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July 2022

Happy Fourth of July!!



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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 Fourth of July!!

We have a busy July coming up.

July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th Cruise Nights, Teresa's Grille 19, N. Reading

July 10th Poker Run, Pembroke, NH

July 13th Hot Dog Social, Point of Pines Yacht Club, Revere, MA, (Also Club Meeting.)

July 17th Forge and Vine, Dinner Cruise, Groton, MA. This venue is being changed. More info to follow.

So far, we have good participation from the Club for the Poker Run and the Hot Dog Social. Please send in your checks for the Poker Run if you have not done so ASAP. We will continue to schedule events to keep the Club busy and involved throughout the summer. Just a reminder the Beauport Lobster Cruise scheduled for Aug. 27th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. requires you to pay in advance so we can make reservations. Please submit your payment ASAP.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the E-Board, we try to coordinate rides and socials so that everyone can participate. We will be adding rides in between our scheduled events like to the American Legion in Middleton some Sunday morning for their famous Bloody Mary meals and a cruise up to Parkers Maple Barn, Mason, NH. 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 2022

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CLUB MEMBER SUBMISSIONS:



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ITEMS OF INTEREST BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH. PLEASE SEND THEM TO FSP3581@GMAIL.COM

Here's some fourth of July Funnies, Enjoy!!!

1. How come there aren't any knock-knock jokes about America?

Because freedom rings.

2. What kind of tea did the American colonists want?

Liber-tea.

3. What's the difference between a duck and George Washington?

One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill.

4. What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?

Tea-shirts.

5. What was George Washington's favorite tree?

The infantry.

6. What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed?

The Fodder of Our Country!

7. What was the most popular dance in 1776?

Indepen-dance.

8. What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?

It can't sit down.

9. If you crossed a Patriot with a curly-haired dog, what would you get?

A Yankee Poodle.

10. What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks?

Dino-mite!

11. What ghost haunted King George III?

The spirit of '76!

12. What do our flag and a sad candy cane have in common?

They're both red, white, and blue.

13. Who was the biggest jokester in George Washington's army?

Laughayette.

14. Why did the duck say bang?

Because he was a firequacker.

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

Wednesday July 13th, Hot Dog Social and Meeting, Point of Pines Yacht Club, Rice Ave., Revere, MA

Sunday, July 17th, Cruise to Forge and Vine, Groton, MA, This venue is being changed, More info to follow.

Sunday August 7th, Lunch Cruise to Warren's Lobster House, Kittery Maine.

Saturday August 27th, Beauport Lobster Cruise, Gloucester, MA

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)

NSCM 2022 CLUB CALENDAR

LEGEND: RED NSCM SPONSORED

GREEN: NON-CLUB SPONSORED



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, July 12th Cruise Night, Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St.,
North Reading 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM*

Wednesday, July 13th, Hot Dog Social, Point of Pines Yacht Club, 28 Rice Ave. Revere. 6:30 PM. (Also, our Club Meeting)

Sunday, July 17th, Cruise to Forge and Vine, Groton, MA. This venue is being changed, Details will follow.

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

Tuesday, July 26th 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 Warren's Lobster House, Kittery, ME. Details will follow.

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

Saturday August 13th, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, Corvettes by The Sea, Scallabrini Villa, 860 N. Quidnessett Rd., North Kingston, RI. \$25.00 Donation. All Proceeds benefit Operation Stand Down and RI Community Food Bank. Food/Music/50/50 raffle/

Trophies/ Dash Plaque, this venue is being changed. More info to follow.

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

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

Saturday, August 27th Beauport Lobster Cruise, Gloucester, MA. Details will follow.

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 6-30-2022 = 173

New Members: 2022

John & Joyce Quarleno	1963 Convertible, White
Barry & Jeanne Scott	2009 Coupe, Black
Matthew & Gina Carapellucci	1999 Convertible, Red
Steve & Darlene Mason	1978 Coupe, Red
Jack & Michele Wood	2003 Convertible, Silver
Robert & Nancy Pelmas	2001 Convertible, Red
Richard and Holly Raffi	1958 Convertible, Black, 2016 Stingray Z51 Convertible, Red
John and Deborah Gaff	2015 Convertible, Shark Gray



NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA, INC.



