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TAHOE 49 SEPTEMBER 7 - 9, 2017



Tahoe 49

**"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL
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September 7-10, 2017

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

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

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

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

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15th 2017

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

ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2017

WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$20.00 LATE FEE

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

**ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2017 WILL BE ENTERED IN A
DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00 CASH!**

**DUE TO CONTRACTS WITH OUR VENDORS WE CANNOT ISSUE ANY REFUNDS ON
CANCELATIONS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2017 (No Exceptions)**

Highlights

Welcome Social Thursday Night at Rum Bullions Island Bar

Shine & Show Friday Morning

Slot Tournament \$10.00p/p - Friday Afternoon

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

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

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

Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night (INCLUDED)

**ALL TICKETS FOR RAFFLE & 50/25/25 DRAWING TO BE PURCHASED AT EVENT
PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS BANQUET IS SMART CASUAL**

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates

All Net proceeds from Tahoe 49 will be donated to Charity

Accommodations

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

Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!

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

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

Register by August 14, 2017 for Room Rate Guarantee

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CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

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

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

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

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

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

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

1983 TRIVIA

While never offered to the public, a total of 43 - 1983 model Corvettes were built. There were so many quality problems with them it was decided to halt production until they could be corrected. By the time the problems were corrected, it was so late into the model year that the car was brought out as a 1984 model and was run for a year and a half. The only verifiable 1983 Corvette still known to exist is on display in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



GREETINGS VETTE LOVERS

IT'S GETTING HOT OUT THERE!! NO WORRIES FOR US , WE HAVE A/C IN THE CARS AND CAN STILL GO ANYWHERE WE WANT, HOPEFULLY SOMEWHERE COOLER!

We had a great run to Sakura Chaya and ate some great Japanese food. Thanks to Robb and Cindy Kochevar.

We have some July runs planned:

Snelling Car Show- check with Clay Mumby

Mystery Dinner Run- check with Bert Sherman.

Also there will be info on website.

Tahoe 49 is approaching fast, sign up soon if you're going. It will be a lot of fun and the interaction with the other Corvette clubs is always great.

I know summers are a busy time for everyone but there's always time to have fun with that Corvette and our great members. So lets keep the ball rolling and burn some of this high priced gas and go do something fun!

**Your president
Chuck Ware**





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 2017



Call to Order: President Chuck Ware called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board Members present: Dave Trauger, Robb Kochevar, Gerri Ware, and Ruth Looney. Jim Agar and Allen Teixeira were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the May 16, 2017 Minutes was made by Louis Biglieri and seconded by Mike Schwan. Motion approved.

A motion to accept the Minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Jerry Najarian and seconded by Billie Talley. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Gerri Ware reported the accounts activity for June, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Buddy Pond and seconded by Ron Mattos. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership: Robb Kochevar reported COF now has 138 members and 93 corvettes. Guests tonight are Ed and Nellie Cleveland, Avelusa Ortiz, Hal Blanton, and Sharon Minnick. Robb presented a new membership packet to new members Lee and Cheryl Blackstone. Anniversaries and Birthdays were acknowledged.

Communication: Jim Agar was not present.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell said the site is not up to date but he is working on it.

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 20, 2017: Ray Appleton's Anniversary Bash.

May 29, 2017: 8th Annual Vettes & Vets Car Show in Sacramento.

June 10, 2017: Meet and Eat hosted by Robb and Cindy Kochevar. Sakura Chaya Restaurant, Nees and First. Robb reported all had a good time and good food.

June 13, 2017: Tahoe 49 Meeting, Denny's at Blackstone and Herndon, 7:00 pm.

Up Coming Events:

June 22-25, 2017: Lake Tahoe Corvettes, 13th Corvettes at Lake Tahoe at Mont Bleu in Stateline NV.

June 23, 2017: Miss California Parade has been cancelled.

July 9, 2017: Snelling Car Show, Henderson Park, Yosemite Corvette Club, Clay and Lan Mumby hosting. Meet at Taco Bell, Herndon and 99, coffee and donuts at 8:30 am, depart at 9:00 am. \$30 registration before July 1, \$35 day of. Meal ticket \$12 per person.

July 14-15, 2017: Southern Oregon Corvettes, 27th Corvette Weekend at Grant's Pass, Oregon.

July 29, 2017: Bert Sherman's Mystery Run and Dinner. Depart from Sportsman's Warehouse parking lot. Meet at 1:00, leave at 1:15. Gentle mountain driving. \$5 per person for appetizers, dinner ranges from \$19-\$28 per person. Water, tea and lemonade are available with appetizers.

August 19, 2017: Hot August Days, Vallejo Applebee's Parking lot. Dave has forms.

October 17-22, 2017: WSCC Convention in Las Vegas. Information available on the WSCC website.

December 2, 2017: COF Christmas Party, hosted by Angie DiLiddo, at Pardini's, \$38 per person.

The **next Board Meeting** is scheduled for July 4. It was the consensus of the Board to change the date of the meeting to **July 6 at 6:30pm**.

Dave Trauger made some suggestions for future runs: Morro Bay, Hearst Castle, Reagan Library, Winchester House, ????. If anyone is interested please call him.

Dave went over the COF survey results. 72% said they were satisfied with the way the Club's runs were going. The order of desired runs: day trips, meet and eat, overnight trips, and car shows. Members would rather co-sponsor than sponsor a run. 85% would like to partner with another couple.

