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President's Message....

Happy New Year! 2024, wow time marches on! A lot has happened since we thought the world was going to end because of Y2K. Corvettes have gone from C5s to C8s. This year they will have a car with a gas motor in the rear and an electric up front. Not only that but all wheels will have power to them. Next year they will have an all-electric Corvette? Doesn't sound right when I say it out loud. Well I am not sure where all that came from! Hope you had a great holiday season and are looking forward to a better 2024.

We ended 2023 on a very sad note with the sudden passing of Karen McAvoy. Karen was a very active club member. She always attended cars shows, parades & many of our runs. She was always recruiting new members and willing to help in any way she could. Karen left behind a daughter, grandson & brother. She will be missed! I would like to honor her memory with giving her Corvette of The Month again.

We are going to be busy so please save these dates.

February 10th Dr. George Car Show

March 17th St. Patrick's Day at The Burton Date Farm for a day of magic. Special guest magician Alex Ramon. (Google Alex !!)

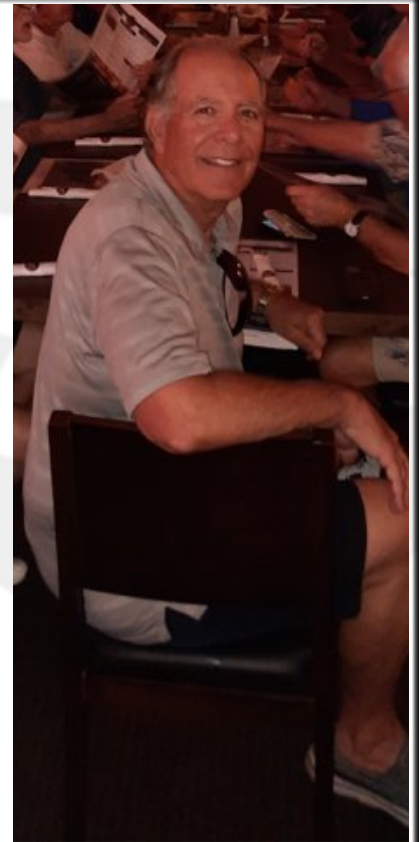
April 18th – 20th Gamblers Run, Laughlin, Nevada

I am also looking for ideas for runs and other activates that you might want to do. Please reach out with your ideas.

Regards,
Stan



**Registrations now open for Dr
George Show Car & LA Quite Car Show!!!!**



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

A Special 40th Anniversary model was released for 1993 with one year only Ruby Red exterior and interior colors.

The ZR-1 horsepower rating rose to 405 hp for 1993, but the option cost was held to 1992's \$31,683.

The end of the 4th generation Corvette was marked with "two" Special Editions...a "Collector Edition" in Sebring Silver trim and a "Grand Sport" in Admiral blue with Arctic White Racing Stripe. A total of 1,000 Grand Sports were built and of these, only 190 were convertibles. Collector Editions comprised of 25% of the total production with 5,412 units built.

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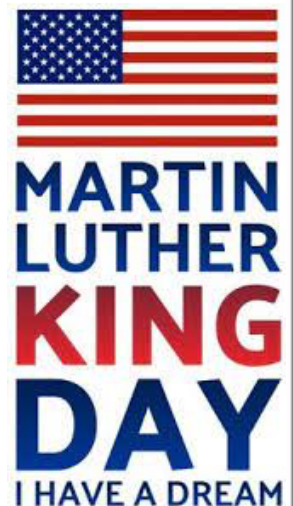
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Palm Spring Corvette Club

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22 Members Cruised to Welk Resort for ELF...

Twenty-two PSCC members signed up then ventured south in December to see what many didn't know what they getting into, but all came away with raves on the day, and the musical play,

The Elf. Performed at the Lawrence Welk Resort just north of Escondido, the Corvette Run turned out to be an almost perfect event. Well almost as Joe and Susan Funkey's Vette came up with mechanical problems at the last minute and Tom Pinard found a little problem getting in his driver's door after he uncovered it from a long fall "nap (another story round the camp-fire)."



