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CORVETTES OF FRESNO

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

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FEBRUARY 2016



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 - SATURDAY - ICE BREAKER TO MONTEREY - STEVE PROFERA

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TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016



Tahoe 48

"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

September 8-11, 2016

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

(COVERED SECURE PARKING ON LEVELS 7 - 8 - 9 OF THE SELF PARKING GARAGE)

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

also released via e-mail - jimagar14@gmail.com - teixeira2k@att.net

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15th 2016

How Much: \$195.00 per couple, \$125.00 singles

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2016 WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00 CASH!

DUE TO CONTRACTS WITH OUR VENDORS WE CANNOT ISSUE ANY REFUNDS ON CANCELATIONS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2016 (No Exceptions)

Highlights

Welcome Social Thursday Night at Rum Bullions Island Bar

Shine & Show Friday Morning

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 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED

Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night (INCLUDED)

ALL TICKETS FOR RAFFLE & 50/25/25 DRAWING TO BE PURCHASED AT EVENT

PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates

All Net proceeds from Tahoe 48 will be donated to Charity

Accommodations

Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 916CORV
Room Rates: Thursday \$79.00 Friday & Saturday \$125.00 (plus tax & resort fee)

Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!

(must book through group code 916CORV to get included breakfast buffet)

Register now so you don't miss out on the 48th Tahoe Tour

Register by August 9, 2016 for Room Rate Guarantee



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday:

REGISTRATION HOURS THURSDAY - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(Registration will close promptly at 5:00 pm)

**TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE REGISTRATION
CALL LYNNE AGAR @ 559-593-1126 PRIOR TO 5:00 PM THURSDAY**

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

Friday:

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

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Participant's Choice Shine "N" Show

**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 - Laugh Factory 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) 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED**

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

7:00pm – 10:00 pm - Awards Dinner and Ceremony (INCLUDED)

ALL TICKETS FOR RAFFLE & 50/25/25 DRAWING TO BE PURCHASED AT EVENT

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE \$195.00 REGISTRATION FEE?

- 1. HIGH QUALITY THERMAL PICNIC COOLER FOR EACH REGISTRATION**
- 2. BREAKFAST FOR 2 EACH MORNING AT FLAVORS BUFFET
(must book through group code 916corv)**
- 3. WELCOME SOCIAL - RUM BULLIONS ISLAND BAR**
- 4. FRIDAY SHINE & SHOW**
- 5. FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY SHOW IN THE "LAUGH FACTORY SHOWROOM"**
- 6. SATURDAY - SCENIC POKER RUN ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE TAHOE ENDING WITH LUNCH
(lunch not included) 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED**
- 7. SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET WITH PRIME RIB ON THE CARVING STATION**

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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

1966 TRIVIA



1966 marked the last year for knock off wheels but the first for shoulder harnesses and headrests.

The 1966 Corvette was not eligible for the SCCA Trans Am, due to the upper limit of 5.0 liter on engine displacement. Chevy's only eligible car was the Corvair.

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newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com



THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello, Hello,

What a great first meeting of 2016. If I made a few mistakes that's OK because I forgave myself. A hearty thanks to Donnie Dukes for his words of enlightenment, how inspirational. A warm heart and a smile is like the flu virus, it spreads.

We sent off Larry and Sharon Minnich with a standing applause. COF North will welcome their arrival, however, we will miss their strong participation in all areas of this organization.

We put off the round table discussion on events, hosted by Chuck Feccia, until just after the February general meeting. Please stick around, we need as much input as possible.

Many events are already in the mill. The ice breaker is coming up next, hosted by Steve Profera and Jackie Christani. Make your reservations ASAP, the deadline is coming up soon. Also coming up are the Sanger Blossom Festival (Lee Delap), the Kingsburg dinner run to Diane's (Harry Bellow) the run to Laughlin (Allen Texiera). Flyers should be in place at our February meeting. Sign up, participate and have a good time. Also, our 48th annual Tahoe run coming up in September, (Allen Texiera). Angie DiLiddo volunteered to host this years Christmas party in December. Thanks Angie. Allen has already secured the venue and time.

A pat on the back and a hearty thanks to two persons who are really doing a wonderful job in keeping us informed. Our webmaster Chris Campbell and newsletter editor Jim Agar. Their outstanding and very time consuming contribution is like an adhesive that helps to hold us together.

