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Welcome Social Thursday Night at Rum Bullions Island Bar

Shine & Show Friday Morning

Slot Tournament $10.00pp - Friday Afternoon

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

Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch - (extra hands $5.00)
Saturday Morning & Afternoon 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED

Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night (INCLUDED)

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

PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates
All Net proceeds from Tahoe 48 will be donated to Charity

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Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 916CORV
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday:

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

(Registration will close promptly at 5:00 pm)

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

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

Friday:

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

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

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

7:00am - 9:00 pm - Laugh Factory Comedy Show - Special Guest Appearance by Donnie Dukes (some parts may be objectionable)

Saturday:

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

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch. (lunch not included) 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED

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

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

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4. FRIDAY SHINE & SHOW
5. FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY SHOW IN THE "LAUGH FACTORY SHOWROOM"
6. SATURDAY - SCENIC POKER RUN ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE TAHOE ENDING WITH LUNCH (lunch not included) 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED
7. SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET WITH PRIME RIB ON THE CARVING STATION

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THE CORVETTE

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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
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In 1970, big block engines increased from 427 to 454 cubic inches and the powerful 370 HP LT1 small block engine made its debut.

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newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com

THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST

Hi. Corvetters.

Kudos to our club funny guy, Donnie Dukes, for pulling off a great suprise party honoring wife Debbie's 60th birthday. Over one hundred in attendance, greeted a surprised and teared Debbie to a fun afternoon of music, food, drinks and comeraderie. Thanks Don and Debbie for such a nice event.

Past president, Ron Miller, presented the ugly, or rather the ***U Turn Award*** to Allen Teixeira at our May general meeting. Ron and Nick DiLiddo gave us the comical history of this dubious award; thanks guys. I'm sure that Allen will find a dark corner of a back closet to proudly display his new acquisition.

Also at our May meeting, Dennis Christiansen's guest and prospective member, Penny McColm, donated some very nice Corvette paphenalia which was raffeled off. Thanks Penny, we look forward to having you as a new member.

As you read this, Tom and Teresa Ochoa's ***Bunko Party*** will be behind us. But, since this writing is just prior to the event, I'm trying to figure out how I can cheat and make some money. Thanks again Tom and Teresa.

Coming up soon is the club picnic on June 4th at Meadow Lakes. If you are going and have not signed up, call Bert or Patty at home so we can plan accordingly.

I was just thinking, (no it didn't hurt) how much we all appreciate those that step up and chair an event. But also those that faithfully attend these events as an important part of their social life. That's what makes this club one of the best car clubs in the nation. (If not ***The best).***

See you soon,

Your humble president. (?)
Bert Sherman

CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2016

Call to Order: President Bert Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board Members present were Gerri Ware, Nancy Teixeira , Chuck Feccia., and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Bert Sherman welcomed all members and guests.

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the meeting April 2016 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the April 2016 minutes was made by Joan Kozera and seconded by David Dutton, Motion carried.
A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the April newsletter was made by Jerry Najarian and seconded by Steve Profera, motion carried unanimously!

Treasurers Report: Gerri Ware reported the accounts activity for April, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read by Allen Teixeira and seconded by Chuck Ware. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership: Clay Mumby reported we have 58 members present and 3 guests. Guests introduced were Penny McColm, and Lisa and Manny Vidal. Mark Spomer was presented his membership package. Corvettes of Fresno have 138 members and 90 corvettes. May Anniversaries and Birthdays were acknowledged.
The name tag drawing for May is $10.00.

Communication: Jim Agar was absent, but Jim asked that any entries for the newsletter get to him by Thursday May 19.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell said the Web site is up to date, comments were made about how fast Chris gets the pictures posted, and he is doing a great job.

