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Happy Mother's Day





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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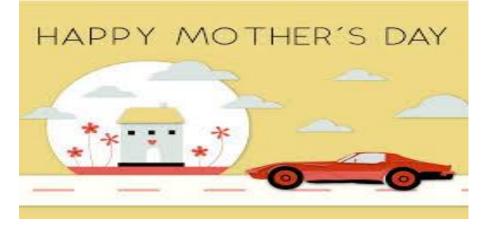


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Greetings Members,

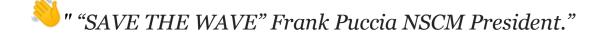
Happy Mother's Day to all our Corvette Moms!!

The Dust-off Cruise is scheduled for May 5th and our first Cruise night of the season is scheduled for May 7th, and right behind it on May 8th is the last indoor monthly meeting at the Saugus/Everett Elks.

Your E-Board is busy putting all the pieces and parts together for the upcoming season. Your Executive Board works throughout the year to make our Club enjoyable to all and the best it can be. I rely heavily on each of them to accomplish this month after month, my sincerest thanks to all of you for all you do.

We welcome all member input. This is your club, and we love hearing from you. Please make it a point to attend the monthly meetings so you can get all the details firsthand on what has happened so far and what is on the agenda moving forward. Now is the time to be fully engaged in club activities. We're almost there so, until then stay safe, stay well, and plan to participate!

Please e-mail our Cruise Directors Kirk Therrien, <u>kirk.therrien@cwservices.com</u> or Jim Marchese, jpm7871@comcast.net with your suggestions.



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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)

(Weather permitting)

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

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, HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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!



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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 18[™], 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 28[™], 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 191

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

Thomas and Michelle Ricci 2024 Coupe Red Mist

MEMBERSHIP SUBMISSION

Catch a Sneak Peek of the 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1

For the first time in five years, the ZR1 is back.



BY EMMET WHITEPUBLISHED: APR 10, 2024 10:22 AM EST

CHEVROLET

It's been over five years since Chevrolet graced us with a proper Corvette ZR1 and the wait is almost over. Chevrolet teased the reveal of a new C8-generation Corvette ZR1 in <u>a YouTube video</u> posted on Wednesday.

Building on the lineage of the C8 Corvette and its Stingray, Zo6, and E-Ray lineup, we expect the 2025 Corvette ZR1 to be the most extreme, hypercar-fighting version yet.

CHEVROLET

With only a vague silhouette shown in the teaser, the angular C8 body will likely follow in the footsteps of previous ZR1 models, adding functional aerodynamic bodywork all around. Similarly, with a 670-hp, naturally-aspirated, flat-plane crank 5.5-liter V-8 from the Z06 available, there's serious potential that the ZR1 will be rocking a high-power V-8 as well.

Reports from *Car & Driver* even suggest that Chevy may add forced induction to the Ferrarisounding V-8, bumping power figures well beyond the Zo6's. Camouflaged prototypes have also been spotted testing at the Nürburgring. While the C8 Corvette Stingray managed a 7:29.9 lap time around the nearly 13-mile track, the ZR1 and its accompanying lap time will likely sit in the company of models like Porsche's 911 GT3 RS



Corvette Dominates First Quarter 2024 Sports Car Sales



Photo Credit: CorvetteFurman.com

Not only is it a great time to be a Corvette enthusiast, it's also a whale of a time to be a Corvette salesman, too!

Not so much for foreign sports car salesmen, though.

Just take a look at the <u>latest sales figures</u> for the first quarter of 2024 to see why.

Chevy sold a total of 8,576 Corvettes in January, February, and March. Not only is that 8.5 percent higher than last year's total of 7,904, it's more than all the Toyota Supras, Nissan Zs, Mazda MX-5s, Subaru BRZs, Toyota GR86s, and BMW Z4s added together.

This year's first-quarter sales were good enough to make the Corvette fourth overall – behind much cheaper cars like the Ford Mustang with 13,707 units, Dodge Challenger with 9,737, and the entire range of BMW 4-Series with 8,847.

While the Corvette was widely celebrated in 2020 when its base price was below \$60,000, that figure has climbed by \$10,000 through the '24 model year. With the Average Transaction Price in the fourth quarter of 2023 climbing to more than \$106,000, however, that makes the first-quarter 2024 sales even more impressive.

By the way, the recently discontinued Chevy Camaro still ranked fifth with 3,574 units – down considerably over Q1 '23 sales of 7,780.

