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Spring is here!





EVERY TUESDAY, FROM MAY 7TH, THRU
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2024, TERESA'S PRIME GRILLE 19,
20 ELM STREET, NORTH READING, MA, 4:00 PM
TO 7:00 PM, DINING AFTER INSIDE TERESA'S
GRILLE 19.

***RAFFLES, MUSIC, AND OTHER GREAT
PRIZES***

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****CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Greetings Members,

Only 35 days until the Dust-Off cruise

We have a full schedule of fun cruises slated this season and as events get closer, I will be sending out informational e-mails.

We had a great turn out for our March monthly dinner at Toscana's in Peabody everyone enjoyed it. Thanks go out to Alan Factor for arranging it.

Our Dust-Off Cruise is all set for Sunday May 5th at the Oak Street Bistro in Alfred, Maine, 1:30 PM reservations. I will be sending out an email blast with more information when it gets closer to the date.

We continue to have monthly membership meetings and monthly dinner get together to keep in touch and socialize. So, check your E-mails for these notices.

NSCM Bowling is under way, and this month's meets are scheduled for April 2nd, April 9th, and April 30th. We have four teams of four to date. If you like to join in on the fun just send me a note.

Please e-mail our Cruise Directors Kirk Therrien, kirk.therrien@cwservices.com or Jim Marchese, jpm7871@comcast.net with your suggestions. Remember this is your club, and we love hearing from you.

 *"SAVE THE WAVE" Frank Puccia NSCM President."*

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NON-VOTING E-BOARD 2024

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NSCM CLUB CALENDAR:

2024 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS,

THE PROPOSED EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS AS WE PROGRESS INTO THE CRUISE SEASON.

**Starting April 28th, Sunday Kars-N-Koffee, 35 Lowell St.,
Wilmington, MA**

Every Sunday through October 2024, 9:00 AM – Noon

[Kars-N-Koffee \(karsnkoffee.com\)](http://karsnkoffee.com)

(Weather permitting)

NSCM's Club Calendar, *Red NSCM sponsored, Green Non-Club Sponsored*

APRIL 2024

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, E-BOARD MEETING, KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30PM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN STREET, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH, MONTHLY DINNER, JIMMY'S STEER HOUSE, SAUGUS, MA @ 6:30 PM.

MAY 2024

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST, E-BOARD MEETING, KELLY'S ROAST BEEF,
SAUGUS, @ 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, DUST OFF CRUISE, OAK ST. BISTRO, ALFRED, MAINE, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN STREET, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY MAY 21ST, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH, GATE CITY CORVETTE'S SPRING FLING, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY MAY 28TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

JUNE 2024

SUNDAY JUNE 2ND, LUNCHEON CRUISE TO THE BOAT HOUSE RESTAURANT IN ESSEX, MA. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY JUNE 4TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, E-BOARD MEETING, KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM. TUESDAY JUNE 11TH, CRUISE NIGHT,

TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN STREET, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM (OUTSIDE). FOLLOWED BY A COMPLIMENTARY ICE CREAM RUN.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH TO THE 16TH, BACK TO THE BEACH WEEKEND, OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE

TUESDAY JUNE 18TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, LUNCH CRUISE TO KC'S RIB SHACK, MANCHESTER, NH. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY JUNE 25TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

JULY 2024

TUESDAY JULY 2ND, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD, E-BOARD MEETING, KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY JULY 9TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH, NSCM'S ANNUAL HOT DOG SOCIAL @ POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB, 28 RICE AVE, REVERE, MA, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH, NSCM'S FUZZY DICE RUN, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY JULY 16TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY JULY 23RD, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH, ANNUAL CLUB FUNDRAISER, PRINCE/GIGGLES, SAUGUS, MA. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY JULY 30TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH, BRUNCH CRUISE TO THE OLD SALT RESTAURANT IN NORTH HAMPTON, NH. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH, E-BOARD MEETING, KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY AUGUST 13TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN ST., SAUGUS @ 6:30 (OUTSIDE) FOLLOWED BY COMPLIMENTARY ICE CREAM RUN.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH, LUNCH CRUISE TO SHAIN'S OF MAINE, SANFORD, MAINE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER 2024

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, E-BOARD MEETING, KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, LUNCH CRUISE TO HOBBS HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT, 352 HARBOR ROAD IN WELLS, MAINE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, LUNCH CRUISE TO TUCKAWAY TAVERN, RAYMOND, NH. LOBSTER ROLL SPECIAL, BOGO FREE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN ST., SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, WESTERN NIGHT @ POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB, 28 RICE AVE, REVERE, MA, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, CRUISE NIGHT, TERESA'S GRILLE 19, NORTH READING, MA 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, VETTES TO VETS PARADE, MEET AT THE MARRIOTT COURTYARD IN BILLERICA AT 11:30AM. PARADE TO THE EDITH NOURSE ROGERS VETERANS