WSCC: Allen Teixeira reported that the Quarterly meeting was April 16 but he could not attend because he was on the Laughlin Run but they are discussing having the convention every other year. You can go on line to check on the activities WSCC has coming up if you want to participate. Allen explained about the club and Board insurance we have thru WSCC. If you do not receive your Redline, please let him know.
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Activities: Please refer to the Calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site, www.corvettesoffresno.com for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign up sheets are on the side table.**

Past Events:

May 3 COF Board meeting 6:30 at Spaghetti Factory
May 10 Tahoe 48 meeting at Denney's Blackstone and Herndon 7pm
May 14 Surprise Birthday Party for Debbie Dukes, Debbie thanked everyone who attended and appreciated it very much

Up Coming Events:

May 21 Bunko Night, Tom and Teresa Ochoa $10.00 per person starts at 5pm must be signed up
June 4 Club picnic at Meadow Lakes Bert Sherman will chair but needs help with hauling and barbequing.
June 7 COF Board Meeting at Spaghetti Factory 6:30pm
June 14 Tahoe 48 Meeting Denny's Herndon and Blackstone at 7pm
June 19 Stafford New York Fire Dept is raffling a 1965 Corvette, information on sign up table.

June 25 Wine tasting and Pizza run chaired by Ron and Pat Mattos cost $5.00, leave from Temperance and 168 11:30 until 3Pm, and sign up sheet on table.

June 26 Word from Home Car show, Lifetree Church Madera Ranchos

Nov 19 Louis Biglieri and Dave Trauger are planning another Melodrama trip to Oceano, more details later but mark your calendar.

July 10 Snelling Car Shoe and Barbeque Clay Mumby Chairing

Dec 3 Christmas Party at Pardini's $35.00 per person Angie DiLiddo chair

April 22-26 2017 Trip to St George**,** Bryce Canyon and Zion chaired by Jim Agar and Allen Teixeira.

Tahoe 48 Allen said registrations are coming in. We are at 35 registrations, sign up sheet for donations are being passed around the tables.. The details of Poker Run are being put together.

S**unshine Report** Ruth Looney reported that Lee and Noni Delap's son Chuck passed away, Lee was present and thanked everyone for their cards, prayers, and attendance.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ron Miller presented the Nick DiLiddo U-turn trophy to Allen Teixeira; he will keep it until another club member leading a run has to make a U-turn.
Nick explained how the trophy got started and the names of passed recipients.
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Name Tag Drawing: .The drawing is $10.00 for May, Connie Quigley name was drawn and she was not present so the drawing will be $20.00 for June.

50/25/25 Raffle: Art Durham had the first ticket drawn for $50.00 and the second ticket was Art Durham for $50.00. A Corvette book and sign were won by Tom Ochoa. A second Corvette book was won by Chuck Ware. A women's corvette jacket and hat were won by Lisa Vidal. The books, sign, hat and jacket were donated by guest Peggy McColm.

There being no further business a motion was made by Jerry Najarian to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ron Miller the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Teixeira
By/ net

NANCY TEIXEIRA
SECRETARY

CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership
Clay reported that as of the 2016 Calendar Year COF has 138 members and 90 cars.

Members & Guests
Total attendance: 61 - 58 Members & 3 Guests, Penny McColm, and Lisa and Manny Vidal.

Nametag drawing
Connie Quigley's name was drawn & She was not present. The drawing will be for $20.00 next month.

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

Club Directories and Updates

The 2016 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at www.corvettesoffresno.com (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)

CLAY MUMBY MEMBERSHIP

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JACK & MARGIE BACK 2 - DAVE & TERRI CAVANAUGH 9
CLIFF & JERRI SHAUL 14
KIRK & KATHY YERGAT 16 - TOM & TERESA OCHOA 19
LARRY & SANDY DAMI 24 - GARY & NINA GAGNEBIN 29
CHUCK & GERRI WARE 29

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

DIANE VOLPP 6 - HELEN JOLLY 8 - LARRY DAME 10
NONIE DELAP 13 - STEVEN PROFERA 13 - JACK BACK 13
AMELIA KUTZ 14 - LEE DELAP 15
DON ZAPATA 22 - SOCORRO BIGLIERI 27

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

ART DURHAM
WON
$100.00

CONGRATULATIONS!

