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President's Message....

The past month of February was a busy one for the PSCC. We were back to having Dinner night out at Pueblo Viejo with more than 20 members. Diva Lunch at Backstreet Bistro with about 14 of the ladies attending, And, Stud Lunch with 14 going to the McCormicks auction prior to lunch at the Real Italian Deli.



Our cruise took us on a new trek through very windy roads up Hwy 74 down through part of Temecula and ending up at Fallbrook to have lunch at Rainbow Oaks Cafe. Great Cafe and all put together by Stan Moreno and Duane Rons. Great job guys many of the guys are looking to do it again the wives not so much.

We received thank you notes from Boys and Girls Club thanking us for the \$1400.00 and ALS for the \$1500.00 donation. Many thanks to participating members for their contributions outside of the clubs monies donated.

Now that many of our members are getting the COVID vaccination hopefully there will be more attending events. With saying that we still need to observe social distancing at events including monthly meetings.

Wind em up and have a great time with your Corvette.

Floyd



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Corvette Facts...Did You Know....

The 1965 was the first year to have two separate hoods - the smooth small block hood and the big block hood with a “power bulge”.

1966 marked the last year for knock off wheels but the first for shoulder harness and headrests.

The 1966 was not eligible for the SCCA Trams Am, due to the upper limit of 5.0 litre on the engine displacement. Chevy's Covair was only eligible car.

Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...



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PSCC Dinner Night Out...

Great turn out for first sanctioned event!



Diva Lunch Back! The Diva's had a great turnout of 18 ladies attending our luncheon at Back Street Bistro on El Paseo in Palm Desert.



Stud Lunch Back! The Studs attended the McCormick Car Auction in Palm Springs on Friday 2/26 and ate lunch at the Real Italian Deli.



Rainbow Oaks Run....



**Great turnout
of Corvettes
and Members
for back to
Cruising....**



What do you call 1200HP C2??? VERY FAST!!!!!!

Company Reimagines C2 Corvette As A Performance EV Called The Hyperclassic:

An Irish company called AVA has announced plans to recreate the iconic mid-year 1963 [Corvette](#) Sting Ray as a battery-electric performance car called the Hyperclassic. The AVA Hyperclassic is being developed with input from Peter Brock, who penned the original sketch that eventually became the production C2 Corvette. AVA is also working closely with Ian Callum on the project, a former designer director for Jaguar and Aston Martin that has now started his own automotive design consultancy business.



Details on the AVA Hyperclassic, which is also being referred to as the AVA Stingray, are fairly slim at the moment. From what we can gather, the vehicle will essentially be a C2 Corvette restomod that swaps the gasoline-powered V8 for eco-friendly electric motors and a lithium-ion battery pack. It is expected to be offered in various states of tune, with power outputs ranging from 1,200 horsepower at the low end all the way to 2,000 horsepower for the range-topper.

“Only a limited number of AVA Stingrays will ever be built, with each car’s creation embodying the unique personality of its owner,” the company said in a statement. “The classic car has always stood for more than the sum of its parts. It is a force for artistic self-expression that embodies the audacity of an era – and reflects and propels the culture that surrounds it. To redefine the power of a classic is to reinvent ourselves.”

In a teaser video for the vehicle that was released this week, Brock says virtually every part of the C2 Corvette will be overhauled when building a Hyperclassic, except for the exterior design. That part, the famous designer says, is basically impossible to improve upon.

“You go back and you say, what could have been done better on the car?” Brock asks in the two-minute video. “We’re hoping the answers to that question are things like brakes, suspension, and safety, along with the new powertrain. As for the exterior design? It’s perfect as is, and it doesn’t need to be changed one iota.”

Possible New 2022 C8 Corvette Exterior Colours ...

General Motors may introduce three new exterior colors for the 2022 [Corvette Stingray](#) that will replace Sebring Orange, Shadow Gray, and Zeus Bronze.



The [Corvette](#)-obsessed folks over at [Corvette Blogger](#) recently stumbled upon some curious exterior color names on the [website of a Corvette distributor](#) in Prague, which is preparing for local distribution of the mid-engine sports car for the 2022 model year. These new exterior colors are referred to by the distributor as the following, with their alleged RPO codes in parentheses:

- Hypersonic Gray Metallic (RPO GA7)
- Caffeine Brown Metallic (RPO G48)
- Amplify Orange Tintcoat (RPO GC5)

Corvette Blogger believes these colors will replace Sebring Orange, Shadow Gray, and Zeus Bronze on the list of available colors for the 2022 Corvette. The site believes these names are actually the internal designations for these exterior colors, as the distributor's webpage also refers to an exterior color called Tactical Red Tintcoat (RPO GPH) that carries the same RPO code as the existing [Red Mist Metallic](#) exterior color. So while these names may not be representative of the marketing names that GM will eventually assign these exterior colors, it is possible that new colors are on the way to replace Sebring Orange, Shadow Gray, and Zeus Bronze



"In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I painted your car green. I knew it would leave you speechless, dad."