HOSPITAL IN BEDFORD, MA. ONCE ON THE GROUNDS YOU PROCEED TO THE COURTYARD FOR A PICNIC LUNCH THAT YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

OCTOBER 2024

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, E-BOARD MEETING AT KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ THE SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN ST., SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 & 20TH, FALL WEEKEND CRUISE OVERNIGHT TO NEW HAMPSHIRE, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, NSCM'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY @ THE POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB, 28 RICE AVE., REVERE, MA MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

NOVEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, E- BOARD MEETING @ KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ THE SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN ST. SAUGUS @ 6:30 PM. ALSO, IT'S TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, MONTHLY CLUB DINNER, TBD.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH,
THANKSGIVING



HAPPY

DECEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, E-BOARD MEETING @ KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, SAUGUS, MA @ 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, NSCM'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, TERESA'S PRIME (CRYSTAL ROOM) MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ THE SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN ST., SAUGUS, MA @ 6:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, MERRY CHRISTMAS!



NSCM'S SCHEDULED EVENTS: THE PROPOSED EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS AS WE PROGRESS INTO THE CRUISE SEASON.

APRIL 16TH, TUESDAY, DINNER AT JIMMY'S STEAK HOUSE, SAUGUS

MAY 5TH, SUNDAY, DUST OFF CRUISE, OAK ST. BISTRO., ALFRED, ME

JUNE 2ND, SUNDAY, LUNCH CRUISE TO THE BOAT HOUSE REST., ESSEX, MA

JUNE 23RD, SUNDAY, LUNCH CRUISE TO KC'S RIB SHACK, MANCH., NH

JULY 10TH, WEDNESDAY, ANNUAL HOT DOG SOCIAL, POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB, REVERE, MA.

JULY 14TH, SUNDAY, FUZZY DICE RUN/BBQ, PEMBROKE, NH

JULY 28TH, SUNDAY, ANNUAL CLUB FUNDRAISER, PRINCE/GIGGLES, SAUGUS, MA

AUGUST 4TH, SUNDAY, BRUNCH CRUISE TO THE OLD SALT REST., N. HAMPTON, NH.

AUGUST 18TH, SUNDAY, LUNCH CRUISE TO SHAIN'S OF MAINE, SANFORD, ME

SEPTEMBER. 7TH, SATURDAY, LUNCH CRUISE TO HOBBS HARBORSIDE REST., WELLS, ME

SEPTEMBER 9TH, MONDAY, LUNCH CRUISE TO TUCKAWAY TAVERN, RAYMOND, NH

SEPTEMBER.18TH, WEDNESDAY, WESTERN NIGHT/BBQ, POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB, REVERE, MA.

SEPTEMBER. 29TH, SUNDAY, VETTES TO VETS. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

OCTOBER. 19&20, SATURDAY-SUNDAY, FALL WEEKEND FOLIAGE CRUISE, GILFORD, NH

OCTOBER. 23RD, WEDNESDAY, ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY, POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB, REVERE.

NOVEMBER 19TH, TUESDAY, MONTHLY CLUB DINNER, TBD.

NOVEMBER 28TH, HAPPY



THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER. 7TH, NSCM CHRISTMAS PARTY GALA, TERESA'S PRIME, CRYSTAL ROOM

DECEMBER 25TH, MERRY CHRISTMAS



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: 2024 BY LINDA PUCCIA
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 189