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WELCOME TO COF

CHUCK'S 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE

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JUNE 14, 2016 TUESDAY - TAHOE 48 - MEETING 7PM AT DENNEY'S - HERNDON AND BLACKSTONE

JUNE 21, 2016 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

JUNE 25 - SATURDAY - WINE TASTING AND PIZZA RUN - HOSTED BY RON AND PAT MATTOS, COST $5.00, LEAVE FROM TEMPERANCE AND 168 11:30

JUNE 26 - SUNDAY - WORD FROM HOME CAR SHOW - LIFETREE CHURCH MADERA RANCHOS

JULY 10 - SUNDAY - SNELLING CAR SHOE AND BARBEQUE - CLAY MUMBY

NOV 19 - SATURDAY -MELODRAMA TRIP TO OCEANO - LOUIS BIGLIERI AND DAVE TRAUGER - MORE DETAILS LATER

DEC 3 - SATURDAY - CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PARDINI'S $35.00 PER PERSON ANGIE DILIDDO CHAIR.

CHUCK FECCIA
VP ACTIVITIES

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Mystery Wine Run

Saturday June 25th, 11:30 a.m.

Meet at:
Park N Ride, Hwy 168 and Temperance

Cost: $5.00 each
for all you can eat pizza

Beverages are for sale at the winery
Wine Tasting,
wine by the glass or bottle, soda or water.

Please Pay Pat and Ron Mattos
by June Meeting
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SNELLING CAR SHOW

Sunday, July 10, 2016

8th ANNUAL **CAR SHOW** 10 am to 2 pm

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Corvettes — Hot Rods — Customs — Classics

Parking on the Ball-field Grass

Pre-Registration Fee by July 1st: $30 per car

$35 per car on event day July 10th

One meal ticket included with registration

Call Becky at (209) 652-3771 for more info

Registration forms available at
www.YosemiteCorvetteClub.net

AWARDS at 1:00 pm

60th ANNUAL **DEEP PIT BAR-B-Q**

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DINNER & DESSERT AT STONE CLIFF ESTATES

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
TOUR ST GEORGE & SURROUNDING AREAS
LUNCH AT ST HELEN'S
DINNER @ ERNESTO'S
DESSERT @ BRIDAL GATE ESTATES
OVERNIGHT @ LA QUINTA INN

DAY 3 - MONDAY

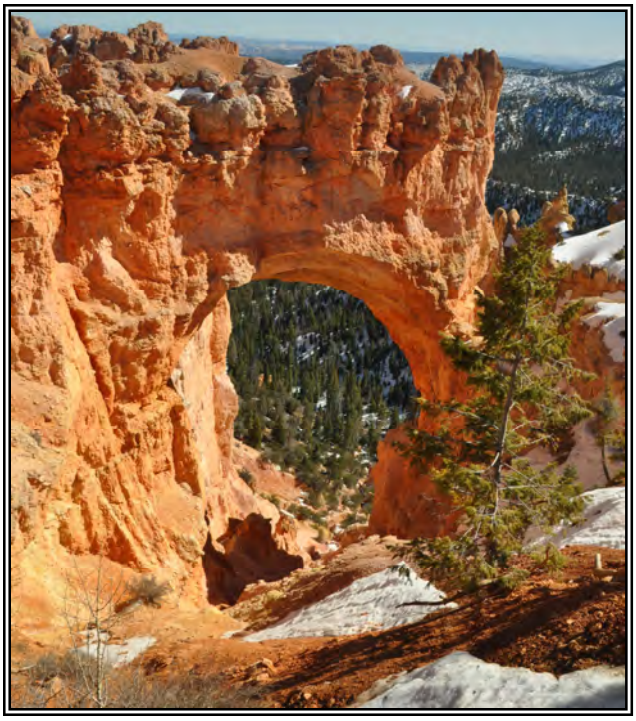
BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
DRIVE TO BRYCE NATIONAL PARK 140 MILES
LUNCH AT BRYCE CANYON GRAND HOTEL
TOUR BRYCE CANYON - 36 MILES ROUND TRIP
OVERNIGHT AT BRYCE CANYON GRAND HOTEL - DINNER AT THE HOTEL

DAY 4 - TUESDAY

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
DRIVE TO SPRINGDALE, UT FOR LUNCH 90 MILES
TOUR ZION NATIONAL PARK
DRIVE TO ST GEORGE - 50 MILES
DINNER @ THE RIB & CHOP HOUSE
DESSERT @ SYCAMORE ESTATES
OVERNIGHT AT LA QUINTA INN

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST @ THE HOTEL
HEAD FOR HOME - 500 MILES



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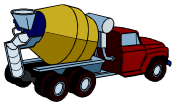

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2017 Corvette Order Guide Details New Corvette Options and Colors

Changing up how they normally release the new information on the latest Corvette, Chevrolet has published the 2017 Corvette Guide in advance of this week's reveal of the new model year at the National Corvette Museum's Bash event. So there will definitely be some spoiler information discussed if you want to wait. But for those that want all the latest details for the 2017 Corvette, let's dive in!