	2024 Q1	2023 Q1	DIFFERENCE
MODEL			
MODEL	12 707	14711	6.0.0/
Ford Mustang	13,707	14,711	-6.8 %
Dodge Challenger	9,737	11,371	-14.0 %
	8,847	11,997	-26.3 %
BMW 4-Series*			
Chevrolet Corvette	8,576	7,904	+8.5 %
Chevrolet Camaro	3,574	7,780	-54.1 %
BMW 2 Series*	3,538	1,383	+155.8 %
Toyota GR86	2,041	2,038	+0.1 %
BMW 8-Series*	1,464	1,572	-6.9 %
Mazda MX-5	1,411	2,590	-45.5 %
Subaru BRZ	766	985	-22.2 %
Nissan Z	671	466	+44.0 %
Lexus LC	493	433	+13.9 %
Toyota Supra	484	871	-44.4 %
Lexus RC	410	380	+7.9 %
BMW Z4	403	398	+1.3 %

	2024 Q1	2023 Q1	DIFFERENCE	
MODEL				
Audi R8	181	97	+86.6 %	
Nissan GT-R	77	143	-46.2 %	
Infiniti Q60**	37	374	-90.1 %	
Audi TT**	31	183	-83.1 %	
Total	56,448	65,676	-14.0%	

^{**} Discontinued (Audi TT, Infiniti Q60)

Porsche USA hasn't reported Q1 2024 Sales at the time this was published.

We weren't really sure if GM would be following their recent pattern of offering two <u>Corvette order cycles</u> 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'mer reached out to our friends at the Mid-Engine Corvette

Forum to say that <u>all carbon fiber parts and accessories are now available</u>. I remain skeptical as usual, but we'll what happens next Thursday.

^{*} Includes Sedans, Coupes, Convertibles (BMW 2, 4, 8)



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.

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To Join, go to our website $\underline{www.northshorecorvettes.com}$ 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

May 2024 – National Corvette Museum Report

submitted by Karen Blandini



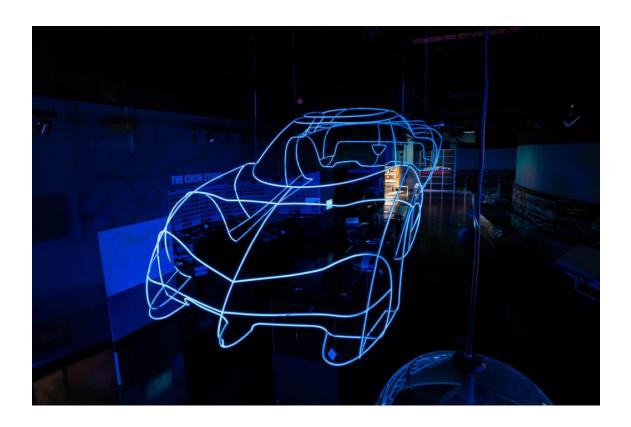
A Piece of History

C5 Corvette Wire-Frame Model

The next time that you visit the National Corvette Museum, be sure to look upward as you explore the exhibit Driven by Design. Suspended from the ceiling is a wire-frame model in the shape of the C5 Corvette. This model was one of the tools designers used to visualize the body of the C5, the design that would take Corvette into the 21st century.

When it debuted in 1997, the fifth generation was the most revolutionary Corvette ever created. Its development began in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but during this time financial difficulties and corporate politics within General Motors were threatening the future of the Corvette. Its sales had been falling for years, and it could have been eliminated from Chevrolet's lineup entirely. However, the dedicated group of engineers and design staff who worked on the Corvette remained committed to the next generation, one that would set new standards of quality and performance that would revitalize the Corvette name. As a result, most of the parts and pieces of the C5 were brand new components designed specifically for the next Corvette.

One idea that the engineering team proposed was to give the C5 chassis a "backbone" structure. For the "backbone" design, the chassis would consist of two side rails held together by cross members. Each side rail would be a single piece shaped through an advanced hydroforming process that would make all C5 side rails exactly alike. This was a radical departure from the C4, but the theory was that the "backbone" chassis with hydroformed side rails would provide the C5 with better maneuverability and make the car stronger. Accordingly, the design team had to create a body that would be compatible with the "backbone" chassis.



