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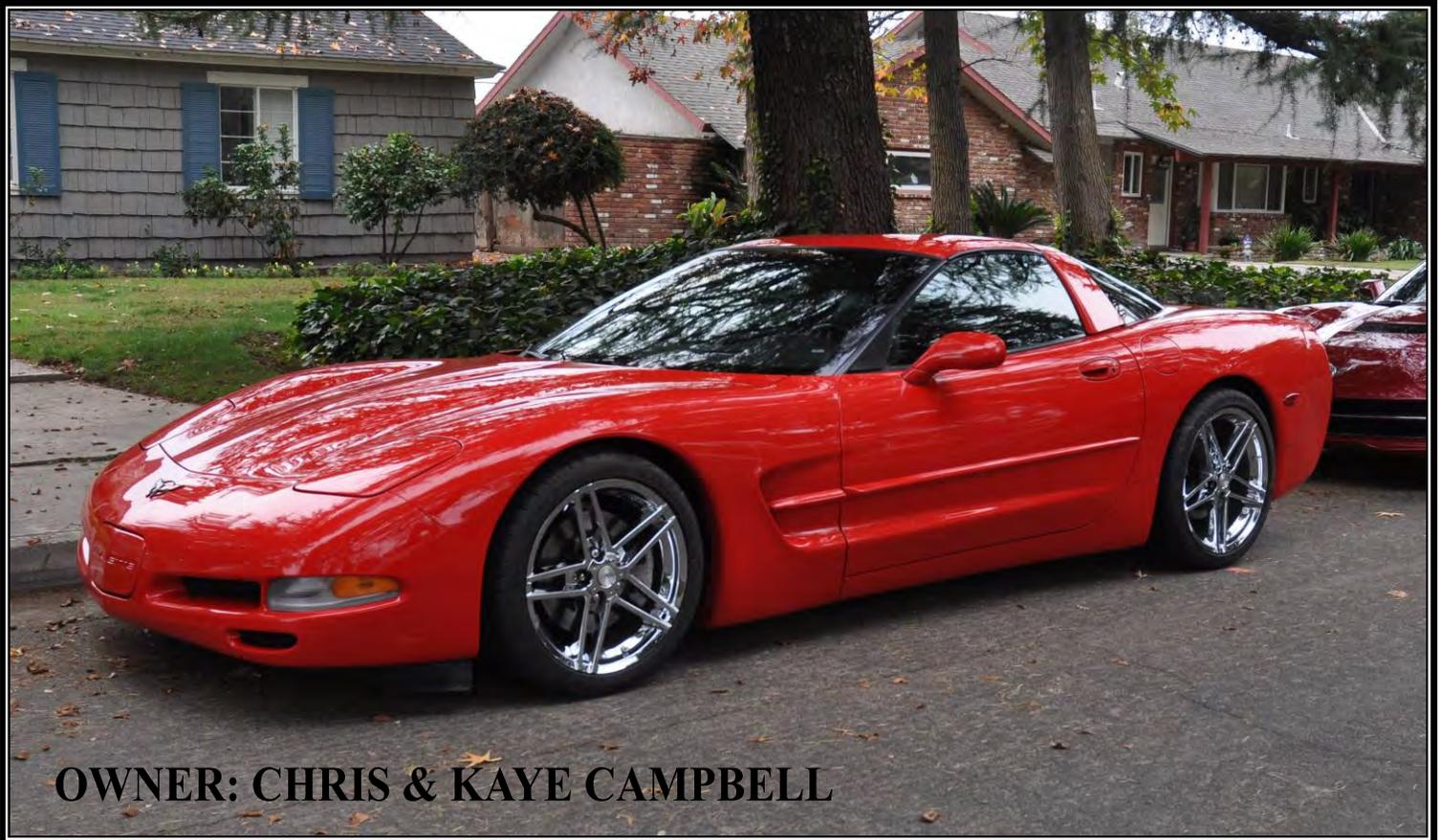


CORVETTES OF FRESNO

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

ESTABLISHED 1963

MAY 2016



OWNER: CHRIS & KAYE CAMPBELL

MAY & JUNE EVENTS

MAY 14 - SATURDAY - INVITATION COMING TO MYSTERY EVENT

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\$10.00 PER PERSON

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TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016



Tahoe 48

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

September 8-11, 2016

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 2016

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

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

**ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2016 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, 2016 (No Exceptions)**

Highlights

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

Accommodations

**Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 916CORV
Room Rates: Thursday \$79.00 Friday & Saturday \$125.00 (plus tax & resort fee)**

Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!

(must book through group code 916CORV to get included breakfast buffet)

Register now so you don't miss out on the 48th Tahoe Tour

Register by August 9, 2016 for Room Rate Guarantee



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

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE \$195.00 REGISTRATION FEE?

- 1. HIGH QUALITY THERMAL PICNIC COOLER FOR EACH REGISTRATION**
- 2. BREAKFAST FOR 2 EACH MORNING AT FLAVORS BUFFET
(must book through group code 916corv)**
- 3. WELCOME SOCIAL - RUM BULLIONS ISLAND BAR**
- 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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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

1969 TRIVIA

The "Sting Ray name" was not used on the 1968 Corvette, but returned in 1969, this time spelled "Stingray" as one word.

Corvette had its first all aluminum engine in 1969 as the ZL-1. It was not the first GM automobile to do so, however, being beaten by the Corvair in 1960 and the Buick 215 V8.

Only two 1969 Corvettes were sold with the ZL-1 all aluminum 427 engine, making them one of the rarest collector Corvettes of all time. *Note: Visit Roger's Corvette Center in Orlando, Florida, for a close-up look at an original 1969 ZL-1.*

In 1969, the ignition lock was moved from the dash to the steering column. It would remain there until 1997 when it was returned to the dash.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello, Hello Again,

If your not having fun, your a Scrooge. We've had some really fun events, thanks to Chuck, Harry and Allen. A lot more coming up, so keep posted, sign up and attend.

The mystery of the mystery event on May 14 was divulged at our April general meeting. Sounds like a fun event, hope everyone shows up. You will be getting an invitation in the mail, so keep the date open.

Coming the following week on the 21st is Tom and Teresa Ochoa's **Bunko Night**. I'm looking forward to it. Remember, it's limited to 48 persons.