First things first. Chevrolet has only published information on the 2017 Stingray and Grand Sport Models. The 2017 Z06 information will apparently be made available at a later date. Chevrolet will start the Stingray and Grand Sport production in June and Z06 Corvettes will start up in early September. But with the first order window opening for the 2017 Corvette right around the corner, the 2017 Order Guide will assist dealers and buyers on what can be ordered.

Chevrolet had already made the biggest news by unveiling the 2017 Corvette Grand Sport at the Geneva Motor Show in early March. The Grand Sport is the marriage of the naturally aspirated LT1 of the Stingray's Z51 model with the widebody design of the Z06 body. A special limited Collector's Edition will also be offered.

The previous C6 Corvette Grand Sport replaced the base Corvette's Z51 option and there was speculation if the Stingray Z51 model would be going away for C7 as well.

The good news this time around is that that Chevrolet is keeping the Z51 Stingray model and so now there are two Stingrays, the base and Z51 and the Grand Sport models will be offered with the Z51 as the base and the Z07 Performance Package. When you add the Coupe and Convertible body styles, that's eight different configurations for the Stingray and Grand Sport.

Since colors are a major topic of interest, we'll go there next. Four new colors are set for the 2017 Corvette. We already told you about the return of Admiral Blue and the new Grand Sport Collector's Edition will feature Watkins Glen Gray Metallic. The two other new Corvette colors are Sterling Blue Metallic and what appears to be the return of purple to the color palette with Black Rose Metallic.

Chevrolet will still be offering a full compliment of graphic packages for the Stingray and Grand Sport. A Satin Black hood stinger is listed a new for 2017 but the interesting colors are the Grand Sport's Hash Marks. They will available in seven different colors: Tension Blue, Hyper Green, Yellow, Volcano Orange, Torch Red, Gray and Carbon Flash Metallic.

Returning in 2017 are the same three design packages that were available on the 2016 Corvette. Spice Red, Black Suede and Twilight Blue all come back and are now offered on both the Stingray and Grand Sport Models.

As far as changes to the interior, we only see one new option coming and one going. Coming is the ability to change the seat belt colors to Red in addition to the standard black. Going away will be the Brownstone interior color.

Pursuing the wheels sections and it looks like all the same wheels from 2016 will carry over to the 2017 Corvette models.

So to sum it up, the Grand Sport is the major attraction in 2017 Corvette and with four new colors available including some wild hash mark stripes for the Grand Sport.

Black Rose Metallic Returns to the 2017 Corvette

With the release of the 2017 Corvette Order Guide, we are pleased to see GM opting for something a little bit different when it comes to the four new exterior colors. We've already seen in person the new Admiral Blue and Watkins Glen Gray. The third new color is called Sterling Blue Metallic which we've read is a version of the dark blue Cadillac color called Adriatic Blue, but we do not have confirmation on that yet.

But it's the fourth new color we are really jazzed about as Black Rose Metallic will return to Corvettes since it was last offered in the early 1990s.

Black Rose Metallic first debuted on the 1992 Corvette and it ran for three years, 1992-1994. The color was not for everyone although it earned a respectable 9.2% take on its first year before falling to 4.3% in

1993 and closing out at 5.4% in 1994. During the three year run, only 4,088 Corvettes out of 65,339 were featured in Black Rose Metallic making the three year production totals fairly rare.

Because Chevrolet is bringing back the original name "Black Rose Metallic", we do think they will use the retro version of the color as it was shown on the C4 Corvette. However, just to be on the safe side, we looked a the current color palettes on Chevrolet cars and found that the Chevy SS Sedan (the four-door Corvette!) also features a similar shade called Alchemy Purple.

All Corvette Z06 LT4 Engines are Now Hand Built in Bowling Green

When production of the C7 Corvette Z06 first started, the supercharged 650-horsepower LT4 engine was being assembled in two different locations. The Performance Build Center inside the factory was hand-assembling the LT4 but as Z06 sales were outpacing the PBC's engine-building capacity, LT4s were also being sent to the Bowling Green Assembly Plant from GM's Tonawanda powertrain facility in New York to make up the difference.