In the immortal words of Bob Marley "*Be Happy*".

Thanks,

Bert Sherman





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2016



Call to Order: President Bert Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Board Members present were Gerri Ware, Nancy Teixeira and Chuck Feccia. Clay Mumby and Jim Agar were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Bert Sherman welcomed all members and guests.

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the meeting November 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the November 2015 minutes was made by Kaye Campbell and seconded by Ron Mattos, Motion carried.

A motion to accept the November 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Art Durham and seconded by Allen Teixeira, motion carried unanimously!

Treasurers Report: Gerri Ware reported the accounts activity for November and December, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read by Dave Dutton and seconded by Larry Minnich. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership: Clay Mumby was absent so Chris Campbell reported we have 61 members present and 5 guests. Guests introduced were Ron and Betsy Lingeren, Robert Cook, and Mark and Janie Spomer. Jack and Margie Back are now new members but were not present to receive their membership packet. Corvettes of Fresno have 135 members and 88 corvettes. December and January Anniversaries and Birthdays were acknowledged. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of January is \$10.00. 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 January 22.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that the Web site is up to date with the Tahoe 48 registration flyer up and also the membership directory is up along with the calendar of events. There is a new pass word for the membership directory if you didn't get it see Chris Campbell.

Activities: 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:

Dec 4 Christmas Party Larry Minnich reported that 88 attended the event at TorNinos and thanked Liz DeVoe for the decorations and said since he and Sharon are moving that we need a chairperson for this years party. Angie DiLiddo volunteered.

Jan 5 COF Board Meeting was held

Jan 12 Tahoe 48 meeting was held and Allen Teixeira reported that the Najarian's and DiLiddo's have volunteered to help co chair the event with the Teixeira's and Agar's. The price of the package was increased to \$195.00 a couple and \$125.00 single. Allen pointed out the new Tahoe 48 banner on display at the meeting.

Up Coming Events:

Jan 23 Swap meet in Turlock

Feb 2 COF Board meeting 6:30 pm at Spaghetti Factory on Shaw

Feb 9 Tahoe 48 meeting 7pm at Denny's Herndon and Blackstone

Feb 16 COF General meeting 7pm Yosemite Falls at Granite Park

Feb 27 & 28 Ice Breaker Run to Monterey Steve Profera is chairing and said you need to make your hotel reservations by Jan 28 to get the group rate. The route will be a mystery and the first group will leave at 7:30 and 2nd group 8:00 a.m.

March 5 Sanger Blossom Days Car Show Lee Delap chair, flyers will be put on website

March 26 Dinner run to Ducey's at Bass Lake Feccia's chairing signup sheet on table

April 9 Tower District Car Show

April 14-17 Corvettes of Bakersfield Laughlin Run Allen Teixeira chairing sign up sheet and fliers available.

April 15 Kingsburg Car Show Dinner Run Harry Bellow chairing

Chuck Feccia encouraged members to step up and host a run.

Nick DiLiddo also thanked Larry and Sharon Minnich for all they did for the club while they were here.

WSSC Allen Teixeira announced that the next Redline is out and let him know if you do not receive one.

The Banquet was held on January 16 in Sacramento but he hasn't heard what was discussed there.

The membership directories are also out so please let Allen know if you have any corrections.

Sunshine Report given by Ruth Looney, cards were sent to the following members Patty Sherman for the loss of her mother, Bill and Christine Sahatdjian for the loss of both their fathers, and Bruce Garlock for the loss of his father. Nonie Delap had Rotator Cuff surgery so a card was sent to her and she is doing well. She said Lloyd Cox is doing okay; he has some good days and some not so well, but would welcome phone calls. Ruth also asked if anyone knows of about someone who needs a card sent to them please let her know..

Old Business: None..

New Business: A Haggerty Insurance Representative would like to come to a meeting to talk about the coverage they have to offer. The Board asked if anyone would like to have them talk at one of our meetings. With a show of hands it was decided to contact them and set up a date for the talk.

Name Tag Drawing: .The drawing is \$10.00 for January, Jerri Shaul's name was drawn and she was not present so February the amount will go to \$20.00...

50/25/25 Raffle: Sharon Minnich had the first ticket drawn for \$53.00 and the second ticket was Nancy Teixeira for \$53.00.