By default, I guess I became the host of our club picnic on June 5th at Meadow Lake picnic ground. A hearty thanks to Nick DiLiddo for securing the site. The club pays for everything except hor d ourves and dessert, so if you feel like it, bring a little. Drinks are also included, except beer and white lightening, if your inclined, bring your own. I will need some help in cooking, serving, transporting and clean up. Your participation is appreciated. Call Me or Patty at home, so I can put this event together.

Allen Teixeira received the dubious honor of inheriting the **U TURN TROPHY** from Ron Miller. When I had it for two years, I proudly displayed it in the far corner of a dark closet. Quite possibly the ugliest trophy ever made. Ron, you may finally get rid of it after 2 ½ years, but we will always remember how you led us from Reno to Virginia City by way of Boise Idaho.

Everyone reach out and welcome our new members Ron and Betsy Lindgren and Mark Spomer. We now have 138 members and more on the way.

Thanks,

*Your humble president,
Bert Sherman*





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 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 March 2016 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the March 2016 minutes was made by Louis Biglieri and seconded by Jackey Christani, Motion carried.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the March newsletter was made by Chuck Robb and seconded by Jerry Najarian, motion carried unanimously!

Treasurers Report: Gerri Ware reported the accounts activity for March, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read by Kaye Campbell and seconded by Billie Talley. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership: Clay Mumby reported we have 56 members present and 7 guests. Guests introduced were John Rogers, Mike Schwan, Debbie Murray, Lisa and Manny Vidal, and Jim and Alice Freeman. Ron and Betsy Lindegren were presented their membership package and Mark Spomer was accepted as a new member but was not present to get his package. Corvettes of Fresno have 138 members and 90 corvettes. April Anniversaries and Birthdays were acknowledged.

The name tag drawing for April is \$10.00.

Communication: Jim Agar was absent, but Jim asked that any entries for the newsletter get to him by Thursday April 21.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell said the Web site is up to date, pictures of the Kingsburg and Laughlin run are posted. If your picture is missing from the member page please send Chris a picture of you with your car.

WSCC: Allen Teixeira reported that the Quarterly meeting was April 16 but he could not attend because he was on the Laughlin Run. If you have a change of address you need to let WSCC know so you will continue to get your Redline, a change of address form is available on line or in past issues of the Redline. If you do not receive your Redline, please let him know.

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:

March 26 Dinner run to Ducey's at Bass Lake Feccia's chaired 50 people attended

April 5 COF Board Meeting

April 9 Tower District Car Show

April 14-17 Corvettes of Bakersfield Laughlin Run Allen Teixeira chaired 5 cars from Fresno went along with one car from Yosemite Corvette Club. . Allen said he got lost in Barstow due to Detour and his GPS and made several U-turns, so the U-turn trophy will now go to Allen.

April 15 Kingsburg Car Show Dinner Run Harry Bellow chaired 26 cars attended; Harry thanked those who help him park cars.

April 16 Kingsburg Car Show

April 16 Assoc of US Army Central California Chapter Wine and Vintages Event in Clovis, Chuck Feccia attended.

April 16 Castle Air Museum Show

Up Coming 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 Invitation coming to Mystery event

May 17 COF General Meeting 7pm Yosemite Falls on Cedar

May 21 Bunko Night, Tom and Teresa Ochoa \$10.00 per person and BYOB, limited to 48 people, sign up sheet on table and also food sign up sheet on table.

June 4 Club picnic at Meadow Lakes Bert Sherman will chair but needs help with hauling and barbequing.

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 at noon Temperance and 168, 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.

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

Tahoe 48 Allen said registrations are coming in and **deadline for early bird is May 1**. The details of Poker Run are being put together. Sign up sheets for donations for awards, cash, raffle, and gas cards are on sign up table. He talked to clubs at Laughlin and many are planning to attend.

Sunshine Report Ruth Looney reported that Dave Cavanaugh had been in the hospital with lung issues and was trying to get appointment at Stanford. She talked to Lloyd Cox and he had a good report from his last scan and is getting stronger. Phil Rivas is recovering from Gall Bladder surgery and was present at the meeting and reported he is doing well.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Angie DiLiddo said the club needs to consider participating in the Clovis Parade in the future. Bert Sherman announced the charities the Board decided on giving donations to in 2016, they are Marjaree Mason Center, Hinds Hospice, and Ronald McDonald House.

Name Tag Drawing: The drawing is \$10.00 for April, Nancy Teixeira's name was drawn and she was present and was wearing her name tag. Next months drawing will be \$10.00 again.

50/25/25 Raffle: Larry Dami had the first ticket drawn for \$53.00 and the second ticket was Rob Kochevar for \$53.00.

Clay Mumby said he wanted to thank Phil and Susan Rivas for all they do for the club with their business for any awards etc we have them do which they do at cost for us.

He also thanked Rob Kochevar for taking pictures at our events and getting them to Chris who gets them on the web site very fast.

There being no further business a motion was made by Nick DiLiddo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Bruce Looney the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 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.



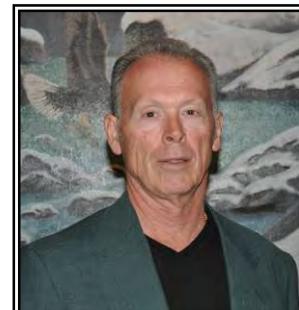
Members & Guests

Total attendance: 62 - 56 Members & 7 Guests, John Rogers, Mike Schwan, Debbie Murray, Lisa and Manny Vidal, and Jim and Alice Freeman

Nametag drawing

Nancy Teixeira's name was drawn & She was present, winning \$10.00. The drawing will be for \$10.00 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**



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



JERRY & JO ANN NAJARIAN 7
KERRY & JEANNIE DEHMEL 9 - CHUCK & JESSIE ROBB 18
RICHARD & MARGARET RIPPLINGER 20
CHUCK & CELIA FECCIA 24 - JIM & LYNNE AGAR 25
RON & PAT MATTOS 29 - ROBB & CINDY KOICHEVAR 31



MAY BIRTHDAYS



JACK QUIGLEY 2 - MARGIE BACK 2 - RON MILLER 7
TERSA OCHOA 7 - JOHN KARLIE 10 - DEBBIE DUKES 20
DORIT BATTAGLIA 23 - RUTH LOONEY 24
CELIA FECCIA 25 - CLAY MUMBY 27 - CAROL TRAUGER 28
ROBB KOICHEVAR - 31

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

LARRY DAMI
ROB KOICHEVAR



EACH WON
\$53.00



CONGRATULATIONS!