Now, thanks to the efforts of new plant manager Kai Spande, we are pleased to hear that all Corvette Z06 LT4 engines are now being assembled by hand inside the Performance Build Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Spande gave us that great news after responding to our question during the Bash weekend about the percentage of LT4s built in-house vs Tonawanda. In fact, Spande says it was just as of May 1st that the factory met its goal for producing 100% of the Corvette Z06 engines.

The new plant manager, whose has spent the majority of his GM career focused on powertrain, said that when he took over the position and saw the Performance Build Center was operating on just one shift, he started a lobbying campaign to remedy the situation. Although we first reported that Kai's efforts resulted in a $44 million expansion announced last December, he corrected us via email and said that the $44 million is for other future projects and went on to tell us that they only needed to invest $75,000 to get the additional LT4s produced in at the Performance Build Center. The PCB is now running a second shift to meet that goal.

The Performance Build Center is currently building about 45 LT4 engines per day with each worker responsible for about 2.5 engines per day. Unlike traditional assembly lines where workers are focused on one task for each passing engine, at the PBC, each technician is responsible for the entire assembly of that engine. If an engine is unfinished at the end of their shift, it is covered and wheeled into a holding area until that worker returns the next day and completes it.

And if you're interested in building your own engine, the Performance Build Center is where Corvette enthusiasts can go to build their own LT4 engine for an additional $5,000. The "Build Your Engine Program" pairs the Corvette buyer with an experienced PBC technician for assembling the customer's LT4 engine for their new Z06.

April 2016 Corvette Sales

GM has released the Corvette sales report for April 2016. Chevrolet sold 3,142 Corvettes last month. Although it was the highest sales total so far this year as well as going back to May 2015, sales were down -9.4% compared to April's sales last year which saw 3,469 new Corvettes delivered.

For the Calendar Year to Date, Chevrolet has delivered 9,512 Corvettes vs the 11,986 Corvettes sold during the same time last year, a difference of -20.6%.

Although the April 2016 Corvette sales report show declines in both indexes, production of the Corvette Stingrays and Z06s remain on a record pace. At the National Corvette Museum's Bash event, Harlan Charles said the factory will end up producing between 38,000-40,000 2016 Corvettes before production ends in June.

As there is lot of new information has come out about next year's model, Chevrolet is offering two rebate programs for 2016 Corvettes during the month of May. We have the rebate details here but to recap, there is a $2,000 Corvette Owner Loyalty Rebate and a $1,000 Chevy Conquest Rebate.

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

Corvette Delivery Statistics for April 2016							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2016	2015	% Change	Months	2016	2015	% Change
April	3,142	3,469	-9.4%	Jan-Apr	9,512	11,986	-20.6%

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									9,512
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

GM delivered 200,656 retail vehicles in April, up 3% year to year thanks to a 13% increase by Buick, 5% from GMC and 4% from Chevrolet. Chevrolet had its best April since 2006 with car sales up 4% and truck sales up 19%. Malibu had its best year to date sales since 1980 and is up 45% for the month.

Chevrolet Corvette Dominates Foreign Competitors in Sales

It's all a matter of perspective.

While Chevrolet no doubt would like to be selling more new Corvettes, America's legendary sports car is still running circles around its foreign competitors.

Figures just released show that January-March sales of the Corvette did decline 20 percent from 2015 to 2016. Chevy sold 6,370 Corvettes in 2016, compared to 8,517 during the same period in 2015.

However, don't cry too much for the Corvette.

While its segment share did decline from 46.0 percent in 2015 to 40.8 percent in 2016, the Corvette has still easily outsold its nearest competitors this year.

In fact, if you add the total sales for the Porsche 911 (2159), Jaguar F-Type (1124), Mercedes SL (887), Porsche Cayman (875), and Mercedes SLK (850) together for the first three months of 2016, they still don't match the number sold by Corvette alone.