To Join, go to our website www.northshorecorvettes.com and click on the Membership 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)

- () **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 the 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)

Vote 1 (First Name) _____ (Last Name) _____
 Vote 2 (first Name) _____ (Last Name) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Phone Number Home _____ Cell _____
 Vote 1 Email Address _____
 Vote 2 Email Address _____

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

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

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

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

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IN WHAT CAPACITY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE

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

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 _____

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE:



HERE'S WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

June 2022 – National Corvette Museum Report

submitted by Karen Blandini



A Piece of Corvette History

Viva La Corvette

As Corvette Racing has just concluded their final race as an all-professional factory effort at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, we thought we would spotlight an artifact in our collection that celebrates the very first win at that historic race for the Pratt & Miller era of Corvette Racing.

In 1996, the Corvette Racing project began with the blessing of John Middlebrook, General Manager of Chevrolet, and Herb Fishel, Director of GM Motorsports. Program Manager, Doug Fehan, connected with Gary Pratt and Jim Miller, who would build their race car based on the all-new C5 Corvette. With driver Ron Fellows testing it, they would continue to develop the C5-R until 1999 when they would begin racing in the new American Le Mans Series. Gary Claudio, Corvette Marketing Manager, was ready to make sure everyone in the world would take notice.

In 2001, with only two seasons behind them, the two-car Corvette Racing team took the overall win at the 24 Hours of Daytona in the #2 Corvette driven by Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell, and Chris Kneifel. The #3 Corvette came in second in class and was famously driven by Dale Earnhardt, Dale Jr., Andy Pilgrim, and Kelly Collins. Inspired by Dale, who would tragically lose his life on that same track not long afterwards, Corvette Racing crossed the ocean to race at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. They faced incredible adversity, but at the end of the 24-hour battle, they stood victorious on the podium with the first and second place trophies.

Gary Claudio remembers that moment vividly. "I recall standing on the podium looking down at this crowd, this ocean of people, as our National Anthem was played. They were all celebrating with us. They had adopted us. We had come hat in hand, humble, honoring the tradition of Le Mans, and they had accepted us. They loved the sound of that ground-pounding-American thunder and would flock to the fence when our cars would go down the Mulsanne Straight. Watching them now chant "Viva La Corvette" was a profound moment for all of us. We set out to compete internationally and represent GM, the Corvette, and the loyal patrons who loved and drove these cars, and we had won. We made history that day and would go on to do it seven more times."

Designed to commemorate this win, this Le Mans ring was donated to the National Corvette Museum by Mr. Claudio, as he saw this as the place for it. "It

represents the hard work of the team, the sweat, the blood, the dedication, the passion, and the love that is best summed up in one word... Corvette.”



Author: Bob Bubnis, Curator at the National Corvette Museum

First 2023 Corvette Museum Delivery

Today, the National Corvette Museum was the site of the first R8C Museum Delivery of a model year 2023 Corvette. The car, 2023 VIN #9, was picked up this morning by proud new owners Mike and Anne Benson. The [R8C Museum Delivery](#) is offered exclusively on new Corvettes and provides a full VIP experience to the owner.



2023 Torch Red VIN #009

All R8C customers are welcomed with custom signage and a private, guided tour of the museum where they will find their car on display. R8C Museum Deliveries also include a one-on-one orientation for the new owners about their new car from a Corvette expert. Additionally, R8C delivery customer receive a one-year individual membership to the National Corvette Museum, a unique gold decal inside the driver's door, and a custom wall plaque commemorating the occasion – including the customer's name, date of delivery, and VIN number.

“We love nothing more than watching ecstatic new owners experience the R8C Museum Delivery of their new Corvettes,” said Stephanie Morrill, Director of Sales & Guest Operations of the National Corvette Museum. “We’re also excited to announce the National Corvette Museum will be raffling off 2023 VIN #1 in the coming weeks!”

Labor Day Celebration Registration Now Open

28TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

SEPTEMBER 1 - 3, 2022

This year we mark the 28th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum!
Registered participants can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more!