There being no further business a motion was made by Billie Talley to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ron Miller the meeting was adjourned at 7.55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Teixeira

By/ net



**NANCY TEIXEIRA
SECRETARY**

CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2016 Calendar Year COF has 135 members and 88 cars.

Members & Guests

Total attendance: 66 - 61 Members & 5 Guests Ron and Betsy Lingeren, Robert Cook, and Mark and Janie Spomer.

Jack and Margie Back are now new members but were not present to receive their membership packet.

Nametag drawing

Jerri Shaul's name was drawn & She was not present, the drawing will be for \$20.00 next month.

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

Club Directories and Updates

The 2016 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



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & CECE KARLIE 3 - DAVID & CAROL TRAUGER 6
LLOYD & GWEN COX 10
RICK & MELANIE SARKISIAN 18

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

GENE FOX 1 - CHRISTINE SAHATDJIAN 2
JOHN JOHNSON 5 - HARRY BELLOW 6
DENNIS CHRISTIANSEN 9 - GARY HUSS 11
CINDY KOCHVAR 18 - GWEN COX 20
FRANK STAFFORD 21 - KELLEY ASHLEY 21
ART DURHAM 21

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

SHARON MINNICH
NANCY TEIXEIRA



EACH WON
\$53.00



CONGRATULATIONS!



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CHUCK'S 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



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FEBRUARY 16, 2016 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

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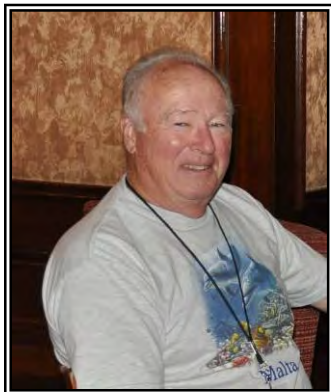
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JUNE 3-5, 2016 - MONTEREY COAST CORVETTE CRUISE - FLYER IN NEWSLETTER & WEB



**CHUCK FECCIA
VP ACTIVITIES**

TAHOE 48 MEETING

**TAHOE 48 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM
TUESDAY FEB 9, 2016 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF
BLACKSTONE & HERNDON**

WSCC

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PLAN A RUN

**TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE
TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016**



COF DINNER RUN TO DIANE'S

**KINGSBURG, CA.
FRIDAY APRIL 15, 2016**

**DRAPER STREET
MAIN STREETS OF SWEDISH VILLAGE**



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

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



**DINNER MENU & MORE INFO & SIGN-UP SHEET
AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**



**NEED MORE INFO - CONTACT:
HARRY BELLOW 559- 761-6696**



We're Back! April 15 – 17th 2016

19th Gambler's Classic is on!



**FOR MORE INFO &
REGISTRATION FORMS
FOR THESE RUNS
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The host hotel for the 19th Gambler's Classic presented by Corvettes of Bakersfield is again Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin Nevada. The hotel is right on the banks of the beautiful Colorado River.

The Riverside Resort is offering Gambler's Classic participants a very special rate of \$35.00 week night (Thursday) and \$55.00 weekend rates (Friday and Saturday) for a standard room. Upgrades are available at an additional cost, call hotel for details. We will have a "fenced in secured" parking lot for all participants vehicles.

Three hundred rooms at The Riverside have been blocked for this event and will be held until 30 days before the event. We encourage you to make your reservations early, we expect a full house.

For reservations please call The Riverside at 800 227 3849 and reference "C/GCCOB to get the special rate.

Any questions please feel free to call Bob Vella @ 661 809 7387.

2016 Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise

June 3, 4, and 5

Hosted by Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club

It's time to register for the 2016 Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise Event. Prepare yourselves for a fun packed weekend on California's beautiful Monterey peninsula. For those who have participated in prior years, we hope you decide to join us in 2016. For those of you presently "scoping out upcoming events", this event will be all you could hope for. Whichever category you fall into, old or new, spread the word, register, then set back and relax. This is by far one of the best events in the state.

Some of our events over-lap so you participate in those you like, skip the others, or you can send your significant other one way and you go the other. Whatever works for you works for us! We have two goals. One is to make sure our event participants have a wonderful weekend. The second goal is to raise money for The Food Bank of Monterey County, a well deserving organization in the county providing food for individuals and families in need. To date we have raised over \$20K to support their efforts, which equates to over \$140K when combined with other generous partnerships they have built. That makes this weekend a WIN-WIN for everyone!