CLAY THANKED
PHIL AND SUSAN RIVAS
FOR ALL THE PLAQUES &
AWARDS THEY DO FOR
THE CLUB WHICH THEY
DO AT COST - THANK YOU



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COF'S NEWEST MEMBERS

RON AND BETSY
LINDEGREN WERE
PRESENTED THEIR
MEMBERSHIP
PACKET BY
CLAY MUMBY

WELCOME TO
COF



CHUCK'S 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



MAY 3, 2016 TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

MAY 10, 2016 TUESDAY - TAHOE 48 - MEETING 7PM AT DENNEY'S - HERNDON AND BLACKSTONE

MAY 14 - SATURDAY INVITATION COMING TO MYSTERY EVENT

MAY 17, 2016 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

MAY 21 - SATURDAY BUNKO NIGHT - TOM AND TERESA OCHOA - \$10.00 PER PERSON

JUNE 3-5, 2016 - MONTEREY COAST CORVETTE CRUISE - FLYER IN NEWSLETTER & WEB

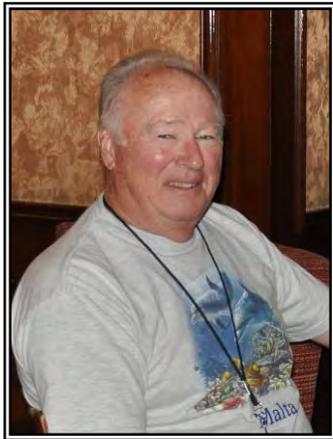
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NOV 19 - SATURDAY - MELODRAMA TRIP TO OCEANO, MORE DETAILS LATER.

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



**CHUCK FECCIA
VP ACTIVITIES**

TAHOE 48 MEETING

TAHOE 48 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM
TUESDAY MAY 9, 2016 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF
BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

WSCC

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MYSTERY LUNCH RUN WITH WINE TASTING

Hosted by Ron and Pat Mattos - 559-374-5626 - PLEASE RSVP

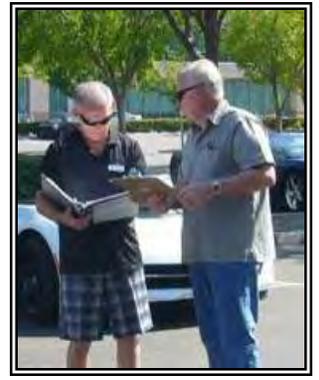
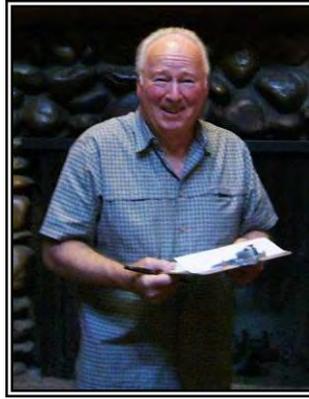
Cost is \$5.00 per person (in advance) includes 'all you can eat' pizza

Meet at 11:30 AM at Temperance and 168 - 'Park and Ride' lot

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DUCY'S DINNER RUN





Dinner Run to Diane's April 15, 2016



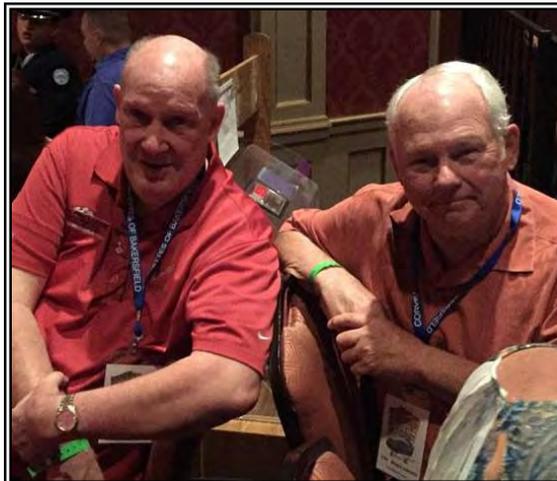
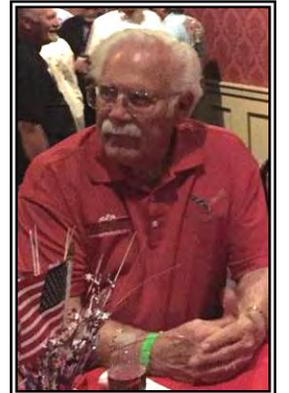


GAMBLERS CLASSIC





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Corvette Museum to Manage Tours of the Corvette Assembly Plant

Like so many others, I've been to the National Corvette Museum numerous times over the past 20-plus years.

The highlight for me and my family has always been the tours of the Corvette Assembly Plant across the street. Seeing our favorite car come to life never gets boring.

In the past, only three tours were scheduled each day, making it hard to get tickets during busy times of the year.

Now, though, the National Corvette Museum will be in charge of managing the public tours of the factory, and what that means for enthusiasts is a much expanded schedule.

In fact, according to a release from the Museum, starting in the next few weeks, tours will be available every 15 minutes, with the first tour at 8:30 a.m. CT and the last tour leaving at 1:45 p.m. CT.

Tickets have gone up slightly, to \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 10-16, but now a discounted combo ticket for the Plant and Museum is available for just \$16. For what you will be treated to, that ranks as one of the biggest entertainment bargains around!

“We are in the business to build cars,” said GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager Kai Spande. “The National Corvette Museum is in the hospitality and tourism business and currently leads a number of tour programs in the plant, including R8C Museum Delivery, Experience, VIP Tours, Photo Albums and Buyers’ Tours. It was only fitting to add the public tour program to their list of offerings.”

If you want to make sure you get into the factory tour, you can buy tickets for the plant tours online at www.corvetteplanttours.com or you can gamble and buy your tickets at the Museum or Plant. The combo tickets will be available online or at either location. Online tickets have to be purchased at least 24 hours before your tour time.