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But nine Corvettes, led by Scott and Joey Peterson, took Tom's run maps and off the group went, heading out and up the Palm to Pines Hwy for the two hour run south. Roselee Turner, riding shotgun with Mary Wharton gave the day a thumb's up saying, "didn't take any photos but it sure was a fun play and a great day!!"

After a pit stop at the Casino near Anza, the group ran into their only road block with construction going on, but they still made "The Welk" in time for a leisurely lunch.

Prior to the start of the play, a few of the members, along with Virginia Shipp and Karen O'Connell, gagged it up with "Elf Shots" and Virginia even got to whisper her desires for Christmas to Santa.



22 Members Cruised to Welk Resort for ELF...



On the way home, there are three routes. I don't recommend the freeway (I-15/215 and Hwy 60/I-10), as there will be commute traffic by the time we finish our play. I plan on taking a little longer route, considering the heavier traffic on Temecula Valley Parkway.... My route home will be through Warner Springs... about 20 miles farther but very little traffic and possibly about the same time (118 miles vice 93 miles). On the way back, the first logical "pit stop" is at the Casino in Anza, or if one can wait, the Indian gas station on Hwy 74 (between the Paradise Café Junction and Palm Desert), they have reasonable gas prices and clean restrooms. If you are caravanning home on the back roads, look after your friends around you. — Tom Pinard

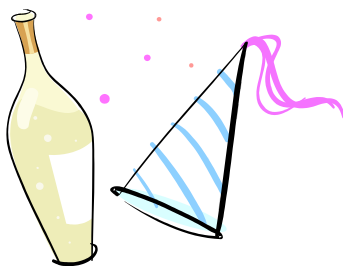
And before everyone in Corvettes posed for a photo at the Welk Theater, Tom gave out instructions for the drive back home with it "on you own" but an option that would keep cars out of heavier traffic... Tom proposed a route through Warner Springs, about 25 miles longer but "maybe" not much longer because of no heavy traffic. As it turned out only one car took that route, Tom and Hazel..... and while Hazel was leery that it would save time, as the duo made their way down off the Palm to Pines Hwy they waved at the Flunkey's and Petersons. Dennis and Jody Wilson and Jack and Susie Carter stopped at the Dairy Queen so they were really late coming into the valley.

Michelle and Lance Lenert drove over from Highland to join the day with her folks, Mike and Vicki Nichols. It was old hat, the route for Duane and Dixie Rons, he rides it routinely on his motorcycle.

The group shot became a chore for Photographer Tom, as he worked to get Ron and Sharon Burton in, then the Rons and Petersons before other traffic decided they wanted to drive through our group picture.... With a traffic direction that would make a New York City intersection cop proud, Tom was finally able to get all the Corvettes in the photo.....



Diva & Stud Lunch...



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Gambler's Classic 2024...



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Four PSCC Divas Provide Support...

Everyone, I'd like you to meet my Aunt Joyce.

She is a wonderful person who always puts family and friends first ... and she's also my biggest fan!

I'm not sure many of you know this but years ago, I quit my high-tech HR job to stay home with my 2 kids.

Once you're defined as a "stay-at-home" mom, there's a stigma attached to it.

But for me, I loved the time home with my kids and don't regret a second of it.

The funny part about this is when I started my company and entered back into the workforce, so many people thought it was a "hobby" or "cute" – they couldn't get past that stay-at-home mom stigma they had attached to me years ago.

But not Auntie Joyce.

From the beginning she has commented on every Facebook post, sent me encouraging emails responding to every newsletter, and sent me leads and connections for my business.

She forwards every newsletter to (I'm guessing) pretty much everyone she knows!

She brags about my accomplishments and now more and more people are asking me about the business, understanding I'm in it 100%.

My Grandpa was an entrepreneur who started a jam and jelly company in his garage.

Aunt Joyce grew up watching Grandpa go through trials and tribulations, but also be very successful.

I try every day to walk in his footsteps.

Since the Sock Shop launched, Aunt Joyce has taken to buying socks as gifts for friends. (An excellent idea by the way!)

This is a photo of her golf group. Ironically, they bought the reindeer sweatshirts in January, and we just happened to create matching reindeer socks for the holidays.

To my Auntie Joyce – thank you. I love you.

