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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 10, 2017 - TAHOE 49 MEETING - 7PM DENNEY'S BLACKSTONE AND HERNDON

JANUARY 28-29, 2017 - SATURDAY & SUNDAY - ICE BREAKER - MONTEREY

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

THERE ARE PLENTY OF ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP!

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CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

Is a non-profit organization formed by those owners who are proud to drive America's only true sports car
THE CORVETTE

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar
Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East side of Cedar

If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, nametag and many other goodies.

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

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE
START TIME IS 6:30 PM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

1977 TRIVIA

The 500,000th Corvette, a white 1977 coupe, rolled off the St. Louis assembly line at 2:01 P.M. on March 15th, 1977.

1977 was the last year for the notch back roof line.

The aftermarket "Moon Roofs" (glass tops for Corvettes) were supposed to be optional equipment in 1977, but the manufacturer had a marketing dispute with Chevrolet. GM developed their own glass panels for the 1978 model year.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW VETTE LOVERS!

Let me start by saying that I'm honored and excited to be your new president and will try to do the best possible job I can with all of your help of course! Thanks to the outgoing board members who have given graciously of their time to make this club great. Thanks Bert Sherman-President, Chuck Feccia-Vice President Activities, Nancy Teixeira- Secretary, Clay Mumby-Vice President Membership, and Ruth Looney-Sunshine Lady.

Also welcome new board members and continuing members: Dave Trauger-Vice President Activities, Rob Kochevar- Vice President Membership, Ruth Looney-Secretary and Betsy Lindgren-Sunshine Lady. Thanks to Gerri Ware for her second year as Treasurer, Allen Teixeira-WSCC Representative, Chris Campbell-Webmaster and Jim Agar- Newsletter.

Congratulations to Members of the Year Angie and Nick DiLiddo! This was a well deserved award for them. They both have been tirelessly involved in this club for many, many years and are always willing to do whatever is needed to help this club.

We had a great Christmas Party at Pardinis Restaurant. The food was excellent and everyone had a great time. (Thanks Angie and helpers)

Lee Delap took a group to the Sanger Christmas Parade and I heard every one had a good time.

A group of us made the annual trek to our charities that were chosen and presented each with a donation check. The charities were: Marjaree Mason Center, Hinds Hospice and Ronald McDonald House. All were very appreciative of our donations.

We have the Ice Breaker run to Monterey coming up the end of the month. Please sign up as soon as you can if you are going.

I know its winter but lets try to have some runs anyway. If you have an idea or need help with a run please let one of the board members know and we will help you all we can.

Again let me say thanks to all past and present board members and also to all of our wonderful club members who make this club possible, without you there wouldn't be a Corvettes of Fresno club!

Your president,

Chuck Ware



ROBB'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

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

Members & Guests

No December Meeting

Nametag drawing

The January drawing will be for \$20.00.

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

Club Directories and Updates

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



**ROBB
KOCHEVAR
MEMBERSHIP**



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

ALLEN & NANCY TEIXEIRA 31



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



PAM FORRESTER 3 - BOB REINKE 3 - LAN MUMBY 6
BRUCE LOONEY 7 - SHERRY BEATIE 10 - NANCY TEIXEIRA 15
CECE KARLIE 17 - JEANNIE DEHMEL 20 - JENNIE SCHWAN 20
KERRY DEHMEL 21 - JACKY CHRISTANI 23
LAWRENCE COELHO 2 - JIM KOZERA 27 - JANE RODRIQUEZ 27

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

NO DECEMBER MEETING

CONGRATULATIONS!



Sunshine Report



Betsy Lindegren reported that Ron Lindegren will be having shoulder surgery Dec 9th.



WSCC



Allen Teixeira completed and sent all the new forms WSCC wanted on all members.

Allen will also be sending in the copy of the check and receipt to WSCC showing we paid K & K insurance so we can get \$250.00 reimbursed to the club.

The annual meeting is January 14 in Rancho Cordova and Allen is going to try to attend.



NEW MEMBERS



NEW MEMBERS JOHN MADDOX AND SHAWN BROOKS WILL GET THEIR MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE AT THE JANUARY MEETING.



