucos and Morro Bay, appetizers at Rick and Sherry Beatie in Morro Bay and then on to dinner at Dave and Terri Cavanaugh's cost is \$30.00 per couple and BYOB, more details later.

Dec 4th Christmas Party at TorNinos, \$35.00 per person from 6 to 11. Sharon Minnich chairperson. Clay Mumby wanted to thank Sharon for all the work she did to find a place.

WSCC No report as Representative Allen Teixeira was absent.

Tahoe 47, Jim Agar reported that everything is on track, we have 34 registrations in and the next Tahoe meeting will be on Tuesday May 12 at Denny's Blackstone and Herndon @ 7pm. and the committee will have more information from their trip to Reno in April.

Sunshine Report given by Sharon Minnich, Jim Kozera was sent a card for the loss of his brother. Gene Fox sent a note about his fall which ended with a broken knee cap, doesn't want any flowers but would appreciate phone calls. Celia Feccia is in the hospital, they think she has an infection but are waiting on test results. Nick DiLiddo had open heart surgery on Monday and is doing well. Chuck Robb got a good report on the tumor, it has not grown any.

Old Business;

Billie Talley said she had all the sizes of the jackets with her so if anyone wants to order see her after the meeting also she can order shirts or sweatshirts.

ACCC fliers are on the table

New Business:

No new business was brought forward.

Name Tag Drawing:

The drawing for this month is \$20.00 and John Johnson (Jr) name was drawn, he was not present so the drawing will be \$30.00 next month.

50/25/25 Raffle:

First ticket drawn was JoAnn Najarian \$50.00, second ticket drawn was Lan Mumby also for \$50.00, third ticket was Sharon Minnich for gift certificate for Yosemite Falls and the fourth ticket was Helen Jolly also for gift certificate from Yosemite Falls.

There being no further business a motion was made by Don Dukes to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Debbie Dukes the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Teixeira

By/ net



NANCY TEIXEIRA
SECRETARY

CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2015 Calendar Year COF has 118 members and 76 cars.

Members & Guests

Total attendance: 67 - 55 Members & 12 Guests: Sam Smith, Dave & Carol Trauger, Jerry Baldwin, Frank & Loretta Battaglia, Doug MacNab, Mocky Cowger & Toni & Michael Labrucherie.

Nametag drawing

John Johnson Jr's Name was drawn, He was not present.
Next Months Drawing will be for \$20.00

Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win.

Club Directories and Updates

The 2015 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at www.corvettesoffresno.com (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)

Sharon Minnich & Helen Jolly each won a \$10.00 gift certificate to Yosemite Falls Cafe.



CLAY MUMBY
MEMBERSHIP

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



BERT & PAT SHERMAN 1 - LARRY & SHARON MINNICH 1
JIM & JOAN KOZERA 4 - JOHN & JO JOHNSON 28



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



BILL HERRON 1 - LUCY CALDWELL 4 - VIRGINIA GIMBARTI 5
BETTE FOSTER 5 - CHRISTI PROFERA 10 - LORI KOVACEVICH 11
DARRICK DUERKSEN 14 - GERRI WARE 17 - JONATHAN BAKER 19
JOHN ASHLEY 22 - TERRI CAVANAUGH 24



50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

JO ANN NAJARIAN

LAN MUMBY

EACH WON



\$50.00



CONGRATULATIONS

Perfume



"I want my husband to pay more attention to me.
Got any perfume that smells like a computer?"

This guy gets to the Pearly Gates, and Saint Peter says, "Now wait just a moment, before I let you in, I need to ask you, have you ever done anything to put others first, or defended the weak or innocent, things like that?"

The man answers, "why yes, I saw this man with a Corvette by the side of the road, and he was yelling at his wife, and threatening her, so I walked up to him and screamed at him to leave her alone, and if he didn't I'd kick his head like this.... and I kicked a huge place on his driver's door on that Corvette".

Saint Peter answers, "Wow, that's pretty good, when did you do that?"

The man answers, "Oh, about 4 minutes ago".



CHUCK'S 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



APRIL 6, 2015 TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

APRIL 11 - 12, 2015 - SATURDAY & SUNDAY - NETHERCUTT COLLECTION & NHRA MUSEUM JIM AGAR - 559-297-2200 - ALLEN TEXEIRA - 559-449-1505

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HARRY BELLOW 559-761-6696**

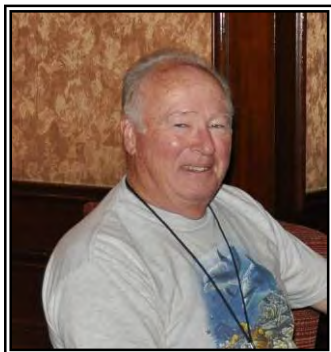
APRIL 20, 2015 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

MAY 2ND - SATURDAY - MEET AND EAT HOSTED BY LARRY AND SHARON MINNICH WILL EMAIL DETAILS

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JIM KOZERA - 559-260-0304**

**MAY 30TH - SATURDAY - RUN TO CAYUCOS AND MORRO BAY, APPETIZERS AT RICK AND SHERRY BEATIE IN MORRO BAY AND THEN ON TO DINNER AT DAVE AND TERRI CAVANAUGH'S, COST IS \$30.00 PER COUPLE AND BYOB.
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS 559-439-7519**

**DEC 4TH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TORNINOS, \$35.00 PER PERSON FROM 6 TO 11.
SHARON MINNICH CHAIRPERSON. 559-449-3331**



**CHUCK FECCIA
VP ACTIVITIES**

TAHOE PLANNING MEETING

**THE NEXT TAHOE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM
TUESDAY MAY 12, 2015 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER
OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON**

PLAN A RUN

TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE



RECOGNITION PAGE



Sanger Blossom Car Show 2015
Shirley Doshier First Place Corvette

Shirley Doshier pulled out the only Corvette award in the Sanger Blossom Car Show

Best Corvette.

Congratulations Shirley



Jose and Aleyda Valencia were presented their membership package and welcomed as the newest club members

Congratulations & Welcome to COF



Steve Profera is all dressed up in His St Patrick's Day Finest



ICE BREAKER





Nethercutt Collection NHRA Museum



SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 11 & 12, 2015

COF WILL BE GOING TO THE NETHERCUTT AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION IN SYLMAR ON SATURDAY & THE NHRA MUSEUM ON SUNDAY. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE FINEST CARS IN THE WORLD.

ONE COULD ATTEND THE WORLD'S GREATEST CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE AND NEVER FIND A MORE COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF AUTOMOBILES THAN ARE DISPLAYED AT THE NETHERCUTT COLLECTION. ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECES IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, THE MUSEUMS AT SAN SYLMAR CONTAIN WITHIN THEIR WALLS THE FINEST EXAMPLES IN THE WORLD OF MANKIND'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PURSUIT OF PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION.

