

# FIBERGLASS FOREVER



## CORVETTES OF FRESNO

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

ESTABLISHED 1963

JULY 2015



OWNER: BRUCE & RUTH LOONEY

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> WORD FROM HOME CAR SHOW - SUNDAY - JIM LOZERA - 559-260-0304

JULY 25, 2015 - SATURDAY - MYSTERY DINNER RUN - CHUCH FECCIA 559-432-4228

NOVEMBER 11, 2015 - WEDNESDAY - VETERANS DAY PARADE - BILLIE TALLEY 559-960-4666

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TORNINOS - SHARON MINNICH 559-449-3331

# TAHOE 47 - SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2015



# Tahoe 47



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

**September 10-13, 2015**

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

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

**Registration: Forms available on the website: [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com)**

**also released via e-mail - [jimagar14@gmail.com](mailto:jimagar14@gmail.com)**

**Registration must be Received by August 15, 2015**

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

## LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS

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

### **EARLY BIRD DRAWING**

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

### **Highlights**

**Welcome Social Thursday Night**

**No Host Dinner at La Strada's Italian restaurant**

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

**Slot Tournament \$10.00pp - Friday Afternoon**

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

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

**Saturday Morning & Afternoon**

**Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night**

**PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL**

**[www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) for Additional Details & Updates**

**All Net proceeds from Tahoe 47 will be donated to Charity**

### **Accommodations**

**Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 915CORV  
Room Rates: Thursday \$76.00 Friday & Saturday \$122.00 (plus tax & resort fee)**

**Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!**

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

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

**Register by August 9, 2015 for Room Rate Guarantee**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### Thursday:

**REGISTRATION HOURS THURSDAY - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE REGISTRATION**  
**CALL LYNNE AGAR @ 559-593-1126 PRIOR TO 8:00 PM THURSDAY**

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

**7:00 pm - 9:00pm - No Host Dinner at La Strada's Italian restaurant located in the Eldorado Hotel & Casino - just a short walk from Rum Bullions.**

### Friday:

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

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

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

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

### Saturday:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# CORVETTES OF FRESNO AND THE TAHOE 47 COMMITTEE



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

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

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

## LA STRADA

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

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

## La Strada Menu - \$34.00 Per Person

### Salad:

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

### Appetizer:

Mushroom Ravioli

### Entrée:

Combination Plate Salmon Piccata & Chicken Marsala

### Desert:

Tiramisu Semifredo



# FIBERGLASS FOREVER



## 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

## 1959 TRIVIA



1959 was the only year that turquoise soft tops were available.

Sun visors (called "sunshades") became a Corvette option in 1959.

## CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2015 OFFICERS

**President:** Chris Campbell  
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[newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com](mailto:newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com)



# THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



**Hello Everyone,**

**Another packed General Meeting in June, it's amazing how fast our club is growing. The count is now 137 Members and 87 Corvettes, welcome to all of our new members, we are happy to have you in our club.**

**The end of May was topped off by a great Wine and Dinner run put on by Dave and Teri Cavanaugh, with help from Rick & Sherry Beattie who hosted snacks and drinks at their wonderful home in the hills overlooking Pismo. Then it was off to Dave and Teri's house right near the beach, for a great dinner and drinks, everyone had a wonderful time.**

**Jerry Najarian won Best of Show for his 32 roadster at the Rods on the Bluff Car show, congratulations!**

**John & Jo Johnson held a Meet & Eat at George's on Blackstone, good food and good company, and thanks for the dessert John, it was great!**

**Looks like all of the Tahoe Planning is coming along well, get your registrations in as soon as you can, we are at 63 already and we have space for 100, so it's filling up quick. It would be great to see all of you there!**

**See Chucks page in this newsletter for upcoming events, you can also see that info on the web site.**

**We have two Board Positions opening up this year, President and Treasurer. It's time to start looking for someone to fill these positions that wants to be nominated.**

**If you haven't see the web site lately, take a look at the home page, you will see an amazing video of the Kozera's Speed and Feed Run that ended with a dinner at their house. The video was shot with a Drone, Jerry Clark made the arrangements and it's a cool video.**

**Well that's all for now, stay safe and save the wave!!!**

**Chris Campbell**





**CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 16, 2015**



**Call to Order:**

President Chris Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Board Members present were Kaye Campbell, Nancy Teixeira, Chuck Feccia, and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Chris Campbell welcomed all members and guests.

**Secretaries Report:**

Minutes of the meeting May 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the May 2015 minutes was made by Jackey Christani and seconded by Carol Trauger Motion carried. A motion to accept the May 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Allen Teixeira and seconded by Jim Kozera, motion carried unanimously!

**Treasurers Report:**

Kaye Campbell reported the accounts activity for May, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read. The Motion was made by Billie Talley and seconded by Helen Jolly, Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Membership:**

Clay Mumby reported attendance for the June 5, 2015 meeting. There were 57 members and 2 guests. Guest who introduced themselves was, Marj Harp and Mokey Cowger. Corvettes of Fresno, has 137 members and 87 corvettes.

All June Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of June is \$50.00. Remember to always sign in at the beginning of all meetings!

New Members presented their packages were: L.J Say II, Richard and Margaret Ripplinger, Robb and Cindy Kochevar, Larry Cervantes, and Ronald and Patricia Mattos.

**Communication:**

Jim Agar was absent, but Allen Teixeira talked to him and they are doing fine and he will continue to do the newsletter.

**Webmaster:** Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that the website is up to date, but still needs a few pictures of members and their cars so check the website to see if your pictures are there and if not please contact Chris so we can get them posted.

**Activities:**

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

**Past Events:**

May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31 Wine run and dinner to coast, hosted by Rick & Sherry Beattie and Dave & Teri Cavanaugh, Don Dukes reported that it was a great run with great food and a great job by the hosts.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Rods on the Bluff Jerry Najarian had his 32 there and won Best of Show

June 9<sup>th</sup> Tahoe 47 meeting at Denny's Blackstone & Herndon at 7pm.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Car show at Coarsegold Historic Village

June 13<sup>th</sup> Meet and eat at George's on Blackstone hosted by John & Jo Johnson 31 people attended and Larry Minnich thanked the Johnson's for buying everyone dessert

## Upcoming Events:

June 21<sup>st</sup> Refinery East Church Bike & Car Show, fliers on table, Betty Foster in charge

June 26<sup>th</sup> Clovis Seniors Car Show from 11 to 2pm

June 28<sup>th</sup> Word from Home Car Show at Lifetree Church in Madera Ranchos, flier on table.

July 6-12 WSCC Convention in Reno

July 7<sup>th</sup> COF Board Meeting 6:30 at Spaghetti Factory

July 14 Tahoe Meeting 7pm at Denny's Herndon and Blackstone

July 25<sup>th</sup> Mystery Run and dinner hosted by Chuck and Celia Feccia, more details later

No events on calendar for August, some suggestions were Ice Cream run to Hanford, Run to Visalia for lunch or dinner with Visalia members, and a Meet and Eat, but need somebody to chair them, see Chuck if interested

Sept 10 -13 Tahoe 47 Allen reported we have 63 registrations and there are sign up sheets available for raffle prizes, donations, plaque and trophies and Poker Run, and dinner at La Strada's. We also want to thank Hedrick's for their \$200.00 donation for the Poker Run and Allen thanked Nick DiLiddo for his help in getting that for the club. Allen also said that when you make your room reservations you need to give them the code on your registration package or you will not receive the free breakfast each morning.

December 4<sup>th</sup> COF Christmas Party at TorNinos, Sharon Minnich chairing

## WSCC

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

Sunshine Report given by Sharon Minnich, Chuck Robb was in the hospital for a few days, but is doing better and is present, Phil Rivas had back surgery and Susan Rivas cut her finger and had over 40 stitches a card was sent to them.

Old Business; Billie Talley had been asked about club hats so she ordered some and has them for purchase after the meeting for \$20.00.