DAVE'S 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY 3, 2017 - TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

JANUARY 10, 2017 - TUESDAY - TAHOE MEETING - 7PM, DENNY'S BLACKSTONE AND HERNDON

JANUARY 17, 2017 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

JANUARY 28-29, 2017 - ICE BREAKER MONTEREY STEVE PROFERA CHAIRING, GET YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS WILL BE LEAVING AT 7:30 AM AND ROUTE IS A MYSTERY

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



**DAVE
TRAUGER
VP ACTIVITIES**

PLAN A RUN! TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE

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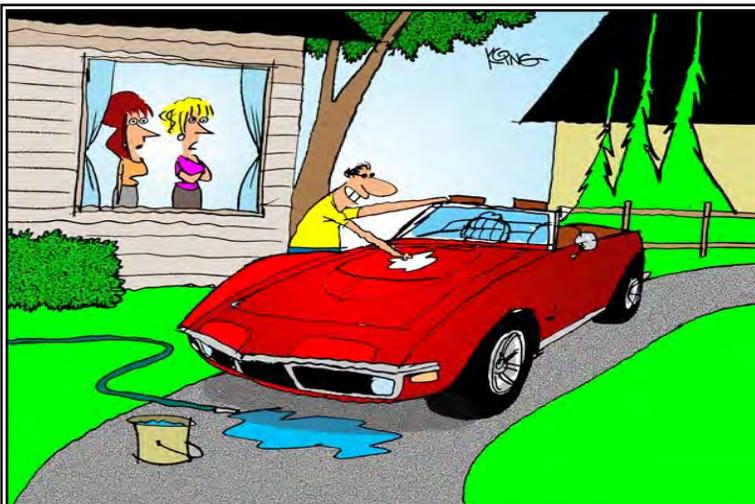
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OVERNIGHTERS

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

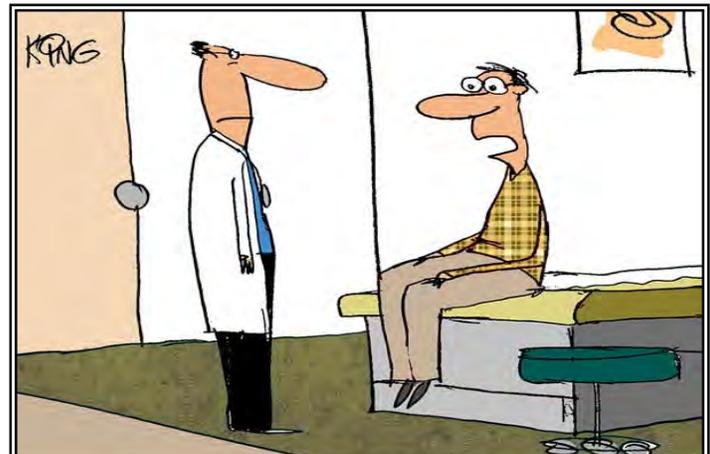
THE NEXT TAHOE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE

**JANUARY 10, 2017 - TUESDAY - 7PM
DENNY'S - BLACKSTONE AND HERNDON**

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



"Maybe if I gained 2,000 pounds and painted myself red, he'd actually spend some time with me."

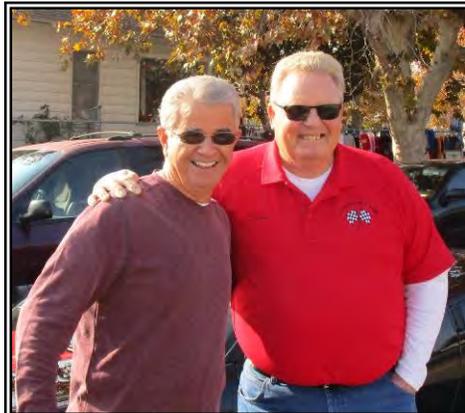


"I'm going on a business trip, so I won't be able to drive my Corvette for a week. Can you prescribe something for separation anxiety?"