2023 C8 Gets Redesigned Interior...

The **Chevrolet Corvette Stingray** was introduced for the 2020 model year, and while the 2021 model was **updated with new exterior and color options**, we weren't expecting the mid-engine sports car to get any major updates for the foreseeable future. Turns out we were wrong.



While the C8's exterior styling and performance have been praised by enthusiasts, the interior has a few issues. Early adopters have complained about the **quality control problems** with the stitching on the center console. It's also too cluttered thanks to an abundance of buttons and switches running down the side of the center console.

According to the April issue of Motor Trend via the Mid-Engine Corvette Forum, the 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray will have a cleaner interior layout to address this issue. The final interior design was already signed off before Michael Simcoe became General Motors' new Design Chief.

Citing inside sources, the publication claims a mid-cycle redesign was being planned for the 2025 Corvette Stingray, but this has been put on hold as GM shifts its focus to electric car development. As part of a massive \$27 billion investment, GM plans to launch as many as **30 electric cars by 2025**.

While it isn't known when the mid-cycle update will go on sale, the same sources claim the interior will be revamped as part of a separate update "fixing the array of buttons and switches cascading down the buttress on the right side of the center console." This update will reportedly be applied to the 2023 model year Corvette, so it could launch later next year.

No other details were provided, so it's unclear if every button will be removed or if they will be relocated. To refine the interior, some of the functions currently controlled by buttons and switches could be operated by the touchscreen instead in the 2023 model. Other interior changes are also reportedly planned as part of the update, but nothing is official yet.

Can Today's Corvette Clubs Entice the GenX...

Anyone paying even the slightest bit of attention to the C8 [Corvette](#) will have undoubtedly notice the substantial amount of demand and attention behind the vehicle. Sales are [dominating the segment](#), and [most C8 buyers are new to the Chevrolet brand](#). But another key datapoint is that the sports car is selling to an entirely different audience.



[C8 Corvette](#) sales to Generation X buyers have doubled compared to the C7 according to Chevrolet chief Steve Hill, who shared the insight during a recent conference call attention by *GM Authority*.

Generation X refers to the demographic cohort sandwiched between the baby boomers and millennials. 1965 and 1980 are the birth years that are typically used as bookends for Gen X, placing its roughly 65 million American members somewhere between 41 and 56 years of age. This is in stark contrast to a 2019 report that pegged the average Corvette customer at 61 years old, a number that had been steadily creeping upwards throughout the decade.

We've all heard the theory: [Chevrolet](#) saw a limited future with its core Corvette buyers and decided that a change needed to be made if it were going to ensure the future of the Crossed Flags. As Gen Xers reach their prime earning years, the fact that twice as many of them are setting aside their hard-earned dollars for the C8 Corvette suggests that the future of America's sports car is secure and Chevrolet's gamble on the C8 is already paying off.

It's also worth noting that the C8 is selling to wealthier customers: as [first reported by GM Authority](#), the median annual household income of a C8 buyer is \$76,000 higher than the equivalent figure for customers who bought the C7.



Can Today's Corvette Clubs Entice the GenX...

The eighth-generation Corvette just capped off its launch model year marred by multiple delays and work stoppages, with a very solid 8,992 deliveries in the fourth-quarter for a dominant 60 percent segment share on a total production run of 20,368 units.



2020 is a down year for the [Corvette plant in Bowling Green](#) after pumping out 34,822 examples of the 2019 C7. But when considering the delays in 2020, the extended nature of the final year on the front-engine chassis (after an abbreviated 2018 that only saw 9,686 C7s completed), the number of models on sale, and the late availability of the C8 Convertible, surpassing 20,000 units produced seems like a monumental achievement.

The mid-mounted V8 and exotic looks of the C8 Corvette didn't gain the attention of the famously skeptical Generation X on their own. Even with only the base model [C8 Stingray](#) on the market, C8s and their 490-495 horsepower have proven to be the quickest 'Vettes in history, even eclipsing the 755 horse C7 ZR1's sprint to 60 mph. Couple that face-flattening performance with the finest interior ever fitted to any product from The Bowtie, and Chevy has a recipe that even *the Breakfast Club* can't resist.

