

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER

April 2022



Happy Patriots Day



Over fifty years and still going strong!

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North Shore Corvettes of Mass

Cruise Night



Every Tuesday

May 3rd through Sept. 27th, 2022

Teresa's Prime Grille 19,

20 Elm Street, N. 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,

Happy Patriot's Day to all our club members!



Time to get the Vettes out and use them as often as we can. We have a lot of fun and activities planned for NSCM this year and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone after the long winter. We have our first Static Cruise Nite on May 3rd and the Dust-Off Cruise scheduled for Sunday, May 15th to the Sea Glass restaurant in Salisbury, MA.

We have a club meeting scheduled for April 13th at the Saugus/Everett Elks, Main St., Saugus, MA @ 6:30 PM.

We still have tickets for sale to the Vettes to Vets Fundraiser @ Prince Pizza (Giggles) scheduled for May 22nd.

We have a club dinner scheduled for April 19th at Michael G's @ 1066 Revere Beach Pkwy, Chelsea, MA @ 6:00 PM. I'll send out a blast a couple days before to get a count of attendees so I can make a reservation.

Check out the Club Apparel on Page 54.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 13th. We're almost there so, until then stay safe, stay well, and plan to participate!



" "SAVE THE WAVE" Frank Puccia NSCM President"

NSCM E-BOARD 2022

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NON-VOTING E-BOARD 2022

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CLUB HISTORIAN (INTERIM) JOHN SPINELLI



CLUB MEMBER SUBMISSIONS:

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ITEMS OF INTEREST BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH, PLEASE SEND THEM TO



MONTH. PLEASE SEND THEM TO FSP3581@GMAIL.COM

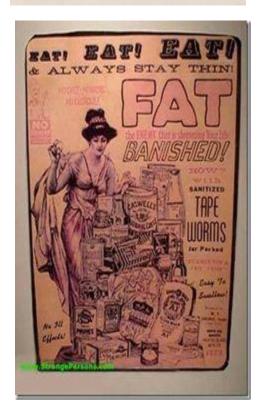








AUTO SKULL WINKS RIGHT OR LEFT TURNS ... Ghoulish "flirting" red eyes. Winks his right one as you go right; his left as you turn left ... and flashes them both when you stop. Works simultaneously with your car's directionals & brake lights. PLUS ... HE'S LUMINOUS! Glows constantly as you drive! An eerie warning for the driver behind. Easy hook-up; 7½"; vinyl.



UPCOMING EVENTS: 2022 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

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

Starting May 1, Sunday Kars-N-Koffee, 35 Lowell St., Wilmington, MA Every Sunday through October 2022, 9:00 AM – Noon (Weather permitting)

Sunday May 15th Dust Off Cruise, Sea glass Restaurant, Salisbury, MA.

Saturday, May 21st, All Corvette Show, Balise Chevrolet, 440 Hall of Fame Ave., Springfield, MA 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. See flyer below for more info.

Sunday, May 22nd, Vettes to Vets fundraiser, Prince Pizza (Giggles) Comedy Show. Doors open @ 6:00PM. Unlimited Pizza and soft drinks. 75-minute comedy show. Tickets are \$35.00 PP. All proceeds will go to the Veterans at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Hospital

Sunday May 29th, GCCC 40th Annual Corvette Show, on the grounds of Anheuser-Busch, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy. 8:00AM-11:30 AM Registration, see flyer below for more info.

Sunday June 5th Boat House Lunch Cruise, Essex, MA

June 9th to the 12th Back to the Beach, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Contact Sandie @ 508-335-5056, <u>sandie98@yahoo.com</u> for more information.

*Saturday, June 18th, Cruise to KC's Rib Shack, Manchester, NH

*Changed from Sunday the 19th because of Father's Day

Monday June 27th, Tuckaway Tavern Lobster Special (BOGO), Lunch Cruise, Raymond, NH.