As before, the plant tours, which last about an hour, are usually available Monday through Friday (unless something is going on at the factory – you can check those dates at www.corvetteplanttours.com).

By the way, no cell phones, cameras, crutches, purses, backpacks, or electronic devices are allowed on the tour, and closed toe and closed heel shoes are required. Wheelchairs on a first come, first serve basis are available for free.





Corvette Hall of Fame



Legendary Corvette Designer Larry Shinoda

Larry Shinoda was born March 25, 1930 in Los Angeles, California. Like typical So-Cal boys, he loved cars and would draw pictures of them. As a teen, he enjoyed hotrodding and street racing and his pursuits of all things automotive eventually led him to Art Center College of Design.

College wasn't for him though and labeled as a malcontent, he was kicked out of art school. One of his teachers invited him to present some of his designs to Ford and he was hired a few months later. Larry spent a year at Ford, and then worked for nine months at Packard before landing a design job at General Motors.

Petrolicios tells the story of one night when Shinoda was driving home from work, none other than GM's Bill Mitchell pulled up next to Larry's T-Bird at a stop light. When the light turned green, Mitchell took off in his supercharged Pontiac, but Shinoda's Thunderbird was modded with a Stroppe race-prepped Ford stock car engine and he easily outran GM's Design Chief.

A few days later, Mitchell tracked down the White Thunderbird at the Chevy Design Studio and asked Shinoda to pull it into the garage. When Mitchell saw the car was equipped with a full roll cage, two four-barrel carburetors, headers and heavy duty shocks, he "just about had a heart attack." The story goes that Mitchell recognized Shinoda as a die-hard racer and he was immediately switched to the Corvette program.

As part of the Corvette program, Shinoda worked on refining several concepts, including one that would become the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray Split-Window Coupe. Larry also penned both Mako Shark concepts, the rear-engined XP-819 concept and the engineering test vehicles known as CERV I and CERV II.

Shinoda left GM in 1968, hired away by Former GM executive Bunkie Knudsen. His first design at Ford was a high performance version of the Mustang which he called "Boss", a tribute to Knudsen.

Following his short stint at Ford, Shinoda opened his own design studio where he consulted with various automakers. As a freelancer, he helped design the Jeep ZJ for American Motors Corp. The Jeep would eventually become the Grand Cherokee.

Larry would return to Corvette designing in the early 1990s with Indy 500 winner Rick Mears to produce the Shinoda Mears Corvette, a C4 Corvette improved with a custom body kit that actually improved the drag coefficient of the regular C4 Corvette from .34 to .30.

Larry passed away in the late 1997 at the age of 67 but his contributions to two American icons, Corvette and Mustang, will forever live on.

Milestone Reached in Construction of the Corvette Assembly Plant's New Paint Shop

All you Corvette enthusiasts excited about the new paint shop at the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green can rest a little easier today.

General Motors announced that the final piece of steel in the \$439 million paint shop was installed Wednesday, and construction remains on track for the first Corvette to be painted in the new facility on April 1, 2017.



“That’s our major goal,” said Marc Roberts, site project manager, “and we are on schedule.”

GM broke ground for the new state-of-the-art facility in September, and the first piece of steel was installed in December.

“It’s amazing how much construction has gone on in four months,” said Nora Roper, assistant plant manager. “We’re thrilled with the continued success of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant.”

The final piece of steel, an I-beam that had been signed by many construction workers and staff, was lifted to the top of the three-story building and bolted into place.

That I-beam was one of the 6,800 pieces of steel in the structure “safely and on schedule,” according to Roberts. The structure also includes 3,000 feet of walls and 200,000 square feet of concrete floor in the massive 870,000-square-foot building being constructed next to the existing facility where Corvettes have been assembled since 1981.

Of course, the most important part of the new facility has yet to be installed – the actual painting equipment that is expected to greatly improve the quality of the paint jobs on some 2017 Corvettes.

Plant Manager Kai Spande explained the need for the new facility by noting: ‘What’s different for the Corvette is we’re painting plastic and composite materials and doing panel painting (separately), and they all need to match.’



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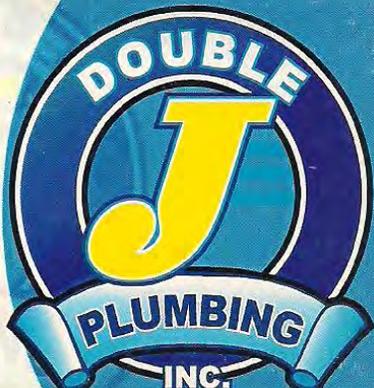
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Will GM Offer the Camaro ZL1's 10-Speed Automatic Transmission for the Corvette Z06?

Earlier this month, Chevrolet introduced the new 2017 Camaro ZL1 that will be coming later this year. The new 6th generation ZL1 is powered by the Corvette Z06's LT4 V8. In a move that will please Corvette Z06 owners, Chevy has backed the ZL1's LT4 power rating down slightly to 640 hp and 640 lb-ft of torque in a move that keeps the Z06 as Chevrolet's "Big Nasty" when it comes to horsepower.



The track ready ZL1 will be equipped with a 6-speed manual transmission which is interesting as Chevrolet has the 7-speed manual available in the parts bin. But the real news is that a new 10-speed automatic transmission will be offered with the car.

The 10-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission was developed jointly with Ford, although Chevrolet says in the ZL1 press release that the quick shift automatic features hardware and unique calibrations exclusive for the new Camaro.

According to Chevrolet, the Camaro ZL1's 10-speed automatic has a 7.39 overall ratio for smaller steps between gears. It enables the LT4 engine to remain at optimal rpm levels during acceleration, particularly when exiting corners, for quicker laps and lightning-quick responses on both up- and down-shifts.

The press release also confirms that by the end of 2018, GM will introduce the new 10-speed automatic in eight vehicle models.

So what does this mean for the Corvette Z06?

It seems a given that Chevrolet will make available the new 10-speed auto for Corvettes and particularly the Z06 if the ZL1 is offering essentially the same powertrain. The benefits of the 10-speed auto are two-fold. First, the extra cogs were designed to handle more torque than a CVT can in their present state and they will help increase the fuel economy standards for the powerful, rear-wheel drive cars, trucks and SUVs they were developed for.