FROM AN 1886 BENZ TO THE MOST DESIRABLE DUESENBERG, PACKARDS, AND CADILLACS EVER BUILT, TO TURN OF THE CENTURY ANTIQUES, AND THE ONLY PUBLIC DISPLAY IN THE WORLD OF ALL SIX ROLLS-ROYCE PHANTOM MODELS, THE NETHERCUTT COLLECTION TAKES YOU ON A VISUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM, BEHIND THE SCENES OF AMERICA'S FINEST AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION, AND INTO THE ACCLAIMED MUSIC ROOM, WHERE ORNATE MUSIC BOXES, MASSIVE ORCHESTRIONS, AND ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST WURLITZER THEATER ORGANS LOOM.

THIS IS THE CROWN JEWEL OF AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE MUSEUMS.



**WE WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE
N W CORNER OF FRESNO ST & SHAW
ON SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2015
AT 7:00 AM SHARP**

**JIM AGAR 559-297-2200
ALLEN TEIXEIRA - 559-449-1505**



**WE WILL BE STAYING AT SHERATON SUITES
FAIRPLEX HOTEL**

**CALL THE SHERATON AT 1-888-627-8074 - ASK FOR THE
"CORVETTES OF FRESNO ROOM BLOCK"
OUR ROOM RATE IS \$139.00 + TAX**

ALL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE 2 ROOM SUITES



COF DINNER RUN TO DIANE'S

**KINGSBURG, CA.
FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2015**

**DRAPER STREET
MAIN STREETS OF SWEDISH VILLAGE**



WE ARE HAVING A FUN DINNER AT DIANE'S IN KINGSBURG AS PART OF THE KINGSBURG CAR SHOW. WE WILL HAVE DINNER, HANG OUT, LOOK AT THE CARS AND DO SOME BROWSING IN THE SHOPS. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

**WE WILL MEET IN THE DENNY'S PARKING LOT AT JENSEN & 99
& LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 5:30PM - DINNER WILL BE SERVED @ 6:30 PM**



**CONTACT HARRY BELLOW TO MAKE YOUR DINNER SELECTION
DINNER IS \$17.50 SINGLE AND \$35.00 COUPLE WITH CHOICE OF
BEEF OR CHICKEN. DEADLINE APRIL 13TH**



HARRY BELLOW 559- 761-6696





CORVETTE FEED & SPEED

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday May 16, 2015



You will not want to miss this day of CORVETTE enthusiasts enjoying their cars.

What: Corvettes Speed & Feed Run. Not really a race, just a lower foothill run to enjoy the views and our favorite cars, OUR CORVETTES! Then some free food, drinks, car ogling, conversation, and maybe even some activities to participate in or enjoy watching.

Where: Start at Hwy 168 & Temperance (Park & Ride lot)

When: Saturday May 16, 2015 ----- 11 am

IMPORTANT! Please arrive a little early as **we will leave at 11 am sharp!**

Cost: NONE – ALL FREE! -- Just Show Up With Your CORVETTE

REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE: YOUR CORVETTE AND RSVP

We must have a notice of your attendance to be able to make sure that we have enough food and drink for all that attend so please let us know if you plan to attend Thank You.

**RSVP by Wednesday May 6, 2015 by calling: 559 260 0304 or 559 876 2519
OR email: jimkozera@gmail.com or joankozera@gmail.com**



LIMITED TO FIRST
30 CORVETTES



A WINE TASTING / DINNER

MAY 30 2015

CAYUCOS

May 30, 2015

*WATCH THE SUN - SET
OVER THE WATER*

**RUN TO A WINERY IN CENTRAL COAST
(WILD HORSE WINERY)**

**HORS D' OEUVRE'S
RICK & SHERRY'S HOUSE IN MORRO BAY**

**STEAK / BEANS / PILAF / SALAD DINNER
\$ 30.00 PER COUPLE**

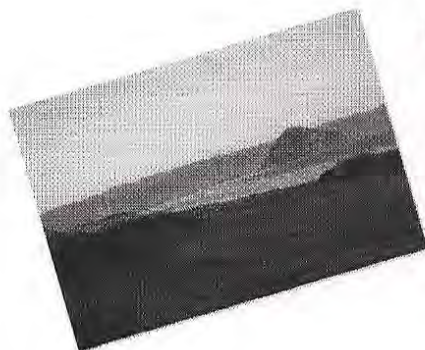
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

**@ DAVE AND TERRI'S HOUSE IN CAYUCOS
559 351-1920**

OR

E-MAIL @ DAVECAVANAUGH09@COMCAST.NET

NO ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED - MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION





ALLEN'S WSCC PAGE



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WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL 50th Anniversary Convention and Celebration July 6th – July 12th 2015 ~ Reno Nevada



Schedule of Events

Monday, July 6th -

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Convention Registration opens @ GSR – Silver State Pavilion (Conference Center) –

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Meet & Greet Party @ GSR – Silver State Pavilion –

Tuesday, July 7th

8:00 am

Convention Registration continues – Silver State Pavilion

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

WSCC Convention Car Show – co-hosted by: *Discovery Bay Corvettes*

Registration & move – in for Corvettes only & pre-registered – SS Pavilion

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm (times subject to change)

Club Hospitality Room Competition – 6 designated Deluxe suites at GSR (contact convention@wsccl.ws for club sign ups)

Wednesday, July 8th -

7:45 am (Assemble)

#1 NAS Fallon Run, Tour and Lunch, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

9:00 am (Assemble)

#1 Poker Run, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

10:00 am

2 Poker Run, tour (co-host TBA)

6:00 pm

Bowling Tournament at GSR – co-hosted by: *Santa Clara Corvettes*

Thursday, July 9th -

8:00 am (Assemble)

Track Day – Fernley 95a Raceway – co-hosted by *Santa Clara Corvettes*

Managed by *Hooked on Driving*

Time to be announced:

Reno Shopping Tour & Lunch co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

6:00 pm BBQ sponsored by *Abel Chevrolet* – co-hosted by *Delta Corvettes* (Location TBA)

Friday, July 10th -

7:45 am (Assemble in parking lot at GSR)

#2 NAS Fallon Run, Tour and Lunch, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

9:00 am (Assemble)

#3 Poker Run, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

10:00 am

4 Poker Run, tour (co-host TBA)

Saturday, July 11th -

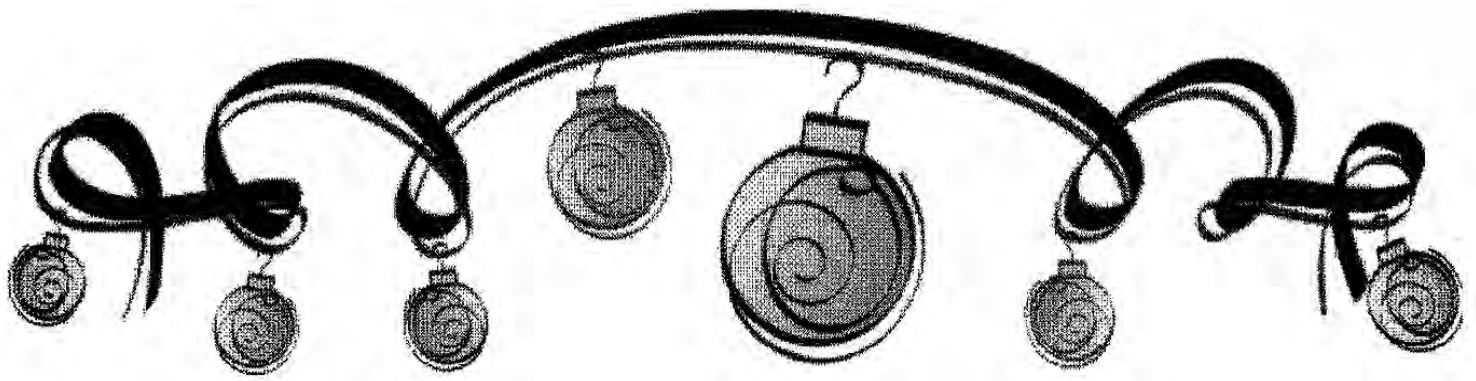
9:00 am (Assemble)