## New Business:

Elections are coming up soon so we need to be thinking about nominations for the President's office and also for the Treasurers Office, the other offices have agreed to stay for their second year. Jim Kozera thanked the board for doing a great job. Betty Foster also thanked Chris Campbell for the great job he is doing on the Website.

## Name Tag Drawing:

The drawing for this month is \$50.00 and Socorro Biglieri's name was drawn she was not present; the drawing will be \$60.00 next month.

## 50/25/25 Raffle:

First ticket drawn was Larry Cervantes \$48.00, second ticket drawn was Jeannie Dehmel also for \$48.00. Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Teixeira  
By/ net



NANCY TEIXEIRA  
SECRETARY



# CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2015 Calendar Year COF has 137 members and 87 cars.



## Members & Guests

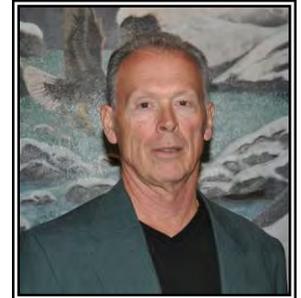
Total attendance: 59 - 57 Members & 2 Guests: Marj Harp and Mokey Cowger

## Nametag drawing

Socorro Biglieri's Name was drawn, She was not present.

Next Months Drawing will be for \$60.00

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



CLAY MUMBY  
MEMBERSHIP

## Club Directories and Updates

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

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES



GENE & EVELYN FOX 5 - BOB & JUDI REINKE 29



### JULY BIRTHDAYS



JOE BRATTON 3 - CLIFF SHAUL 3 - KATHY YERGAT - 5  
DAVE DUTTON 7 - PHIL RIVAS 14 - GLEN MICHAELS 19  
BRENDA DURHAM 12 - EVELYN FOX 15  
KAYE CAMPBELL 21 - CHUCK ROBB 24 - SUSAN RIVAS 30



### 50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

LARRY CERVANTES  
JEANNIE DEHMEL

EACH WON

\$48.00



CONGRATULATIONS

## Sunshine Report

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Phil Rivas had back surgery and Susan Rivas cut her finger and had over 40 stitches a card was sent to them.

**GET WELL SOON!**

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Carol's Vette had a dead battery in her garage and she called her mechanics shop. Since she had to go to work she told the manager, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the Vette, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check ."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT; DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the mechanic arrived at Wanda's he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the floor watching the mechanic go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the mechanic couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

"Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"  
To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"



# CORVETTES OF FRESNO WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



**Larry Cervantes**



**Ronald & Patricia Mattos**



**Richard & Margaret Ripplinger**



**L. J Say**



**Robb & Cindy Kochevar**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**WELCOME TO  
CORVETTES OF FRESNO**

**WE ARE NOW  
137 MEMBERS STRONG**



# NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS



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

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

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

**BYLAWS STATEMENT ON DUES (page 3)**

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

**SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION OF  
2016 BOARD MEMBERS**

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



# CHUCK'S 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



JULY 6-12 - WSCC CONVENTION IN RENO - ALLEN TEIXEIRA - 559-449-1505

JULY 7, 2015 TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

JULY 14, 2015 TUESDAY - TAHOE MEETING 7:00PM AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

JULY 21, 2015 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

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CHUCH FECCIA 559-432-4228

NOV 11, 2015 - WEDNESDAY - VETERANS DAY PARADE  
BILLIE TALLEY 559-960-4666

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SHARON MINNICH CHAIRPERSON. 559-449-3331



CHUCK FECCIA  
VP ACTIVITIES

## TAHOE PLANNING MEETING

THE NEXT TAHOE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM  
TUESDAY JULY 14, 2015 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER  
OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

## WSCC

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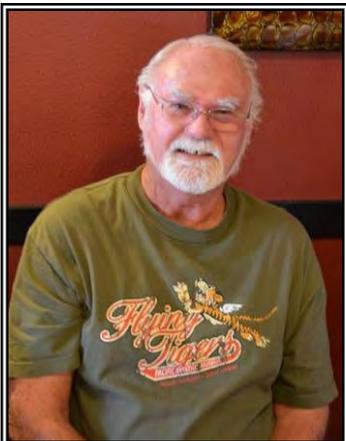
## PLAN A RUN

# TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE

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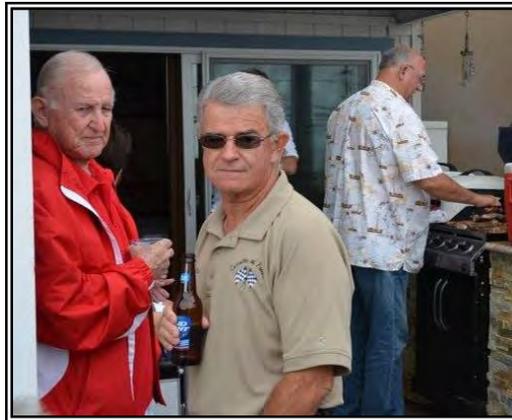


# MEET & EAT





# COAST RUN



# **A WINE TASTING / DINNER CAYUCOS**

**May 30, 2015**

**23 CORVETTES -  
58**

**CORVETTE OF FRESNO MEMBERS**



**RICK AND SHERRY BEATIE  
COCKTAILS AND OPEN HOUSE  
THE HOUSE IS BEAUTIFUL AND  
THE VIEW IS FANTASTIC  
THE HOSTS WERE GREAT**

**BRUCE & RUTH LOONEY**

**LED A GROUP OF 10 CORVETTE TO WHITE HORSE  
WINERY  
GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL**



**DINNER CONSISTED OF STEAK -- PILAF -- CHILI BEANS  
SALAD AND CUP CAKES  
A LOT OF FOOD & FUN..... FOR EVERYONE  
THE RUN WAS THE BEST ---  
OUR CLUB IS THE GREATEST !!!!!!!  
AFTER DINNER THE LADIES TOOK OVER CLEANING  
WE COULD NOT THANKS YOU GUYS ENOUGH  
A BIG THANKS TO THE MEN OF COF THAT HELP ME  
PUT TABLES AND CHAIRS AWAY AND CLEAN UP...**



**THIS WAS A GREAT DAY -- THE CLUB ALWAYS  
PULLS TOGETHER TO HAVE FUN AND HELP WHAT  
EVER THAT WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING GREAT PEOPLE**

**TERRI & DAVE CAVANAUGH**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Word From Home  
Car Show to Support Our Troops**

**Over 2,200  
care packages delivered!**

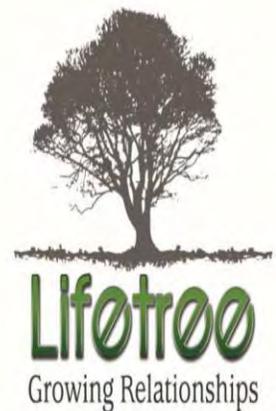


**Car Show &  
Freedom Celebration  
Sunday, June 28, 2015  
5:00 P.M. til Dark**



**Lifetree  
Assembly of God Church  
35849 Ave 13 1/2  
Madera, Ca.**

**NW Corner of Road 36  
and Ave 13 1/2  
Madera Ranchos**



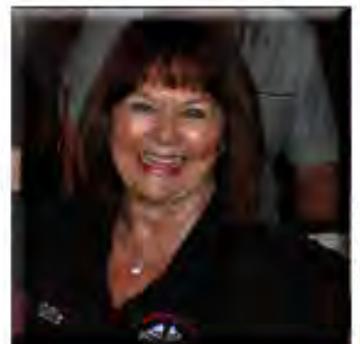
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Pam Hansen (559) 474-2330**