Sunday July 10th, Poker Run BBQ, Pembroke, NH.

Sunday, July 17th, Cruise to Forge and Vine, Groton, MA

Saturday July 23rd, Beauport Lobster Cruise, Gloucester, MA

Sunday August 7th, Oak St. Bistro Lunch Cruise, Alfred, Maine

Sunday, August 21st, Lunch Cruise to Warren's Lobster House, Kittery, ME

Sunday, September 4th, Lunch Cruise to Muddy Moose, North Conway, NH

Sunday September 18th, Newport Car Museum, Newport, RI

Saturday & Sunday October 1st and 2nd, Vettes to Vets, Billerica, MA to Bedford, MA

Sunday, October 9th, Fall Foliage Cruise, (more info to follow)

Friday, November 11th Veterans Day (see John Spinelli for veterans' day lunch)

Saturday, December 3rd, NSCM Christmas Party (more details to follow)

Spring Fling 2022

Gate City Corvette Club



Presents our 40th Annual Corvette Show

Sunday May 29, 2022

Registration 8:00 - 11:30

(Rain Date Sunday, July 31, 2022)

Located on the beautiful grounds of Anheuser-Busch 221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH

- Registration Fee: \$30.00
- First New England Point Judged Show
- Grass parking for all cars entered
- Music, Food, Raffles and More!
- Judging begins promptly at noon
- Coupes & Roadsters judged separately
- 48 Classes Trophies for Show, Super Street, Street, and Best of Categories

Designated Corral Parking for Non-Participating Corvettes and other Classic Vehicles (\$15.00 Donation)



For more information:

www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub

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to benefit the National Federation of the Blind, Greater Springfield Chapter. In memory of Danny Cahill.



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33 Trophies

DASH PLAQUES

For the first 100 Corvettes to register

LODGING

Hilton Garden Inn, (413) 886-8000

PLUS

Blessing of the Corvettes (noon) • Food • 50/50 Raffle • DJ

Space is limited to 100 show cars.

Welcome to the 18th Annual

Back to the Beach

Corvette Weekend

located in beautiful Old Orchard Beach, Maine

June 9th thru the 12th, 2022

See the <u>schedule page</u> for more information



Back to the Beach is proud to support the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation

Please visit us at the following link to see how you too can help



Back to the Beach is also a proud supporter of

Vettes to Vets

Supporting our nations heroes each day



For more information contact Sandie or Ralph via e-mail at RalphSandie@back2thebeach.net or by phone at

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NSCM 2022 CLUB CALENDAR

LEGEND: RED NSCM SPONSORED GREEN: NON-CLUB SPONSORED



APRIL 2022

Wednesday, April 6th E-board Mtg., Kelly's Roast beef, Saugus, MA 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 13th, Club Meeting Saugus/Everett Elks @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 19th Dinner @ Michael G's, 1066 Revere Beach Pkwy, Chelsea, MA

MAY 2022

Tuesday, May 3rd 1st Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 4th E-board Mtg. TBD

Tuesday, May 10th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 11th, Club Meeting Saugus/Everett Elks @ 6:30 PM.

Sunday, May 15th Dust Off Cruise Sea Glass Restaurant, Salisbury, MA 12:00 PM. Details will follow.

Tuesday, May 17th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 21st, All Corvette Show, Balise Chevrolet, 440 Hall of Fame Ave., Springfield, MA 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. See flyer for more info.

Sunday, May 22nd, Vettes to Vets fundraiser, Prince Pizza (Giggles) Comedy Show. Doors open @ 6:00PM. Unlimited Pizza and soft drinks. 75-minute comedy show. Tickets are \$35.00 PP. All proceeds will go to the Veterans at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Hospital

Tuesday, May 24th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday May 29th, GCCC 40th Annual Corvette Show, on the grounds of Anheuser-Busch, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy. 8:00AM-11:30 AM Registration, see flyer for more info.

