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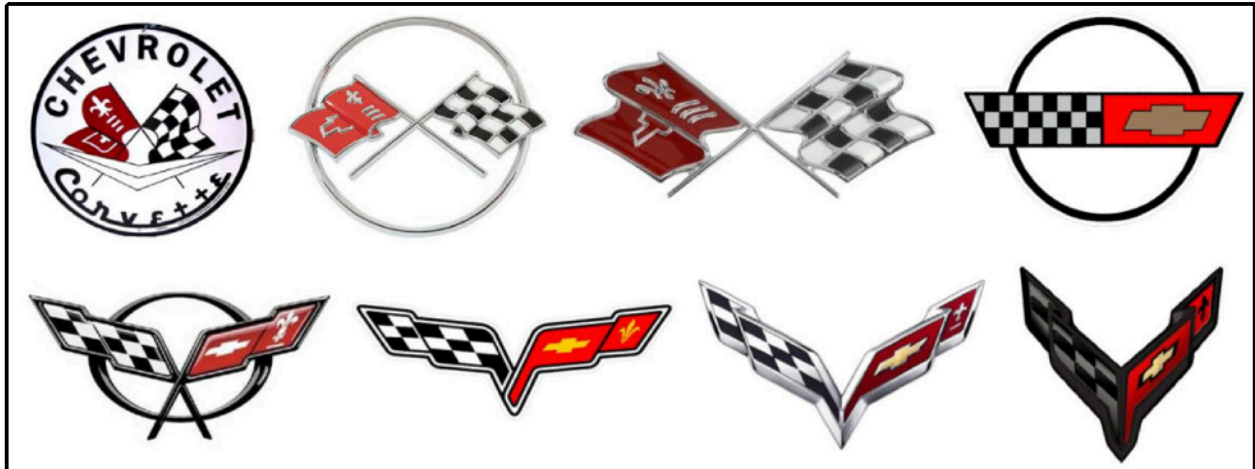
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SLO Vettes Celebrates the Fourth of July In Style

The Fourth of July was celebrated by SLO Vettes with what has become a Club tradition, a barbecue at the Dallons. And as is traditional, it was tri-tip on the grill with Jon's brother Jerry behind the tongs conducting a masterpiece of beef and bread, garlic of course. The weather was exceptional, particularly when the following days rolled in with three-digit temperatures and hardly a breeze. But on the Fourth, as was fitting, the sun shone, the birds sang, and we watched fluffy clouds skim over a azure sky. For entertainment, Jon had arranged for Wally Barnick and two of his friends who performed on the terrace. In the best traditions of the Fourth of July, a great time was had by one and all. Happy Birthday USA!

Next SLO Vettes Meeting: Friday, August 9
Chevy of San Luis Obispo, 1423 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, CA
Meet & Greet, 6:00 PM - Meeting begins at 6:30 PM



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President

Craig Bricker



As summer is nearing the end in the next couple of months, I'm sure glad that when Rhonda and I moved from Southern California up to the Central Coast back in 2008, we chose to reside in the South County. Nothing against the North County or the Bakersfield area where we have a couple of members live, but with recent summer temperatures being extremely hot this year, the decision to live in the South County area was a good decision.

I do want to mention a couple of events that are scheduled in August and in September that will keep you out of the heat. We have two events scheduled in August and two events scheduled in September.

On August 3rd, Bill & Grace Nagel are inviting all SLO Vette members to their home in Nipomo for a BBQ. If you want to get out of the heat for a day with other SLO Vette members, see the attached flyer at the back of the Newsletter. The other event that is scheduled in August is the Hot El Camino Cruise Nite scheduled for Friday evening, August 16th in Atascadero. It's always fun enjoying a cool summer evening in Atascadero with other SLO Vette members. See the attached flyer at the back of the Newsletter.

On September 14th, we have the Melodrama matinee scheduled along with dinner following the show at Old Juan's Cantina. Tickets cost \$30.00 each and checks need to be mailed to me no later than August 1st as final payment must be paid to the Melodrama by August 14th. **I am also excepting Venmo payments to my account if you do not want to mail a check. My Venmo account is @Craig-Bricker-4. I will accept Venmo payments up to August 7th.** See attached flyer at the back of the Newsletter.

And finally, our yearly Mystery Tour event which is scheduled for the weekend of September 27th through September 29th. There are still open spots for this event. This is definitely a "bucket list" thing to do if you are a member of SLO Vettes. You will not be disappointed as Jon & Jan Dallons and Russ & Denise Surber will be your "tour event hosts" for the weekend. Contact Jan Dallons at 805-712-111 to reserve your spot for this once a year event. A \$300.00 deposit is required.

Hope to see you at the next event or meeting. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9th.

Stay safe, drive safe and enjoy your Corvette.

Craig Bricker
President
SLO Vettes
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Vice-President

Bob Furster



Hello to all you Corvette enthusiasts! As of July 26, 2024 our membership remains at 49 memberships with 87 members and 55 Corvettes.

As many of you have probably noticed most of my articles are based on trivia or fun knowledge of Corvettes. Well this month is no different with a bit of a twist. When it comes to performance of a Corvette there is one badge which can be put on a Corvette that screams the ultimate in car performance; That badge is ZR-1. Do any of you know when the first ZR1 came out? If you thought about the 1990 C4 ZR1 you would be off by a few years. The actual first ZR1 package came out in the 1970 C3.