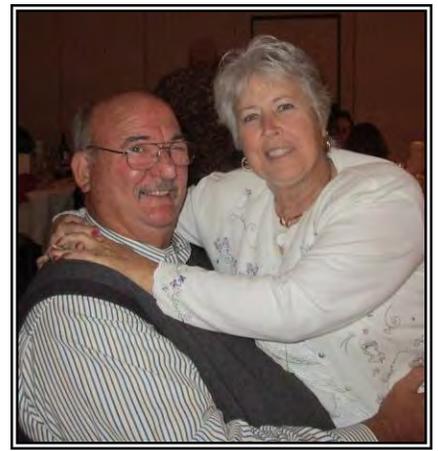
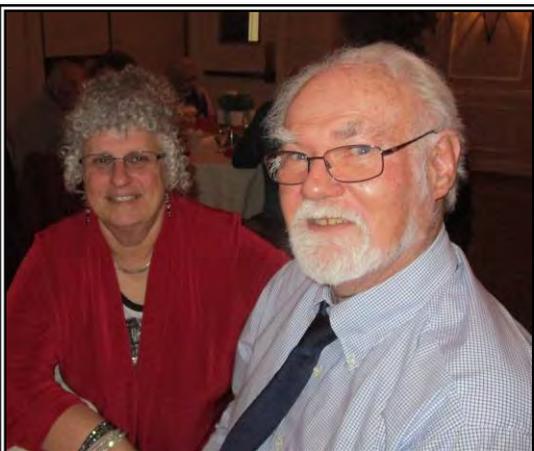
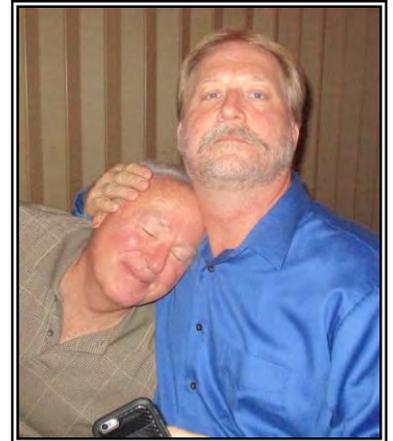
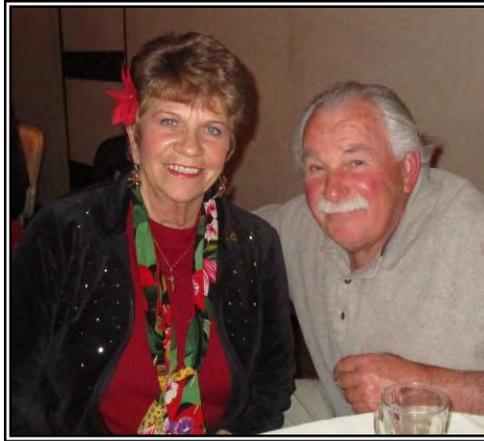
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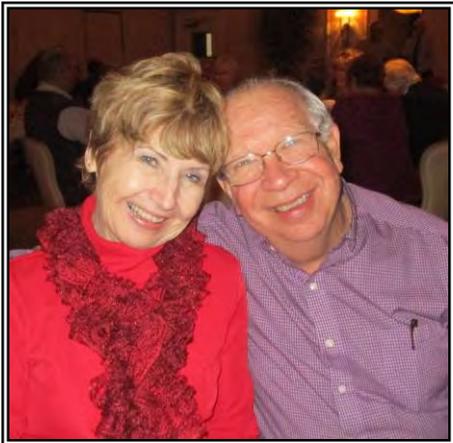
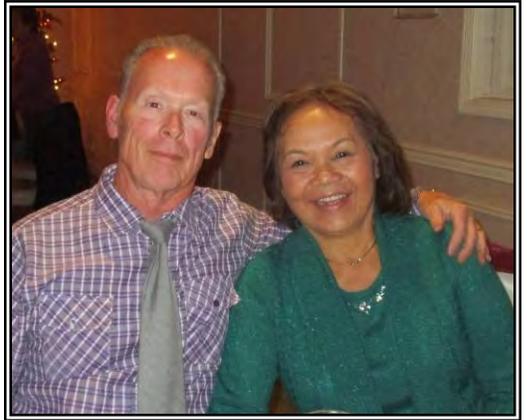
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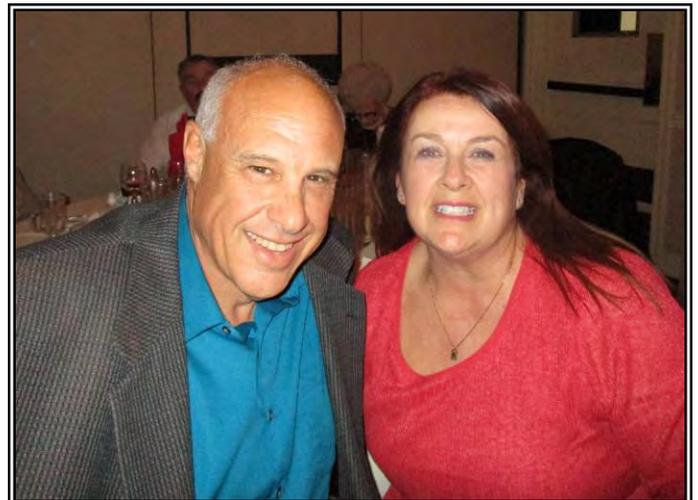
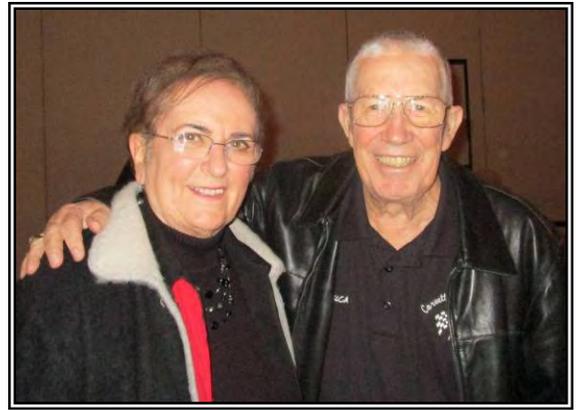
CHRISTMAS PARTY



