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AUGUST 2015



OWNER: ROBB & CINDY KOCHER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 7, FRIDAY - RODS ON THE BLUFF 6 TO 9PM

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TAHOE 47 - SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2015



Tahoe 47

"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

September 10-13, 2015

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

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

Registration: Forms available on the website: www.corvettesoffresno.com

also released via e-mail - jimagar14@gmail.com

Registration must be Received by August 15, 2015

How Much: \$165.00 per couple, \$100.00 singles

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS

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

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!

Highlights

Welcome Social Thursday Night

No Host Dinner at La Strada's Italian restaurant

Shine & Show Friday at Scheels "worlds largest sporting goods store"

Slot Tournament \$10.00pp - Friday Afternoon

Catch a Rising Star Comedy Show - Friday Night (some parts may be objectionable)

Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch - (extra hands \$5.00)

Saturday Morning & Afternoon

Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night

PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates

All Net proceeds from Tahoe 47 will be donated to Charity

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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday:

REGISTRATION HOURS THURSDAY - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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 - 9:00pm - 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 - 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"

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

7:00am - 9:00 pm - Catch A Rising Star Comedy Show - Special Guest Appearance by Donnie Dukes (some parts may be objectionable)

Saturday:

8:00am – 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)

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

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

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

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**



CORVETTES OF FRESNO AND THE TAHOE 47 COMMITTEE



WOULD LIKE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN WITH US FOR A NO HOST DINNER AT
LA STRADA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT LOCATED IN THE EL DORADO HOTEL & CASINO
NEXT TO THE SILVER LEGACY.

THIS WILL BE A PRIVATE EVENT FOR TAHOE 47 PARTICIPANTS ONLY. THE RESTAURANT
WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

WE WILL BEGIN SEATING THURSDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM AFTER OUR SOCIAL HOUR AT
RUM BULLIONS.

LA STRADA

Named one of the top 10 Italian restaurants in the nation, La Strada offers Reno's most authentic
northern Italian cuisine prepared by chefs from Milan, Italy. Try pastas made fresh daily in the
Eldorado pasta shop, meat, seafood entrées and more.

In addition to several "Best of Reno" awards, La Strada has won the Wine Spectator "Award of
Excellence" for seven years. Experience the taste and romance of Italy at the
Eldorado's signature restaurant.

La Strada Menu - \$34.00 Per Person

Salad:

Mixed Greens, Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing, Mozzarella & Tomato Caprese,
Black Olives, Bread Crumb

Appetizer:

Mushroom Ravioli

Entrée:

Combination Plate Salmon Piccata & Chicken Marsala

Desert:

Tiramisu Semifredo



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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

1960 TRIVIA



Nylon belted tires first became available on the 1960 Corvette, prior to 1960 only cotton ply tires were offered.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello Everyone,

Things are starting to get busy...

At the August General Meeting, invoices for the COF dues will be handed out at the, with payment due by the September General Meeting. Those not in attendance will get their invoice in the mail. Also, please see the Membership Information Form included with your invoice, if you have any changes, please fill it out and return with your payment.

At the September General Meeting, nominations need to be made for those running to fill the Board positions of President and Treasurer. Everyone, please don't wait until the last minute, we need people to fill these positions and I need names before the September General Meeting. If you are thinking about running for one of these positions, have another member nominate you. New Members or not so new Members, it's a great way to contribute to the greatest corvette club in the USA! You will get plenty of help in both of these positions, from all of the Board Members and past Board Members.

At the October General Meeting, the elections for the Board Positions of President and Treasurer will be held. Even if one person is running unopposed, we will still have an election by ballot.

Sharon Minnich has done a great job as our Sunshine Representative. She has decided to resign and let someone else take over. Please let me know if you are interested. It's a rewarding position making sure that our members know we are thinking about them, through cards, flowers and plants, during illness or injury.

In addition to that, Tahoe 47 is right around the corner, looks like its filling up fast. If you haven't registered, please get that taken care.

See you at the next Run or Meet & Eat.

That's all for now, stay safe.

**Thank you,
Chris Campbell**





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES July 21, 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, and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Chris Campbell welcomed all members and guests.

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the meeting June 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the June 2015 minutes was made by Celia Feccia and seconded by Lan Mumby Motion carried. A motion to accept the June 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Louis Biglieri, motion carried unanimously!

Treasurers Report: Kaye Campbell reported the accounts activity for June, 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 Allen Teixeira and seconded by Jerry Najarian, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Membership: Clay Mumby reported attendance for the July 21, 2015 meeting. There were 70 members and 2 guests. New members presented with their membership packages were Marj Harp and Mokey Cowger. Corvettes of Fresno, has 139 members and 89 corvettes. Guests introduced were Pete Cholakian and Jane Rodriquez.

All July Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged and Kaye Campbell was celebrating her birthday today. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of July is \$60.00. Remember to always sign in at the beginning of all meetings!

Communication: Jim Agar was absent, but Allen Teixeira talked to him and the deadline for the newsletter is Friday July 24th.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that the website is up to date and we have been getting 300 to 1000 visits and Nick DiLiddo has some parts for Vettes from 61-63 that he will be posting on the website.

Activities: Chuck Feccia gave the report, 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:

May 30 Chuck Feccia thanked Dave & Terri Cavanaugh for putting on the Cambria run and dinner and Dave Cavanaugh thanked everyone who came and also Rick and Sherry Beattie for hosting the pre dinner event and also all the members who helped .

June 21st Refinery East Church Bike & Car Show, no report

June 26th Clovis Seniors Car Show, no report

June 28th Word from Home Car Show at Lifetree Church in Madera Ranchos, well attended and Clay Mumby won 1st place for best modified.

July 6-12 WSCC Convention in Reno, Skip Hurlimann attended and reported he had a great time and won 1st place in the Autocross event

July 10-12 Southern Oregon Run, no report

July 11 Meet & Eat at Sakura Chaya, Larry Minnich reported and thanked Chuck Feccia for drinks he bought in the bar

July 11 Coarsegold Historic Village Car Show, no report

Upcoming Events:

July 25 Mystery run and dinner chaired by Chuck and Celia Feccia, meet at Applebee's on Friant and Fresno at 3pm leave at 3:30, \$5.00 per car guess mileage of trip.

August 7 Rods on the Bluff 6 to 9pm

August 8 Meet and Eat time and place to be sent by email

August 8 Hot August Nites in North Fork 5 to 8

August 11 Last Tahoe 47 Meeting 7pm Denny's Blackstone and Herndon

August 22 Hot Wasuma Nites Car Show Awhanee

Sept 10 -13 Tahoe 47 Allen reported we have 76 registrations and there are sign up sheets available for raffle prizes, donations, plaque and trophies and Poker Run, and dinner at La Strada's. Please send your registrations as soon as possible if you are planning to attend Tahoe 47

WSSC Allen Teixeira announced that he was glad Skip Hurlimann and Lucy attended WSSC convention in Reno.

Sunshine Report given by Sharon Minnich, JoAnn Najarian broke her arm on trip to Alaska but was present at the meeting and Kelly Ashley will be having Thyroid surgery on July 27th. Angie DiLiddo wanted to thank the club for everything they did while she and Nick were recovering from their recent surgeries.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Elections are coming up in October so we need to be thinking about nominations in September for the President's office and also for the Treasurers Office, the other offices have agreed to stay for their second year and we need a volunteer for Sunshine person as Sharon Minnich is resigning. Invoices for dues and directory updates will be handed out at the August meeting as dues are due by the September meeting.

Name Tag Drawing:

The drawing for this month is \$60.00 and Jo Johnson name was drawn she was not present; the drawing will be \$70.00 next month.

50/25/25 Raffle:

First ticket drawn was Margaret Gonzalez \$50.00, second ticket drawn was Robb Kochevar and he donated his winnings to Tahoe 47.

There being no further business a motion was made by Nick DiLiddo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Allen Teixeira the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

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 139 members and 89 cars.



Members & Guests

Total attendance: 72 - 70 Members & 2 Guests: Pete Cholakian and Jane Rodriquez.

Nametag drawing

Jo Johnson's name was drawn she was not present; the drawing will be \$70.00 next month.

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)

CLAY MUMBY
MEMBERSHIP



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



ROLANDO & LORI MARTINEZ 7 - ART & BRENDA DURHAM 7
JOE & MARGARET GONZALEZ 11 - PHIL & SUSAN RIVAS 14
DON & DEBBIE DUKES 17 - NICK & ANGIE DILIDDO 18
BRUCE & SHERI GARLOCK 25
GARY & DIANE HUSS 25 - RANDY & PAM FORRESTER 29



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

ANGIE DILIDDO 7 - BRUCE GARLOCK 7
CHRIS CAMPBELL 21 - JOANN NAJARIAN 24



50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

MARGARET GONZALEZ
ROB KOCHVAR

EACH WON
\$50.00



CONGRATULATIONS



CORVETTES OF FRESNO WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
MARG HARP & MOKEY COWER - CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO COF



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS



2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 GENERAL MEETING

**DUES PAID AFTER THE SEPT MEETING WILL BE
CHARGED A \$20.00 LATE FEE & NAME WILL NOT
APPEAR IN THE 2016 DIRECTORY**

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

BYLAWS STATEMENT ON DUES (page 3)

***After* the September meeting, membership shall be cancelled if dues are not paid. Individuals who have had their membership cancelled must pay the original dues plus a late fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), with six dollars (\$6.00) going to the parent organization and fourteen dollars (\$14.00) going to Corvettes of Fresno. They shall be considered members on the day that total payment is made.**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION OF 2016 BOARD MEMBERS

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR NOMINATIONS READY FOR
THOSE MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT
CORVETTES OF FRESNO DURING THE 2016
CALENDAR YEAR!**



CHUCK'S 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



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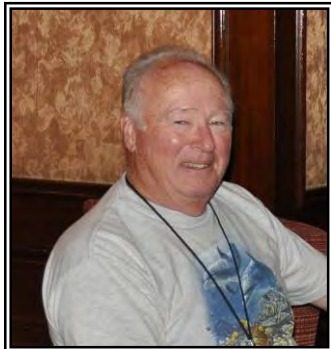
AUG 11, 2015 TUESDAY - TAHOE MEETING 7:00PM AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

AUG 18, 2015 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

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CHUCK FECCIA
VP ACTIVITIES

TAHOE PLANNING MEETING

THE LAST TAHOE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM
TUESDAY AUG 11, 2015 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER
OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

WSCC

Allen Teixeira announced that the Redline newsletter is out and
if you have not received a copy let him know.

PLAN A RUN

TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE

TAHOE 47 - SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2015



WORD FORM HOME CAR SHOW



Great combination of the two local Fresno area Corvette clubs, Corvettes Of Fresno and Central Valley Corvettes. With their beautiful Corvettes, both Fresno area Corvette Clubs went to the Lifetree Church in Madera on Sunday June 28, 2015 to attend the 8th Annual Word From Home car show. Both clubs also took home awards.

From Corvettes of Fresno, Clay Mumby won in the "Best Modified" class with his supercharged Grand Sport. Congratulations Clay!





WORD FORM HOME CAR SHOW





"MEET & EAT"



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Sharon and I have arranged another "Meet & Eat"

The information is as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 8th, 2015

Time: Meet at the restaurant at 2:00pm

Location: Farnesi's Restaurant

Highway 99 and Avenue 16

Madera, CA 93637

559-673-9164



From Fresno, take Highway 99 north to Madera. Take Exit 156, 16th Avenue. Follow the exit ramp up and bear right crossing over Highway 99 onto 16th Avenue. Farnesi's Restaurant is on the right just past the Valero gas station.

Farnesi's entire breakfast and lunch menu will be available for order. Separate checks will be issued payable to the restaurant. PLEASE, as always, we must give a head count to the restaurant so they will provide adequate staffing. If you will be attending, PLEASE notify us by email or phone. Parking is available in front of and behind the restaurant. Also, the first 10 Corvettes may park in the adjoining motel's parking lot next to Farnesis.

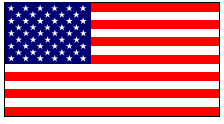
My club member golfing friends, Allen and Tom, and I have made this our favorite spot for lunch whenever we are playing in Madera or Chowchilla.