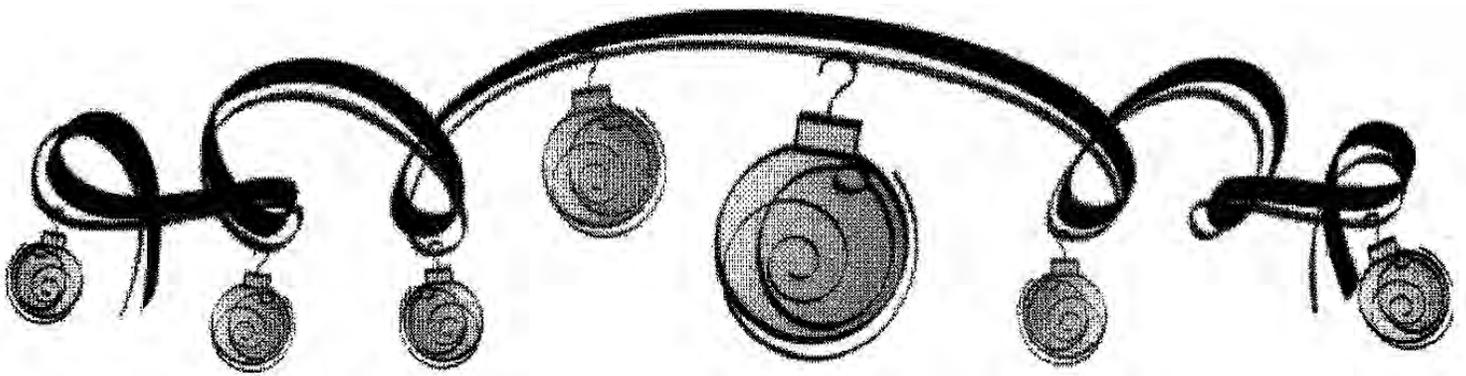


## ***Corvettes of Fresno***

***Will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. We would like to invite all of our club members and all Veterans who have a Corvette to join us. This is always a heartwarming event and I want all of you to know how much I appreciate your participation in showing our Veterans the support they very well deserve. We will be meeting sometime that morning, exact time to be determined, in the parking lot on the NW corner of Fresno St. at Shaw Ave.***

***Billie will notify participants of the times once the parade committee gives us final details. If you have any questions, please contact Billie Talley at 559-960-4666.***





Corvettes of Fresno

Invites you to our

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

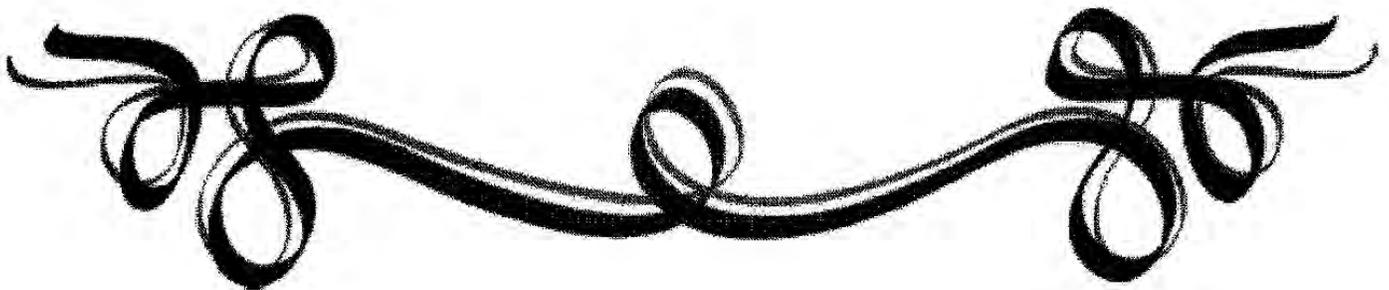
Friday, December 4th  
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

Dinner: Buffet Style  
Price: \$35.00 per person

Entertainment: DJ  
(same as last year)

Host: Sharon Minnich  
Ph #559-449-3331





# CORVETTE PARTS FOR SALE "BEST OFFER"



**We would like to sell these parts Best Offer.  
Any questions please call. Thank you  
Jack & Connie Quigley 559-434-0820**

# CORVETTES OF FRESNO



## DUFFEL BAG



**\$15.00**

**PICTURED BELOW IS THE DUFFEL BAG THAT WILL BE INCLUDED WITH EACH TAHOE 47 REGISTRATION**

**WE HAVE A FEW EXTRA BAGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NOW!**

**THESE ARE GREAT FOR GYM BAGS - OVERNIGHT USE OR TO KEEP IN YOUR CAR FOR CAR CARE SUPPLIES**

**ALL NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THESE BAGS GO TO OUR TAHOE 47 FUNDRAISER.**

**CONTACT ALLEN TEIXEIRA TO RESERVE YOUR COF BAG**



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

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



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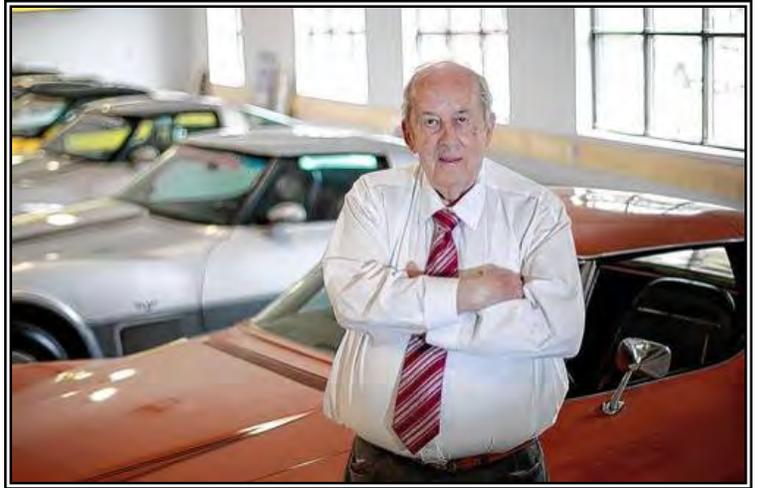
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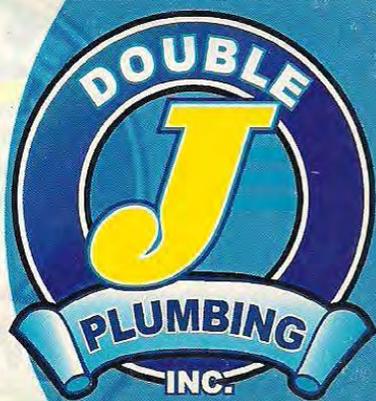
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## **This Barn Find 1954 Corvette Parked 51 Years Ago Sells for \$52,000**

Nothing like an early C1 Corvette barn find to get your motor running. Check out this 1954 Corvette that was recently discovered and then sold at auction over the weekend in Pennsylvania!

We actually don't know much about this car other than its a Polo White 1954 Corvette and that it was supposedly parked in 1964 where it has remained for 51 years. The Corvette was offered for sale by Cabin Fever Auctions in Douglassville, PA and a call to their office confirmed that the selling price was \$52,000.



The auction descriptions lists the Corvette as also having a "Scotts" aftermarket hardtop. That was sold separately from the car and it brought in \$1000.

Looking at the engine, the 6-cylinder blue flame V8 looks complete. We see that it has one of the popular performance upgrades of its day which features a multi-carb intake manifold with two Rochester carburetors and topped off with chrome louvered air cleaners.

It's really such a shame that this Corvette was parked 51 years ago. We think about the owner that parked it and all the fun and excitement he missed out over the years. Hopefully the next owner will have this 1954 Corvette back on the road soon!

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## Arsonist Fails to Set Oil Change Shop on Fire by Torching a C4 Corvette

Some people say the C4 Corvette doesn't get the respect it deserves.

The owner of an oil change business in Evansville, Ind., that was hit by arson this week would likely agree with that assessment.

According to Evansville Fire Department Investigator Richard Howard, someone broke into the Speedy Oiler and started two fires – one by lighting an oil rag and sticking it into the gas tank of a red C4 Corvette inside the business, the other in the back office of the shop.