Deadline to register ONLINE is Monday, August 15, 2022, at 5 PM CT.



On Thursday, September 1, 2022, registrants have the opportunity to enjoy dinner, a viewing of the documentary Boundless- Betty Skelton, and a Roundtable

discussion featuring Cindy Sisson, Derek E. Moore - Curator of Collections at the Lane Motor Museum, & Hall of Fame member Jerry Burton.

Pre-registration is required to attend. Go to Musuem website to register.

Raffles, Raffles, Raffles



2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe

Price: \$100.00 Tickets - 2000

Drawing: July 14, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time



2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000

Price: \$250.00 Tickets - 1500

Drawing: July 28, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time



2023 Arctic White Corvette Convertible VIN #0001

Price: \$300.00 Tickets - 2023
Drawing: September 2, 2022 3:00 PM Central Time

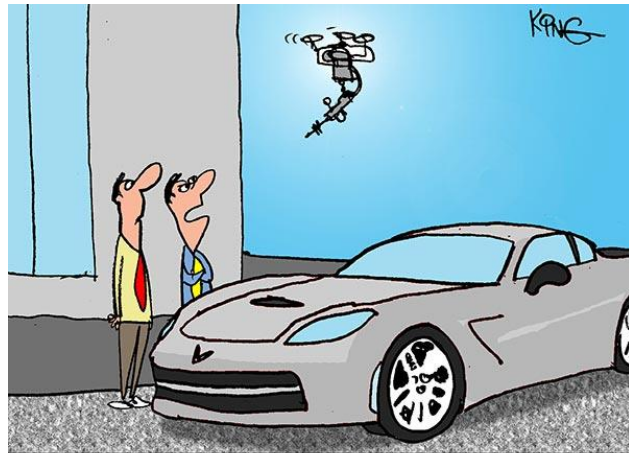


2023 Red Mist Corvette Coupe

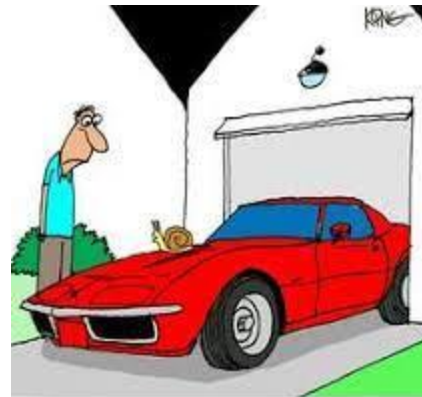
Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: September 3, 2022 3:00 PM Central Time

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



"Yes, it's an armed drone capable of vaporizing cars. I'm getting tired of people parking too close to my Corvette."
www.cartoonists.com



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.



NSCM MEMBERS VISITING GLOUCESTER HEALTHCARE CENTER. ON APRIL 18TH -RESIDENT CORVETTE APPRECIATION DAY. LEFT TO RIGHT AL MAROTTA, HIS GRANDSON MIKE, AL MORETTO, MICKEY QUARLENO, FRANK PUCCIA, RON TATE, KAREN BLANDINI, PAUL DOHERTY, JOE VINARD, TONY BLANDINI



NSCM CREW AT MICHAEL G'S APRIL 19TH, 2022



AL & DONNA MAROTTA, WINNERS OF THE ST. JUDE RAFFLE, CONGRATS!!!



NSCM @ GLOUCESTER HEALTHCARE FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR THE RESIDENTS. MAY 12TH, 2022



FRANK PUCCIA WITH THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF GLOUCESTER HEALTHCARE



*ED CIANCARELLI WINNER OF THE
RAFFLE AT GLOUCESTER HEALTHCARE*



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SOME PHOTOS OF THE NSCM GROUP AT THE GATE CITY CORVETTE SPRING FLING ON SUNDAY MAY 29TH



BREAKFAST AT DREAM DINER SUNDAY MAY 29 ON THE WAY TO GATE CITY CORVETTE SPRING FLING



SOME PHOTOS OF THE CLUB MEMBERS HEADING TO JT'S RIB SHACK

SOME PHOTOS OF THE CLUB MEMBERS HEADING TO KC'S RIB SHACK JUNE 19TH.

