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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM THE CORNER DESK

The February meeting at the Sports Grille was a great turnout with 22 in attendance. Thanks to all that came out. I had a meeting with Rachel and Rich from #1 Cochran that morning. We discussed our continued support and I assured them nothing has changed. They are looking forward to our great help once again with the Chevy Fest which by the way is June 22nd NOT the 15th as marked in our calendar. So now would be a great time to bring in some donations for the basket raffles and consider where you would like to help out at the show. Our annual picnic on July 27th will be headed up by Kirsta and Lynn thank you very much for volunteering. Couple great outings where discussed a trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame also attend or compete at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex Autocross where our members Jimmy Craig and Bob Martin could be racing. In closing Michael will be stepping down as secretary due to Joette having some medical issues. Please consider stepping up to fill this and also the VP position thanks again.

Rob





2024 Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 7TH BOARD MEETING TBD
- ? OUTING TBD
- 20TH GENERAL MEETING TBD

APRIL

- 4TH BOARD MEETING TBD
- ? OUTING TBD
- 17TH GENERAL MEETING TBD

MAY

- 2ND BOARD MEETING TBD
- 5TH QUAKER STEAK LUBE CRUISE
- 15TH GENERAL MEETING TBD
- 18TH OHIOPYLE CRUISE AND LUNCH

JUNE

- 5TH COCHRAN PLANNING MEETING
- 22ND COCHRAN CAR CRUISE (our big event)
- 19TH GENERAL MEETING TBD
- 29TH COOKS FOREST CRUISE AND LUNCH

JULY

- 3RD. BOARD MEETING TBD
- 13TH JOHNSTOWN FLOOD MUSEUM CRUISE
- 17TH. GENERAL MEETING TBD
- 27TH ANNUAL PICNIC



2024 Calendar of Events (Cont.)

AUGUST

- 3RD VINTAGE GRAND PRIX
- 15TH GENERAL MEETING TBD
- 23RD CORVETTES OF CARLISLE

SEPTEMBER

- 5TH. BOARD MEETING
- 18TH. GENERAL MEETING TBD
- 28TH. GATEHOUSE WINERY PYMATUNING CRUISE

OCTOBER

- 5TH. BOARD MEETIN TBD
- 12TH TIONESTA OVERNIGHT TRIP
- 16TH. GENERAL MEETING TBD

NOVEMBER

- 7TH. BOARD MEETING
- 20TH. GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER

- TBD. CHRISTMAS PARTY



New NPCC Board Lineup for 2024

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Rob Park
Vice President	Position Open
Secretary	Position Open
Treasurer & Membership	Marge Laughlin
Web Master	Steve Taylor
Corvette News	Gary Laughlin

DIRECTORS (new)

John Tagmyer
Denny Quigley

CLUB RIDE COMMITTEE (new)

Jimmy Craig
Rob Park
Open ?

POINT SYSTEM & DISTANCE CONTEST COMMITTEE (new)

Open ?



CORVETTE IN AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

So I was interested in seeing what AI would do if I asked it to create some information and images based on my questions. The images below represent what AI gave me, note these are not just a google search but images generated by AI.

1. Create an image of a red Corvette C7 on a mountain road.
2. Create an image of a Corvette truck
3. A Corvette stretch limousine
4. A Corvette of the future





CORVETTE IN AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

I next asked AI to do comparison between a 1975 Corvette and a 2023 Vette and here is a sample of the results:

Certainly! Let's compare the **1975 Chevrolet Corvette** with the **2023 Chevrolet Corvette**:

Design and Layout:

- **1975 Corvette:** The '75 Corvette featured a classic front-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout. It had a long hood and a short rear deck, with a distinctive shark-like appearance.
- **2023 Corvette:** The eighth-generation Corvette (C8) introduced a radical change by adopting a mid-engine layout. It boasts supercar styling with sleek lines and a more aggressive stance.

