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***Palm Springs Corvette Club***

**October 2021**

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## **President's Message....**

**Happy Halloween and Columbus Day!!**

**What a month of activities we have lined up for October.**

**As always every Saturday Cars n Coffee at Aspen Mills parking lot 7:30 to 9:00am. Then we have our run to Death Valley on 10/26-28th.**

**We are also invited to participate in the Palm Springs High School parade on 10/20 and Homecoming on 10/22, (Contact Joyce Sosebee to sign up). We need 22 cars on 10/20 and 7 cars on 10/22. Not only a great and fun event, the club gets a \$400 donation for our charities.**

**On 10/30 is the Annual Palm Springs Air Museum, Planes, Cars and Chili cook off. Stan Moreno has committed to at least 20 cars.**

**Laced into all these activities are DNO, Diva Lunch and Stud Lunch.**

**Don't forget to send in your membership renewal this month.**

**Look forward to seeing you all at our various activities**

**Floyd**





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### **Corvette Facts...Did You Know....**

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

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

C3 "Mako Sharks" for 1968, a factory installed anti-theft alarm system was available as an option, but less than 400 cars were so equipped!

### **Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...**



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## **New Cadillac LYRIQ...Sells Out In 10 Minutes!!!**



**The all-electric 2023 Cadillac LYRIQ Debut Edition reservations sold out in just over 10 minutes. Join us in celebrating this milestone that we couldn't have achieved without you.**

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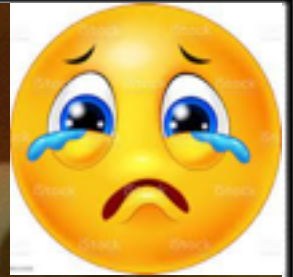
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**the iconic Debut Edition!**



## C8's Up In Flames....



Corvette fans, you might want to look away for this one.

Videos shared early on Wednesday by Corieblue Fickes to Facebook show what looks to be a truckload of newly built C8-generation Chevrolet Corvettes going up in flames in a parking lot roughly 30 minutes north of Nashville, Tennessee—about an hour and a half south of the car's Bowling Green, Kentucky assembly plant.

By the time the first video starts, half the trailer is already engulfed in fire, with at least one Corvette totally charred. In the second video, firefighters can be seen attempting to extinguish the flames.

Both videos can be seen below (mind the explicit language).

[\*Corvette Blogger\*](#), which first discovered the videos via the [C8 Corvette Owners Group](#) on Facebook, says the transport truck seen in the above clips can carry up to 10 Corvettes at a time. The publication estimates a loss of around \$900,000 if every Corvette is deemed a total loss.

## C7 Z06 Splitter to fit "All C7's" ....

ACS Composite has released a solution for Chevy C7 Corvette owners who want to equip their rides with the C7 ZR1 splitter without changing the entire front bumper. Behold the ACS-ZR1 splitter, designed with integrated side winglets, a fully reinforced bottom, and reinforcement bars that add strength and rigidity to splitter, making it robust enough to handle all driving scenarios.



While it is an accurate profile from the original ZR1 component, ACS tweaked the design enough to make it road-worthy for all C7 models, including the Stingray, Grand Sport, and Z06. Notably, the aftermarket splitter utilizes OEM mounting points and – for folks changing out an existing splitter – holes that already exist, which means no drilling is required and the mod is fully reversible.

All ACS products for the C7 Corvette, this ZR1-inspired splitter is coated in a Carbon Flash Black metallic finish, which means it will match all other CFZ components and accent pieces, such as the front grille, hood insert, fender insert, and rear diffuser.

The price of the splitter is \$1,149 before taxes and shipping. For those wondering what's needed for installation, hit play on the video below to see everything from deflector removal, to drilling (if necessary) to installing the reinforcement bar.





## 2023 Corvette Z06 "First Official Photo"...

General Motors has shared the first official photo of the [2023 Corvette Z06](#) without any camouflage covering its body panels.

The automaker shared a photo of a 2023 [Corvette Z06](#) finished in the Hypersonic Gray Metallic



exterior color on Monday morning. The photo shows a front-three-quarters angle of the new mid-engine supercar, revealing its redesigned, Corvette C8.R-inspired front fascia with larger air intakes, a black-painted "boomerang" side air intake element, pronounced front and rear wheel arches and new twin six-spoke alloy wheels. Chevy did not share a photo of the vehicle's rear end, so we'll have to wait a bit longer to get a glimpse of the new [center-exit quad tip exhaust](#) setup.

This car also does not appear to be equipped with the optional [Z07 Performance Package](#), which adds the [massive rear wing](#) that *GM Authority* was the first to report on back in January of 2020, along with other go-fast goodies like a front splitter with dive planes, stickier summer rubber and lighter wheels. We'll probably have to wait until the model's [official debut on October 26<sup>th</sup>](#) to see a Z07-equipped Corvette Z06 without any camouflage on it.