Owner Jim Turpin said he opened the door of the business and it was filled with smoke.

"I run and open up all the doors," Turpin said. "I go into the office and it's totally destroyed. They tried to destroy my building, they tried to destroy my business. I don't know what's going on in their minds? What would make someone do that?"

**The fire damaged several costly pieces of equipment in the office, but the Corvette suffered only minor damage and burn marks around the gas filler area. Some items were also taken by the perpetrators, though they didn't get the company's safe.**

**Fortunately, the business remains open, according to Turpin, who said they just can't take credit cards right now.**

## **Collectible Corvettes: 1995 Indy 500 Corvette Pace Car**

The fourth generation Corvette (C4) marked its eleventh anniversary in 1995 and the General Motors design team made the C4 more refined than ever before. Corvette took a step up in performance and sophistication with larger brake rotors, traction control and optional run-flat tires. But the big news for 1995 was the selection of Corvette to pace the Indy 500. It marked the third time that the marque would do the honors and the second time that Chevrolet would build a limited number of Pace Car replicas for the public.



### **1995 Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car**

The Corvette Pace Car for the 1995 Indy 500 was a stock Corvette except for safety-features mandated by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. These included strobe lights, a special rollbar, five-point safety harnesses for the driver and passenger, and an on-board fire suppression system. Chevrolet built three cars to be the actual race pace car, two with automatic transmissions and one with a 6-speed manual gearbox. Jim Perkins, then Chevrolet General Manager, at the helm of the Indy pace car for his third time, used the manual transmission car for race day activities.

After a somewhat subdued paint scheme for the 1978 Pace Car, Chevrolet gave their designers a little more freedom of expression for 1995. They came up with an eye-catching Dark Purple Metallic and Arctic White two-tone paint scheme with a broad red strip across the front that transitioned into a stylized flag on the sides of the car. A special Indy decal package and Indy emblems were also included.

### **Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car Replicas**

Chevrolet rewarded each of their top Corvette retailers with an allocation of one Corvette Pace Car replica, resulting in a production run on only 527 replicas. For an extra \$2,816, the Pace Car package could be ordered by checking regular production option (RPO) Z4Z on the Corvette order sheet.

All 527 Pace Car replicas sold to the public were convertibles that carried over the Indy purple and white paint scheme. Automatic transmissions were standard, as were black leather sport bucket seats with purple inserts and Indy logos on the headrests. The option package also included a white convertible top, silver ZR-1 wheels, electronic air conditioning and a Delco/Bose audio system.

### **Corvette features for 1995**

Design changes for all Corvettes for 1995 were limited to new fender gills, since an all-new Corvette (C5) was already on the way for 1997. The LT-1 engine was in its fourth year of production and was rated at 300 hp at 5,000 rpm and 340 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm. The coupe weighed 3,203 pounds and the 0-60 mph time with the LT-1 was around 5.1 seconds. The quarter mile could be covered in 15.1 seconds with at a speed of 95 mph.

### **Summary**

Our most recent Vette-N-Vestments Corvette Price Guide lists the value of a 1995 Indy 500 Corvette Pace Car at \$29,000 at the high range with average examples selling for \$22,500.

The '95 Pace Car is now 20 years old and, due to age and accidents, there are now less than 527 existing examples. A potential buyer may have to do some serious research to find a suitable candidate.

## **Corvette Assembly Manager Jeff Lamarche Promoted to Flint Assembly Plant**

**Lost in last week's news about the planned \$439 million expansion of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant is the announcement that the Corvette Assembly's plant manager Jeff Lamarache has been promoted to manager of the Flint Assembly Plant. Jeff was with us for about a year and half and he will surely be missed.**

**We admit that we didn't know a lot about Lamarche before he was sent to Bowling Green in February 2014. But**

**having watched his performance at the Corvette Assembly Plant over the last year, it's clear now that he is a "fixer" for GM who is sent where he is needed.**



**His first week on the job coincided with the massive sinkhole that opened unexpectedly under the Corvette Museum's Sky Dome on February 12 and his introduction to Corvette owners came at a hastily called press conference later that afternoon.**

**While the sinkhole was the major news coming out of Bowling Green, there were some ongoing labor issues in the plant that eventually bubbled up to the surface after the United Auto Workers Local 2164 gave union management the right to strike over quality and safety issues. Those issues were laid to rest in**

just a couple of months after Jeff's appointment to BGAP and we haven't heard about any labor issues at the plant since then.

A lot of good things also occurred during Jeff's tenure at the Corvette Assembly Plant too. We saw the new Performance Build Center come online in late 2014 and the C7 Corvette Z06s began production and are on their way to breaking 10,000 Z06s in their first year of production. And now the \$400+ million expansion of the Corvette Paint Shop has been announced.

The move to Flint will be a challenge for Jeff but its nothing he can't handle. Flint produces full-size GM pickups like the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra as well as the commercial heavy duty versions too. The Corvette Plant has around 900 workers while Flint Assembly has over 2,800 employees. Of course he won't have 50,000+ visitors at the Flint Plant like he dealt with in Bowling Green.

We appreciate Jeff's service for Corvette owners over the last year and half and wish him and his wife Shannon the best of luck in their future endeavors.

### Here is General Motors CEO Mary Barra's New 2015 Corvette Z06 Convertible

It's not every day that the Bowling Green Assembly Plant receives an order to make a car for the company CEO, but this week the workers from UAW Local 2164 assembled a 2015 Black Corvette Z06 Convertible that will be shipped to GM's headquarters in Detroit for General Motors



Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra.

Mary took the reins at GM in January 2014 just in time for the North American International Auto Show, and coincidentally, the launch of the C7 Corvette Z06. The sports car obviously made an impression on the newly minted CEO too. Now, a year and couple months after the highly acclaimed sports car's launch at NAIAS, she finally gets to sample the "technological tip of GM's spear" (quoting Fehan) – the 2015 Corvette Z06.

Mary's new Corvette is both a 650-horsepower performance machine and yet a nice boulevard cruiser as well. That's because the Convertible is outfitted with both the Z07 Performance Package and the new 8-speed automatic transmission. The Black Z06 Convertible has a black top, black aluminum wheels and the only splash of color comes from the yellow Brembo brake calipers.

The Chief's Corvette Z06 also comes equipped with the Stage 1 aerodynamics package based on the rear spoiler. The front spoiler is part of the Dealer PDI and so that will be installed when the car gets to Detroit.

So what do you think of Mary Barra's new ride? We think it's great that of all the vehicles in GM's fleet that she chose a Corvette Z06 Convertible. The 8-Speed Auto and Stage 1 Aero Package would make this car a terror at the track but you're more likely to see it on Woodward Avenue with its top down. And speaking from personal experience, anybody that has ever driven the Woodward Dream Cruise would be most appreciative of GM's new 8-speed automatic!

Enjoy the new Corvette Z06 Mary!

## Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park Breaks Ground on the Holley Control Tower

The Holley Control Tower at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park should be ready for use in eight to nine months.

That was the word Thursday as the NCM, community leaders, Holley Performance Products, and the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce held an enthusiastic groundbreaking ceremony for the project.

Enthusiasts can look forward to seeing the 14,635-square-foot tower's meeting rooms, administrative offices, a track retail space, 2,000-square-foot viewing deck, and classrooms when the \$1.8 million project is completed.



The classrooms and meeting spaces will be available for rent for track customers, meetings, and private functions.