Hopefully your busy schedules will allow time for you to join us for this fun afternoon. Bring your Corvette and your appetite.

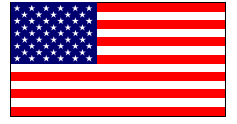
We hope to see all of you there.

Larry & Sharon Minnich

559-449-3331



VETS DAY PARADE



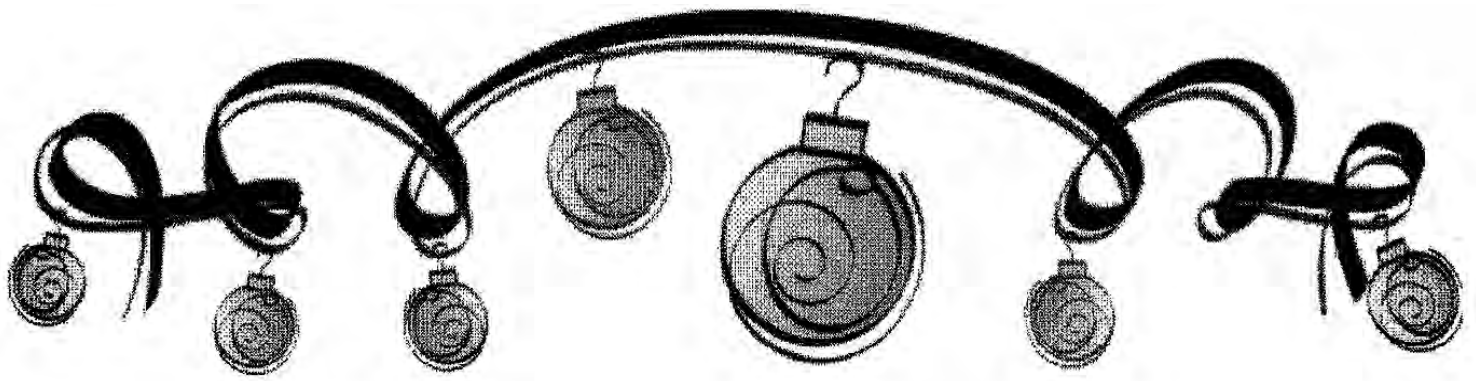
Corvettes of Fresno will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade on Wednesday November 11, 2015. We would like to invite all of our club members and all Veterans who have a Corvette to join us.

This is always a heartwarming event and I want all of you to know how much I appreciate your participation in showing our Veterans the support they very well deserve. We will be meeting sometime that morning, exact time to be determined, in the parking lot on the NW corner of Fresno St. at Shaw Ave.

Billie will notify participants of the times once the parade committee gives us final details.

If you have any questions, please contact Billie Talley at 559-960-4666.





Corvettes of Fresno
Invites you to our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

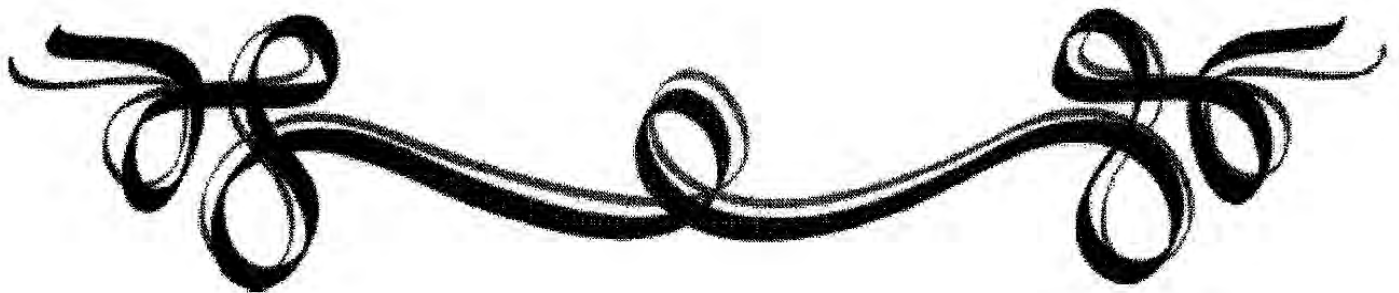
Friday, December 4th
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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)





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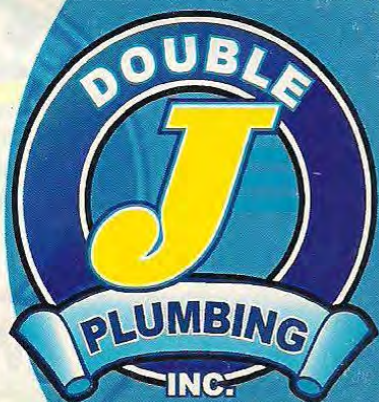
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1981 Corvette Barn Find is Worth only \$900 as a Parts Car

We call this a Corvette barn find, but the truth of the matter is that this 1981 Corvette wasn't parked in a barn. Instead, it's been stashed behind a lady's garage since 1996. This craigslist ad shows the damage that can be done to a Corvette from letting it sit outside for years and years. In the end, this one is worth only \$900 as a parts car.



The New York Craigslist ad has several updates to the original listing. The seller appears to have taken possession of the 1981 Corvette and has managed to get out of the lady's backyard. Not an easy task as it sounds like the garage was built in front of the car. A second update tells us the car has been removed from the backyard:

Update: we got the car out from that backyard and brought it back to bellmore. Birdcage looks solid. 58k miles. A tie rod broke in the process of loading it onto the flatbed. Other than that this car is complete.

However this is a parts car. No title. No keys. 900 FIRM FIRM FIRM. i may be able to get my hands on the title but as of now its being sold as is and the price reflects that.

No title, no keys, no dice. But that is still a fairly complete-looking 1981. Seems like a shame but it would be a great parts car for someone who buys/restores late C3s.

GM Registers a Trademark for 'Corvette Manta Ray'

Thanks to some sleuthing of the US Patent and Trademarks database, the writers over at AutoGuide.com have discovered that last week GM filed a trademark application for 'Corvette Manta Ray' for use as "Motor land vehicles, namely, automobiles, engines therefor and structural parts thereof".

A filing of a trademark by General Motors is no small thing and they can point to future projects coming to fruition like the 'Corvette Grand Sport' trademarked in 2008 or the Stingray application filed in 2010.



Chevrolet has used the Manta Ray name previously as a concept car that closely related to the Mako Shark and the Mako Shark II.

The Manta Ray was actually built using the 1965 Mako Shark II (XP-830) as its base and so it retained many of the Mako Shark II's features which were many. The Mako Shark II set the design standard for the C3 Corvette but as a concept car it included a clamshell hood and an all-aluminum ZL-1 V8.

The Manta Ray had changes to front grill and a new spoiler while the rear received the most dramatic changes including a flying buttress replacing the Mako's Venetian blinds rear window treatment. The side exhaust pipes were redesigned to be a bit rounder and they were eventually offered on the 1969 Corvette Stingray. Today, the car resides at the GM Heritage Center.

So what does this mean for the C7 Corvette? Well, having the Manta Ray trademark would give the Corvette Team the option to offer a "Manta Ray" special edition or an appearance package which would play off the Stingray name. The team has already said that the Stingray and Z06 are all that's going to be for models in the C7 generation, so the special edition makes the most sense. Less likely is the idea that 'Manta Ray' would be the successor to the Stingray as a C8 model. While the name evokes the 1969 concept car to Corvette history buffs, to the general public Manta Ray is better known as the super criminal mastermind on Spongebob than as a Corvette model.

So keep your eyes and ears open for the Corvette Manta Ray. We are also still watching out for a couple other GM trademark registrations waiting to come true like the L88 and the ZORA.

Corvette Museum Skydome Update Shows Repairs are Nearing Completion

The National Corvette Museum has provided another update on the restoration of the Skydome following last year's sinkhole which swallowed eight cars. Project Manager Zach Massey is back and shows how far their efforts have come since we last visited the Skydome at the NCM Bash in late April when they were still pouring concrete.



According to Zach, the concrete floors have all been polished and a new guardrail has been installed around the perimeter of the Skydome. The plexiglas wall that used to separate the Skydome from the rest of the Museum is now down and they are redoing the carpet that serves as the entrance. Also new is what Zach called the doghouse opening to the Skydome – an 8×12 foot garage door where the Museum staff can have easy access to move vehicles and exhibits in and out of the signature display area.

Zach says all the security fencing is now down and crews are doing the final clean up inside as well. From the progress we see, it looks like the Corvette Museum's Skydome will be reopened to the public in just a couple of weeks.

The First Chevrolet with Apple CarPlay is this 2016 Corvette Z06

Chevrolet continues to move forward with new technology as its first 2016 cars featuring Apple's CarPlay have started rolling off the assembly line this month.

And that history-making vehicle was none other than a silver Corvette Z06, featured in photos shared by GM with TechCrunch.



The Corvette joins some pretty exclusive company with CarPlay as the Ferrari FF was the first to feature the Apple system. (The system was available, however, to aftermarket customers through Alpine and Pioneer.)

If you have an iPhone, you'll be instantly familiar with CarPlay, which has square icons identical to your phone screen and offers support for many of the same apps. Integration with Siri also allows owners to talk to their car and perform similar functions of the digital assistant.

Once connected, the infotainment screen on the dash becomes a touchscreen where you can interact with your phone.

When Chevy announced CarPlay in May, it said its first vehicles would not include an upcoming iOS 9 feature — wireless CarPlay support. To use the system initially, 2016 Chevrolets will require the user to connect their iPhone via a Lightning cable.

iOS 9 also will be more deeply integrated with in-car systems, allowing car knobs to control CarPlay functions, but it hasn't been announced whether Chevy's vehicles will take advantage of this upgrade when Apple's new operating system launches in the fall.

The 2016 Corvette Z06 has a base MSRP of \$79,000 and comes equipped with an 8-inch color touchscreen that uses Chevrolet's MyLink system alongside CarPlay. Several other 2016 Chevys will offer CarPlay, including

7-inch Screens: Spark, Cruze, Malibu, Camaro, Camaro Convertible, Silverado, Silverado HD

8-inch Screens: Cruze, Malibu, Impala, Volt, Camaro, Camaro Convertible, Corvette, Corvette Convertible, Colorado, Silverado, Silverado HD, Tahoe, Suburban.

"For most of us, our smartphones are essential," said Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors. "Partnering with Apple and Google to offer CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility across the widest range of models in the industry is a great example of how Chevrolet continues to democratize technology that's important to our customers."

Man Pulled from Burning C5 Indy 500 Corvette Pace Car

The driver of a 1998 Indy 500 Corvette Pace Car had to be pulled from the burning car after a wreck near the Chippewa Township, Pa., entrance ramp onto I-376 on Sunday afternoon.

The driver's side of the convertible was badly damaged in the fire, though the car was still recognizable as a Indianapolis Pace Car on the passenger side, with its distinctive paint job and wheels .



The Corvette rolled over and caught fire, trapping the driver in the car.

Fortunately, two bystanders pulled the driver from the burning car, according to a witness who talked to Channel 11 News.

That witness also told a reporter that the Corvette passed her and her boyfriend at a high rate of speed when the driver lost control and rolled over in a ditch.

No word on the condition of the victim, who was transferred to a medical helicopter after being carried by ground ambulance to Beaver County airport.

The 1998 Indy Pace car is a rare C5 Corvette, with just 1,163 made (out of a total 1998 run of 31,084) with their distinctive Radar Purple Metallic paint and bright yellow graphics and wheels.

Corvettes on eBay: Wild 1971 Corvette with Psychedelic Paint Job

Back in the day, a lot of car magazines featured C3 Corvettes painted wildly.

The Stingray just seemed to be one of those cars that was perfect for painting that way. We remember one in particular painted red, white and blue with white stars on it.

Now you can take another trip back to the Psychedelic '70s in this 1971 Corvette Coupe.



This custom 1970 Corvette was available on eBay and the auction ended earlier morning. There were 0 bids placed on the car which had a starting price of \$10,000. Unfortunately, the owner says he garaged the car for 32 years under two covers, not looking underneath for a long time.