Tahoe 49: Allen Teixeira wasn't present. Chuck reported only 12 couples from COF have registered so far. Chuck read a letter he received from Hinds Hospice. They said COF's name was to be added to their donor wall since COF has donated \$22,306 to them from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2016. He also reported that from 2011-2016 COF has donated \$5,250 to Marjorie Mason, \$2,250 to Ronald McDonald House, \$5,250 to Hinds Hospice, for a total of \$12,750. Good job COF!!! A donation sign up sheet was passed around for Tahoe 49.

WSCC: Allen Teixeira wasn't present.

Sunshine Report: Betsy Lindegren reported she emailed Ruth Looney to see how she was doing, which was fine. Celia Feccia's heart surgery went well and she is now home, walking a mile a day. She isn't up to visitors or calls yet. Gerri Ware shared that Cheryl Blackstone is retiring from Madera Unified School District after 28 years. Gary and Nina Gagnebin's granddaughter received her Master's in Psychology. Terry Cavanaugh is doing well and present at this meeting. Betsy read a Thank You note from Jim and Lynne Agar.

Old Business: Steve Profera reported he has signed the contract for the Ice Breaker, which is the last Saturday in January 2018. More information to come.

New Business: None

Name Tag Drawing: Janice Silva won \$20 last month for wearing her name tag. Pat Mattos' name was drawn this month and she was present and wearing her name tag. She won \$10.

50/25/25 Raffle: Steve Profera and Art Durham won the raffle, each winning \$50.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Clay Mumby to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Nick DiLiddo. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Ruth Looney



RUTH LOONEY
SECRETARY

ROBB'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Robb reported that as of the 2017 Calendar Year COF has 138 members and 93 cars.



Members & Guests

Guests tonight are Ed and Nellie Cleveland, Avelusa Ortiz, Hal Blanton, and Sharon Minnich.

Nametag drawing

Pat Mattos name was drawn and she was present with her name tag & won \$10.00. The drawing will go back to \$10.00 at the July meeting.

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**

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



PETER & CATHY CHOLAKIAN 20 - BOB & JUDI REINKE 29



JULY BIRTHDAYS



**DEBBIE MURRAY 2 - JOE BRATTON 3 - KATHY YERGAT - 5
BRENDA DURHAM 12 - PHIL RIVAS 14 - TOM KUTZ 16
GLEN MICHAELS 19 - KAYE CAMPBELL 21
CATHY CHOLAKIAN 23 - DAVE TRAUGER 23
CHUCK ROBB 24 - DAVE DUTTON 27 - SUSAN RIVAS 30**



50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

**STEVE PROFERA
ART DURHAM**

EACH WON \$50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!



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**COF WELCOMES OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS**

LEE & CHERYL BLACKSTONE



DAVE'S 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

JULY 11, 2017 TUESDAY - TAHOE MEETING - 7PM, DENNY'S BLACKSTONE AND HERNDON

JULY 18, 2017 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR

JULY 9, 2017 - SNELLING CAR SHOW AND DEEP PIT BARBEQUE

JULY 14-15, 2017: SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTES, 27TH CORVETTE WEEKEND AT GRANT'S PASS, OREGON.

JULY 29, 2017 - SATURDAY: BERT SHERMAN'S MYSTERY RUN AND DINNER. DEPART FROM SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE PARKING LOT. MEET AT 1:00, LEAVE AT 1:15.

AUGUST 19, 2017 - SATURDAY: HOT AUGUST DAYS, VALLEJO APPLEBEE'S PARKING LOT.

SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2017 - TAHOE 49

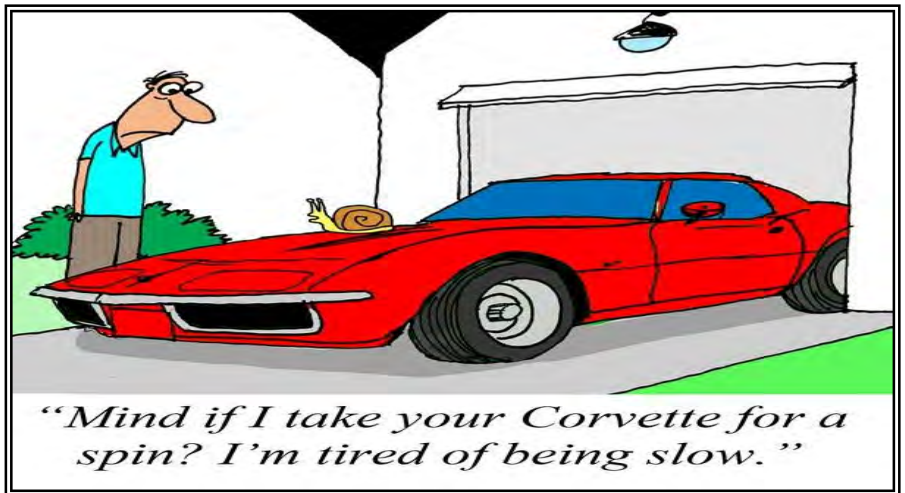
OCTOBER 17-22, 2017: WSCC CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS.

