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Cruise/Lunch to Mountain Center....



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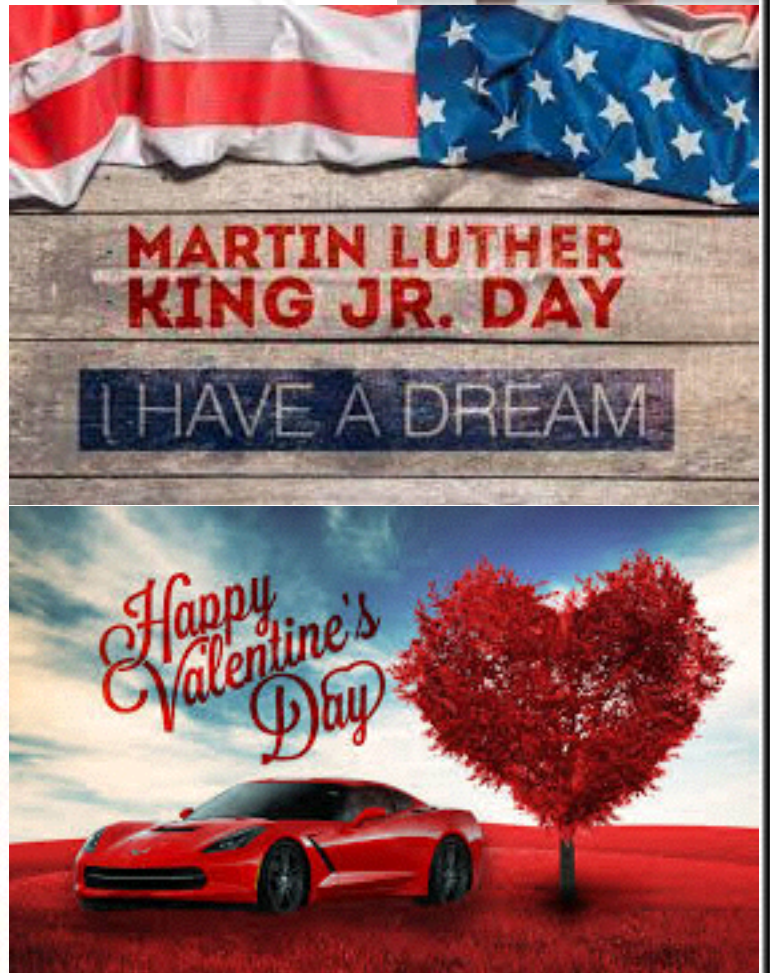
Looking back at 2021 we had a great year for runs, DNO, Diva lunch and Stud lunches. Attendance was great for all events encouraging for this new year. We owe special thanks for the individuals organizations these events. Joan Lake, Joyce Sosebee, Mike Nichols, Stan Moreno, Tom Pinard, Bob Raker and John Babashoff.

Looking forward to planned actives for this year we already have a trip planned to Monterey for multiple nights. With other trips planned through the year. Should be a fun year!

If you have ideas for runs or meals out please contact any board member for planning purposes.

Hope to see many on these trips Trips and events throughout the year.

Thanks Floyd



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

1971 was the last year for finer optic warning lights, first introduced in 1968.

The only external difference between 1971 and 1972 Corvettes is the amber front turning signals and chrome plating on the egg-crate grills on the 1972.

1972 was the only year for Corvette "Big Block" engines in the 1968 to 1972 range to have no horsepower sticker on the air cleaner lid.

Beginning in 1972 and continuing thereafter, horsepower would be measured as "net" rather than the less realistic "gross" ratings of earlier years.

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PSCC Cruise/Lunch to Mountain Center....



PSCC @ Cars & Coffee Great Turnout....



Another Excellent turnout of cars and lots of Corvettes plus the a little action from the Low Riders...great morning!!!!



Diva Lunch had 24 at Si Bon



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Stud Lunch had 21 at Grill-A-Burger....