Bob and Gina Brady 2023 Coupe Black

Michael Mitrano 2023 Coupe Hypersonic Gray

Michael Wheeler & Phong Vo 2015 Convertible Shark Gray

Louis and Patricia Accetta 2014 Coupe Crystal Red

Peter and Kathleen Damian 2010 Grand Sport Convertible White

Michael Maffeo 2013 Grand Sport Convertible White

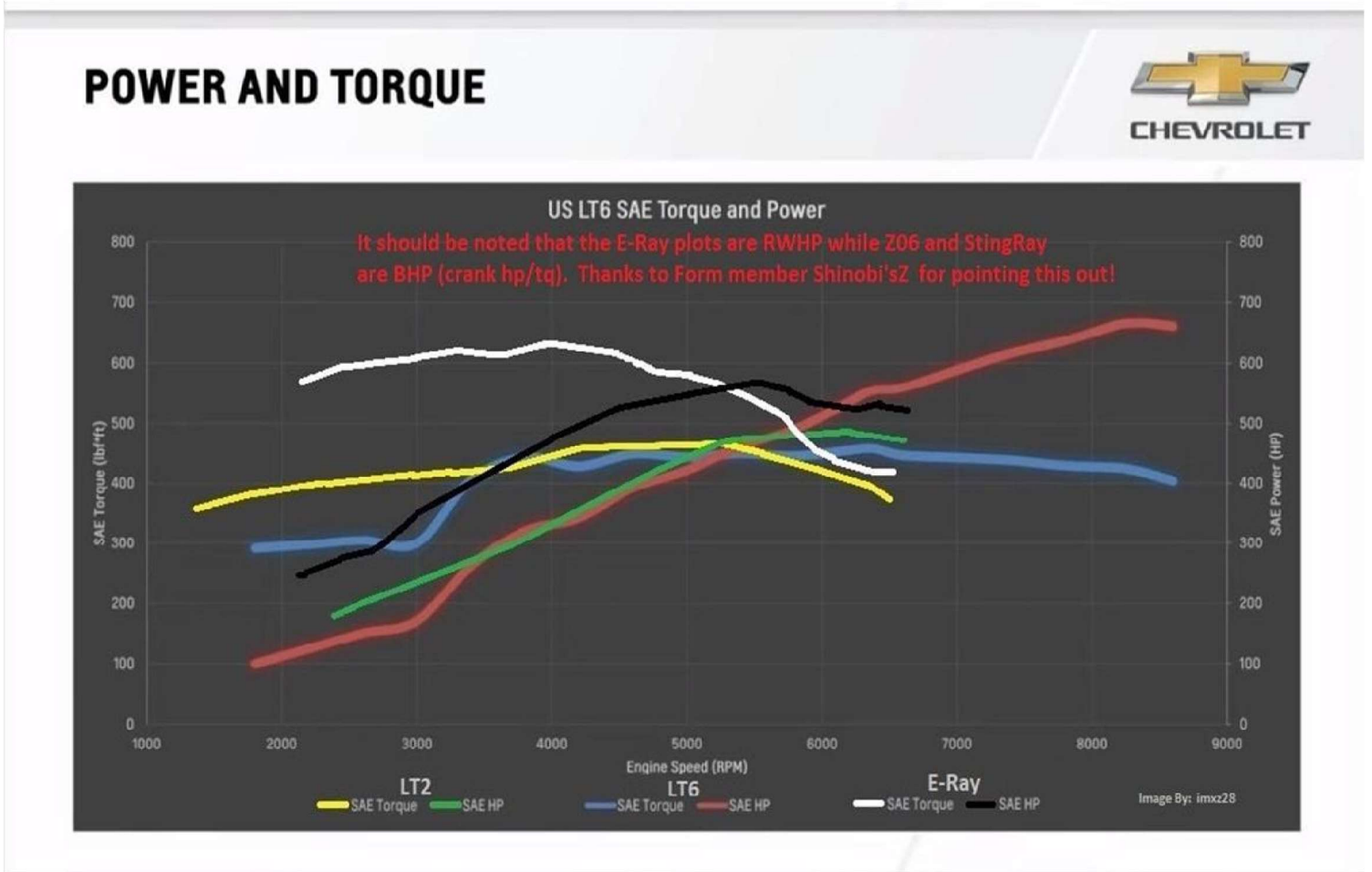
John Bakas 2022 Convertible White

Gary and Abigail Pezzulo 1959 Convertible Red

Artie and Rosalie DiNapoli 2019 Coupe Gray

Peter Genica and Vickey Tyrrell 2001 Convertible Red

MEMBERSHIP SUBMISSION



This was from the Corvette Forum where there was a discussion comparing the Z06 and E-Ray. IMO the E-Ray is a much better car for the street. Comparing the engine characteristics the E-Ray has a significant increase in HP and torque below 6K RPMs over the Z06, which is where most people drive their cars on the street. Members were commenting about the lack of throttle response from the Z06 below 6k RPM.

It's Official! MotorTrend Names the Corvette the Most Iconic Car of the Past 75 Years

By

Mitch Talley

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Mar 26, 2024

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When Motor Trend began its search for the Most Iconic Car of the Past 75 Years, was there any doubt which model its readers would choose via an online poll? Not on this website, and ultimately not on the World Wide Web, either.

Yes, the Chevrolet Corvette has earned yet another honor, and this time it wasn't just the hotter-than-a-firecracker, mid-engine eighth-generation cars strutting up to the podium.

It was all eight generations, beginning with the 150-horsepower "Blue Flame" inline-six model that debuted with just 300 cars in 1953 and continuing all the way through the current flat-plane crank Z06 that has truly become a world supercar.