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COF CHARITIES GIVE AWAY



ON BEHALF OF CORVETTES OF FRESNO, ALLEN TEIXEIRA, CLAY MUMBY, BERT SHERMAN, CHUCK WARE & CHUCK FECCIA PRESENT OUR 2016 CHARITIES A CHECK

**HINDS HOSPICE \$750.00 - MARJAREE MASON CENTER \$750.00
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE \$500.00**

THE PLAQUE SHOWN ABOVE IS ON PERMENANT DISPLAY AT HINDS HOSPICE

ICE BREAKER 2017

The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2017 and the route will be a "mystery" type of run. The Club will be leaving from (restaurant parking lot) at Highway 99 and Herndon Avenue in Fresno at 7:30 AM. Please arrive at least 20 minutes early to sign the insurance sheet, a quick drivers meeting and receive typed instructions regarding the route, it will be different from last year.

The route will include a winery stop, a point of interest and lunch.

Reservations at Casa Munras:

Hotel address: 700 Munras Avenue, Monterey, CA

You must make your reservations no later than TUESDAY – December 13, 2016 to receive the Corvettes of Fresno special rate. Reservation telephone 1-800-232-4141 Monday – Friday between 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM please be advised only at those times and number will the special rate be given. If you call at any other time or reservation number the call will go through to "central reservations" and they will have no clue as to our special rate.

Deluxe Q/Q with fireplace - \$149.00 for Saturday January 28, 2017

Traditional King - \$139.00 for Saturday January 28, 2017

Deluxe King with fireplace - \$159.00 for Saturday January 28, 2017

Upon check in you will receive a coupon good for a 10% discount on food in the restaurant at the hotel.

HAPPY HOUR!

A table, "plastic glassware" and ice will be provided for your convenience, please NO GLASS in the pool area. Feel free to bring snacks of your choice.

COMMUNICATIONS:

We shall use channel 4 for communications. Steve Profera: cell 559 681-7865 (alternate: Jackey 559 801-3415).