WSCC Auto-X co-hosted by: *North Bay Corvette Assn. Managed by SCCA Reno*

5:00 pm – Registration & Cash Bar opens (Silver State Pavilion)

6:00 pm – Banquet – Buffet – Speaker (TBA) - Silver State Pavilion

Sunday, July 12th - Convention Ends



Corvettes of Fresno
Invites you to our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

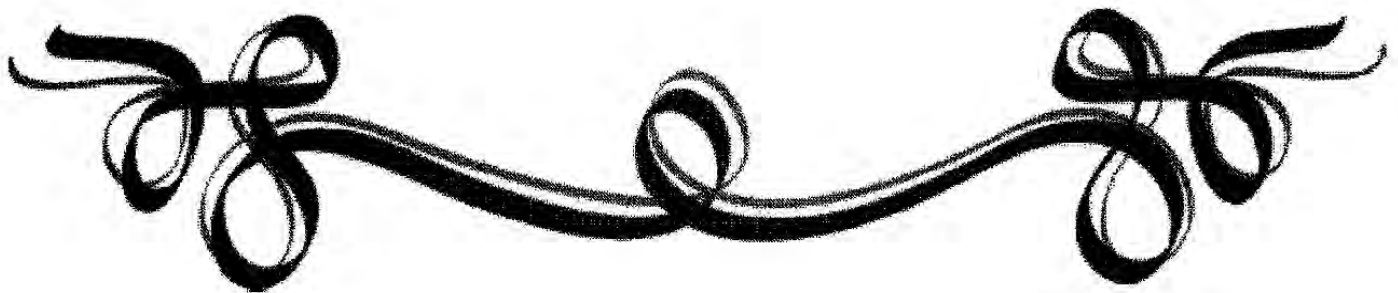
Friday, December 4th
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

TorNino's
5080 N. Blackstone Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710
Ph 559-222-2453

Dinner: Buffet Style
Price: \$35.00 per person

Host: Sharon Minnich
Ph #559-449-3331

Entertainment: DJ
(same as last year)





CORVETTES OF FRESNO, inc ADVERTISING CORNER



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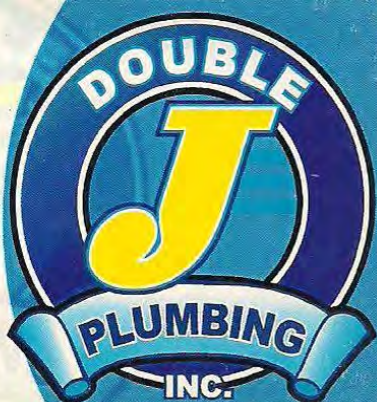
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2014 Corvette Stingray Beats Arctic Blast of Old Man Winter

Car & Driver magazine is, and has been for many years, one of the top car magazines, with a history of colorful characters (David E. Davis and Brock Yates spring to mind) and outrageous comparison articles (Pontiac GTO vs. Ferrari GTO and the GMC Syclone vs. Ferrari 348ts, to mention just two). They never seem to pass up a chance to tip over the sacred cows of the automotive world.



We weren't too surprised then when we heard of their latest, and maybe the ultimate, comparison test — a stock 2014 Corvette Stingray vs. the arctic blast of old man winter. This was not just a run-of-the-mill cold start test. You see, C & D's editorial headquarters are in beautiful downtown Ann Arbor, Mich. and last Friday Michigan was the coldest state in the country. Ann Arbor had an overnight low of -30°F, which was just shy of the -44°F low at the North Pole!

Alexander Stoklosa, Car & Driver's associate online editor, took their Corvette long-range test car home with him after work on Thursday and left the Stingray outside overnight to fend for itself in the arctic air without so much as an igloo for protection. The official overnight low at the test site was -26°F. If there was a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Corvettes (SPCC), they would have been all over Alexander's case.

The ice-crystal coated Stingray was there waiting for the big test the next morning. The electronic door release worked as designed and Alexander stepped into the frozen interior. The moment of truth was at hand. After pushing the starter button, it was about 12 seconds of fuel pump whine, the starter noise and the engine turning over before the engine caught and grumbled to life. Houston, we have ignition!

The next step was to see what was happening with the 7-speed manual transmission to make the car actually move. The answer was: not much. It took a two-handed pull on the shifter to get it into neutral to let the warm-up proceed. After a 10-minute drive to the office, engine coolant temperature and oil pressure had arrived at normal levels and the shifter was on its way to working normally. Despite the body making all kinds of creaking and flexing sounds, the Vette was usable as transportation.

Don't try this experiment at home. Chevrolet does not recommend trying to start your new Corvette below -22°F without using an engine block heater—and you don't want to run afoul of the SPCC! The Corvette Stingray has proven victorious over old man winter. Bring on the next match!

2015 Corvette Stingray Impresses Consumer Reports in Annual Survey

It isn't easy to impress the folks at Consumer Reports, but the 2015 Corvette Stingray 3LT just did it.

The Bowling Green-assembled Corvette earned a total of 92 points in Consumer Reports' annual rating of vehicles, highest out of all American sports cars. Runner-up was the Chevrolet Camaro SS with 66 points.

Consumer Reports comes up with a score based on how each vehicle does in more than 50 tests, including safety, performance, fuel economy, comfort/convenience, warranty, and specifications.



Jeff Bartlett, deputy editor of autos for Consumer Reports, said the Corvette was a real standout in the dynamic area.

In fact, he used some pretty impressive words to describe the Stingray's acceleration ("breathtaking"), handling ("tenacious"), and braking ("fantastic").

"It's by far the most extreme and exciting Corvette that's been widely offered," Bartlett said.

He was especially impressed with the acceleration since the Stingray reaches 0-60 mph in just 4.3 seconds and praised the car's ability to let the driver dial in five different driving modes. "That really gives great versatility to the car," Bartlett said.

The Tesla Model S, competing in the luxury large car category, earned the highest score of any American vehicle overall, racking up 99 points.

Other categories included compact, midsize, large, luxury compact, luxury midsize, small SUV, midsize SUV, large SUV, luxury SUV, full-sized pickups, minivan and wagon.

