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Well here we are with the new year in hand. I know that this year is going to be one for all to remember with all the activities that are upcoming. The Vintage Grand Prix this year will feature the Corvette. The event will take most of the month of July with many activities planned. This will be a major event to partake in. We will be updating everyone when we are informed.

Other events will be posted on our website, so please keep checking the site .

So far the weather has stayed in our favor, almost got the car out when the temperature hit 70 but it was dampened with a few showers. We can only hope for a continuation of this mild weather.

Hopefully this year will bring in new members so let's all do our part in increasing the membership. Social members are also welcomed.

See you at the monthly meeting.

Paul Schulze





WHERE'S THE PUCK?

How to make your own Jacking Pucks for C5, C6 or C7 Corvette's

For the jacking pucks you will need the following components:

- (4) Hockey pucks
- (4) 5/16" x 3-1/4" Eye bolts
- (4) 3/8" flat washer
- (4) 5/16" T-nuts

For tools you will need a drill with a 5/16" drill bit and a hacksaw

- First find the center point of the hockey puck, then drill through the hockey puck using the electric drill. Make sure you drill perpendicular to the top surface of the puck.
- Next place the washer on to the eye bolt then push the eye bolt through the hole in the puck. When it comes out the other side, thread the T-nut on the eye bolt making sure that the points of the T-nut are facing towards the bottom of the puck.
- Twist the eye bolt so that the T-nut is forced into the rubber of the puck and the bottom of the ring of the eye bolt rests against the washer.
- Next make a mark on the eyebolt threads where the bottom of the t-bolt lies, this is where you will cut the eyebolt. Unscrew the eye bolt and cut the section of threads off below where you made the mark.
- Finally push the eye bolt with the washer through the hole in the puck and tighten the eye bolt into the T-nut.
- Repeat this for the 3 remaining pucks for a total of 4 jacking pucks.



NOTE: Not compatible w/C6Z06, C7C06 and ZR1 aluminum frames.

Just as a reminder:

If you would like any clothing item embroidered with the NPCC logo the cost is only \$8.00



RAMP IT UP

How to make a set of car ramps

For the car ramps you will need the following components:

(2) 2x10 x 8' long (I purchased mine from home depot for about \$10 a piece)

Box of 2-1/2" wood screws.

For tools you will require a circular saw and an electric screwdriver and some sandpaper.

- First cut 3 pieces to the following dimensions 3'-0", 2'-6", and 2'-0". Make sure to cut one end of each piece at 45 degrees using the circular saw.
- Start by laying the 3'-0" piece on the ground, then stack the 2'-6" piece on top. Make sure to align the straight edges then screw the 2 pieces together using (6) 2-1/2" wood screws.
- Lastly lay the 2'-0" piece on top of the last 2 pieces and again align the straight edges. Screw the top piece to the piece below with (6) 2-1/2" wood screws.
- Repeat the directions again to make another ramp for a total of 2 ramps.
- Lastly sand all the edges for a nice smooth finish.



TAYLOR'S TOOL CORNER

Hey there car fanatics, well Christmas is over, the New Years celebrations are all done and the brutal cold weather is upon us (actually as I write this it's January 11th and it's 65 degrees so I guess I can't complain.) So this month I want to offer you some tool tips whether making your own (see previous pages) or buying some new ones.

This morning I ventured to the Harbor Freight store, which for me is like a kid in a candy store, especially when you have coupons. Like I always do I slowly walked the isles, even though I new exactly what I needed, I couldn't help but pick up some additional bargains. Eventually I stopped in the isle containing the floor jacks. Harbor Freight was having a pretty good sale on all their floor jacks but I was especially interested in the "Pittsburgh" brand 3-ton low profile floor jack for \$119. I slid one from the shelf and nearly dropped the damn thing as it weighed nearly 75lbs, damn that's a heavy sucker.

After getting it home I cut open the box and put the handle together and slipped it into the jack. Wow what a nice piece of equipment and at a decent price. I slid it under the Vette and made sure the cup was on the jacking puck and gave it a couple of pumps and crap I set off the car alarm. After rushing inside and scrambling to find my keys, I eventually turned the alarm off and continued jacking up the Vette. What I wasn't expecting was the rigidity of the frame. Even though I was jacking up by the front wheel, the whole side of the car was going up even though at a slight angle.