Top 10 Hot Rod Events 2021...Need a Cruise....

Carlisle Spring Nationals Apr. 21-25

Detroit Autorama Apr. 30-May 2

Back to the '50's June 18-20

Good Guys Columbus July 9-11

Hot August Nites Aug 3-8

NSRA Street Rod Nationals Aug 5-8

Woodard Dream Cruise Aug 21

Shades of Past Sept 10-11

Hershey Meet Oct 6-9

Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals Nov 20-21

Mobil 1 Sport C8 Will Go To Museum...

Thanks to Official Fuel, Oil and Lubricant partner Mobil 1, the National Corvette Museum will have a sporty new ride to hit the road in.



The 2021 Stingray has a much different role than many of its siblings at the Museum, earmarked for a variety of uses including leading event road tours, Museum in Motion trips, parades and other driving functions. Up first for the car is to represent Mobil 1 and the Museum at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring, helping to lead parade laps on the iconic track and being displayed at the race at Mobil 1's event booth. The IMSA race's festivities are slated for March 17-20. Thanks to our partner, [Mobil 1](#), for this opportunity!

'67 Corvette L88 Sells for \$2.5M...

Just behind the Cobra Roadster was a 1967 Corvette L88 Roadster, was second highest vehicle at the 2021 MECUM Kissimmee Auction behind a 1965 Shelby 427 Cobra which went for \$5,940,000!



This 1967 Corvette was the very first L88 Corvette and only Tuxedo Black 1967 L88 Corvette built. A winner of multiple awards, the L88 Roadster – campaigned by Tony DeLorenzo – was auctioned off for \$2,500,000. The car, which has the original 1967 title, won second place at the 1967 Daytona Beach SCCA Runoffs, made Bloomington Gold Special Collection appearances in 1985, '88 and '92 and won a NCRS American Heritage award in 2003.

C8 Fails from Broken Valve Spring After 57 Miles

GM issued a service bulletin outlining this issue with the C8's LT2 last fall, but it's apparently still a problem.

We can only imagine the joy people feel when they take delivery of their shiny new C8 Corvette, especially if

they've been waiting a while, as many have. We can also imagine the incredible disappointment felt by Micheal Crummer, a new C8 convertible owner whose LT2 V8 failed after he drove the car a mere 57 miles recently. Crummer posted pictures of the carnage on Facebook, which seem to indicate that a broken valve spring was the culprit.

Just last September, General Motors put out a service bulletin acknowledging the fact that strange noises, misfiring, and a check engine light were all symptoms of a possible broken valve spring, and that even if no cylinder leakage is observed, it's necessary to replace all of the valve springs. This applies only to cars that were produced between June 1 and September 15, 2020. This is obviously concerning and disappointing, but at least the damage is covered under warranty. Regardless, no one wants to have to get a new engine in their brand new vehicle, especially when it's a somewhat expensive sports car. Regardless, these are often the breaks when you buy a brand new vehicle with a brand new engine design. Typically, early adopters play the role of a guinea pig when it comes to quality, and that certainly appears to be the case here.



"If" Chip Foose designed the C8...



Chip Foose is a great car designer! In this video he explains why he would have made the transition from C7 to C8 (as designed) in two model steps!

He loves the new C8 but it could have been designed with more of the "heritage" design of the Corvette for this first mid-engine Corvette then go to the "Supercar Corvette". Very neat to watch him design the car! enjoy! Click the link below to watch the master!

https://www.hagerty.com/media/videos/chip-foose-tackles-the-c8-corvette-ep-23/?utm_source=SFM&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Saturday_RoadTrip

C8 Sales Numbers YTD...

Sales Numbers - Premium Sports Cars - 2020 - USA

MODEL	YTD 20 / YTD 19	YTD 20	YTD 19	YTD 20 SHARE	YTD 19 SHARE
CHEVROLET CORVETTE	+20.22%	21,626	17,988	51%	44%
PORSCHE 911	-4.59%	8,840	9,265	21%	22%
PORSCHE 718	-11.16%	3,447	3,880	8%	9%
MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GT	-17.09%	3,489	4,208	8%	10%
MERCEDES-BENZ SLC-CLASS	+15.33%	2,122	1,840	5%	4%
MERCEDES-BENZ SL-CLASS	+5.44%	1,782	1,690	4%	4%
AUDI R8	+1.22%	581	574	1%	1%
NISSAN GT-R	-8.16%	304	331	1%	1%
FORD GT	-23.58%	175	229	0%	1%
BMW i8	-82.67%	191	1,102	0%	3%
ACURA NSX	-46.22%	128	238	0%	1%
TOTAL	+3.24%	42,685	41,345		

GM Leads Daytona Weekend with "3" Pace Cars...