February 2015 Corvette Sales

General Motors released the monthly sales reports this morning for February 2015. The good news for Corvette fans is that sales are strong with 2,605 new Stingrays and Z06s delivered during the short month. This figure is 6.8% higher than sales reported during February 2014 which saw 2,438 Corvettes delivered.



For the 2015 Calendar Year, Corvette sales total 4,732 for a 0.7% gain over 2014 which was just 33 cars less at 4,699.

Despite the short month, Corvette sales grew by 22.4% over January 2015's 2,127 Corvette sales. This was the best February sales month in eight years and is the third best February since we've been keeping track starting in 2006.

Here's the GM Sales Report for Corvettes in February 2015:

Corvette Delivery Statistics for February 2015							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2015	2014	% Change	Months	2015	2014	% Change
Feb	2,605	2,438	6.8%	Jan-Feb	4,732	4,699	0.7%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	2,127	2,605											4,732
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

For the month of February, GM delivered 231,378 vehicles in the United States which was the best February sales figure since 2008. The big news for Chevrolet is that the Colorado is the industry's fastest selling pickup regardless of brand or model year. Motor Trend's 2015 Truck of the Year spends an average of just 15 days in dealer stock.

Former Barn Find 1960 Corvette Has Great Story Behind it

The story behind a Corvette is what makes it stand out in a crowd.

Take this 1960 Corvette, which has had just two very conscientious owners since rolling out of the factory in St. Louis, Mo., not once but twice.

The original owner, a teacher named Ed Graye from West Frankfort, Ill., ordered the car with the “big” 290hp, fuel-injected 283 engine with a three-speed manual because he wanted to drag race it on the streets.

After he’d owned the car just two weeks, Graye realized that the engine was actually the 250hp 283 fuelie, known as the “small” fuelie.



He went back to his dealer in El Dorado, Mo., and protested. He found out the factory apparently ran out of “big” fuelies while his was coming down the assembly line and substituted the “small fuelie” instead. Here’s where the story takes an unexpected turn.

Instead of just telling Graye he was sorry but it was too late, the dealer actually had the car loaded on a trailer and towed 100 miles back to the factory, where they pulled the small fuelie and plugged in a 270-horsepower dual-quad 283. It wasn’t that simple, though, as the factory workers also had to install a new tachometer, a bigger radiator, and other items specific to this high-performance small-block.

How’s that for customer service?

We know all this because Graye’s neighbor, Gary Skinner, was there. He says the switch made Graye a happy man and he drove the ’60 “real hard” until 1968 when he parked it and never drove it again. Skinner thinks he knows why.

“He told me at 150 (mph) the left front tire went down and he almost flipped it,” Skinner recalls. “That was in 1968. He never drove it again.”

Despite efforts by Skinner and others over the ensuing years, Graye seemed determined that he would not sell the Corvette, despite parking it in a shed for a couple of years before building a pole barn to cover it.

Finally, patience proved to be a virtue for Skinner.

“When he got ready to sell it, I was third on his list,” Skinner recalls. “His sister didn’t want it. His son had just started a new business and couldn’t afford it. So I ended up with it.”

Skinner, who had actually ridden in the Corvette when it was new, finally became its owner in 1986, paying Graye \$7,500. Just three weeks later, he turned down \$25,000 for the car at the Chicago Vette Fest at McCormick Place.

“There, all the Corvette people got to see it,” Skinner says. “My intentions were to restore it. After I talked to them they said don’t you dare restore that car. Keep it as is, so that’s what I did.”

Skinner has proven to be a great caretaker of the car over the past 29 years, trailering it to big shows in Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

“Every place I take it, it gets something. It’s just an eye-catcher,” he says.

Skinner bought the car with just 11,110 miles on the odometer. Now it shows just 760 miles more, mainly from driving it on and off the trailer, in parades, and on short trips close to home.

Skinner believes as a result, it may be the lowest mileage and most original survivor around.

“I’ve messed with Corvettes for quite a while now,” he says. “I think this Corvette is probably the most original ’60 model in existence.”

And it’s all thanks to two very caring Corvette owners who wound up living next to each other for years.

What a story that makes.

The Top 50 Corvette Dealers of 2014

Last year during the Corvette Stingray’s rollout, we were able to get our hands on a couple of reports through the year that showed the number of Corvettes sold by the top 100 Corvette dealers. We like to say that knowledge is power and knowing which Chevrolet dealer in your area specializes in selling Corvettes can make the buying process that much easier.

Now we have a final count from 2014 of Corvette sales by the top 50 Chevrolet dealers. Want to know who is selling Corvettes and how many? Read on...



Chevrolet doesn’t like us having these numbers (they told us so) as they don’t want it to hurt the hometown dealers that may only sell a few Corvettes each year. We agree with them on that point, but last year Chevrolet sold 37,288 Corvettes and our list of Top 50 Corvette Dealers only accounts for one-third of that amount – 10,348. We think this shows that more likely than not, a Corvette buyer will choose a dealership closer to them than going out of state.

We also believe that knowing which dealers specialize in Corvettes in your area is another reason for choosing that dealer to handle your Corvette’s service requirements. Prior to selling the new Corvette Stingrays and Z06s, dealers were required to have the special tools and trained personnel to handle servicing the new C7s. It’s comforting to know that your car will not be treated as a novelty when going for service.

Finally, we have several dealers in the Top 50 list who sponsor our website and they all sell the new Corvette Stingrays and Z06s at (or below) MSRP. Last year and earlier this year we highlighted a couple of dealers who were selling new Corvette Z06s with Market Adjustments as high as \$49,995. Guess what?

It's our opinion that they didn't make this list because they were only looking to make the sale once as opposed to creating a positive relationship with a buyer who may return again for another Corvette or other Chevrolet vehicle down the road.

Here is the list of Top 50 Corvette Dealers for 2014:

2014 Calendar Year to Date Report – TOP 50 Corvette Dealers

Rank	Dealership	State	Corvettes
1	KERBECK CADILLAC CHEVROLET BUICK GMC	NJ	1245
2	MAC MULKIN CHEVROLET CADILLAC	NH	919
3	LES STANFORD CHEVROLET CADILLAC INC.	MI	626
4	CRISWELL CHEVROLET, INC	MD	487
5	COUGHLIN AUTOMOTIVE, LLC	OH	431
6	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET	GA	372
7	STINGRAY CHEVROLET	FL	297
8	CLASSIC CHEVROLET, LTD.	TX	273
9	ROSS DOWNING CHEVROLET, INC.	LA	245
10	LORENZO BOMNIN CHEVROLET	FL	241
11	VAN CHEVROLET	AZ	228
12	HENDRICK CHEVROLET SHAWNEE MISSION	KS	226
13	BOARDWALK CHEVROLET	CA	224
14	HENDRICK CHEVROLET	NC	206
15	JON HALL CHEVROLET, INC.	FL	188
16	BILL STASEK CHEVROLET, INC.	IL	188
17	KEVIN WHITAKER CHEVROLET CADILLAC	SC	179
18	BUDS CHEVROLET-BUICK, INC.	OH	179
19	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET OF BUFORD	GA	178
20	DAVID STANLEY CHEVROLET OF NORMAN	OK	172
21	CLASSIC CHEVROLET	TX	169
22	JIM ELLIS CHEVROLET	GA	160
23	MAHER CHEVROLET, INC.	FL	157
24	RYDELL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	CA	155
25	BOB STALL CHEVROLET	CA	149
26	PAUL MASSE CHEVROLET, INC.	RI	144
27	CAMPBELL CHEVROLET OF BOWLING GREEN	KY	125
28	LONE STAR CHEVROLET	TX	122
29	RICK HENDRICK CITY CHEVROLET	NC	119
30	ESTERO BAY CHEVROLET	FL	114
31	TROPICAL CHEVROLET	FL	113
32	RELIABLE CHEVROLET, INC.	MO	105
33	MAXIE PRICE CHEVROLET, INC.	GA	103
34	KARL CHEVROLET, INC.	IA	103
35	SELMAN CHEVROLET COMPANY	CA	101
36	W. HARE AND SON, INC.	IN	99
37	CABLE-DAHMER CHEVROLET, INC.	MO	96
38	PURIFOY CHEVROLET CO	CO	93
39	THOROBRED CHEVROLET, INC.	AZ	92
40	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET	SC	89
41	GEORGE MATICK CHEVROLET, INC.	MI	88
42	LOEHMANN-BLASIUS CHEVROLET, INC.	CT	88

43	SCHUMACHER CHEVROLET-BUICK-GMC	FL	87
44	ELCO CHEVROLET AND CADILLAC, INC.	MO	87
45	BACHMAN AUTO GROUP, INC.	KY	84
46	FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, LTD	TX	83
47	AUTONATION CHEVROLET DELRAY	FL	81
48	LYNN LAYTON CHEVROLET, INC.	AL	80
49	SUNSET CHEVROLET, INC.	FL	79
50	BUFF WHELAN CHEVROLET, INC.	MI	79

TOTAL SALES: 10,348

Corvette Stingrays Spotted in China

Chevrolet has long wanted the Corvette to be accepted overseas.

Well, we *don't* know if the sale of one yellow Stingray would qualify as cause for celebration in the halls of General Motors, but CarNewsChina.com – which boasts that it features “Everything About Cars in China” – is sharing a photo of such a car in Shanghai submitted by reader Antoine Chalendard.



We *do* know that the new Velocity Yellow Stingray looks mighty good parked on the streets of Shanghai.

Apparently Corvettes are not officially sold in China, but if you're willing to pony up 1.7 million yuan (which translates to a whopping \$267,000 in U.S. currency), then you can get one through a gray market in which Chinese dealers apparently buy directly from American dealers and have the Corvettes shipped to China.

Let's hope they don't put these beautiful Corvettes on a “slow boat to China” because we're sure the lucky owner who gets the pleasure of driving a new Stingray would likely want it as soon as possible – especially after shelling out about four times the price of the car in our country.

Apparently that big difference in the prices is because of China's very steep import taxes, along with a good ol' dose of supply and demand.

CarNewsChina.com also found a red Stingray in a Beijing dealership going for 1.73 million yuan, apparently being sold as the equal of supercars shown in the background – an orange Ferrari 599 GTO and a Tramontana R.

If you're like this writer, you probably had to research to find out what a Tramontana is. According to CarNewsChina, the Taramontana is manufactured in miniscule numbers by a Spanish carmaker called Tramontana Advanced Design. The company was founded in 2005 and the first open-top S rolled off the line in 2007. The vehicle features a unique two-seat tandem configuration where the passenger sits behind the driver in a very tiny cockpit.

Daughter Searching for Her Late Father's 1964 Corvette Sting Ray

Just a string of coincidences or a guiding hand from above?

You decide.

Dawn Hughes grew up in a family that loved Corvettes. In fact, for years her dad drove a 1964 Sting Ray convertible that he loved, but he eventually had to sell the car.



But not before he passed on his love of Corvettes to Dawn. In fact, she saved all she could for years to get one of her own. During what turned out to be their last conversation about Corvettes, her dad smiled and said, “I want to be there when you get it.”

Unfortunately, her dad passed away unexpectedly just before the C7 was announced, leaving Dawn with the dilemma of following through on their mutual dream of owning a new Stingray or just forgetting about it.

She finally reached the conclusion that he would want her to still get a new Stingray. In the fall of 2013, she had a few extra minutes on a business trip and visited our friends at Kerbeck Chevrolet in Atlantic City, N.J., where she placed her order, eagerly awaiting a trip to the National Corvette Museum to pick up her new Corvette.

The car wound up coming off the line sooner than expected, and the NCM offered her a pickup date of Nov. 15. Even though it was raining that day, she felt the presence of her dad during the tour of the museum and the assembly plant next door.

Then began that string of “coincidences” we mentioned earlier, or were they getting “a guiding hand” from her dad?

On the way home from the NCM in her new Stingray the next day, she realized that it was the one-year anniversary of her dad's passing.

In honor of her father, she paid the car off on Father's Day, June 15, 2014. Soon after, she began checking into the history of her dad's '64 convertible (VIN 408675111410) and noticed that he sold his car on June 15, 1966. So 48 years to the day that he gave up his title, Dawn got hers!

Now Dawn is on another quest. Her dad's Corvette was “Legend 1” and hers is now “Legend 2.” She'd like to find her dad's old Sting Ray and get the two cars together. Wouldn't that make for a legendary reunion?

Little Old Lady Driving a 2015 Corvette Z06 Slow in the Fast Lane

Let me ask you a question.

Did you eat a lot of ice cream with sprinkles when you were a little kid?

Well, now that you're all grown up and wearing your big-boy britches, you'd better quit eating it because ice cream with sprinkles is just for kids.



If you follow the logic of some folks who apparently believe that a Corvette driver must be under 30 with jet black hair and a 30-inch waistline, then it makes just as much sense to ban anyone over the age of 12 from eating ice cream with sprinkles.

That's why we were thrilled to have a chance to give our two cent's worth about a post on the *Corvette Forum* after a member submitted photos of what was described as a "little old lady" driving a new Torch Red Z06 in the Austin, Texas area.

First of all, we don't think the woman behind the wheel of this awesome Corvette looks that old. And second of all, even if she IS a senior citizen, all we have to say is "Go, granny, go!"

As Mpizz posted: "Just because you are old does not mean you quit having thrills, enjoyment and living a little on the edge in your life. Be nice guys Grandma may blow your doors off one day. Here's to the old people."

Some folks haven't been so nice, though, making fun of the woman for being old and sitting right next to the steering wheel. I just wish my grandma had driven a Z06!

And, by the way, at least this lady wasn't texting, applying makeup, eating a hamburger, or drinking beer. She was just paying attention to the road, which is what all drivers, especially those behind the wheel of a supercar like the Z06, should be doing.

RaceZX9 sums it up with his post: "that's awesome, never too old to enjoy life...do what makes her happy. it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks. She is not one to lie down and give up on life..."

The National Corvette Museum Celebrates Milestone **10,000th R8C Corvette Delivery**

The ultimate experience for a Corvette enthusiast would have to be taking delivery of their new car at the National Corvette Museum.

