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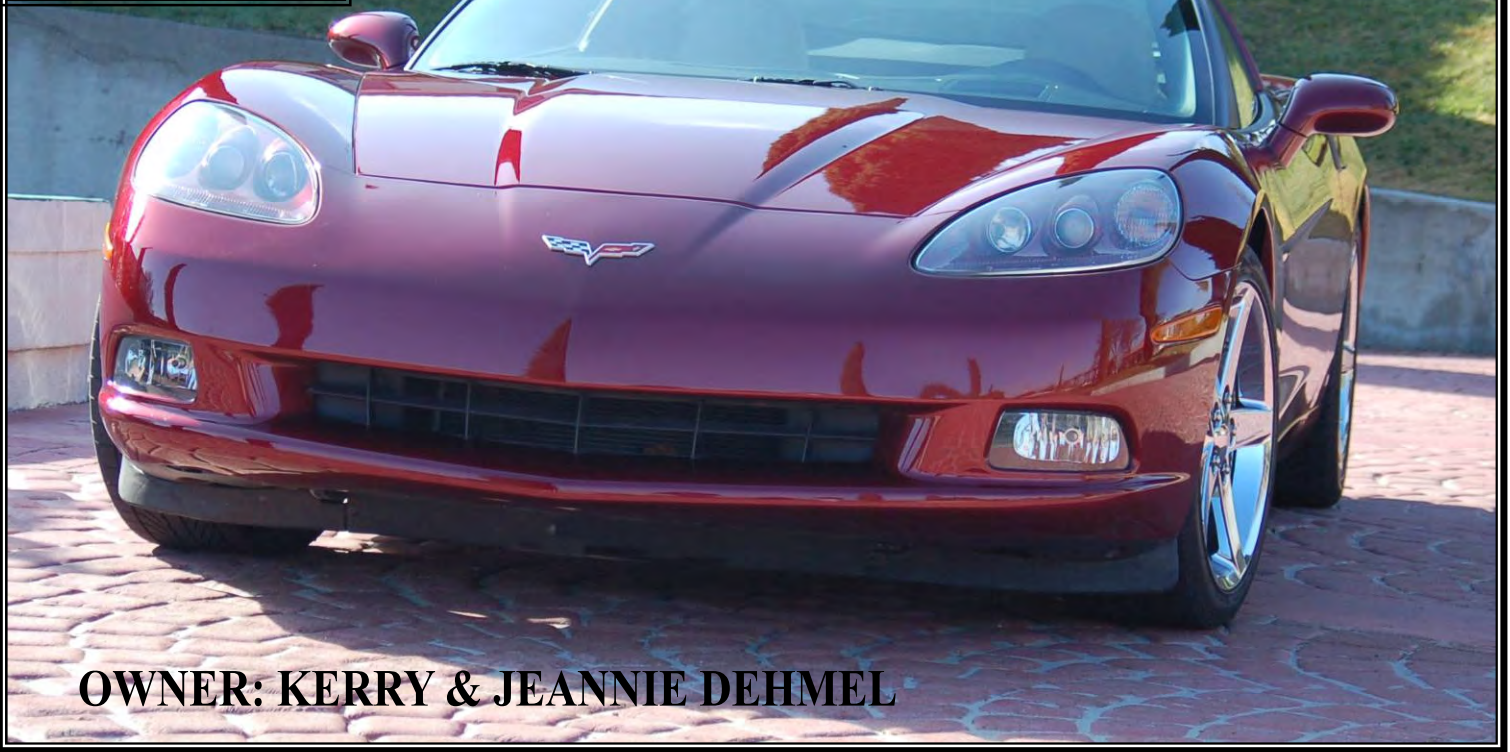
CORVETTES OF FRESNO

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

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 22-26 2017 - ST GEORGE UT, BRYCE CANYON AND ZION

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Tahoe 49

**"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL
CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"**

September 7-10, 2017

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 2017

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

ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2017

WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$20.00 LATE FEE

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

**ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2017 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, 2017 (No Exceptions)**

Highlights

Welcome Social Thursday Night at Rum Bullions Island Bar

Shine & Show Friday Morning

Slot Tournament \$10.00p/p - 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 BANQUET IS SMART CASUAL

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates

All Net proceeds from Tahoe 49 will be donated to Charity

Accommodations

**Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 917CORV
Room Rates: Thursday \$75.00 Friday & Saturday \$135.00 (plus tax & resort fee)**

Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!

(must book through group code 917CORV to get included breakfast buffet)

Register now so you don't miss out on the 49th Tahoe Tour

Register by August 14, 2017 for Room Rate Guarantee

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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

1978 TRIVIA

The 1978 model saw the first fastback rear window since 1967.

The '78 Pace Car's distinguishing "Black and Silver" paint was chosen over other alternative color schemes primarily because it photographed well. Back then, most magazine articles and ads were still done in Black & White!

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



GREETINGS VETTE LOVERS

Well the new year continues and the rain is still falling, hopefully helping to end this drought in California. It does make it a little hard to plan runs right now, but there should be plenty of opportunities to take some runs in the foothills this spring and enjoy all scenery and running water. Lets start thinking about some places to go and enjoy all this.

The Icebreaker is the end of the month in Monterey. It is always a good time and I hope you can attend.

We had our first Tahoe 49 meeting and had an awesome turn out of people willing to help. Allen Teixeira is working with Silver Legacy and getting things organized. Please try and get involved with this event if you're going. It's a great way to meet people in the club and is also a lot of fun. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting to let people know what they can do to help.

We also are already talking about Tahoe 50 next year and are going to try to make this an epic event. More to come on that later.

Don't forget Valentine's Day is coming up and it would be a great time to have a run and impress the ladies!

Well that's it for now. Again let me say that if anyone has an idea for a run or wants to have one but is not sure how to go about it, please contact me or any board member and we will be glad to help you.

Your president
Chuck Ware





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2017



Call to Order: President Chuck Ware was unable to attend the meeting due to business obligations but wanted to thank the outgoing Board Members and welcome in the new Board Members. Past President Bert Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:57pm. Board Members present: Dave Trauger, Robb Kochevar, Gerri Ware, and Ruth Looney. Chuck Ware and Jim Agar were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the November 15, 2016, meeting are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the November 15, 2016, Minutes was made by Dave Dutton and seconded by Carol Trauger. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the Minutes as printed in the December newsletter was made by Chuck Feccia and seconded by Nancy Teixeira. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Gerri Ware reported the accounts activity for December which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Carol Trauger and seconded by Louie Biglieri. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership: Robb Kochevar was unable to report the number of members present as the sign up sheet was incomplete. He asked members and guests to sign it as they left. Guests were Gary and Michelle Connell. Tom and Pat Rebello turned in their paperwork tonight. Two new members were welcomed into the Club - John Maddox and Shawn Brooks. Corvettes of Fresno have 127 members and 87 corvettes. January Anniversaries and Birthdays were acknowledged.

Robb acknowledged members with perfect attendance for 2016 with gift cards for Yosemite Falls: Lee Delap, Nick DiLiddo, Angie DiLiddo, Shirley Doshier, Art Durham, Brenda Durham, Allen Teixeira, Nancy Teixeira, Ron Mattos, Patricia Mattos and Rob Kochevar.

The nametag drawing for January is \$20.00.

Communication: Jim Agar was absent

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell said the site is up to date. He is working on the cars and members.