When he finally did, he discovered the colorful paint job had been ruined in many areas by moisture.

“I had no idea this would happen,” he laments.

While the paint needs to be stripped and sprayed again, the body, which has remained in good shape, has potential with custom work up front and a back rear spoiler with 1966 Pontiac GTO lights.

Fortunately, though, the owner says the interior of the car, which remained airtight through the years, is “still beautiful.”

That interior was custom made with full western sences sewn in velvet behind the seats and rear window, all hand done with more than 450 buttons sewn into the gold velvet seats, dashboard, and door panels.

“The interior needs very little tender care, but it’s beautiful,” the owner says.

Meanwhile, lurking under the high rise hood is a 454 two four-barrel engine with chrome side headers. The numbers-matching powerplant ran the last time it was started in 2004, but the owner says it’s not running now and the carbs need to be rebuilt.

This Corvette is being sold as is, but the owner says it has potential.

We’d be inclined to believe that someone could bring this blast from the past into 2015 with a little tender loving care.

After all, not too many ’71s are two-owner cars with just 56,804 miles on the odometer.

Couldn’t you just see Elvis behind the wheel?

Official 2016 Corvette Pricing Has Been Released

Production of the 2016 Corvette started on Monday, but until last night, we didn’t have the complete model year price schedule. Earlier this month, we learned from National Corvette Seller Mike Furman at Criswell Chevrolet that each of the six Corvette models would received a price increase of \$400 as well as the package price for the three Design Packages. We now have all the complete pricing information so let’s take a deep dive into the full pricing for the 2016 Corvette.



For 2016, the base Corvette Stingray Coupe (non-Z51) now starts with an MSRP of \$55,400 while the Z51 Stingray Coupe is priced at \$60,400. The Non-Z51 Corvette Stingray Convertible has a starting MSRP of \$59,400 and the Z51-equipped Stingray Convertible will start at \$64,400. For the Z06, pricing starts at \$79,400 for the Coupe and \$83,400 for the Z06 Convertible.

Pricing for the three Design Packages are slightly different than what we reported earlier. According the pricing schedule, the Spice Red Package will cost \$3,095 (not the \$3,500 we listed earlier). The Twilight Blue Package is \$3,500 and the Black Suede Package is \$3,995.

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Chevrolet added some nice new convenience features like the curb cameras and the rear latch and trunk pull-downs and so we do see a small increase of \$295 across the board for the upper LT/LZ option package prices for 2016.

We also have pricing for some the stand alone options as well as those options installed by the dealer. Some of the interesting RPOs are 5VM Exposed Carbon Fiber Ground Effects Package for the Stingray which is priced at \$4,295. The painted version will run \$3,295. The B92 Visible Carbon Fiber Hood will run \$1,995. For Z06 buyers, it looks like you can order the Ceramic Brake Rotors without the Z07 package. That will run you \$7,495. And I think one of everybody's favorite options this year is the very cool WKU C7.R Indoor car cover which is listed for \$1,205.

Below is a list of pricing and options for the 2016 Corvette Stingray and Z06:

CORVETTE MODELS AND PACKAGES:

2016 Corvette Stingray Coupe \$55,400

2016 Corvette Stingray Coupe w/Z51 \$60,400

2016 Corvette Stingray Convertible \$59,400

2016 Corvette Stingray Convertible w/Z51 \$64,400

2016 Corvette Z06 Coupe \$79,400

2016 Corvette Z06 Convertible \$83,400

***MSRP Price doesn't include the \$995 destination charge**

1LT PKG PRICE \$ 0.00

2LT PKG PRICE \$4,455

3LT PKG PRICE \$9,745

1LZ PKG PRICE \$ 0.00

2LZ PKG PRICE \$3,565

3LZ PKG PRICE \$8,945

Z07 PERFORMANCE PACKAGE \$7,995

DESIGN PACKAGES:

ZLD – TWILIGHT BLUE DESIGN PACKAGE (3LT/3LZ) \$3,500

ZLE – SPICE RED DESIGN PACKAGE (3LT/3LZ) \$3,099

ZLG – BLACK SUEDE DESIGN PACKAGE (3LT/3LZ) \$3,995

C7.R SPECIAL EDITION:

ZCR – Z06 C7R EDITION COUPE \$23,055,

ZCR – Z06 C7R EDITION CONVERTIBLE \$24,150

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

B92 – VISIBLE CARBON FIBER HOOD \$1,995

BV4 – PERSONALIZED INTERIOR PLAQUE – INCLD WITH R8C \$200

R8C – CORVETTE MUSEUM DELIVERY (dest NOT waived) \$990

PBC – CUSTOMER ENGINE BUILD EXPERIENCE (Z06 ONLY) \$5,000

PIN – CUSTOMER SELECTABLE VIN \$5,000

ERI – BATTERY PROTECTION \$100

J57 – CERAMIC BRAKE ROTORS (Z06 w/o Z07) \$7,495

J6A – BLACK BRAKE CALIPERS (w/o Z07 or J57) \$595

J6D – GRAY BRAKE CALIPERS (w/o Z07 or J57) \$595

J6E – YELLOW BRAKE CALIPERS \$595

J6F – RED BRAKE CALIPERS (included on Z06) \$595

FE4 – MAGNETIC RIDE CONTROL (Z51 ONLY) \$1,795

NPP – DUAL MODE PERFORMANCE EXHAUST \$1,195

FAY – CARBON FIBER DASH – N/A 1LT \$995

AE4 – COMPETITION SEATING \$1995

AE4 – COMPETITION SEATING WITH SUEDE INSERT \$2,495

IWE – UPPER SUEDE TRIM / A & B PILLAR / QTR WINDOWS 3LT ONLY \$995

UQT – NAVIGATION – AVAILABLE ALL TRIMS \$1,795

TTV – CARBON FLASH MIRRORS & SPOILER Z51 ONLY \$100

5ZU – Z51 PAINTED STYLE SPOILER \$600

5ZV – Z51 STYLE SPOILER CARBON FLASH \$600

5V6 – STINGRAY LOGO PACKAGE \$795

5VM – EXPOSED CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE (n/a Z06) \$4,295

VTD – PAINTED CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE (n/a Z06) \$3,295

CFV – CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE \$3,995

CFZ – CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE \$2,995

EFX – SHARK GRAY PAINTED EXTERIOR VENTS \$595

EFY – BODY COLOR PAINTED EXTERIOR VENTS \$995

EYK – CHROME BADGE PACKAGE \$100

EYT – CARBON FLASH EXTERIOR BADGE PACKAGE \$100

D30 – COLOR COMBO OVERRIDE \$590

36S – YELLOW INTERIOR STICH \$395

38S – RED INTERIOR STITCH \$395

TU7 – TWO TONE SEATS NAPA/SUEDE \$395

PAINT OPTIONS

G1E – LONG BEACH RED METALLIC TINTCOAT \$995

G1H – DAYTONA SUNRISE \$495

G7H – LAGUNA BLUE TINTCOAT \$995

GC6 – CORVETTE RACING YELLOW TINTCOAT \$995

G8A – VELOCITY YELLOW TINTCOAT \$995

ROOF COUPE OPTIONS

C2M – EXPOSED CARBON & GLASS 2/3LT \$2,995

C2Q – FULL PAINTED CARBON FIBER & GLASS 2/3LT \$1,995

C2Z – VISIBLE CARBON FIBER \$1,995

CC3 – TRANSPARENT GLASS \$995

WHEEL OPTIONS

Q6B – Z06 CHROME ALUMINUM \$1,995

Q6J – Z06 SPECTRA GRAY PAINTED WHEELS WITH MACHINED GROOVE ALUMINUM \$595

Q6U – A06 BLACK ALUMINUM \$495

Q7E – CHROME ALUMINUM \$1,995

Q7T – BLACK PAINTED ALUMINUM \$495

QCC – BLACK MACHINED ALUMINUM \$1,495

QX1 – GLOSS BLACK ALUMINUM WHEELS \$495

QX3 – CHROME ALUMINUM WHEELS \$1,995

RPK – BLACK MACHINE FACE ALUMINUM \$1,495

5Z2 – BLACK WHEELS W/ YELLOW STRIPE \$3,740

5YU – CHROME 5-SPOKE TORQUE STYLE \$4,440

5YV – SILVER PAINTED 5-SPOKE TORQUE STYLE \$3,740

STRIPE OPTIONS

DTH – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /CARBON FLASH \$950

DTN – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /CYBER GREY \$950

DTP – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /SILVER \$950

DTQ – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /ORANGE \$950

DTR – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /CRYSTAL RED \$950

DUP – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /RED, WHITE, BLUE \$950

DTZ – HOOD STINGER – CYBER GREY \$500

DTW – HOOD STINGER – CARBON FLASH \$500

DVQ – HOOD STINGER – SATIN BLACK WITH JAKE LOGO \$500

DXM – HOOD STINGER – SHARK GRAY \$500

ORDERABLE ACCESSORIES OPTIONS

S2L – CORVETTE 5 PIECE LUGGAGE (ordered as a set) \$920
VYW – STINGRAY LOGO MATS (retain factory set) \$165
VLI – STINGRAY LOGO CARGO MAT \$205
VQK – MOLDED SPLASH GUARDS \$220
V8X – STINGRAY LOGO SILL (retain factory set) \$275
RXJ – STINGRAY LOGO CENTER CAPS (retain factory set) \$210
VRS – LOGO CARGO SHADE \$130
RWH – INDOOR CAR COVER BLACK \$410
VDN – INDOOR CAR COVER GRAY \$410
WKP – INDOOR CAR COVER KALAHARI \$410
WKQ – INDOOR CAR COVER RED COLOR \$410
WKS – INDOOR CAR COVER Z06 GALVANIZED COOL \$435
WKR – INDOOR CAR COVER Z06 BLUE \$435
WKU – INDOOR VEHICLE COVER WITH C7.R GRAPHICS \$1,205
VTE – UNDERHOOD LINER – STINGRAY LOGO \$280
S3Z – DECKLID LINER WITH STINGRAY LOGO \$195
VTB – REAR FASCIA PROTECTOR \$95

TRANSMISSIONS/SUSPENSIONS

MEP – 7 SPEED MANUAL WITH REV MATCH \$0.00
M5U – 8 SPEED AUTO WITH PADDLESHIFT \$1,725
FE2 – MAGNETIC SELECTIVE RIDE CONTROL (includes Z51 WHEELS/SPOILER) \$3,495
FE4 – MAGNETIC SELECTIVE RIDE CONTROL W/ PTM (FOR STINGRAY W/ Z51) \$1,795

Final 2015 Corvette Production Statistics

The second year of C7 Corvette production ended almost two weeks ago and thanks to our friends at the National Corvette Museum, we already have a breakdown of the final 2015 Corvette production statistics.

For the 2015 model year, Chevrolet built 34,240 Corvettes. Production decreased 8% from the 37,288 Corvette Stingrays built during the C7's inaugural year, but we've been told that the production cycle for the 2014 model year was slightly longer than 2015.

Leading the production was the 2015 Corvette Stingray Coupe. GM built 20,757 Stingray Coupes which accounted for 60.6% of Corvette production. The Z06 Coupe was second with 6,980 built for a 20.4% share. The Corvette Stingray Convertible's production was 4,830 for 14.1% and finally the Corvette Z06 Convertible total was 1,673 for 4.9%.



Of course the big news for 2015 Corvette was the return of the Z06. A total of 8,653 Corvette Z06s were produced in 2015 which makes it the highest rollout of the Z06 vs the previous inaugural years of 1963 (199), 2001 (5,773) and 2006 (6,272). Of 2015's Corvette Z06 production, nearly 40% opted for the Z07 Performance Package. Also, what is significant is that Z06 buyers went with the top 3LZ options package (68.6%) while 25.4% chose the 2LZ options group and a lowly 5.6% opted for the base 1LZ package. Stingray Corvette production totaled 25,587 in 2015. The Z51 package continues to be popular with 53% of buyers opting for the performance package. Another 21% checked the box on the Stingray Appearance Package (ZF1) which added the Z51's 19/20 inch wheels and rear spoiler. As far as the options group choices, the 2LT package was the most popular at 41.5% while 3LT Stingrays accounted for 38.2%. The base package was chosen by 19.8% of buyers.