To everyone else, I sincerely hope you have an Auntie Joyce in your life. ❤️

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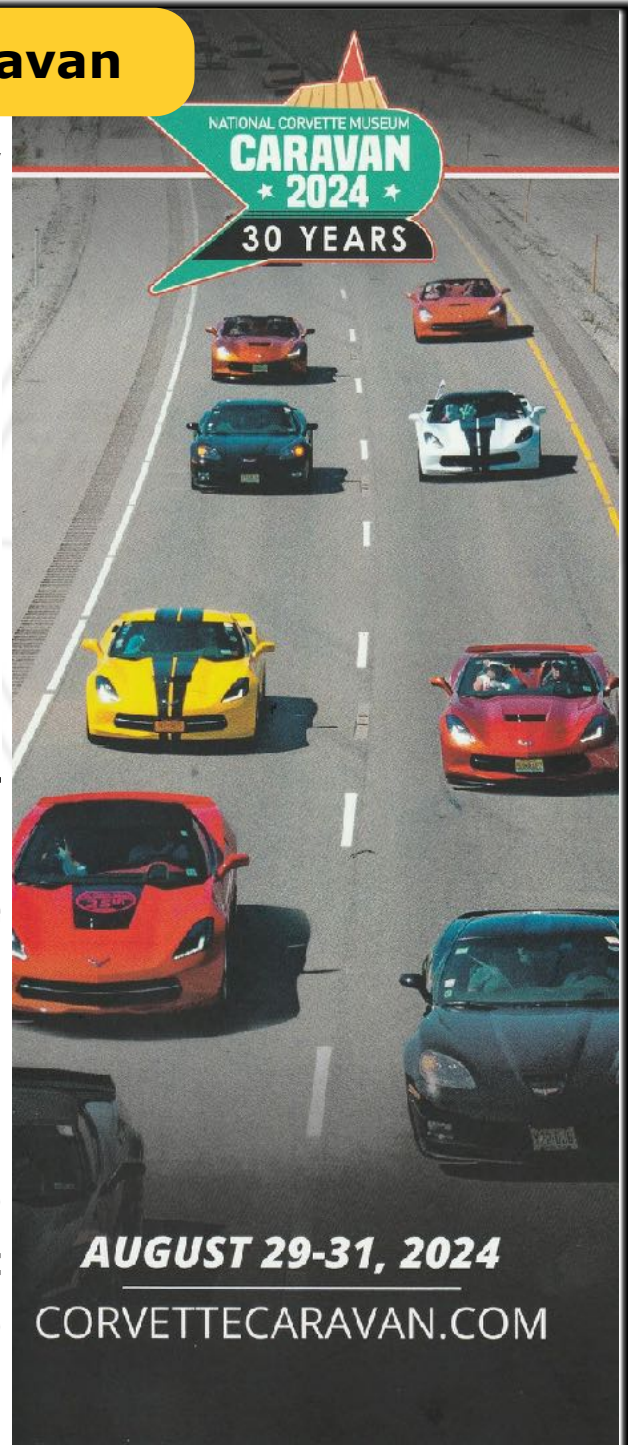
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2024 National Corvette Caravan

Clubs from all over the country will form groups and travel together to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling green KY. PSCC is in the Southern California group, the Southwest Caravan which will leave Pasadena on 8/21/24 and will arrive in Bowling green on 8/28/24. Imagine - a week long drive in your Corvette with other Corvettes arriving at the Corvette Museum and Factory. Then we will spend 3 days in Corvette Heaven aka Corvette National Museum.

At this timeshare is no need to make a commitment. Think about it. If you think you want to go please respond to Scott Peterson.

All the hard work of planning the route and reserving hotels will be done for us by the Southwest Caravan Group. PSCC will have to decide where to meet the group. We would not have to drive to Pasadena and start from there.



'63 of Every Colour at Mecum Kissimmee...

So, you want to buy a 1963 C2 Split-Window Corvette Sting Ray but can't decide on which color you like the most? Well, we have the financially irresponsible solution to your dilemma: Buy all of them! Yep, if you have the triple-extra-large piggy bank then you have the opportunity to bid on and own a collection of 1963 split-window Corvettes in every color that was offered. These top-shelf examples, referred to as the Colorama Split-Window Collection, will be up for grabs at the 2024 Mecum auction in Kissimmee, Florida. Of course, you could figure out the color you like the most and buy just one of them, but that's not nearly as cool.