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.** Dave Trauger reported on the following:

Past Events:

Nov 19-20 Melodrama Oceano, Biglieri's and Trauger's chairing. Great show and accommodations at the Pacific Plaza Hotel. Dinner on the patio was provided by Old Juan's Cantina.

Dec 3 Christmas Party at Pardini's, Angie DiLiddo chair. Fun was had by all. Plans are already in place for next year - December 2 – put it on your calendar. This will be Angie's last year of chairing.

Dec 3 Sanger's Nation's Christmas Tree Toyland Parade, Lee Delap chair. Had 14 cars to carry VIPs in the Parade. Plus, Lee was honored with the Hall of Fame. Congrats!!

No General Meeting in December

Up Coming Events:

Jan 28-29, 2017 Ice Breaker Monterey, Steve Profera chair. Will meet at 8:30am, and the first group will leave at 9:00 from the southwest corner of Herndon and 99. Plastic only for Happy Hour and bring your own drinks and also snacks to share.

January 28-29, 2017 Turlock Swap Meet hosted by Modesto Area A's. Located at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock.

February 7, 2017 COF Board Meeting, 6:30pm, at The Old Spaghetti Factory. All Club members are welcomed to attend with ideas and suggestions.

February 14, 2017 Tahoe 49 Meeting—**CANCELLED** The next meeting is March 14, 2017, at 7:00pm, at Denny's on Blackstone and Herndon.

February 21, 2017 COF General Meeting, 7:00pm, at Yosemite Falls Café at Granite Park on Cedar.

April 22-26 2017 Trip to St. George, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park, Jim Agar and Allen Teixeira chairing. Allen reviewed the sign up list and highlighted those members who have already made their motel reservations. Please check the list as you leave tonight and make your reservations if you have not done so. Only about 12 rooms are left. Also, if you have signed up and for whatever reason cannot go, please let Allen know so he can keep the list up-to-date.

July 14-15, 2017 Corvette Weekend hosted by the Southern Oregon Corvette Association, at Grant's Pass, Oregon. This is a 2-day event.

Please let Dave know of any ideas for runs you might want to chair!!

WSCC: Allen was unable to attend the Annual Meeting this past weekend. He will send in the Tahoe 49 information and registration so it gets published in the Redline Magazine. Let Allen know if you do not receive the February issue of Redline.

Tahoe 49: There will be tee shirts available at this year's event. Allen is doing research on it. Sign up sheets for various committees are on the sign up table. Please check them on your way out and sign up!! A sign up sheet for Tahoe 50 is also on the sign up table. We need to start listing ideas and suggestions for this special event.

Sunshine Report: Betsy Lindegren reported Ron Lindegren is doing well after his shoulder surgery. She also asked members to share happy occasions with her so she could report on happy news along with health issues.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Name Tag Drawing: The drawing is worth \$20. Jeannie Dehmel's name was drawn but wasn't present. It will be \$30 next month.

50/25/25 Raffle: The names drawn for this month's raffle were Teresa Ochoa and Mike Schwan. Each won \$60.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nick DiLiddo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Ruth Looney**



**RUTH LOONEY
SECRETARY**

ROBB'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Robb reported that as of the 2017 Calendar Year COF has 127 members and 87 cars.

Members & Guests

No Membership count - Guests were Gary and Michelle Connell
Tom and Pat Rebello turned in their paperwork tonight.

Nametag drawing

Jeannie Dehmel's name was drawn & She was not present. The drawing will be for \$30.00 next month.

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

Club Directories and Updates

The 2017 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at www.corvettesoffresno.com (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)



**ROBB
KOCHEVAR
MEMBERSHIP**



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & CECE KARLIE 3 - DAVID & CAROL TRAUGER 6
RICK & MELANIE SARKISIAN 18



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTINE SAHATDJIAN 2 - JOHN JOHNSON 5
HARRY BELLOW 6 - DENNIS CHRISTIANSEN 9
GARY HUSS 11 - CINDY KOCHEVAR 18
FRANK STAFFORD 21 - KELLEY ASHLEY 21
ART DURHAM 21



50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

Teresa Ochoa

Mike Schwan

EACH WON \$60.00

CONGRATULATIONS!



Sunshine Report



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PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR 2016

Lee Delap - Nick DiLiddo - Angie DiLiddo
Shirley Doshier - Art Durham - Brenda
Durham Allen Teixeira - Nancy Teixeira
Ron Mattos - Patricia Mattos - Rob Kochevar

**THEY EACH WERE PRESENTED A GIFT
CARD TO YOSEMITE FALLS**



NEW MEMBERS



Two new members were
welcomed into the Club

**John Maddox
Shawn Brooks**

**WELCOME TO
CORVETTES OF FRESNO**



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DAVE'S 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY 7, 2017 - TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

THE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 TAHOE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

FEBRUARY 21, 2017 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

APRIL 22-26 2017 - TRIP TO ST GEORGE, BRYCE CANYON AND ZION CHAIRED BY JIM AGAR AND ALLEN TEIXEIRA.



**DAVE TRAUGER
VP ACTIVITIES**

**PLAN A RUN!
TAKE US TO YOUR
FAVORITE PLACE**

"ALL RUNS ARE FUN"

**MEET & EATS
DAY TRIPS
OVERNIGHTERS**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PLAN A RUN BUT ARE
NOT QUITE SURE HOW
TO PROCEED, PLEASE
ASK ANY BOARD
MEMBER FOR HELP.**

**THE NEXT TAHOE
MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE
MARCH 14, 2017
TUESDAY - 7PM
DENNY'S
BLACKSTONE AND
HERNDON**

**We also would like to get a
committee together to start
planning Tahoe 50, so if
you are interested please
come to Tahoe 49 meeting
in March.**

Corvette Ten Commandments

- I. Thou shalt not loan a Corvette to anyone.**
- II. Thou shalt not bring a Corvette to an automatic car wash.**
- III. Thou shalt not fail to wave at a fellow owner.**
- IV. Thou shall not swear at Corvette ----- for it is very temperamental.**
- V. Thou shalt not cruise on unpaved road.**
- VI. Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress.**
- VII. Thou shalt not feed with budget grade fuel.**
- VIII. Thou shalt not expose Corvette to severe weather conditions.**
- IX. Thou shalt not forget to secure vehicle.**
- X. Thou shalt not acknowledge a Porsche or 370Z as being a true sports car.**



"I see you parked that piece of junk of yours right next to my Corvette. Barnes, you're fired."

CHARITIES THANK YOU LETTERS

December 21, 2016.

Corvettes of Fresno Tahoe Tour
c/o Mr. Alan Texiera
P.O Box 26223
Fresno, CA 93729-6223



Dear Alan Texiera and our friends at Corvettes of Fresno Tahoe Tour,

On behalf of the women, men and children who come to us for help, thank you for your generous donation to the Marjaree Mason Center. Your gift of \$750.00 on 12/20/2016, allows our care team to meet the needs of those affected by domestic violence at a time when they needed it most.

Because of your support, the Marjaree Mason Center is able to continue serving over 5,600 adults and children annually who have been affected by domestic violence in Fresno County. You have provided a safe place, over 130 beds, for many families to sleep without fear. Everyone deserves a safe place to call home!

We provide counseling and legal resources necessary for survivors of domestic violence, including children and teens, giving them the tools and resources necessary to create a new emotionally, mentally and physically healthy life. Thank you for coming along side our staff to support our mission and vision of a community free of violence and abuse.