DECEMBER 2, 2017 - CORVETTES OF FRESNO CHRISTMAS PARTY

**THE NEXT TAHOE
MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE**

**JULY 11, 2017 - TUESDAY
7PM DENNY'S**

**BLACKSTONE AND
HERNDON**



RUN SURVEY RESULTS

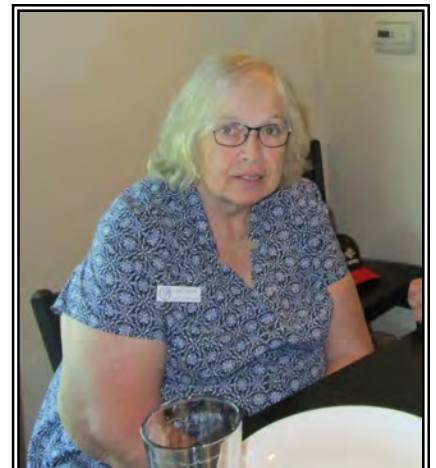
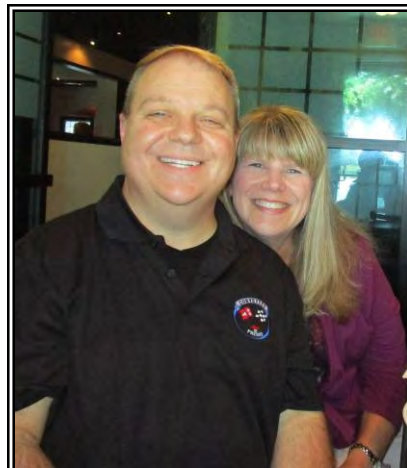
Approximately 1/3 of our club members participated; however, it was suggested that couples probably only responded once so that the participation rate was higher. Out of the five questions here are the three main responses.

72% of the members who responded said they were satisfied with the number and type of runs we have each month.

85% of the members who responded would rather co-sponsor, work with a partner, than sponsor a run on their own.

Only 5% said they needed instruction or training how to do a run.

SAKURA CHAYA



SNELLING CAR SHOW

Sunday, July 9, 2017

9th ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

10 am to 2 pm

ALL MAKES

ALL YEARS

Corvettes — Hot Rods — Customs — Classics — Projects

Parking on the Ball-field Grass

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

\$35 per car on event day July 9th

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

61st ANNUAL

DEEP PIT BAR-B-Q

Lunch includes: BBQ Beef, Beans, Salad, Roll & Coffee

Desserts and Cold Drinks available to purchase

Henderson Park, Snelling, CA

Lunch Served from 12 noon to 2 PM

Meal tickets \$12 per person

Entrance FREE to the general public

BINGO 11 am

WSCC CONVENTION 2017

This years WSCC Convention will be held in Las Vegas on Tuesday, October 17th through Sunday, October 22nd 2017. The Convention hotel is the Alexis Park Resort - All Suite hotel in the heart of Las Vegas and 3 minutes from the strip. We were actually at this hotel in 2009 which was one of our most popular Convention.

Welcome Party

Car show in the afternoon (Type V)

Track Day - Spring Mountain Motor Resort in Pahrump NV

Taste of the Track

Autocross at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Poker runs and Scenic Drives - some very great roads in and around the Las Vegas to pick from

Hospitality room competition - we will have 2 large suites on two different nights

Awards Dinner

Other events to prevent you from getting bored...

THE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, 17th	Wednesday, 18th	Thursday, 19th	Friday, 20th	Saturday, 21st
Registration opens*	Auto-X (\$45)* Scenic Drive (\$10)*	Track Day (\$200)* Taste of the Track (\$100)*	Poker Run (to the car show) (\$15)*	Cars and Coffee other events planned.
Welcome party	Hospitality Competition I	Hospitality Competition II	Car Show (afternoon) (\$30)*	Awards Dinner (\$45 pp)

This Event is open to any club or individuals who want to come to Las Vegas and have a lot of Corvette fun! Our convention will also be going on in the time frame of the popular Barrett Jackson auction that will add something to do in Las Vegas.

Note: At the end of the registration process you will receive a link to the hotel booking site with special WSCC rates for that week. We will all be together in two buildings at the site. Note that searching for hotel rates often provides you with teaser pricing that does not include resort fees and other fees, be careful when you directly compare them to our hotel pricing!

Please do not contact the hotel until we post the registration/reservation key on the registration page on our website.

The Registration process goes through MOTORSPORTREG.COM. Note that if you do not have an account there you will be asked to create one.





Corvettes of Fresno

Please join us for our

Annual Christmas Party

Saturday December 2, 2017

at

Pardini's

2257 W Shaw
Fresno, Ca

6:00 pm - No Host Bar

7:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner

8:00 - 10:00 pm - Music by JT & Sarah

\$38.00 per person

Enjoy a dinner of Braised pan Roast Beef or Chicken Piccata

Hosted by:

Nick & Angie Diliddo

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Please RSVP not later than November 20, 2016

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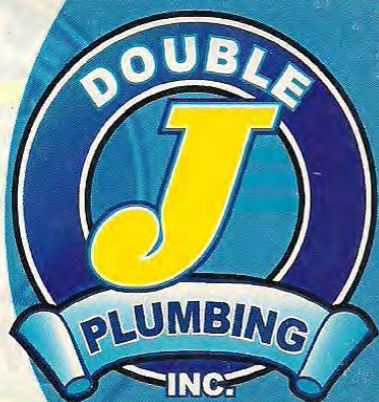
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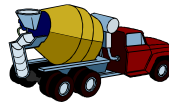
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1965 Corvette Stolen 36 Years Ago Recovered and Returned to Former Owner

Never say never.

That's certainly the case for a New Jersey man whose 1965 Corvette disappeared from in front of his house in Kearny, N.J., 36 years ago.