For the C3 ZR1 the 350-cubic inch LT1 was the heart of the ZR1 concept. The LT-1 was an outstanding small-block, whose understated factory ratings of 370 hp and

380 lb-ft of torque were the result of a heavy-duty four-bolt-main bottom end, forged crank, rods, and pistons, 11.0:1 compression, free-breathing heads, a solid-lifter cam, dual-plane aluminum intake manifold, and 780-cfm Holley four-barrel carburetor. The high-revving LT1 was joined on the ZR1 roster by transistorized ignition, a high-capacity aluminum radiator, metal fan shroud and thermostatic fan, and a Muncie M22 "rock crusher" close-ratio four-speed. An interesting fact here is between 1970 and 1973 there was actually a "ZR2" package with was the same as the ZR1 but with the LS6 big block under the hood. Less than 60 "ZR2" were ever produced. If you find one of those in a barn snag it.

The Next ZR1 came out in 1990 as a C4 generation. This ZR1 ran from 1990 to 1993 and included a Lotus designed DOHC V-8 and in 1993 it boasted 405 horsepower. This very car was parked in my driveway a few days ago by another Corvette enthusiast who lives a few blocks away. He picked up that car, which is in fairly decent shape for a mere \$3800! Another cool note about the C4 ZR1 is that in 1990 it topped 180 mph; folks that's nothing to shake your head at.

The ZR1 skipped the C5 but showed up again, sans hyphen, in the 2009 C6 Corvette. Now fielding a supercharged 638-hp LS9 (604 lb-ft of torque) engine, it was the first factory Corvette to top 200 mph! It ran the quarter in a tick over 11 seconds (at 130.5 mph), blasted from zero to 60 in just 3.3 seconds, and had a stopping distance from 60 mph of just 97 feet. Carbon-fiber body parts (roof, hood, splitter, fenders, and rockers), magnetic suspension, Brembo carbon-ceramic brakes, and huge tires made this the fastest Corvette ever to be released onto the highway, at least at that time. The 2009 ZR1 was so good it beat the Ferrari 599 GTB in a comparison test. We do have one of these beasts in our club today.

In 2019 and the C7 ZR1, a car we would argue is the baddest Corvette on the road today. The 755-hp blown 6.2-liter LT5, a now-discontinued engine made exclusively for the C7 ZR1, is the most powerful engine ever offered in a Corvette. So is this really

the baddest Corvette today well as of yesterday July 25, 2024 I would say no as the new C8 ZR1 was revealed.



The GM engineers who developed the new C8 Corvette ZR1 said it was obvious early on that they were dealing with something special. During its first drag-strip launch, the rear-drive mid-engined monster roared through the quarter-mile in under 10 seconds. During its first lap at GM's Milford Proving Grounds, it posted a faster top speed than the [previous-gen ZR1](#). At Germany's famous Nürburgring racetrack, all four Corvette test drivers eclipsed 200 mph on their *first* laps. And the firsts don't stop there. The 2025 Chevy Corvette ZR1 is also the first turbo-charged Vette and the first production model to produce over 1000 horsepower—1064 horses, to be exact.

The new ZR1's other impressive number is measured in pound-feet, as in 828 pound-feet of torque. The first 800 of that is available at 3000; torque is also limited in the transmission's first two gears to preserve the eight-speed dual-clutch automatic. While it's the same unit found in the C8 Z06, the ZR1's 'box has the same gear ratios, albeit with upgrades such as physically wider gears, stronger input and output shafts, and an improved oiling system.

This is one bad ass Corvette with the horsepower and torque it could tow a 10,000 lb trailer up the Cuesta grade at 60 mph without even breaking a sweat. How do I know this? Well my 2017 Dodge ram does just that with a Cummings diesel rated at 370 horsepower and 800 lb-ft of torque: With a six-speed automatic transmission.

Tom Wilkins, I hate to say it as beautiful as your new C8 is maybe you should have waited for the C8 ZR1. Although the C8 ZR1 did lose the “frunk”.

Have a great month, hope to see some of you at our events and Be safe out there, enjoy life... drive a Corvette.

Bob Furster
VP/Membership



SLO Vettes July 2024 Meeting

Date: July 12, 2024
Location: Chevy SLO

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Club Attendees: 27 and 1 Guest
All Board Members & Chairs present except one person. Jan Dallons was not available. Denise Surber covered for Jan Dallons and gave us the Treasurer Reports and Merchandise updates.

President, Craig Bricker:

Craig introduced our guest, Chris Kilpatrick. Chris has a 2004, Red ZO6 Corvette. He lives in Morro Bay.

This months Q & A: The Olympics in Paris, France are coming soon. How many of you will watch it and what sport are you interested in watching?