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Lux Sport Segment Ranking — Jan-Mar

			2016 CY	2015 CY	% +/- 16 vs 15
1	Corvette	volume	6,370	8,517	-25.2%
		% of segment	40.8%	46.0%	
2	911	volume	2,159	2,521	-14.4%
		% of segment	13.8%	13.6%	
3	F-Type	volume	1,124	1,058	6.2%
		% of segment	7.2%	5.7%	
4	SL	volume	887	1,044	-15.0%
		% of segment	5.7%	5.6%	
5	Cayman	volume	875	780	12.2%
		% of segment	5.6%	4.2%	
6	SLK	volume	850	817	4.0%
		% of segment	5.4%	4.4%	
7	TT	volume	663	11	5927.3%
		% of segment	4.2%	0.1%	
8	Boxster	volume	619	633	-2.2%
		% of segment	4.0%	3.4%	
9	AMG GT	volume	360	0	#DIV/0!
		% of segment	2.3%	0.0%	
10	Granturismo	volume	279	297	-6.1%
		% of segment	1.8%	1.6%	
	Total Lux Sport Segment		15,602	18,513	-15.7%

At the NCM Bash last weekend, Corvette product manager Harlan Charles shared the good news with us and provided these slides to show just how much Corvette dominates its segment:

Chevy also has an ace in the hole, too. We suspect that the overwhelmingly positive reaction to the new 2017 Corvette Grand Sport that will go on sale in just a matter of weeks will push Corvette sales back up again, meaning that 2016 calendar year sales will likely still be very healthy for Chevy's halo car.

Former First Lady of Corvette Glenda McLellan Passes Away

Glenda McLellan, wife of former Corvette Chief Engineer Dave McLellan passed was on Friday morning at the age of 73 after a battle with cancer.

We heard the sad news this morning from Mid America Motorworks Mike Yager who posted a note from Dave McLellan:

"To our Corvette Family, Glenda passed away Friday morning after battling a diagnosis from last August of stage 4 pancreatic cancer. She was her cheery and upbeat self right up to the last day. Glenda and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary February 6, 2015. We have been best pals and a loving couple for as long as we've know one another which was for 53 years and 3 months. She was unique and cannot be replaced. She will be so missed, yet she was happy and ready to meet the Lord."

Mike also added the following to his Facebook post which we wanted to share as well:

Glenda was a supporter of many within the Corvette hobby, and had the strongest Christian conviction I have ever witnessed. She will forever live in my memories. RIP Glenda.

I met Glenda maybe three of four years ago at the NCRS Winter Regional and she was just the nicest person to talk to. Her devotion to her husband Dave was well known and we never saw one without the other.

Car and Driver: Next Generation C8 Corvette to be Mid Engine Only

It feels like silly season is upon us as these C8 Corvette rumors continue to abound. The latest comes from *Car and Driver's* Technical Editor Don Sherman, who we like to remind people is a long-time Corvette owner. When Sherman has something to say about a next generation C8 Corvette, we listen like he's EF Hutton.

Sherman's bombshell in his report at *Car and Driver* is that the next generation C8 Corvette will be going to a mid-engine architecture only. The mid-engine project name is call ZERV, a nod to Zora's experimental mid-engine test vehicles from the 1960's known as CERV-1 and CERV-2. The C8 Corvette ZERV will feature two models, a base model powered by the current LT1 V8 as well as a high performance version powered by a new Corvette engine that is under development.

The new C8 Corvette, according to one of Sherman's sources, will debut at the 2018 North American International Auto Show with an LT1 powerplant that will make somewhere between 450-500 hp and a starting price point around $80,000 . The high-performance version will debut a year later in 2019 and behind the seats will be a new four-cam 32-valve V8 designed specifically for the ZERV. That version will debut with a starting price over $100,000.

And remember that interesting trademark that GM secured for "Corvette E-Ray"? Sherman says thats a hybrid Corvette using the "E-Ray" name will be out in 2020 and it will contain electric front-wheel drive.

But what about the C7 Corvettes? Sherman says Chevrolet will send the C7 off into the sunset with an expected announcement in 2017's NAIAS of a final high performance model that could possibly be named the ZR1. If that's the case, now we know why a Collector's Edition was offered on the 2017 Grand Sports.