As *Motor Trend* points out:

Chevy has sold more than 1.8 million Corvettes over the past 71 years, eight generations, and two powertrain layouts. They've come with automatic, manual, and dual-clutch transmissions offering anywhere from two to eight ratios. Under the hood of the various production cars and concepts, there have been pushrod inline-sixes, pushrod and dual-overhead-cam V-8s, superchargers, turbochargers, a hybrid system, and even rotary engines. They've been featured in countless movies, TV shows, songs, and magazine covers, and they've been owned by more celebrities than we can list up to and including our current president. They've been everything from racing champions to world-beating supercars to the preferred ride of the white-tank-top-and-gold-chain set and of white New Balance and jorts aficionados everywhere.

Chevy's sports car, which grew from humble beginnings at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York

City, "is everywhere you look in American pop-culture history over the past 75 years," *Motor Trend* explains, being the topic of songs by everybody from The Beach Boys to George Jones to Prince as well as the car of choice for entertainment icons like Sam Malone on Cheers and Barbie throughout her career.

But the Corvette truly earned its stripes on the race track, where a factory car has paced the Indy 500 a record 21 times and the factory-backed Corvette Racing team has since 1999 won the 24 Hours of Le Mans nine times, Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona four times, American Le Mans Series championship 10 times, IMSA Weather Tech Sports Car Championship five times, and FIA World Endurance Championship once.

Allocations Sent Today to Corvette Dealers for March 2024's Order Cycle II

By

Keith Cornett

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Mar 21, 2024

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Photo Credit: Keith Cornett

We weren't really sure if GM would be following their recent pattern of offering two [Corvette order cycles](#) per month, but they did come through again for customers. Several dealers we reached out to received allocations this morning with a combination of Stingrays and Z06s, but once again no E-Rays were on the menu.

Not all dealers received allocations today, and some of the ones that did receive allocations told us they got just Stingrays while a major dealer told us they only got numbers for Z06s.

As per the usual drill, dealers will be able to match those allocations to any customer orders and those can be submitted started next Thursday, March 28th. That's when we'll also receive the next round of constraints against these orders.

We're hearing from more and more dealers that they have no more lists of customers for their Stingray allocations. Many are ordering dealer stock while some smaller dealers we have heard are actually refusing new allocations as they still have unsold cars from previous order cycles. As we keep saying, now is the best time to purchase a 2024 Corvette Stingray.

We remain surprised that we still haven't had any more meaningful E-Ray allocations sent out since last year, but then the Assembly Plant has only built just under 200 cars or so according to Roger Kiel's unofficial production numbers. So the ramp up is still in effect, but I've also seen that so far for March, there has only been one production day where they didn't build any E-Rays. Hang in there E-Ray buyers, I feel like we are getting closer to seeing some of the shackles lifted off and the car produced in more meaningful quantities.

We'll share any other news as it arrives, and next week we'll have the latest constraints for this order cycle. We think we may see a smaller than usual constraint report as well. A GM'er reached out to our friends at the Mid-Engine Corvette

Forum to say that [all carbon fiber parts and accessories are now available](#). I remain skeptical as usual, but we'll what happens next Thursday.

The 2024 Corvette is First on Consumer Report's Top 10 Most Satisfying New Cars

By
[Mitch Talley](#)

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Jan 16, 2024

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Photo Credit:

Consumer Reports

Owners of the new [mid-engine Corvette](#) – now in its fifth model year – won't be surprised to find their favorite sports car atop the latest list of models they'd buy or lease again.

That's right, [Consumer Reports](#) says a whopping 93 percent of surveyed 2024 Corvette owners would select the car again, according to a just-released ranking of the [10 most satisfying cars](#).

That figure puts the Chevy supercar in first place comfortably ahead of runners-up Rivian R1T and Mazda MX-5 Miata, both at 88 percent.

Others in the top 10 are Lexus NX PHEV at 87 percent, BMW X5 at 85 percent, Rivian R1S at 84 percent, Ford Maverick Hybrid at 83 percent, Kia Telluride at 82 percent, Honda Pilot at 82 percent, and Hyundai Ioniq 6 at 81 percent.

Each year, Consumer Reports surveys owners about their car purchases, and they provide "great insights" with the answer to one simple question: "If you had it to do all over again, would you definitely buy or lease the same model?"

The 2024 Corvette also earns the "Recommended" ranking by Consumer Reports.



NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA, INC.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

() New Membership: 1 or 2 people in the same household \$75.00.
() Renewal: 1 Person \$55.00 or 2 people \$60.00.
Add a late fee of \$10.00 after January 31st to February 28th for any renewals.

If a renewal is not received by March 1st the membership fee will be \$75.00.