This would fall under the category of a happy accident. For the first time, a Corvette coupe was offered for 1963, and part of the styling of the rear glass was to use two pieces separated by a center spine (hence the "split" distinction). It was a bold styling idea from the Bill Mitchell design team at GM for the new second-generation Corvette. It was a new idea and looked awesome.

But this forward-thinking idea turned out to be problem, since some felt it impeded the rearward vision, so the design element was removed for 1964 in favor of a one-piece arched rear glass. 21,513 Corvette Sting Rays were built for 1963 with production being split nearly evenly between coupes and convertibles. Do the math, and that means 10,594 one-year-only split-window Corvette coupes were produced. Thanks to Zora Arkus-Duntov the C2 Corvette was finally a true performance car, with or without the split rear window.



Chevy Needs to get this Right...Corvette SUV...

The 2025 Corvette SUV will soon inject a dose of sports car excitement into the drop-off lane at your local middle school.

Rumors of the sacrilegious Corvette variant **have been circulating for years**, with many scoffing at the idea that GM's most beloved nameplate will gain a few inches of ride height and a couple of extra doors. Unfortunately for them, all signs point to this new model arriving in the next couple of years, so it's best to start getting used to the idea while the Corvette C8 Z06 is still king of the castle.



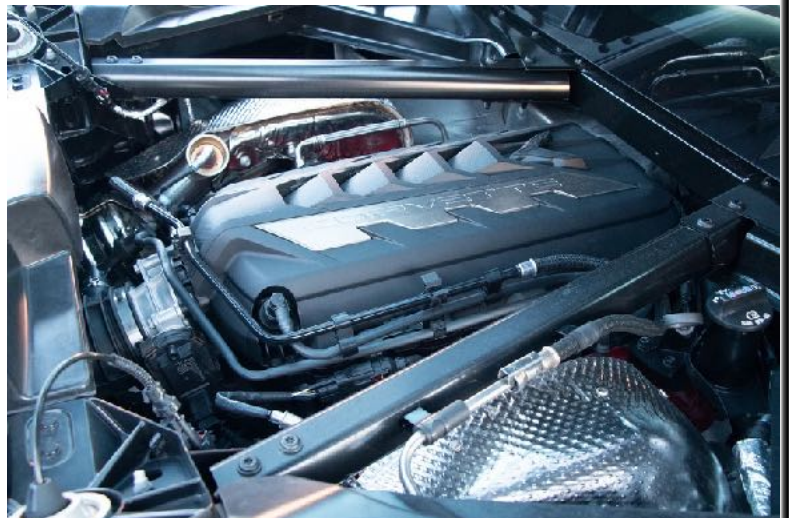
At this point, there are more rumors than concrete facts, but it seems the 'Vette SUV is shaping up to be something even hardcore **Corvette** enthusiasts can get behind. GM may not speculate on future models, but luckily, we don't have to explain ourselves to GM's CEO, Mary Barra.

Why Is Chevy Turning The Corvette Into An SUV?

Chevy is turning the Corvette into an SUV for the same reason Apple decided to get into the phone business: Money.

As Ford has proven with the Mustang Mach-E, taking an iconic nameplate and expanding it into a greater sub-brand is profitable. As well as the C8 has been doing since its debut in 2020, it simply can't compete with a high-volume SUV or crossover, and you need not look any further than Porsche and Lamborghini for proof.

Chevy wants a slice of that super SUV pie and, perhaps further down the line, **may even offer us a Corvette sedan** while it's at it. GM understands that the Corvette name has more prestige than any other name it can come up with, which gives it the best chance of attracting customers.



Chevy Needs to get this Right...Corvette SUV...