"The car is gone; I'll never see it again," Tony Peldunas said he thought at the time. "By the time I woke up (the morning it was stolen), it was probably halfway down south somewhere on a trailer."



Peldunas normally parked his Corvette in his garage back then, but that particular night, friends and family were pulled in the driveway so he just parked it along the street.

Bad timing to change his routine: His Corvette turned out to be one of six sports cars stolen in the town that night, according to the Kearny Police Department.

An officer explained to him the way the thieves worked that night. "All professionals," Peldunas said, "they steal a big four-door car, load it up with six or seven people and drive around town at night, and when they see one, they drop a guy off and he steals it. They see another and drop off another guy until they are all done."

The Corvette carried a lot of sentimental value for Peldunas, who had bought the maroon Sting Ray in the late 1970s and restored it over the years with the help of a neighbor, a high school student whom Peldunas even let drive the car to his senior prom.

Two months ago, though, Peldunas got the shock of his life when his wife, Donna, called him at work to tell him she had gotten a call from the Kearny Police Department, who told her the Corvette missing for 36 years had been found in a small town near Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

"Somebody tried to trade the car in at a car lot," Peldunas explained. "It was all redone, and apparently the owner of the lot was really into these types of classic cars. He saw the VIN plate had been tampered with. He noticed it had been double stamped."

After further investigation, authorities wound up confiscating the car, sanding down a spot on the car to find the original VIN, which matched that of Peldunas' stolen Corvette.

Ironically, the car had been changed so much that Peldunas didn't believe it was his at first.

"Honestly, the first time I saw it," he told the New Jersey Herald, "it didn't hit home to me that it was my car because nothing looked the same. I thought out loud, 'Maybe if I saw a little bit of burgundy paint on it, I'd believe it.'"

Once home, Peldunas and a mechanic did indeed discover a piece of paint chipped off under the firewall, revealing burgundy paint.

"Then it hit home: Yup, that was my car," he said. "It was the last thing I ever expected."

The car had been transformed into a Grand Sport Sting Ray semi-replica (painted silver with blue stripe) with a 500 horsepower V8 engine under the hood and racing harnesses and switches to turn on the car instead of a key inside – and just 300 miles currently showing on the odometer.

The good news is that the car is worth much more – an estimated \$30,000 based on the police report – than Peldunas had invested in it back in the day.

"I bought it for less than \$2,000," he said, "but probably put about \$6,000 into it at the time."

Peldunas just wishes he knew where the car had been all these years.

"My wife said, 'If only the car could talk, what stories it would tell,'" he said.

Corvette Ranks in Top 10 Vehicles that People Keep the Longest

How long have you owned your Corvette?

A new study by the folks at iseecars.com ranks the Corvette among the top 10 new cars that owners keep the longest.

The Corvette ranks No. 7 with an average length of ownership of 8.8 years.



No surprise to us enthusiasts who love their Corvettes, huh?

The website's study found that new car buyers keep their cars an average of 7.3 years before selling or trading.

But the Corvette – and nine others – tended to entice their owners into longer periods of ownership – ranging from 21 to 45 percent longer, in fact.

The Toyota Land Cruiser ranked tops in the study with an average of 10.6 years of ownership, followed by 9.9 years for the Porsche Boxster, 9.0 years each for the Ford Expedition and Mercedes-Benz SLK, 8.9 years each for the Ford Explorer and Toyota Sequoia, and 8.8 years each for the Corvette, Toyota Avalon and 4Runner, and Audi TT.

Since five of the top 10 are SUVs, you might think that SUVs are kept longer in general than vehicles from other segments, but the study found that all SUVs together are kept an average of 7.2 years – slightly below the normal average of 7.3 years for all vehicles.

The study concludes the reasons new car buyers hold onto certain cars the longest seems to be driven by unique features of the specific models themselves, the buyer segment that the model attracts, or as a result of their timeless look, making older models look newer.

The Corvette definitely fits into all those categories.

Top 10 New Cars Owners Keep the Longest

Rank	Cars	# Years of Ownership (Avg.)
1	Toyota Land Cruiser	10.6
2	Porsche Boxster	9.9
3	Ford Expedition	9.0
4	Mercedes-Benz SLK	9.0
5	Ford Explorer	8.9
6	Toyota Sequoia	8.9
7	Chevrolet Corvette	8.8
8	Toyota Avalon	8.8
9	Toyota 4Runner	8.8
10	Audi TT	8.8
Average for All Cars		7.3

Production Statistics for the 2017 Corvette Model Year

The Bowling Green Assembly Plant wrapped up production on Friday, June 2nd and so now it's time to take our regular deep dive into the production statistics for the 2017 Model Year.

For the 2017 model year, Chevrolet built a total of 32,782 Corvettes. The number one selling model is the Corvette Stingray Coupe which accounts for 34.3% of production, followed by the Grand Sport Coupe which saw 30.2% of production while the Z06 had 18.9% of 2017 Corvette production. Here's the numbers and percentages by model:

Model	Quantity	Percentage
Stingray Coupe	11,253	34.30%
Stingray Convertible	2,298	7.00%
Grand Sport Coupe	9,912	30.20%
Grand Sport Convertible	2,046	6.20%
Z06 Coupe	6,197	18.90%
Z06 Convertible	1,076	3.30%
Totals:	32,782	100%

For Stingray and Grand Sport Buyers, the 2LT Equipment Group was the most popular. We see that 52% of all Stingray Coupe buyers selected the base 1LT equipment group which tells one of two things: Either many Stingray Coupe buyers don't care about all the bells and whistles available in the upper trim packages or they stretched their car-buying budget to get into a Stingray and nothing was left over for option upgrades.