Tuesday, May 31st Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

JUNE 2022

Wednesday, June 1st E-board Mtg. TBD

Sunday, June 5th Boat House Lunch Cruise, Essex, MA. Details will follow.

Tuesday, June 7th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 8th Club Meeting, Outdoors Saugus/Everett Elks 6:00 PM with an Ice Cream Run at its conclusion to Richardson's, Middleton, MA

June 9th to the 12th Back to the Beach, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Contact Sandie @ 508-335-5056, <u>sandie98@yahoo.com</u> for more information.

Tuesday, June 14th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 19th, Cruise to KC's Rib Shack, Manchester, NH. Details will follow.

Tuesday, June 21 Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Monday, June 27th Lunch Cruise to Tuckaway Tavern, Raymond, NH. Details will follow.

Tuesday, June 28th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

JULY 2022

Tuesday, July 5th, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday July 6th E-board Mtg. TBD

Sunday July 10th, Poker Run/BBQ to Pembroke, NH. Details will follow.

Tuesday, July12th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 13th, Club Meeting Outdoors, Saugus/Everett Elks 6:00 PM with an Ice Cream Run at its conclusion to TBD.

Sunday, July 17th, Cruise to Forge and Vine, Groton, MA. Details will follow.

Tuesday, July19th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Saturday, July 23rd, Beauport Lobster Cruise, Gloucester, MA. Details will follow.

Tuesday, July26th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

AUGUST 2022

Tuesday, August 2nd, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 3rd, E-board Meeting TBD

Sunday, August 7th, Lunch Cruise to Oak St. Bistro, Alfred, Maine with an Ice cream run to Shain's of Maine for dessert.

Tuesday, August 9th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10th, Club Meeting Outdoors Saugus/Everett Elks Outdoors with an Ice Cream Run at its conclusion to TBD

Tuesday, August 16th, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 21st, Lunch Cruise to Warren's Lobster House, Kittery, ME. Details will follow.

Tuesday, August 23rd, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 30th, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday, September 4th, Lunch Cruise to Muddy Moose, North Conway, NH. Details will follow

Tuesday, September 6th, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 7th E-board Meeting TBD

Tuesday, September 13th, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 14th, Club Meeting Saugus/Everett Elks 6:30PM

Sunday, September 18th Cruise to Newport Car Museum, Newport, RI. Details will follow

Tuesday, September 20th, Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday October 1 & 2 Vettes to Vets, more info to follow.

Tuesday, September 27th, Last Cruise Night of the Season, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St., North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 2022

Wednesday, October 5th E-board Meeting TBD

Sunday, October 9th Fall Foliage Cruise, Woodstock, NH, Kankamagus highway, Dinner Woodstock Inn, overnight stay optional. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 21 Railroad St., Lincoln, NH.

Wednesday, October 12th, Club Meeting Saugus/Everett Elks 6:30PM

Tuesday, October 25th Dinner TBD

NOVEMBER 2022

Wednesday, November 2nd E-board Meeting TBD

Wednesday, November 9th, Club Meeting Saugus/Everett Elks 6:30PM

Friday, November 11th Veterans Day, see John Spinelli for lunch plans.

Tuesday, November 15th, Dinner TBD

Thursday, November 24th Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2022

Saturday, December 3rd, NSCM Christmas Party, Teresa's Prime, Crystal Room, 20 Elm Street, North Reading, 6:30 PM — 10:30 PM (More details to follow)

Wednesday, December 7th E-board Meeting TBD

Wednesday, December 14th, Club Meeting Saugus/Everett Elks 6:30PM

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Our Newest Members: By Linda Puccia

Total Membership as of 3-31-2022 = 160

New Members: 2022

John & Joyce Quarleno

Barry & Jeanne Scott

Matthew & Gina Carapellucci

1963 Convertible, White
2009 Coupe, Black
1999 Convertible, Red

NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA, INC.