Rumors are saying the new Corvette SUV will sit on the Alpha II platform that underpins the Chevy Camaro, Cadillac CT4, and Cadillac CT5. If these rumors are to be believed, the Chevy Corvette SUV may be produced at GM's Lansing Grand River Assembly in Michigan. Another possibility is it could be built right alongside its current Corvette brethren in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The plant isn't geared to create a vehicle of this kind, but Chevy recently announced **it is closing factory tours from 2024 onwards**. Initial rumors suggested the SUV would be electrified, but luckily, some inside sources have come to the rescue, stating that it **will debut with a V8**. Former GM chairman Bob Lutz will certainly approve. Producing 682 hp and 653 lb-ft of torque, it would be on par with the Urus S's 657 hp and 627 lb-ft of torque and barely edged out by the Aston Martin DBX 707's 697 hp and 663 lb-ft of twist. This is good for a 2.9-second 0-60 sprint and a quarter-mile sprint of 11.2 seconds on the way to a 194 mph top speed. Performance at this price is practically unheard of, making supercar performance attainable. Chevy is sure to aim for a similar benchmark for the SUV.

We believe the SUV will come with similar trims - 1LT, 2LT, and 3LT - but at a starting price closer to \$100,000 when it finally arrives sometime around 2025. The release date is likely a moving target, mainly since no pictures of vehicles testing more concrete design/patent info have been found. When it does finally arrive, we expect it to shake up the market the same way the C8 did, and we're sure a few Corvette-purist tears will be shed in the process.

And “what” else could be around the corner!!!!!!!



Don't Make Him Pick a Favorite Vette. Print Small...

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Don't Make Him Pick Favorite Vette

Norm Dotti, 78, an acoustical engineer living in Forked River, N.J., on his 1967 and 2023 Chevrolet Corvettes, as told to A.J. Baime.

In 1954, when I was in the fourth grade, my father, who worked for Chevrolet, came home one day in a new white two-seater with a red interior—a loaner from the company. Turns out, this was the Corvette. It was totally new to everybody, certainly something the neighborhood had never seen before. My mother drove it around for a couple of days, and then my father returned it. But I never forgot that car.

I graduated from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., in 1968. My degree was in mechanical engineering. I loved mechanical things, and I wanted a Corvette. But the new generation—known as C3 (the third generation)—had just come out that model year and it wasn't for me. I bought a Camaro instead.

I became an Air Force pilot. Then I ended up married with a job in the suburbs of Chicago. We had a couple of children. Then, in 1976, I got the itch again and started looking for a Corvette. I found this Marina Blue 1967 Corvette Sting Ray coupe, which was basically the car I had wanted to buy when I graduated

college. I bought the car, drove it, then it ended up sitting in my garage in New Jersey, where I was now living, for 30 years. Never started it, never moved it.

In 2011, I thought, "This is ridiculous. I need to do something about that car." I had a shop do major body and mechanical work. When we opened up the engine, there was a mouse nest in one of the cylinders. But we got it all rebuilt, and now it runs great.

About four years ago, Chevrolet announced the C8—the eighth generation. With much screaming from the Corvette community, Chevrolet switched from a front engine to a mid-engine [where the engine is behind the driver, in front of the rear

axle]. There were good engineering reasons for doing this, but that is a different story. Once again, the Corvette bore the Stingray nameplate

[but now one word instead of two]. When the Z06 was announced—a super high-performance version—I decided to buy one. It took about two years before it was ready.

I went to Bowling Green, Ky., for what they call a Museum Delivery. I got a tour of the Corvette factory, then they brought the car

'You see 56 years of evolution in American motoring in these two cars,' says Norm Dotti.

from the factory over to the National Corvette Museum nearby. A concierge explained all the buttons and switches. Then I drove the car home.

The most interesting thing about owning these cars is the difference between the two. Corvette is the most iconic American sports car of all time, and you see 56 years of evolution in American motoring in these two cars.

My 1967 Sting Ray has a small-block 327-cubic-inch V-8 engine with 350 horsepower. The body and the paint are beautiful. There is no nav system, no cruise control and

no power steering, so your arms can get tired. But mechanically, it has so much character.

The 2023 Z06 is a world-class sports car that can compete with Ferraris and Lamborghinis. It has a V-8 with 670 horsepower—almost double that of the 1967 Sting Ray. The engine was assembled by a single technician and, in my case, it was done by a woman. Her signature is on a nameplate on the engine. The way it runs, the way it revs, the performance, the suspension, the technology—it's a modern mechanical engineering wonder.