Corvette Hall Of Fame Announces 2024 Members-Elect

The Corvette Hall of Fame announced its 2024 class of members-elect, who will be formally inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 31, 2024. For nearly three decades, the Corvette Hall of Fame has recognized personalities who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments alongside their high standards of integrity and character, reflecting the reputation of Corvette and the National Corvette Museum.

Each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: Racing, GM/Chevrolet, and Enthusiast. The 2024 class features some of the most prolific names in Corvette Racing and Chevrolet history, including:

Racing - Oliver Gavin & Jan Magnussen, Corvette Racing Drivers





Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen became two of Corvette Racing's brightest stars during a decorated run together in the 2000s and 2010s. Gavin joined the team full-time in the No. 4 Corvette in 2003, and the following year Magnussen became a co-driver with Gavin and Olivier Beretta at Le Mans, Sebring, and Road Atlanta.

The trio won Le Mans every year from 2004 to 2006, as well as Sebring once and Road Atlanta twice. For the 2007 season, Magnussen was recruited to drive full-time in the No. 3 Corvette. Together, Gavin and Magnussen

have won eight championships driving for Corvette Racing, with 51 wins by Gavin and 34 by Magnussen.

GM-Chevrolet – Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer



In 2006, Tadge Juechter became the fifth chief engineer of the Corvette, a position he still holds today. Educated in mechanical and aerospace engineering, GM hired Juechter after he tagged along to a friend's interview with the company. Juechter's professional career with Corvette began in 1993 as a Total Vehicle Systems Engineer. To date, he has worked on five generations of Corvettes. He led the development of the C7 and made a special point to redesign the interior of the Corvette.

The mid-engine C8 is the first Corvette Juechter got to create from the ground up. Under his leadership, the reputation of the Corvette as one of the world's finest sports cars continues to grow.

Enthusiast - Richard Prince, Automobile Photographer



Richard Prince is a leading automobile photographer whose connections span the globe. While running a Corvette restoration business in 1992, Prince began writing a column for 'Vette Magazine. His growing editorial career led him to expand his photography skills and become the official photographer for Corvette Racing. Prince's photography has appeared in over 400 publications, including Car and Driver, Road & Track, Motor Trend, and Automobile.

He also serves as a tech editor for Corvette Magazine, writing several articles including a regular Q&A column. In 1999, Prince published his first book, a C3 restoration and technical guide. More recent works include Corvette 70 Years: The One and Only and Corvette Stingray: The Mid-Engine Evolution.

Celebrating excellence with our new Corvette Hall of Fame class is not just about honoring the past; it's about inspiring the future," explained Kaye Wagner, Chair, National Corvette Museum Board of Directors. "As we welcome these extraordinary individuals into the Hall of Fame, we recognize their enduring contributions and the standards they set for generations to come."

Founded by the National Corvette Museum in 1998, 2024 marks the 26th anniversary of the esteemed award. Created to recognize the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette and honor their achievements, nominees are selected by an anonymous panel of Corvette experts. A final group of 100 Corvette professionals makes up the Hall of Fame voting panel, which has inducted only 82 individuals since its inception. Corvette Hall of Fame inductees are featured in the National Corvette Museum Skydome, recognizing their enduring legacy to America's Sports Car.

Those interested in attending the induction ceremony of the Corvette Hall of Fame can purchase tickets in May when registration opens for the National Corvette Museum's 30th Anniversary event.

National Corvette Museum Wins 2021 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award

The National Corvette Museum's Great Traveler Reviews Earn it a Place Among Travelers' Favorites in the Top 10% Worldwide

The National Corvette Museum would like to announce that it has been recognized as a 2021 Travelers' Choice award winner. This achievement celebrates businesses that consistently deliver fantastic experiences to travelers around the globe, having earned great traveler reviews on Tripadvisor over the last 12 months. As challenging as the past year was, the National Corvette Museum stood out by continuously delighting travelers.

"It's truly an honor to be recognized as a 2021 Traveler's Choice Award Winner by TripAdvisor. It is a testament to the devotion and dedication of the National Corvette Museum staff, who maintain and continue the mission and vision of the NCM to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future," said National Corvette Museum Board Chair, Glenn Johnson.

"Congratulations to all the winners of the 2021 Travelers' Choice Awards," said Kanika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "I know the past year has been extremely challenging for tourism businesses. What has impressed me is how businesses adapted to these challenges, implementing new cleanliness measures, adding social distancing guidelines, and utilizing technology to prioritize guest safety. The Travelers' Choice Awards highlight the places that are consistently excellent – delivering quality experiences time and time again even while navigating changing customer expectations and new ways of working. Based on a full year of reviews from customers, this award speaks to the great service and experience you provided guests in the midst of a pandemic."