Performance:

- **1975 Corvette:** The '75 Corvette was no slouch, but its performance was more in line with traditional sports cars of the era. It had a V8 engine producing around 165 horsepower.
- **2023 Corvette:** The 2023 Corvette Stingray comes with a 6.2-liter V8 engine producing **490 horsepower**. The new **Corvette Z06** takes it up a notch with a **670-horsepower** 5.5-liter V8 engine. And don't forget the **E-Ray**, the first-ever hybrid Corvette with an estimated 0-60 mph time of **2.5 seconds!**

Transmission:

- **1975 Corvette:** Manual transmissions were common back then, but the '75 Corvette came with an automatic transmission.
- **2023 Corvette:** The 2023 Corvette still sticks to an **automatic-only** driving proposition, disappointing manual enthusiasts.

Fuel Economy:

- **1975 Corvette:** Fuel efficiency wasn't a strong suit for muscle cars in the '70s. The '75 Corvette returned modest gas mileage.
- **2023 Corvette:** Surprisingly, the 2023 Corvette Stingray manages an EPA-rated **16/25/19 mpg** (city/highway/combined) with premium fuel. The E-Ray hybrid achieves similar efficiency despite its extra power.

Interior and Features:

- **1975 Corvette:** Basic amenities, analog gauges, and vinyl seats were the norm.
- **2023 Corvette:** The C8 Corvette offers a modern, driver-focused cockpit with digital displays, premium materials, and advanced tech features.

CORVETTE E-RAY - CAN THEY COMPETE?



With 655 horsepower on tap, the Chevy Corvette E-Ray is an exciting track weapon. However, the excitement of owning a new electrified Corvette may be short-lived for track enthusiasts, as the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) has updated its 2022-2023 competition rulebook to ban all electric and hybrid vehicles from all track competitions.

Corvette Forum reported the matter first, citing the update on the competition rulebook in section 1.8.1 item 14:

Electric Vehicles/Hybrids using lithium type battery packs are prohibited in competitive events. If driven to NCCC events, they should be parked 30 feet minimum from structures or other vehicles.

As stated, this means that not only can the new Corvette E-Ray not compete on the track, but it also cannot park near the track or any of its buildings or other vehicles.

The reason for the ban is due to safety concerns surrounding lithium-ion batteries commonly used in EVs and hybrids. In the event of a component failure or a crash, damaged batteries can cause fires that pose additional risks compared to traditional gasoline fires. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has highlighted these risks in the past, and with the growing popularity of EVs and hybrids, race track bans are expected to become more widespread in the short term.

While safety improvements in dealing with these lithium-ion battery-equipped vehicles may lead to the lifting of these types of bans in the long term, track enthusiasts may want to stick to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles, such as the Corvette Z06, for the foreseeable future if they want to compete.

Corvette Forum also pointed out that Summit Point Motorsports Park in West Virginia has also enacted a ban on EVs and hybrids in all motorsports disciplines. This is until an EMS response policy and procedure based on technical knowledge provided by the electric and hybrid electric vehicle industry can be established to better support the motorsports community. It is unclear how long these bans will last, but more track organizations may follow suit to ensure the safety of their members.

NEWS FROM THE UNDERGROUND



In one corner, there's a mid-engine supercar that took Ferrari's perfect recipe to new heights with the largest flat-plane V8 in history that also makes more power than any naturally aspirated V8 ever made. Parked next to it, waiting for the same green flag is something even more outlandish – to the point that its existence would have been unimaginable just a few short years ago. It's an electric truck that wraps the shape of James Bond's Lotus Esprit submarine in John DeLorean's preferred iron alloy while having enough get-up-and-go to realistically challenge the low-slung two-door in the other lane to a drag race.

Both of these incredible machines were conceived, designed, and built in the continental United States out of 86% and 90% North American parts, respectively. In the immortal words of Earl "DMX" Simmons "[Expletive] what you heard," American ingenuity is alive and well. And who better to highlight two of the US' most ambitious vehicles than the British/Canadian YouTube duo of Thomas and James, AKA *Throttle House*? After, umm, throttling the so-called top-tier "Cyberbeast" trim of the Cybertruck for more than 500 miles [a few weeks ago](#), it's time to see how the stainless steel 845-horsepower polyhedron matches up in a straight line with the Stars and Stripes' ultimate sports car.

Those 845 ponies have to propel 6,843 pounds down the runway with the help of all four wheels and a questionably high amount of torque (the Beast is listed as making 10,296 lb-ft of twist, and while it hasn't garnered any online explainers, that number is almost as fishy to post in a comparison test with a traditional ICE powerplant as the [11,500 torques that GM got called out for touting in its Hummer EV](#)). What isn't a joke is that its silver exoskeleton is sledgehammer-proof, and it starts under \$100,000.