Knowing how crazy we Corvette fans are about our favorite car, the NCM started the R8C museum delivery program in September 1995 where customers could order a Corvette from their dealer and then pick it up at the Museum, right across from the assembly plant in Bowling Green, Ky.



Well, needless to say, the program has been a smashing success. In fact, today the Museum celebrated quite a milestone – welcoming their 10,000th participant in the Museum delivery program!

“Corvette owners really enjoy red carpet treatment, and what better place to receive that than at the Home of Corvette?” said Shane Webb, Museum Delivery Manager. “We have delivered over 1,700 seventh generation Corvettes in the past 17 months alone, so not only is the latest model Corvette growing in popularity, but our Delivery program is as well.”

As if it weren’t awesome enough to be the lucky 10,000th customer, he already had a great story to share about his new Corvette.

His name is Dave Effler of Aurora, Colorado, and he actually won his new Stingray in one of the Museum’s fundraising raffles on Nov. 13, 2014.

Dave says he found out about the raffles several years ago during a trip to the Museum with a friend and “dreamed of someday driving out of here in my own Corvette.”

He thought that big day might be many years from now, but he’s proof that it’s never too late to buy a raffle ticket as he bought his winning ticket the night before the drawing – right before he went to bed after finding out they weren’t sold out yet.

Lucky for him and his wife, Susan, that he waited until the 11th hour.

Not only did they win a new Stingray, but it was also one of the Museum’s build-your-own raffles so the couple got to outfit their new Shark Gray Z51 just the way they wanted it!

“It’s been pretty exciting,” Susan admits. “This process of creating and putting together all of the options that he wanted. It’s almost been like the delivery of a baby. We’ve been waiting months for this.

The anticipation and excitement ... it’s like he is 16 again.”

In observance of the momentous occasion, the Museum gave Dave a slate build sheet and window sticker for his car and a framed photo of the experience – signed by everyone involved with the delivery. A special brick engraved with his name, the date, and 10K Delivery will also be placed in the walkway outside the Museum's Delivery Area.

While Dave received some extra special treatment, the Museum actually treats every delivery like the big deal it is for the owner, who gets a personal VIP tour of the Assembly Plant and Museum, a detailed introduction to their car and its numerous features from a trained delivery team member, an engraved plaque, a Museum Delivery door jamb decal, and a one-year individual membership to the Museum.

Museum Executive Director Wendell Strode said the Museum was “very proud” to share the experience with Dave. “We hope others who are purchasing a new Corvette will consider checking out the many programs we offer that provide hands-on, behind-the-scenes and VIP experiences with your new car,” he said.

My own dream is to take delivery of a new Z06 at the Museum, but since I haven't won the lottery (or one of the Museum's raffles) yet, I've had to go for the next best thing – the Museum's Xperience program twice with my “previously owned” Corvettes – a 1997 coupe and a 2005 convertible.

Where else but the National Corvette Museum can the owner of a used car still be treated like a king? Getting that special treatment was quite a thrill for me and my family, and I still remember the excitement of walking around a corner and seeing my own Corvettes on display in the Museum at the end of each of our tours! I highly recommend any of the special programs that the Museum offers.

Dave no doubt would agree.

“Being the 10,000 delivery is just icing on the cake,” he says. “The whole experience with the staff, and this extra attention, has just been great.” Congratulations to the National Corvette Museum on this major accomplishment!

Is Velocity Yellow on the Way Out for the 2016 Corvette?

It's about this time of year that we starting digging around to see what the Corvette team may have in store for Corvette enthusiasts for the 2016 Corvette Stingray and Z06. The Corvette Museum's Bash Event is just over a month a way and that's when we find out all the changes that will be coming on the next model year Corvette.

This year, the chatter seems to be at an all time low which means either that the team has clammed up or there just won't be many significant changes to the C7s Corvettes as they enter the third year of production.



But that doesn't mean changes aren't afoot. Today's Constraint Report has a key color that's only available on 10% of the orders during the target production week of April 13th.

We've seen this previously as GM winds down the use of an exterior color during the last month or two of the model year before it's officially retired. With Velocity Yellow now constrained at 10% of available orders, will it be the next color to be retired?

Last year at the 2014 North American International Auto Show, we spoke with exterior design manager Kirk Bennion who at the time confirmed the color changes on the 2015 Corvette as Shark Gray and a new shade of Yellow. We reported that fact only to find out at the Bash a couple months later that Yellow was staying as is and the new color introduced for the 2015 MY was Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic.

At the time, a color change to yellow didn't make much sense in 2015 as Corvette Racing's C7.Rs were introduced at the same time as the Corvette Z06 – both wearing Velocity Yellow.

And when Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic was officially revealed, Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles made a remark to me at the Bash where he said “surprised you with the Orange?” which I took as the orange color change might have come around faster than initially planned.

As a color, Velocity Yellow has been featured on Corvettes since the 2006 model year. It replaced Millennium Yellow which rolled out in 2000. Prior to 2000, a Competition Yellow graced the C4 Corvettes for the last four years of C4 production (1993-96).

So while Velocity Yellow may be on its way out, and this of course is just speculation at this time, will it be replaced by the slightly brighter shade of yellow that Kirk Bennion described at the 2014 NAIAS interview?

We don't know what's in the future for Corvette colors but in the present, we are now showing Velocity Yellow on constraints and with about two months left in planned 2015 model year production, this might be the last opportunity to score the color on a new 2015 Corvette Stingray or Z06.

Was the Mid-Engine Corvette Zora ZR1 Intentionally Leaked by GM?

Could Ed Welburn be giving viewers of Velocity's *Americarna* show a sneak peak at the 2016 Chevrolet Camaro and the rumored mid-engine Corvette Zora ZR1?

Or is it just wishful thinking?

Americarna host Ray Evernham recently toured GM's design facilities with Welburn, the Global Vice President of Design, and definitely got an eye full of “candy.”

On the show, we get a behind-the-scenes look at the inner sanctuary of GM design, where art truly meets science. Welburn tells us that GM was first to use clay to design cars in the 1920s, and they still do today, only now computerized equipment helps carve out the rough design in clay before turning over the fine tuning to talented designers with their hand-held tools.



We meet Christine Park, Lead Designer, Chevrolet Design Studio, who reveals to Evernham that she is currently working on a Chevrolet sports car concept car.

On the computer screens where she is toiling are images of what could be future Chevrolets that surely were placed there on purpose by management, wouldn't you think?

On her main screen, we see a car that would be a pretty nice version of the upcoming second generation of the new 2016 Camaro, and in the background is another image of a cool looking car that looks to us like it could well be the mid-engined Corvette rumored for years.

We're sure Welburn and his team will get a chuckle out of all this speculation about the images they chose to display. For all we know, they might just be rejects from a stack of hundreds. On the other hand, though, could the designers just be trying to get a clandestine feel for public sentiment without laying all their cards on the table?

Only time will tell, but if these images turn out to indeed be future Chevrolet sports cars, we'd sure like to be first in line to buy one!