The [C8 Corvette Stingray](#) lead the field to green for the running of the Daytona 500.

The [Corvette](#) that will pace this year's Daytona 500 is a Rapid Blue model with the Z51 Performance Package and the available High Wing Spoiler. It features a special pace car livery, as well, which includes black, white and blue vinyl stripes, Daytona 500 door decals and an 'Official Pace Car' decal just above the rocker panels.



While the C8 Corvette Stingray will lead the NASCAR Cup Series field to green for the Daytona 500, the [Chevy Camaro](#) and [Chevy Silverado](#) will also have an on-track presence at Daytona. A Silverado 1500 RST will serve as the pace car for Friday night's NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race, while a Camaro SS 1LE will pace the Xfinity Series Race on Saturday. Chevy was quick to point out that its three Small Block-powered pace cars have an impressive cumulative output of 1,370 horsepower – making them the perfect trio to kick off this year's NASCAR racing season.

Chevy is also using the Daytona 500 to promote its newly launched [MyWay virtual showroom](#). The automaker hosted a free webcast at [Chevrolet.com/MyWay](#) on Saturday, February 13th, to give viewers a behind-the-scenes look at Chevy's Daytona racing history. The broadcast also featured a segment that compares the similarities between the road-going [Chevy Camaro ZL1 1LE](#) and the version that races in the NASCAR Cup Series.

Chevy MyWay allows users to book a one-on-one session with a sales representative, who can inform them about the company's latest products, demonstrate vehicle features and even connect them with a local dealership to continue the buying process. GM has already experimented with online virtual showrooms via its [Cadillac Live](#) service, which proved crucial for generating sales leads amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but MyWay is the first service of its kind for the automaker's mass-market brand.



Emelia Hartford Sets C8 World Horsepower Record

Emelia Hartford has grown a massive following on her YouTube channel over the past few years amassing over 660,000 subscribers. Focusing on high-performance modifications, she's been able to gain



incredible credibility within the automotive world and this has given her plenty of access to manufacturers, cars such as the new **Hummer EV**, and incredible projects. Her latest project is a high horsepower **Chevrolet Corvette C8**, which she has twin-turbod.

The C8 was just reaching customers when Emilia bought hers a few months ago, and already, as you can see from the thumbnail above, it's been hugely modified with a couple of turbos now mated to the already powerful 6.2-litre LT2 V8.

The exterior has also been given a going over with orange racing stripes, a race number, and her name down the side of the mid-engined sports car. But more importantly, it's been given nitrous injection, meth port injection, and the supporting mods to take the resulting power to the floor.

Emilia had 1,000+ horsepower in her sights, which would break the horsepower world record. The power almost reaches out through the screen and slaps you in the face it has so much of it.

With race fuel lacing its tank and the car being tuned to pull plenty of horse, a dyno run saw 980 horsepower. After a few more goes, Emilia saw a world record of 1,022 horsepower, making it the most powerful Chevrolet Corvette C8 in the world so far.

How long will it stay at number 1?

GM Celebrates Auto Racing...

General Motors is celebrating its storied motorsports past with a new exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan set to open in March.

The exhibit, dubbed *Driven to Win: Racing in America presented by General Motors*, will cover virtually all aspects of American auto racing, including stock car racing, sports car racing, drag racing, IndyCar, hill climb and land-speed racing. As such, it will tell the stories of some of America's most famous racing legends, including Dan Gurney, AJ Foyt, Wendell Scott, Bobby Unser, the Wood Brothers and Lyn St. James, among others.

GM doesn't want to give away all the surprises that will reside within the Driven to Win exhibit, but it promises the display will feature an "unparalleled collection of historically significant race cars and artifacts." It will also feature several interactive zones, including a "Motorsports Performance Training zone" where visitors will be able to see and experience the physical and mental training drivers go through before getting behind the wheel for a major race.

"Racing is the embodiment of American innovation in the world of sports, but its reach has long stretched beyond the track to our showrooms, our roads and our culture," said GM president and noted racing enthusiast, Mark Reuss. "*Driven To Win* documents and celebrates those contributions, with an exciting and comprehensive presentation of the past, present and future of motorsports, and General Motors is pleased and proud to help bring it to members and guests of this great museum." (Cont'd next page)



GM Celebrates Auto Racing...