If you have questions, call Katie Ruskell, Event Coordinator, at 831.624.9018 or email her at cypresspainting@sbcglobal.net. During the event, an MPCC member will be available in our hospitality suite everyday to assist you.

Embassy Suites Lodging ... Single/Dbl Occupancy \$179; Triple Occupancy \$199; Quad Occupancy \$219, plus taxes & \$5 per day parking

Arrangements have been made with Embassy Suites to provide rooms for our event participants at significantly reduced summer rates. Although the event is limited to the first 100 registrants, we have arranged for only 75 rooms to be set aside as some participants stay with family, friends, or at other pre-arranged lodging. If you plan on staying at Embassy Suites, book your room as soon as you receive the event group code. Rooms go fast! Reserved rooms include a mixture of single, double, triple, and quad availability with double or king beds. We continually monitor the room block to insure other groups do not infringe on rooms set aside for our event participants. Embassy Suites has graciously agreed to extend the room rates for two days before the event and two days after the event for those of you planning an extended stay. Visit Embassy Suites online to see other hotel accommodations.



Corvette Hall of Fame



**Donna Mae Mims
2016**

Donna Mae Mims became a Corvette enthusiast the moment she first saw a 1957 Corvette at Don Yenko Chevrolet.

Purchasing that car, she got the racing bug as well and became racing in 1961 which included a win at the B Production



National race at Cumberland. Her trademark ‘Think Pink’ was painted on the side of her corvette and her pink coveralls, pink crash helmet and full pink wig earned her the nickname ‘The Lady in Pink’.

Donna worked as the Manager of Hi-Performance at Yenko Sports Cars by helping other racers with parts and even sponsors. Her company car at the time was a 1969 L88 Corvette. She also freelanced articles for Corvette News, SCCA’s Sports Car and Competition Press. After retiring from racing, she worked at three different Ohio race tracks and was active in three different Corvette clubs, one of which was founded by her, the Three Rivers Corvette Club.

Mims made headlines one last time when she passed away in 2009 at the age of 82. At the funeral home, her body was displayed sitting behind the wheel of her pink 1979 Corvette and a large group of over forty Corvettes were part of the funeral procession.

The National Corvette Museum’s Corvette Hall of Fame was established in 1998 to confer the highest honor and recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette.

December 2015 Corvette Sales

This morning, General Motors issued their final sales report for the 2015 calendar year. In December 2015, Chevrolet sold 2,453 Corvettes for a decline of -30.9% over the 3,552 Corvettes sold in December 2014. For the calendar year, a total of 33,329 Corvettes were delivered to new owners which was a -4.3% decline from the 34,839 Corvettes delivered during all off 2014.

Those numbers don't tell the whole story as if you remember last year at this time, the Corvette Z06s were finally shipping to customers which caused a surge in December 2014's delivery numbers. The 2,453 Corvettes sold in December was an increase of 501 cars or 25.67% over the 1,952 Corvettes sold in November 2015.

Talking with some of our dealers, demand for the Corvette Z06 continues to remain strong. The Corvette Z06 C7.R editions have all been built and most have been delivered while a few remain on eBay for more than MSRP.

Starting off the new year is a rebate offer for Corvettes from GM. Now through January 18, 2016, Corvettes have a \$1,000 Conquest Rebate if you own or lease 1999 or newer non-GM product! This rebate is only good for purchase of new Corvettes in stock and you must take delivery of the new car by January 18, 2015.

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

Corvette Delivery Statistics for October 2015							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2015	2014	% Change	Months	2015	2014	% Change
December	2,453	3,552	-30.9%	Jan- December	33,329	34,839	-4.3%

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	2,794	2,725	2,572	2,526	1,952	2,453	33,329
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



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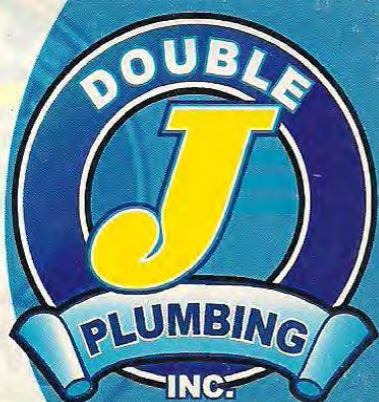
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First Beam Set for the New Corvette Paint Shop at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant

Let the countdown begin.