Craig also asked Doug Williamson about his new purchase. Doug and Denise had driven their new 2024 Riptide Blue Corvette to the meeting and everyone enjoyed looking over this beauty

VP, Membership, Bob Furster:

Memberships: 50
Members: 88
Cars: 56

June Minutes by Secretary, Lisa Klockenteger:

No changes or corrections noted. A Motion to approve the Minutes as written was made by Denise Surber and seconded by Russ Surber. The Motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report, Jan Dallons: Sitting in for Jan is Denise Surber:

Two sets of reports were reviewed. First set was not reported in previous newsletter. May 10 to June 14, 2024 and then Year to Date Report May 10 to June 14, 2024.

Secondly, was the current Report for June 14 to July 12, 2024.

No comments or questions were made. A Motion to approve all reports as written was made by Beth Yudovin and seconded by Russ Surber. The Motion was carried unanimously.

Events Chair OPEN:

Craig reminded everyone of upcoming events:

1. BarBQ at the Nagel's on August 3rd
2. 31st Annual “Hot El Camino Cruise Nite” August 16th
3. Mystery Tour- space available \$300 deposit saves your space!
4. Sept. 14th Melodrama Theatre, “Werewolf of Arroyo Grande” Matinee Showing

Sunshine Report, Jeanne Allen:

Please see Jeanne's report in newsletter.

Tech Talk, Art MacCarly & Don Allen:

There will be no Tech Talk column in the August edition of *Keepin' Track* because both Don and Art have other commitments that don't allow them to give the column the attention it requires.

Ambassador NCM, Don Allen:

Things you may not know:

1. As a member of the National Corvette Museum you may be eligible for discounts at other Museums around the country. Ask about it whenever you are visiting a Museum.
2. A Special Edition one of a kind 30th Anniversary C8 Z06 will be Ruffled off soon. Ticket price \$350.

Corvette Racing News, Russ Surber:

Please check out Russ Surber's article this month.

Website, Jon Dallons:

Be sure to look at the new format for our website. Jon has done a fabulous job with our new site.

Merchandise, Jan Dallons: Sitting in for Jan was Denise Surber

Jan was out and Denise Surber handled the delivery of the special order Club Jackets. Call Jan for new orders or questions.

Newsletter Deadline: Friday July 26, 2024

50/50 \$75

Winner was: Jeanne Allen \$37.50

Next Monthly Meeting August 9, 2024

Location: Chevy SLO

Time: 6:00pm Meet & Great

August Meeting Starts: 6:30 pm Sharp!

Meeting Adjourned: 7:31pm

Submitted by your Secretary

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Events

*Craig Bricker, Bob Furster, Harold Davis,
& Don Allen - The Committee*

We are half-way through the summer of 2024 and our events for this summer are winding down.

Below are the SLO Vette events that are scheduled in August and September:

1) BBQ at Bill & Grace Nagel's Home – Saturday, August 3rd. See attached flyer.

2) Hot El Camino Nights – Atascadero – Friday, August 16th – See attached flyer.

3) Mystery Tour – Friday, Saturday and Sunday – September, 27th, 28th and 29th – Event is limited to only 15 cars. **Only five spots remaining.**

Contact Jan Dallons at 805-712-111 to reserve your spot for this fun weekend event. A \$300.00 deposit is required.

Harold Davis Events:

1) Sunday, August 11th – BBQ at Atascadero Park from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM hosted by Corvette Pacifica. Text Harold Davis at 805-441-9576 if you plan to attend. Let Harold know if you want hamburger or hotdog. Since Corvette Pacifica is hosting this event, there is no cost to attend.

2) Saturday, August 24th – Norgrove Railway museum and train ride in Arroyo Grande. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Text Harold Davis at 805-441-9576 if you plan to attend. Bring a couple of chairs and a picnic lunch for your yourself. We will be able to enjoy a lunch on the property.

**National Corvette Museum
Ambassador**

Don Allen



National Corvette Museum Update





Greetings SLO Vette members. I held off sending my article to Russ so I could include the latest and possibly the greatest news about Corvette so far from General Motors. The long rumored ZR1 was revealed to the public on July 25 as a 2025 model. GM said it was going to be the most powerful Corvette ever produced and they were not exaggerating. Cranking out 1064 horsepower with a top speed of over 215 mph, this Corvette is a true supercar. It goes from 80 mph to 200 and back to 80 in 24.5 seconds. Quarter mile drag races are over in less than 10 seconds at above 150 mph.

While outwardly it looks pretty much like a Z06, inside everything is bigger and badder. The engine is based on the Z06 but the addition of two turbochargers required internal changes to make more horsepower and to be stronger so it would stay together and not blow up. The transmission has larger and stronger components and the brakes are larger than even the Z06 brakes.

The interior remains the same with the addition of ZR1 badges. Up front, the frunk (front trunk) is gone, replaced by an air scoop that adds downforce to keep the car glued to the ground and additional radiators to help cool the engine. In the back, check out the split window. Not since 1963 has the Corvette had a split window because Zora Duntov didn't like it. Well, it's back but this time it is actually functional. It is vented to allow hot engine air to escape. Then there is a new high wing option. Together with the hood air scoop and the rear wing, the aero package adds 1200 pounds of total downforce to keep the car stable at high speed. During the reveal Juechter claimed that he personally experienced cornering forces of 1.5 Gs at 200 mph. That is really glued to the ground!