What an outstanding way to start off the new year with beautiful cars, fabulous California scenery, great camaraderie and *full tanks*. ☺

Please sign up on the Club Run Sheet early, we may split a large group and have alternate departure times if necessary.

BRYCE CANYON ZION NATIONAL PARK APRIL 22-26 2017

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - SATURDAY

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

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

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

DAY 3 - MONDAY

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

DAY 4 - TUESDAY

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

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST @ THE HOTEL
HEAD FOR HOME - 500 MILES

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES - 435-674-2664

ASK FOR CORVETTES OF FRESNO GROUP RATE

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017 - \$129.60

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017 - \$98.10

TUESDAY 25, 2017 - \$98.10

RATES ARE + TAX

FULL BREAKFAST INCLUDED

BRYCE CANYON GRAND HOTEL - 435-834-5700

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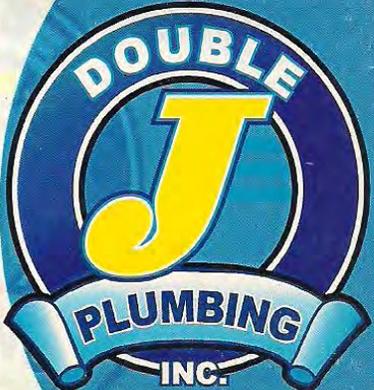
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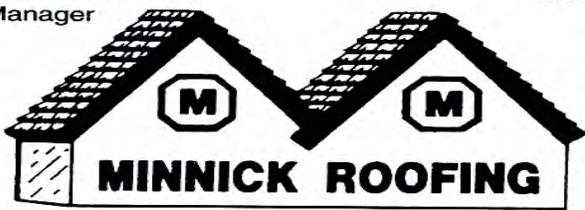
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1954 Corvette Returns to the Street After a 40 Year Slumber

This 1954 Corvette is on its way back to life after sitting in a garage for the past 40 years.

Richard Helverson bought the car in 1961 in Florida, bringing it back to his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Unfortunately, he didn't use the car the way Zora & Crew would prefer.



“My family’s been bugging me for I don’t know how many years to do something – what are you going to do with that car? Why don’t you just pedal it, or get it fixed? So I finally decided it was time to get it fixed,” he said.

That’s when he decided it was time to bring the car to Darren Brown, who runs a shop called Nostalgic Enterprises in Valley Junction.

Brown enjoys bringing the old cars back to life.

“It’s like atrophy – it’s like someone sitting on the couch for 35 years, expecting they’re going to be able to get up off the couch and run to the mailbox,” Brown said. “They’re going to get off the couch and be lucky if they can walk to the front door.”

This ’54 was lucky. The first stage in the restoration was just getting the car to crank. Brown managed to accomplish that, and now the bad brakes and mice-eaten interior await his touch.

Helverson is just glad to see his old friend come back to life.

“It has a heartbeat, will roll down the road, it will stop sometimes too abruptly,” Helverson said. “So we’ve got a lot of work to do. The interior needs a lot of work.”

His fellow enthusiasts wish Helverson and Brown well in their quest to keep this 62-year-old car from having to retire any time soon.

November 2016 Corvette Sales

For the month, 1,941 Corvettes were sold, a -0.6% decline from the nearly identical 1,952 corvettes sold in November 2015.



For the calendar year to date (January-November), a total of 27,286 Corvettes were sold, a -11.6% decline from the 30,876 Corvettes sold during the same time period last year.

The change between October 2016 and November 2016's is pretty significant as well. Chevrolet sold 685 less Corvettes than the 2,626 Corvettes is sold in October. That's a -26.1% decrease in sales in just one month.

We find that anytime sales dip under 2,000 cars a month to be a concern, especially now that the factory is running full speed ahead with the three Corvette models: Stingray, Grand Sport and Z06.

Chevrolet has offers available for both 2017 Corvettes as well as remaining 2016s. Some dealers are still offering over \$16,000 off the price of 2016 Corvette Z06s. If you're not a track junkie, the prices of those discounted 2016 Z06s seem very appealing.