PRINT Full names (First and Last) of the one or two individuals within the same household that will hold the one or two votes.
(Guests cannot vote.) (Print as Clearly as Possible)

Voter 1 (First Name): _____ (Last Name): _____ Name on Badge: _____

Voter 2 (First Name): _____ (Last Name): _____ Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Voter 1 Email Address: _____

Voter 2 Email Address: _____

Corvette Year: _____ Style: Roadster/Convertible: () Coupe: () Color: _____

I was a member(s) of North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. before. Yes () No ()

Do you give permission to distribute all your club roster info to other NSCM members. Yes () No ()

Please make check payable to: North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. (NSCM)

Mail to: North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc.
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Saugus, MA 01906

In what capacity would you like to serve?

() Member () E-Board () Officer () Other Committees (as Needed)

I/we have read and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth in the NSCM guidelines including the NSCM's Code of Ethics as adopted by the North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. E-Board and Membership.

Voter 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Voter 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for joining/rejoining the North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. **Save the Wave!**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Received Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____ Date: _____ Revised: 8-14-2023

To Join, go to our website www.northshorecorvettes.com and click on the Membership.
Application link or print the application form above and fill it out and mail to the address on the application along with your check.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE:



HERE'S WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

April 2024– National Corvette Museum Report

submitted by Karen Blandini



A Piece of History

Avanti II

In 1963, automobile designer Margaret “Peg” Sauer began a new challenge. Sauer had previously worked for Harley Earl’s “Damsels of Design” team at General Motors, where she was influential in creating interiors for several GM vehicles in the 1950s. Her new opportunity came with Raymond Loewy’s industrial design studio and a chance to work on its latest project, the Studebaker Avanti. The Avanti was Studebaker’s new luxury performance car, and the automobile manufacturer had tasked Loewy’s team with its design.

In just 40 days, Loewy’s studio crafted a design for a four-seat coupe with a distinct appearance. The Avanti featured an elongated hood and curved rear fenders, which made the car look like a futuristic airplane. Its unusual shape required the body to be molded from fiberglass panels. Since the Avanti lacked a grille across its nose, Loewy’s team designed

the car as a “bottom breather,” with air vents placed underneath the front bumper. Sauer’s most notable contribution was a unique glovebox equipped with a pull-out drawer. The drawer contained a flip-up mirror and extra storage space for small items. Yet Avanti’s innovative design did not save Studebaker’s sagging automobile sales. The company sold fewer than 6,000 Avantis before closing its plant in South Bend, Indiana.

However, the Avanti lived on for several more decades thanks to a series of periodic revivals. The longest-lived of these successor cars were created by former Studebaker dealers Nate and Arnold Altman. The Altman brothers partnered with Leo Newman, who had overseen Studebaker’s truck parts division, to form the Avanti Motor Corporation. From 1965 into the 1980s, Newman and the Altman brothers sold a modified version of the Studebaker Avanti, known as the Avanti II. Each Avanti II was custom ordered and hand built. Buyers could select a variety of color combinations for the exterior and interior, even down to the shag carpet in the trunk. Avanti IIs also used Chevrolet’s small-block V8 engine, the same power plant as the Corvette.

The National Corvette Museum’s collection includes a 1977 Avanti II donated by Mike Hammer. This car has a gold interior and exterior like a Studebaker Avanti Hammer saw in his youth. It includes a Corvette engine, a fiberglass body, and the special glovebox design created by Sauer more than 60 years ago.



TWO E-RAYS ADDED TO MSP CORVETTE FLEET

NCM Motorsports Park (MSP) is thrilled to announce the arrival of the latest addition to its electrifying fleet, the cutting-edge E-Ray. With a commitment to creating unparalleled guest experiences, the NCM Motorsports Park is proud to be the first track in the nation to offer E-ray driving activities.

“At NCM Motorsports Park, we are dedicated to providing fun, safe, and cutting-edge experiences for our guests,” said

Greg Waldron, Executive Director. “The addition of the E-Ray allows us to put guests behind the wheel of the newest Corvette available, which also happens to be the fastest Corvette ever made.”

Guests will have the opportunity to choose between two driving activities, E-ray Touring Laps and the Lightning Round experience. The E-Ray Touring Lap option allows guests to drive four (4) laps in a lead/follow format around the nationally recognized road course. Drivers wanting to take their experience to the next level will enjoy the Lightning Round option where they will not only get behind the wheel of the E-ray for four (4) lead follow laps but will also ride passenger as a professional driver launches the car from 0 to 60 mph in mere seconds and immediately drive a Hot Lap at adrenaline topping speeds.

To celebrate the launch, the MSP Team took the two new cars in Sea Wolf Gray and Rip Tide Blue on a regional road trip from Detroit, Michigan to Nashville, Tennessee. Planned stops included Ann Arbor, Michigan, South Bend, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, Indianapolis, Indiana, Louisville, Kentucky, Lexington Kentucky, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. In true Corvette fashion, the team will be showing off its new car at the “Chevys in the Smokies” event and the Corvette Expo in Pigeon Forge, TN where they took on the challenge of the iconic Tail of the Dragon.