The first of some 11,000 pieces of steel was put into place Monday as construction of a technologically advanced paint shop at the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green began in earnest.

When all is said and done in early 2017 and the first car is expected to be painted in April that year, Corvette customers

(perhaps mid-engine customers, too, we can hope) will begin seeing a much higher-quality paint job and an expanded color palette.



That first beam, which was 55 feet long and weighed three tons, is part of the northeast corner of the new paint shop, which will be 450,000 square feet – half the size of the current facility.

“It’s a landmark day to see this happen,” Plant Manager Kai Spande said.

According to Spande, the expansion “is for the customers,” noting that because the plant is painting carbon fiber and specialized plastics, all off of the body, special processes used only in Bowling Green will be implemented.

“From an operational standpoint, we will have more automation, but that will be balanced out with increased complexity,” Spande said, “so it doesn’t make our jobs easier, but it will make a better product for our customers.”

Chuck Valentini, body systems manager, said the new shop will be able “to do some colors that we can’t do today while also raising the quality level up,” thanks to additional spray capabilities, spray booths, and automation.

The expansion means that 12 colors will be offered instead of the current 10, along with some tri-coats that use a ground and a mid-coat application to produce white diamond colors for a more fluorescent depth to the finish.

“Because of the additional automation we’ll be able to offer the additional colors that our customers want that we are not able to give them today,” Valentini added.

The new plant will also be good for the environment as a state-of-the-art paint recovery operation will be built under the booth.

While base paint in the air currently gets trapped in water, then is filtered out to leave a sludge to dispose of, the new paint shop will have a dry scrub system using limestone to recover the paint, keeping it dry and creating a recyclable application that can be used to make concrete. “This represents a much better waste stream than what we currently have,” Valentini says.

Construction crews will put up an average of 50 pieces of steel each day to stay on schedule and should have the building enclosed by this May, allowing the new equipment to be installed in time for the first car to be painted in April 2017.

“You can bet that I’ll be here to see that first car coming off the line,” Site Project Manager Marc Roberts said.

C4 Corvette Owner Survives Crash with DUI Driver **That Should Have Killed Him**

It seems lately we’ve been writing a lot of stories about Corvette drivers being killed in their cars.

Today, we have a story with a much happier ending.

The Winnipeg Sun relates the tale of a driver of a 1996 Corvette who is lucky to be alive after being clipped by a 48-year-old drunk driver.



Eric Bueckert was on the way to see his girlfriend on Halloween afternoon when he noticed a fast-approaching car in his rearview mirror. The Pontiac Grand Am passed him but when he pulled back in, he hit the front fender of the Corvette, sending it careening off the road, into a field where it rolled an unknown number of times and winding up on its roof.

The Grand Am driver fled the scene.

Miraculously, Bueckert was able to take off his seatbelt and climb out the back of the car.

The impact was so hard it caused the Corvette’s battery to fly from the engine compartment onto the highway, cutting off power to the airbags before they could deploy. Bueckert wound up looking like something you might see on Halloween night, with a punctured lung, broken nose, and multiple bruises. Still, he’s just glad to be alive, as witnessed by his Facebook post on Nov. 2:

“Looking at these pictures, there is no way I should have walked away from this. It is only thanks to God that I came away with no major injuries, and thanks to Shiyrah Friesen for getting me to wear my seatbelt. I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who called, texted, came to see me, and prayed

for me, as well as to the people who stopped to help me, the paramedics and firefighters who were there, the doctors and nurses, and to the police who caught those responsible for this. I am truly grateful, and lucky to be alive and now recovering at home.”

Bueckert also has a stern message for those who would drink and drive, as did the 48-year-old man who has been arrested and charged in the accident with impaired operation of a vehicle causing bodily harm, impaired operation over .08 causing bodily harm, and dangerous operation of a vehicle.

“There is no need (to drink and drive),” Bueckert said. “Most of the time when you hear about it, it’s not the ones who were drinking and driving who got hurt, it’s someone else that they hit.