The Marjaree Mason Center is looking forward to an exciting 2017 which includes a much needed remodel in the Fresno Safe House. In addition, we plan to expand our KNOW MORE youth dating violence prevention program in Fresno County schools and continuing to grow our support services in rural areas to make access easier for those that need our assistance.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the legacy of Marjaree Mason at our annual Marjaree's Mardi Gras Birthday Soiree on Saturday, March 18th at Tornino's. This year we will be celebrating what would have been Marjaree's 75th birthday! For more information, please visit mmcenter.org.

As a non-profit, we want you to know how truly humbled we are that you chose Marjaree Mason Center as the recipient of your hard-earned dollars. For the safety of those we serve, we can't always show their face, tell their story or give them an opportunity to say thank you. Please know that your gift is the gift of freedom and a life filled with hope.

If I can ever be of assistance, or help you become more involved with the Marjaree Mason Center, please give me a call at 559.237.4706.

With sincere gratitude,

Nicole DiBuduo Linder
Executive Director
Tax ID: 94-1156639

Your Annual Total Giving for 2016 is \$750.00



December 22, 2016

Corvettes of Fresno
Chris Campbell
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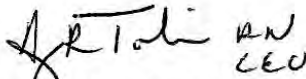
Dear Chris,

With a deep sense of gratitude, the team of Hinds Hospice thanks you for your donation of \$750.00 on 12/6/2016. We thank you for your support of our mission and for allowing us to honor the journey.

Hinds Hospice spends over \$16 million each year to provide compassionate end-of-life care and bereavement support to patients and families in our community. Because those costs are only partially reimbursed by health plans, more than \$1.8 million each year must be covered by donations, which is why we are so grateful for your gift.

At Hinds Hospice, we strive to provide dignity and compassion to those we serve and we thank you for your generosity! If you would like to receive future thank you letters electronically, please contact us at (559) 320-0308 or email funddevelopment@hindshospice.org.

With gratitude,


Amy R. Tobin, RN, CEO

*We are honored to
receive this generous
gift! Thank you!*

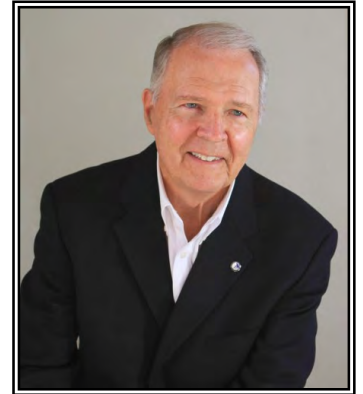


Corvette Hall of Fame



Peter Brock 2017

At just 19 years old, Peter Brock was one of the youngest designers to ever be invited to work at GM Design. When Bill Mitchell, the new VP of the Styling Section for GM, wanted to build a successor to the 1957 Corvette SS concept car, he charged his team of designers to come up with some ideas. Ultimately Brock's sketch was selected and refined. Working with fellow designers Chuck Pohlmann, Larry Shinoda and Tony Lapine their efforts culminated into the very first Corvette to be called a Sting Ray, the XP87 Corvette Sting Ray Racer. (Yes, it is supposed to be two words.) This racing concept would go on to influence the lines and look of the second-generation Corvette and really, every Corvette since.



As an enthusiast, Brock has done just about everything relating to motorsports. He has designed and raced cars, written books and articles, and even became a photojournalist capturing one of the greatest eras of motor-racing history. He documented the Corvette's performance history from its earliest days in the mid '50s with Briggs Cunningham at Le Mans, through the powerful era when drivers Dave McDonald, Dick Thompson and Bob Bondurant established the Corvette as America's only true production performance car, all the way to the present C7 generation. In addition to all of that he started Brock Racing Enterprises in the 1960's and has worked on a number of other marques along the way, but has always had a very special place in his heart for Corvettes.

Jim Minneker 2017

Jim Minneker is a great example of the way Chevrolet infuses racing DNA into the Corvette. As both a racer and an engineer, he brought to the table an understanding of what makes power, and what it takes to control that power on a track. Using that insight he joined the Corvette team in 1986, spending the next ten years working on the LT1, LT4 and the legendary LT5 engines that would become the heart of the ZR-1 Corvette supercar. It's no wonder that he became the engineering group manager for GM High Performance Vehicle Operations.



As a racer, he has driven for Bakeracing, Morrison-Cook Motorsports, Doug Rippie Racing and Mallett Motorsports, while competing in the SCCA World Challenge, the IMSA Supercar series, IMSA GT and the Grand Am series. Perhaps his greatest achievement behind the wheel however, was as a member of the team of eight drivers that set the 24-Hour Speed Endurance World Record Run in 1990, driving a stock ZR-1 Corvette at an average speed of 175.885 mph.

Jim's efforts on behalf of Corvette however, didn't stop in Detroit or at the track. When the National Corvette Museum was just beginning, he was instrumental, helping out early on in arranging for displays relating to powertrain and engineering. Ultimately, he was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board where his leadership, wisdom, direction and vision was essential in setting the course for a bright future at the National Corvette Museum.



BRYCE CANYON & ZION NATIONAL PARK



APRIL 22-26 2017 - SAVE THE DATE

ESTIMATED COST OF TRIP \$900.00

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DAY 1 - SATURDAY

FRESNO TO ST GEORGE, UT - 500 MILES
OVERNIGHT @ LA QUINTA INN
DINNER @ CRACKER BARREL
DESSERT @ SYCAMORE ESTATES

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
TOUR ST GEORGE & SURROUNDING AREAS
LUNCH AT SAND HOLLOW GOLF COURSE
DINNER @ THE RIB & CHOP HOUSE
DESSERT @ STONE CLIFF ESTATES
OVERNIGHT @ LA QUINTA INN

DAY 3 - MONDAY

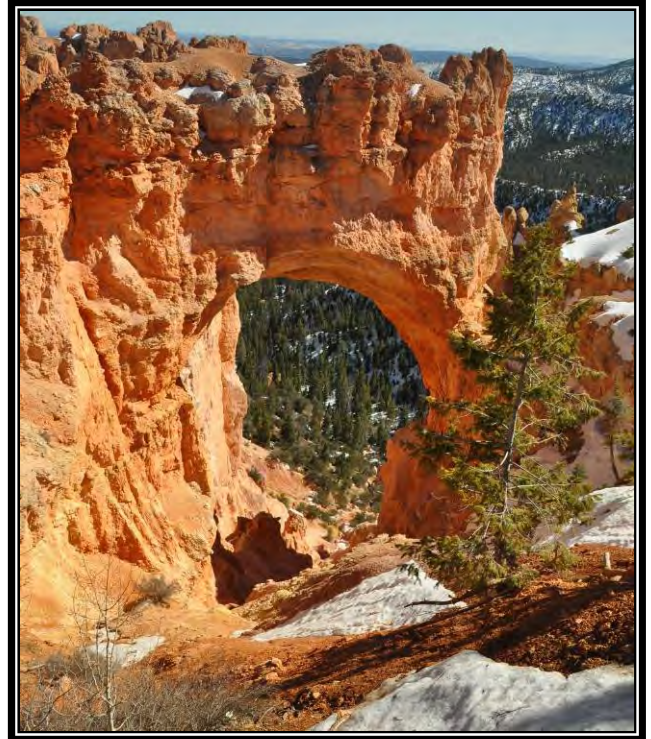
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DRIVE TO BRYCE NATIONAL PARK 160 MILES
LUNCH AT RUBY'S INN
TOUR BRYCE CANYON - 36 MILES ROUND TRIP
OVERNIGHT AT BRYCE CANYON GRAND HOTEL
DINNER AT COWBOY'S BUFFET & STEAK ROOM