As we reported previously, the heart of the 2023 Corvette C8 Z06 will be Chevy's new naturally aspirated [5.5L LT6 V8](#) engine, which should be good for around 615 horsepower and close to 500 pound-feet of torque. Standout features for this engine include a flat-plane crankshaft, dual overhead cams and a sky-high redline of up to 9,000 rpm. Output will be routed to the rear wheels through a quick-shifting eight-speed dual-clutch transmission.

The 2023 Corvette Z06 will be built alongside the standard C8 Corvette Stingray at the [GM Bowling Green Assembly](#) plant in Kentucky. Details on pricing, availability and options will be disclosed following its debut late next month.

## Corvette Racing at VIR: 1st & 2nd Wins...

*Garcia, Taylor on cusp of GTLM title after runner-up finish*

ALTON, Va. (Oct. 9, 2021) – Corvette Racing's Nick Tandy and Tommy Milner took their third straight victory in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar



Championship by winning the Michelin GT Challenge at VIR on Saturday as the late-season roll continues for the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.

Tandy went from third to first in the span of a contact-filled, half-lap with 50 minutes to go for the winning move. Saturday's victory goes along with the triumphs at Laguna Seca and Long Beach for the No. 4 Corvette C8.R.

Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor, leaders in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) Drivers Championship, finished second in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette. They only need to start the 10-hour Petit Le Mans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta to wrap up their second straight title and another Manufacturers Championship for Chevrolet.

Saturday's race was full of momentum changes and strategies – all on NBC's national television audience. Taylor led from the start, overtaking pole-sitter Milner into the first corner. The two Corvettes stretched out their lead over third-place Cooper MacNeil to around 35 seconds before Milner made the first Corvette pit stop 28 minutes into the race for fuel, Michelin tires and a driver change to Tandy. That came in response to a full-service stop for the No. 79 10 minutes earlier, and the combo of the No. 4 Corvette's pace and a quick stop meant Tandy was clear in second place by 40 seconds.

The No. 4 Corvette inherited the lead on a slow stop for the No. 3 C8.R team 53 minutes into the race. Taylor led by more than a minute, but the pit stop misstep relegated Garcia to second but still clear of Kevin Estre in the No. 79.

The race's lone full-course caution came near the halfway point and shifted the strategy fortunes. Tandy stopped for fuel and tires, the earlier stop allowing the No. 4 team to perform a tire change while refueling the Corvette. Garcia got tires only after barely 20 minutes of green flag running.

The restart with 66 minutes left saw the three GTLM contenders in a line. Estre shoved Tandy out of the way for second place with about 50 minutes left and did the same to Garcia – still on older tires – shortly thereafter. The battle between the No. 3 Corvette and the 79 allowed Tandy to catch back up to the lead pair. He got by Garcia during the 3 vs. 79 fight and stuffed the No. 4 Corvette to the inside at Turn 12 leading on to the backstretch to take the lead. Corvette Racing will close the 2021 season at Petit Le Mans from Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta on Saturday, November 13.



## Corvette Wins @ Long Beach...

**LONG BEACH, Calif. (Sept. 25, 2021) –** Corvette Racing's Tommy Milner and Nick Tandy won their second straight race in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship on Saturday – a GT Le Mans (GTLM) victory in the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach with the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.



It was a “Street Fight between Milner/Tandy and Taylor/Garcia when Milner passed No. 3 Corvette Racing teammate Jordan Taylor near the 50-minute mark, and Tandy drove a traffic-filled final stint as the Corvette Racing program won for the eighth time at the southern California street event. It's the second street circuit win of the year for the Milner/Tandy duo, which also won a non-points race in June at Detroit's Belle Isle circuit.

Milner won for the fourth time his career at Long Beach while Tandy took his second victory there. The runner-up result did move Garcia and Taylor closer to their second straight GTLM Drivers Championship and a repeat Manufacturers crown for Chevrolet.

As is typically the case at Long Beach, traffic played a huge role throughout the 100-minute sprint. Taylor began on pole position with Milner never more than two seconds behind. The ebb and flow of being passed by faster prototypes but passing slower GT Daytona (GTD) cars caused the gap between the two C8.Rs to fluctuate throughout.

The winning move came at the race's halfway point as Taylor was balked by a GTD car, which allowed Milner to find some extra momentum and get alongside his teammate just before the short backstretch. The two Corvettes ran in that order before Taylor made the No. 3 Corvette's only stop of the race with 41 minutes to go. Milner came in a lap later for the switch-over to Tandy, who rejoined the race in the lead and clear of Garcia by about two seconds.