“It’s not only the injury and the car, in my case it’s going to physio, having to deal with MPI, it’s not a lot of fun and it’s not necessary at all.”

Bueckert had bought the Corvette from his father a few years ago, calling it “a fun car and I liked taking it out to cruise nights in Winnipeg, but it’s just a car and it could have been a whole lot worse than that,” he said.

We’re just glad Bueckert survived the crash and maybe his message will help prevent another such accident from happening.

Husband Wins Custody of a 1994 Corvette in Alabama Divorce Case

We’ve heard of custody battles over children and even pets in times of divorce.

Now the fight has extended to a car, at least in one Alabama split-up.

It seems an Alabama man received a 1994 Corvette as a gift from his grandparents in 1996.

James Todd Henry said his wedding vows 16 years later.

Last year, he and his wife, Carlaine, who didn’t produce any children during their brief time together, went their separate ways, but not before a judge ruled that Carlaine could go her own way in the Corvette.

Not so fast, James Todd cried.



In an appeal to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, he argued that the Corvette was a gift from his grandparents long before he and Carlaine married in 2012. Furthermore, James Todd said they hadn't used the Corvette together, so he should be able to keep it.

The appellate court agreed Friday with the ex-hubby and ruled that the Corvette be returned to him, in the process also nullifying a judge's earlier decision that if James Todd wanted to keep the car, he had to pay his ex-wife \$13,000.

Side note: Whoever decided that the 1994 Corvette was worth a whopping \$13,000 in the first place? James Todd might have been better off selling it back to his ex-wife for that price if she thinks it's worth that much!

Judges Set Court Dates for the Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park

The National Corvette Museum's appeal of a \$100-a-day fine won't be heard until the new year arrives.

Tuesday, Warren District Court Judge John Brown delayed a case update until Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 9 a.m. in the NCM appeal of the fine imposed on its Motorsports Park for not having a certificate of occupancy.

The fine was issued by the Warren County Code Enforcement Board on Sept. 11, two days after a hearing in which residents near the park complained about the noise levels being created by activities at the park. The code enforcement board said the fine would be imposed until a revised detailed development plan was submitted by the NCM and approved by the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County, which would lead to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.



The code enforcement board originally issued a citation against the motorsports park on Aug. 20, with only a fixed \$100 fine issued at that time.

The NCM, in its appeal, argues that the code enforcement board overstepped the bounds of that original fine when it then issued the \$100-a-day fine in September and the other demands surrounding it. The Museum claims that the board acted "arbitrarily, erroneously and cannot place a lien on NCM property until the fine is paid and the certificate of occupancy is obtained." Also being argued by the NCM is the board's authority not to permit motorsports park events after Sept. 13.

Named in the NCM appeal are Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon; Warren County Attorney Amy Milliken; Alan Stonex, code enforcement board chairman; Josh Moore, code enforcement board director; Steve Hunter, executive director of the planning commission; Megan Mooney, administrative group manager of the planning commission; and Frank "Hamp" Moore, planning commission attorney.

In a separate related case, Warren Circuit Judge John Grise on Monday set a jury trial for Nov. 1, 2016 to consider possible monetary damages for Clark Circle homeowners because of the vehicle noise coming from the motorsports park. Earlier, Grise had denied a temporary restraining order requested by Residents Against Motorsports Park Track Noise LLC asking for the park to be closed down.

Car and Driver's Don Sherman Weighs in on Corvette E-Ray Trademark

The recent news over GM's latest trademark filing for "Corvette E-Ray" has many speculating about the future of an electric or hybrid Corvette. One man who has weighed in with his two cents is Car and Driver's Technical Director Don Sherman who has been writing about Corvettes since forever and is the owner of a 1967 big block.



Don thinks the way to get to a hybrid Corvette is by utilizing a electrical motor and generator onto the rear of the Corvette, (sacrificing some of the 15 cubic feet of storage space):

"The notion of an electrified Corvette got me wondering: What's the best way to hybridize today's C7 Stingray? I'd do it by rearranging components behind the rear axle.

"Hanging a motor/generator onto the rear of the differential would be the way to go. The added electric machine would capture normally squandered energy during deceleration and braking. The electricity would be stored in one or more compact lithium-ion battery packs also located at the rear of the Corvette. Then, during acceleration, this device would operate as a motor to ease the engine's labor, yielding a slight fuel-economy improvement.