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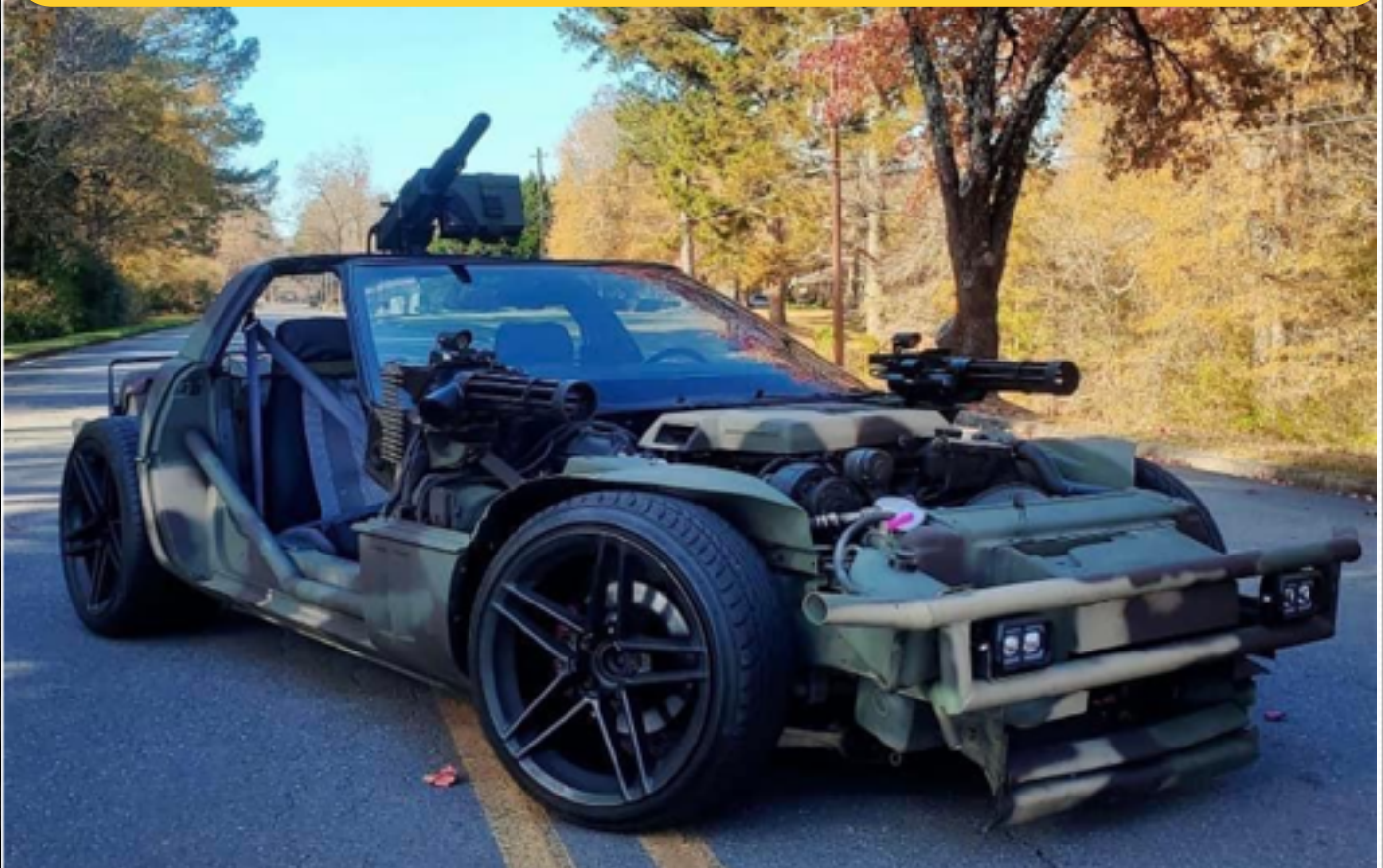


Happy Birthday!!!



How old????

2022 Corvette...Only for Chicago, Owners...



C8 Union Overwhelmingly Rejects Contract...

The greatness of the **C8 Corvette** can only be matched by the production impediments it has faced ever since launch. A global pandemic, a nationwide UAW strike, and supply chain issues all slowed the output of the American sports car. In addition, even Mother Nature got into the act by smacking the Bowling Green plant with a tornado **destroying dozens of new Corvettes**. It is almost comical at this point. To steal an album title from Michael Nesmith, *And the Hits Just Keep on Comin'*. Because now we get word from the **Bowling Green Daily News** that the Corvette plant workers rejected the latest local labor contract offer. While this does not necessarily mean that a strike is imminent, a strike authorization has been approved.