Speaking of the Stingray, Chevrolet rolled out two new Design Packages for the 2nd year of C7 production. The Atlantic and Pacific versions weren't built until the end of the year, and only 17 chose the Atlantic Design Package for their Stingray Convertibles while 97 opted for the Stingray Coupe Pacific Design. These amount to 0.1% (Atlantic) and 0.4% (Pacific) of the Corvette Stingray's production so these should be rare cars one day.

Folks always like to know what the breakdown is with the 7-speed manual transmission vs the new 8-speed automatic. For the 2015 Corvette Stingray, that breakdown was 25.6% manual and 74.4% automatic. For the Z06, the take rate on the 7-speed manual was 51.6% while the new 8-speed auto accounted for 48.4%. The automatics started production a little over a month after the 7-speed manuals so perhaps this will change for 2016.

Colors are also something we like to keep watch. Arctic White was the #1 color of the year, topping Corvette Stingray production and coming in second on the Z06. Here are the top five colors for the Stingray and Z06:

Top Colors: 2015 Corvette Stingray

Arctic White (19.8%)

Torch Red (17.2%)

Shark Gray (14.8%)

Black (13.9%)

Laguna Blue (8.3%)

Top Colors: 2015 Corvette Z06

Black (18.1%)

White (16.0%)

Shark Gray (15.6%)

Torch Red (14.2%)

Velocity Yellow (8.2%)

Black wheels were also very popular and totaled 47.6% of Stingray buyers going with one of the three versions of black. 35.9% of Stingray buyers selected the Black ZF1/Z51 wheels, 7.2% selected the Black Machine-faced ZF1/Z51 wheels and the base gloss black where was chosen by 4.5% of buyers. Black wheels also were the top choice for the Z06 with 53.8% going with the dark wheel color. The Chrome Z06 wheels were 2nd with 26.5% of buyers.

We broke out the final 2015 Corvette product statistics below based on the data provided by the National Corvette Museum. However, we also tried to break out the percentage of production. Some of the numbers we got from GM were combined Stingray/Z06 while other options were Stingray only or Z06 only. Wherever possible, we computed the percentages based on either Stingray or Z06 production. If the numbers were combined, the percentages were based on the total production of 34,240 Corvettes for 2015.

MODELS	AMOUNT %	
Stingray Coupe	20757	60.6%
Stingray Convertible	4830	14.1%
Z06 Coupe	6980	20.4%
Z06 Convertible	1673	4.9%
TOTAL	34240	100%

PACKAGES	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
1LT Options Pkg	5063	19.8%	4597	466		
2LT Options Pkg	10625	41.5%	8753	1872		
3LT Options Pkg	9899	38.2%	7407	2492		
1LZ Options Pkg (Z06)	519	5.6%			458	61
2LZ Options Pkg (Z06)	2202	25.4%			1852	350
3LZ Options Pkg (Z06)	5932	68.6%			4670	1262
Stingray Appearance Pkg (ZF1)	5387	21.1%	4439	948		
Stingray Performance Pkg (Z51)	13523	52.9%	11090	2433		
Z06 Performance Pkg (Z07)	3378	39.3%			2774	604
Atlantic Design Package (ATI)	17	0.1%		17		
Pacific Design Package (PFI)	97	0.4%	97			

POWERTRAIN/CHASSIS	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
7-Speed Manual (MEP)	2417	7.1%	2074	343		
7-Speed Perf Manual (MEL)	4124	12.0%	3391	733		
7-Speed Man for LT4 (MEK)	4467	13.0%			3885	582
8-Speed Auto (MSU)	23232	67.9%	15292	3754	3095	1091
Axle Rear 3.42 (GU6)	11080	32.1%	5465	1076	3885	582
Axle Rear 2.41 w/ M5U (GXB)	13833	40.4%	7593	2054	3095	1091
Axle Rear 2.73 w/ M5U(GU2)	9399	27.5%	7699	1700		
Performance Exhaust (NPP)	30896	90.0%	18011	4232	6980	1673
Battery Maintainer (ERI)	15063	44.0%	8300	2205	3575	983

Standard Suspension (FE1)	12064	47.1%	9667	2397		
Z51 Suspension (FE3)	6158	24.1%	5154	1004		
Z51 Magnetic Ride (FE4)	7365	28.8%	5936	1429		
Z06 Suspension (FE6)	5275	61.0%			4206	1069
Z06 Suspension (FE7)	3378	39.0%			2774	604

EXTERIOR COLORS	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
Arctic White (G8G)	6461	18.9%	4183	892	1132	254
Black (GBA)	5128	15.0%	2885	679	1280	284
Blade Silver (GAN)	1791	5.2%	1047	287	308	149
Crystal Red (GBE)	2191	6.4%	1345	446	301	99
Daytona Sunrise Orange (G1H)	1417	4.1%	844	179	326	68
Laguna Blue (G7H)	3015	8.8%	1706	409	642	258
Night Race Blue (GXH)	1417	4.1%	892	262	187	76
Shark Gray (G1B)	5130	15.0%	3182	599	1150	199
Torch Red (G8G)	5625	16.4%	3590	802	1030	203
Velocity Yellow	2065	6.0%	1083	275	624	83
Badges Chrome (EYK)	21572	63.0%	16426	4108	719	319
Badges Carbon Flash (EYT)	12668	37.0%	4331	722	6261	1354
Carbon Flash Spoiler/Mirrors (TTV)	7887	23.0%	5033	728	1764	362
Carbon Flash Ground Efx (CFZ)	3029	35.0%			2518	511
Visible Carbon Ground Efx (CFV)	1562	18.1%			1252	310
Carbon Fiber Tonneau (E57)	335	1.0%		83		252
Shark Gray Vents (EFX)	659	1.9%	247	158	195	59
Body Color Vents (EFY)	173	0.5%	52	21	58	42
Front License Plate (VK3)	21050	61.5%	13079	2753	4263	955

INTERIOR COLORS	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
Leather Jet Black (191)	3704	10.8%	3136	273	267	29
Suede Jet Black (192)	134	0.4%	67	3	59	5
Leather Jet Black (193)	6162	18.0%	4334	797	892	139
Suede Jet Black (194)	793	2.3%	487	87	181	38
Leather Jet Black (195)	5632	16.4%	2674	819	1760	379
Suede Jet Black (196)	2067	6.0%	822	204	876	165
Leather Gray (141)	559	2.2%	480	79		

Leather Gray (143)	865	3.4%	681	184		
Suede Gray (144)	124	0.5%	96	28		
Leather Gray (145)	701	2.7%	450	251		
Suede Gray (146)	227	0.9%	120	107		
Leather Dark Gray (121)	51	0.6%			41	10
Leather Dark Gray (123)	153	1.8%			125	28
Suede Dark Gray (124)	47	0.5%			41	6
Leather Dark Gray (125)	330	3.8%			253	77
Suede Dark Gray (126)	211	2.4%			159	52
Leather Adrenaline Red (701)	1133	3.3%	914	111	91	17
Leather Adrenaline Red (703)	2791	8.2%	1895	390	409	97
Leather Adrenaline Red (704)	3879	11.3%	1996	533	990	360
Leather Kalahari (343)	1679	4.9%	1143	344	160	32
Suede Kalahari (344)	213	0.6%	117	42	44	10
Leather Kalahari (345)	1728	5.0%	826	420	377	105
Suede Kalahari (346)	586	1.7%	249	91	175	71
Leather Brownstone (555)	195	0.8%	154	41		
Suede Brownstone (556)	142	0.6%	116	26		
Leather Twilight Blue (205)	133	1.5%			80	53
GT Seat (AQ9)	29356	85.7%	19145	4480	4584	1147
Competition Sport Seat (AE4)	4884	14.3%	1612	350	2396	526
Carbon Fiber Interior (FAY)	7944	23.3%	3321	790	3064	769
PDR/Navigation (IO6/UQT)	25803	75.4%	14458	3701	6113	1531
Personalized Plaque (BV4)	1109	3.2%	482	154	337	136
Museum R8C Plaque (CFX)	1049	3.1%	413	136	361	139

WHEELS/BRAKES	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
QG6 Silver	2108	8.2%	1770	338		
QX1 Gloss Black	1148	4.5%	986	132		
RPK Black Machined	297	1.2%	248	49		
QX3 Chrome	3124	12.2%	2224	900		
Q7S Sterling Silver ZF1/Z51	2616	10.2%	2157	459		
Q7T Painted Black ZF1/Z51	9178	35.9%	8063	1115		
QCC Black Machine ZF1/Z51	1838	7.2%	1401	437		
Q7E Chrome ZF1/Z51	5164	20.2%	3811	1353		
R2Q Torque Chrome (Atlantic)	17	0.1%		17		
R87 Red Stripe Satin (Pacific)	97	0.4%	97			
Q6A Pearl Nickel Z06	926	10.7%			770	156

Q6J Black Z06	4656	53.8%			3926	730
Q6J Spectra Gray Z06	782	9.0%			634	148
Q6B Chrome Z06	2289	26.5%			1650	639

Calipers – Black (J6A)	6201	18.1%	4355	1054	594	198
Calipers – Red (J6F)	18526	54.2%	9947	2079	5257	1243
Calipers – Gray (J6D)	7138	20.8%	5252	1438	359	89
Calipers – Yellow (J6E)	2375	6.9%	1203	259	770	143

ROOFS	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
Transparent Roof Panel (CC3)	8506	24.8%	7887		619	
Painted Carbon Fiber (CFA)	13384	39.1%	9765		3619	
Visible Carbon Fiber (C2Z)	4044	11.8%	2393		1651	
Dual Roof Vis Carbon (C2M)	1187	3.5%	243		644	
Dual Roof Painted (C2Q)	616	1.8%	169		447	
Convertible Top – Black (41T)	5330	15.6%		3883		1447
Convertible Top – Kalahari (21T)	655	1.9%		550		105
Convertible Top – Gray (37T)	321	0.9%		262		59
Convertible Top – Blue (37T)	197	0.6%		135		62

STRIPEs	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
Full – Carbon Flash (DTH)	1025	3.0%	596	122	254	63
Full – Crystal Red (DTR)	104	0.3%	61	16	22	5
Full – Blade Silver (DTP)	155	0.5%	73	29	38	15
Full – Cyber Gray (DTN)	53	0.2%	27	13	11	2
Full – Inferno Orange (DTQ)	4	0.01%		3		1
Hood – Carbon Flash (DTW)	4275	12.5%	2022	411	1550	292
Hood – Cyber Gray (DTZ)	52	0.2%	27	10	12	3
Hood – Shark Gray (DXM)	22	0.1%		19		3

DELIVERY	TOTAL	%	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONV	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONV
Europe	646		261	204	149	32
Middle East	597		580	15	1	1
Japan	146		96	12	37	1

Mexico	205	175		30	
Canada	1556	880	347	238	91
United States	31090	18765	4252	6525	1548
R8C Museum Delivery	1049	413	136	361	139
Fleet	407	164	243		

Corvette Museum’s Motorsports Park Receives Shut Down Order Over Noise Concerns

We told you a few days ago that neighbors of the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park are upset with the noise levels being created by the cars there.

Now the City-County Planning Commission in Bowling Green has ordered the Motorsports Park to cease all building construction and event-related activities within 24 hours.



The order states the property is out of compliance with the Warren County Joint Zoning Ordinance and was delivered Monday morning. We’re still waiting to hear the reaction of NCM officials, including Wendell Strode, executive director.

The timing of the order means that park activities must cease today, June 30.

How ironic that June 30, 1953 is when the first Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, Mich.

Strode had met two weeks ago at a planning commission meeting with government officials and about 50 residents who live near the park, and he was sympathetic to their concerns. It seemed then that the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County was going to allow the museum time to find a solution to the noise.

Apparently, the public outcry was too much for the commission, and it issued the order Monday morning that calls for a detailed construction site plan compliance summary that verifies all existing buildings along with other structures and a site summary including seating capacity, the control tower under construction and all planned meeting spaces within seven days of the NOV being issued, according to a story in yesterday’s Bowling Green Daily News.