NEWS FROM THE UNDERGROUND



The [Red Mist C8 Corvette Z06](#) that TH brought to challenge their loaner Tesla is a low-drag non-Z07 model. Its Ferrari-style powerplant spins to 8,600 RPM and makes a maximum of 670 HP to go with 460 lb-ft of torque. It only weighs 3,500 pounds, makes do with rear-wheel-only launches and it starts about \$10,000 above the Cyberbeast's base MSRP.

To test two very different automobiles that weren't designed with the drag strip in mind but happen to be quite formidable there, TH first threw these two monuments of freedom down a standing quarter mile. After gushing about the Corvette – “one of the greatest cars of this generation ... and our car of the year” – the Christmas tree lights up, and it is jarring to see the three-ton wedge of science fiction on stilts absolutely leave the exotic two-door coupe for dead. The remainder of the race is an exercise in reeling in that doesn't quite land the big fish in time.

After the disappointing – but incredible sounding – first run, Thomas demands a second chance, figuring that repeated exertions will eventually turn the battery-powered truck into a XXXL space-age paperweight. No such luck as the 'Vette again runs out of tarmac before it can pass the fading Cybertruck in run two. Luckily, in the name of competition, James floats the idea of a roll race at the five-minute mark, and things finally get interesting. The Z again falls behind early but is able to take advantage of its superior top-end to surpass and defeat Elon's newest brainchild. In the end, the entire exercise is nicely summed up by our hosts. If you are driving a Z06, you will be enjoying yourself too much to care about the rolling freezer/refrigerator next to you, but to avoid possible public embarrassment; it's smartest to at least recognize what it is and avoid open conflict. Either way, these two represent the very best of what we can do as a nation in 2024, and, like the moon landing some 55 years ago, each is something that every American should look on with pride, regardless of our many differences!

FIRST C8 Z06 CRASH



We've seen our fair share of wild, crazy, shocking, and downright heartbreaking crashes involving Corvettes over the years, with cars being flipped upside down, smashed into poles or other vehicles, or even cut in half. But such is life when you're talking about a fast performance car – some folks just don't respect the capabilities of their vehicles or choose to drive a bit too wild on public roads, which is typically what

leads to these sorts of incidents. However, it's unclear who was behind the wheel when this incident occurred – the very first C8 Corvette Z06 crash that we've seen – though it's worth noting that customer deliveries haven't even started yet.

As such, this C8 Corvette Z06 crash – a photo of which was shared to Instagram by a user who goes by [zr1_m7](#) – likely happened with a GM employee or third-party tester behind the wheel, particularly since it took place in Bloomfield, Michigan. According to police, the car that struck it was trying to turn left from the opposite lane while traveling on W Maple Road, at which point it struck the driver's side door of the Corvette Z06, causing significant damage.

In the single photo provided, we can clearly see some damage to the driver's side door and rear wheel area, which has caused that particular wheel to become dislodged. As such, the car wasn't able to drive away from the scene, and instead, had to be towed off once a truck arrived. It's an ugly scene for sure, but this particular car is likely just a pre-production prototype that was destined for other things anyway, whether that be becoming spare parts or heading to the scrapper once its usable life was over.

Now, this poor Corvette Z06 has met an unfortunate early fate, but it has also become somewhat famous as a result, too. After all, we thought we'd have to wait a bit longer to see the very first C8 Corvette Z06 crash, but the blazingly-quick sports car didn't even have



SO DO YOU HAVE A FEW BUCKS!





BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

Randi Berliner

Debby Mitchell

Paul Schulze

Scott Walker

Tricia Zinkhann



February Anniversaries

Steve & Lisa Peterson

John & Kathie Tagmyer





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

MEMBERSHIP TERM		
January 1—December 31, 2024		
Annual Dues	Single Member	Dual Members
New Membership	\$30.00	\$35.00
Renewal *	\$20.00	\$25.00
Dues Are Non-Refundable Checks will not be cashed until Board approves and accepts membership. <small>*Renewal must be paid by Jan31, 2023</small>		

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