The previous contract between GM and Local 2164 expired two years ago. So, the 1,000+ members have been working without a contract for some time now. The local union is asking management to commit to using UAW members for contracted tasks like 3-D printing, maintenance work and striping. A major concern right now is the outsourcing of work to non-union workers. Many of the workers at the Corvette plant were transferred there after other GM plants closed or were downsized. That makes the workers there especially weary of outsourced work. "Over the last 20 years all GM has pushed for and achieved in most cases is for a third party to do our work at a lower wage." Said Local 2164 President Brian Ferrett. The union also has expressed concerns over sanitation and health and safety.

Looking at the bright side of all this, both sides seem willing to continue negotiations on a new labor contract. Hopefully that avoids anything as nasty as a strike and keeps C8 Corvette production moving forward uninterrupted. The car and especially us as enthusiasts have already dealt with enough challenges regarding the C8. GM has a world beating car on its hands. They just need to figure out how to keep making them. A new labor contract that benefits both sides would go a long way towards that goal.

GM to Dealers...Don't Gouge Customers...

Earlier this month, we reported Ford's corporate offices had warned its dealers against demanding extra deposits or other payments on reservations for hotly anticipated vehicles like the upcoming F-150 Lightning. Now comes word GM sent a similar letter to its Chevrolet, GMC, Buick, and Cadillac dealers around the same time.



Originally posted to Corvette Action Center and attributed to GM North America president Steve Carlisle, the letter has since been confirmed by GM as authentic. In it, Carlisle notes most dealers are playing fair, but says "a small number of dealers have engaged in practices that do not support a positive sales experience for our customers."

Carlisle specifically calls out dealers demanding extra money beyond the cost of a reservation and or adding huge markups to the final vehicle cost. Known as "market adjustments" or Additional Dealer Markups" (ADMs), these surcharges are added to the price of the reservation and or the final price of the vehicle by the dealers and are pure profit.

At the root of it are simple laws of supply and demand, exacerbated by plain old greed. These vehicles are highly anticipated and have either limited reservation slots available or long waiting lists. Dealers charge markups because, simply put, people are excited enough about the vehicles to pay whatever it takes. In some cases, this can mean tens of thousands of dollars or more above the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP).

Dealers can get away with this because they're effectively allowed to charge what the market will bear. The S in MSRP is critical: Thanks to strong state franchise laws pushed by dealers and their political allies, automakers cannot dictate the final sale price of a vehicle. That's why nearly all vehicle sales at dealerships are negotiations.

GM to Dealers...Don't Gouge Customers...

While GM can't tell its dealers what to charge for a car or prevent them from adding a markup, it does have some leverage. According to Carlisle's letter,



Article 5 of the GM Dealer Sales and Service Agreement states "Dealer agrees to effectively, ethically and lawfully sell and promote the purchase, lease, and use of Products by consumers ..." and "Dealer agrees to advertise and conduct promotional activities that are lawful and enhance the reputation of Dealer, General Motors, and its Products. Dealer will not advertise or conduct promotional activities in a misleading or unethical manner, or that is harmful to the reputation of Dealer, General Motors, or its Products."

In essence, Carlisle is saying demanding extra money on top of the mandatory reservation fee and adding markups to the final price could put the dealers in violation of their agreement. Carlisle specifically calls out dealers that tell customers an extra fee on top of the reservation price is mandatory to keep that reservation, which is not true under GM's reservation policies.

As punishment, GM is threatening to take away an offending dealer's allocation of the vehicles in question and give it to another dealer that's following the rules. The offending dealer would still get its normal shipment of other vehicles, but would be cut off from receiving hot new vehicles to sell, such as Hummer EVs, Corvette ZO6s, Silverado EVs, and Lyriq EVs. The letter also threatens "other recourse prescribed by the Dealer Sales and Service Agreement" but does not specify what that would consist of.



How Long Before we see an E-Ray Corvette....