DAY 4 - TUESDAY

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
DRIVE TO ST GEORGE VIA ZION NATIONAL PARK - 160 MILES
LUNCH @ CAFE RIO
BACKSTAGE TOUR AT TUACAHN AMPHITHEATRE
SODA BREAK & TOUR AT HARMON'S GROCERY STORE
BBQ DINNER & DESSERT @ BRIDAL GATE ESTATES
OVERNIGHT AT LA QUINTA INN

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST @ THE HOTEL
HEAD FOR HOME - 500 MILES



HOTEL CONTACT INFORMATION

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES - 435-674-2664

ASK FOR CORVETTES OF FRESNO GROUP RATE

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017 - \$129.60

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017 - \$98.10

TUESDAY 25, 2017 - \$98.10

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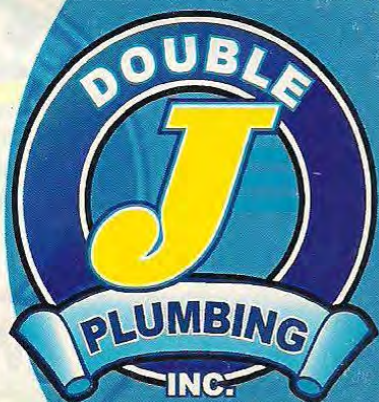
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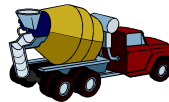
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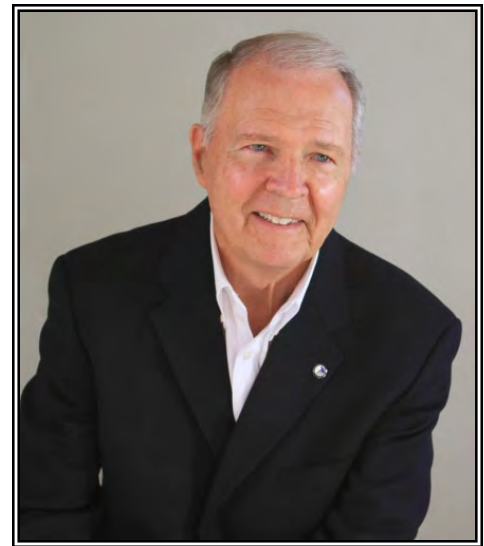
2017 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The National Corvette Museum has announced the following inductees to be recognized as part of the 20th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2017: Peter Brock in the category of Enthusiast; Jim Minneker in the category of GM/Chevrolet; and Tommy Morrison in the category of Racing. These three individuals will be recognized with the highest honor bestowed by the Museum for their contributions to the past, present and future of Corvette.

The 2017 Corvette Hall of Fame recipients will be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame during a ceremony and banquet on Friday, September 1, 2017. Their induction will take place as part of the Museum's 23rd Anniversary Celebration August 31 – September 2, 2017.

Peter Brock

At just 19 years old, Peter Brock was one of the youngest designers to ever be invited to work at GM Design. When Bill Mitchell, the new VP of the Styling Section for GM, wanted to build a successor to the 1957 Corvette SS concept car, he charged his team of designers to come up with some ideas. Ultimately Brock's sketch was selected and refined. Working with fellow designers Chuck Pohlmann, Larry Shinoda and Tony Lapine their efforts culminated into the very first Corvette to be called a Sting Ray, the XP87 Corvette Sting Ray Racer. (Yes, it is supposed to be two words.) This racing concept would go on to influence the lines and look of the second-generation Corvette and really, every Corvette since.



As an enthusiast, Brock has done just about everything relating to motorsports. He has designed and raced cars, written books and articles, and even became a photojournalist capturing one of the greatest eras of motor-racing history. He documented the Corvette's performance history from its earliest days in the mid '50s with Briggs Cunningham at Le Mans, through the powerful era when drivers Dave McDonald, Dick Thompson and Bob Bondurant established the Corvette as America's only true production performance car, all the way to the present C7 generation. In addition to all of that he started Brock Racing Enterprises in the 1960's and has worked on a number of other marques along the way, but has always had a very special place in his heart for Corvettes.

Jim Minneker

Jim Minneker is a great example of the way Chevrolet infuses racing DNA into the Corvette. As both a racer and an engineer, he brought to the table an understanding of what makes power, and what it takes to control that power on a track. Using that insight he joined the Corvette team in 1986, spending the next ten years working on the LT1, LT4 and the legendary LT5 engines that would become the heart of the ZR-1 Corvette supercar. It's no wonder that he became the engineering group manager for GM High Performance Vehicle Operations.

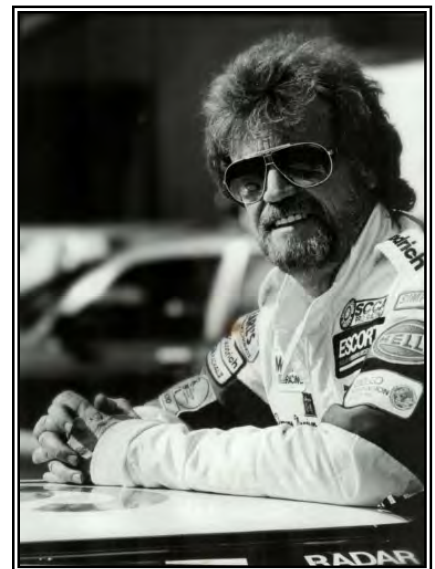


As a racer, he has driven for Bakeracing, Morrison-Cook Motorsports, Doug Rippie Racing and Mallett Motorsports, while competing in the SCCA World Challenge, the IMSA Supercar series, IMSA GT and the Grand Am series. Perhaps his greatest achievement behind the wheel however, was as a member of the team of eight drivers that set the 24-Hour Speed Endurance World Record Run in 1990, driving a stock ZR-1 Corvette at an average speed of 175.885 mph.

Jim's efforts on behalf of Corvette however, didn't stop in Detroit or at the track. When the National Corvette Museum was just beginning, he was instrumental, helping out early on in arranging for displays relating to powertrain and engineering. Ultimately, he was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board where his leadership, wisdom, direction and vision was essential in setting the course for a bright future at the National Corvette Museum.

Tommy Morrison

If there was a Mount Rushmore for Corvette Racing, Tommy Morrison's face might be on it—carved in stone and wearing dark sunglasses with a confident smile. In the early 1980s when he teamed up with the late Jim Cook to found Morrison-Cook Motorsports, his Corvette race cars began dominating in showroom stock racing and making Corvette history along the way. He set out to prove that Mobil 1 and Corvette were a nearly unbeatable combination racking up more 24-hour endurance wins than any team before them—thus starting a sponsorship relationship that is still winning to this day.



At the races and on test tracks, Tommy's teams provided GM engineers with valuable test data that went back to the engineers designing the cars. His efforts also gave Chevrolet's marketing department a series of wins that created massive opportunities for promoting the Corvette. Perhaps the greatest example of this was the 1990 24-Hour Speed Endurance World Record Run, where he and his team took a stock ZR-1 Corvette and drove it 24 hours straight, averaging 175.885 miles per hour. This became a PR boost that GM would use in a series of commercials and print ads to further establish Corvette's reputation as a high-performance icon. So important was this achievement that the National Corvette Museum has a long-term exhibit on display with the actual record run car, and plaster casts of Tommy, Jim Minneker and John Heinricy surrounding it. One of Tommy's other race cars is part of the Smithsonian Institute collection. While Tommy would quickly attribute his success to his teammates and the "good Lord above," his determination, courage, and leadership were also key to his victories, and to his induction into the 2017 Corvette Hall of Fame.