Sherman goes on to talk about ZERV program including the competition that is being used in the benchmarking process. He says that GM owns two Ferrari 458 Italias, a Nissan GT-R, two Porsche 911 Turbos and a BMW i8. Once upon a time a McLaren was in the benchmark fleet as well. The work on experimental C8s is being done at Building 54 at GM's Milford Proving Grounds. Since a camouflaged Holden Ute was captured at Milford by a drone, Sherman says the mid-engine prototypes seldom leave the building during daylight hours.

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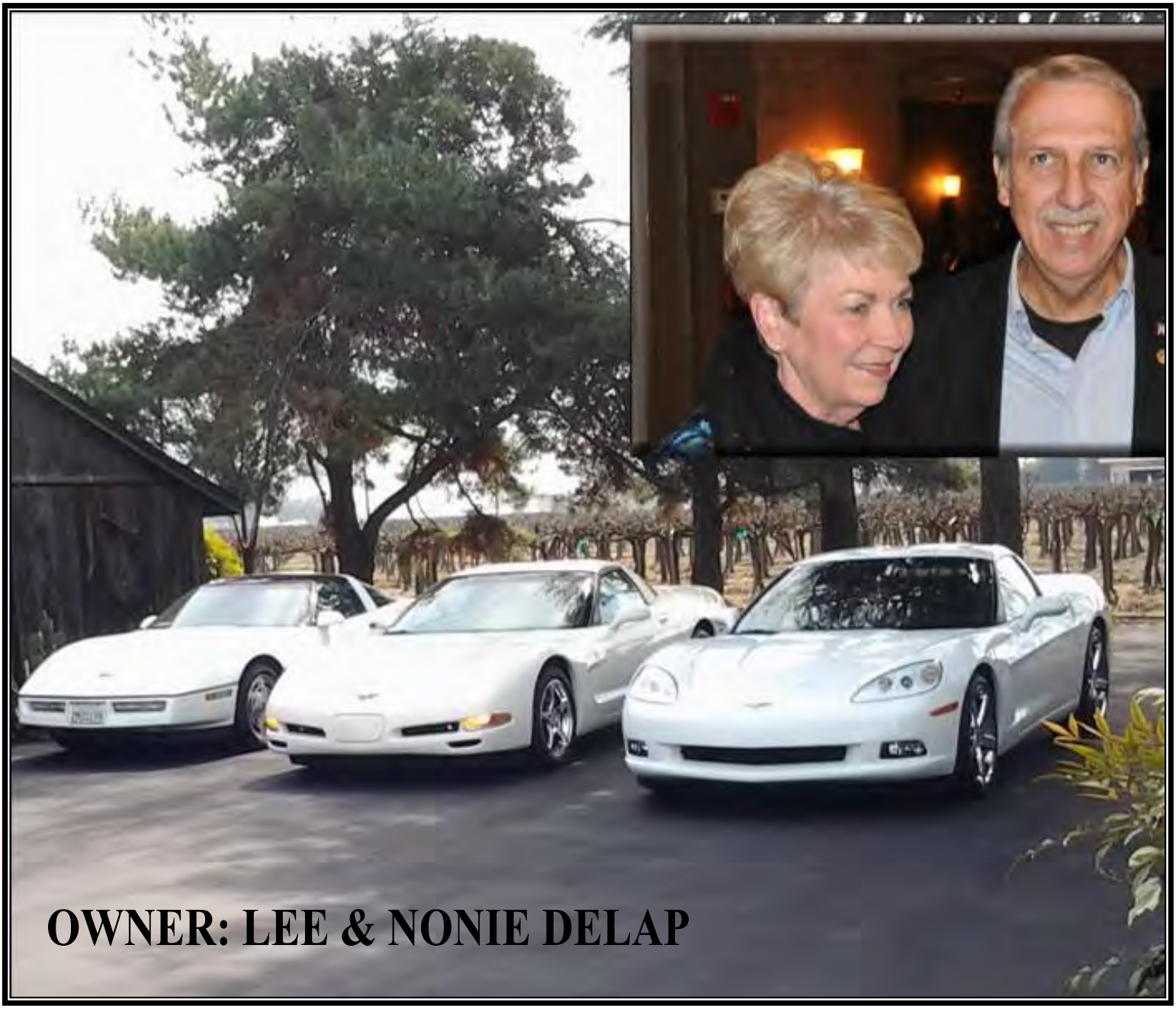

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