GM claims the car will be released in 2025 as a 2025 model. No pricing has been published yet but you could probably get your name on the list at your favorite dealer. I expect base models to start around \$150,000 and a well-optioned ZR1 just above \$200,000. That's assuming no dealer mark-up.

Remember I said this was the greatest news about Corvette so far? That's because the next model is expected to be the "Zora", which will start off as a ZR1 with electric motor(s) to supplement the 1064 HP internal combustion engine. That should be a real rocket ship!

To see a video of the actual reveal with GM President Mark Reuss and Executive Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter presenting a ZR1 Coupe and a ZR1 Convertible, go to: [\[VIDEO\] Watch the Reveal of the 2025 Corvette ZR1 with Tadge Juechter from Miami - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

To read more about the ZR1, see some still photos, and to see a video from inside the car as it accelerates to over 200 mph, go to: [Car and Driver: New Car Reviews, Buying Advice and News](#)

Museum News

The National Corvette Museum Updates its Outdoor Delivery Mural

If you order a new Corvette and check the box labeled “RNC”, you are asking that your new ride be delivered to you in the main hallway of the National Corvette Museum. Following all the paperwork and instruction that happens inside the Museum on Corvette Boulevard, the owner is then driven outside and a stop is made in front of the NCM Delivery Mural for additional photos.

The banner has been changed over the years and this is the latest rendition.

Originally, there was a white vinyl banner there that said, “Living the Dream.” Then, under Sharon Brawner’s tenure, it was changed to a painted mural featuring the NCM logo, and a picture featuring the SkyDome and a running horse with an outline representing the state of Kentucky. The mural still read “Living the Dream” which was done in an “artistic style” that seemed to leave folks feeling that the painting was uncompleted. The other issue is that cars being photographed would block the “Living the Dream” saying under it.

The new mural contains a lightly faded 1953 Corvette with the NCM’s new tagline “Adrenaline Meets Tradition.” Below the car is a fading checkered flag. On the left side, it reads “Living the Dream” and then on the very right is the NCM logo along the Corvette logos from each of the eight generations.

Here are photos of blue C8 Corvettes posed in front of the new mural versus the old mural. We can thank Jon Dallons for the pic of our member Tom Wilkins accepting delivery of his new Z06 in front of the old mural. While I like the contrast between the old and the new in the new mural, I prefer the brighter colors of the old mural. Each to their own as the saying goes. It is nice to be able to see most of the text in the new mural but it might be less impressive if the Corvette is either black or gray. Bright colors seem to

jump out where black, silver, and charcoal paint schemes may blend with the mural.

[\[PICS\] The National Corvette Museum Updates its Outdoor Delivery Mural - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)



Member Discounts

Looking for back issues or more stories? Members have unlimited access to past issues of *America's Sports Car* magazine on our Membership website.



Save On High Performance Driving Education. Each year, the Motorsports Park offers two opportunities to participate in this historic program. Designed for drivers of all skill levels, our HPDE programs offer professional instruction, personalized feedback, and ample track time. As a member of the National Corvette Museum, you are entitled to one discounted registration per year. Enter promo code NCM24 at checkout to receive \$50 off.

Save on travel. With the busy travel season here, make sure to take advantage of Member discounts on car rentals and hotel bookings. Visit the NCM website to view participating companies, and see how much you can save with access to discount codes only available to Museum Members!

NCM and the Motorsports Park Hosting GM Training for the Dealerships

Recent enhancements to the Motorsports Park have resulted in continued exposure and growth of the NCM Motorsports Park. In the last six months alone, MSP has introduced new Corvette E-Rays into the Experience Fleet, and is welcoming Chevrolet salespeople from across the country for the first Corvette Academy held at the National Corvette Museum Campus, and announced a partnership with Graham Rahal Performance that has NCM Motorsports Park serving as the host venue for a series of Radical Racing track and demo days.

Offered only to sales people specializing in Corvette sales at GM dealerships, the 2024 Corvette Sales Academy is being hosted at NCM Motorsports Park for this year's training. The sessions include learning modules and track drives at MSP, and an opportunity to tour the National Corvette Museum. This is a significant opportunity to showcase the Motorsports Park, Museum, and R8C Delivery program to Corvette Sales Specialists from dealerships nationwide.

Fraud Alert

We have been informed that unauthorized websites such as, 'Passforless,' are selling discounted tickets to the National Corvette Museum. Please be advised that these tickets are not valid.

To ensure a secure and enjoyable experience, always purchase your tickets directly from our official website: www.corvettemuseum.org/visit. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you and your clubs to the Museum.

Raffles

Below are all the currently active raffles. For additional information and rules regarding National Corvette Museum raffles including how to order tickets and to view the number of tickets remaining available in real time, go to <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>. The cars will be raffled off on time regardless if all the tickets are sold. I wish you the best of luck and hope to see photos of you picking up your prize at the Museum.



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible
8/8/2024
Price: \$200.00 Tickets: 1500 Tickets



2024 Black Corvette Coupe
7/18/2024
Tickets are \$150 Tickets 1500

2024 Black Corvette Z06 Convertible
8/30/2024
Price: \$350.00 Tickets: 1994



Why is this black Z06 raffle so pricey? That is because this will be a one-of-a-kind Z06. Earlier this month, *GM Authority* reported that the National Corvette Museum was raffling off a special 30th Anniversary 2025 Corvette Z06. Now, NCM has released a comprehensive rundown on some of the goodies the high-performance 30th Anniversary 2025 Corvette Z06 will feature.