Kai Spande Appointed as Manager of the Corvette Assembly Plant

After last month's announcement that the Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager Jeff Lamarche was being promoted to the Flint Assembly Plant, we've been wondering who would be appointed as the Jeff's replacement. Today, that news came from the National Corvette Museum as they tweeted a welcome to Kai Spande who will take the reins officially on September 1st.



Before his appointment to Bowling Green, Kai was the Director of Powertrain and Engineering Operations in Russelsheim Germany where he was responsible for operations that support GM Europe Powertrain Development in Germany. His background also includes engine production as he was the Program Manager for a New Engine Program (engine unnamed) in November 2012 to April 2013. Prior to that appointment, Kai was the General Manager of the Romulus Engine Plant where he oversaw 800 employees building 2200 engines per day. Kai also has stamping and metal casting experience as plant manager of a GM automotive aluminum casting facility.

Kai received his education from the University of Northern Iowa and Kettering University.

Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park Will Hold Track Events Despite Shut Down Order

The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park will live up to the agreements it has signed to host special events over the next few weeks, despite receiving a notice of violation from the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County after a public meeting on Monday.



"We intend to move forward with the agreement reached at the meeting," the NCM said in a prepared statement released Tuesday. "Therefore the NCM Motorsports Park will fulfill all contracts with our renters as well as continue construction on our planned facilities at the NCM Motorsports Park. We plan to move forward with business as usual, we will not cancel any scheduled events and will continue to book events for future years."

Some neighbors of the park have expressed their concern over what they term excessive noise levels being created by the cars there, including at a planning commission meeting two weeks ago.

A follow-up meeting on Monday included neighborhood representatives, a Planning Commission representative, local magistrate, NCM Motorsports Park representatives and a sound company hired by the NCM to come up with ways to lower the noise levels.

June 2015 Corvette Sales

It's the first of the month and that means it's time for the monthly Corvette sales report from General Motors. In June 2015, a total of 2,807 Corvettes were sold for a 3.1% increase over the 2,723 Corvettes sold in June 2014. For the Calendar Year to Day (CYTD), a total of 18,307 Corvettes have been delivered and we are running 3.2% ahead of the 17,744 Corvettes sold during the same time period in 2014.



Taking a look at the 2,807 Corvettes sold last month vs the 3,514 Corvettes sold in May 2015, there was a month to month decline of nearly 700 cars for a total decrease of 20.1%.

The 2015 Model Year ended in the middle of June (Wednesday, June 17th to be precise) and so the decline in sales is mostly like due to the end of the model year and the interruption of normal deliveries to dealers who are now waiting for their 2016 Corvettes to come in. We will probably see a surge in deliveries in July as those earlybird Corvette buyers take deliveries of the first 2016 models.

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

Corvette Delivery Statistics for June 2015							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2015	2014	% Change	Months	2015	2014	% Change
June	2,807	2,723	3.1%	Jan-June	18,307	17,744	3.2%

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	3,785	3,469	3,514	2,807							18,307
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 June, GM delivered 259,353 vehicles in the United States which was up 7% over sales in June 2014.

Chevrolet's pickup deliveries are up 33% with the Silverado leading the way at 18%. Chevy's new crossover the Trax had its strongest sales since its launch and the Spark saw its strongest month in sales ever with a 4% increase.

NCM Director Wendell Strode Reacts to Motorsports Park Noise Violation

The notice of violation requiring the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park to cease all construction and events came as a surprise to NCM Executive Director Wendell Strode, who thought all the parties involved had reached an amiable understanding during a public meeting Monday.

Some neighbors of the park have expressed their concern over what they term excessive noise levels being created by the cars there, including at a planning commission meeting two weeks ago.



NCM officials met with residents, government officials, and others on Monday night to discuss the issue further, then received the notice of violation at the end of the meeting.

Strode told the Bowling Green Daily News that between now and July 10, the park will address some of the concerns outlined in the notice of violation, though not all.

The 2016 Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition Convertible in Black Breaks Cover

When Chevrolet first introduced the 2016 Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition at the Corvette Museum's Bash in April, they naturally showed the Coupe version in new Corvette Racing Yellow. But if you read the release notes (or watched our video), you would know that the limited-edition salute to Corvette Racing's C7.R was also available in Convertible form, and yes Batman, it comes in Black.



At the 2015 Bloomington Gold Corvette show at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Chevrolet showed off their first Black Convertible Z06 C7.R Edition. Thanks to these photos from Travis Raczynski and our friend Corvette Conti who brought these to our attention, we're able to share the dark side of the new limited edition Corvette.

The Z06 C7.R Edition is the latest collectible Corvette from Chevrolet. The 650 hp super car is limited to just 500 examples and will have its own VIN sequence. Most buyers will probably check the box for the Coupe version in Corvette yellow, but the black convertible is an intriguing configuration as well. No matter the body style or color, the C7.R Edition Z06 come with black Z06 wheels with the yellow stripe and yellow brake calipers, the new B92 Visible Carbon Fiber hood, Spectra Gray Grille and Vents, and a unique C7.R graphics package which includes the hood stripe with Jake.

At Bloomington Gold, the Black Z06 Corvette C7.R Edition gave us the first look at how the racing stripes are integrated onto the convertible top. Much like 2013's 60th anniversary 427 Edition where the racing stripes were integrated into the fabric of the convertible top, the C7.R Edition also has the racing stripe in the fabric as well as well as the words "C7.R Edition".

The C7.R Z06 will come loaded as well with the Z07 Performance Package with the stage 3 aerodynamics package in visible carbon fiber. Inside, the Competition Sport seats are customized with an embossed "C7.R" while "Edition" is laser-etched, a first for Corvette. The jet black leather trimmed interior has its own version flat-bottom steering wheel and it and the shifter are wrapped in suede. The interior also features yellow stitching, and a custom dash plaque shows Corvette Racing's victories at the 24 hours of Le Mans and the ALMS championships.

Chevrolet released the official pricing for 2016 Corvettes last week. Ordering the limited edition car requires the Corvette Z06 with the 3LZ options package. The MSRP for the Coupe's C7.R package is \$23,055 and the Convertible will start at \$24,150. To price the complete car, take the Corvette Z06 Coupe at \$79,400 and add the 3LZ at \$8,945 and then the C7.R package for \$23,055 and you get \$111,400 (\$995 destination charge not included).

We also adding up the MSRP prices on most of the options included in the package and we came within just a couple thousand dollars of the package price. So you are definitely getting your money's worth. These "Bad Boy Vettes" are fully loaded and will truly live up the standard set by our C7.R factory race cars.

Official 2016 Corvette Pricing Has Been Released

Production of the 2016 Corvette started on Monday, but until last night, we didn't have the complete model year price schedule. Earlier this month, we learned from National Corvette Seller Mike Furman at Criswell Chevrolet that each of the six Corvette models would receive a price increase of \$400 as well as the package price for the three Design Packages. We now have all the complete pricing information so let's take a deep dive into the full pricing for the 2016 Corvette.



For 2016, the base Corvette Stingray Coupe (non-Z51) now starts with an MSRP of \$55,400 while the Z51 Stingray Coupe is priced at \$60,400. The Non-Z51 Corvette Stingray Convertible has a starting MSRP of \$59,400 and the Z51-equipped Stingray Convertible will start at \$64,400. For the Z06, pricing starts at \$79,400 for the Coupe and \$83,400 for the Z06 Convertible.

Pricing for the three Design Packages are slightly different than what we reported earlier. According to the pricing schedule, the Spice Red Package will cost \$3,095 (not the \$3,500 we listed earlier). The Twilight Blue Package is \$3,500 and the Black Suede Package is \$3,995.

Chevrolet added some nice new convenience features like the curb cameras and the rear latch and trunk pull-downs and so we do see a small increase of \$295 across the board for the upper LT/LZ option package prices for 2016.

We also have pricing for some of the stand-alone options as well as those options installed by the dealer. Some of the interesting RPOs are 5VM Exposed Carbon Fiber Ground Effects Package for the Stingray which is priced at \$4,295. The painted version will run \$3,295. The B92 Visible Carbon Fiber Hood will run \$1,995. For Z06 buyers, it looks like you can order the Ceramic Brake Rotors without the Z07 package. That will run you \$7,495. And I think one of everybody's favorite options this year is the very cool WKU C7.R Indoor car cover which is listed for \$1,205.

Below is a list of pricing and options for the 2016 Corvette Stingray and Z06:

CORVETTE MODELS AND PACKAGES:

2016 Corvette Stingray Coupe \$55,400

2016 Corvette Stingray Coupe w/Z51 \$60,400

2016 Corvette Stingray Convertible \$59,400

2016 Corvette Stingray Convertible w/Z51 \$64,400

2016 Corvette Z06 Coupe \$79,400

2016 Corvette Z06 Convertible \$83,400

***MSRP Price doesn't include the \$995 destination charge**

1LT PKG PRICE \$ 0.00

2LT PKG PRICE \$4,455

3LT PKG PRICE \$9,745

1LZ PKG PRICE \$ 0.00

2LZ PKG PRICE \$3,565

3LZ PKG PRICE \$8,945

Z07 PERFORMANCE PACKAGE \$7,995

DESIGN PACKAGES:

ZLD – TWILIGHT BLUE DESIGN PACKAGE (3LT/3LZ) \$3,500

ZLE – SPICE RED DESIGN PACKAGE (3LT/3LZ) \$3,099

ZLG – BLACK SUEDE DESIGN PACKAGE (3LT/3LZ) \$3,995

C7.R SPECIAL EDITION:

ZCR – Z06 C7R EDITION COUPE \$23,055,

ZCR – Z06 C7R EDITION CONVERTIBLE \$24,150

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

B92 – VISIBLE CARBON FIBER HOOD \$1,995

BV4 – PERSONALIZED INTERIOR PLAQUE – INCLD WITH R8C \$200

R8C – CORVETTE MUSEUM DELIVERY (dest NOT waived) \$990

PBC – CUSTOMER ENGINE BUILD EXPERIENCE (Z06 ONLY) \$5,000

PIN – CUSTOMER SELECTABLE VIN \$5,000

ERI – BATTERY PROTECTION \$100

J57 – CERAMIC BRAKE ROTORS (Z06 w/o Z07) \$7,495

J6A – BLACK BRAKE CALIPERS (w/o Z07 or J57) \$595

J6D – GRAY BRAKE CALIPERS (w/o Z07 or J57) \$595

J6E – YELLOW BRAKE CALIPERS \$595

J6F – RED BRAKE CALIPERS (included on Z06) \$595

FE4 – MAGNETIC RIDE CONTROL (Z51 ONLY) \$1,795

NPP – DUAL MODE PERFORMANCE EXHAUST \$1,195

FAY – CARBON FIBER DASH – N/A 1LT \$995

AE4 – COMPETITION SEATING \$1995

AE4 – COMPETITION SEATING WITH SUEDE INSERT \$2,495

IWE – UPPER SUEDE TRIM / A & B PILLAR / QTR WINDOWS 3LT ONLY \$995

UQT – NAVIGATION – AVAILABLE ALL TRIMS \$1,795

TTV – CARBON FLASH MIRRORS & SPOILER Z51 ONLY \$100

5ZU – Z51 PAINTED STYLE SPOILER \$600

5ZV – Z51 STYLE SPOILER CARBON FLASH \$600

5V6 – STINGRAY LOGO PACKAGE \$795

5VM – EXPOSED CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE (n/a Z06) \$4,295

VTD – PAINTED CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE (n/a Z06) \$3,295