**“We are excited to not only have permanent office space, but also ready to make use of the classrooms and meeting space for both our track rental clients, as well as others looking for a unique event venue,” said Mitch Wright, NCM Motorsports Park general manager. “The second floor viewing deck will offer a nice bird’s eye view of the track, making spectating fun to participate in.”**

**Tom Tomlinson, president and CEO of Holley, said his company is “very excited” about all the activity going on at the Motorsports Park and “looking forward” to the Holley Control Tower becoming “a significant part of this amazing facility.”**

**Tomlinson praised the Motorsports Park, saying “it truly is a world class track and we feel it secures Bowling Green’s identity as a motorsports town. We are proud to be a part of that identity and want everyone to know it when they pull into the NCM track.”**

**The Holley Control Tower is just the latest addition to the Motorsports Park. The Kimberlee A. Fast Pavilion and garage complex will be ready to use by late June, offering two sizes of garages that can be rented by the day, along with an open-air pavilion with restrooms, showers, picnic seating and concession area, and second-level viewing decks on the backs of the garages.**

**Also, a Mobil 1 Fueling Station should be ready for business in three weeks, with self-serve and pay for six different grades of fuel, including three racing fuels, diesel and 87 and 93 octane.**

**The NCM Motorsports Park drew praise from local officials, including Bowling Green Mayor Bruce Wilkerson.**

**“In being open less than a year, the NCM Motorsports Park has already proven to be an outstanding addition to Bowling Green,” he said. “I’m pleased to extend congratulations on behalf of the community to the Motorsports Park on the groundbreaking of the Holley Control Tower and am excited to see how the park grows.”**

**Mike Buchanon, Warren County Judge-Executive, said the park has been “a welcome addition” to the region, “providing great economic impact and an attractive site for tourists.”**

**The National Corvette Museum, Buchanon said, “is ensuring South Central Kentucky holds the title of a premiere motorsports destination.”**

**Tommy Adams, Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce board chairman, was just as enthusiastic. “Great things are coming to the NCM Motorsports Park,” he said, “and the control tower will contribute to the overall success of this world-class facility.”**

**The NCM Motorsports Park, located on 186 acres at 505 Grimes Road, includes two tracks that can be combined into four different configurations, ranging from a high-speed 1.96-mile loop to an extended 3.15-mile technical course. The technical track includes features derived from France’s famed Le Mans circuit and is a popular testing location for several race teams.**

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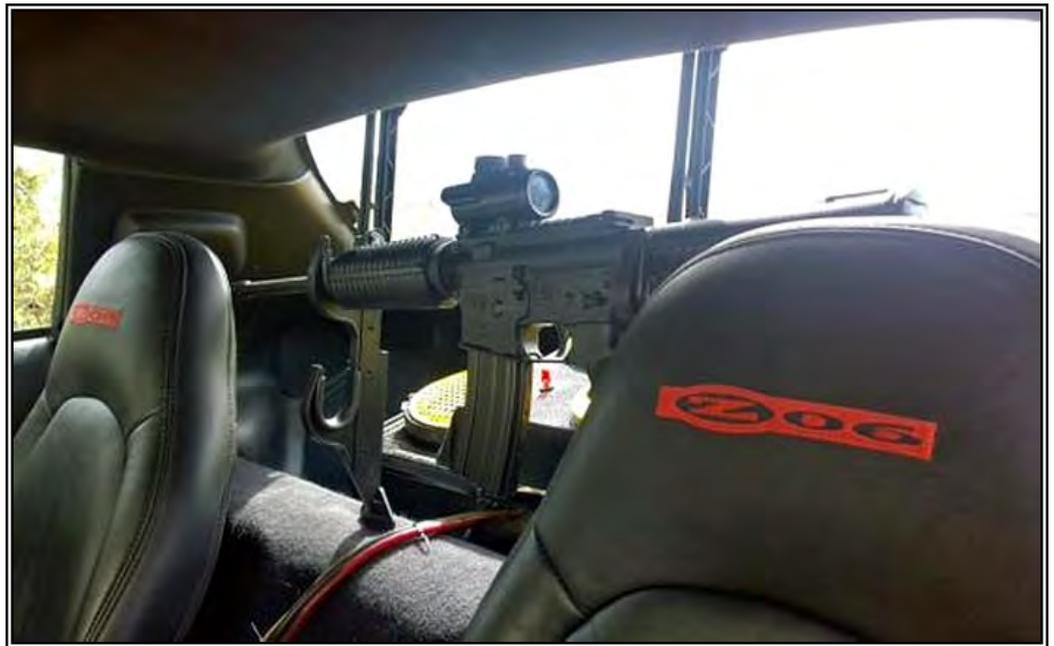
Bruce Jarvis, executive director of Destination: Canal Winchester, said McDorman's support of the community "goes way back and took more forms than anybody truly knows."

Jarvis said he respected the fact that McDorman never made one feel like they were imposing on his time, even when you knew you probably were.

"He had the reputation as a tough negotiator," Jarvis said. "We were lucky to have him for as long as we did and there is no doubt that Bob McDorman's legacy will be seen and felt for generations to come."

### **Only in Texas Will You Find A Corvette Z06 with a Gun Rack**

Ah Texas. Where everything is done a bit bigger and bolder than anywhere else in our country also extends to how Corvette owners exercise their 2nd Amendment rights. Normally, gun racks and rifles are associated with pickup trucks but what do you do when your daily driver is C5 Corvette Z06? Simple. You take your firepower with you!



We got these pictures from our of our Twitter followers showing a couple of photos of a Yellow C5 Corvette Z06 with a gun rack mounted in the back. We think the Fixed Roof Coupe body style makes the mounting of the gun rack a little easier and of course, you never know when you'll need to arm yourself so you want easy access to your assault rifle.

The rack featured in the Z06 extends down from the top of the rear glass down to the partition behind the seats. There are positions for two rifles but I guess our Corvette driver here was driving solo as there is only the one AR-15 rifle mounted:

We know a lot of new C7 Corvette owners simply went gaga when Chevrolet showed off the hidden storage compartment behind the stereo and we've seen more than a few pics showing a carry handgun in the hidden cubby.

## **Police in Stockton Impound a C5 Corvette Involved in Sideshows and a High-speed Chase**

**If you're going to be involved in a sideshow, you better be prepared to lose your car.**

**At least in Stockton, Calif., where the owner of this silver C5 Corvette had his or her car impounded after being suspected of taking part in a sideshow there in March.**

**A sideshow, in case you haven't heard, is an informal and illegal**

**demonstration of automotive stunts often held in vacant lots and public intersections, most commonly doughnuts.**



**Police say such a sideshow occurred on March 29 in the parking lot of a Lowe's store and a Sonic Drive-In, in the 10300 block of Trinity Parkway in Stockton.**

**The now-confiscated Corvette was being driven erratically and doing doughnuts in the parking lot. The driver took off when confronted by police and led them on a high-speed chase down I-5, reaching speeds of 100 mph.**

**Police eventually gave up on the chase for safety reasons, but they didn't give up on finding the Corvette, looking in Stockton, Modesto, and Sacramento before locating what they believe is the car in question in the 500 block of Curran Avenue in Sacramento.**

**Police are still trying to locate the driver for an interview.**

**A few hours after impounding the Corvette, police also seized a red pickup truck in Stockton that is believed to be connected to a sideshow, too.**

**Stockton police say they have zero tolerance for sideshows because they are dangerous for onlookers and participants, too, and anyone involved in such activity faces the impoundment of their vehicle along with criminal charges.**

**Even non-residents of Stockton will be tracked down by police if they are suspected of being involved in a sideshow, authorities said.**

## May 2015 Corvette Sales

General Motors released the May sales report earlier this week and Corvette sales keep humming along at a pace greater than what we saw in 2014. For the month of May, a total of 3,514 Corvettes were delivered to new owners. This is 5.6% ahead of the 3,328 Corvettes sold during May 2014. For the Calendar Year to Day (CYTD), a total of 15,500 Corvette Stingrays and Z06s have been sold which is 3.2% more than the same time period in 2014.



According to Chevrolet, this is the Corvette's best May since 1986!

Comparing May 2015 to April 2015, 45 more Corvettes were delivered for an increase month-to-month of 1.3%.

For all practical purposes, the 2015 model year is over. Production of the 2015s will run through June 19th and then the 2016 Corvette models will start production on Monday, June 22nd. Regarding the 2016s, we are expecting GM to release pricing information any day now.