As was the case in the first part of the race, traffic made Tandy's lead grow and shrink over the course of a lap. But neither Corvette driver put a foot wrong for the final stint.

Corvette Racing's next event is the Michelin GT Challenge at Virginia International Raceway on Oct. 8-9.

## 2022 Corvette Stingray in Hypersonic Grey...

The [2022 Corvette](#) Stingray arrives as the third model year of the latest eighth-generation sports car, debuting a number of [changes](#) and over the preceding [2021 model year](#). Among these is a selection of new exterior paint options, including Hypersonic Gray Metallic. Now, we have a new image of the 2022 [Corvette](#) Stingray draped in the fresh paint option.



Coming to us straight from the official [Chevrolet](#) Performance social media feed (@chevroletperformance), this particular 2022 Corvette Stingray is the convertible model, equipped with the Z51 Performance Package as evidenced by the Z51 front lip and rear spoiler. We also spot 5-open-spoke Carbon Flash-painted aluminum wheels with a machined edge riding in the corners, while the rear nacelles are done in carbon flash and the brake calipers are done in red.

However, the big headline item here is the Hypersonic Gray Metallic exterior paint. Arriving as a new hue for the 2022 Corvette Stingray, Hypersonic Gray Metallic is tagged with paint code GA7, and is offered as one of [three new exterior paint options](#) arriving with the 2022 model year.

Draped against the 2022 Corvette's sultry body panels, Hypersonic Gray Metallic gives the [mid-engine Chevy Corvette](#) an attractive and tasteful vibe, eschewing the "look-at-me-now" attitude of the brighter exterior paint options.

In addition to introducing Hypersonic Gray Metallic as a new paint option, the 2022 Corvette Stingray also debuts Amplify Orange Tintcoat (paint code G48), and Caffeine Metallic (paint code GC5). All three new paint options were confirmed back in April at the [National Corvette Museum's](#) 2021 bash event.

In addition to new paint options, the 2022 Corvette also introduces the [2022 Corvette Stingray IMSA GTLM Championship Edition](#), a special edition model offered as a nod to the [Corvette C8.R's](#) winning performance in the 2020 IMSA WeatherTech race series. Production of the 2022 Corvette Stingray kicks off September 6<sup>th</sup>.



## C8 Corvette On Point With Vossen HF-3 Wheels ...

This particular C8 Corvette Coupe (PSCC's Alan Camblin) is outfitted with a host of factory upgrades, starting with the color. Dubbed Rapid Blue, the paint is offered as a \$500 extra, and definitely does well to grab the 'ole eyeballs.



Meanwhile, the rear of this mid-engine [Chevy Corvette](#) is outfitted with the High Wing Spoiler, painted in Carbon Flash Metallic. The black accents continue in the front end with the front splitter, while the brake calipers offset the blue with a red finish.

Which brings us to the wheels. These particular rollers are Vossen's HF-3 units from the company's Hybrid Forged series. The sizing is staggered at 20 inches in front and 21 inches in the rear, while the thin multi-spoke design is finished in Tinted Gloss Black. Other finishes offered include Gloss Graphite Polished, Gloss Black, Satin Black, Anthracite, Satin Silver, and Satin Bronze.

Pricing for the Voss HF-3 wheel starts at \$599. Diameter sizing ranges between 19 inches and 24 inches, while wheel width sizing ranges between 8.5 inches and 12 inches.

As a reminder, the C8 Corvette is equipped with the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine, which is rated at 495 horsepower at 6,450 rpm and 470 pound-feet of torque at 5,150 rpm when equipped with the optional factory performance exhaust system. Output is routed to the rear wheels through an eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. Production of the C8 Corvette takes place at the [GM Bowling Green](#) assembly facility in Kentucky.

## C8 Wide Body Modifications...

The [C8 Corvette](#) just got an aggressive new wide body treatment courtesy of Car Mstyle Design and Ivan Tampi Customs.



The new collaborative aesthetics upgrade is dubbed The Black Widow Widebody, transforming the mid-engine [Chevy](#) sports car front to back.

The new BlackWidow Widebody kit for the C8 Corvette was recently posted to social media as a computer-generated rendering. The kit doesn't skimp on the details, and includes extensive modifications to the factory lines.

Up front, the new C8 Corvette body kit replaces the factory bumper and fascia with a new, wider bumper, which includes a broader front intake broken up into three individual sections. The intakes come with chiseled surrounds and a mesh insert backing, and enhance the pointed, narrowed nose of the C8 Corvette.

Moving over to the sides, we find the new C8 Corvette body kit focuses primarily on the back half of the vehicle, pumping up the rear fenders with a huge expansion in overall width. The front fenders match the rear in terms of flared-out proportions, but the rear half gains the majority of new lines with hard cuts and sharp styling attributes, most notably around the intake "boomerangs" just ahead of the rear wheels. Complementary lower side skirts help to bring the design closer to the ground.