A question I often get: If I had to keep only one, which would it be? The answer is: I don't know. They are totally different, but I love them both.



GM to Cut Staff???

General Motors will lay off a total of 1,314 employees at two factories in Michigan in connection to ending production of vehicles. GM filed a WARN notice posted Thursday that said it will cut 945 jobs starting Jan. 1 at its Orion Assembly plant in Orion Township. Those cuts are related to GM's October announcement that it was delaying production of two all-electric pickups at the plant by a full year. GM had planned to start production on the Chevrolet Silverado EV and GMC Sierra EV next year at Orion, but GM said that it will "retire the conversion" of Orion Assembly plant to EV truck production and restart the plant in late 2025 instead.

The other WARN notice indicated that GM will cut 369 jobs at Lansing Grand River Assembly/Stamping as GM ends production of the Camaro muscle car built there. The cuts will happen in phases that begin Jan. 1 and end in March, according to the WARN notice.



GM Buys Out Nearly Half Buick Dealers???

General Motors said nearly half its Buick dealers took buyouts this year rather than invest in selling and servicing electric vehicles as the automaker's brands transition to all electric by 2030.



That means GM will end 2023 with about 1,000 Buick stores nationwide, down 47% from where it started the year.

Late last year, Buick said it would be asking dealers to commit a minimum investment of \$300,000 to \$400,000 to prepare their stores to sell and service EVs.

Buick is transforming, launching the best vehicles the brand has ever had and is the fastest growing mainstream brand in 2023," said GM spokesman Sean Poppitt in an email this week to the Detroit Free Press. "This all needs to be supported by the best customer experience in the transition to EVs. As stated before, this year we've given dealers who are not aligned with Buick's future to exit voluntarily in a respectful and structured way; with the full support of our National Dealer Council."

In Michigan, GM had about 100 Buick dealerships in December 2022. At that time, a metro Detroit Buick dealer told the Free Press that all the metro Detroit Buick dealers were making the investment to sell and service future EVs, but some smaller dealers in rural areas were taking the buyout offer. Other dealers echoed that information.

Poppitt declined to confirm how many Buick dealerships have taken a buyout in Michigan to date.

Corvette Quiz and Answers...

How well do you know your Corvette History? No prize, just fun!

Answers after 10 Reasons to be Thankful for '23 Corvette!!!

10. GM Built 299 Z06 Models in 1963?
9. The ZR1 Performance Package was First Offered in 1990?
8. GM Developed the C8 Z06 LT6 Engine Under the Codename Project Gemini?
7. The LT5 Engine in the C4 ZR-1 Was Built by Mercury Marine?
6. The C6 ZR1 Was the First Factory Built Corvette to Use a Supercharged Engine?
5. The "Z" in Z06 Stands for Zora Arkus-Duntov?
4. The C6 Z06 Was the First Z06 To Use a Carbon Fiber Hood?
3. The 2019 ZR1 Was Available Only with a Manual Transmission?
2. C8 Z06 LT6 is Largest Flat-Plane Crank V8 fitted to a production car?
1. The 2019 Corvette ZR1 Has Highest Top Speed of Any Production Corvette?

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US Probes 73,000 Volts Issues...

A leading U.S. auto safety regulator on Friday announced an investigation into 73,000 [Chevrolet Volt](#) plug-in hybrid cars over reports that they may abruptly lose power, fail to restart and encounter other issues.



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it's opening a preliminary investigation into the model year 2016 through 2019 Chevrolet Volt amid complaints about the hybrid's battery energy control module, or BECM. Some of the complaints indicated that drivers had little to no warning before the car lost operating power or entered reduced power mode.

NHTSA said the problem could pose a safety risk if vehicles can't move with the flow of surrounding traffic and is more serious if a stalled vehicle is unable to restart.

Some Chevrolet Volt owners have told NHTSA they faced months-long waits for replacement battery modules, and in some cases have been unable to obtain the replacement part. [General Motors](#), the parent company of Chevrolet, said it has sufficient replacement parts in its supply pipeline.

One owner in Los Angeles said the Volt they were driving "suddenly, and unexpectedly lost propulsion while driving. The vehicle is no longer able to turn on or drive."