Since its inception in 1997, 64 individuals have been inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame. Bios, photos and in many case videos of each are available on the Museum's website at www.corvettemuseum.org.

GM to Shut Down the Corvette Assembly Plant For One Week as Sales Slow

General Motors announced this afternoon that it will idle five of its assembly plants in January due to large inventories of passenger vehicles on the ground. According to an *Automotive News* report, the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, home of the Corvette, is one of the factories that will be closed.



The report said the closures will begin next month and that the Corvette plant is expected to be shut down for one week while some of the other plants could be closed for two to three weeks.

The closures will hit plants in Michigan, Ohio, Kansas and Kentucky. The vehicles involved include Chevrolet's Impala, Camaro, Malibu, Cruise and Volt. The Buick Lacrosse and the Cadillac CT6 sedans were also named in the report.

Automotive News said that GM's inventories have been creeping up from the targeted 70 days worth of inventory up to a 90 supply of vehicles. To help combat rising inventories, Chevrolet has been offering new rebates and other incentives for the new 2017 Corvettes including the brand new Grand Sport model.

We asked Corvette seller Mike Furman about the planned shut down and he tells us that "this is business as usual for General Motors" when it sees it has too much inventory on hand. He added that "it's not much to get concerned about." Mike says that based on his Target Production Week reports, the shut down may happen the week of January 15th.

Shut Down of the Corvette Assembly Plant is Due to Maintenance and Construction

“We had the regular shutdown for the holidays and there needed to be construction done on the paint shop,” Langille told the *Bowing Green Daily News*. “There are also maintenance needs” she added.

Employees at the plant have also been expecting the shut down.



“We’ve known about it for some time,” said Langille. “The communication between everyone in the plant is getting a lot better as we work together to build the best sports car in the world.”

The time frame for the shut down was confirmed to be January 1st through January 6th according to UAW Local 2164 President Monica Williams.

Construction on the \$439 million paint shop addition is expected to be completed in April 2017 and Plant Manager Kai Spande has said that it will be in the fall of 2017 when the first cars will be painted in the new shop.

Despite GM saying that the shut down is due to construction and maintenance, you can be sure they will be happy for production to take couple of weeks off for the holidays as Corvette sales have indeed slowed.

In last month’s report, November 2016 sales fell to 1,941 and year-to-date sales are down 11% over 2015 numbers. Meanwhile, GM is offering massive discounts on remaining 2016 models as well as incentives for all three 2017 models.

Rainy Weather Blamed for Crash that Killed a 64-Year-Old Corvette Driver

Be careful out there!

A Corvette driver lost his life Friday morning when his 2013 Grand Sport coupe slammed into a tree during a storm Friday morning in the Miramar, California area.

San Diego police say Jack Villanueva, 64, of San Diego apparently lost control of his Corvette on the rain-slicked roadway as he headed south in the 8000 block of Kearny

Villa Road just south of Miramar Way around 8:30 a.m., spinning out and slamming into a tree on the passenger side of the vehicle.



Villanueva was thrown from the car and died at the scene, according to the medical examiner.

The crash occurred near the intersection of Harris Plant Road and Kearny Villa Road, just east of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

No other injuries were reported.

GM Investing \$296 Million in Tonawanda for Future V8 Engine Line

Here's a tidbit we caught in the news that could be related to future Corvette products including the C8.

GM is investing \$296 million in the Tonawanda Powertrain facility in upstate New York for a new engine line that is expected to come online at the end of 2018.



Plant Manager Steve Finch told *The Buffalo News* the engine line would be the new version of the 'Generation V' engine family.

That family includes the LT1 460 hp V8 engine found in Corvette Stingrays and Grand Sports, as well as the V8s in many of GM's full-size trucks and SUVs including Silverado, Yukon, Suburban and the Escalade.

“They’re making the announcement today because we have to do a lot of work to get ready for it, in terms of building the equipment and getting on with the project, but they haven’t released any details of the project,” Finch said.

The Tonawanda investment is one of three projects announced by General Motors on December 14th that total \$333.66 million. Tonawanda receives \$295.9 million and that investment will create 67 new jobs while retaining 857. The other two plants, Lockport and Rochester will receive \$31.86 and \$5.9 million for component production.

On hand at the Tonawanda Plant for the announcement was New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is also the owner of a 1975 Corvette.

“Let’s be honest, GM is going to spend that much money, they could pick up this plant, they could go anywhere,” Cuomo said. “And they’re betting on Buffalo, and they’re betting on Western New York, and they’re making that investment here, because they believe in Buffalo’s future. They believe in the partnership they have with the state of New York.”

GM now uses the Gen 5 V8 across the board in so many vehicles so any news on “future versions” of this engine is important to watch as it could have ramifications for the Corvette. With the speculation that a mid-engine Corvette is under development, this investment by GM for a new engine line does fit the expected time frame with production of the C8 beginning in the later half of 2018.

Internal Documents Suggest LT5 DOHC V8 Engine for the 2018 Corvette ZR1

It looks like that LT5 rumor for the 2018 Corvette ZR1 was correct! But the news gets even better. The new V8 will be the first dual overhead cam engine to power a Corvette since the C4 generation’s Corvette ZR-1 ended after the 1995 model year.

The LT5 confirmation was made after a redditor discovered the engine code tucked away in GM service department manual that lists the engines for its 2018 model year vehicles.



The document was posted on GM's internal service and parts website. One of the pages includes codes and applications for "Passenger Car Engines for GMNA". After the listings for the LT4 and LT1, there is an LT5 as the engine code, while the "Y" designates it as for the Corvette.

This fits with the rumors that we've heard about a new engine for the 2018 Corvette ZR1 prototypes we've seen running around the country over the last few months. It could potentially also find its way to the mid engine C8 Corvette.

In fact, if you go back and look at the Car and Driver report from Don Sherman back in May 2016, he suggested a four-cam, 32 valve V8 engine was destined for the performance version of the C8 while the base C8 will start off with the LT1 engine.

But with the LT5 name, it's almost certain that it will make its appearance first in that big wing 2018 ZR1 that is now taking shape as the ultimate track Corvette.

It's been rumored that GM is targeting 750 horsepower for the car and that the fact that it will come as a naturally aspirated instead of forced induction will make a lot of the track guys very happy.

Wife Surprises Her Husband this Christmas with a New Corvette Stingray

The Christmas surprise for this lucky husband starts when he unwraps his gift from his wife.

"Do you know what that is?", she asks as she records his reaction with her cell phone.

He nods and eventually shows the camera that she booked a two-day course at Spring Mountain in September 2017 for the Ron Fellows' Corvette owners school.



"There's only one catch" she adds. "You must be Corvette owner to go."

As the realization sets in as to what his wife has just given him, she says "Why don't you go look outside."

And of course, outside with a big bow on the hood is a brand new Corvette Stingray Coupe in Long Beach Red.

Now, that's how you do a Christmas surprise!

Retired GM Engineer Rescues a Barn Find 1955 Corvette Stored for 48 Years

Retired GM engineer Jim Wallace never knew a 1955 Corvette was hiding from him for years just eight miles from his home.

Jim and his wife Cindy attended a Morrel Mushroom Dinner back in the spring, where they were seated randomly with eight other people. Two of those people turned out to be George and Julie Cromer, and as they continued to talk during the evening, Jim and George discovered they were both retired from GM as engineers!