Application link or print the application form below and fill it out and mail to the address on the application along with your check

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

(January 1 to December 31)

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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE:

HERE'S WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



March 2022 - National Corvette Museum Report

submitted by Karen Blandini



A Piece of Corvette History

First Lady of Firsts - Betty Skelton

Known as "The First Lady of Firsts" and "The Fastest Woman on Earth" Betty Skelton was born in Pensacola, Florida in 1926. She took an interest in airplanes very early in her childhood. By the age of eight, after years of watching aircraft from the Pensacola Naval Air Station from her backyard, Betty told her parents that she wanted to be a pilot. Her parents began taking her to the local municipal airport where Betty would hop a ride with any pilot that would take her. During these flights she met Navy Ensign Kenneth Wright who would teach her to fly. Ensign Wright let Betty take the controls of his plane when she was only 12 years old! On her 16th birthday, Betty would make her first legal solo flight, which would lead her to become one of the most successful female pilots in both aerobatic flight and in setting speed records.

After an amazing career in aviation, Betty moved to North Carolina and would meet Bill France, the legendary founder of NASCAR. Bill would convince Betty to drive at the Daytona Speed Weeks where, from 1954 to 1955, she would set numerous records. In 1956, Betty would find herself working at the Campbell-Ewald advertising firm for General Motors' Chevrolet Division.

She was GM's first female technical narrator at auto shows and appeared in television and print ads. She continued driving and returned to Daytona in a 1956 Corvette specially prepared by Zora Arkus-Duntov and Smokey Yunick, and ran the flying mile at 137 mph.

1956 Daytona Trophy Presented to Betty Skelton for this record setting run.



Although Betty Skelton was never an astronaut, she was given the respect of an astronaut by most, including the Mercury Seven. The Mercury Seven were the seven men who would become America's first astronauts that flew in all Mercury missions. Betty had met Wally Schirra, one of the Mercury Seven, in 1948 at a hangar in Pensacola. Wally was impressed by Betty and her capabilities as a pilot, which he never forgot about. When LOOK magazine wanted to write an article on women being in

space, they worked with NASA to put Betty Skelton through the same tests as the Mercury Seven. Betty had already accomplished numerous firsts in her career, but as the first woman to pass through astronaut training, Betty proved that women were just as capable as men, in a rocket or in a Corvette.

Author: Bob Bubnis, Associate Curator at the National Corvette Museum

For more history on Betty Skelton watch "Boundless Betty" – airing on April 9th after the Nascar Race. This fantastic documentary originally aired on March 23rd on FS1 and includes commentary from NCM HOF Jerry Burton and Derek Moore, NCM Director of Artifacts and Senior Curator.

Museum In Motion (MiM)

For the first time since 2018, MiM 'Explore Buffalo' is BACK! Buffalo is located on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie in upstate New York. This MiM trip will include the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Darwin D. Martin House, the Buffalo-Niagra Falls area, a dinner cruise on the Erie Canal and Locks 34 & 35, and the lovely Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park. Registration for this MiM event is now open online! Advance registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022, or until sold out!

For details and/or to register for this weeklong adventure, visit the NCM website under Events.

The Michelin 'Bash'

There's still time to register for the 2022 Michelin Bash - April 28^{th} – 30^{th} - but you must act fast as registration closes April 1^{st} .

If you can't attend in person, consider a Virtual participation. Participants can enjoy 2 full days of activities around the Museum including access to special video presentations, raffles, and a LIVE Auction!

VIRTUAL Bash Registration is \$25 per household. Virtual registration does not get you into ANY onsite activities or the Museum during the event weekend. Virtual registration will provide access to the virtual feed of seminars and presentations Thursday April 28th & Friday April 29th.