Another owner said the Volt couldn't drive more than 35 mph while on the highway "and it stops driving on electricity randomly."

GM previously issued a technical service bulletin that said if [vehicles fail to restart](#) the BECM may have to be replaced and reprogrammed, but the company hasn't recalled the vehicles, NHTSA said.

The company indicated it's cooperating with the [NHTSA investigation](#) and said it has "taken appropriate action to remedy customer concerns related to the battery energy control module but will continue to support the agency's review of the matter."

GM ended production of the Chevrolet Volt in early 2019.

10 Reasons to be Thankful for '23 Corvette...

10. C8 Prices / ADMs Coming Down

Finally, prices are starting to drop on the C8 Corvettes. The days of C8 Stingrays going for above MSRP on the used market are just about done. The Z06 and E-Ray are still subject to above sticker pricing, but the margins on those cars are beginning to shrink as well. GM is building a lot of these, and they are not as hard to find as they once were. Enthusiasts that want a C8 Corvette can now get one a bit easier. And the flippers out there that bought just for a profit are not making as much money as they once did, and we are thankful for that as well.



9. Over 50,000 Corvettes Built

This is tied to the previous point. GM is cranking these cars out. It is only the third time in history that **GM cracked the 50K mark in a single model year**. About 5,000 of these were Z06 models. The C8 Corvette is not rare. And we love that. The Corvette was never about being a rare collectible car. It is an attainable sports car. And we are finally starting to see that again.

8. New Colors for 2024 Model Year

The C8 Corvette is largely a carryover for 2024. But there are some fun new colors on offer. Riptide Blue Metallic (color code GJV), Cacti Green (GVR) and Sea Wolf Gray Tricoat (GXA) all join the fold in 2024. Color is a personal choice, but we think all of these new shades look amazing on the Corvette.

7. C8 Stingray Still THE Performance Bargain

With the prices falling the C8 Stingray becomes an even better performance bargain. A 2020 or 2022 Stingray with low miles and in excellent shape can now be had in the low \$70K range. And for that you get legit supercar performance.

6. Incredible E-Ray Acceleration

It is a hybrid. It is all-wheel drive. Those things may cause some Corvette purists to turn up their noses. But no one can turn up their nose at the mind-bending acceleration. 60 mph hits in about 2.5 seconds. It is close to what is seen out of the quickest EVs on the market. But with the E-Ray you still get that glorious V8 soundtrack.

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5. LT6 Engine

Yes, there have been reports of engine failures. But that does not take away from the fact that the LT6 engine is an all-time great. It is like nothing else ever before installed in a Corvette. It provides incredible performance and a sound that rivals the best exotics in the world.

4. C6 Corvettes Became Incredible Used Bargains

We already have covered the bargain that the C8 has become. But go back to the years of 2005 to 2013 and you can get a stonking good deal on a C6 Corvette. You can easily land a very nice example from this era for less than \$30K. And you are getting a 400 or 430 horsepower machine with all the performance you can reasonably ask for. For about the price of a new Chevy Malibu. Insane.

3. C8 Family Now Has Three World Beating Models

The C8 Corvette family has now grown to include the Stingray, Z06 and E-Ray. They are all world beaters. And there are more C8 models on the way. The performance that is available in the modern Corvette is truly staggering. We are extremely thankful for that.

2. CorvetteForum Almost to 573K Members

We have to give a shoutout to the CorvetteForum. We now have nearly 573,000 members, almost 4 million threads, and over 56 million posts. It is this community that makes Corvette ownership so special. The car is wonderful, but the owners treat each other like family. You are all part of that and we thank you for it.

1. Z06 GT3.R

The Corvette Z06 GT3.R racecar was revealed early this year and is scheduled to compete at the 2024 Rolex 24 At Daytona. This car is heavily based on the Z06 road car. The engine in the race car shares 70 percent of its components with the production Z06. We can't wait to see it hit the racetrack and show the world just what the Corvette team is capable of.



Corvette Quiz - Answers

10. GM Built 299 Z06 Models in 1963 – False

GM built only 199 1963 Z06 Corvettes.

9. The ZR1 Performance Package was First Offered in 1990 – False

1970 was the first year of the ZR1 option.