CFV – CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE \$3,995

CFZ – CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS PACKAGE \$2,995

EFX – SHARK GRAY PAINTED EXTERIOR VENTS \$595

EFY – BODY COLOR PAINTED EXTERIOR VENTS \$995

EYK – CHROME BADGE PACKAGE \$100

EYT – CARBON FLASH EXTERIOR BADGE PACKAGE \$100

D30 – COLOR COMBO OVERRIDE \$590

36S – YELLOW INTERIOR STICH \$395

38S – RED INTERIOR STITCH \$395

TU7 – TWO TONE SEATS NAPA/SUEDE \$395

PAINT OPTIONS

G1E – LONG BEACH RED METALLIC TINTCOAT \$995

G1H – DAYTONA SUNRISE \$495

G7H – LAGUNA BLUE TINTCOAT \$995

GC6 – CORVETTE RACING YELLOW TINTCOAT \$995

G8A – VELOCITY YELLOW TINTCOAT \$995

ROOF COUPE OPTIONS

C2M – EXPOSED CARBON & GLASS 2/3LT \$2,995

C2Q – FULL PAINTED CARBON FIBER & GLASS 2/3LT \$1,995

C2Z – VISIBLE CARBON FIBER \$1,995

CC3 – TRANSPARENT GLASS \$995

WHEEL OPTIONS

Q6B – Z06 CHROME ALUMINUM \$1,995

Q6J – Z06 SPECTRA GRAY PAINTED WHEELS WITH MACHINED GROOVE ALUMINUM \$595

Q6U – A06 BLACK ALUMINUM \$495

Q7E – CHROME ALUMINUM \$1,995

Q7T – BLACK PAINTED ALUMINUM \$495

QCC – BLACK MACHINED ALUMINUM \$1,495

QX1 – GLOSS BLACK ALUMINUM WHEELS \$495

QX3 – CHROME ALUMINUM WHEELS \$1,995

RPK – BLACK MACHINE FACE ALUMINUM \$1,495
5Z2 – BLACK WHEELS W/ YELLOW STRIPE \$3,740
5YU – CHROME 5-SPOKE TORQUE STYLE \$4,440
5YV – SILVER PAINTED 5-SPOKE TORQUE STYLE \$3,740

STRIPE OPTIONS

DTH – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /CARBON FLASH \$950
DTN – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /CYBER GREY \$950
DTP – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /SILVER \$950
DTQ – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /ORANGE \$950
DTR – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /CRYSTAL RED \$950
DUP – FULL LENGTH STRIPE /RED, WHITE, BLUE \$950
DTZ – HOOD STINGER – CYBER GREY \$500
DTW – HOOD STINGER – CARBON FLASH \$500
DVQ – HOOD STINGER – SATIN BLACK WITH JAKE LOGO \$500
DXM – HOOD STINGER – SHARK GRAY \$500

ORDERABLE ACCESSORIES OPTIONS

S2L – CORVETTE 5 PIECE LUGGAGE (ordered as a set) \$920
VYW – STINGRAY LOGO MATS (retain factory set) \$165
VLI – STINGRAY LOGO CARGO MAT \$205
VQK – MOLDED SPLASH GUARDS \$220
V8X – STINGRAY LOGO SILL (retain factory set) \$275
RXJ – STINGRAY LOGO CENTER CAPS (retain factory set) \$210
VRS – LOGO CARGO SHADE \$130
RWH – INDOOR CAR COVER BLACK \$410
VDN – INDOOR CAR COVER GRAY \$410
WKP – INDOOR CAR COVER KALAHARI \$410
WKQ – INDOOR CAR COVER RED COLOR \$410
WKS – INDOOR CAR COVER Z06 GALVANIZED COOL \$435
WKR – INDOOR CAR COVER Z06 BLUE \$435
WKU – INDOOR VEHICLE COVER WITH C7.R GRAPHICS \$1,205
VTE – UNDERHOOD LINER – STINGRAY LOGO \$280
S3Z – DECKLID LINER WITH STINGRAY LOGO \$195
VTB – REAR FASCIA PROTECTOR \$95

TRANSMISSIONS/SUSPENSIONS

MEP – 7 SPEED MANUAL WITH REV MATCH \$0.00
M5U – 8 SPEED AUTO WITH PADDLESHIFT \$1,725
FE2 – MAGNETIC SELECTIVE RIDE CONTROL (includes Z51 WHEELS/SPOILER) \$3,495
FE4 – MAGNETIC SELECTIVE RIDE CONTROL W/ PTM (FOR STINGRAY W/ Z51) \$1,795

Driver Suffers Medical Seizure and Crashes into Two Corvette Z06s

Two brand new Corvettes were damaged at the Dave White Chevrolet dealership in Sylvania, Ohio after a man suffered a medical seizure and crashed into the cars on Wednesday afternoon.

The report from the ABC News affiliate in Toledo says the man driving the car was exiting a highway when the seizure happened. His wife was in the passenger seat and she quickly grabbed the steering wheel and steered the car through an intersection before crashing head-on into the brand new Corvettes sitting on the dealership's lot.

The accident damaged two Corvette Z06s with a Laguna Blue Z06 Coupe taking the brunt of the crash. An Arctic White Corvette Z06 also suffered body damage from the wreck.

Witnesses said the man was taken to the hospital. There are no further reports on his condition.

Damage to the two Corvette Z06s was estimated to be more than \$200,000.



AutoPacific Names 2015 Corvette Best Sports Car in Vehicle Satisfaction Survey

AutoPacific, a market research and consulting firm focused on the automotive industry, is out with their 19th Annual Vehicle Satisfaction Awards which are based on surveys of owner's satisfaction with their new vehicles. For the fourth straight year, the Chevrolet Corvette has won Best in Class for the Sports Car category, and is one of five GM vehicles that was tops in its class.



Joining the Chevrolet Corvette is the new 2015 GMC Canyon (Compact Pickup), the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe (Large SUV), the 2015 Buick Enclave (Luxury Crossover SUV) and the 2015 GMC Acadia (Large Crossover SUV).

“2015 represents a year of diversity,” says George Peterson, president of AutoPacific. “Competition is fierce and no one automaker dominates the results.” The 2015 winners are spread across nearly every manufacturer, with wins by 9 out of 11 automakers. General Motors receives the most wins with 5, followed by Kia and Nissan, with 4 and 3 wins, respectively. Honda, Toyota, FCA (Fiat Chrysler Automobile), Volkswagen and Ford follow with 2 wins each. Volvo, Mercedes-Benz and Hyundai each take home 1 win.

“For the 2015 model year, there are 274 models and 33 brands from which to choose a new vehicle,” says Peterson. “It can be daunting for consumers to sort through all of those options and try to predict which one will work best for them in the long run. AutoPacific VSAs help to give them a strong starting point.”

In addition to the individual Best in Class winners for the 2015 survey, AutoPacific awarded General Motor's GMC Brand as the Most Satisfying Popular Brand for the second year running.

A look at the Vehicle Satisfaction Survey's archives shows that prior to the Corvette's four year streak (2012-2015), the previous three years (2009-2011) was won by the Porsche 911. So congratulations to the Corvette Team and the car's owners who responded so positively to the survey.

Legendary Corvette Racer and Racecar Builder **John Greenwood Passes Away at Age 71**

The Corvette world has lost yet another legend.

Back in the 1970s, the name John Greenwood was as prominent in the Corvette world as the names of Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen are today.

Greenwood and his brother Burt grew up in the home of a General Motors executive who had earlier been a fighter pilot during World War II, so it was no surprise that John first became widely known for his success racing in a Corvette, winning back-to-back SCCA A Production National Championships in the early 1970s.



Sadly, Greenwood passed away recently at age 71.

On the website Greenwood Corvettes, John recalled his early days when he bought a 1968 Corvette with a 435 horsepower engine and the first night put an L-88 under the hood. “My wife saw an ad for a parking lot autocross at the grocery store one day and dared me to enter,” he says. “I did and won everything. I went back the next week and did the same. There were some pretty fancy cars because a whole bunch of road racers showed up with trailered cars, but I won again. So, I figured that since I could win, this wasn’t a bad deal.”

Those big engines proved to be his legacy. In an interview, John said: “You know that a lot of the equation was the big engines. I had learned on Woodward Avenue that you don’t want to get left behind on the straight parts. We always used the basic big block engines and almost always the all-aluminum ones to save weight.”

In 1972, Greenwood used his prowess behind the wheel to promote BFGoodrich radial tires at Le Mans. He didn’t win there, but the two-year campaign helped raise awareness about Goodrich radials, leading to the famous “Tire Wars” between Greenwood’s Goodrich “Stars and Stripes” Corvette L88 and Goodyear’s “Rebel” L88. Those Corvettes came some of the most famous Corvette race cars in history, with the “Stars and Stripes” and “Rebel” Corvettes going for more than \$1 million at recent auctions.

Greenwood’s last big success on the track came when he won the SCCA Trans Am championship in 1975, with wins in three of the seven races that season.

He moved on to make the famous wide-bodied Greenwood Corvettes that still look great today with their sculpted bodywork and tremendous power provided by Greenwood's own engine company, Auto Research Engineering.

Without Greenwood, there might not be a 12 Hours of Sebring today. He helped save Sebring in the mid-1970s after the track had lost its FIA listing in 1973 and had its race canceled by the oil crisis the next year. Bill France Sr. and John Bishop asked Greenwood to promote the 12 Hours of Sebring in 1975 and 1976, and his efforts were so successful that record crowds turned out both years and helped save the track.

Joie Chitwood's Thrill Show 1958 Corvette Fuelie for Sale by ProTeam

If you've ever wanted a solid-axle Corvette that has flown through the air, driven on two wheels and spent part of its life doing reverse turn spins, now is your chance. ProTeam Corvette Sales is offering for sale a 1958 Corvette fuelie that was previously owned by the famous Joie Chitwood and used for a single season in his eponymous Chitwood Thrill Shows.



The white with red interior Corvette is a matching numbers, historic car that has less than 19,000 original miles, although the ProTeam ad does not indicate how many of those miles were spent in the air. The convertible was built in January of 1958 and is optioned with a removable hardtop, radio delete, a 283 cu. in. 290 horsepower V8 and a 4-speed manual transmission. The three-owner 'Vette has undergone a professional nut and bolt restoration and has been featured on the cover of Corvette Fever magazine. The Chitwood Corvette was awarded the NCRS American Heritage Award in April of 2015.

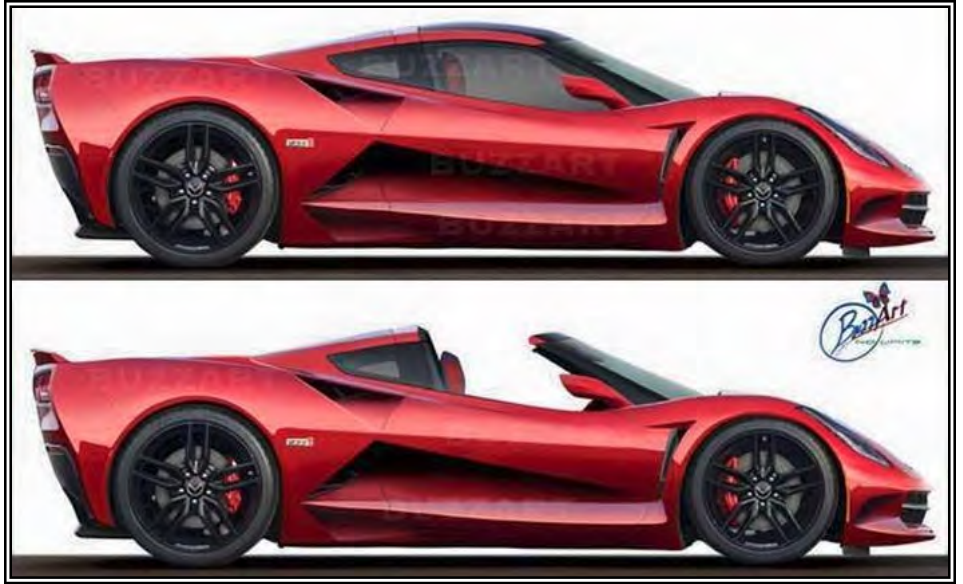
Substantial documentation is included with the car, including original Joie Chitwood promotional materials, video footage of Chitwoods Thrill Show in action, the original registration signed by Joie Chitwood and all subsequent registrations.

The Chitwood Thrill Shows reached their zenith in the 1950s when Joie had five show units barnstorming across the U.S. Following Chitwoods death in 1988, sons Joie Jr. and Tim carried on with the thrill shows.