Corvette Chief Engineer Denies Plans for a Mid Engine Corvette Zora ZR1

Tadge Juechter was John McElroy's guest on Autoline After Hours for Thursday, March 12, where the Corvette Chief Engineer spoke about the Z06 and the differences between the various Z06 packages available. McElroy and Juechter were also joined by Todd Lassa, Executive Editor of *Automobile* magazine and Gary Vasilash, from Automotive Design & Production.

It was interesting listening to Tadge's response to several questions about the Corvette, but perhaps none was as interesting and important as his denial that a mid engine Corvette was in the brand's immediate future.



Juechter's response to the question whether if given "carte blanche" to build a performance super Corvette would it be a front mid-engine or rear mid-engine design. Juechter's response, "We looked at mid-engine as an alternative to this (gesturing to the Corvette Z06 in the studio), for the seventh generation car. We've always said, when the whole car gets better as a mid-engine architecture we would do it. Mid-engine requires a lot of compromises. You look at the elite race programs around the world, they are all mid engine. Purely performance, so if all you care about is purely performance then it makes sense to put the engine in the back. But if you're still talking about a car that is going to be used as a daily driver or long distance tourer as well as on the track and want the car to handle very benignly on the track and have accessible performance there are a whole lot of other things that come into what is the optimum."

As a follow up Todd Lassa from *Automobile* magazine asked specifically about a "secret car being written about in the media and the subject of a TV show on NBC Sports last week, allegedly being currently developed called the Zora" Juechter said he'd "have to check that out because I know no such car exists." But Juechter did not deny or confirm Lassa's speculation that if a mid engine car is under development it is likely being done for another division (Cadillac). Juechter said the hosts would have to discuss that with another guest.

The final question was whether a "purist" Z06 was in the future, a model without cylinder deactivation and a fixed roof coupe. Juechter said he'd love to do a "purist" Z06 but was not at liberty to discuss future products.

Collectible Corvettes: 2004 Corvette Z06 Commemorative Edition

For model year 2004, the fifth generation Corvette (C5) would be making its last trip around the dance floor. Introduced in 1997, the C5 was then all new from the ground up—new chassis and suspension, new body styling, new rear-mounted transaxle, new all aluminum 5.7 liter V8 engine and a new interior.



Continued Improvement

Under the direction of Chief Engineer David Hill the C5 continued to improve during its lifetime. A fixed roof coupe was added to the lineup in 1999 and the standard LS1 V8 engine gained 5 hp in 2001 to reach 350 hp. The biggest news in 2001 was a brand new LS6 engine for the fixed-roof coupe. This über Corvette was given a famous name from Corvette's racing past—the Z06.

The LS6 was rated at 385 hp giving the Z06 a 0-60 time of 4.5 seconds and a top speed of 165 mph. The Corvette engineers tweaked the LS6 for 2002 upping the output to 405 hp and dropping the 0-60 time to 3.9 seconds. The Z06, which was only available with a six-speed manual transmission, was given additional creature comforts and suspension improvements to make it THE car to have if you wanted to go quickly in style.

By the end of the 2003 model year 214,651 C5s had been sold. The C5 had taken Corvette to new levels of performance, refinement, comfort and sales, but its successor was waiting in the wings for 2005.

Le Mans Beckons

To many, the 24 Hours of Le Mans is the Holy Grail of racing. Keeping a car competitive for twice around the clock is the ultimate test of machine, drivers and crew. Participation in the 24 Hours is by invitation only. To be invited is a feather in any team's hat. To finish the race is a cause célèbre. To actually win your class is racing's ultimate prize—your team's arrival in the racing pantheon.

Corvette Racing was invited to LeMans in 2000 and with a superb first-time effort, they finished third and fourth in class. They were invited back the following year and this time there was no denying Corvette Racing. Their two C5-Rs finished first and second in the GTS class with Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell and Scott Pruett taking the checkered flag ahead of teammates Andy Pilgrim, Kelly Collins and Franck Freon. Just to prove that that victory was no fluke, they returned to LeMans in 2002 and again finished 1 – 2. This time Fellows and O'Connell teamed with Ollie Gavin to finish ahead of Pilgrim, Collins and Freon.

For two consecutive years, the C5-Rs utterly dominated the world's most important race.

Commemorative Editions

It was only fitting that the Corvette design team would honor the outgoing C5 by saluting the C5-R's finest accomplishments at LeMans. A LeMans Commemorative Edition package was offered on all Corvette models. The package included special LeMans blue paint, unique badging noting the LeMans victories, as well as polished wheels and a host of other Corvette options. A special shale interior was offered only on the coupe and the convertible, and featured embroidered LeMans emblems on the headrests.

A few extra special goodies were reserved only for the Z06. On the introduction of the Commemorative Editions, Dave Hill, Corvette Chief Engineer, said, “We’ve created the 2004 Commemorative Edition to share our racing achievements with Corvette enthusiasts, while bringing real performance and technology upgrades to the Z06.”

Special to the Z06 was a carbon fiber hood, marking the first use of this material for a painted exterior panel on a vehicle produced in North America. Carbon fiber is very strong and exceptionally lightweight, and was used extensively on the C5-Rs. Its use on the production Z06 hood saved about 10 lbs over the standard hood and brought an example of racing technology and heritage of the C5-R to the Z06 CE.

Silver and red graphics on the hood, roof and trunk were unique to the Z06 CE and were reminiscent of the scheme used on the C5-R LeMans cars for 2003. With a limited production run of only 2,025, the Z06 CE remains a highly sought-after Corvette.

Corvette Z06/Z07 Tires and Brake Parts Cost More than a Chevy Cruze

A new 2015 Corvette Z06 armed with the Z07 performance package is one of the most potent track weapons available. The Z07 adds carbon ceramic brake rotors for increased stopping power and those wheels are wrapped in sticky Michelin Pilot Super Sport Cup tires.

Anyone tracking these cars on a regular basis will need replacement parts, especially when it comes to two of racing's most consumable items behind fuel: tires and brakes.



A user on Jalopnik's Opposite Lock shared a quote from a Chevrolet dealer's parts counter. Shockingly, a set of rotors, new Michelin tires and brake pads cost more than a new 2015 Chevrolet Cruze.

Charles Martel posted his quote from Hendrick Chevrolet showing the Z07-specific carbon ceramic rotors, four new Michelins and a set of brake pads were priced at \$16,730. After taxes, the total price out the door would be \$17,859.96.

FYI, the new 2015 Chevrolet Cruze has an MSRP starting at \$16,170.

A couple of guys posted comments on the original Opposite Lock thread did some part number searches and found the same GM parts outside the dealer chain for significantly less. One offered a link to GM Parts Warehouse where the total parts were priced at \$9900 including shipping. That's a pretty significant savings!

A day at the track in a new Corvette Z06 is like heaven, but there is a cost to all those corners and laps. If you're planning on buying a Z07 model, prepare yourself for the days when you'll need to hit the parts counter for your own spare or replacement parts.