For remaining 2016 Corvettes, Chevrolet's Red Tag Sales Event is in full swing and now through December 12th, get 0% APR for 72 Months. For 2017 Corvette Stingrays, Grand Sports and Z06s, Chevrolet is offering 4.9% APR for 60 months. See your Chevrolet dealership for details.

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

Corvette Delivery Statistics for November 2016							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2016	2015	% Change	Months	2016	2015	% Change
November	1,941	1,952	-06.%	Jan-Nov	27,286	30,876	-11.6%

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	2,673	2,483	2,159	3,063	2,829	2,626	1,941		27,286
2015	2,127	2,605	3,785	3,469	3,514	2,807	2,794	2,725	2,572	2,526	1,952	2,453	33,329
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

General Motors sold 197,609 vehicles to retail customers in November 2016. Chevrolet is up 5 percent for its best November since 2004 and the other divisions, Buick, GMC and Cadillac, were up 22%, 9% and 17% respectively.

[STOLEN] 1964 Corvette Recovered after 40 Years and Returned to Original Owner

Don't ever give up hope if your Corvette is stolen.

That's just one lesson to be learned from a 1964 Sting Ray that was swiped from its owner more than 40 years ago, only to be rediscovered in October some 500-plus miles away thanks to an eagle-eyed observer at a car show.



The story starts in September 1976 when the Corvette was stolen from a woman in Anaheim, California.

Fast forward to 2016 when the same car appeared at a car show in Red Bluff, California, where someone pointed out to the current owner that the vehicle identification number on the Corvette was actually for a different model of Chevrolet and suggested he check it out with the California Highway Patrol.

The man followed through with that advice and learned that the VIN was for a 1964 Chevrolet Impala. Fortunately, other ID marks on the car had not been changed, and California Highway Patrol Officer Dave Madrigal was able to determine that the Corvette had been reported stolen 40 years earlier.

“The number returned to a 1964 Chevy Corvette that was an unrecovered stolen vehicle out of Anaheim Police Department in September of 1976,” Madrigal said. “I contacted Anaheim and advised them of the situation. They researched their microfiche for the stolen report and called me back. They then located the victim from 1976, who is currently living in Arizona and told her we had her car.”

Modesto Fleming was the lucky owner.

We feel mixed emotions – very happy for Modesto, who reclaimed her car on Nov. 4 after traveling to California, but sad for the man who had innocently received the Corvette nearly 30 years ago as a gift from his wife who had bought the car from a now out-of-business dealer in Redding, California.

The story serves as a warning for anyone who's



buying a classic Corvette. You need to make sure you're buying what you think you're buying because we assume the man who had owned the Corvette since 1987, apparently unaware it was a hot car until just recently, lost his investment. While his wife no doubt paid much less for the Corvette, it is likely worth upwards of \$50,000 now – not a small sum to lose unexpectedly.

COLD Vette – How a 1982 Corvette Ended Up in Iceland

You never know where a Corvette is going to turn up.

Take, for example, this white 1982 Corvette that left the United States and today is roaring along on the roads of Iceland!



The owner, Sigfus B. Sverrisson, has been around cars his whole life, thanks to his grandfather – the man who founded the company that imported Volkswagens, Land Rovers, and Audis to Iceland years ago.

Sverrisson says he could identify vehicles by their headlights by the time he was four years old, but it was on a trip to America that he fell in love with Corvettes.

He and his mom were enjoying a float at a Howard Johnson's when a Corvette pulled into the parking lot. It was love at first sight for Sverrisson, who says the sports car looked like it was going 200 miles per hour.

“I had never seen anything like it,” he said.

Once he returned home to Iceland, it took him 10 years, but he finally became one of only two Corvette owners in the entire country at that time.

Now, he drives this white 1982 that he imported from America, prompting lots of curious glances from fellow motorists in Iceland.

“When people see it they smile, they look at it and they wonder if they know Corvettes at all,” Sverrisson says.

That smile seems to be a universal reaction to Corvettes.