Only 32.7% of Stingray Coupe/Convertible buyers opted for the Z51 performance package.

For Grand Sport, 12.3% of Coupe/Convertible buyers opted for the Z07 Performance package. For Z06 buyers, 32.5% selected the Z07 Performance Package while another 17.9% selected the J57 carbon ceramic brakes (without Z07).



Chevrolet released a Grand Sport Collector Edition (RPO Z25) with the Watkins Glen Gray exterior and Tension Blue interior. A total of 1,000 were planned but the production statistics shows just 935 were built.

Across the board, the take-rate on the 8-speed automatic transmission was 77.9%. For Z06, 70.9% of buyers selected the 8-speed automatic.

The top selling color once again across all models was Arctic White by a large margin with 6,199 produced followed by Watkins Glen Gray with 5,822 and Black rounds out the top three at 5,338:

Color	Quantity	Percentage
Arctic White	6,199	18.9%
Watkins Glen Gray	5,822	17.8%
Black	5,338	16.3%
Torch Red	4,621	14.1%
Admiral Blue	3,068	9.4%
Blade Silver	2,105	6.4%
Long Beach Red	2,004	6.1%
Corvette Racing Yellow	1,371	4.2%
Black Rose	1,333	4.1%
Sterling Blue	921	2.8%

We are sure there are many more stories in these stats like the single (just 1!) Grand Sport Convertible with the full width Yellow body stripe, a single Z06 Convertible with a full length Orange body stripe and the two Stingray Convertibles with a Gray stinger hood graphic.

Below you'll find the full breakout that we received from the the Corvette Team.

2017 Corvette Production Statistics

Option	1YY07	1YY67	1YW07	1YW67	1YZ07	1YZ67	
	STINGRAY	STINGRAY	GRANDSPORT	GRANDSPORT	Z06	Z06	TOTALS
	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	
PERCENTAGE	34.3%	7.0%	30.2%	6.2%	18.9%	3.3%	100.0%
MODEL							
TOTAL MODEL	11253	2298	9912	2046	6197	1076	32782
PACKAGES:							
1LT PKG	5828	531	1967	158			8484
2LT PKG	3554	985	4788	1039			10366
3LT PKG	1871	782	3157	849			6659
1LZ PKG (Z06)					1298	86	1384
2LZ PKG (Z06)					2217	335	2552
3LZ PKG (Z06)					2682	655	3337
STINGRAY							
PERFORMANCE	3705	727					
PKG (Z51)							
PERFORMANCE			1230	192	2057	309	3788
PKG (Z07)							
Ceramic Brakes					1155	146	1301
without Z07 (J57)							

Twilight Blue Design Package (ZLD)	33	29	71	48	19	31	231
Spice Red Design Package (ZLE)	34	31	84	47	75	36	307
Jet Black Suede Design Package (ZLG)	29	10	77	33	98	23	270
Grand Sport Heritage Package (Z15)			3300	563			3863
Grand Sport Collector Edition (Z25)			784	151			935
	STINGRAY	STINGRAY	GRANDSPORT	GRANDSPORT	Z06	Z06	TOTALS
	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	
POWERTRAIN:							
7 SPD STD MANUAL (MEP)	1567	136					1703
7 SPD PERF MANUAL (MEL)	759	94	2227	323			3403
7 SPD MAN-LT4 (MEK)					1900	220	2120
8 SPD PADDLE SHIFT AUTO (M5U)	8927	2068	7685	1723	4297	856	25556
AXLE REAR 3.42 (GU6)	2326	230	2227	323	1900	220	7226
AXLE REAR 2.41 WITH M5U (GXB)	5981	1435			4297	856	12569
AXLE REAR 2.73 WITH M5U (GU2)	2946	633	7685	1723			12987
PERFORMANCE EXHAUST (NPP)	7760	1802	9912	2046	6197	1076	28793
BATTERY MAINTAINER (ERI)	3740	848	4321	1039	3044	596	13588
	STINGRAY	STINGRAY	GRANDSPORT	GRANDSPORT	Z06	Z06	TOTALS
	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	
CHASSIS:							
STANDARD SUSP (FE1)	6281	1260					7541

MAGNETIC RIDE (FE2)	1267	311					1578
Z51 SUSP (FE3)	2443	457					2900
Z51 MAGNETIC RIDE (FE4)	1262	270					1532
Z06 SUSP (FE6)			8682	1854	4140	767	15443
Z07 SUSP (FE7)			1230	192	2057	309	3788
TIRE 18/19 (XBK)	6281	1260					7541
TIRE 19/20 – ZF1/Z51 (XFJ)	4972	1038					6010
TIRE 19/20 Z06 (XFK)			8682	1854	4140	767	15443
TIRE 19/20 – Z06/Z07 CUP (XFM)			1230	192	2057	309	3788
QG6 Silver	2501	280					2781
QX1 Gloss Black	2211	226					2437
RPK Black Machined	197	28					225
QX3 Chrome	1372	726					2098
Q7S Sterling Silver FE2 /Z51	650	102					752
Q7T Painted Black FE2/Z51	2076	243					2319
QCC Black Machined FE2/Z51	385	110					495
Q7E Chrome FE2/Z51	1478	465					1943
R86 Polished Motorsports Wheel	57	50					107
R87 Red Stripe Satin Black Wheel	326	68					394
Q8W Pearl Grand Sport Wheel			1296	234			1530
Q8X Gloss Black Grand Sport Wheel			5379	714			6093
Q8K Machined Grand Sport Wheel			597	207			804
Q8Z Chrome Grand Sport Wheel			1857	714			2571
RUR Black w/Red Stripe Grand Sport Wheel			783	177			960