Furthermore, they both shared an interest in Corvettes, with George unloading a casual bombshell when he explained that he had one of the just 700 Corvettes built in the 1955 model year, having purchased the Pennant Blue roadster in 1959 from a Detroit dealer and parked it nine years later in his garage, where it had been ever since.

Jim naturally asked if he could see the car, and after a three-week delay for the Cromers to come back from a scheduled vacation to the Far East, he had to travel down the road just eight miles to get a look at this piece of long-neglected automotive history.

While dust and dirt had built up on the car over the past 48 years, Jim was still able to decipher that many of the original parts were there, including the 265 V8 engine and even the original BF Goodrich Silvertown whitewall spare tire and steel wheel.

While the interior had been ransacked by decades of chewing by rodents, Jim soon concluded that the 61-year-old Corvette was basically all there and definitely in good enough condition to restore.

After getting permission from the Cromers' children, who said they didn't want the heirloom car, Jim soon found himself the owner of a 1955 Corvette.

It joins a remarkable two other barn finds made by Wallace, who had earlier discovered two 1969 Le Mans Blue L88s – one in 2010 that had been parked in the same spot for 31 years and another in 2013 that had been resting in a barn untouched since 1988.

As for the 1955, it's undergoing a total body-off restoration in Gillespie, Illinois, where Dick Ferrando and his team at D&A Corvette plan to bring it back to factory correct standards in less than two years.

December 2016 Corvette Sales

The final monthly sales report of 2016 was posted this morning from GM and it looks like Corvette sales rebounded to have a great month!



In December 2016, Chevrolet sold 2,709 Corvettes for a 10.4% gain over December 2015. For the 2016 calendar year (January-December), a total 29,995 Corvettes were delivered to new owners. Sales for the calendar year were down -10% from the 33,329 Corvettes delivered in the 2015 calendar year.

The good news is that after a dip in November 2016 where 1,941 Corvettes were sold, sales climbed back over the 2,000 threshold with a month to month gain of 768 Corvettes or 39.6%.

The Bowling Green Assembly Plant is currently in its second week of the planed two-week holiday shut down. According to the plant's spokesperson, this week's downtime is being used for performing routine maintenance and some upgrades at the plant.

Chevrolet is continuing to offer several rebates and financing specials on remaining 2016 Corvettes as well as new 2017 models. Current deals include the \$1,000 Bonus Cash on Chevy's Bonus Tag sale. 2017 Corvette buyers can get 4.9% APR financing on all three Corvette models: Stingray, Grand Sport and Z06. 2016 Corvette buyers can get a better deal with 0% APR for 60 months. See your Chevrolet dealership for details.

Here's the GM Sales Report for Corvettes in December 2016:

Corvette Delivery Statistics for December 2016	
Month	Calendar Year-to-Date

Month	2016	2015	% Change	Months	2016	2015	% Change
December	2,709	2,453	10.4%	Jan-Dec	29,995	33,329	-10.0%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2016	1,501	2,116	2,753	3,142	2,673	2,483	2,159	3,063	2,829	2,626	1,941	2,709	29,995
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

General Motors sold 249,983 vehicles to retail customers in December 2016. Chevrolet’s retail sales in December jumped by 8%, keeping it the industry’s fastest growing brand. It was the best December retail sales performance since 2005 and Chevy’s best calendar year retail performance since 2006.

Corvette Ranks Second Overall in Consumer Reports' Owner Satisfaction Survey

Owners of C7 Corvettes have known for years just how great their cars are.

Now they're letting the rest of the world know.

For proof, check out Consumer Reports' annual owner satisfaction survey seeking the most and least loved vehicles on the market now. According to CR, model satisfaction is determined by the percentage of owners who responded "definitely yes" to the question of whether they would buy the same vehicle if they had it to do all over again.



Based on the results, the Corvette just finished second behind the Tesla Model S in owner satisfaction, with these owner comments posted by Consumer Reports:

"The styling and performance are unmatched at this price point."

"Excellent styling, handling, comfort, gas mileage at 30mpg ... made in America!"

"This model is a significant step forward in making the driver feel confident and at ease both when driving normally, and when driving hard on a race track."

Glowing words also came from the editors of Consumer Reports, who wrote:

"When it comes to bang for the buck in the sports-car world, it's hard to beat the Chevrolet Corvette. Whether in standard 455-hp form, or the 650-hp Z06, acceleration is blistering and handling is pinpoint. Corvette owners clearly love their car, ranking Chevy's sleek two-seater second overall in our survey."

The Chevrolet Corvette Dominated the Premium Sports Coupe Segment in 2016

Any way you slice it, the C7 Corvette has been a success.

The Corvette has won multiple awards for performance and quality since being introduced as a 2014 model.

Where it really counts for General Motors, though, the Corvette has been an even bigger winner – in sales.

In 2016, for example, the Corvette continued to be the best selling premium sports coupe in the United States, with 29,995 units sold.

Where the Corvette really shines, though, is compared to its competitors, with the next closest car being the Lexus RC with just 11,165 units sold.

Engineer Tadge Juechter has made no secret through the years that the Corvette's chief competitor is the Porsche 911, and the 'Vette continued to smoke its German-made foe, which was third with 8,901 units. Even if you add in the numbers for Porsche Boxster and Cayman (which came in fourth with 6,260 units), that's just 15,161 units for Porsche, about half of Corvette sales!

It all adds up to good news for Corvette fans, who can look forward to continued improvements in the coming years.

So Now They are Saying August for the 2018 Corvette ZR1 Reveal

First it was the 2017 North American International Auto Show. Then it was the Rolex 24 at Daytona at the end of January. Now we are told no, it will be in...August. AUGUST! Please say it ain't so that we'll have to wait another eight months before the next chapter in the C7 Corvette is revealed to the public?



Actually, the website owner in me is secretly very pleased with the decision as every time we write about the 2018 Corvette ZR1, our stats go off the charts. However, the Corvette enthusiast in me is like a little kid on December 24th, staring at the huge wrapped present that you know contains what you've always wanted, but you can't open it until all the family shows up the next day.

So our friends at *Car and Driver* are now suggesting that the reveal for the 2018 Corvette ZR1 will come in August at the Continental Tire Road Race Showcase at Road America.

We're not sure why Road America in Wisconsin is now the chosen track other than Chevrolet sponsors a bridge there named after the Corvette. Considering the alternatives, we still prefer the first race of the season at Daytona International Speedway with the GTLM Champions Corvette Racing preparing to defend their title. Or the NCM Motorsports Park at the end of April on the weekend when over a thousand Corvette enthusiasts – ultimately the target customers for this car – descend on the Corvette Museum for the 2018 model roll-out.

Another reason we don't like the time frame as it comes after the likely start of 2018 Corvette production, which will cause uncertainty for customers who are ready to buy but don't have any information about the car. It also means the model will not benefit from all the roll-out promotion that it would get by having it earlier in the year.

So for now, it's August 2017 for the reveal of the 2018 Corvette ZR1. Until it isn't. And we couldn't be happier!

The Top 50 Corvette Dealers of 2016

Now that 2016 is behind us, we can now take a closer look at the dealers who sold the most Corvettes during the year.

2016 was the third full year for Chevrolet in producing and selling America's favorite sports car. While



sales remain very strong with 29,995 Corvettes sold during the 2016 calendar year, the number of Corvettes sold in the United States has declined each year since 2014's high of 34,839 and 2015's total of 33,329.