Search for New Director of Collections

On March 21 Museum Director Sharon Brawner announced the resignation of the NCM's Director of Collections & Senior Curator Derek E. Moore. Dereck has accepted the position of Curator for the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, TN. After 5 years with the NCM, Derek's influence and knowledge is evident throughout the museum with the ongoing/special exhibits. Under his direction, the vast artifact collection is now categorized and safely housed in the new on campus facility. Congratulations Derek – and thank you for commitment to the NCM.

New at the Museum Store

One-of-a-kind jewelry made from Corvette paint! A wonderful and unique by-product of the auto production lines, this "Man-made Agate" is formed layer by layer. Paint over-spray would build up on the metal racks that transported car bodies through the paint shop, and into the ovens where each coat was baked hard. Some of the deep layers of this material have been baked over 100 times. Each stone is one of a kind and cannot be repeated, as irregularities form during each layer of color and primers.

Corvette paint long drop shaped pendant dangles from an oxidized sterling silver rounded rolo chain. 18" chain. 2" pendant.



The jewelry is available in earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc. in varying colors and designs. Check out the Museum store under 'new arrivals.

Raffles, Raffles, Raffles



2022 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Coupe

\$100.00/Ticket – 2000 tickets Drawing: Apr 21, 2022, 2:00 PM Central Time



2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000

\$250.00/Ticket – 1500 tickets Drawing: Apr 29,2022, 3:00 PM Central Time



2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible

Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle Drawing: April 30, 2022, 3:00 PM Central Time

2023 Torch Coupe

– 1500/ticketsDrawing: MayPM Central



Red Corvette 5/19/2022

\$150.00/Ticket

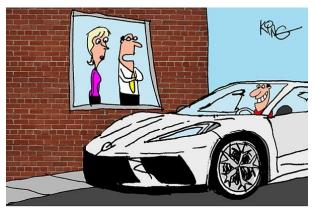
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To purchase any of these raffle tickets, you must go to the NCM website, download the raffle ticket form, and mail it. The museum will confirm your purchase.

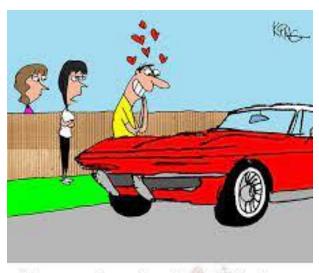
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******Be Safe – Be Smart – Be Home – Be Aware! We are all in this together******

COR VETTE COMEDY



"When he's in his Corvette, he's happy. When he's happy, he's productive. When he's productive, we make more money. So, I allow him to use it as his office."



"I remember when he looked at me like that."



"Maybe if I gained 2,000 pounds and painted myself red, he'd actually spend some time with me,"



"We've been here over an hour and you haven't taken a single bite of your meal.

Never park your car where we you can see it again."

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

KAREN BLANDINI PRESENTING A RECOGNITION OF APPRECIATION TO JOHN SPINELLI AND FRANK PUCCIA FOR NSCM'S DONATION TO THE VETERANS AT THE EDITH NOURSE ROGERS MEMORIAL VETERANS HOSPITAL AS PART OF THE VETTES TO VETS ORGANIZATION ON JANUARY 12. 2022.



FRANK PUCCIA PRESENTING JOHN SPINELLI WITH AN APPRECIATION AWARD FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND DIRECTION OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS TO THE NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2022.



TECH TALK:

The Corvette Z06 Has A Truly Unique Powerplant

MAR 14, 2022BY JARRYD NEVES ENGINE / 12 COMMENTS

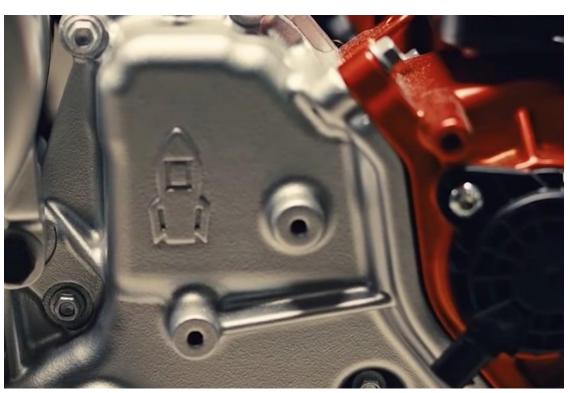
The 5.5-liter V8 doesn't share a single component with GM's other small-block V8s.