For starters, the unique C8 Z06 will be underscored by a one-of-a-kind 30th Anniversary Bronze Graphics Package, intended to highlight 30 years of the National Corvette Museum's honoring of America's sports car. The car rides on the (RPO code 5DK) Spider design Tech Bronze forged aluminum wheels, behind which Black-painted brake calipers are found. Some additional exterior bits and bobs include Carbon Flash side vents, Carbon Flash front and rear accents, Carbon Flash badges, and Carbon Flash-painted carbon fiber ground effects.

Moving to the interior, this particular unit is outfitted in the range-topping 3LZ Equipment Group, equipped with the Natural interior colorway, leather seats with perforated inserts, Performance Data Recorder, Head-Up Display, GT2 buckets, and the Stealth Interior Trim Package, which itself features dark finish aluminum trimmings on the speaker grilles, air vents, and console trim plate. The 30th Anniversary Corvette also includes delivery directly at the museum.

The winner of this 2025 Corvette Z06 NCM 30th Anniversary Edition will be drawn on August 30th, 2024.



**2024 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8
/31/2024
Price: \$20.00 Tickets: Unlimited**



**2024 Rapid Blue Corvette Coupe
9/19/2024
Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000**

Assembly Plant Update

Maybe the Plant Needs a Quality Control Audit?



Coin and Stamp Collectors are always in search of limited production items and even better if the item included a mistake. Those mistakes make such coins and stamps more valuable and they become real gems of a collection. Maybe not so much for a Corvette.

Recently, Rick Conti of Coughlin Cars Chevy dealership received a new C8 from the Assembly Plant. When the car came off the transporter, they discovered it had two different seats! The car was ordered with two-tone Sky Cool Gray GT2 seats and while the passenger seat was correct, the driver's seat is a Jet Black GT2 seat.

The owner does want his two-tone Sky Cool Gray seats and who could blame him for that. While it is a true factory error, having two completely different seat designs is just a little over the top to keep it like that. It will be interesting to see how fast this seat mix-up is resolved as we've often heard that there are parts available for production, but not so much for repairs. Anyone waiting on a Windshield can attest to that.

[\[VIDEO\] 2024 Corvette Delivered with Two Different Seats - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](https://www.corvetteblogger.com)

Rumors and Tidbits

Is This the Sign of Things to Come?

Chevy offered its first incentive on the C8 Corvette. Based on bulletins sent to dealers, 2024 Chevy Corvettes had an unadvertised financing deal that could save you big money on a purchase. Unfortunately, the offer expired July 30th.

On July 2nd, 2024 Corvettes became eligible for 7.49% financing for 72 months. GM also offered an 84-month option at 7.99% APR. While this offer was short lived, it is the first deal since the C8 Corvette was introduced. Since then, the model has seen markups and limited availability.

On a \$70,000 car, it looks like a 6-year loan at 7.49% would entail over \$17,000 in interest. As a result, this isn't a particularly impressive deal. Given that the average interest rate is reportedly close to 10% APR, GM's new incentive could represent a roughly \$6,300 price cut for some shoppers.

Oh, there are always catches. First, Chevy is limiting the deal to 1LT versions of the 2024 Corvette. While the offer is technically available on 2023 Corvettes too, the sales records show that those sold out back in January. Additionally, GM Financial is enabling dealers to mark-up rates by as much as 2.5%.

Unlike a normal financing incentive, the one on the Corvette and a slew of other Chevs gives dealers two options: apply a 1.5% markup plus receive a flat fee of 1.5% from GM Financial or opt for a larger 2% markup in place of the flat fee. There's also a caveat that 84-month loans may be 0.5% higher than these figures. At that point, you could be looking at a rate close to 10%. Maybe this deal is no deal at all.

Shoppers should be aware that Corvettes still don't have lease incentives and there are no rebates. Unlike most GM models, the Corvette also doesn't have any loyalty discounts.

So why would GM decide to begin offering deals on the Corvette after 4 years on the market? Inventory data shows that the Corvette isn't exactly plentiful with only around 2,500 listings nationally. Over half of those appear to be 2LT trim configurations, suggesting those may be the easiest to find. Maybe the dealers asked GM for some help to bail them out of inventory purchases of 1LT base-model Corvettes that have sat on the lot for a while. [C8 Chevy Corvette Gets First-Ever Deals - Carsdirect](#)

Some Cool Cut-Away Pictures of the E-Ray, Corvette engines and Transmissions

These photos of some of the displays that GM put together for dealer/sales training classes, many of which were held at the

NCM Motorsports Park. I'm hoping they are still there when we visit for the Annual Celebration. The car featured above happens to be an E-Ray. To see more, go to: [Why This Stripped Cutaway C8 Corvette Display Has Social Media Talking \(corvsport.com\)](#)



Drunk Corvette Owner Revs His Engine Until it EXPLODES

According to the video, some folks that live in this area were woken up by the Corvette owner revving his engine while it was parked in the parking lot, and proceeded to record the incident while also calling police. This would be a big annoyance at any time of the day, but this happened in the middle of the night, when those neighbors were sleeping. The person recording this video noted that this had been going on for a solid ten minutes, and we can clearly hear the poor Corvette as it quite literally cries for help.



