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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Sad that people think that summer is over but we still have plenty of time to be out enjoying our cars, so let's get out for more fun.

Those that didn't make it to Carlisle this year a great time was missed. Yes it was hot, yes it was muggy but looking at all the Corvettes was worth it. Cars came from states like California, Washington and other western states, it's not just a local outing. Lot of vendors with all that Bling for the car.

With the season drawing closer to putting the cars into hibernation we still have great activities coming up. A road rally, our trip to see the elk, great restaurants for our food critics and not to forget the Veterans Day Parade.

Hope to see everyone at the Monthly Meeting at Willie's.

Thanks,
Paul



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HOW TO ORGANIZE A ROAD RALLY

HERE ARE FIVE STEPS TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN ROAD RALLY:

1. Choose your locations.

Your locations are the foundation of your rally as this is the route your teams will follow throughout the course of the day. Come up with a list of about 10 locations in your town -- this will take about two hours to complete. Make sure to choose spots that are native to the area or have unique names as this will reduce confusion and help teams head to the right place. You'll also need to come up with road "bounds" so that your teams will know what area to stay in. Having teams start and end in the same location also will help keep your road rally running smoothly.

Once you figure out your stops, create a route!

Sites like [MapQuest](#) have great tools that will help you optimize your route, save time and put your locations in an easy-to-follow order.

2. Create your clues.

It wouldn't be a road rally without the clues!

In order to get your teams to the locations you just chose, make them solve clues to figure out where to go. Crossword puzzles, geographic coordinates, word searches, and story problems are always crowd-pleasers. Just don't make the clues too tough to figure out or have the outcome be more than one possibility. [Discovery Education](#) has a plethora of resources for creating your own puzzles, or you could create one on your own.

For example, have your teams fill-in the blanks of missing words from famous movie quotes. In each of the blanks, have certain letters circled. These circled letters can then spell out a location.

3. Invent your challenges.

The key to an epic road rally is the fun and unique challenges. At each location, come up with a silly task for teams to complete and capture with a video on their phone.

Whether it be a dance-off in the parking lot or buying the weirdest flavor of candy they can find at a candy shop, this will for sure be the highlight of the day. Make sure to give each challenge a certain point value. In addition to having challenges at each location, you can also give your teams a list of items to be on the lookout for during their drive to take photos of to earn them extra points.

The best part is after the rally is over, and you can all watch everyone's photos and videos together.



HOW TO ORGANIZE A ROAD RALLY—CONTINUED

4. Figure out your extras.

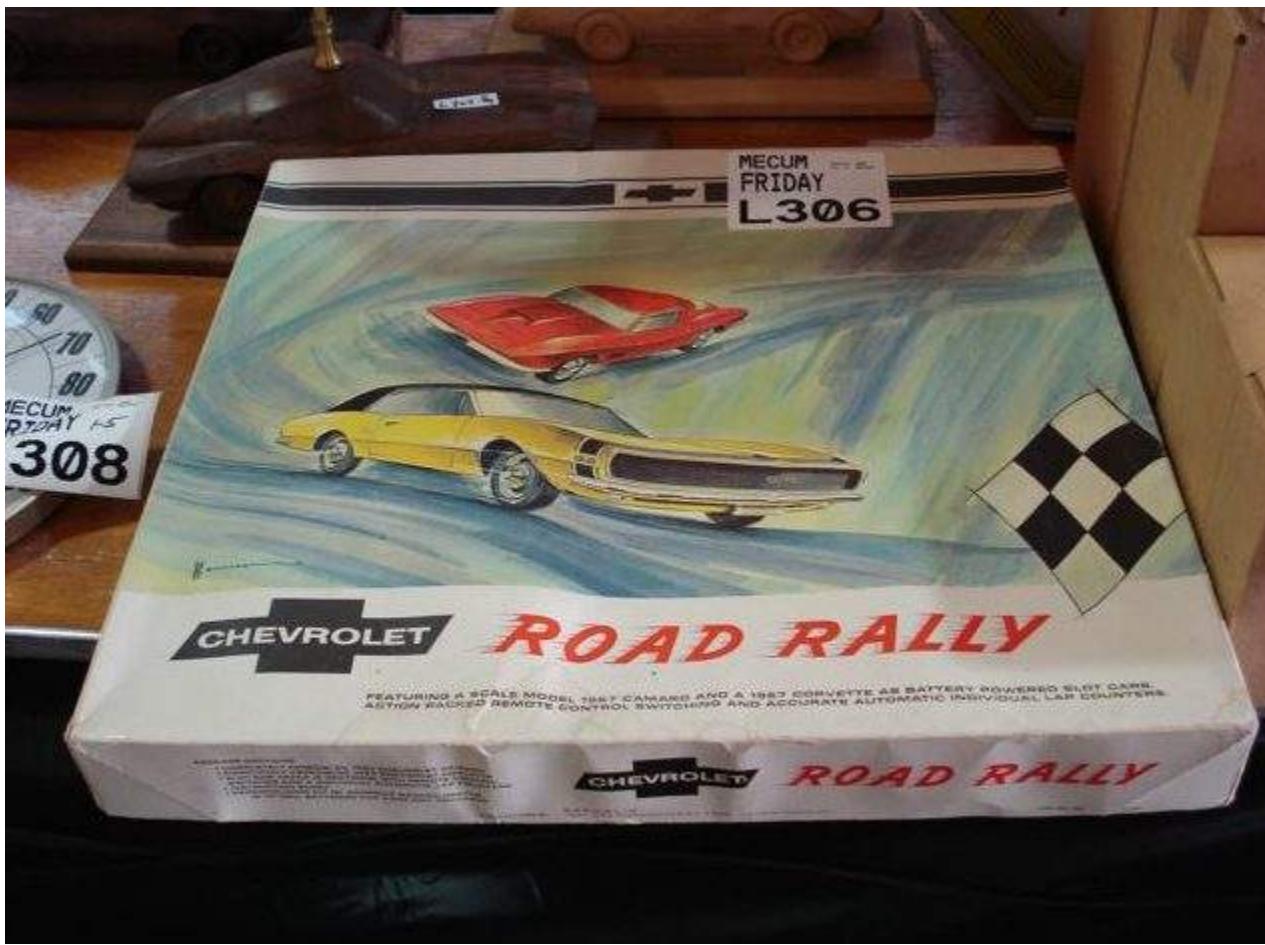
Do you want your teams to race against the clock? Will there be point penalties for asking for help? How will everything be scored? Who will be the judge at the end? Is there a time limit of when everyone should return back?