Finally, we have the rear end, which looks to add a new wing, a new trunk spoiler, and a new lower diffuser. The wing and trunk spoiler work together to create a multi-level aero arrangement, while the lower diffuser is broken up with multiple longitudinal sections that complement the tail light graphics. It also looks like the exhaust pipes were pushed into the corners of the bumper with new vertical outlets.

The new C8 Corvette Black Widow Widebody kit will be available in the spring of 2022. Pricing information is currently unavailable.



## Corvette's Cousin Camaro Gone in 2024...

Will the Camaro go the way of the original Dodge Charger?

Currently, the two-door, gas-fed Chevy Camaro is without a future. But it has a futuristic replacement, according to Automotive News. That replacement is an all-electric sedan. Commence double takes, spit takes, and hot takes. At least the four-door that's slated to succeed the Camaro is billed as a "performance" sedan.

General Motors is of course in the midst of a huge transition toward electric vehicles. By 2035, the automaker hopes to go all-electric, no longer selling gas- and diesel-powered cars, trucks, or SUVs. Read between the lines, and GM isn't merely tearing up its internal combustion lineup and starting over, nor will it blindly adhere to its 2035 goal if the market hasn't shifted to support such a move—i.e., the all-electric gambit is a goal, not a promise, and if buyers aren't ready for only EVs, GM may still provide gas- and diesel-fed vehicles to meet demand.

If you think that means there is a hope or a prayer the Camaro may live on yet in its current form or be redesigned for a seventh generation, we have some bad news. As our friends at Hot Rod reported recently, the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro lacks a replacement; GM is sunsetting the Alpha platform on which its pony car rides. While it could slide the Camaro atop the Alpha's replacement, the rear-drive-based A2XX architecture that underpins Cadillac's CT4 and CT5, GM has apparently made no plans to do so. Chevy will keep the two-door Camaro coupe and convertible around until 2024, and then unceremoniously kill the model off.

Expect the Camaro's electric sedan successor to utilize GM's Ultium battery tech, and don't worry too much about the performance aspect. Just look at the GMC Hummer EV pickup, which is available with 1,000 hp and is said to be Porsche-quick to 60 mph. (Forget, for the moment, how heavy the Hummer is going to be ... ) Consider also that with an electric Corvette on the way, Chevy will probably have its EV performance chops honed by the time the Camaro sedan rolls around.

**Apple Car???**

***Apple Car 2022 Reveal***



### **Most Expensive Car @ Auction...**

A 1995 McLaren F1 was sold at the Gooding & Company Pebble Beach auction for \$20,456,000 to set a new record for the model. The supercar is one of just 64 like it that were built and has only 242 miles on the odometer.



The [McLaren F1](#) was once the world's fastest car and now it's among the most valuable.

A 1995 example of the supercar was sold at the Gooding & Company Pebble Beach auction on Saturday night for a model-record \$20,465,000, double the second highest price paid for a vehicle during [Monterey Car Week](#) and ranking among the top 15 or so all-time automotive sales.

The V12-powered three-seater with a top speed of 240 mph is one of just 64 road legal versions of the car that were built and was originally sold in Japan, but not driven there much. It only shows 390 km (242 mi) on its odometer after spending much of its life as a museum display in Japan, but was later purchased by an American collector who had it modified to be EPA compliant.



# PSCC 2021 Autocross...put it in your calendars!!!

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PSCC has annually for 22 years utilizes the Autocross to support the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City. The March event last year was cancelled and again this March due to COVID. We are presently booked for November 12th, 13th and 14th assuming COVID is eradicated. I am planning for the event to GO! Therefore, we will need as many members as possible to make this a success so please put these dates in your calendar so we can continue our great support! Thanks Mike Smith.

## Down the Road....

Every Saturday Cars & Coffee

Oct 20 PSHS Homecoming  
Parada

Oct 21 Dinner Nite Out Marvyn's  
Magic Theater

Oct 22 PSHs Homecoming Game

Oct 26-28 Run to Death Valley

Oct 29 Diva/Stud Lunch

Oct 30 Palm Springs Air Museum  
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Nov 9 Club Meeting

Nov 12,13 & 14 PSCC 22 Annual  
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Nov 18 Dinner Nite Out

Nov 26 Diva/Stud Lunch

Dec 11 PSCC Xmas Dinner and Dance

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Check the National Corvette  
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## Collecting for Ronald MacDonald House...

Reminder that we ask PSCC Members to collect toiletries from motels, soaps, shampoos and can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. This is a great cause and saves you throwing them in the recycle or garbage. Just put them in a bag and bring them to each meeting for Vicki and Mike Nichols. The kids will thank you so much, and Ronald will too!