Earlier this week, General Motors announced a bevy of battery-powered models in conjunction with the 2022 [Consumer Electronics Show](#), including highlights like the [2024 Chevy Silverado EV](#), [Chevy Equinox EV](#), [Chevy Blazer EV](#), and [Cadillac InnerSpace AV concept](#). With GM ramping up to release [30 new EV models globally by 2025](#), the entirety of the GM portfolio is poised to go all-electric, at least in the longterm.



Naturally, enthusiasts want to know – just how long will it be until [Chevy](#) makes the [Corvette](#) electric as well?

It seems as though an electrified Corvette is inevitable at this point. GM is going EV, and it'll have to bring the Vette along for the ride. So, when should we expect a Corvette electric vehicle? Well, considering the GM vehicle lifecycle typically runs about six years, the ninth-generation C9 Chevy Corvette is due out in 2026. That could be the generation where the Vette finally goes pure EV, at least as an option.

In the meantime, the C8 Corvette is already pushing the nameplate towards battery power with two electrified models on the horizon, including the upcoming [C8 E-Ray](#), which will mate the C8's naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine with a hybrid electric system. The E-Ray will arrive as an indirect replacement for the Grand Sport, which won't be part of the C8 lineup, thus slotting the E-Ray between the [C8 Stingray](#) and the new [C8 Z06](#).

Then we have the [C8 Corvette Zora](#), which will mate the twin-turbo [5.5L V8 LT7](#) from the [C8 ZR1](#) with a new hybrid electric system, resulting in a world-churning 1,000 horsepower and 1,000 pound-feet of torque. Named after the "father" of the Corvette, Zora Arkus-Duntov, the new C8 Zora will slot in as the range-topper of the series.

While purists will undoubtedly rage at the thought of a Corvette electric vehicle, the adrenaline factor will surely be on point, as evidenced by the seemingly unending rise in power levels and performance observed with subsequent eighth-generation C8 releases. However, will it be enough to win over those enthusiasts with gasoline flowing in their veins? That remains to be seen.

Speaking of GM Electric Vehicles...Silverado EV

General Motors has pulled the sheets on the all-new 2024 [Silverado EV](#), revealing a tech-laden all-electric pickup truck offering a laundry list of technology and cutting-edge features. In addition to the fresh tech, the 2024 [Silverado](#) EV also marks the return of the clever Midgate feature, as previously [offered by the Chevy Avalanche](#) and [Cadillac Escalade EXT](#).



For those who may not remember the [Chevy Avalanche](#) and [Cadillac Escalade](#) EXT, the Midgate feature expands available cargo room in the bed by folding down the barrier between the bed and the cabin. The feature allows customers to load longer items into the bed, such as lumber or a kayak.

Offered by the 2024 Silverado EV RST First Edition model, the Midgate feature expands available cargo room in back while maintaining seating for a passenger on the rear row. With the Midgate down, the storage capacity of the 5-foot, 11-inch bed in the 2024 Chevy Silverado EV RST expands to just over 9 feet of storage between the cab and tailgate.

The RST also features an “eTrunk,” which is a lockable compartment in the front of the vehicle big enough to hold “a large hard suitcase,” while customers can also opt for the Multi-Flex tailgate with power release for even greater cargo capability, expanding to provide up to 10 feet, 10 inches of load floor and storage capability in conjunction with the Midgate feature.

Meanwhile, in the cabin, a 40/60 second row seat offers four different configurations for gear and passengers that allow users to haul gear or equipment while still accommodating a passenger in the second row.

The Chevy Silverado EV will be offered exclusively in a Crew Cab body style. The new pickup is based on the GM Ultium Platform, with a 24-module [Ultium battery pack](#) and electronic four-wheel drive, plus an estimated maximum range-per-charge of 400 miles. Production will take place at the recently reopened [GM Factory Zero in Michigan](#), previously known as [Detroit-Hamtramck](#).



And Mercedes-Benz Vision EQXX Concept EV...

Mercedes-Benz debuted its new battery-electric Vision EQXX Concept this week, which uses slippery aerodynamics and lightweight construction to extend the usable range of its near-100 kWh battery pack to an impressive 621 miles.