Q6A Pearl Nickel Z06					897	113	1010
Q6U Black Z06					3117	373	3490
Q6J Spectra Gray with Macined Groove Z06					342	39	381
Q6B Chrome Z06					1223	397	1620
Q9B Red Stripe Black Z06					551	107	658
Q8U Pearl Nickel Blade Wheel					67	47	114

CALIPER BLACK (J6A)	1737	375	3847	893	326	100	7278
CALIPER RED (J6F)	4039	765	4917	907	5119	792	16539
CALIPER GRAY (J6D)	5056	1082	556	89	272	60	7115
CALIPER YELLOW (J6E)	421	76	508	110	405	88	1608
CALIPER SPICE RED (J6K)			84	47	75	36	242

	STINGRAY	STINGRAY	GRANDSPORT	GRANDSPORT	Z06	Z06	TOTALS
	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	
INTERIOR:							
LEATHER JET BLACK(191)	4377	334	1372	97	896	53	7129
SUEDE JET BLACK (192)	43	4	76	6	52		181
LEATHER JET BLACK (193)	1979	412	2485	441	1173	149	6639
SUEDE JET BLACK (194)	175	38	393	51	185	27	869
LEATHER JET BLACK (195)	914	452	958	203	1265	228	4020
SUEDE JET BLACK (196)	250	35	353	62	486	79	1265
SUEDE JET BLACK DESIGN PACKAGE (198)	29	10	77	33	98	23	270
LEATHER GRAY (141)	481	71	114	18			684
LEATHER GRAY (143)	382	124	366	130			1002

SUEDE GRAY (144)	43	12	54	18			127
LEATHER GRAY (145)	178	34	125	54			391
SUEDE GRAY (146)	21	11	54	19			105
LEATHER DARK GRAY (121)					86	5	91
LEATHER DARK GRAY (123)					162	27	189
SUEDE DARK GRAY (124)					42	7	49
LEATHER DARK GRAY (125)					98	23	121
SUEDE DARK GRAY (126)					35	14	49
LEATHER ADRENALINE RED (701)	927	122	405	37	264	28	1783
LEATHER ADRENALINE RED (703)	489	162	934	228	427	81	2321
SUEDE ADRENALINE RED (704)	60	25	109	27	71	15	307
LEATHER ADRENALINE RED (705)	198	91	390	118	338	121	1256
SUEDE ADRENALINE RED (706)	30	13	73	21	61	17	215
LEATHER SPICE RED DESIGN PACKAGE (755)	34	31	84	47	75	36	307
LEATHER KALAHARI (343)	388	192	385	131	131	26	1253
SUEDE KALAHARI (344)	38	20	62	13	26	3	162
LEATHER KALAHARI (345)	145	64	152	71	110	52	594
SUEDE KALAHARI (346)	39	12	36	22	58	15	182
LEATHER TWILIGHT BLUE (205)	33	29	71	48	58	47	286
LEATHER TENSION BLUE			784	151			935

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GT SEAT (AQ9)	10521	2222	8766	1828	4980	823	29140
COMP SPORT SEAT (AE4)	732	76	1146	218	1217	253	3642
TWO-TONE SEATS (TU7)	281	101	569	181	314	81	1527
YELLOW STITCHING (36S)	42	13	106	30	149	34	374
RED STITCHING (38S)	235	26	375	76	419	79	1210
RED SEAT BELTS (3F9)	339	72	835	172	492	100	2010
CARBON FIBER INTERIOR TRIM (FAY)	669	113	2204	477	1432	345	5240
PDR AND NAVIGATION (IO6/UQT)	4788	1422	6902	1601	4725	926	20364
PERSONALIZED PLAQUE (BV4)	57	13	63	28	108	40	309
MUSEUM LOGO PLAQUE –R8C (CFX)	62	27	113	49	80	30	361
	STINGRAY Coupe	STINGRAY Conv	GRANDSPORT Coupe	GRANDSPORT Conv	Z06 Coupe	Z06 Conv	TOTALS
EXTERIOR:							
ADMIRAL BLUE (GTR)	942	137	1294	177	440	78	3068
CORVETTE RACING YELLOW (GC6)	428	165	342	80	283	73	1371
BLADE SILVER (GAN)	1007	172	434	118	287	87	2105
BLACK (GBA)	1856	363	1352	272	1290	205	5338
WATKINS GLEN GRAY (G7Q)	1504	175	2374	371	1287	111	5822
TORCH RED (GKZ)	1754	435	1208	273	830	121	4621
ARCTIC WHITE (G8G)	2221	463	1738	391	1153	233	6199