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

Corvette Delivery Statistics for April 2015							
Month	Month			Months	Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2015	2014	% Change		2015	2014	% Change
May	3,514	3,328	5.6%	Jan-May	15,500	15,021	3.2%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	2,127	2,605	3,785	3,469	3,514								15,500
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

For the month of May, GM delivered 293,097 vehicles in the United States which was up 3% over sales in May 2014.

Chevrolet's three-truck strategy is paying off with Silverado sales accounting for 27% of pickup sales in May, while the Chevrolet Colorado's sales are rising faster than GM can keep up with production, despite adding a third production shift in March.

## **General Motors Shows off Restoration Progress on the 1 Millionth Corvette**

General Motors Tuesday showed off their restoration progress on the 1 millionth Corvette which fell into the Nation Corvette Museum sinkhole in February 2014. This is the first time the car has been seen by the public since it left the museum in April of this year. They plan to have all of the work completed in time to return it to the NCM for their 21st birthday celebration Labor Day weekend.



On July 2nd, 1992 a white on red convertible Corvette rolled off the end of the Bowling Green assembly line. It was a milestone in the history of Corvette – the 1 millionth car built. Its colors mimicked the original 1953 Corvettes and the event was celebrated by the likes of Duntov, McLellan, and others. When the National Corvette Museum opened up a couple years later, it was inevitable that this car would be inside. Then on February 12th, 2014, another chapter was written in the cars' history when it became one of the eight cars swallowed up by the now famous sinkhole. Roughly 3 weeks later on March 5th the car was exhumed from its rocky grave and displayed alongside the other 7 recovered cars. In April of this year the 1 millionth Corvette was delivered to Warren, MI where GM would oversee the restoration of this significant vehicle.

The restoration update took place in the Mechanical Assembly portion of the GM Design building. Mechanical Assembly is special area used for unique projects like concept car builds and restoration and maintenance of cars from the GM Heritage Collection. The room is neat and tidy like an operating room. The walls are covered with photos of the great GM styling and production cars of the past. It was a natural fit for the sink hole Corvettes to get repaired here. The 1 millionth Corvette sat centered in the room between the 1959 Corvette Stingray racer and the Buick Y Job concept. Many of the damaged pieces removed from the car were displayed alongside chunks of rocks and stones taken from inside the car. Many of those parts still wore the red Kentucky soil in which they were buried.

**GM's Vice President of Design Ed Welburn, Mechanical Assembly boss David Bolognino, and the repair team led an informal discussion through the progress to date and the next steps in the journey.**

**The process of resurrecting the 1 millionth Corvette about half way done. The frame has been straightened and the windshield frame has been returned it is original position. It now holds new glass. The vehicle is largely dissembled ready for each of the teams to complete their work. The emphasis is to save as many of the original pieces as possible. Only fix what needs it and preserve the history that was made back in early July 1992. This isn't just a matter of straightening and repainting parts. It's about saving all of the hundreds of signatures on the car that are the names of all of the line workers who helped assemble it. The names are everywhere: under the rear deck, the wheel wells, and even the floor boards. As an example only 1 portion of 1 of the passenger seat bolsters will be replaced. The remainder of the seat will be steamed and carefully cleaned in order to return the leather to its original condition. A portion of the dash will be rebuilt around a signature and then wrapped in new leather which will match the original. A ton of work has been completed on the car and a ton still remains.**

**The plan is to return the car to the National Corvette Museum for the 21st Birthday event this coming Labor Day weekend. What a better birthday gift than to get back one of the most significant Corvettes of time.**

## **Allstate Returns a 1972 Corvette Stolen 43 Years Ago to its Original Owner**

**It was meant to be. How else can you describe it?**

**Terry Dietrich was born in 1953, the same year that the first Corvette rolled out of the factory.**

**That coincidence sparked a love affair for the Corvette that ultimately led to her decision as a 19-year-old to buy a brand new Corvette Stingray in 1972.**



**“Enjoyed it, loved it, every minute of it for six months,” she told NBC reporter Francis Rivera.**

**But then her beloved 1972 Corvette was stolen from the parking lot of the office where she was working!**

**“I was very sad,” Terry said. “It took me a couple of years to get over that.”**

**Police told her that her Corvette was probably gone for good.**

**But then last October, she got a shocking call – her Corvette had been found in North Carolina.**

Unfortunately, because her insurance company had already paid her claim back in 1972, the car technically didn't belong to Terry any longer. She could only look at it in photos.

That is, until one day last week when Allstate Insurance gave her the surprise of her life. Her original insurance agent came out of retirement, pulling into her driveway in Duluth, Ga., to hand deliver the Corvette back to Terry!

"I don't believe it!" she cried, touching the hood of her blue Corvette. "My car! I don't believe it, I really don't believe this!"

After hugging the agent, Terry climbed behind the wheel, wondering to herself if she still remembers how to crank her Stingray.

She did! Old love affairs die hard.

"It still sounds the same!" she exclaimed. "Everything is just coming back and looking so familiar."

And talk about perfect timing.

"Today is my birthday!" she exclaimed. "What could be more awesome than getting my car back of 43 years on my 62nd birthday! Oh my goodness, I love it!"

As Terry stood next to her car, she admitted, "I know it's old, but I'm old too! We'll grow old together."

Kudos to Allstate Insurance for stepping in and making Terry probably the happiest Corvette owner around right now!

## **18-Wheeler Runs Over a C3 Corvette Sending Two Teenage Girls to the Hospital**

Two teenage girls escaped death Sunday afternoon in their white C3 Corvette convertible after an 18-wheeler rolled over the classic sports car in Redmond, Oregon!

It definitely shows how tough the old Corvette was built.

Take a look at the photos, and you'll have to wonder how the passenger was transported to St. Charles Redmond Hospital, where she was treated and then released.



The driver of the Corvette was carried to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend and was sedated with a nonlife-threatening injury.

**The accident happened about 2:30 p.m. when a trucker from Northern California apparently didn't notice traffic stopped at a red light and, despite slamming on his brakes and leaving skid marks on the pavement, literally ran over the passenger side of the Corvette before hitting the back of a Subaru Outback that then struck a Ford Ranger.**

**A passenger in the Subaru had to be carried to a local hospital.**

**Semi driver Santokh Samra, 31, of California was cited for careless driving, according to Officer Michael Maloney of the Redmond Police Department.**

**The injured girls were transported to the hospital by air helicopters that landed in the intersection of U.S. Highway 97 and Veterans Way after the accident that forced traffic to be detoured around the area for about four hours.**

## **A Texas Man and His Dog Die After Becoming Trapped in His 2007 Corvette**

**A 72-year-old man's dream car turned out to be a nightmare this week.**

**James Rogers of Port Arthur, Texas and his dog Leia apparently died of heat exhaustion Monday afternoon when they became trapped inside his 2007 Corvette.**

**Justice of the Peace Marc Derouen pronounced Rogers dead and ordered an autopsy. Police do not suspect suicide or foul play.**



**What makes the tragedy so heartbreaking is that it didn't have to happen. Apparently, Rogers didn't know about the emergency handle beside his seat that would have popped open his electronic door and allowed them to escape from the Corvette.**

**We would urge all C6 and C7 Corvette owners to become acquainted with this handle NOW. It could save their lives one day. I had to use it one day in my 2005 coupe when I locked the door without having my keys in my pocket, but fortunately I was in the basement of my house out of the heat and had time to read the owner's manual and find the emergency handle.**

**Rogers and his pet lost their lives in the parking lot of the Waffle House on Jimmy Johnson Boulevard in Port Arthur, where Rogers was a regular. Frantic employees called another regular, M.J. Ponsegrau, to the restaurant to try and help them escape.**

But it was too late.

Rogers' daughter, Tricia Hernandez, believes her father possibly died while looking through the owner's manual to find out what to do. That can be a daunting task in the very thick manual, especially in a panic-type situation, though.