With the pressure that automakers are under to raise fuel economy standards where ever possible, it wouldn't make sense for GM to not offer the new transmission for the Z06 or even the Stingray for that matter.

The press release and subsequent interviews with key GM executives say the Camaro ZL1 will be the first General Motors car to receive the transmission . As the ZL1 is expected "in late 2017", we figure that means if it does comes to the Corvette Z06, it will most likely happen in 2018 as the 2017 Corvette Z06 production will already be underway before the first Camaro ZL1s come off the assembly line.

GM spokesman Tom Read told *Automotive News* that GM will continue to offer its current eight-speed automatic, which is available in Cadillacs and Corvettes.

The 2018 model year has been on our radar for quite some time as it marks the 5th year of the C7 Corvette. 2018 will be first full production year with the Corvette Assembly Plant's new \$439 million paint shop which we believe will create the necessary space for a secondary production line for the much rumored Corvette ZORA ZR1 mid-engine model.

Should C7 Corvette production continue into 2018 and beyond, then it could possible we are seeing the first signs that Chevrolet will offer a mid-production powertrain upgrade for all three Corvette models to help stimulate sales and keep the C7 line-up fresh.

So yes, we believe the Corvette Z06 will receive the new 10-speed automatic transmission. The real question is when...

Doug Fehan: "Corvette Racing is the World's Best GT Racing Team"

After Corvettes have won the last five of the world's top endurance races, Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan has seen enough.

With the team's latest performance, last Saturday's Sebring 12 Hour win, Fehan declared that Corvette Racing is the best in its class.

It's hard to argue.



Corvette Racing has now won Daytona and Sebring in 2015 and 2016, along with the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2015.

The win at Sebring last week was particularly sweet because the #3 Corvette of Jan Magnussen, Antonio Garcia, and Mike Rockenfeller was knocked out after a scuffle with the #911 Porsche. That left it up to the #4 car of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner, and Marcel Fassler to pick up the torch and run with it.

And run they did.

Despite being two laps down with six hours to go, the #4 Corvette roared back with Milner behind the wheel at the end to win by 2.882 seconds.

“It takes an effort like this to win in this race and in this series,” Fehan said. “We’re racing against the world’s best. And today we demonstrated why Corvette Racing is the world’s best GT racing team.”

Fehan thought he had seen it all with the big wins at Le Mans and Daytona, but then “Corvette Racing comes back from one of our cars being taken out and the other going two laps down with six hours to go, and standing here in Victory Lane...”

The superlatives poured out of Fehan, who added: “It’s a great team, great drivers, tremendous strategy and engineering, flawless execution on pit stops.”

Likewise, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President Jim Campbell was impressed.

“Great driving, teamwork and execution in the pits were keys to the GTLM class victory,” he said. “To come from two laps down and win in a field as competitive as the IMSA GTLM class is a true reflection of the never-give-up attitude of the Corvette Racing team.”

Milner sensed a win when he climbed in for the final laps. “...when I got in at the end, I’ve never had a race car that good,” he said. “That Corvette was absolutely on rails and I could tell as soon as I left pit lane... I immediately knew we had a fast racecar.”

Gavin summed up the past year with these comments: “This is 60 hours of racing that we’ve won in the last 12 months with the No. 4 – Le Mans, Daytona and now Sebring. That is just amazing.”

March 2016 Corvette Sales

GM released their corporate sales report for March 2016 on Friday morning. Corvette sales for March totaled 2,753 cars, a decrease of -27.3% over the same time in 2015 which saw Corvette sales at 3,785 units. For the Calendar Month to Date, GM has sold 6,370 Corvettes, a decrease over 2015's total of 8,517 or -25.2%.



Corvette sales continue to rise following the dip in C7 sales in January where only 1,501 Corvettes were sold. In February 2016, those sales grew to 2,116 and now March's total is 2,753. That's a month to month increase of 637 cars or 30.1% from February to March.

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

Corvette Delivery Statistics for March 2016							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2016	2015	% Change	Months	2016	2015	% Change
March	2,753	3,785	-27.3%	Jan-Mar	6,370	8,517	-25.2%

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										6,370
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 193,524 vehicles in March to retail customers which was up 6% year over year. Much of the growth is fueled by Chevrolet whose retail sales were up 10% in the first quarter over a year ago and a retail market share that has grown to an estimated 11%. The new Malibu sales are 65% higher as well as the new Camaro which saw sales up 23%. Chevy truck sales are up 6% with the Colorado up 44%.

4,000 HP Corvette with a Hemi Twin Turbo

This is not your father's Chevrolet, for sure.

The behemoth hiding under the massive hood is a 548 Hemi crate motor that's been fitted with a couple of Precision 102mm turbos to produce insane amounts of power. In fact, when the hood is lifted off this Corvette, it really does begin to look like a monster has managed to escape from the Corvette Assembly Plant.



Only Tadge Juechter and crew didn't create this monster.

For all the unrealness that oozes from this Stingray, which is fitted with a three-speed transmission, a billet solid rear axle, massive exhaust tips coming out just in front of the doors, and interestingly enough narrow tires, it's ironic – and more than a little funny – that the owners saw fit to leave the VIN plate intact on the dash, not to mention the removable panel still on the roof. That's right, you can take the roof panel off and let the wind blow through your hair at 200+ mph if that's what your heart desires! We'd be too scared silly to worry about the wind-blown look, though. You'll also note that everything from the windshield back is pretty much factory, too.

You have to admire these guys for having the gumption (and the money) to take a 76-mile 2014 Corvette and let some "mad scientists" go wild with it and turn it into a "Sting-N-Stein."

Man Gets 146 Days in Jail for Crashing His Corvette into Girlfriend's Home

Fleeing from police and crashing his C4 Corvette into two patrol cars and then into the side of the house he shared with his then-girlfriend led to jail time and fines for a Maine man this week.

Edwin Munson, 68, of Winthrop, Maine made the headlines last June 3 in the midst of an apparent domestic dispute.



He first went to the home of the woman's son, threatened to burn his house down and shoot him, but then took off in his gray Corvette when told that police were on the way.

Troopers quickly spotted the Corvette, but Munson fled, eventually crashing into two patrol cars during the pursuit through several towns before finally making his way to Annabessacook Road, where he lived in a house with his then-girlfriend. He crashed into the house, where no one was home.