The centerpiece of the exhibit will be a 15-minute movie called "Fueled by Passion," that will give viewers an "an all-access look into the hopes and dreams, successes and failures of those who live and breathe racing every day." The movie will play inside of a so-called "multi-sensory theater," that will connect viewers with the race tracks and cars they see on screen. Before they leave, attendees can also try their hand at racing from the safety of a professional full-motion simulator.



The 24,000-square-foot *Driven to Win: Racing in America presented by General Motors* exhibition will open on March 26th for Henry Ford Museum members and on March 27th for the public.

Memory Questions.....

Q-What car used the first successful series-production Hydraulic valve lifters?

Q-Where was the World's first three-colour traffic lights installed? (Answers Later in this Desert Vettes)

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!



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

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Barrett Jackson's Reschedules- March 2021



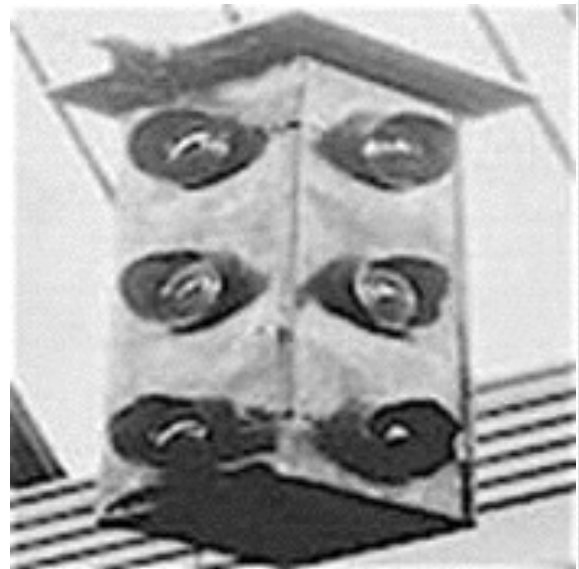
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Memory Answers...

A-The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16



A-Detroit, Michigan in 1919.
Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.



Down the Road....

Mar 7 NASCAR Jiffy Lube Las Vegas

Mar 9 Club Meeting at Jessup's

Mar 13-14 Corvette Racing Sebring

Mar 14 NASCAR Phoenix

Mar 17-20 Corvette Racing
Sebring

Mar 21 NASCAR Atlanta

Mar 28 NASCAR Bristol

Apr 10 NASCAR Martinsville

Apr 13 Club Meeting at Jessup's

Apr 18 NASCAR Richmond

Apr 25 NASCAR Talladega

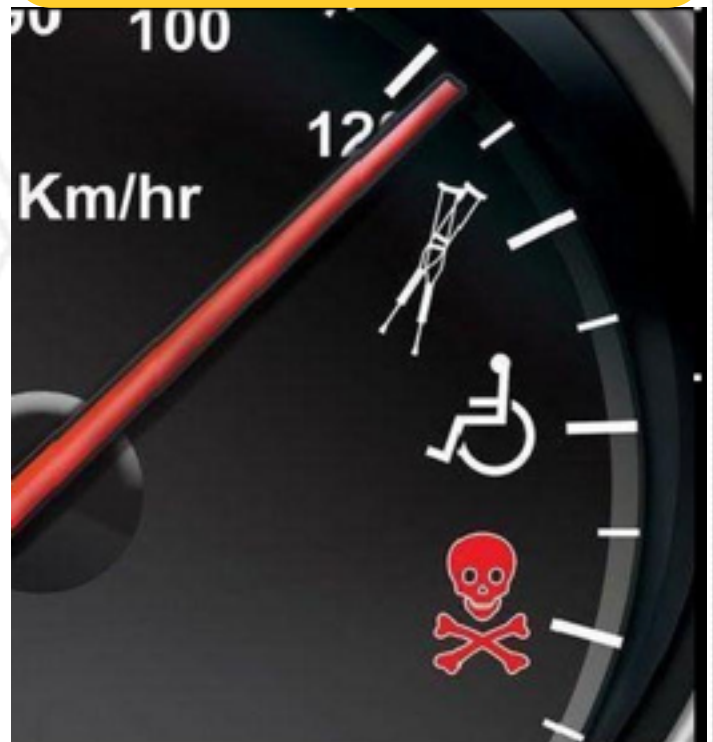
May 2 NASCAR Kansas

May 11 Club Meeting at Jessup's

May 16 Corvette Racing Mid-Ohio

Check the National Corvette Museum emails/website for activities and offerings near you!

New C8 Speedometer...



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