She believes he tried valiantly to escape but just couldn't make it in time. Unfortunately, he couldn't call for help either because he had apparently just gone outside to check on his dog and planned to return to the restaurant since he left his phone charging inside.

It might not have made a difference, though, since not many folks outside the Corvette world know about the emergency handle. Pongrau and first responders didn't know how to open the door either. Eventually, firefighters did break the window, but it proved to be too late.

Now, Rogers' three children and five grandchildren must get ready for a funeral on Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves, with Reverend D. Stephen McCrate officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Our condolences to the family. We hope they can take solace in the fact that the publicity from the freak deaths may have helped educate other Corvette owners and save them from a similar fate.

We'd also encourage anyone who sells Corvettes to take a few minutes and always make it a point to acquaint newcomers to the fold with the emergency handle.

## Corvette Racing at Le Mans: A Chevrolet Corvette Comeback Victory

LE MANS, France (June 13, 2015) – Corvette Racing stood atop the podium at the 24 Hours of Le Mans on Sunday as Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Jordan Taylor wrote the final chapter of a storybook comeback that ended with the team winning the GTE Pro category in their No. 64 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R.

The trio in their No. 64 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R completed 337 laps for 2,864.50 miles in a frantic battle that eventually saw the Corvette win in class by five laps. Sunday's victory goes along with Corvette Racing's wins earlier this year in the Rolex 24 At Daytona and Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship.



It also marked a significant turn in the fortunes for Corvette Racing in the span of four days. The No. 63 Corvette C7.R of Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Ryan Briscoe was withdrawn from the race following a hard crash with Magnussen driving. A small piece of debris inside the pedal box caused a throttle malfunction and the Corvette to skid and spin out of control. Magnussen – part of the winning lineup at both Daytona and Sebring with Garcia and Briscoe – was uninjured.

**Instead of folding, Corvette Racing marshaled all its effort around the remaining Corvette C7.R. In addition to the eighth victory for the Corvette brand and Corvette Racing in France, Gavin won at Le Mans for the fifth time, Milner the second, and Taylor for the first time.**

**“I am proud of how the No. 63 and No. 64 drivers, engineers and crew came together to rally around a single Corvette C7.R entry for the race after Thursday’s unfortunate incident,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. “They prepared thoroughly and had each others’ back all race long. Perseverance, teamwork and execution were keys to the winning effort.**

**“It was very emotional to be in the garage with the entire team when the checkered flag dropped,” he added. “The Corvette Racing team simply never gave up.”**

**Gavin set the tone early in the race Saturday by move up three spots from seventh on the GTE Pro grid to as high as fourth in his first two stints. Milner followed with a triple stint on his Michelin tires that saw he and the Corvette move from sixth – where he slotted into the field after the leaving pit lane on his first laps – to the class lead.**

**From that point, the three Corvette Racing drivers figured prominently in a lead battle that saw the Corvette go up against multiple competitors in the race’s top production-based class.**

**The climatic moment came with less than two hours remaining. Running second at the time, Gavin caught and then quickly passed Toni Vilander, who eventually lost five laps in the garage with a mechanical issue. Victory in sight, Gavin drove a smooth final stint with no issues – a fitting end to drama-filled four days.**

**“This victory adds to what already has been a terrific year for Corvette Racing and the Chevrolet Corvette C7.R,” said Mark Kent, Director of Chevrolet Racing. “Today’s win at Le Mans goes alongside our successes in the Rolex 24 At Daytona and Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. It shows the depth of our strengths and determination of everyone at Corvette Racing, GM Powertrain Performance and Racing team, and Pratt & Miller. I’d like to commend all of our partners who contributed to our eighth Le Mans victory.”**

**Said Campbell: “The enthusiasm of the Corvette and Chevrolet owners was overwhelming, and we received messages of support from around the world. The team even did multiple Skype sessions with National Corvette Museum members that were watching the race at the NCM theater. It was also great to see a full Corvette Corral here at Le Mans.**

**“Racing enables us to transfer learnings from the track to design, engineer and build the best and safest Corvettes for the showroom.”**

**OLIVER GAVIN, NO. 64 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:**

*“Winning Le Mans is always a fairy tale story. The way everything turned out over the week, with the No. 63 Corvette having its issues and not being able to start the race... the way the team all came together and led us into the race and enabled us to have this fantastic result today, it’s just amazing. It’s just been one of those days where you’re waiting for something to spring up, like another hurdle to come in your way to stop you from taking a victory. It was a spectacular race for Tommy and Jordan and myself – one of those events where you’re having great races with Aston Martin, Ferrari and Porsche but in the end we were the strongest car and we ended up coming away with victory. This is my fifth victory here at Le Mans, and I’m absolutely thrilled to come back here with Corvette Racing. I’m a very happy man.”*

**TOMMY MILNER, NO. 64 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:**

*“Where do you start? It’s unbelievable to be here with Corvette Racing and to represent the U.S., Chevrolet and Corvette at the biggest race in the world. It’s one thing to race but it’s another thing to actually achieve that. It is something that has happened twice now, but you don’t expect that for one thing. It is just an amazing feeling... a sense of accomplishment. All the hard work that goes into coming here, and I only see part of it. The guys at the shop... when you look at all the people here to make this happen, to achieve victory is incredible. I’m just super happy to be here and be a part of it”.*

*“Then you look at the storyline for us for the week. You have the one car that goes out in qualifying. Typically after many accidents you can fix it, but that one was big enough that there was nothing we could do here. To have the whole team band together and work together throughout the weekend and throughout the race to do exactly this and get a win... I know all the No. 3 guys are disappointed a little bit with what happened after qualifying. But this was definitely a team victory. It’s very cool to be a part of it. I can’t thank those guys enough to be here in what is a difficult scenario. I’ve been there. It is difficult to be at a track and not racing. But for them to do whatever they can to help us, help the team, help Chevy and help Corvette achieve victory, this was a team win for sure.”*

**JORDAN TAYLOR, NO. 64 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:**

*“I’m obviously a little speechless about the whole thing. The goal in sports car racing and almost any kind of in motorsports in general is to win Le Mans. To win with Chevrolet and Corvette Racing as an American driver doesn’t get any better than that. Being with the team for four years now, and the last two years only being able to do Le Mans with the team is tough. I have to thank them and Chevrolet for still believing in me and just to come and do this one-off race with them. So in one way I am happy for the team, but in another way it is a good way to say thank you to them.”*

## **Preliminary 2016 Corvette Pricing Released** **Z06 C7.R Edition's MSRP is \$111,400**

We found out this morning from National Corvette seller Mike Furman that some preliminary pricing has been announced for the 2016 Corvette Stingray and Z06. Full 2016 Corvette pricing is still expected later this month, but according to Mike, all Corvettes models will be receiving a \$400 increase for the new year. We were actually expecting to see at least a \$1,000 bump in price so only \$400 is something we can live with.



In addition to the across-the-board increase, also released are the prices for the three Design Package RPOs and the MSRP for the 2016 Corvette C7.R Edition.

The three Design Packages require either the Stingray 3LT or the Z06 3LZ. Then, depending on which of the three Design Packages you order, it will include the following charge:

- Twilight Blue Design Pkg (ZLD): \$3,500 MSRP
- Spice Red Design Pkg (ZLE): \$3,500 MSRP
- Black Suede Design Pkg (ZLG): \$3,995 MSRP

The Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition Coupe requires the Z06 3LZ package and the preliminary MSRP will start at \$111,400 which doesn't include the \$995 delivery fee.

The C7.R Edition can be ordered in Corvette Racing Yellow or Black exteriors.

There is a lot included in the C7.R Edition but some of the highlights for the exterior are the Black Z06 wheels with the yellow stripe, yellow brake calipers, visible carbon-fiber package, the new visible carbon-fiber hood, Spectra Gray grille and vents and a unique C7.R graphics package. Inside you'll find a Jet Black leather trimmed and suede-wrapped interior, Competition Sport seats with embossed/laser-etched logos, yellow contrast stitching and the carbon fiber interior package. A very cool indoor car cover with the C7.R racing graphics is also included.