The Vision EQXX provides a glimpse into the future of Mercedes-Benz EV development, which will focus on implementing lighter vehicles with highly efficient powertrains. The Vision EQXX's estimated range of 620 miles from its sub-100 kWh battery gives it an energy consumption of less than 10 kWh per 100 kilometers – equivalent to more than 6 miles of driving range per kWh. A major factor behind this impressive range figure is the luxury sedan's slippery shape, which gives it a benchmark-setting drag coefficient of just 0.17 – making it more aerodynamically efficient than a football. The pre-facelifted Chevy Bolt EV has a drag coefficient of 0.32, for comparison's sake.

Weight, or lack thereof, is also a contributor to this range figure. Despite being a relatively large, well-equipped luxury sedan with a 100 kWh battery, the Vision EQXX tips the scales at 3,858 pounds – roughly 1,000 pounds less than a Tesla Model S. Some of the components enabling this featherweight design include a cast aluminum rear structure, carbon- and glass fiber reinforced plastic doors, aluminum brake discs, glass fiber-reinforced plastic springs and a simple interior design with vegan leather upholstery, bamboo fiber carpets and accent upholstery made from recycled plastic water bottles.

General Motors is also targeting hugely impressive range figures for its future EVs. The future second-generation of its **Ultium** battery tech will enable certain GM products to travel **500-600 miles between charges**. It's worth noting that the Vision EQXX does not rely on more power-dense batteries to extend its range to a claimed 600+ miles, but rather uses aerodynamics and a lower overall weight to extend the range of existing Mercedes-Benz battery tech. As we noted when it first debuted the EQS will **serve as a rival to the Cadillac Celestiq** once it arrives in a few years or so.



Toyota is Right On With Electric Vehicles...

Toyota Motor Corporation has been slow to adopt electric vehicles (EVs). As a matter of fact, it was only a few weeks ago when the Japanese automaker decided to [unveil a plethora of EVs](#). To make matters even more interesting, Toyota, along with Volkswagen, did not sign the [Glasgow Declaration on Zero Emission Cars and Vans](#), which aims to put an end to fossil-fuel cars by 2040.

All of these stories seem to make Toyota an evil corporation with [no regard for climate change](#), or is that really the case? After all, isn't that the reason why Toyota pioneered hybrid technology for the masses with the [Prius](#)? If Toyota does not care for the planet, then they shouldn't also be the only automaker who's serious about [hydrogen technology](#). What if for all these times, Toyota is actually right on its stance towards electric vehicles and the global policies supporting them?

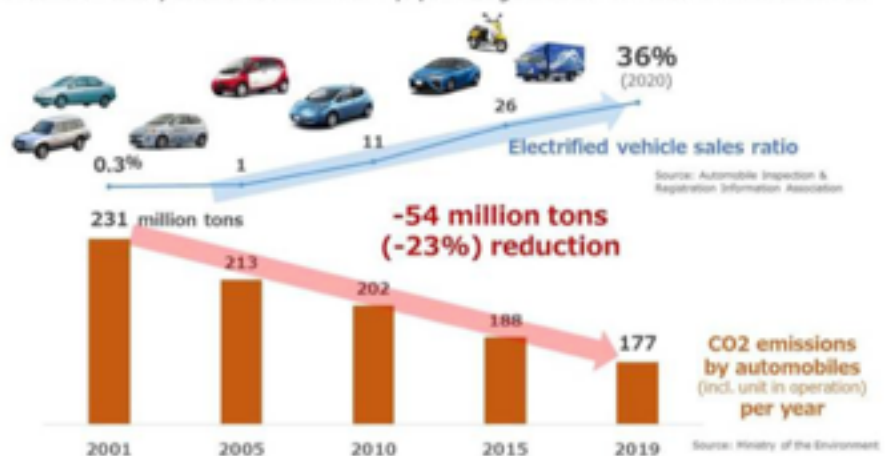
Let's just clear a few things out of the way, I don't dislike EVs. If it weren't for [Tesla](#), I would've viewed EVs to be uncool. But here's the thing, I agree with Toyota on their strategy to solve climate change. I don't think EVs are the only solution to climate change, at least with how the world currently works.

Some countries like Norway, whose adoption of plug-in vehicles is nearly 90 percent according to [CleanTechnica](#), are a perfect place for EVs. After all, their power generation mostly comes from renewable energy. In Asia, however, a lot of countries are still dependent on fossil fuels for power generation, with China being the biggest offender despite being one of the largest markets for EVs.