Born George Rice Chitwood in 1912, Chitwood acquired his nickname in 1937 when a local newsman was writing a story about Chitwood appearing in a local sprint car race, but didn't have the slightest idea of his first name. The car owner was from St. Joe, Missouri, which was painted on the side of the sprint car. The newsman grabbed at that and referred to Chitwood as Joe Chitwood. The error was compounded by the newspaper typesetter and the name came out as 'Joie'. Chitwood felt any publicity was good publicity and kept the name. The name continues today into the third generation of Chitwoods.

The Mid-Engined C8 Corvette Zora ZR1 Rendered

Would the artist that rendered this C8 Corvette Zora ZR1 please set forward! Because your render of the rumored mid-engine Corvette is one of the best we've seen yet. We found this posted on Facebook and seaching BUZZART has led us nowhere, at least when it comes to automotive designs, so if you're out there, let us know!



The rendered C8 Corvette is part of a trio of images, first showing the C7 Corvette Stingray and then evolving into what the next generation Corvette might look like in a mid-engine configuration. There has been talk of Corvette going to a mid-engine design since the 1960s. And while the rumors and concepts have come and gone, for whatever reason, it seems like now is the perfect time to make the jump from concept to production a reality.

Our hope, should Chevrolet really decide to pull the trigger, is to see the Corvette line evolve into two platforms. The first and still the most popular (at least in terms of sales) would be the traditional front engine/rear wheel drive design that is for the everyman. A car that continues to kick German and Italian ass and yet remains an affordable daily driver. After all, in 62 years the Corvette team has gotten pretty good at delivering such a car and with sales of the C7 back over 30,000 cars/year for the last two years, there is no reason to end that run.

The second platform is all about red meat. A mid-engine Corvette platform that allows the team to break free from the the 'rules' of traditional Corvette design and take bow-tie performance to the next level. Exotic materials, a different engine platform and the ability to take on all comers – from Europe to Dearborn – without excuses.

Our sources tell us the mid-engine Corvette is a go and the external telegraphing that a corporate entity the size of General Motors can't help but signal that something wicked is coming our way. After all, spending \$439 million on a new Corvette Paint shop that expands the size of that Bowling Green Assembly plant by 50% when the C7 factory build out which included the Performance Build Center only cost only \$132 million is a pretty big signal that something else is afoot in Kentucky.

The word on the street is that this new Corvette will arrive in the next couple of years – just as the Assembly Plant completes its build-out. So as we sit here and dream about what the future holds, perhaps these designs will eventually point the way to a future Corvette.

2016 Corvette's Front Facing Parking Assist Curb Cameras in Action

Want to know why Corvette owners always back their cars into parking spaces? It's so they don't crunch the front bumper or splitter on the parking curb. On a Corvette Z06 with the visible Carbon Fiber splitter, that crunch can cost you \$3,995! With newer Corvettes, owners can use the rear backup camera to assist with parking when backing in, but sometimes backing in isn't always practical.



You spoke and the Corvette Team answered by adding one of the most asked-for options to the 2016 Corvette – the addition of two front facing parking assist cameras which will help guide owners into parking spots by showing the distance to curb, garage wall or other obstacles.

The 2016 Corvettes feature two cameras mounted low on the front grille and there are two ways to engage the camera's view. From a stop, you can press an icon on the Corvette's center 8" display which will show the view from the curb cameras. Or, if the car is in reverse and then shifted into first gear (or Drive) and you are going under 7 mph, the cameras will engage automatically and the video is shown on the 8" display on the center console. The display shows each camera's view and then software takes both views and combines them into one "top down view" with guides showing how close you are to the object in front of the Corvette.

The new curb cameras come standard on 2016 Corvette Stingrays and Z06s with 2LT/2LZ or higher trim levels.

Corvette Racing in Canada: Garcia, Magnussen Reclaim GTLM Points Lead with P3 Finish

Corvette Racing and the Corvette Daytona Prototype program each had days to remember Sunday in the Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix presented by Hawk Performance. Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia regained the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship's GT Le Mans Driver points lead while Jordan Taylor and Ricky Taylor led a 1-2 overall finish for the Corvette DP at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.



Garcia and Magnussen drove their No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R to a third-place finish – a result that seemed unlikely in the race’s opening half. The duo moved from seventh at the one-hour mark to the podium for the first time since the third race of the season at Long Beach. Doubly important is that they broke a first-place tie for driver points as Garcia took advantage of a mistake with two laps to go by the No. 25 BMW, whose drivers were tied with the No. 3 for the championship lead entering the race.

Garcia and Magnussen now lead by two points heading to Road America in August.

The No. 4 Corvette C7.R of Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner finished fifth in class but gained three spots from the start in a solid late-race push. Both Corvettes were part of an opening-hour battle between five GTLM cars that ran one behind the other for a considerable stretch. With passing at a premium, each of the Corvette Racing pit crews gained their cars multiple positions on the final round of stops with 55 minutes remaining.

Of note, Garcia stopped between one and three laps later than some of the front-runners, which allowed him to go all-out over the final 53 minutes. He also set the fastest GTLM lap of the race.

ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED THIRD:

“When you have that kind of spread of only three or four tenths from first to eighth at this track, you can’t really pass. It was like a train of GTs all around and nobody could slipstream because everyone was pulled by each other. I couldn’t really go much faster and I decided to start saving fuel at the end of my first stint. So I think that saved us a lot which enabled us to run four or five laps at the end by myself, and that combined with a good last pit stop gave us an opportunity. If I might have been a second ahead I might have been able to go on to get second place. But third position with what wasn’t the best pace we’ve had this year is a positive result. We just need to focus a little bit more with track position with our Corvette. For sure qualifying is definitely important, especially on this kind of track. If the championship comes down to tracks like Road Atlanta, even if it’s a nine-hour race, we definitely need to be up front because then things are much easier.”

JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED THIRD:

“For sure. I think the BMW ran out of tires at the end there. Antonio did a good job taking care of his. So with two laps to go, Antonio had a chance and he took it. It was fantastic. It puts us back in the points lead. We’re very, very happy. It didn’t look like that was going to happen at the beginning of the race. It was so difficult pass here. Track position was so important. I felt like in most areas we had an advantage over the other cars. But when you’re in traffic and in the draft and you don’t have the downforce when you’re stuck behind the guys in front of you, it makes it really difficult. To come away here in third place is a fantastic result. It was really a great job by the whole Corvette Racing team.”

OLIVER GAVIN, NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED FIFTH:

“There was always traffic in front of us, around us and passing us. It was a matter of managing the car and staying out of trouble. Our Corvette was pretty loose. It wasn’t that comfortable to drive and we had a bit of downshift problem. There was some kind of emergency mode the car went into, but we figured that out with Tommy in the car. I was able to sneak by one of the Porsches after he was hit by the DeltaWing, but he was able to get by me when I had one of the issues downshifting. It’s a tough day. We didn’t have the ultimate pace to race the guys up front. So it was all about maximizing the points we could get today.”

TOMMY MILNER, NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED FIFTH:

“We’ve seen here in the past where it’s hard to pass. You can get stuck behind some guys who aren’t that much slower than you are, but every tenth counts in our class. In the end, I’m happy with how the race went. I would have loved to have gotten another podium, but I’m proud of how we kept fighting and got our Corvette better for the end. Antonio and I were kind of pushing our way trying to get those BMWs. It’s tough here. Passing is not easy for anybody and it’s frustrating. I certainly can see that toward the end, I lost quite a bit of time. All in all, our Corvette was good. It was fast. It’s just one of those races that now you can look back and go, ‘man if we had run a little bit better, we would have been ahead of some of those guys.’ So we’ll just use that for more motivation going forward and try to qualify as high as we possibly can.”

DOUG FEHAN, CORVETTE RACING PROGRAM MANAGER:

“It was a very interesting race today. Into the program, we simply didn’t have the speed to compete at the front. What we did was make up for it with great fuel strategy, tremendous pit stops and at the end had adjusted tire pressures so we could run faster laps. You race till the end, and today Jan and Antonio were beneficiaries of the Corvette Racing mantra, ‘Never give up.’”

Tax Man Targets Mississippi Corvette Club’s Charity Show

Two things in life are said to be certain: death and taxes.

Apparently the latter part of that saying applies even if you’re a Corvette Club that’s just raising money for charity.

That’s what officials with the 2015 Mississippi Corvette Classic car show in Jackson were shocked to find out recently for the first time.

“We raise money for charity every year,” said Tom Gerity, vice president and treasurer of the Mississippi Corvette Club and a retired lawyer. “This is the first year we’ve ever been told this.”



The car show leaders were informed by the state Department of Revenue that even though the Corvette Club is a registered 501 (c) (7) non profit social club, exempt from federal and state income taxes, it isn't exempt from paying 4 percent sales tax on admissions and in addition, vendors at the show are required to pay 7 percent sales tax.

Last year's show netted about \$13,000 for the Make-A-Wish charity, while this year's profits are slated for the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi.

Gerity said he was told by DOR that he had to serve as an uncompensated deputy tax collector, collecting sales taxes from all the vendors at the event.

"They're wanting a 3-percent tax on the \$5 donation we request at the door when you come in the show, plus 1 percent to the city of Jackson," Gerity added. "Then, we have a fee of \$40 for cars to be in the show, and they want taxes from that. A nonprofit civic organization is not subject to taxes on admissions."

State Department of Revenue spokeswoman Kathy Waterbury said the agency "looked carefully" to make sure the Corvette Club wasn't exempt but found that the club still had to collect sales tax. On the other hand, if the Diabetes Foundation had been the promoter, it would qualify, she said.

She declined to explain the difference between the two organizations.

"The promoter in this case did not meet the definition required in law for exemption," Waterbury said. "... Unless you are specifically exempt by law, an admission tax is due, even if you call it a donation but require it for people who enter."

The bottom line is that the Corvette Club was required to provide DOR a \$500 bond on Friday "I guess to make sure we collect the taxes," Gerity said.

Still, he and the club believe that since it gives every cent of what it raises to charity, "this is not right."

Man Donates His Late Brother's 1989 Corvette **to the National Corvette Museum**

The National Corvette Museum continues to be the recipient of kind-hearted donations by enthusiasts. The latest is a 1989 Medium Blue Metallic Corvette that was bought new by Jim Dodrill in Oklahoma City.

Many good times followed in the Corvette with Jim and his younger brother, Ike, a Lifetime Museum Member.



“We took many trips in that car... to Bloomington Gold, it’s been driven in the Caravan, and several times to the Lone Star Corvette Club event at the Texas Motor Speedway,” Ike recalled.

Sadly, Jim passed away suddenly from a massive heart attack in 2009. Eventually, Jim’s widow, Sandra, decided the old Corvette would make a good vehicle for their son James to drive.

Ike helped get the car running again, but James eventually switched to driving a truck after the Corvette became a little unreliable.

Sandra thought about trading in the Corvette and the truck for something newer, but Ike had a different idea.

“I asked if I could buy the car, get it running and then donate it to the Museum in memory of Jim. The car had 28,000 miles on it,” Ike said. “They discussed it and decided it was the best thing to do.”

Ike didn’t want to donate a pile of troubles to the Museum, so he went all out on the repairs.

Ike did a great job, rebuilding the headlight motors and alternator, replacing the fuel pump/sender unit and fuel injectors, cleaning the throttle body, replacing the top, changing out plugs, wires, ignition system, and coil cap, and giving it a basic tuneup, a new battery, and new tires.

“I essentially tried to make it as reliable of a car as we could with the hope that the Museum would be able to use it for any kind of parades, track events, VIP events, anything like that,” Ike said. “My hope is that you guys will have some wonderful times with the car, too.”

Ike believes his brother is excited about having his car given to the Museum.

“I think he’s up there smiling right now, looking down on us,” Ike said. “I think he’s very pleased. I am. I think this is a wonderful thing that we can do for the Museum and I hope that more and more people are able to do the same thing.”

Edmunds Adds a 1966 Corvette Sting Ray to its Long Term Test Fleet

We’re always excited when a car magazine picks a Corvette to join its long-term test fleet.

We were doubly excited when car shopping website Edmunds.com broke from tradition and added a 49-year-old 1966 Corvette Sting Ray to its long-term test fleet.