All these questions should be answered before you send everyone off on the rally. Think outside the box with different rules and tasks to make your rally unique.

5. Gather your resources.

Once all your pre-planning is done with your locations and their respective clues, print them off and organize them so that teams will be able to take them with them as they drive throughout the rally and follow them in a logical order. Putting each clue and location challenge in separate envelopes and labeling them (Clue No. 1, Clue No. 2, etc.) is a great way to make sure teams stay on task.

And you're ready to go! Split your party up into teams, and send them off on the adventure of the year.





2022 CORVETTE NEWS

The EPA has posted fuel economy figures for the updated 2022 Chevrolet Corvette, and at first blush, they're not great. Checking in at 16 mpg city, 24 mpg highway and 19 combined, the Corvette has gained 1 mpg in the city but appears to have lost 3 mpg on the highway – where every Corvette owner will tell you the torquey, low-revving sports car is its most fuel-efficient. And guess what? It's your fault.

Well, maybe not you, specifically, but Corvette buyers. As it turns out, the Z51 model, which includes a shorter final drive ratio (meaning the engine spins faster for a given forward speed), was the most popular one ordered for 2021. Because the EPA requires automakers to certify a car's fuel economy based on volume, the Z51's lower highway efficiency is now considered representative of Corvettes sold with the 6.2-liter V8 and dual-clutch transmission, which – for the time being anyway – happens to be all of them.

"The EPA fuel economy numbers are based on which package is most popular," GM spokesperson Trevor Thompkins told Autoblog. "For 2021, Corvette



Stingrays equipped with Z51 accounted for nearly 70 percent of Corvettes sold, because our customers are looking for the highest level of performance. Due to success of the Z51 package, we will be reporting model year 2022 EPA fuel economy numbers based on the Z51-equipped Corvette Stingray's results — 16 city, 24 highway and 19 combined."

And while we'd have normally expected a shorter final drive ratio to dictate a lower city fuel economy figure too, this is where the 2022 Corvette's updates come into play.

"The 2022 Corvette Stingray shows a 1 mpg gain in the city even with Z51 included because all 2022 Corvettes feature an upgraded direct injection fuel system, improved engine calibration and an enhanced Active Fuel Management range," Thompkins said.

As Corvette Chief Engineer Josh Holder told us back in June, the injection system operates at a higher pressure now, which helps to lower emissions and provide greater stability at idle. The 2022 model keeps its 490 horsepower rating in base trim and 495 horsepower rating with the performance exhaust system. The 0-60 mph time for the Z51 car remains at 2.9 seconds, too.