Munson pleaded guilty to two counts each of eluding an officer and aggravated criminal mischief, and one count each of driving to endanger and terrorizing.

Monday, Munson was sentenced to serve 146 days in jail, with the rest of a four-year sentence suspended. He'll be on probation for two years, followed by a one-year period of administrative release imposed for a terrorizing offense. If he violates that release, he could be ordered to serve another 364-day sentence that was suspended.

In addition, his driver's license was suspended for 30 days, and he'll have to pay \$3,087 in restitution and a \$1,150 fine.

First VIN 001 2017 Corvette Grand Sport Collector's Edition Sells for \$170,000

Two surprises were in store for us on the first day of the 2016 Barrett-Jackson Auction in Palm Beach. On Friday at 6:00 pm, the first retail 2017 Corvette Grand Sport Collector's Edition was auctioned for charity. While the general consensus was that this vehicle would be just another in a long line of VIN 001 Corvettes purchased at auction by Rick Hendrick, it in fact was sold to another dealership owner at what is generally regarded as a bargain price for a VIN 001 Corvette.



First, a little about the 2017 Corvette Grand Sport. We saw the Grand Sport Collector's Edition Coupe for the first time today and we wondered what our reaction would be to seeing the Torsion Blue interior against the new Watkins Glen Gray exterior. Well, we love it! Such a bold combination in our opinion and the comments we heard from the general public as they viewed the car was about the same.

Once the car was outside, the Watkins Glen Gray really looks sharp. The Grand Sport really held no surprises for us after it was revealed a month ago in Geneva, however we did find something new when the hood was opened. The hood liner features the C7 logo and “Grand Sport”. The dash plaque inside was hard to get a photo of, but we do see that it reads “0/1,000” which again suggests that there will 1,000 Collector’s Edition produced. The real question is how many will stay in the USA vs those that are exported.

Chevrolet celebrated the Grand Sport by giving away free t-shirts at the Chevrolet display which had the “Grand Sport” name on it and the line was pretty long all afternoon leading up to the sale. Once the car was on stage, members of the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the organization that benefited from the charity sale, handed out matching “Grand Sport” hats as well.

Bidding on the car was fairly steady with one break in the bidding to ramp up additional support. The Corvette reached a high bid of \$170,000 when the hammer dropped. Winning the car the automotive dealer David Flynn, who bought the first retail Cadillac ATS in last year’s Palm Beach auction which also benefited the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Corvette Stingray Damaged in Four Vehicle Crash in California

A four-vehicle crash involving a red C7 Corvette Stingray at a busy intersection in Carlsbad, Calif., on Friday afternoon left several people injured, including one with possible life-threatening injuries.

Police say the crash apparently happened when a 1999 Honda Civic with a 37-year-old behind the wheel slammed into three other vehicles, including two trucks and the Corvette.



Police say the Honda was headed westbound on Cannon Road. A Dodge Ram and the Corvette were going north on El Camino Real when they were hit by the Honda as it entered the intersection. The impact then sent the Honda crashing into a Chevrolet Silverado pickup that was stopped in the southbound El Camino Real turn lane waiting to go east on Cannon.

The impact was so strong that it ripped off the rear tire on the passenger side of the Corvette, with the tire ending up underneath the Silverado. In fact, the entire right side of the Stingray suffered extensive damage, and the rear hatch is missing, apparently cut off by emergency workers in the aftermath of the crash.

The Top 100 Corvette Dealers of 2015

Although we are already in April for the 2016 calendar year for Corvette sales, it's time to take a look back at the 2015 calendar year to see how Chevy dealers fared with selling the Corvette Stingray and Z06. For the Stingray, the car entered 2015 during its second year of production while the first Corvette Z06 deliveries were just getting underway.



During the calendar year of 2015, Chevrolet delivered 33,329 Corvettes. That was about 1,500 cars less than in 2014 but considering that the Z06 makes up nearly one third of that production, you can bet the GM bean counters were happy with that number as well as the dealers who saw the Z06 fly off their lots in record time.

So who are the dealers that are selling the most Corvettes? Thanks to some official internal numbers, we are able to share the Top 100 Corvette Dealers for 2015.

First, we always to like offer a setup that by publishing this list, our goal is to educate potential buyers on knowing which Chevrolet dealers in your region or state that specialize in selling Corvettes.

There is nothing wrong with engaging your local small town dealership about the prospect of ordering or purchasing a Corvette and chances are even if you buy elsewhere, it's likely your scheduled maintenance will be handled locally. However, the benefits of working with a dealership that specializes in selling Corvettes are many. The salespeople tend to be more knowledgeable about the Corvette product offerings, their volume almost guarantees that allocation is available throughout the year, and many will offer discounts off of MSRP for a chance to handle your business.

Kerbeck Corvette in Atlantic City continue to dominate the list as the world's largest Corvette dealer with 1,268 Corvettes sold in 2015, an increase over the 1,245 Corvettes sold in 2014. The next three dealers all return in the same order as they were in 2014 although each total was slightly less in 2015 than 2014. Criswell

Chevrolet was 4th again with Corvette salesperson of the year (East Coast) Mike Furman singlehandedly selling 400 of the 427 Corvettes listed.

The rest of the Top 10 saw changes this year with Classic Chevrolet (Grapevine, TX) and Stingray Chevrolet (Plant City, FL) moving up the list while Van Chevrolet (Scottsdale, AZ) breaks into the Top 10.