Chevrolet to Introduce 6th Generation 2016 Camaro in Detroit on May 16

We know you love your Corvettes, but Chevrolet will be breaking new ground with the introduction of the new 6th generation 2016 Camaro in Detroit on May 16th. The Camaro reveal will be part of a day-long celebration on Belle Isle, the 982-acre island park that will host the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix from May 29-31st.

So what's that catch to join in on the celebration? Chevrolet says the event is free but registration is required with approval given to fans who promise to bring their Camaros out the Belle Isle.



Chevrolet is expecting 1,000 people to attend the reveal of the new Camaro. Other activities will include:

- A “Camaro Museum” display of the most significant vehicles from the brand’s history
- Hot-lap rides in the 2015 Camaro Z/28 around the Belle Isle Grand Prix course
- Meet-and-greet opportunities with Camaro designers and engineers.
- Camaro-only parking for owners

To get Camaro fans stoked for the event, Chevrolet is revealing the badge of the new 2016 Camaro here for the first time.

“This will be an event Camaro fans will not want to miss,” said Todd Christensen, Camaro marketing manager. “This is only the sixth time we have introduced an all-new Camaro. We wanted to share the moment with the customers and fans who have helped make Camaro both America’s favorite performance car for the past five years, and a cultural icon since 1967.”

2014 Corvette Stingrays Recalled for Misaligned Fuel Fill Pipe

Chevrolet issued another recall notice in February pertaining to the 2014 Corvette Stingray. The recall affects certain Corvette Stingrays that may have been built with an out-of-position “anti-siphon” grid within the fuel fill pipe. That grid may move over time and become located from slightly deeper in the fuel fill pipe to totally dislodged from the pipe and move to the bottom of the fuel tank.



Dealers are instructed to replace the fuel tank fill pipe and if necessary, inspect the fuel tank for the dislodged anti-siphon grid.

There are no VIN ranges published with this recall notice. To find out if your Corvette Stingray should have its fuel fill pipe replaced, you are instructed to visit GM’s Recall website and enter your VIN to see if your Corvette is one of those on the list.

GM is also sending letters out according to C7 owners on the Corvette Forum who have say that have received one.

According to the forum, as many as 14,600 Stingrays may need to have the fuel filler pipe and anti-siphon grid replaced.

Corvette Chief Engineer: Corvette Z06s Accounting for 40 Percent of All Corvette Orders

Last week during an appearance on Autoline After Hours, Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter brought a base Corvette Z06 Convertible into the studio to share while the show was taped. We already talked about Juechter's denial of a Mid-engine Corvette Zora ZR1 that may or may not be in the works, but the majority of the conversation was centered on the new 2015 Z06.



During the talk, Tadge told the host John McElroy and guests that the Corvette Z06 is currently tracking at 40% of all Corvette orders.

Tadge was talking about the evolution of the Z06 – how it started in 1963 with Zora moving racing parts out the back door to those who knew to check off the Z06 RPO – and how it was brought back initially as a budget Corvette in the C5 generation before evolving back into a high performance track-ready sports car we know today. “Now it’s part of the Corvette lore...people just expect it” said Tadge.

When asked about if the car was currently for sale, Tadge replied, “Yes, we’ve been selling at kind of a great rate. We started last fall with the manual transmission cars, we just started a few weeks ago actually, shipping automatic transmission cars. And right now, 40 percent of our orders are Z06s.”

That news is pretty amazing considering the Corvette Z06 starts just under \$80,000 and can quickly go past \$100,000 if the right boxes are checked.

As far as sales go for the Z06 Coupe vs Z06 Convertible, Tadge said it running about 80-20%. Tadge also stated that its still too early to breakdown the manual transmission take rate vs the new 8-speed automatic transmission but he believes it will eventually be around the traditional take rate of 60% to 70% of automatics vs manual transmission cars.

To date, over 4,400 Corvette Z06s have been built and delivered since production began late last year. We checked with National Corvette Seller Mike Furman at Criswell Chevrolet in Maryland and he tells us that sales of the Corvette Z06 are very hot right now. “I’ve delivered over 90 so far and we just got another shipment from the plant” says Mike.

Five Questions with Corvette Racing’s Antonio Garcia

Corvette Racing’s Antonio Garcia is fresh off winning the GT Le Mans Class at the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and now the Spanish driving ace is looking forward to the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring this week. Known by his teammates at the Matador and the King of Spain, Garcia has really come into his own since becoming one the four full time drivers for Corvette Racing in 2012.

In this IMSA Driver Spotlight, Garcia talks about winning the Rolex 24, the keys to success at Sebring and being a new father.

How did it feel to win the Rolex 24, after what appeared to be a flawless performance for the team?

“Winning the Rolex 24 was one of the goals we set out this year for Corvette Racing. We wanted to get there and fight for the win, and the amount of preparation that went into race was evident. We saw that we had the pace right away in the early stages of the race. The main things for us were to know how the track would develop and how the race would develop. Those were important so we could plan in advance some changes we might need to make on the car and consider the strategy as well.



“At the end of the day, that was the race was all about. It was a pretty flawless performance for the entire 3 car team. Everyone worked perfectly – the engineers, crew, and Jan and Ryan. They took risks when they had to do. It was great teamwork all around. At the end of the day, we had to be clever and not overuse the car to have a shot at the end. Because Jan and Ryan saved the car throughout, I was able to drive at 100 percent for the last three laps of the race. Out of the 700-something laps, those three were by far the most important ones.”

After narrowly missing out on the championship last year, do you think the strong start to the season will help your title bid?

“It’s such a big race and the most important race we do in America. The Rolex 24 is one every driver, team and manufacturer wants to win. I feel fortunate to have won it a second time and for the first time with Corvette Racing.

“In terms of points, every single win helps. But as we’ve seen the last two years, Jan and I started really bad in the first two races. We ran well but had some bad luck and misfortune. For sure it would help if the Rolex 24 was worth more points than any other race. But with the TUDOR Championship points system, the key thing is consistency. That’s what we need to work toward throughout the rest of the year. We’ve started in a really good position – both the 3 and 4 car have started great for the manufacturer, driver and team championships.”

Have there been any improvements to the Corvette C7.R this year? Where do you see the biggest strengths with the car?

“The key thing for this season is knowledge. That’s the biggest development piece we have. Last year we came into Daytona with very little knowledge about our Corvette C7.R. Now after a full season with it, we have much more data and knowledge. All of that is helping us develop a more reliable and faster car. For example at Daytona, we knew how the car would change throughout the race. That’s only possible if you really know the car you’re driving.”

What are some of the keys to success at Sebring?

“It’s definitely not like Daytona where you need to stay on the lead lap in order to contend at the end of the race. At Sebring, the setup is more complicated. The track develops very roughly and you need to follow the track in order to be successful. The 12 Hours is difficult because you can have very high temperatures midway through the race and you end up at night with the temperatures. You need to predict what the track will do. That’s the key thing; the track changes a lot and traffic is difficult. You have to be ahead of all those.”

How has life been for you as a father? Less sleep, but surely a very good experience?

“It’s definitely been a life-changing experience. It has meant a lot of changing my everyday life when I’m at home. But it is worth every minute. I’m really proud to be a father and to have Maria.”

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