2023 C8 Z06 CORVETTE HITS THE NURBURGRING

Due to external factors, the 2019 C7 Corvette ZR1 driven by Jim Mero missed breaking the 7-minute barrier at [Nürburgring](#), despite being capable of doing so. But now there's hope that this achievement can be done with the 2023 C8 Corvette Z06. The All-American Supercar is over there testing on the German track right now, spitting blue flames, ahead of its big reveal on October 26, 2021. We have to assume a C8 Z06 'Ring lap time is part of the festivities. If you don't believe us, peep the video below:

The retired GM vehicle dynamics engineer, a 20+ year Nurburgring veteran, and now owner of Jim Mero Vehicle Dynamics, is well known among the Corvette community. And he even participates in forum banter like the rest of us heathens. As such, a [Corvette Forum](#) member called on Mero to ask some questions about the C8 Corvette Z06, and here's what he had to say:

So, taking into consideration several things:

The first and foremost new tires, I know that Lee Willard is a tire design genius. Whatever cup tires are on the C8 Z06, comparing them to the Cup 2 tires that were designed and developed by Lee and myself in 2013, seven years of tire design and advanced technology should result in an incredible tire for the C8 Z06. I would venture to estimate a lap time improvement of 8 to 10 seconds just based on tires.



The second would be the DCT. More available gears to keep the horsepower and torque in the peak power band throughout the lap and lightning quick shifts. Better and more advanced performance traction algorithms. I did not use performance traction for every fast lap I did through the C7 Z06. I did embrace it on the [C7 ZR1](#), having to do it over, I might've run the ZR1 the same way I ran everything else.



2023 C8 Z06 CORVETTE HITS THE NURBURGRING—CONTINUED



I don't know the horsepower of the new Z06 but keeping up with the horsepower gain throughout the generations, I see no reason to C8 Corvette Z06 would be any different.

And of course, the driver. I do not know if they are going to have Oliver Gavin drive again. But now there is an engineer on the Corvette I feel would be just as fast, if not faster. His name is Bill Wise, he drove the 7:16 Camaro ZL1 1LE a few years ago.

Summing it all up, based on my armchair analysis, which actually has been pretty good in the past, I see no reason the car shouldn't be 12 to 14 seconds faster than the 7:10 I ran in the C7 Z06.

The opportunity to have the Corvette be the first American car under seven minutes would be a significant achievement. I know, I've been there.....

Thank you, Jim

The 2023 Corvette Z06 is expected to have the most powerful naturally aspirated V8 engine ever found in a production car, topping at over 600 horsepower. That said, scorekeepers will no doubt point to the fact that the C7 Z06 had a staggering 650 hp, when it was running right. But with a mid-engine application, better tires, and more aggressive aerodynamics by comparison, the C8 Corvette Z06 is bound to make far better use of its power than the C7 ever could.

At the moment, it feels like the 2023 Corvette Z06 is aiming straight at the 992 Porsche 911 GT3, which just came out for the 2022 model year and starts at \$161,100 USD. Last September, Porsche sent one around the track with a finishing time of 6:55.34. Yet it's got nothing on the previous-generation Porsche 911 GT2 RS, which was priced from \$293,000 USD. This 700 hp German missile lapped the 'Ring in a record 6:38; the fastest so far of any production vehicle. We expect the new Z06 to land somewhere in between the two Porsche supercars with its lap time, while coming in way, way under on the MSRP. Because only Porsche can get away with selling six cylinder cars for that kind of money. Because Porsche buyers are suckers.

Here's to a clear track, and fair weather for a trouble-free C8 Z06 Nürburgring hot lap.





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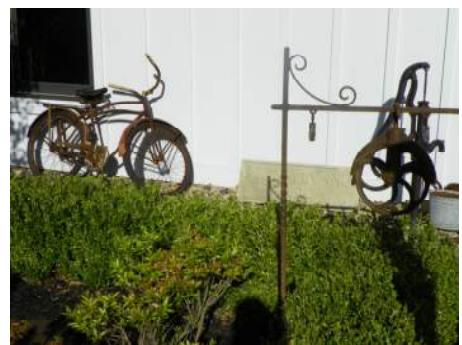


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EVENTS 2021

September

- 15 - NPCC board / membership meeting (Dinner at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm)
- 18 - Adams Township Car Show 11am - 4 pm 698 Valencia Road, Mars

October

- 2 - Octobervettes at Gary and Trish's 1093 Whitestown Road, Butler
- ?? -Road Rally. Date and time to be announced
- ?? - Cruise to Benazette. Date and time to be announced
- 20 - NPCC board / membership meeting (Dinner at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm)

November

- 11 - Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade
- 17 - NPCC board / membership meeting (Dinner at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm)

When more information becomes available for these or other events, we will let you know.



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New Membership	\$30.00	\$35.00
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