Thank you to all of those who visit and support the Museum, your continued support truly makes it what one TripAdvisor reviews calls, "A place where dreams come true!" Make your plans to visit today!

Raffles, Raffles, Raffles



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



2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000 Drawing: June 13, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time



2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1500 Drawing: June 27, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time



2025 Torch Red Corvette Coupe Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle Drawing: August 31, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time

To purchase any of these raffle tickets, you must go to the NCM website, download the raffle ticket form, and mail it. The museum will confirm your purchase.

CORVETTE COMEDY



"Here's a Corvette for sale that costs \$57,942. All I need now is just \$57,000, and that baby is all mine."



"Yes, I did use your good soap. My Corvette has sensitive skin."



"I think your talent lies in Corvette restoration and NOT home improvement."



"I like this arrangement. I teach you how to use the technology on your new Corvette, and you wait on me hand and foot."

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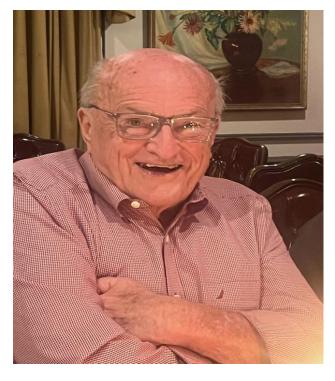
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CORVETTE NEWS

2025 Corvette to Introduce Three New Paint Colors

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General Motors has announced a trio of new paint colors for the C8 Corvette, slated to launch in conjunction with the upcoming 2025 model year. The new hues include a yellow, a purple, and an orange, and are expected to replace three colors currently available for the 2024 model year. The three new 2025 Corvette colors were announced via Chevy's social media, with the Bow Tie brand revealing three photos of the mid-engine Vette draped in each of the new hues.

"In addition to these three hot new 2025 colors, peep the sleek new #Z51 spoiler and #Z06 wheel design!" the Chevy social post states.

Of course, the term "new" is applied a bit loosely to some of these colors. Sebring Orange Tintcoat, for example, was previously featured on the 2019 C7 Corvette and the 2020- through 2021-model-year C8. Sebring Orange Tintcoat was eventually replaced by Amplify Orange Tintcoat (paint code GC5). Competition Yellow Tintcoat is another paint color making a comeback for 2025, tracing its roots back to the C4 Corvette era, at least in name. Looking ahead, Competition Yellow is expected to replace Accelerate Yellow Metallic (paint code GD0) with the launch of the 2025 Corvette.

The introduction of Hysteria Purple Metallic, however, is totally new. It's unclear which 2024 model-year color Hysteria Purple will replace, but one option may include Cacti Green (paint code GVR). Riptide Blue

Metallic may also get cut to make room for Hysteria Purple, especially when considering the fact that Riptide Blue Metallic is currently seeing retirement elsewhere in the GM product portfolio.

The 2025 Corvette was originally anticipated to introduce a number of important changes, one of the most impactful being the debut of a completely overhauled interior. Now, however, it looks like the Vette's new cabin will in fact debut for the 2026 or 2027 model year, instead.





We Render a Potential 2026 Chevy Corvette Interior Redesign

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Originally dropping in for the 2020 model year, the mid-engine Corvette C8 is due for a refresh in conjunction with the 2026 model year, with one of the most impactful updates expected to be an overhauled interior. Per previous *GM Authority* coverage, the new cockpit is anticipated to bring with it both design changes and new tech features. Now, *GM Authority* has rendered what the refreshed 2026 Chevy Corvette interior may look like.

Our exclusive *GM Authority* rendering showcases a variety of changes for the C8 Corvette, integrating futuristic elements seen in other GM models, including the Cadillac Lyriq. The most striking feature is a curved dash panel, which merges the digital driving instrument cluster with the infotainment system touchscreen into a single horizontally oriented layout.

Our rendering also reduces clutter on the center console by eliminating the wall of buttons in place on the pre-refresh model, reflecting a broader industry trend towards cleaner, more integrated interiors. To that end, most of the controls have been incorporated into the touchscreen, making for a sleeker interface.