As Edmunds says: “We’re on-board with the revolution. We like fuel-efficient V8s, turbocharged four-cylinders, EVs and high-performance hybrids. They’re the future and we’re headed there one way or another. But like all car people, we’re nostalgic. So we bought an icon.”

While Edmunds seems to be most impressed with the Corvette because it allowed photographer Scott Jacobs to show off his admirable photography skills in recapturing the vintage feel of the Corvette’s brochure and magazine ads, we’re just as impressed because it’s nice to read about what life is really like on a daily basis with one of these classic American icons nearly half a century after it was originally assembled in St. Louis.

The vast majority of Edmunds.com’s 800,000-plus pages of web content aim to help shoppers pick out the best new vehicle for them, or once the purchase is made, to help owners keep said vehicles well maintained and safe on the road.

But this test is really just for fun, especially noteworthy since both this Corvette and Edmunds were conceived in the same year!

As Scott Oldham, vice president of editor for Edmunds, writes: “While we do focus the majority of our content on meeting the needs of car shoppers and enthusiasts, we believe that content can—and should—pave a path to sales that starts with engagement.”

In other words, if you have fun on the Edmunds site reading about this classic Corvette, then you might try out some of the other content they have to offer. Sort of a win-win situation, in our opinion.

Adds Oldham: “Takahashi and team selected Edmunds employees as the models and interviewed lead photographer Scott Jacobs and other colleagues on camera for the behind-the-scenes video. These are real people who make the magic happen at Edmunds. By adding in a glimpse at the team members behind the operation, we were able to go beyond the car and deliver a human interest story that people can connect with and will remember long after they’ve left the site.”

We especially liked Edmunds’ explanation of why they chose the Corvette: “Forty-nine years later we’ve decided to travel back in time and experience an automotive icon from Edmunds’ very first year.

We, of course, wanted a car that not only defined that era, but is still in production today. It had to be a nameplate that has navigated, evolved and thrived over the same five decades as our company, through nine presidencies, three wars, two oil embargos and of course the transition from an analog to a digital world.”

Hence the natural choice, a 1966 Corvette.

As Oldham notes, using a classic Corvette allows Edmunds to showcase its depth of history and well-established reputation that has been built over its nearly 50 years of innovation on behalf of car shoppers.

“Coverage of the 1966 car on the popular long-term blog re-introduces and helps to cement that point, which serves as a differentiator in the competitive marketplace,” Oldham says. “We want to emphasize our differentiators at every appropriate opportunity, and this one is subtle but memorable.”

C7 Corvette Z06 Crashes at the Race Track

There is no doubt that the 2015 Corvette Z06 is the most capable performance Corvette that Chevrolet has ever made. But to really experience the full bandwidth of performance available, owners are encouraged to take their car to the track. And there lies the conundrum... While the Corvette Z06 may be ready for the track, sometimes the driver isn't which is why we have the photos of a Corvette Z06 that went off the track and into the weeds at a recent SCCA event.



The event was the July 7th SCCA Track Night in America at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit, IL. The event runs three heats of three different classes (Novice, Intermediate and Advanced) but there are no instructors, so it's up to the driver to really know which class they belong in. The Shark Gray Corvette Z06's driver started in the Novice group but for the last heat of the day, he joined the Advanced group.

Here's the account of what happened next from Brendan Appel, a Corvette Stingray driver known on the *Corvette Forum* as “Jedi Jurist” who was running a Black M7 Z51 in the Advanced group:

At the end of the warm-up lap (at the front straight), there was a Miata in front of me and the Z06 behind. I passed the Miata and was going to let the Z06 by but we ran out of road. I've been at Blackhawk before and later in the session ran a 1:19, so I'm very much at home there. I decided to drive my normal run and let him pass at the next passing point (short straight between 6 and 6a), but when I approached that area and checked my mirrors, no Z06 (and no one period). I thought that was weird, and as I continued to the start line and saw a waving black flag, I thought “oh, no.”

When I came around slowly to enter the pits, I saw the Z06 had spun out into the grass coming off of turn 4. I hadn't seen it in the mirror, and this was the one and only time I didn't have a camera pointing rearward (of course!). After talking with the driver later, I learned he was trying to keep up with me, came in on turn 4 high and he said it just “broke loose.” Of course, he had it in Sport 2 or Race, so no stability control to save his bacon (I keep it in Sport 1 until the tires (and me) are nice and warm). Sounds like he may have come in too fast and high, and applied a little early throttle off-balance, causing the spin. I didn't see a passenger, but the passenger side airbag apparently deployed on impact (?). What was really strange is that this apparently totally disables the car, as in no-starter.

At the end of the day, I saw him finally driving away under his own power, but the hazards were still blinking. All things considered, it looked like most of the damage was minor body work – could have been worse.

The good news is that the driver is okay and his car looks like it will okay as well. The incident provides a great lesson in knowing your limits as well as those of your car.

Brendan offers some tips for any driver, novice to advanced, who is thinking of tracking their Corvettes:

1. **Keep your PTM in Sport 1 unless you really know what you're doing, and even if you do, don't take it past 1 until the tires are good and toasty (3 laps for me).**
2. **Don't drive past your comfort level following someone in front of you, even if you can out-drag them – just because your car is fast in a straight line, it doesn't mean you can keep up with the car in front. And if you really belong in a lower group, don't move up until you're truly ready – I drive in intermediate groups whenever I'm at a new track, even though I otherwise drive in advanced groups. There's no shame or judgment about what group you're in, we're all just trying to have fun, safely. I know guys who've been doing this 20 years who take a lower group because they don't want to push it too hard, but they like being on track.**
3. **Always buy the track insurance! While this damage was probably not to the deductible level, it could have been (but for the soft wall).**

Zora Arkus-Duntov's Detroit Home is for Sale

Guys like Zora Arkus-Duntov, Harley Earl and Ed Cole are the names of legends to those of us who are Corvette fans.

Like *Mad Men* for car guys, I imagine Corvette's first Chief Engineer and his wife Elfie hosting a cocktail party in the early '60s at their Detroit home with the whose-who of Chevrolet performance walking the halls or standing in the kitchen with drinks in their hands talking about the latest engine test or what crosstown rivals Ford was up to.

Now you can walk those same halls that Zora once did as the house that he and his wife Elfie owned is back on the market.



We first learned of the Chief Engineer's suburban Detroit home in 2010 when it was first listed on the market following the passing of Elfie in 2008. The house sat for a while and then a sale for the Grosse Pointe Woods property occurred in March 2012 for the bargain price of \$125K. Fast forward a little over three years and now it's back on the market for \$299,900.

The house is located at 621 Lochmoor Blvd in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Ironically, the listing mentions the connection to the Corvette legend but misspell's Zora's Name at ZORAN ARKUS-DUNTOV. At least they do get the Godfather reference correct. One of the changes we see missing from the listing in 2015 was a street sign located on the walkway, halfway from the house to the street. It proclaimed it as "Duntov Way".

Here is the description of the house from the listing:

STUNNING SPANISH STYLE HOME WITH NEW TILE ROOF AND NEW WINDOWS. FRESH PAINT AND STUCCO ON THE EXTERIOR LAST YEAR. THE FORMER HOME OF ZORAN ARKUS-DUNTOV... THE GODFATHER OF THE CORVETTE. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY. DRAMATIC 2 STORY WINDING STAIRCASE. CIRCULAR LIVING ROOM WITH ARCHED WINDOWS AND SKYLIGHT. 1ST FLOOR LAUNDRY. PRIVATE PATIO AND GARDENS. LARGE CORNER LOT A SHORT DISTANCE TO LAKESHORE DRIVE. GROSSE POINTE WOODS RESIDENTS ENJOY USE OF LAKE FRONT PARK. IT IS OVER 55 ACRES ON LAKE ST CLAIR AND BOASTS THE LARGEST OUTDOOR SWIMMING FACILITY IN MICHIGAN AS WELL AS A MARINA AND NUMEROUS OTHER AMENITIES.

2016 Corvette Prices Going Up for Dealers While MSRP Remains the Same

We are just finding out that GM has done another "stealth" price hike on 2016 Corvettes effective for orders after July 17th but this is a little different from the nearly half-dozen price hikes that Corvettes buyers have seen since the initial C7 Corvette pricing was announced in April 2013.



What is unique about this price increase is that it hits dealers while keeping the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) the same.

The way we understand it, dealers will be charged more for both the model and options on the car. If you were paying MSRP or more for a Corvette, than this really doesn't effect you as a buyer. But for the large volume dealers who do offer discounts off of MSRP, particularly in the middle to late model year run, than you will see some of those discounts reduced or even eliminated.

Kerbeck Corvette's Dave Salvatore shared this news with the *Corvette Forum* and says that before the price increase, Kerbeck Corvette was offering discounts on 2016s averaging between \$5,500 and \$7,000, but since they work on a set profit margin between the dealer price and the MSRP, those discounts available to buyers will now be reduced. Dave also says that there is no year end cash back based on units sold and there is no dealer incentives on Corvette either.

Volume dealers like Kerbeck sell Corvettes at a very small margin over cost with little profit as they make their money by selling more Corvettes. When that cost goes up, the discounts to buyers will shrink because there is only so much margin between the dealer cost and the MSRP.

Kerbeck says that anyone that received an order number for a 2016 Corvette prior to July 17th will be price protected. Kerbeck is also going out of there way to honor pricing for those customers who put deposits down for inbound stock orders even though the prices are now below dealer cost.

This change in dealer pricing looks to be an across-the-board increase for all 2015 and 2016 Chevrolet vehicles.

On the positive side, this may allow Chevrolet to then offer incentives or discounts back to dealers to help move any remaining unsold stock. But as Dave said, currently there is no plan in place to offer cash back incentives for Corvettes so that remains to be seen.

CHEVROLET NOTICE TO DEALERS:

2016 Chevrolet Corvette Price Increase – Effective July 17, 2015

Chevrolet is announcing revised model year prices effective with vehicles produced on or after July 17, 2015.

This revision affects 2015 Camaro, Caprice, City Van, Equinox, Express, Impala, Malibu, Silverado, Sonic, Spark,SS, Suburban, Tahoe, Trax, Volt and 2016 MY Cruze Limited, Corvette, Impala Limited, and Traverse.

Optional dealer discounts will decrease 3% and dealer invoice amounts will increase accordingly. Model dealer discounts remain unchanged except 2016 MY Corvette.

Dealer price schedules will be available in GlobalConnect effective July 17, 2015.

Sold order price protection eligibility dates are dictated by the customer and dealer order dates as follows:

-Customer order date must be prior to the date of the price increase.

-GM systems order date (date dealer enters in GM system) must be no more than one work day after date of the price increase.

These units will be invoiced at prices in effect at the date of production; however, the dealer open account will automatically be credited for the price increase once the unit has been delivered.

Happy Birthday Corvette! America's Favorite Sportscar Turns 62!

June 30, 1953 is the date that changed automotive history forever. It was sixty-two years ago today that the first Corvette rolled off an automotive assembly line and into the history books. That car was the 1953 Corvette and the place was a temporary automotive facility in Flint, Michigan.



The first Corvettes took a little over two days to be fully assembled. The uniform body allowed workers to concentrate on putting the bodies together without the distractions of trim and various options. The first Corvettes were all Polo White with Sportsmen Red interiors and they came with a black canvas soft top, 6.70 x 15 whitewall tires and a Delco signal-seeking radio. A triple-carb intake helped boost the power of the Blue Flame 6 cylinder engine and a two-speed automatic transmission was mounted on the floor for that authentic sports car feeling. The first Corvette could go 0-60 MPH in 11 seconds and had a top speed of 105 MPH.

Demand for the little sportscar was high after the EX-122 Corvette's debut at the 1953 GM Motorama in New York City six months earlier. But getting one was nearly impossible unless you were a GM executive or a movie star. In fact, GM's Central Office issued a notice that read "No dealer is in a position to accept firm orders for delivery of a Corvette in 1953"!

The first Corvettes were priced at \$3,498 and if you bought one then and held it, you made a pretty good investment as these cars routinely sell for over \$250,000 today!

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