It isn't long before we can see smoke coming from underneath the hood, which is followed by an explosion and even more billowing smoke. Soon, sparks begin flying out of the exhaust tips in dramatic fashion, and shortly thereafter, the entire car erupts

into flames. At this point, the Corvette owner nonchalantly exits the vehicle and begins to walk away – at least, for a second, before he turns around and heads back to the burning sports car.

As bystanders yell for the man to get away from the car, he eventually heeds that advice, a mere split second before the Corvette explodes yet again. The flames quickly spread to the car next to the Corvette, making one of its tires explode, and at this point, bystanders are obviously worried that the fire will reach nearby homes. Thankfully, the fire department arrived before that happened.

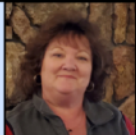
As for the Corvette owner, he was reportedly drunk, but got very lucky in this case, as he only suffered a second-degree burn to his foot. That wasn't the case legally speaking, however, as was charged with negligent burning and endangering the safety of people or property – charges that were strangely dropped. Regardless, the man did at least suffer one big loss, as his Corvette is now toast. [INSANE: Drunk Corvette Owner Revs His Engine Until it EXPLODES! - CorvetteForum](http://www.corvetteforum.com/threads/insane-drunk-corvette-owner-revs-his-engine-until-it-explodes-1000000)

In Closing

To learn more about the Museum, it's mission and purpose, upcoming events, exhibits, membership, and to plan your next visit, please contact me directly or visit the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org. I look forward to chatting with you at our next meeting.

Don Allen, National Corvette Museum
Ambassador
SLO Vettes

Sunshine Report
Jeanne Allen







August Sunshine Report
By
Jeanne Allen

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Stories of Corvette Racing
Russ Surber



IMSA Weathertech Sports Car Championship

July brought Triumph and Tears for racing Corvettes, depending on where you looked. On July 13 at the IMSA 6-Hour Chevrolet Grand Prix near Ottawa, Canada, Pratt Miller's two Z06 GT3.R cars (#3 & #4) took up the front row of the GTD Pro class entries. Then, on Sunday, Sims and Garcia in the # 3 Corvette delivered the first victory for the Z06 GT3.R in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Even better, Milner and Catsburg's #4 Corvette was right behind, giving Pratt Miller its first win and, by extension, its first 1-2 finish this season. #3 began from pole position and led 109 of 113 laps en route to a 0.408-second victory over Tommy Milner and Nicky Catsburg in the # 4 Corvette following a late-race restart. You may recall that at Laguna Seca in May the

Milner and Catsburg the #4 drove to the team's first podium of the season and the #3 Corvette of Sims and Garcia finished on the podium at Watkins Glen last month.



Clearly, Pratt Miller and its team of drivers have figured out the new Z06 GT3.R and how to get the maximum out of it. There are four races remaining in the IMSA series and while it's unlikely Corvette can claw its way to the top of the heap, just the fact that that is even a distant possibility speaks volumes for the progress Pratt Miller has made since the inaugural 24-Hours of Daytona in January.

For the IMSA Corvette teams the "Tear" part came in the GTD class, where AWA's Z06 GT3.R (#13) ended unexpectedly early when it had climbed to 2nd in class only to be hit from behind and launched into the barriers. While Trey Fidani climbed out of the car on his own power, the car itself was badly damaged. The AWA Team, however, wasn't about to quit and attempted to get #13 back on the track. Unfortunately, the damage was simply to great.

The next for the Z07 GT3.Rs in IMSA will be at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin August 2-4.

World Endurance Championship

Further from home, on the World Endurance Championship scene, TF Sport fielded two Z06 GT3.R's (#81 & #82) for the Rolex 6 Hours of Sao Paulo in Brazil. While Van Rompuy put #81 into the final qualifying session for the LMGT3 class, limited to the

ten fastest cars in class, a long yellow flag session cooled the car's tires and he ended up 8th on the grid. #82 missed getting into the final qualifying session by 0.042 seconds and started 11th on the grid.

In the race itself The #81 TF Sport trio of Van Rompuy, Andrade and Corvette factory driver Eastwood placed eighth in the 17-car LMGT3 field at the end of the Six Hours of São Paulo. It was their best result since the season's second race at Imola. More importantly, the Brazil round also showed that podium finishes are likely on the horizon in the team's first year with the Corvette platform.

Van Rompuy began eighth in LMGT3 but moved up two places in the opening 10 minutes. He was on his way into the top-five before he was hit by one of the GT3-class Porsches moments later and spun off the track. The No. 81 Corvette rejoined in 14th. That put the #82 Z06 GT3.R of Koizumi as the lead Corvette, having moved to ninth from his 13th-place starting spot. Both he and Van Rompuy drove double-stints to start the race with both Corvettes in the top-10 by the time TF Sport made their first driver changes two hours in.