8. GM Developed the C8 Z06 LT6 Engine Under the Codename Project Gemini – True

Project Gemini was the LT6 engine development codename.

7. The LT5 Engine in the C4 ZR-1 Was Built by Mercury Marine – True

The LT5 in the C4 ZR-1 was hand-built by Mercury's MerCruiser division in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

6. The C6 ZR1 Was the First Factory Built Corvette to Use a Supercharged Engine – True

The C6 ZR1 was powered by a supercharged LS9 engine making 638 horsepower. It was the first factory supercharged Corvette.

5. The "Z" in Z06 Stands for Zora Arkus-Duntov – False

The Z06 nameplate was originally an alpha-numeric order option code. The Z signified special packages and performance packages. It is simply a coincidence that the father of the Corvette had a name that began with the letter Z.

4. The C6 Z06 Was the First Z06 To Use a Carbon Fiber Hood – False

A lightweight carbon fiber hood was used on the 2004 C5 Commemorative Edition Z06.

3. The 2019 ZR1 Was Available Only with a Manual Transmission – False

The 2019 ZR1 was available with either a 7-speed manual or 8-speed automatic transmission.

2. C8 Z06 LT6 is Largest Flat-Plane Crank V8 fitted to a production car – True

At 5.5L the LT6 is the largest flat-plane crank V8 fitted in a production car.

1. The 2019 Corvette ZR1 Has Highest Top Speed of Any Production Corvette – True

The 2019 ZR1 had an official top speed of 212 mph. That is the highest top speed of any production Corvette in history.

Stellantis CEO Sounds EV Alarm...

The auto industry is in the midst of another upheaval as automakers look to move away from the internal combustion engine to electric vehicles.

And, just like the ICE days, today's market has its share of startup EV companies trying to make their mark.

In addition to the heavyweights like Tesla ([TSLA](#)), which saw its first profitable quarter selling cars 18 years after its founding, according to [Kelley Blue Book](#), there also smaller outfits like Rivian ([RIVN](#)), Fisker ([FSR](#)) and Lucid ([LCID](#)).

One wonders how many of today's EV startups will share the same fate as Nash, Hudson, Studebaker and Packard? "With capital significantly more expensive today [and] an interest rate environment moving up, we're seeing more EV players squeezed," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives told kbb.com in May.

Carlos Tavares has a lot to say about the future of the EV industry.

The CEO of Stellantis N.V. ([STLA](#)), the name behind such brands as Chrysler, Citroën, Dodge, Fiat, Jeep, and Maserati, has no qualms about invoking the name of Darwin – as in "Darwinian" – when he looks out on the EV landscape. He maintains that the automakers best positioned are the legacy companies whose gas- and diesel-powered vehicles are charging that move to electric vehicles and other alternative fuel technologies.

"What we believe is that the guys who are using what we would call as a shortcut, the legacy business, to fund the future are going to be the guys who are going to be in the best position to accommodate to those different scenarios, because basically, we are doing very good money with the legacy business," Tavares said during a fireside chat at Goldman Sachs' 15th Annual Industrials and Autos Week.



Happy
Holidays!



Down the Road....

Jan 19 El Paseo Cruise

Staging is now at Cuistot Restaurant and PD Chamber of Commerce Parking Area!!!

Jan 19-21 Corvette Racing Daytona

Feb 4 NASCAR Clash L.A. Coliseum

Feb 10 Dr George Cancer Car Show

Feb 13 PSCC Club Meeting

Feb 15 NASCAR Duel at Daytona

Feb 18 NASCAR Daytona 500

Feb 24 La Quinta Old Town Car Show

Mar 13-16 Corvette Racing Sebring

Mar 24 IndyCar Thermal Race

Apr 19-20 Corvette Long Beach Street Circuit

May 10-12 Corvette Laguna Seca Raceway

May 13-19 National Corvette Club Convention

Dec 7 2024 PSCC Christmas Party same place,

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

Did you ever wonder!

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune? Stop singing and read on.....

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Newsletter Articles!!!

If you have Newsletter Articles they need to be emailed to me "7 days" before the monthly PSCC Meeting. Thanks Mike



Collecting for Ronald McDonald 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!