LONG BEACH RED (G1E)	753	223	521	146	285	76	2004
STERLING BLUE (GGB)	340	69	304	98	81	29	921
BLACK ROSE (GGA)	448	96	345	120	261	63	1333
RECOMMENDED COLOR COMBO OVERRIDE (D30)	9	12	78	20	24	20	163
BADGES-CHROME (EYK)	8498	1981	5201	1340	662	257	17939
BADGES-CARBON FLASH (EYT)	2755	317	4711	706	5535	819	14843
CARBON FLASH SPOILER/MIRRORS (TTV)	974	116	1976	300	1328	181	4875
CARBON FIBER GROUND EFFECTS (CFZ)	200	34	1433	232	1820	262	3981
VISIBLE CARBON GROUND EFFECTS (CFV)			754	161	1300	297	2512
CARBON FIBER HOOD INSERTS (B92)	160	37	444	104	666	175	1586
CARBON FIBER TONNEAU INSERTS (E57)		26		95		114	235
SHARK GRAY VENTS (EFX)	115	51	110	66	104	66	512
BODY COLOR VENTS (EFY)	317	87	316	101	257	84	1162
FRONT LIC PLT (VK3)	6875	1268	6197	1127	3885	604	19956
ROOF:							
TRANSPARENT ROOF PANEL (CC3)	1158		670		423		2251
PAINTED CARBON FIBER ROOF (CFA)	9533		8172		4616		22321
VISIBLE CARBON FIBER ROOF (C2Z)	219		588		652		1459
DUAL ROOF VIS	111		117		231		459

CARBON (C2M)							
DUAL ROOF PAINTED (C2Q)	232		365		275		872
CONV TOP BLACK (41T)		1896		1651		897	4444
CONV TOP- KALAHARI (21T)		198		124		60	382
CONV TOP – GRAY (37T)		90		97		26	213
CONV TOP – BLUE (00T)		83		128		59	270
CONV TOP – SPICE RED (80T)		31		46		34	111
STRIPES:							
FULL- CARBON FLASH (DTH)	115	17	53	13	142	20	360
FULL – CRYSTAL RED (DTR)	28	7	13	7	21	11	87
FULL -BLADE SILVER (DTP)	49	6	22	5	49	8	139
FULL – CYBER GRAY (DTN)	25	2	6	5	13	8	59
FULL – INFERNO ORANGE (DTQ)	4		6		5	1	16
FULL – RED/WHITE/BLUE (DUP)	20	9	6	11	12	13	71
FULL – YELLOW (DWA)	11		3	1	8		23
HOOD STINGER – CARBON FLASH (DTW)	427	68	305	97	445	73	1415
HOOD STINGER – SHARK GRAY (DXM)	29	2	18	4	19	4	76
HOOD STINGER – JAKE (DVQ)	79	12	84	17	137	14	343
55A GREEN HASH MARKS GRAND SPORT			39	1			40
59A YELLOW HASH MARKS GRAND SPORT			112	11			123
62A ORANGE HASH			29	4			33

MARKS GRAND SPORT							
75A TORCH RED HASH MARKS GRAND SPORT			1861	296			2157
90A FUSION GRAY HASH MARKS GRAND SPORT			181	45			226
97A CARBON FIBER HASH MARKS GRAND SPORT			1078	206			1284
GRAND SPORT BLUE CENTER STRIPE (DXU)			93	16			109
GRAND SPORT CARBON FLASH CENTER STRIPE (DNE)			445	71			516
GRAND SPORT TORCH RED CENTER STRIPE (DXP)			93	24			117
GRAND SPORT GRAY CENTER STRIPE (DXT)			46	15			61
GRAND SPORT WHITE CENTER STRIPE (DXX)			644	53			697
	STINGRAY	STINGRAY	GRANDSPORT	GRANDSPORT	Z06	Z06	TOTALS
	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	Coupe	Conv	
DELIVERY:							
U.S.	10355	2082	9026	1822	5423	849	29557
CANADA	610	196	511	179	576	196	2268
MEXICO	70				48		118
JAPAN	3		74	2	27	2	108
MIDEAST	40	1	93	1	13	1	149
EUROPE	175	19	208	42	110	28	582
MUSEUM DELIVERY (R8C)	62	27	122	51	80	30	372
ENGINE BUILD					22	10	32

EXPERIENCE (PBC)**VIN SELECTION
(PIN)****1****1****3****2****7****STINGRAY STINGRAY GRANDSPORT GRANDSPORT Z06 Z06 TOTALS****DEALER****INSTALLED****Coupe****Conv****Coupe****Conv****Coupe****Conv****ACCESSORIES:****VLN Convertible
Windscreen****62****90****86****238****5Z2 Wheel Black Z51
style with Yellow
Stripe****11****4****15****6Z9 Wheel Z06 Blade
Black with Machined
Groove****83****17****100****5Z8 Wheel Z06 Blade
Pearl Nickel****15****7****22****5YZ Wheel Satin
Black Z51 style Red
Stripe****12****1****13****5YX Wheel Black
Motorsports****14****4****18****5YW Wheel Polished
Motorsports****10****2****12****5YV Wheel Torque
Silver****5YU Wheel Torque
Chrome****11****9****20****SMQ Tonneau Cover
Shark Gray****SB3 Spoiler Wing
body color****180****51****231****5ZV Spoiler Z51 style
carbon flash****388****68****456****5ZU Spoiler Z51
Body Color****553****117****670****VQK Splash Guards****222****61****283****V8X Stingray Sill
Plate****427****128****555****5AZ Universal Safety
Ki****40****1****93****1****13****1****149**