2015 Calendar Year – TOP 100 Corvette Dealers			
Rank	Dealership	Location	Corvettes
1	KERBECK	ATLANTIC CITY NJ	1,268
2	MAC MULKIN CHEVROLET CADILLAC	NASHUA NH	820
3	LES STANFORD CHEVROLET CADILLAC INC	DEARBORN MI	462
4	CRISWELL CHEVROLET, INC.	GAITHERSBURG MD	427
5	CLASSIC CHEVROLET, INC.	GRAPEVINE TX	336
6	STINGRAY CHEVROLET	PLANT CITY FL	319
7	COUGHLIN AUTOMOTIVE, LLC	PATASKALA OH	276
8	VAN CHEVROLET	SCOTTSDALE AZ	258
9	LORENZO BOMNIN CHEVROLET	MIAMI FL	234
10	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET	DULUTH GA	225
11	CLASSIC CHEVROLET	SUGAR LAND TX	204
12	BOARDWALK CHEVROLET	REDWOOD CITY CA	186
13	ROSS DOWNING CHEVROLET, INC	HAMMOND LA	181

14	HENDRICK CHEVROLET SHAWNEE MISSION	SHAWNEE MISSION KS	173
15	JON HALL CHEVROLET, INC	DAYTONA BEACH FL	170
16	RYDELL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	NORTHRIDGE CA	166
17	BOB STALL CHEVROLET	LA MESA CA	153
18	ESTERO BAY CHEVROLET	ESTERO FL	142
19	HENDRICK CHEVROLET	CARY NC	142
20	JIM ELLIS CHEVROLET	CHAMBLEE GA	140
21	DAVID STANLEY CHEVROLET OF NORMAN	NORMAN OK	133
22	BILL STASEK CHEVROLET, INC	WHEELING IL	129
23	MOMENTUM CHEVROLET	SAN JOSE CA	126
24	SELMAN CHEVROLET COMPANY	ORANGE CA	124
25	AUTONATION CHEVROLET DELRAY	DELRAY BEACH FL	116
26	KEVIN WHITAKER CHEVROLET CADILLAC	GREENVILLE SC	115
27	MUNDAY CHEVROLET	HOUSTON TX	113
28	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET OF BUFORD	BUFORD GA	112
29	BUDS CHEVROLET-BUICK, INC.	SAINT MARYS OH	101
30	GEORGE MATICK CHEVROLET, INC	REDFORD MI	99
31	BACHMAN AUTO GROUP, INC.	LOUISVILLE KY	98
32	RICK HENDRICK CITY CHEVROLET	CHARLOTTE NC	96
33	MAHER CHEVROLET, INC.	SAINT PETERSBURG FL	95

34	KARL CHEVROLET, INC	ANKENY IA	94
35	PAUL MASSE CHEVROLET, INC.	E PROVIDENCE RI	93
36	LONE STAR CHEVROLET	JERSEY VILLAGE TX	92
37	SCHUMACHER CHEVROLET-BUICK-GMC	LAKE PARK FL	90
38	SUNSET CHEVROLET-BUICK-GMC	SARASOTA FL	89
39	TROPICAL CHEVROLET	MIAMI FL	88
40	RELIABLE CHEVROLET (MO), LLC	SPRINGFIELD MO	87
41	AUTONATION CHEVROLET GREENACRES	GREENACRES FL	86
42	CONNELL CHEVROLET	COSTA MESA CA	84
43	WESTSIDE CHEVROLET, INC.	KATY TX	83
44	MAXIE PRICE CHEVROLET, INC.	LOGANVILLE GA	82
45	CAMPBELL CHEVROLET OF BOWLING GREEN KY, INC.	BOWLING GREEN KY	80
46	AUTONATION CHEVROLET PEMBROKE PINES	PEMBROKE PINES FL	80
47	W. HARE AND SON, INC.	NOBLESVILLE IN	80
48	FINDLAY CHEVROLET	LAS VEGAS NV	79
49	LOEHMANN-BLASIUS CHEVROLET, INC.	WATERBURY CT	78
50	LYNN LAYTON CHEVROLET, INC.	DECATUR AL	78
51	LOU BACHRODT CHEVROLET	COCONUT CREEK FL	75
52	COX CHEVROLET INCORPORATED	BRADENTON FL	75
53	DIMMITT CHEVROLET, INC.	CLEARWATER FL	73

54	BUFF WHELAN CHEVROLET, INC.	STERLING HEIGHTS MI	73
55	SPORT CHEVROLET COMPANY, INC	SILVER SPRING MD	71
56	CABLE-DAHMER CHEVROLET, INC.	INDEPENDENCE MO	70
57	PARKWAY CHEVROLET, INC.	TOMBALL TX	69
58	WIN CHEVROLET, INC.	CARSON CA	69
59	ELCO CHEVROLET AND CADILLAC, INC.	BALLWIN MO	69
60	RICK HENDRICK CHEVROLET	CHARLESTON SC	68
61	JIMMIE JOHNSON KEARNY MESA CHEVROLET	SAN DIEGO CA	67
62	AUTONATION CHEVROLET WEST AUSTIN	AUSTIN TX	63
63	PARAMUS AUTO MALL CHEVROLET-GEO, INC.	PARAMUS NJ	63
64	FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, LTD	DALLAS TX	63
65	THOROBRED CHEVROLET, INC	CHANDLER AZ	62
66	COLUMBIA CHEVROLET	MONTGOMERY OH	62
67	STONEBRIAR CHEVROLET	FRISCO TX	61
68	RED RIVER CHEVROLET	BOSSIER CITY LA	61
69	FREEDOM CHEVROLET	SAN ANTONIO TX	61
70	DAVE SMITH MOTORS	KELLOGG ID	61
71	SUBURBAN CHEVROLET	SANDY OR	61
72	MAC HAIK CHEVROLET	HOUSTON TX	59
73	RUDOLPH CHEVROLET, LLC	EL PASO TX	59

74	KEYES CHEVROLET	VAN NUYS CA	59
75	BOB TAYLOR CHEVROLET, INC	NAPLES FL	59
76	PURIFOY CHEVROLET CO	FORT LUPTON CO	58
77	RELIABLE CHEVROLET	RICHARDSON TX	58
78	HENDRICK CHEVROLET	HOOVER AL	58
79	COMMUNITY CHEVROLET COMPANY	BURBANK CA	56
80	PENSKE CHEVROLET OF CERRITOS	CERRITOS CA	55
81	CLAY COOLEY CHEVROLET	IRVING TX	55
82	JIM GLOVER CHEVROLET	TULSA OK	54
83	HARCHELROAD MOTORS, INC	WAUNETTA NE	54
84	RAY HUFFINES CHEVROLET, INC	PLANO TX	54
85	PETERS CHEVROLET, INC.	LONGVIEW TX	54
86	JESSUP AUTO PLAZA	CATHEDRAL CITY CA	52
87	PHILLIPS CHEVROLET OF LANSING, INC	LANSING IL	52
88	STRICKLAND CHEVROLET, INC.	PEARLAND TX	52
89	WALLACE CHEVROLET, LLC	STUART FL	51
90	GRAND PRIZE CHEVROLET	MIAMI FL	51
91	PENSKE CHEVROLET	INDIANAPOLIS IN	51
92	FERMAN CHEVROLET	TAMPA FL	50
93	HENDERSON CHEVROLET CO.	HENDERSON NV	50