Andrade took over the #81 Corvette and was involved in a multi-car battle for fifth place with four cars racing within four seconds of each other. Meanwhile, Baud took over the #82 Z06 GT3.R, which had to serve a drive-through penalty before the driver swap. Baud showed good pace and made the driver change factory driver Juncadella to go the

rest of the way. Unfortunately on his way out onto the track, a mechanical problem sidelined the Corvette after 133 laps. The team is still trying to determine the cause.

That left the No. 81 to battle the balance of the GT3 field. Andrade ran in the top five before handing over to Eastwood to drive nearly two-and-a-half hours to the end. Eastwood continued to contend for a top-five finish before an unfortunate penalty during a full-course caution period near the five-hour mark. He continued to show the potential of the Z06 GT3.R with the sixth-fastest lap of the 49 LMGT3 drivers in the race.

TF Sport's next race in the FIA WEC is the Lone Star Le Mans from Circuit of The Americas in Austin from August 30-September 1.

Fanatic GT World Challenge America Championship

On the third weekend of July the Fanatic GT World Challenge America series arrived at the Virginia International Raceway where the Z06 GT3 R of DXDT Racing dominated the competition, as it had at the last two GTWCA events. In the Pro Class lineup, Alec Udell and Tommy Milner secured the Team's third consecutive overall victory in the # 63. Odell drove the first stint and lost the lead to ST Racing's BMW M4 on the first lap. Pit stops and driver changes at the halfway point saw Milner take over from Odell and put the # 63 back in the lead hotly pursued by Wright Motorsports #120 Porsche 992. Milner held on to his lead as he navigated his way thorough multiple race restarts before taking the checkered flag, adding to the two victories for DXDT Racing at the previous rounds at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA).

So, July seems to have been the "coming out party" for the Z06 GT3 R, announcing that it had arrived and intended to say at the top of the heap. I'd be derelict if I didn't give a special shout out to Tommy Milner, who you will recall also drove the Pratt Miller Corvette to 2nd place in the 6-Hour IMSA

race in Ottawa just a week earlier. Way to go Tommy!

Russ Surber, Editor and Sometimes Columnist



Are They Coming for Your Corvette?

First, an under-reported news event that directly relates to America's favorite sports car. Actually, it relates to America's favorite sports car if it is licensed in California.

On July 2 Governor Newsom signed legislation prohibiting "the obstruction or alteration of license plate," broadening the scope of existing California vehicle law. In a rarity for the California Legislature, the bill was passed unanimously in the Assembly and Senate and was supported by 24 police officer associations across the State. The new law expands the definition of the exiting law by prohibiting such acts "generally without regard to their capture by state or local law enforcement." This means that alterations to license plates that are obstructive in nature will be considered illegal, even if there is no intent to evade law enforcement. Violations will be punished by a \$250 fine. Most California vehicle types are required to display a license plate on the front and back, with the exception of trailers, motorcycles, special equipment, and commercial truck tractors, a law observed more in the breach than in practice by Corvette owners across the State.

So, the question is, will your Corvette with no front license plate become a target under this law? And, will state and local law enforcement agencies see this as an opportunity to force Corvette owners to "plate up," if you will. I mention this because I thought you'd want to know. I've already started to think about work-arounds, none of which are very satisfactory. Perhaps our

Tech Talk writers can offer some suggestions.

“I’ll always remember where I was when . . .”

July provided us with one of those “I’ll always remember where I was” moments. If you think about it, you’ve probably had a few yourselves. I’ve had four in my life: JFK’s assassination in 1963, our first Moon Landing in 1969, the shooting of President Reagan in 1981, and now the assassination attempt on Trump a couple of weeks ago.

The sad thing about my “forever” memories is that three of the four involve presidential assassination attempts, one successful and two, thankfully, not. I’m not suggesting that this kind of violence defines our society, it doesn’t, but rather that we tend to remember the catastrophes and not the triumphs in life. That I believe is more of a human condition than a national trait. Whatever, I think we could all use another “Moon Landing” to remind us that, despite all of our many faults and foibles, we are capable of good and glorious things.

Another EV Story?

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, and so I give you a gasoline powered van pulling a diesel powered generator recharging an EV:



have to add that in of all places, the *West Hawaii News*, the future of Corvette was examined with respect to an all-electric model. Our NCM Ambassador called this piece to my attention because it asks some interesting questions. As you might expect

from an Hawaiian journal, the bias was strongly in favor of EV’s generally. That said, the article raises questions about how Corvette owners might react to an all-electric Vette, and the conclusion was an equivocal “We’re not sure. They could just walk away from it” because of the lure of the gasoline powered version’s roar, if you catch my meaning. The sound of an EV winding up is closer to a sewing machine at full bore than a V8 screaming for more RPM’s. The article also had something interesting trivia. According to retiring Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, the median age of Corvette buyers has been rising by roughly one year each year, topping out at about 64. Juechter believes that is unsustainable, and in the context of providing a vehicle with more appeal to younger drivers he said, “It was comfortable for our traditional customers, but you’re not going to sell a significant number to 100-year olds.” Tadge must look at me with horror and alarm! The other interesting bit of trivia was that, almost across the board, “sports cars” have fallen out of favor with automobile buyers, who now seem to prefer SUVs and trucks to a small, two-passenger sports car. So in addition to not having much of a sense of humor, our younger compatriots don’t seem to get a thrill from wind in the hair and exhaust tones trailing behind as you motor up Highway One.