VTB Rear Bumper Protector	65	16	157	28	115	24	405
RXX License Plate Bracket	53	25	154	43	146	47	468
5WH Front Aero Panel Painted	19	6	14	8			47
VLi Cargo Mat	1084	168	871	103	848	77	3151
S2L Luggage Set – 5 piece	12	5	26	8	31	10	92
VO4 Underhood Liner Crossed Flags	175	48	124	39			386
VTE Underhood Liner Stingray	213	57	531	156			957
5V6 Interior Logo Package	182	66					248
5W8 Ground Effects carbon flash	43	9					52
5VM Ground Effects Visible Carbon	46	8					54
VTD ground effects body color painted	13	6					19
VYW Floor Mats	879	237	4384	858	846	198	7402
5KX Stingray Exterior appearance pkg	49						49
VRU Gray outdoor car cover Stingray	19	8					27
VRB Red Z06 logo outdoor car cover					28	16	44
VGS Dk Gray Z06 logo outdoor car cover					273	23	296
RWJ Black Stingray logo outdoor car cover	32	10					42
WKU C7R rendered car cover	2	2	4	2	16	10	36
WKS Gray car Cover Z06 logo					123	43	166
WKR Blue Car cover Z06 logo					15	8	23
WKP Kalahari Crossed Flag Car cover	9	5	18	12	15	8	67
WKQ Red car cover	33	10	58	14	43	10	168

Crossed Flags							
VDN Gray cover Crossed Flags	36	11	82	19	46	8	202
RWH Black car cover Stingray logo	102	27					129
5ZG Carbon Design Wheel Cap	119	14	264	64	256	65	782
5ZD Silver Jake center wheel cap							
VWD Chrome Z51 logo wheel cap	66	32					98
VW9 Gray Z51 logo wheel cap	35	4					39
RXJ Stingray wheel cap	171	51					222
RXH Black Jake wheel cap	100	17	188	29	213	42	589
VRS Cargo Shade Crossed Flags logo	619		680		493		1792
5YN interior plaque – Stingray logo	257	91					348
SM8 Armrest Z06 logo for 1LZ/2LZ					59	7	66
SH3 Armrest Z06 logo for 3LZ					73	33	106
SH2 Armrest Stingray logo 1LT/2LT	180	54					234
SH1 Armrest Stingray logo 3LT							

GM Facing Class Action Lawsuit Over C7 Corvette Z06's Cooling Issues

General Motors is facing a class action lawsuit over performance problems of its C7 Z06 models produced from 2015-2017, according to a Florida law firm representing the plaintiffs.

Hagens Berman and Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen filed the lawsuit on June 13 on behalf of a group of Z06 owners, seeking reimbursement and all damages permitted by law in an amount to be proven at trial.



“In marketing the Z06, GM said this car was ‘conceived on the track’,” said Stuart Grossman, founder and partner at Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen. “Any reasonable purchaser would have assumed that a car sold this way wouldn’t shut down and lose speed and power after only 15 minutes of track driving.”

The lawsuit claims the Z06s are prone to overheating on the track and on public roads, sometimes after just 15 minutes of track driving, because of a defective cooling system and then enter limp mode, which causes power and speed to be “drastically reduced,” creating a dangerous situation when surrounded by speeding cars.

According to the suit, “GM enticed race enthusiasts with bells and whistles, promising a car that could maintain safe speeds and power when tracked, but we believe what it sold them was far from what it promised. This defect not only damages the Z06 engine, but endangers drivers.”

An estimated 30,000 Z06s are included in the lawsuit, the attorneys said.

We believe we’ve found GM to be guilty of a classic bait and switch – one that cost thousands of consumers dearly, up to \$120,000, and broke state consumer protection laws,” said Steve Berman, managing partner of Hagens Berman, which has a history of high-profile automotive court cases. “GM enticed race enthusiasts with bells and whistles, promising a car that could maintain safe speeds and power when tracked, but we believe what it sold them was far from what it promised. This defect not only damages the Z06 engine, but endangers drivers.”

Berman adds: “The defect in question markedly limits the car’s performance – the sole reason these hotrod enthusiasts bought the Corvette Z06 in the first place. If they’d known of this defect at the time of purchase, they likely wouldn’t have spent six figures on the Z06.”

The suit alleges that GM deceived customers and violated state and federal laws by failing to ensure that the Z06 functions safely, and by failing to disclose the cooling system defect. The suit brings counts of fraudulent concealment, breach of warranty, unjust enrichment and other claims.

According to the suit, filed Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida: “Customer experiences with the Z06 on the track differ dramatically from GM’s promise of a track vehicle and chronicle the activation of Limp Mode, or the driver having to pull off the track to let the engine cool down. Z06 testimonial websites and GM customer service files are replete with complaints from consumers who reasonably believed that their Z06 would in fact be fully track capable, but instead have been put at risk of accident on race tracks and during non-track driving when the defective transmissions and rear differentials overheat, causing the cars to go into Limp Mode at drastically reduced speed and performance, or have to stop track driving to protect the engine.”

Hagens Berman asks Z06 owners to contact the firm for more details.

Motor 1 reported earlier that Tadge Juechter, Corvette executive chief engineer, says that a small number of customers reported heatsoak or overheating issues when running their Z06s hard on track. The exact number might have been less than five percent of all buyers, Juechter said, but those drivers complained loudly about the issues. As part of his engineering team’s emphasis on “continual improvement,” the 2017 Z06 received a new hood with improved cooling vents and some other changes “for additional cooling on the track.”

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