C5 Corvette Z06 Toted During Dealership Test Drive in Georgia

Taking a Corvette for a spin has new meaning for a couple of potential Corvette buyers in Georgia.

The two men were granted an unsupervised test drive of a 405 horsepower C5 Corvette Z06 from Maxie Price Chevrolet in Loganville, Georgia on the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.



During the test drive, the unidentified driver lost control and hit a tree on Tom Brewer Road.

According to Local Loganville News, Georgia State Patrol Trooper First Class Cal Barton said that one of the occupants was taken by ambulance to Gwinnett Medical Center while the second occupant didn't require transportation.

It is unclear whether the hospitalized person was the driver or the passenger. Our local source tells us that neither was an employee of Maxie Price Chevrolet. We've reached out to Maxie Price via email and a phone call prior to publication for confirmation and have not heard back.

Based on the photos, it looks like the Corvette is a complete loss after striking the tree and taking heavy damage to the front and engine compartment. That's a shame as the 2003-04 Corvette Z06s are one of the bright spots for C5s that continue to hold their values.

Was this Corvette Z06 Vandalism Triggered by a Trump Bumper Sticker?

Check out the sad aftermath of a Torch Red 2015 Corvette Z06 that was vandalized and is now being sold through an insurance auction sale. The car's convertible roof appears to have been cut and the windows smashed. The vandals dumped white paint through the openings into the interior of the car and every exterior panel and vent received a significant dousing.

You can see the lid to a gallon of paint stuck on the windshield. We also noticed the left headlight was broken out while the right side of the hood appears to have been gouged. Again, the white paint is everywhere...

So what could have triggered this kind of raw aggression against a sports car?

We don't know for certain but we've got two theories to present. Either the damage was personally motivated against the owner in which



case it's likely the owner knows those responsible.

Or theory number 2 and what we think is most likely... the car was randomly targeted due to it having a "Veterans for Trump" bumper sticker affixed to the rear.

Corvettes have often been the target of those who don't like it when other people have nice things and more than one owner has had their cars keyed over such jealousy. And during the contentious and bitterly divided presidential election, sometimes those supporting their candidates crossed the line of civility and decorum.

While I would never suggest that anyone curb their right to speech, in this day and age where people just seem to be losing their minds over the slightest provocation, making a political statement on your \$90,000 sports car may just be asking for it, especially if you can't keep eyes on her 24/7.

As for this 2015 Corvette Z06 Convertible, it's being offered for sale through Copart.com and has a current bid of \$21,700 with the auction closing on Tuesday, December 13 at 10:00 AM EST. The Corvette has 7,485 miles on the white splattered odometer and does continue to run and drive.

For the record, a couple of people on reddit have claimed that the car was following a truck and paint cans fell off it, striking the Z06. I just don't see how the roof and rear window would be so damaged if that was the case. Besides, Copart.com is calling it vandalism in the auction listing so we'll stick with that theory until proven otherwise...

Dark Window Tints Sends This C7 Corvette to a Canadian Impound Lot for 30 Days

We love the look of this black C7 coupe that carries the “dark” theme all the way over to the windows and taillights.

But we understand why the legal community might not be as loving.

In this case, Bick_c7, a member of *Corvette Forum*, had to do without his beautiful C7 for a month after

he was charged with violating the law for window and tail lamp tinting in British Columbia, Canada.



By the way, it seems every day we are writing a story about a Corvette being impounded in Canada (for excessive speeding in two earlier cases). It’s enough to make a Corvette owner paranoid.

I haven’t put any tint on my C7 yet, but I plan to do so on the windows and back glass in the coming months because it just makes a Corvette look even meaner.

While we understand that owners want to make their Stingrays look as cool as possible, we likewise understand why police officers might feel threatened pulling up to this car when they can’t see who or what is waiting for them behind that dark glass. Likewise, a quick search on the Web explained why it’s frowned upon to tint tail lamps – the brake lights must be visible 500 to 1,000 feet when brakes are applied. Too much tint might interfere with that.