"During all-out acceleration, the engine and electric motor would collaborate providing forward thrust. That said, the added weight of the motor/generator and battery pack(s) would likely mean the hybrid E-Ray wouldn't necessarily top the zero-to-60-mph time of a non-hybrid Stingray with a 6.2-liter V-8.

"Major exhaust-system revisions would be necessary to clear the space needed for the motor/generator and the battery. Some of the Corvette coupe's 15 cubic feet of cargo space would inevitably be sacrificed. Substituting GM's twin-turbo 3.6-liter V-6 for the current 6.2-liter V-8 would keep the total power on tap about the same while delivering significantly more fuel savings."

That's definitely one way that the Corvette team could pursue a hybrid powertrain. If that is the case, I think we would rather see the electric motor assist on the front wheels which would give Corvette its first all-wheel drive set up. But we agree with the Don that the biggest challenge for the Corvette team would be how to package the components within the car without sacrificing too much space and weight.

One of the hallmarks of the Corvette brand over the years is that it represents the tip of the technological spear for General Motors (as Doug Fehan would say). It's time for Corvette to get serious with a hybrid/electric concept to pursue these new technologies. If a future Corvette could provide Z06-like performance and offer 50% better fuel economy by utilizing an electric-hybrid powertrain, isn't that a technology worth pursuing?

Speculation of an Electric Corvette Grows After GM Trademarks 'Corvette E-Ray'

With all the speculation about a possible mid-engine Corvette finally becoming a reality, General Motors has thrown a curve at the rumor mill.

According to Chris Doan Automotive, GM recently filed two trademarks (numbers 86850510 and 86850500) that have fueled speculation the company is considering some type of an electrified version of the Corvette.



One of those trademarks is for "Corvette E-Ray," which most people assume would be used as the name of an electric Corvette.

Of course, the filing could just be a preventative measure to keep someone else from using the name.

On the other hand, other automakers are reportedly working on electrified sports cars, including Nissan, BMW, Porsche, Acura, and Tesla.

The market quite likely would be there for an electric Corvette, pure or hybrid version, especially if it can deliver the out-of-the-ballpark performance numbers that have already been unearthed by Tesla.

Corvette Stingray Ranks 2nd in Consumer Reports' Most Satisfying Vehicles

Everyone is excited when they first grab the keys and drive their brand new car home.

Go back and talk to those people in a few months, though, and that's how you will find the true test of a vehicle's popularity.

That's where the Corvette Stingray continues to shine.



Consumer Reports recently surveyed 230,000 owners of cars from the last three model years, in an aim to find out the most satisfying vehicles in the world.

The Stingray rated second in that survey, behind the Tesla Model S and ahead of three Porsches (Cayman, Macan, and 911).

What stands out about the rankings is that according to Consumer Reports, the Corvette, Tesla, and Macan have worse-than-average reliability scores. You would think the owners would be ready to dump the vehicles and move on to something more reliable, but no, 97 percent of Tesla owners say they would buy one again.

On the forums, we've read about Corvette owners having problems with certain systems on their cars, but it's always interesting to note that many of them may be upset, but despite the trouble, overall they still madly love their Stingrays.

I even read a couple of days ago about a guy who traded in one Z06 that proved to be a lemon – for yet another Z06! What does that say about the popularity of these cars? If these troubled owners still are crazy about their C7s, can you imagine how thrilled owners who aren't having problems are?

We can't blame the folks in the Least Satisfying part of this survey. After all, how excited could you get about the No.1-ranked Kia Rio and No. 2-ranked Nissan Sentra?

For the month of December 2015, GM brands delivered 290,230 vehicles in the United States, a 6% increase in total sales as compared with a year ago. For the year, GM's four brands of Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and Buick delivered a total 3.1 million vehicles, a 5% increase over 2014's total deliveries. Chevrolet has increased its retail sales every month since March and the Bow-Tie brand had the largest increase of retail market share (0.4%) of any automaker.

World War II Veteran Donates His 1958 Corvette to the National Corvette Museum

They don't call them the Greatest Generation for nothing.

Even to the end.

Willis Stopler fought every battle in the Pacific aboard the USS Enterprise during World War II, then came home to work as a shipping foreman for a garden implement company. On the side, he often repaired and restored lawn mowers.