GM Authority rendering

Pre-refresh C8 Corvette



Z06



Another significant update in our 2026 Chevy Corvette interior rendering is the relocation of the wireless phone charger. Previously situated in the rear waterfall element, the charger is now in a more accessible location under the touchscreen. Our refreshed interior also includes GM's semi-autonomous driver assist system, Super Cruise, as indicated by a light-up stripe indicator along the upper edge of the steering wheel. While enthusiasts may be eager to see these updates in the upcoming C8 Corvette ZR1, it's important to note that the new ZR1, expected to debut this summer for the 2025 model year, is unlikely to feature the refreshed 2026 Chevy Corvette interior design. The C8 Corvette refresh was originally expected to debut for the 2025 model year, but is now expected for the 2026 model year.

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TECH TALK:

Certain 2023 to 2024 Corvette Vehicles Feature Improperly Torqued Transmission Fasteners

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GM has recently issued a technical service bulletin referred to as Customer Satisfaction Program N232427051. As it happens, a number of 2023 and 2024 model year Corvette vehicles have been produced with improperly torqued transmission fasteners. General Motors doesn't mention the suspect production dates, and – worse still – does not mention which Corvette versions are affected.

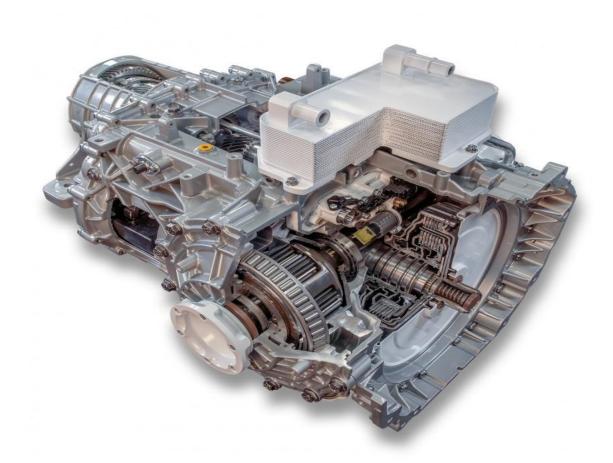
The aforementioned technical service bulletin lists regular production order codes M1L and M1M for the suspect dual-clutch transaxles, with said codes referring to the Stingray and Z06 transmissions. The Corvette Z06's eight-speed box is also listed with T0F and T0G, which refer to the Carbon Flash- and the Visible Carbon-finish aerodynamic packages.

Regardless of mileage and the vehicle's age, dealers are required to replace said transmissions at no charge to the customers. The list of parts required for the operation includes the dual-clutch transaxle, coolant, an exhaust manifold pipe seal, the catalytic converter gasket, two wheel drive shaft nuts and two wheel drive shaft washers, six wheel drive shaft retainer assemblies, four air conditioning compressor hose seals, and four rear cradle bolts.

The labor time for transmission replacement is 14.2 hours for the Z06 Coupe, 17.3 hours for the Z06 Convertible with either aerodynamic package, or 14.4 hours for the Stingray Convertible. A further 1.2 hours are required to recharge the A/C system.

General Motors clearly states that any vehicle entering dealer inventory or the dealer's service facility has to be remedied before selling or releasing the vehicle to the rightful owner. The program runs through May 31 of 2026, meaning that Corvette Stingray Convertible and Corvette Z06 owners have a little over a year to make an appointment to replace the eight-speed transaxle.

Photo: Tremec



Supplied by Tremec, the TR-9080 was introduced in 2019 by the 2020 model year Corvette Stingray. Also used by Maserati in the carbon-tubbed MC20 that famously weighs more than the aluminum-intensive Ferrari 296, the TR-9080 comes with either a mechanical limited-slip differential or an electronic limited-slip differential. Topped up with Fucks Titan EG FFL-4 transmission fluid, the quick-shifting tranny weighs anything between 148.5 and 150.5 kilos (327.4 to 331.8 pounds).

The fill volume is 11 liters (11.6 quarts), and Tremec recommends a further 2 liters (2.1 quarts) for extended track use. Back in September 2019, the initial version of the TR-9080 was rated at 800 Nm or 590 pound-feet of torque. Not long now, General Motors will exceed this figure with the long-awaited return of the ZR1, which levels up on the high-revving Z06 with a couple of turbochargers.

Estimated to make 800-plus horsepower at full chatter, the LT7 engine is a completely different animal from the LT5 of the C7-generation ZR1. A dual-overhead-cammed mill rather than a small block, the LT7 is also believed to include AFM fuel-saving technology. This, in turn, suggests that GM switched to a cross-plane crankshaft as opposed to a flat-plane unit for the LT6 in the Z06.