For all the details, check out the NCM website – under Motorsports Park.



Museum Transitions to Summer Hours

Summer hours through October 31:

Sunday-Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST, 7 Days a Week

November 1–December 31

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM CST

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST

January 1-February 28

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM CST, Closed Tuesdays

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Plant Tour Update

General admission assembly plant tours are still not available.

However, the Assembly Plant Tours will resume ONLY for the week of the 30th Anniversary celebration (8/29/24 – 9/31/24). The reservation system will open on **May 15th** and availability is limited. If you are planning to attend the 30th Anniversary event, make sure you get online early to secure your plant tour day and time.

In addition, if you are planning to attend the Michelin Bash – plant tours will resume ONLY during the event. Check the NCM website for details.

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If your Corvette is insured by the NCM Insurance Agency and you are participating in the 30th Anniversary Caravan, you may want to give them a call to find out more.....

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2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible
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2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible
Price: \$200 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: May 16, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time

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CORVETTE NEWS:

All Future Corvette C8 Variants Will Feature Forced Induction

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Despite the inevitable transformation of the [Chevy Corvette](#) nameplate into an [all-electric performance vehicle](#), there's still plenty of fun to be had in burning gasoline with a Crossed Flags badge on the nose. The mid-engine [C8 Corvette](#) is proof positive of that, with models like the [C8 Corvette Stingray](#), [C8 Corvette Z06](#), and [C8 Corvette E-Ray](#) all touting naturally aspirated V8 powerplants. But, as they say, more is better, and that includes more gasoline burned in the name of performance, and as such, all future Corvette C8 variants will feature forced induction.

GM Authority rendering of the future Corvette ZR1

First, a quick recap of what's out there right now. The first C8 Corvette model variant out the gates was the C8 Stingray, which [dropped cover](#) for the 2020 model year with the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine behind the cabin. Output is rated at a maximum of 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque, or 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque with the optional performance exhaust system. Next was the C8 Z06, which cradles the high-revving naturally aspirated [5.5L V8 LT5](#) gasoline engine, producing a maximum of 670 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque right out of the box.

C8 Corvette E-Ray

The latest [mid-engine Corvette](#) to drop cover is the C8 E-Ray, which also makes history as not only the first production-spec Vette with all-wheel drive, but also the the first production-spec Vette with a hybrid powertrain. Specs include the same 6.2L V8 LT2 as the C8 Stingray, plus a front-mounted electric motor, the combination of which doles out 655 horsepower.

Now, with these three C8 variants out of the bag, it looks as though all future Corvette C8 variants will feature forced induction. The first of these will be the new [C8 ZR1](#), which, as *GM Authority* has [covered on several occasions](#), will cradle the new [5.5L V8 LT7](#). The LT7 is essentially a turbocharged variant of the 5.5L V8 LT6 that powers the C8 Z06, and, with a healthy dollop of boost on board, should make significantly more power than the 670-horsepower Z06.

C8 Corvette ZR1 prototype testing at the Nurburgring

While the ZR1 will be impressive, the [C8 Zora](#) that follows will reign as the top dog in the future Corvette lineup. Making that a reality will be a hybridized version of the ZR1's LT7, mating forced induction and the E-Ray's performance hybrid system into a single, pavement-scorching package.

To note, when we say "future Corvette variants," we mean specific model lines, and not [special edition models](#). It's also worth mentioning that this all could change if GM decides to offer a Grand Sport model, but for the moment, the E-Ray currently serves as the "Grand Sport" of the current C8 lineup.



Chevy Corvette Most Satisfying Car Again, Says Consumer Reports Members

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As the first mass-produced mid-engined Vette ever, the [C8 Corvette](#) has been lauded by many folks for some time now. In fact, *Consumer Reports* itself appears to [admire](#) the performance machine greatly, while the Vette was [repeatedly listed](#) as the [most satisfying](#) vehicle to own by the publication's members. Now, the [Chevy Corvette](#) once again ranks first among the cars people love the most.

According to a [report](#) from *Consumer Reports*, the C8 Corvette boasted a score of 93/100, which beats out the likes of the Rivian R1T, Mazda MX-5 Miata, and Lexus NX Plug-In Hybrid with scores of 88/100, 88/100, and 87/100, respectively. Meanwhile, some of the most unsatisfying models to own include the Kia Sorento Hybrid, Nissan Sentra, and Volkswagen Taos, which received scores of 42/100, 39/100 and 38/100, respectively.