94	JEFF GORDON CHEVROLET	WILMINGTON NC	49
95	GUNN CHEVROLET, LTD	SELMA TX	49
96	COGGIN CHEVROLET AT THE AVENUES	JACKSONVILLE FL	48
97	KOONS CHEVROLET	VIENNA VA	48
98	VICTORY LAYNE CHEVROLET	FORT MYERS FL	47
99	MOUNTAIN VIEW CHEVROLET, INC.	UPLAND CA	47
100	PHILLIPS CHEVROLET INC	FRANKFORT IL	47

Edmunds 2016 Best Retained Value Awards Names Corvette as Best Midrange Sports Car

Edmunds recently posted their award winners in a survey of best retained values for 2016. These are the brands and models that have the highest projected private party residual value five years after their launch.

The Chevrolet Corvette was named as the winner in the “Best Midrange Sports Car” segment with honorable mentions going out to the Porsche Cayman and Porsche Boxster.



Edmunds says knowing your vehicle’s resale value is critical for car buyers as the smart shopper will choose a vehicle with high retained value so they can maximize their worth at trade-in or sale. Knowing the resale value is also key when leasing as the resale value is a key factor in determining the monthly lease payment.

This is the second consecutive year for Corvette to win its segment category in the Edmunds Best Retained Value Awards and the third time in four years.

The Chevrolet Corvette's retained value after five years was projected by Edmunds to be 53.9% while the category average is 49.2%:

We do note that the categories have changed slightly over the years during the survey. In 2016, there are two Sports Car Categories, the Midrange Sports Car which the Corvette topped and a Premium Sports Car Category which is headed by the Porsche 911.

The Corvette was the only model from Chevrolet to rank first in the survey with the Chevrolet Tahoe and Colorado earning Honorable Mentions in their respective segments. Other GM segment winners included the GMC Acadia in the Large Crossover SUV and the GMC Yukon which earned the nod in the Large Traditional SUV segment.

2017 Camaro SS 50th Anniversary Edition to Pace the 100th Indianapolis 500

With Camaro celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2017, Chevy announced that a special 2017 Camaro SS 50th Anniversary Edition will be the official pace car of the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500. Driving the special pace car will be motor sports legend Roger Penske who is also celebrating his 50th anniversary as a race team owner.



This will be the ninth time Camaro has paced the Indianapolis 500 and the first since 2014 when the 2014 Camaro Z/28 coupe led the pack.

Chevrolet will prepare four identical pace cars to support the race. The Camaro pace cars feature an exclusive Abalone White exterior with the "100th Running of the Indianapolis 500" graphics on the doors and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway logo on the quarter panels. The Camaro SS is powered by the LT1 V8 and makes 455 horsepower.

"Chevrolet and Roger Penske are inextricably linked to the heritage of the Indianapolis 500," said J. Douglas Boles, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "When he leads the pack on May 29, behind the wheel of the Camaro SS, he will drive the race into its next 100 years and strengthen the bond Chevrolet and Indianapolis forged a century ago."

Roger Penske first tackled the Indianapolis 500 as a team owner in 1969 with driver Mike Donohue. Later, his stable of drivers would include some of the great names in racing including Mario Andretti, Al Unser and Rick Mears. Penske will be going for his 17th Indy 500 win as a team owner in 2016.

Camaro has paced the Indianapolis 500 nine times with the first generation Camaro RS/SS Convertible pacing the 1967 race. Here are the Camaro Indy 500 Pace Cars over the years:

- 1967 – RS/SS convertible
- 1969 – RS/SS convertible
- 1982 – Z28 coupe
- 1993 – Z28 coupe
- 2009 – SS coupe (2010 model)
- 2010 – SS coupe
- 2011 – SS convertible
- 2014 – Z/28 coupe
- 2016 – Camaro SS (2017 50th Anniversary Edition)

Dude, Where's My 2016 Corvette's Performance Timer?

If you have owned your 2016 Corvette for some time, no doubt that you have gotten into the C7's instrument panel and the Driver Information Center (DIC) to play with some of the settings. One of the "fun" items in the Performance Menu is the Performance Timer which will record your speed from defined start and stop locations.



We've previously noted some threads on the Corvette Forum from mid-2015 which coincided with customers receiving their new 2016 Corvettes and some have reported the Performance Timer missing from their 2016's DIC menu.

Chevy has finally said that it was a programming error and that 2016 Corvettes do indeed come with the Performance Timer. To follow up, Chevrolet has issued a service bulletin (#15814) dated March 2016 to address these Corvettes missing the feature.

The service bulletin notes that the number of 2016 Corvettes involved is approximately 10,933 vehicles:

PURPOSE

This bulletin provides a service procedure to reprogram the Instrument Panel Cluster (IPC) with an updated calibration on certain 2016 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles. These vehicles may be missing the Performance Timer in the instrument cluster.

This service procedure should be completed as soon as possible on involved vehicles currently in dealer inventory and customer vehicles that return to the dealer for any type of service during the New Vehicle Limited Warranty coverage period.

VEHICLES INVOLVED

All involved vehicles are identified by VIN in the Global Warranty Management System – Investigate Vehicle History Application. Dealership technicians should always check this site to confirm vehicle involvement prior to beginning any required inspections and/or repairs. It is important to routinely use this tool to verify eligibility because not all similar vehicles may be involved regardless of description or option content. Additionally, a list of involved vehicles currently in dealer inventory can be found in GlobalConnect, under Departments, Service, Field Action Inventory Reports (US) or attached to the GlobalConnect message (Canada) used to release this bulletin. Customer vehicles that return for service, for any reason, and are still covered under the vehicle's base warranty should also be checked for vehicle eligibility.

To see if your 2016 Corvette is one of the 10,933 Corvettes effected, go the Driver Information Center, select the Performance Menu and see if it's listed there. If not, your dealer can reprogram your instrument panel to include the feature. For questions, call your Chevrolet dealer's service department.

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