As the market for the C7 has matured and dealer inventories have grown, it's actually easier than ever to buy a Corvette these days. It all comes down to who can get you the Corvette you want and who you are most comfortable working with. So keep that in mind as we present the Top 50 Corvette Dealers for 2016:

We always like to start off this report with a couple of disclaimers.

First, we believe knowledge is power, and knowing who the dealers are that specialize in selling Corvettes can make for a better buying experience for you as the customer. It's not that your local hometown dealer isn't equipped to handle your order, but Corvettes aren't your average Chevys and having that experienced sales pro on the other side of the desk when it comes to placing your order and how they handle their dealership allocations is important.

Having said that, when you look at the list, you'll see the Top 50 dealers account only for a fraction of the 29,995 Corvettes sold in the USA during the calendar year, so there are a lot of great Chevrolet dealerships who are selling Corvettes that didn't make the list. Like I said above, it all comes down to who you are most comfortable working with.

The list of top 10 dealers remains the same as the top 10 dealers from 2015, but the order has reshuffled slightly. Our friends at Kerbeck Corvette are once again the world's largest Corvette dealer with 1,044 Corvette sold during 2016. MacMulkin and Les Stanford keep their spots at No.2 and No.3 and Mike Furman at Criswell Chevrolet single-handedly sold over 300 Corvettes to stay in fourth position. Bomnin Chevrolet in Miami moved up from ninth to fifth and was the only dealership in the Top 10 that sold more Corvettes in 2016 than in 2015.

We'd also like to give a shout out to our third sponsoring dealer, Sport Chevrolet in Silver Spring, MD, who made the Top 50 Corvette Dealers for the second year in a row.

Here are the Top 50 Corvette Dealers from 2016:

2016 Calendar Year – TOP 50 Corvette Dealers			
Rank	Dealership	Location	Corvettes
1	<u>KERBECK</u>	ATLANTIC CITY NJ	1,044
2	MAC MULKIN CHEVROLET	NASHUA NH	694
3	LES STANFORD CHEVROLET	DEARBORN MI	389
4	<u>CRISWELL CHEVROLET, INC.</u>	GAITHERSBURG MD	352
5	BOMNIN CHEVROLET	MIAMI FL	322
6	CLASSIC CHEVROLET, INC.	GRAPEVINE TX	304
7	VAN CHEVROLET	SCOTTSDALE AZ	233
8	COUGHLIN AUTOMOTIVE	PATASKALA OH	204
9	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET	DULUTH GA	200
10	STINGRAY CHEVROLET	PLANT CITY FL	197
11	RYDELL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	NORTHRIDGE CA	195
12	BOARDWALK CHEVROLET	REDWOOD CITY CA	180
13	CLASSIC CHEVROLET	SUGAR LAND TX	162
14	ESTERO BAY CHEVROLET	ESTERO FL	159
15	HENDRICK CHEVROLET	CARY NC	157

16	JIM ELLIS CHEVROLET	CHAMBLEE GA	144
17	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET NAPLES	NAPLES FL	139
18	ROSS DOWNING CHEVROLET	HAMMOND LA	137
19	MOMENTUM CHEVROLET	SAN JOSE CA	122
20	BOB STALL CHEVROLET	LA MESA CA	120
21	SELMAN CHEVROLET COMPANY	ORANGE CA	115
22	JON HALL CHEVROLET, INC	DAYTONA BEACH FL	109
23	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET OF BUFORD	BUFORD GA	102
24	DAVID STANLEY CHEVROLET OF NORMAN	NORMAN OK	101
25	RICK HENDRICK CITY CHEVROLET	CHARLOTTE NC	101
26	BILL STASEK CHEVROLET, INC	WHEELING IL	100
27	PAUL MASSE CHEVROLET, INC.	E PROVIDENCE RI	98
28	BACHMAN AUTO GROUP, INC.	LOUISVILLE KY	93
29	STONEBRIAR CHEVROLET	FRISCO TX	92
30	LOU BACHRODT CHEVROLET	COCONUT CREEK FL	92
31	CONNELL CHEVROLET	COSTA MESA CA	91
32	HENDRICK CHEVROLET SHAWNEE MISSION	SHAWNEE MISSION KS	90
33	FINDLAY CHEVROLET	LAS VEGAS NV	89
34	AUTONATION CHEVROLET PEMBROKE PINES	PEMBROKE PINES FL	86
35	GEORGE MATICK CHEVROLET, INC	REDFORD MI	84

36	W. HARE AND SON, INC.	NOBLESVILLE IN	84
37	AUTONATION CHEVROLET GREENACRES	GREENACRES FL	78
38	MAHER CHEVROLET, INC.	SAINT PETERSBURG FL	78
39	COGGIN CHEVROLET AT THE AVENUES	JACKSONVILLE FL	76
40	SCHUMACHER CHEVROLET-BUICK-GMC	LAKE PARK FL	75
41	HENDRICK CHEVROLET	HOOVER AL	74
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New GM Design Chief Michael Simcoe **Feels the Pressure on the C8 Corvette Design**

How would you like to be in the shoes of Michael Simcoe, the new General Motors Vice President of Global Design?

Not only does he have to fill the rather large shoes of Ed Welburn, who retired from that chief position after an illustrious GM career that included the madly successful C7 Corvette, but now Simcoe has to follow that big hit up with the rapidly approaching C8 Corvette.



As if that weren't enough, rumor has it that the eighth-generation Corvette will finally be switching to a mid-engine format that's been swirling around for decades. That change will be controversial in itself; a wrong turn in the design could be devastating to the 'Vette's reputation.

While he didn't offer any specifics to Wheels during an interview, Simcoe acknowledged the "emotional pressure" of designing an icon but also at the same time pointed out the excitement of being involved.

"Being part of a Corvette design is very exciting for everyone involved," he said, "and there certainly will be a next generation Corvette at some point."

Of course, he knows this isn't a Camry – everyone will be looking at – and judging – their final C8 Corvette product.

"You're dealing with an icon that's been successful, consistently successful, and you don't want to be the one who blew that," Simcoe admitted.

Personally, we have no reason to doubt that Simcoe and his crew won't be up to the challenge and can't wait to see what they come up with.

Simcoe has experience with pressure. He has deep ties to Holden and compares the current C8 project to the top secret reborn Holden Monaro with which he was intimately involved in the early 2000s.

1967 Big Block Corvette Rescued from 35 Year Slumber

When it comes to uncovering old long forgotten Corvettes, opening up that garage or barn door can be compared to opening that prized gift on Christmas morning. Your mind is running wild with thoughts of what could possibly be inside. Is it the exact one I wanted? What color will it be?

Back in the day, Albert Way bought a brand new 427/400 powered Marina Blue convertible with a black stinger, black interior, and side pipes. Way would end up auto crossing his big block C2 before eventually parking it. As the years went by



Way became increasingly involved in sports car racing. He would travel the world piloting his own vehicles or driving cars for other owners. He would eventually end up basically parking all of his cars and spend his later years driving around an old pickup.

Enter New Jersey car collector John Haynal and his friend Doug. While working on an intake manifold for Haynal, Doug mentioned that Albert Way has passed away and that his 1967 Corvette was now part of the estate.

Haynal immediately drifted back to the early 1980's when he worked as homebuilder and way did some work for him. At one point Way took Haynal to see his collection of cars which included a TVR, a couple of Cheetahs, and a Can-Am racer in addition to the blue Corvette.