The 5.5-liter LT6 engine found in the upcoming <u>Chevrolet Corvette Z06</u> is a truly special powerplant. GM's engineers knew the upcoming Porsche fighter had to have a brilliant power source and, to that end, purchased a <u>Ferrari 458's engine to benchmark against</u>. Chevy's hard work has paid off, as the naturally aspirated motor develops an almighty 670 horsepower and 460 lb-ft of torque. What's more, it can rev up to 8,600 rpm.

The Bowtie brand also revealed that the LT6 has <u>several astronaut-inspired</u> <u>easter eggs</u>, with some even serving a functional purpose. All of this is very nice, but because GM has so many V8s under its umbrella, surely the LT6 is a parts bin special? Well no, actually - far from it.



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Speaking with SAE International, chief engineer Jordan Lee noted the LT6 shares nothing with any of Chevy's "small-block" V8s, so don't call it one. The LT6 has virtually no connection to the engine type in general, never mind any specific Chevy motor. The only common trait is the 4.4-inch bore-center spacing, which would be an unfair standalone measurement to which to compare other engines. As Lee says, "This is a unique engine on its own."

With Chevrolet's goal of making the <u>Z06 a true world-beater</u>, engineers approached the design of the new engine with a fresh outlook. First and foremost was weight reduction. The LT6's forged titanium connecting rods are 21% lighter than the items found in the 7.0-liter LS7 V8 from the C6 Z06, for example. What's more, the forged aluminum pistons are a notable 8% lighter than the LS7's, too. This makes it incredibly light - despite the 175-hp advantage over the Stingray's LT2 V8, it weighs just 2.2 pounds more.



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While the development team had an initial goal of 650 hp, they soon saw the LT6 was capable of even more power.

Assistant chief engineer, Dustin Gardner, said, "We quickly realized we had 650 in the bag [...] I think it's going to stand the test of time of being one of the true icons." Interestingly, design system engineer Yoon Lee says that the production engine makes more power than the racing version (due to endurance racing regulations). With GM spearheading myriad EV projects, this may be the last engine of its kind that we see from the carmaker, but if so, it's a brilliant way to go out.



Under the body panels, the C8 Corvette rides on the Y2 platform. Corvette production takes place exclusively at the GM Bowling Green Assembly plant in Kentucky. Subscribe to *GM Authority* for more mid-engine Corvette news, Corvette C8 news, Corvette news, Chevrolet news, and around-the-clock GM news coverage.

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Since the Chevy Corvette C8 debuted for the 2020 model year, it's been offered with a selection of 12 different exterior paint options. Now, with the introduction of the 2023 Corvette, that paint options list expands to

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Corvette Z06 LT6 Doesn't Share A Single Part With Any Other V8

The LT6 is a special engine all its own.

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The brand-new <u>Chevy LT6 V8</u> engine is in a league all its own. In fact, the new LT6 doesn't share a single part with any of Chevy's other V8 engines making it an anomaly in the GM lineup. GM's V8s have a rich history of calculated parts sharing as it allows the brand to amortize development costs and perfect long-standing designs. When it came to the Corvette C8 Z06's LT6 V8, however, nothing in the current lineup was good enough.

For starters let's establish the fact that we love all of <u>Chevy's LT and LS V8</u> <u>engines</u> that have been a staple in the enthusiast community for decades. These reliable, compact, and powerful engines found their way into the engine bays of some of GM's greatest products spanning from Trucks to sports sedans. When Chevy unveiled the new mid-engine C8 Corvette many enthusiasts hoped for high revving V8 for the track-focused Z06 model and boy did Chevy deliver.