To obtain the necessary data for this survey, *CR* drew on the results of the 2023 Annual Auto Surveys, which



included data from owners of more than 330,000 vehicles ranging from model years 2021 to 2023, along with a few 2024 models. The owner satisfaction score is based on the percentage of participants that responded whether or not they would repurchase their vehicle in its current specification.

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As a reminder, the Corvette C8 is now offered in a number of distinct flavors, including the [C8 Stingray](#), [C8 Z06](#), and [C8 E-Ray](#). More specifically, the Corvette Stingray is powered by the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine, rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque, while the Corvette Z06 features the naturally aspirated [5.5L V8 LT6](#) gasoline engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. Finally, the [Corvette E-Ray](#) combines the aforementioned LT2 engine with an electric motor on the front axle to bring total output up to 655 horsepower. In regard to structure, all C8 [Chevy](#) Corvette models ride on the GM Y2 platform, while [production](#) takes place at the [GM Bowling Green plant](#) in Kentucky.

GM Shows Chevy Dealers C8 Corvette ZR1 During Secret Meeting

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The 2025 model year will bring some heavy firepower to bear in the sports car segment, with [Chevy](#) poised to unveil the [C8 Corvette ZR1](#). With a fresh forced induction engine and huge aero enhancements, the C8 ZR1 will slot in as the new top dog in the [mid-engine Corvette](#) lineup. Now, *GM Authority* has learned that GM recently gave [Chevy](#) dealers a glimpse at the C8 [Corvette ZR1](#) during a secret meeting.



According to sources familiar with the matter, Chevy dealers gathered for the national dealers' meeting late last year were actually shown two models prior to their big public reveal, the first of which was the allnew [2025 Chevy Equinox](#), which was officially [unveiled](#) last month. The second model, however, was something of a surprise – a prototype [C8 Corvette ZR1](#) wearing full camouflage.

Although the Chevy brass did not provide any details or specs, it was hinted that the new ZR1 would equip a twin-turbocharged V8 engine. *GM Authority* was the first to report that the ZR1 would rock a forced induction powerplant, specially a twin-turbocharged variant of the [5.5L V8 LT6](#) that motivates the [C8 Z06](#). The new twin-turbo 5.5L V8 will likely carry the name [LT7](#).

In addition to some impressive engine output, the C8 Corvette ZR1 is also expected to equip all the trimmings required to make good use of it on the racetrack. [Spy photos](#) reveal the new ZR1 running positively massive aero enhancements, chief of which is [a large rear wing](#) to keep the tail planted at speed. The enhancements will also include a large [front hood air extractor vent](#) situated between the headlights, an additional set of [side air intakes](#) located behind the primary side air intakes, and [new multi-spoke alloy wheels](#) shod in super-sticky rubber. We even [rendered](#) what the new ZR1 will look like, so check that out for more eye candy.



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always, we'll be there every step of the way as the C8 Corvette ZR1 heads for its big debut and launch, so make sure to [subscribe](#) to *GM Authority* for more [mid-engine Corvette news](#), [Corvette C8 news](#), [Chevy Corvette news](#), [Chevy news](#), and around-the-clock [GM news](#) coverage.

The Special Bulletin for Fixing the C6 Corvette's Pesky Fuel Leak Issue Has Now Expired

By

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Photo Credit: Chevrolet

If you own a [C6 Corvette](#) with a leaky left-hand fuel pump module flange, you'll have to pay for the repair now.

Under [service bulletin 150682](#), General Motors had been paying for these repairs for the past eight years for sixth-generation Corvettes built from 2007 to 2013.

According to the bulletin, some 2007 to 2009 model year Cadillac XLR and 2007 to 2013 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles may have a condition where a fuel odor is detected, fuel droplets appear below the left-hand fuel tank with fuel gauge level above 1/2, or a malfunction indicator lamp illuminates due to a leak path in the lefthand fuel pump module flange.

Fixing the problem requires the installation of a new fuel tank fuel pump module, which GM had been covering for 2007-2013 Corvettes for 120,000 miles or 10 years from the date originally placed in service, whichever comes first.

Since the Primary Tank Module Flange Fuel and Vapor Leaks service bulletin is not a recall, GM was able to issue a set deadline for repair coverage.

That means the coverage for 2013 models, which had been the last C6 model year covered, has now expired.

Unfortunately, since many Corvettes never reach the mileage limit, unsuspecting owners may just now be experiencing this problem or will experience it in coming years and will have to pay for the repair themselves.

If you're in the market for a used C6, you might want to check to see if this repair has already been made or perhaps you can use it as a bargaining chip in negotiating your best deal.