Haynal would later contact Albert Way's brother, Ron, who was handling the estate in order to view the 1967 Corvette that had been parked for 35 years. The car was stored in a pole barn of sorts constructed of old telephone poles. It was capable of holding 8-9 cars.

Once inside the pole barn Haynal found the C2 sitting on 4 flat tires covered in dust and surface rust but largely still intact. It still wore its lacquer Marina Blue paint, bolt on wheels, and hard top. Initially he thought the car was powered by the 390hp big block, but was surprised to find the much rarer 400hp L68 sitting under the hood. The L68 was the 3rd lowest production big block after the virtually unobtainable L88 and L89 engines. Inside, the black interior was a little wet but had no rips or tears. A locked up right rear wheel and 30+ year old trees made for quite the challenge to free the lost Corvette.

Haynal was eventually able to purchase the Corvette and plans to just get it running and drive it. “We live about a mile from the beach. We plan to just use it as a summer car, take it to local shows, take it to Carlisle”

So once again we see that they really are still out there. Great old Corvettes are still hiding just waiting to be found again so get out there and get searching!

Corvette Shown to the World for the First Time on this Date in 1953

It was on January 17, 1953 that thousands of Americans would see the all new Chevrolet Corvette for the very first time. The two-seater sports car, which had been developed during 1952 became the star of GM’s Motorama show at New York’s Waldorf-Astoria.



One man in the audience was a Belgian-born engineer named Zora Arkus-Duntov. Zora was so taken with the potential of the Corvette that he later wrote a letter to Chevrolet’s Chief Engineer Ed Cole. Cole, who was also impressed with Zora’s ideas, hired him as an assistant staff engineer.

The GM Motorama would tour much of America and it’s estimated that over 1.4 million Americans would see the roadster along with GM’s other offerings that year.

Realizing they had a potential hit on their hands, production of the Chevrolet Corvette was rushed to capitalize on the public’s excitement for the car. The first production Corvettes rolled out of a makeshift factory in Flint, Michigan beginning June 30th 1953 with a sticker price of just over \$3,700.00.

Chevrolet made some design changes between the building of the Motorama Corvette and what would eventually become the first year 1953 Corvette roadsters. Most notable with the position of the chrome trim on the side of the cars. On the Motorama Corvette, a chrome spear pointed downward where on the production Corvettes it was changed to point upwards and the Chevrolet script that was under the spear on the Motorama car was changed to be above it.

Another interesting change was that the prototype Corvette came with external door locks but when production started they left those off.

The Motorama Corvette, known internally as EX-122, became one of the test mules for the Corvette program and at one point the Blue Flame 6-cylinder engine was swapped for a Chevrolet V8.

After a few years of test duty, Russell Sanders, who headed up the Experimental Division at GM, purchased the car. He sold it in 1959 to Jack Engle for \$1,000 and the car would reside with Engle and his family until he passed away in 2001.

Today the car is owned by George Kerbeck who proudly displays the earliest Corvette inside the showroom at Kerbeck Corvette in Atlantic City, NJ.

Virginia Man Pays DMV Sales Tax for New Corvette with 300,000 Pennies

Five wheelbarrows holding 300,000 pennies.

That's what Nick Stafford of Cedar Bluff, Va., and his crew carried into the Lebanon Department of Motor Vehicles last Wednesday.

The 1,600 pounds worth of Lincolns paid the sales tax on a car Stafford had bought, a new Corvette for his son.



But what was the message Stafford was trying to send with his coins?

“If they were going to inconvenience me then I was going to inconvenience them,” he said.

Stafford claims that his problems with the DMV started in September when he wanted to find out which of his four houses spanning two Virginia counties he should use to license his son's Corvette.

A call to the Lebanon DMV was routed to a call center in Richmond.

Still intent on talking to the Lebanon DMV, Stafford used a Freedom of Information Act request to get their direct number. Employees there answered his call but told him the number wasn't meant for public use. Finally, after multiple calls, the DMV relented and answered his question.

For some reason, Stafford then asked for direct phone numbers to nine other local DMVs, but Lebanon DMV staff wouldn't give him those lines.

He then filed three lawsuits in Russell County General District Court, but they were dismissed Tuesday by a judge after the state gave in and handed Stafford a list of the phone numbers in the courtroom.

"The phone numbers are irrelevant to me," Stafford told the Bristol Herald-Courier newspaper. "I don't need them. I told the judge 'I think I proved my point here.' I think the backbone to our republic and our democracy is open government and transparency in government, and it shocks me that a lot of people don't know the power of FOIA."

For their part, the Virginia DMV wasn't pouting.

"We are pleased that the court agreed with our counsel that the argument was not a sufficient request to invoke the FOIA statutory penalties," said Brandy Brubaker, a spokesman for the state DMV. "We make every effort to share information with citizens as state and federal law allows."

We don't particularly think it was worthwhile to tie up the court system over something this trivial, but apparently Mr. Stafford does.

Intent on proving his point further, Stafford hired 11 people, paying them \$440 to help him break open hundreds of rolls of pennies (nearly \$3,000 worth) and dump them into wheelbarrows (which he bought at a cost of \$400). The three lawsuits also cost him another \$165, and we assume he paid five of his employees at Craft Vinyl to help him deliver the pennies to the DMV.

By the way, Stafford's form of payment was entirely legal as the U.S. Department of the Treasury says U.S. coins and currency are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes and dues.

For their part, the employees at the Lebanon DMV were nice about the unorthodox form of payment, according to Stafford.

"They're really nice in there," he said.

As of 8 p.m. Wednesday, the Herald story said that DMV workers were still counting the coins, and Stafford said they expected to be done around 1 a.m. Stafford said he planned to remain at the DMV until the counting was finished.

We wonder if Lebanon taxpayers are as happy about the outcome as Stafford, what with the costs of paying the DMV workers overtime to count the coins.

We also wonder if the whole mess could have been avoided if Stafford's original call to Lebanon had just been answered locally.

Corvette Assembly Plant to Shut Down for Several Months for Assembly Line Upgrades

the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, home of the Chevrolet Corvette, will be shutting down the production line for several months this summer and fall as the plant undergoes upgrades to its assembly line building process.

An official announcement from the plant is coming soon.

The closure will come at the end of the 2017 model year which is expected to end in June. We are told that the shut down is expected to last around three months but the exact time frame remains fluid.

GM announced a \$290 million investment for the Corvette assembly plant in June 2016 that would "upgrade and modify the plant's vehicle assembly operations with new technologies and processes", according to the official press release issued by GM.

Multiple sources tell us that the plant will operate at maximum capacity up until the end of the 2017 model year to produce a supply of Corvettes to be sold while production is halted. The assembly plant will then shut down to undergo a massive upgrade of the assembly line, which has been in place since the start of the C5 in 1997.

Following the completion of the plant upgrades, the 2018 model year production will commence.

We believe that once the upgrades are complete, the plant will continue building the C7 Corvettes as 2018 models. Widely expected is a new addition to the C7 line-up, the 2018 Corvette ZR1, which has been under development for the last year.

The work on the assembly plant comes as the \$439 million paint shop is due to be completed in the spring. Plant officials have publicly stated that the first customer cars to be painted in the new facility will happen in the fall of 2017.

A quick visit to schedule a plant tour at the NCM website shows us the last regularly scheduled tours end on June 16th. There are three dates in August available, from Monday, August 21st through Wednesday, August 23rd, but after that the plant tours are closed through the end of the year.

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