Teased at the beginning of April 2024, the C8-generation ZR1 will be revealed this coming summer. Its dualclutch box is known as the M1K, whereas the E-Ray uses the MLH version.

GM Issues Service Bulletin for 2024 Corvette Z06s Delivered with Incorrect Front Splitters

By Keith Cornett

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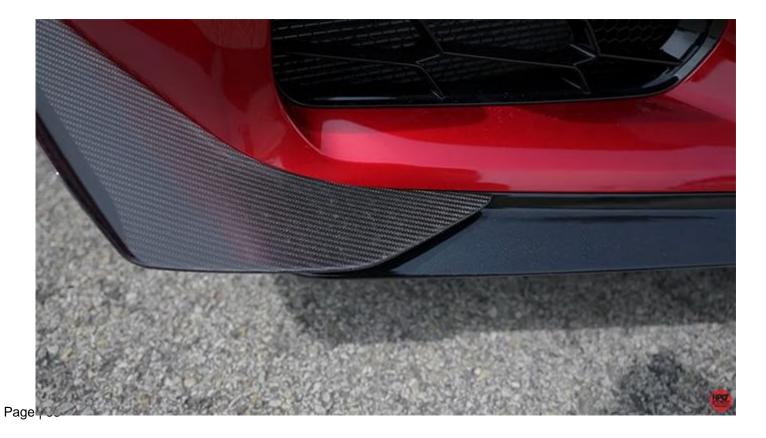
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Normally when we talk about Corvettes delivered with incorrect parts like the we saw previously with a <u>two-tone boomerang</u> or a <u>Stingray badge on the rear deck of a Z06</u>, we can usually chalk that up to being a simple one-time mistake. Sometimes we even suggest that a factory error is fun to leave on the car, as long as it doesn't take away from the owner's appreciation of his or her's fine new ride.

However, we just learned of a factory error that is more than just a one-off mistake, and GM has even issued a <u>service bulletin</u> over it. The service bulletin is #PIC6545 and it's titled: "Incorrect Front Splitter from Factory on Z06 (April 16, 2024)". A big thanks to our friend Justin at Horsepower Obsessed for <u>sluething this one out</u> and getting his hands on the actual TSB.

You can see an example of a Z06 delivered with the wrong front splitter below:



The service bulletin says the issue is for the 2024s and there are no VIN breaks for the cars affected. Here are the details:

Condition

Some vehicles with RPO CFV were incorrectly kitted at the factory and received the three pice front splitter in painted carbon fiber instead of the intended exposed weave carbon fiber. The front dive planes are typically correct as shown in the included picture.

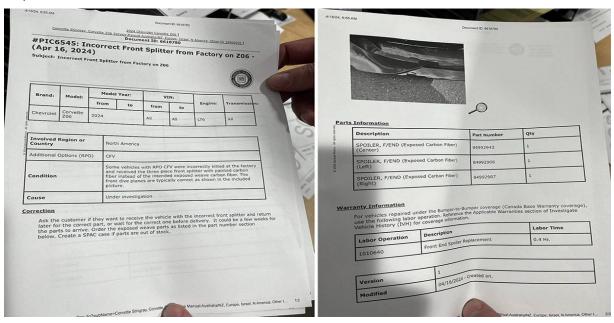
Cause

Under Investigation

Correction

Ask the customer if the want to recieve the vehicle with the incorrect front splitter and return later for the correct part, or wait for the correct one before delivery. If could be a few weeks for the parts to arrive. Order the exposed weave parts as listed in the part number section below. Create a

SPAC case if parts are out of stock.



Here is the actual TSB with the details (click to embiggen):

Justin learned about the issue last week as a highly-optioned 2024 Corvette Z06 was brought to his Blackout Tint shop in Pennsylvania. The car is optioned with every visible carbon fiber option including the wheels, rear wing, side rockers, dive planes, roof, and mirror caps. So when you see the front splitter in painted carbon flash black, it's very noticeable. Compounding the issue is that these parts are still highly in demand, and therefore as the TSB mentioned, there could be a delay lasting weeks in getting the correct parts. The Z06 front splitter is a three-piece design and the

dealer told the owner of this particular Z06 that he can get each of the side pieces but the center portion is backordered.

Here's Justin at HPO sharing the video of the Z06 with the mismatched front splitter:





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