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The LT6 V8 engine is a dual-overhead-cam 5.5-liter naturally aspirated V8 engine that produces 670 horsepower (500 Kilowatts) and 460 lb-ft (624 Newton Meters) of torque. This powerful flat-plane-crank V8 revs to 8,600rpm which is worthy of an exotic supercar. This incredible engine was born on the racetrack thanks to extensive testing powering the Corvette C8.R racecar.

To achieve this supercar shaming level of performance Chevy threw out its traditional playbook and got to work on a clean sheet engine design. The result is one of the most impressive naturally aspirated V8 engines ever built. The C8 Corvette Z06 continues the Vette's tradition of offering supercar levels of performance in a more affordable package. This time, however, the new C8 Z06 promises to be categorically better than almost any of its rivals from Europe.

C6 Corvette: The Best Model Years, Ranked

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There were several different models available of the C6 Chevrolet Corvette, so we've ranked them from "worst" to best.

The C6 Corvette was the sixth generation of the **Chevrolet** Corvette, and it was in production from 2004 to 2013. With everyone drooling over the latest C8 and some of the high-performance variants of the C7, the C6 models are real bargains these days. While prices are expected to drop a little more, it probably won't be long before people catch on, so get a good one now while it's still possible to score an insanely

fast but affordable sports cars in the used car bazaar.

Updated July 2021: If you're in the market for a used Corvette, you definitely need to keep reading! The C6 Corvette was improved in every possible way compared to its predecessors — unless you're only into classic cars, that is. We've updated this article with some more detailed information about the various trim levels and model years to help you make a better and more informed decision when purchasing a C6 Vette.

Even in that single C6 generation, there are plenty of different models to go for, and it helps to know which one would suit you the best. Just to get one thing straight right from the get-go, the best used cars to go for are usually the latest models possible. The reasons for this are that they usually (not always) have less wear and tear, and the manufacturer will most likely have ironed out some of the problems found in earlier cars, barring any particular issue that may have caused excessive recalls.

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Technically speaking, the C6 Corvette was everything the very successful C5 Vette was, and then some, with the help of improved technology. Sure, it wasn't without faults, such as the exposed headlights that had some purists up in arms. Either way, these are the C6's best model years, ranked worst to best, with a Bonus Special Edition in between.

10 2005 Corvette Coupe

Chevrolet introduced the world to the C6 Corvette for the first time in 2005, and it was available either as a coupe or convertible. While the C5 Corvette was a great sports car, the C6 took things to the next level as it featured pushbutton start, satellite navigation, electric door releases, and far cooler interiors than the previous generation Corvettes.

If there was one thing the purists didn't like, it was the exposed headlights, because the Corvette now broke a 40-year-tradition. However, the improved aerodynamics and performance soon

settled frazzled nerves. The C6 was an evolution after the C5's revolution. The LS2 engine produced a whopping 400 horses and was mated to either a manual or automatic transmission, the car also received improved suspension and better looks. A total of 37,372 units were sold.

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9 2008 Corvette Coupe

By far the most important update of the C6 in 2008 was the debut of the LS3 engine across the base trim board. The engine was now a massive 6.2-liter V8 that produced 430 horses along with 424 ft-lb of torque. Separate spoke wheel packages were also introduced, and the wheels were available in different colors and finishes. The interiors were spruced up, which just made it a cooler 'Vette than the ones before it. Those who want one of these models should remember that 500 of them went to Hertz car rentals, which means it may be possible to find one with a lower asking price on the used car market, of course, the downside is that they may also have led a

hard life. A total of 35,310 Vettes were sold of this model year.

8 2012 Centennial Edition Z06 Corvette

By 2012, the base models received better interiors with more comfortable seats, unfortunately, that was all the changes and updates they got. By now, the race for the nextgen Corvette was on, and the C6 was not in focus anymore. The Z06 model did get optional spoilers and carbon fiber hood while the ZR1 had a performance package.