His quiet nature made it a surprise when one day he bought a Corvette, a car that brings much attention to its owners.

But Willis was an intelligent man and apparently loved machines of all kinds (he owned an Indian motorcycle and an airplane), so it probably wasn't really all that surprising that he loved Corvettes.

In fact, in the early 1960s, he became the second owner of a blue 1958 Corvette and joined a Corvette Club to share his enthusiasm for the car with others, often attending local shows later in life.

"He was proud of it and loved to show it off," brother-in-law Walt Friedemann says.

Willis was so proud of the car, in fact, that he kept it the rest of his life, which only ended in March at the age of 92!

Though he never got to visit the National Corvette Museum, it was one of his wishes that it be donated to the NCM when he passed away.

"So many people wanted the car," Friedemann said, "but he said it should go to the Museum, both to preserve it, and so that no one would be unhappy. He had his memory, and it was great until the end. The family is pleased to honor his wishes. The car belongs at the Museum."

The Museum was thrilled to get the classic Corvette and said: "Thank you to the Stopler family for entrusting us with Willis' prized possession. We look forward to sharing his Corvette with many visitors to come!"

Laguna Blue and Shark Gray to be Phased Out of 2016 Corvette Production

Well, here is another bombshell dropped by Chevrolet regarding exterior colors for the Corvette.

Chevy will be phasing out production of two additional 2016 colors – Laguna Blue and Shark Gray – by the end of the 2016 model year. According to GM, the last opportunity to order these two colors will come in April.



We call this a bombshell as Chevrolet has already ended the production of two of Corvette's ten exterior colors, Inferno Orange and Night Race Blue, and so having 40% of the exterior colors off the table is unprecedented.

With these two additional color build-outs in the works, it looks like Chevrolet will only be keeping six of ten colors for the 2017 model year.

Never in our coverage over the last 10 years have we seen Chevrolet make this many color changes in a single year. We believe a lot of this has to do with the new \$439 million paint shop at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant that is under construction now and is supposed to be operational in the spring of 2017.

Laguna Blue was one of the original new C7 colors which first appeared on the 2014 Corvette Stingray. That color was chosen by 9% of buyers in 2014 (3,356) and 8.3% of Stingray and Z06 buyers in 2015 (3,015). The color was moderately popular with it finishing production at either 5th or 6th out of the 10 colors offered in the last two years.

Shark Gray came online in 2015 and replaced the popular Cyber Gray which was a carryover from C6 production. In 2015, Shark Gray was the 3rd most popular color behind Arctic White and Torch Red for 14.8% of production (5,130)

If you still want to order a 2016 Corvette Stingray or Z06 in either Shark Gray or Laguna Blue, here are your drop-dead dates:

G1B – Shark Gray – phases out in May. Last date to order is April 15

G7H – Laguna Blue – phases out at end of 2016 MY. Last date to order is April 28

GM Settles with Man over Inoperable CarPlay Feature in 2016 Corvette

Seems that a Pennsylvania man named Paul Pino decided to reward himself for 42 years of hard work by buying a 2016 Corvette.

Unfortunately, Pino soon found that he could sync an Apple iPhone with the car, but not his iPod or iPad, making it more difficult to listen to his music.

“If you put the iPod or iPad on Bluetooth you lose your connection with your phone and then you don’t have a hands free connection, so it’s not safe,” he explained.



General Motors’ reaction to Pino’s problem was for him to wait for a software upgrade that will come “sooner or later”” and fix the trouble.

Because his owner’s manual shows that the infotainment system will sync with all Apple devices now, Pino didn’t feel like he should have to wait for that update.

Since the car will sync with an iPhone, Pino just asked GM to give him an iPhone, but they refused.

That’s when his wife suggested getting Philadelphia TV consumer reporter Jim Donovan of 3 On Your Side fame to solve the problem a lot quicker.

Donovan put Pino in touch with attorney Bob Silverman, who told him that the situation was definitely a breach of warranty. “When you buy a product and it’s not what you expect or were promised,” Silverman said, “you deserve compensation. GM didn’t have the software right, so he was denied the right to use that product in his car that he was promised.”

Silverman eventually got GM to settle for \$3,000, providing Pino with plenty of money for an iPhone and even an iPad or iPod or two ... in the event that promised software update should arrive.

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