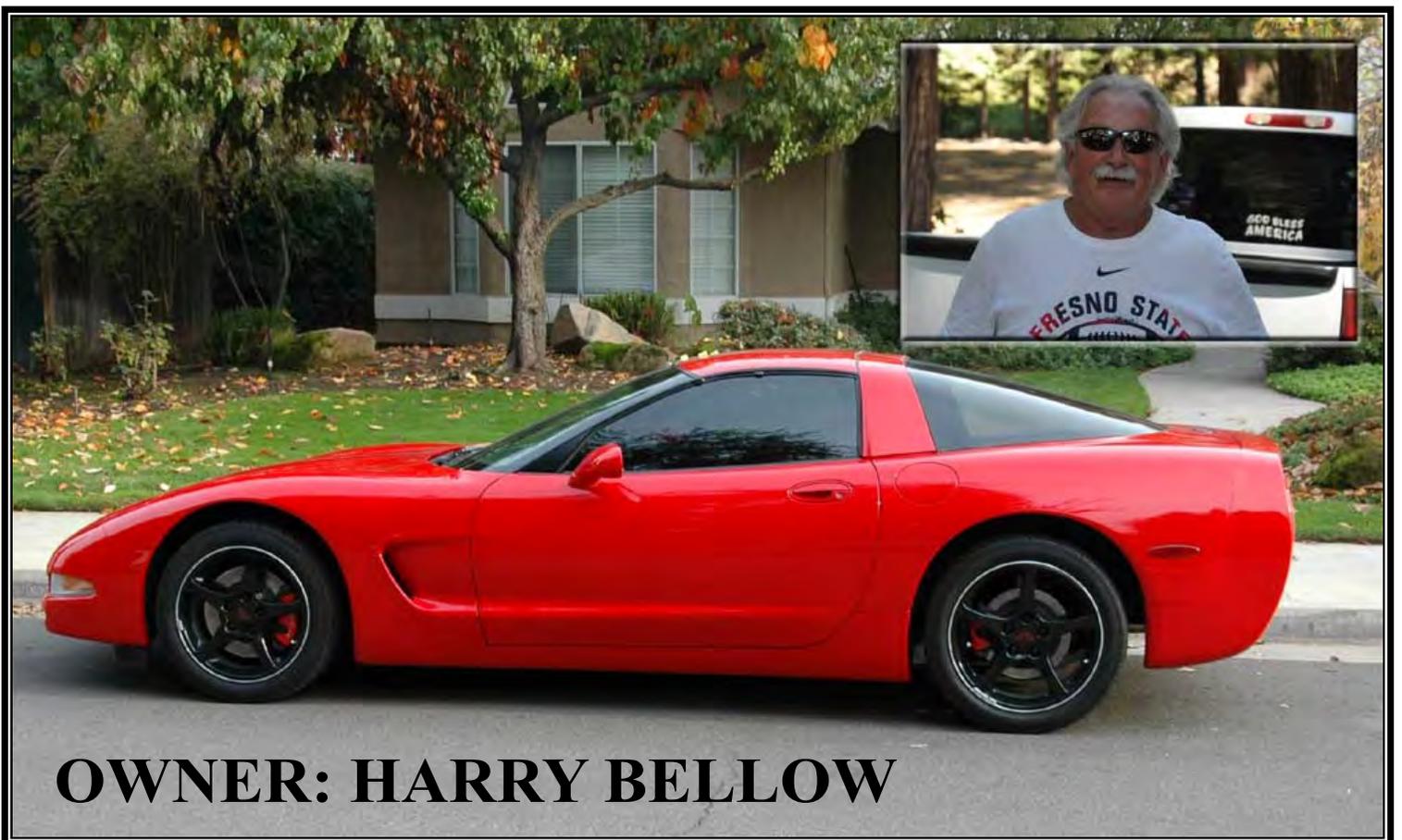
Maybe it’s best to do the really dark tints on show cars that don’t see the road. But if an owner is willing to lose his car for a month while driving on the roads in Canada, he or she is the one paying the freight and certainly has that option.

So what’s your take on this penalty? Is it government meddling or protecting the safety of the general public? Also, do you think it’s harder to tell if a car is braking when the tail lamps are tinted?

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