I can honestly say that the "Pittsburgh" 3-ton car jack was a great deal, now I can finally take my wheels off to clean the insides

Steve Taylor



TAYLOR'S TOOL CORNER

My next tool idea, even though it's not technically a tool is a set of permanent jacking pucks. Yes I know I just put in the article on how to make your own jacking pucks, what I am doing buying a set. Well I wanted something that would be permanent to the vehicle that way when I took it to the garage to get fixed I don't have to worry whether they have the proper jacking pucks to lift the vehicle.

So I checked a few online Vette blogs and YouTube videos and a majority of them pointed me to a set of jacking pucks found on Amazon.

They can be found by searching Amazon for "Corvette Jack Puck Pad by Midwest Corvette". They were \$41.98 for a set of 4. The pucks simply push into the slots underneath the vehicle, I did mine in 5 minutes. Once they are inserted and click into place that's it they won't come out.



**NPCC 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****APRIL**

- 15 Board & Membership Meeting
- TBD Annual Quaker Steak & Lube Corvette Cruise – Sharon, PA

MAY

- 16 Bair's 15th Annual Car Cruise – Linesville, PA
- 20 Board & Membership Meeting
- 22 Victory Car Cruise Opener – Cranberry, PA
- TBD TRCC 12th Annual All-American Car Show – Sun Chevrolet, Canonsburg, PA
- TBD Day Chevrolet Spring Corvette Show

JUNE

- 13 New Castle School of Trades at noon
- 17 Board & Membership Meeting
- TBD CCWP Corvette Show
- TBD Beaver Falls Car Cruise – Beaver Falls, PA
- TBD Butler Community Car Cruise – Community Alliance Church – Butler, PA
- 21 Big Butler Parts A Rama – Butler Fairgrounds – Prospect, PA
- 21 Rodfathers Cruise A Palooza – Main Street Downtown Butler, PA 10:00 – 5:00pm

JULY

- 11 Collette Picnic at 11:00am
- 15 Board & Membership Meeting
- TBD Mega Cruise – Butler County Airport
- TBD Tom Henry All Chevy & GM Event – Bakerstown, PA
- 18 Ambridge Car Cruise – Ambridge, PA
- 17-19 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Historic Races – Pitt Race Complex
- 21 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Waterfront Car Cruise – Homestead, PA
- 22 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Downtown Parade and Plaza Display – Downtown Pittsburgh, PA
- 25 **NPCC Picnic – Adams Township Community Park – Noon till ??**
- 25-26 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Race Weekend – Schenley Park
- TBD Colussy All Chevy Show – Bridgeville, PA

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE DATES FOR THE EVENTS AS YET. WE WILL UPDATE THEM AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.



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AUGUST

- 19 Board & Membership Meeting
- TBD Hot Summer Nights Cruise – Beaver, PA
- 27-30 Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle, PA
- TBD National Corvette Museum – Corvette Caravan
- TBD Victory Car Cruise Corvette Night – Cranberry, PA

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Board & Membership Meeting
- 19-20 113th Annual Flax Scutching Festival – Stahlstown, PA
- TBD Harmony Township Hot Road Heaven Car Cruise – Wright Chevrolet, Baden, PA
- TBD Best of the Best Picnic

OCTOBER

- 21 Board & Membership Meeting
- 16-17 Free State Corvette Club Corvette Weekend – Ocean City, MD
- TBD Autumn Leaf Cruise

NOVEMBER

- 18 Board & Membership Meeting
- TBD NCM Vets N Vettes – Bowling Green, KY

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WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS

We are looking for new ideas for things we can do this year, even though we love our Vette's and love to show them off, the ideas don't always have to be with our cars (example dinner and movie night). It's really up to you. If you have any ideas please send them to our activities coordinator Joe Molokach at Molokach.j@comcast.net



1001 CORVETTE FACTS

STEVE MAGNANTE'S 1001 CORVETTE FACTS

By Joe Molokach

FACT 157

Don't assume that every 1956 – 1961 Corvette came with the RPO 440 contrasting-paint cove treatment. In fact, far more new Corvettes from that era were delivered with monotone paint than with two-tone. In 1956, 2,208 of 3,467 cars built came with two-tone. In 1957, 3,545 of 6,339 cars had monotone paint. Of the 9,168 cars built in 1958, 5,746 came with monotone paint. For 1959, 6,739 had monotone paint out of 9,670 cars built. In 1960, 6,949 of the 10,261 cars built came with monotone paint. Finally, in 1961, of the 10,939 cars built, 7,588 had monotone paint. Clearly, the two-tone side-cove treatment was not as popular then as it is today.