The 2016 Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition is limited to just 500 units and its expected availability is during the 4th quarter of this year. So if there is interest, you should get with your Chevrolet dealer immediately. The 2016 Corvette Model Year will begin production on Monday, June 22nd.

## **Corvette and Four Other GM Vehicles Tops on Consumer Reports “Most American” List**

If you looked up the definition of “Made in America” in the dictionary, you might think you’d find a picture of a Chevrolet Corvette.



After all, how much more American of a car is there than the ‘Vette?

In this case, the facts would back you up.

According to research by Consumer Reports, the Corvette tied for first place in their listing of the top ten 2015 models with the most American parts.

Seventy-five percent of the Stingray’s parts are American-made, same as four other GM products – the Buick Enclave, Cadillac CTS coupe (though this must be a mistake by Consumer Reports, since Caddy stopped making the coupe in 2014), Chevrolet Traverse, and GMC Acadia.

Interestingly, three Japanese cars also tied for the top spot with those GM products – the Honda Odyssey and Toyota Camry and Sienna. Tied for ninth on the list were the Dodge Viper and Jeep Cherokee at 71 percent.

Of course, in the world economy, no man is an island, so to speak. For example, some would probably be shocked to find out that some Chevy Silverados are assembled in Mexico while others are put together in Indiana and Michigan. On the other hand, the Toyota Tundra is built solely in Texas.

“You’re never going to get a car made 100 percent in one country anymore,” Eric Fedewa, a supply-chain expert, told Consumer Reports. “What you’ll typically see instead is larger components made near the point of sale, to save shipping costs, while small components like electric motors and actuators will be brought in from anywhere.”

## **The Ford GTs are Coming! Is it time for Chevrolet to Expand Corvette Racing?**

Ford Motor Company has just announced an extensive racing program for their new Ford GT super car. Ford will attack both the Tudor United SportsCar Championship and the World Endurance Championship, each with a two-car effort under the auspices of Chip Ganassi Racing. Their real target, however, is Le Mans in 2016, the fiftieth anniversary of the earlier Ford GT’s first win and podium sweep. To take a car that has yet to turn a wheel in anger and make it into a fast and reliable racer to

compete at the top level of the sport is a prodigious undertaking, even for an organization as experienced as Chip Ganassi Racing. But, as more information comes out, it is apparent that Ford has been hard at work under the radar and may be further along in the car development than we know.



### Tudor United SportsCar Championship

Having a race series in which Ford and Chevrolet go head-to-head all season long would be a dream season for every race fan who still has a pulse. Corvette Racing will, no doubt, not only will be up to the challenge, but may be reinvigorated by the new blue oval kids on the block.

However, there is a perception among Corvette fans that the wonderful folks at IMSA have thrown stumbling blocks in Corvette's way in the past by using their apparently unlimited powers to continually adjust the Balance of Performance, making it more difficult for the Corvettes to run at the front of the pack. Hopefully, IMSA has the smarts to realize how much fun and successful the upcoming season for 2016 could be if the performance of the Ford GT and the Corvette was truly balanced. Given the organizations past performance, which was definitely unbalanced, it may be expecting too much. We don't know what has gone on behind the scenes between IMSA and Corvette Racing, but we hope IMSA listened to whatever Doug Fehan, Corvette Racing Program Director, had to say.

The prestige of competing and doing well at Le Mans is the passion that drives Corvette Racing. According to Ollie Gavin, "A lot of people at Corvette Racing would look at winning Le Mans as winning the season – that's the level and prestige of the 24 Hours." No doubt Le Mans is vitally important to Corvette Racing and the TUSC series is their ticket to Le Mans. Whatever happens with IMSA's Balance of Performance machinations, we don't think Corvette Racing will jeopardize their Le Mans ticket by rocking the boat—and besides, TUSC is the only game in town. Hopefully, they will be given a fair shot at competing with the Fords.

### World Endurance Championship

Ford's entry into the GTE-PRO class in the World Endurance Championship will have no competition from Corvette. Larbre Competition is currently the only Corvette entry in the WEC, but they are in the GTE-AM class, which is limited to non-professional drivers. In the past, Corvette Racing has avoided competing in the WEC, not wishing to go against customer Corvettes. While this is a noble business gesture, we note that that there are no Corvettes in the WEC GTE-PRO class. There could be factory Corvettes in GTE-PRO without running against the customers.

## Le Mans 2016

You can bet your Chevrolet bow tie that Ford will pull out all of the stops when it comes to the 2016 Le Mans. An ongoing barrage of pre-race publicity will set the stage for what conceivably will be a four-car Ford GT entry—two from TUSC and two from the WEC.

In view of the importance of Le Mans to Corvette Racing, it might be time for the bean counters at Chevrolet to open their pocketbooks a little and fund an official Corvette Racing partner in Europe to run factory Corvettes in the WEC. There are probably more than a few experienced teams and drivers in Europe that would be ecstatic to be Corvette Racing's partner and compete in the WEC with a couple of factory Corvettes.

So, c'mon Chevrolet, pony up and give the men and women of Corvette Racing on the front lines the allies and ammunition they need to protect their vital interest in Le Mans. A couple more Corvette entries in Le Mans GTE-PRO from the WEC would help drive back the invading hordes of Fords.

## Residents Near the Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park Voice Concerns Over Noise Levels

One of the most supportive voices for the National Corvette Museum and its new Motorsports Park has long been the Bowling Green Daily News.

Over the past two-plus decades, the newspaper has devoted many pages of coverage about the museum and its activities, including the Motorsports Park. Sometimes that includes the negative, though, as in a story last week

about some of the residents being upset with the noise levels being generated by the new park's activities.



When the Motorsports Park was in the planning and construction stages, park officials agreed to take steps to abate the noise. It's apparent now, though, that those measures aren't working.

In an editorial in Sunday's Daily News, the newspaper wrote: "Last week, about 50 residents who live near the park voiced concerns about the amount of noise. Some residents argued that they can't sit on their back porches or watch television inside their houses without the track noise drowning out conversations or even hear what's on the television. Some residents also claim they can hear the squealing tires and can hear what the announcer says from the track and insisted they hear noise past the time in the evening when officials with the park said all should be quiet."

**As Corvette enthusiasts, we sometimes forget that not everyone loves to hear the sound of big motors and squealing brakes, especially in their own back yards.**

**Steve Hunter, executive director of the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County, agrees that the track is violating the noise abatement provisions that were set in place during the planning stages.**

**But he doesn't want to just issue citations to the park. Instead he thinks searching for a solution to the noise is a better option.**

**As we might expect from the good folks in the Corvette community, the museum's leadership agrees and is stepping to the plate and trying to solve the problem for these residents living close to the new park.**

**In fact, Wendell Strode, executive director of the museum, admits that he messed up and that in hindsight some decisions that were made on the track weren't exactly in keeping with the binding elements.**

**"It takes a lot for a person to own up to when he is wrong," the Daily News editorialized, "and we believe that Strode should be applauded for admitting wrong, welcoming public discourse and wanting to be a good neighbor and right the problems."**

**Indeed, Strode is inviting nearby residents to serve on a committee that will also include an acoustical engineer familiar with the park, as well as track and county officials. That engineer will be recording sound levels at the track and at nearby homes during the next two months.**

**The Daily News called the museum's response "definitely a step in the right direction."**

**Museum officials know the problem can't be solved overnight since it's possible that more sound buffers or some other type of sound abatement mechanism may have to be installed.**

**The newspaper says it feels for the residents near the park, "but we do believe that those involved with the park have recognized and owned up to the problem and have faith that they will correct it in a very timely manner."**

**We're likewise confident the Corvette leaders will do the right thing and become a better neighbor in the coming months.**

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