The Centennial Edition Corvette stole the show, celebrating Vette's 100 years of racing. It had a carbon metallic finish with special graphics plus the 100 on the hood made this a very special edition indeed. With the C7 just around the corner, customers were waiting it out, meaning sales dropped and only 11,647 units were sold.

7 2006 Corvette Z06

With two new colors available, yellow and a red metallic, the 2006 model year brought in a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters, and an XM satellite radio with a Bose stereo system.

The Zo6 returned this year with a 7.0-liter LS7 V8 engine that pumped out a whopping 505 horses and 470 ft-lb torque, making it one highly anticipated release. At the time, this was the most powerful production 'Vette on the block, and it was a fixed roof model for additional strength and

via CorvSport

6 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible

The Chevrolet Corvette 427 has a special place in the history of automobiles. 2013 marked the

5 2007 Corvette Special Editions

For the normal Vette, the changes were minor and relegated to steering-wheel-mounted radio controls for the driver to easily adjust volume and scroll through radio presets. There were two limited edition 'Vettes as well. The first was the Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Zo6, each bearing a Ron Fellow autograph and finished off in his colors with white exteriors with a red interior and stripes.

60th year of the Corvette and the C6's swan song as well. It goes like this, "The King is dead, long live the King", and the C6 was laid to rest with a flourish, in time for the C7 to arise. The 427 Convertible Edition took the base model of the Vette and married it to the performance from the Z06 and ZR1, making it a car powerful enough to make grown men cry. It produced 505 horses and was only available with a manual transmission. Oh, and it also featured plenty of special badging. Only 12 466 2012 Vettes were made and sold, and that's via Mecum

The second special edition was the Indy Pace Car Replica Corvette, with only 500 units made in a cool atomic orange shade. A total of 40,561 Corvettes were made in 2007, making it a good year regarding sales.

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4 2009 Chevrolet Corvette GT1 Championship Editi

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This special edition Vette is definitely cool enough to get an entry all to itself. The GT1 Championship Edition was an optional package on the 2009 C6 Vette that celebrated the entry of the Vette into the GT1 class of the American Le Mans. A limited-edition model, only 100 were planned to be made in each color, for a total of 600 cars.

via AmericanMuscleCarMuseum

However, that didn't go as planned. Due to the government takeover, Chevrolet decided to increase this number to 125 for each color, making a total of 750 GT1 Championship Editions on the market. It looks gorgeous, is one of the fastest GM cars, and can be a dream to own.

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undoubtedly a great-looking Corvette, but unfortunately, only 1,003 of these were made.

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2 2009 Corvette ZR1

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Not many changes were made to the 2009 Vette, and sales also dropped to an all-time low of

just16,956. The most significant addition to this year was the Corvette ZR1. It is dubbed as one of the most badass Vette even today.

via TopSpeed

A performance version, this was the first Corvette to cross \$100,000 in price, but even this expensive, it was a steal at the kind of power is made with the legendary Chevrolet LS engine. The supercharged LS9 6.2-liter V8 made a rather crazy 638 horses and 604 ft-lb torque, making it GM's most powerful production engine yet. Only 1,847 of these were sold.

1 2011 Corvette Z06 Carbon Fiber Edition

via Mecum

For the base trims, not much changed for the 2011 year. A Magnetic Selective Ride Control package was introduced with bigger brake rotors on the coupes and convertibles but was too small a change to create many ripples. via CorvetteForum

The Zo6 Carbon Limited Edition with the Zo7 Performance Package was a cool addition to this year's lineup, done to celebrate Corvette's 50th anniversary at Le Mans. The carbon fiber raised hood, splitter, and rockers with headlights in black, with finishing in Supersonic Blue or Inferno Orange made it look very striking indeed. Sales picked up, slightly, at a total of 13,956 Vettes.

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