:TECH TALK:

GM Issues TechLink Article for C8 Convertible Top Water Leaks

By

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Photo Credit: Chevrolet

Chevrolet struck gold with its hardtop convertibles for the [C8 Corvette](#), boosting ownership over the previous soft top convertibles from under 20% to nearly 50% of all new Corvettes produced. So when GM issues a new [TechLink article](#) regarding a water leak in its HTCs, it's an issue that is bound to affect a lot more owners.

Thanks to our friends at the [MidEngineCorvetteForum](#), we have the document for service technicians that shows them how to diagnose and fix the issue.

Convertible Top Water Leak

<https://gm-techlink.com/?p=18394>

March 21, 2024

Some 2020-2024 Corvette convertible models may have a water leak around the side glass. The leak, which is found at approximately the middle rear of the side glass area (Fig. 11), may be



noticed when the vehicle is exposed to a high-pressure car wash.

Fig. 11

The side glass leak may be due to slight variations in sealing between the roof panel seals. To correct this condition, a piece of semi-closed EPDM foam should be installed at the edge of the top panel.

Partially retract the top to access both ends of the top panel and remove the front-side window weatherstrip as well as the three T-25 bolts securing the front-side window weatherstrip retainer. (Fig. 12)

Fig. 12



Install a piece of semi-closed EPDM foam just inward of the rolled outboard edge of the top, but not on the edge itself so that the foam is less visible when the top is closed. Place the foam's narrow edge just forward of the trailing edge of the top panel. (Fig. 13) Reposition the existing narrow foam strip slightly inboard to accommodate the size of the added foam.

Fig. 13



After installing the foam, reinstall the front-side window

weatherstrip retainer. The retainer should cover a portion of the new foam piece to help retain it.

Next, reinstall the weatherstrip. Weatherstrip installation is sensitive to position, so be sure to properly install the weatherstrip to prevent any additional leaks. Refer to Bulletin #24-NA-026 for a helpful video showing correct weatherstrip installation. (Fig. 14)

Fig. 14



If there is a leak on both sides of the vehicle, repeat the foam installation procedure on the other side. If not, it may not be worth disturbing performance of the existing weatherstrip.

Once all repairs are complete, verify that the leak is corrected. If the leak persists, try adjusting the weatherstrip position again as shown in the video.

TIP: Remind customers about the recommended car wash guidelines covered in the Owner's Manual. Avoid using high-pressure washers closer than 12 inches (30 cm) to the surface of the vehicle. Using power washers exceeding 8,274 kPa (1,200 psi) can result in damage or removal of paint and decals. Automatic car washes should not be used, as they can cause damage to the vehicle, wheels, ground effects and convertible top.

For more details, including parts information, refer to Bulletin #24-NA-026.

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[VIDEO] First Driving Impressions of the 2024 Corvette E-Ray as Compared to the Z06 and Stingray

By



With the arrival and first deliveries of the new [2024 Corvette E-Ray](#), we are finally getting some honest-to-goodness reviews of Chevy's first performance hybrid by their new owners. Not that the hand-picked YouTuber reviews we've seen over the last few months haven't been honest, it's just that most don't have skin in the Corvette game and so they will say whatever to keep those First Drive invites coming. These reviews like this one we are sharing from a new E-Ray owner featuring unvarnished opinions is exactly what we've been waiting for.

This driving review comes from a guy on YouTube named [Geared Media](#) and last week we shared a quick video of his as he had all three Michelin wide-body Corvette tires on the ground for a quick comparison. He has previously owned a C8 Stingray and now drives a C8 Z06, and this E-Ray is actually for his wife to drive. In that last video he was also in the process of installing a Hooker Blackheart exhaust which is now on the car.

Now, the E-Ray has just 200 miles and he is still in the 500-mile break-in period as he shares this POV video as he cruises the backroads and switchbacks in the area around his home. He does

caution that he is still under the break-in and that his impressions may change once the car is ready to be driven hard.

During the 10-minute video, the new E-Ray owner starts off by talking about the E-Ray's front motor and the battery regeneration and he also talks about how that regen feels like as the brakes are being applied (and the battery is being replenished). He also discusses how the Active Fuel Management keeps the E-Ray in V4 mode longer as the front motor provides more of the drive power of the car for longer periods, and he's noticed that just driving around in town normally has been getting him pretty good fuel economy as he shows his current trip has yielded 22.4 mpg.

He also thinks the car is quieter than his previous Stingray, but notes that could be due to still being under the 500-mile break-in, and that's despite him having the aftermarket exhaust. Right now, he says he's not quite hearing some of the pops and exhaust garbles that he was accustomed too in the Stingray. "It doesn't seem as rowdy yet, but that could change," he says.

Finally, our new E-Ray owner also talks about some of the new 2024 equipment on the E-Ray, namely the soft-close trunk and the new driver aids for lane departure, emergency braking, and more.

Source:

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