Researchers from the University of Minnesota were able to determine that despite having a large number of EVs on the road, its power generating plants emit plenty of harmful particulate matter. Yes, EVs were able to reduce local pollution on street level, but far and away from cities are China's power plants. 85 percent of China's electricity production is from fossil fuels, in which about 90 percent of that is from coal. The researchers also discovered that the power generated in China to operate electric vehicles emit fine particles at a much higher rate than gasoline vehicles, albeit at a distance much further from the citizens themselves.

CO₂ reduction by automobiles in the last 20 years

Over the period of the past 20 years, CO₂ emissions by automobiles per year in Japan were reduced by 23% (over 50 million tons) thanks to the efforts in popularizing electrified vehicles ahead of the world



2023 Z06 at Barrett Jackson...



2023 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 - FIRST RETAIL PRODUCTION

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The first retail production 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 puts the world on notice, with its striking appearance, sound and tactile feel. The new American supercar is set apart by its beating heart - the all-new 5.5-liter LT6, the highest-horsepower, naturally aspirated V8 to hit the market in any production car, ever. An all-new flat-plane crankshaft design entices drivers to push the tachometer to a lofty 8,600 rpm, creating 670hp. Almost every exterior detail unique to the Z06 serves a purpose for aerodynamics, handling or cooling, with styling cues that accentuate the car's sense of motion. Designers pulled out the fenders to accommodate larger wheels and air intakes, giving the Corvette Z06 a wider, lower appearance further emphasized by a unique rear fascia that also features centered floating exhaust bezels. This floating design was key to the precise tuning in the exhaust note. In the driver-focused cockpit, premium materials are complemented by available carbon-fiber trim that expresses the car's lightweight, track-focused mantra. Unique features include an available carbon-fiber-wrapped steering wheel and the all-new, fully trimmed interior available in Adrenaline Red. With 12 available exterior colors and seven interior colors (with the opportunity to create thousands of combinations) and seven available wheel packages, the 2023 Corvette Z06 is the most bespoke Corvette yet. The 2023 Corvette Z06 will be seen, heard and experienced around the globe when production begins in the summer of 2022.

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Ferrari SF90 Stradale Gears for C8 Zora...

You say...it looks like a C8...interesting!!!! *GM Authority* spy photographers have captured a new Ferrari SF90 Stradale prototype testing near the Italian automaker's headquarters in Maranello, Italy.



This prototype features a revised version of the front clip used on the production Ferrari SF90 Stradale, which integrates a different front center intake section and a tall, boxy heat extractor on top of the hood. This heat extractor is somewhat curious, as the SF90 Stradale is of course a mid-engine vehicle with the engine positioned behind the cockpit. One possible explanation for the presence of this boxy heat extractor is that Ferrari is testing different front electric motors on this prototype. These new motors may generate more heat than those used in the current production model, requiring additional cooling.

Ferrari typically releases more hardcore, performance-focused variants of its mid-engine supercars, so it's likely that this prototype is being used to develop a faster, more track-focused SF90 Stradale variant. This rumored future SF90 Stradale model may be comparable to the upcoming [C8 Corvette Zora](#), which is expected to be powered by a twin-turbocharged [5.5L V8 LT7](#) DOHC engine mated to a hybrid-electric drivetrain, with output reaching up to 1,000 horsepower and 1,000 pound-feet of torque. Like the SF90, the C8 [Corvette](#) Zora will also feature a front-mounted electric motor (or motors) and small electric battery, providing an all-wheel drivetrain.

The production Ferrari SF90 Stradale features a plug-in hybrid powertrain consisting of a twin-turbocharged 4.0L V8 engine, three electric motors and a 7.9 kWh lithium-ion battery pack. This setup gives the car 986 horsepower and 590 pound-feet of torque, enabling it to accelerate from zero to 60 mph in roughly 2.5 seconds and top out at 211 mph.

Down the Road....

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Feb 8 Club Meeting Jessup's
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Feb 17 NASCAR Duel 1 & 2 Daytona
Feb 20 NASCAR Daytona 500
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Feb 25,26,27 McCormick's Auction
Feb 27 NASCAR Auto Club
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Mar 6 NASCAR Pennzoil 400
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