The thrust of the article was that younger buyers looking to save the planet (see photo above) might be lured into all-electric Corvettes, especially in the south where there is a large body of Corvette lovers and a general disdain for EV’s of whatever size and description. It’s at this point that the writer and I diverge. When you live on a relatively small island, an EV could make sense because there would never be a place where you weren’t within a short drive to a charging station. If you live in rural Alabama, that might not be the case. It certainly wouldn’t be if you wanted to take a road trip, and that is where this Hawaii journalist fails to take into account the very special nature of island life. When we lived on Oahu a “road trip” was a drive around the island, which might take three or four hours depending on traffic, weather, and how many times you stop. We

stopped a lot because, in the tradition of the islands, “Whose in a hurry?”

Well, that’s it for August. Stay cool, take your car out regularly to show it you still love it, and never forget to wave, even at Miata’s.

Russ Surber, Editor
Keepin’ Track



The Solvang Theaterfest Run Gang at Lunch in Solvang, on the Road, and at the Outlets Ready to Hit the Road.

BBQ at Bill & Grace Nagel's Home Saturday, August 3rd



On Saturday, August 3rd, Bill and Grace Nagel has invited all SLO Vette members for a 1:00 PM lunch gathering at their home at 540 Camino Roble in Nipomo.



Prior to going to the Nagel's home, we will be meeting at the Pismo Beach Outlets at 11:45 AM and departing at 12:00 PM for a leisurely drive through the back roads of SLO, Arroyo Grande & then on through the Village of AG and up onto The Mesa before arriving at their home at 1:00 PM.



Bill & Grace will be grilling hamburgers & hotdogs. Water, lemonade & ice tea will be provided.

If you would like to sip on your favorite wine or beer you are more than welcome to bring it with you. Cups will be provided.

We ask those attending to bring a side salad, appetizer or dessert.

Please RSVP to Craig Bricker by text at 805-471-2945 or reply by email at crbricker@earthlink.net no later than Tuesday, July 30th Please inform Craig which side dish you plan to bring.

Hot El Camino Cruise Nite **Friday, August 16th**

Mark your calendar and join the SLO Vettes in Atascadero for an evening of Cruizin, eating and fun.



We have a reserved spot at the El Camino Car Wash, 7200 El Camino Real where we can park our cars, watch the cars cruise the El Camino and enjoy BBQ.

*To avoid roadblocks established by the Atascadero PD you should plan to be at the Car Wash **no later than 4:45 PM**. Park on the street in front of the Car Wash and wait for the Car Wash to close at 5:00 PM when we can enter and park our cars. The Cruise formally ends at 8:00 PM and you may leave anytime thereafter.*

If you want to cruise along the El Camino, you need to register your car. You can find the form on the Club's homepage website or follow the below link to download the forms:

<https://www.visitatascadero.com/files/Cruisin'%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

If you register before 4 pm on August 16 the fee is \$30. After that the fee jumps to \$40.

What to bring? Folding chairs, a beverage of your choice and a hat and jacket as the night could get cooler.

Burgers will be grilled. Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Please volunteer to bring a salad or dessert when you RSVP

Please RSVP by text to Craig at (805-471-2945) or reply to this email by August 12th to allow time for an accurate food order.

SLO Vettes Event Calendar 2024

SLO Vettes -- Events -- 2024

Month	Date	Day of Week	Event
January	21st	Sunday	Events Planning Meeting
February	24th	Saturday	Parkfield Run - Parkfield
March	15th/16th	Postponed to Future Date	Reagan Library & Nethercutt Museum
March	30th	Saturday	Maverick Saloon - Santa Ynez - Cancelled Weather
April	13th	Saturday	Vintage Cowboy - Poze - Cancelled Weather
April	27th	Saturday	Maverick Saloon - Santa Ynez
May	3rd	Friday	Drive to Creston & lunch at Morro Bay
May	4th	Saturday	Morro Bay Car Show
May	18th	Saturday	Tour de Paso Robles
June	1st	Saturday	BBQ at Tracy & Stacy Weed's Home - Atascadero
June	22nd	Saturday	Mission San Antonio - Jolon
July	4th	Thursday	BBQ at Dallons Home - Templeton
July	25th	Thursday	Solvang - PCPA
August	3rd	Saturday	BBQ at Bill & Grace Nagel's Home - Nipomo
August	16th	Friday	Hot El Camino Nights - Atascadero
September	14th	Saturday	Melodrama - Matinee - Dinner After Show - Oceano
September	27th - 29th	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Mystery Tour - ????
October	12th	Saturday	Pioneer Day Parade - Paso Robles - Lunch After
November	2nd/9th	Saturday	Toy Drive - CHP - San Luis Obispo
November	16th	Saturday	Ragged Point Run
December	12/7/24	Saturday	Christmas Party - The Inn at Morro Bay

SLO Vettes -- Monthly Business Meetings -- 2024

Month	Date	Day of Week/Time	Location
February	9th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
March	8th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
April	12th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
May	10th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
June	14th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
July	12th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
August	9th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
September	13th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
October	11th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
November	8th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
December	--	--	No Meeting