FACT 377

Planning for the 1968 Corvette began just as the first 1963 Sting Rays were rolling off the St. Louis assembly line in August of 1962. Although the earlier Vettes used simple 1950s British sports cars as benchmarks, far more advanced Italian and German offerings such as the Lamborghini Miura, Ferrari Dino, and Porsche 911 became the bogey for the 1968 designers. That meant serious consideration of rear and mid-engine platforms. As late as 1966, a mid-engine successor to the 1967 Sting Ray was still a 50/50 possibility. To help determine the best route forward, General Motors launched several in-house competitions that resulted in an assortment of entirely different rear and mid-engine prototypes.

FACT 558

Three different names were applied to the C4's automatic transmission through the years: 700R4, 4L60, and 4L60-E. The internal ratios remained unchanged from 1984 through 1996 at 3.06, 1.63, 1.00, and .70:1 with a 2.29:1 Reverse ratio.

FACT 737

In a 2002 interview with C5 chief designer John Cafaro, he said of mid-engine Corvette architecture, "The reality is that it takes as much money to design a model that might sell 200 cars a year as it does to create one that would sell 200,000. General Motors is just not set up to produce exotic cars that don't have a solid business case. Some companies, such as Porsche, can afford to create a 'supercar' for the sake of corporate image, but not us." Interestingly, 15 years later (in 2017), General Motors seemed poised to reconsider.

FACT 892

The C7 interior finally brought Corvette in line with its more expensive competitors. Fine leather, real aluminum, and costly carbon fiber structures abounded, but only after two tries. In December 2009, when the interior-design team presented the final proposal to Ed Welburn, GM's vice president of global design, he said, "You can do better". Hearts sank, but the team took the advice and delivered the superior result that went into production.



CORVETTE CORNER

Keep that car clean, yes I know its winter time and the last thing your probably thinking about is making sure your car is clean and shiny. Well, I look for any opportunity to keep my cars clean from road grime and salt. Fortunately today was a perfect day to get out and clean them up. It was 65 degrees and even though it was on and off rain showers I wanted to make sure my cars where cleaned up both outside and inside and yes even the engine bay.

I find it very therapeutic to blast off all that road grime and bring back a nice appearance. I start by getting all my buckets and hose ready. Now I know there are many ways to wash a car (power washer, foam cannon, 2 bucket method etc.) but these are my everyday vehicles so I use a single bucket and a regular hose.

Once a month I wash the engine bay as well along with the car wash, so that's what I did today. I first blow off all the dust and leaves from the engine bay with a leaf blower then I hose it down. I then cover the battery, alternator and fuse box with plastic bags. Depending on how greasy it is I use a strong degreaser from the auto parts store or just some citrus degreaser from the dollar store. I then use a old paint brush to agitate the dirt then do a final hose down.

The outside of the vehicle is just a general wash and today I didn't even wipe the exterior as I knew it was going to rain tonight. However whenever the weather is better I do wipe it down with a shammy or a nice thick microfiber towel. If the paintwork feels gritty then you can use a clay bar to remove those contaminants. Remember to clean your wheels and tires as well.

Lastly vacuum out the inside of the vehicle and wash your floor mats, even wipe down the door jams and door sills. Happy washing!

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CORVETTE INFORMATION		
Year	Model <small>(Coupe -Convertible)</small>	Other Information

MEMBERSHIP TERM		
<i>January 1 - December 31, 2020</i>		
Annual Dues	Single Member	Dual Members
New Membership	\$30.00	\$35.00
Renewal *	\$20.00	\$25.00
Dues Are Non-Refundable <i>Checks will not be cashed until Board approves and accepts membership.</i> *Renewal must be paid by Jan. 31, 2020		

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