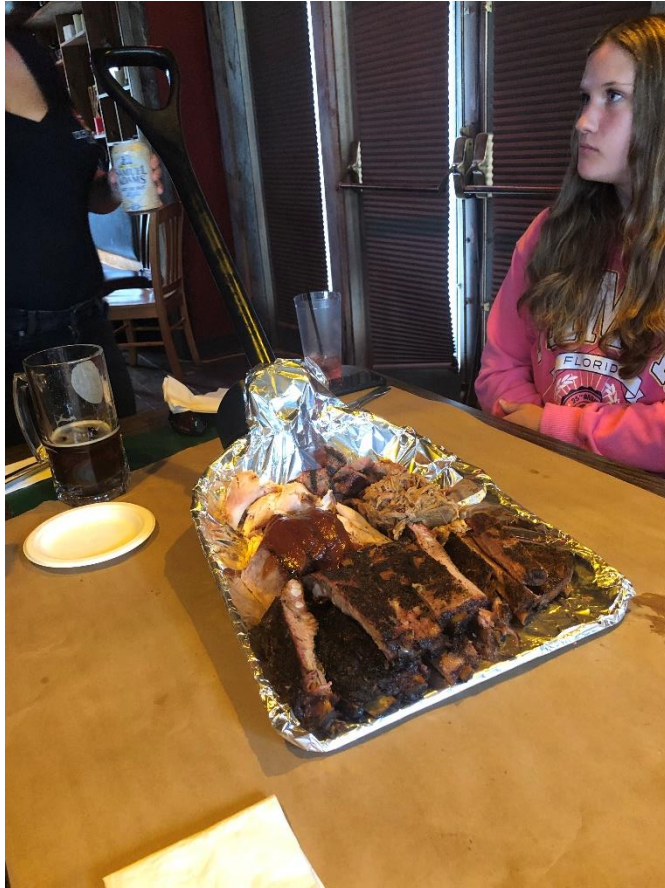




THE CREW AT KC'S RIB SHACK JUNE 19TH



KC'S RIB SHACK SHOVEL MEAL!!! INCLUDES RIBS, BRISKET, PULLED PORK, PULLED CHICKEN, SAUSAGE AND TWO SIDES.



HEADING OUT FOR AN ICE CREAM RUN AFTER A GREAT LUNCH AT KC'S RIB SHACK JUNE 19TH.



SOME OF THE CLUB MEMBERS ENJOYING THEIR LOBSTER ROLLS FROM THE LUNCHEON CRUISE AT THE TUCKAWAY TAVERN IN RAYMOND, NH, JUNE 27TH.



THE GANG AT OLD ORCHARD BEACH JUNE 9TH-12TH WEEKEND. WINNERS OF THE MOST PARTICIPATED BY A CLUB.



***CONGRATS TO PAT AND FRANK SANCHEZ WINNERS OF THE
WEB MASTER'S CHOICE AWARD FOR THEIR C5 LIL" RED.***

SECRET: WINDEX PUT THEM OVER THE TOP!!! WHO KNEW!

TECH TALK:

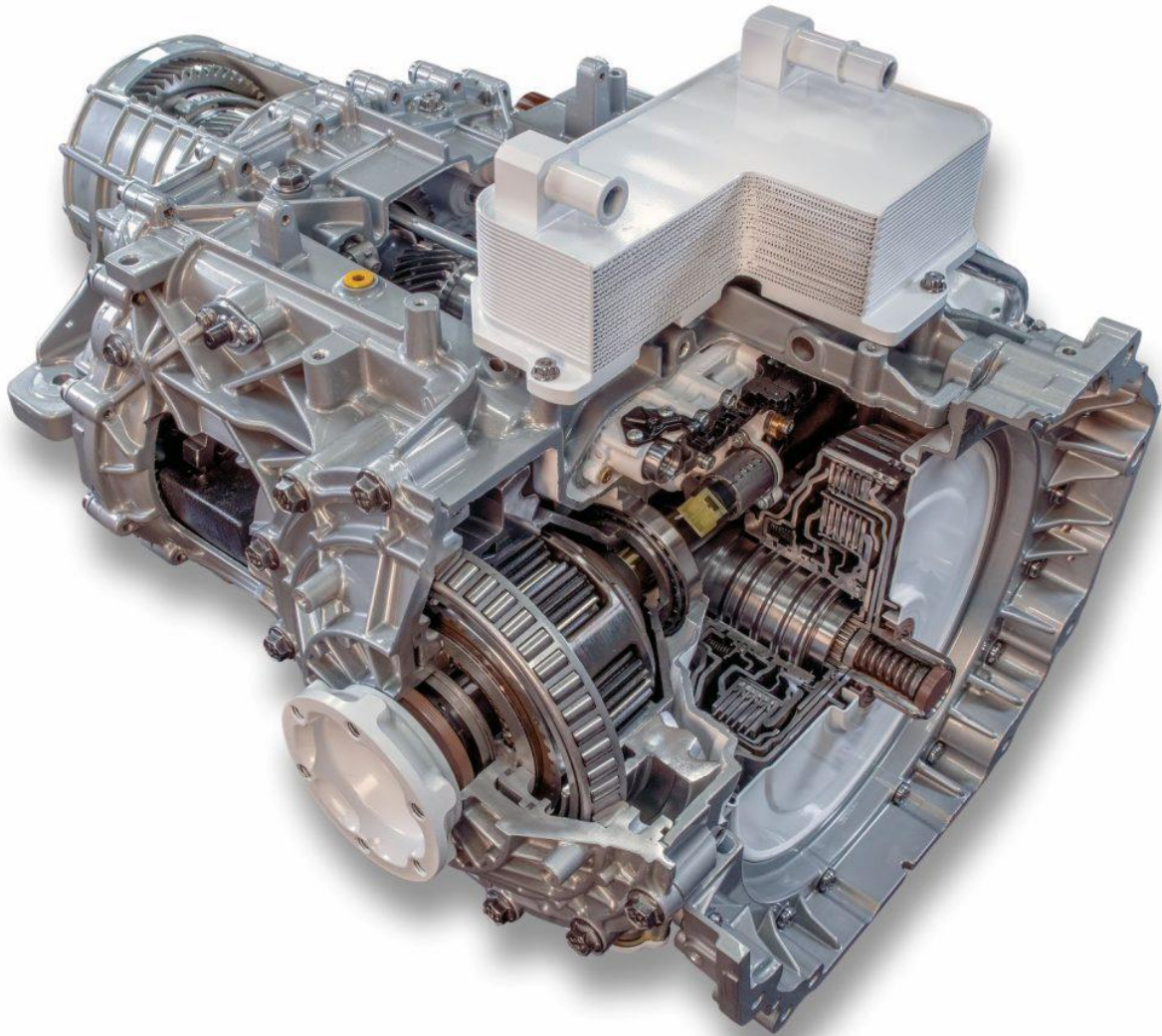
Why The C8 Corvette May Display A Service Transmission Message

- BY [SAM MCEACHERN](#)
- – JUN 24, 2022



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GM has found the root cause of the transmission problems experienced by some [C8 Corvette](#) owners that can result in a 'Service Transmission' message appearing on the Driver Information Center (DIC).



According to a recent post on the *GM TechLink* site, some 2020 to 2022 model year C8 **Corvette** owners may observe a 'Service Transmission' message on the DIC, along with an illuminated Check Engine light and a squealing sound immediately after starting the engine. Error codes may also be stored in the Engine Control Module (ECM) and Transmission Control Module (TCM) indicating there is a problem with these systems.



GM says that these problems are default actions of the vehicle when the TCM is in a defaulted state. When this happens, the TCM may not be properly controlling the pressure in the transmission line, resulting in the transmission operating at maximum line pressure. A permanent fix for this problem is not available at this time, although *GM TechLink* says the condition “should be resolved by allowing the vehicle to go through a complete sleep cycle (i.e., 15 minutes).” The site also suggests technicians “explain to customers that they can complete this process if they experience the condition again before a correction is available.”

GM pushed an over-the-air software update to certain C8 Corvette models last November to address a problem related to those vehicles’ TCM. The automaker also launched an investigation into certain Corvette C8 transmissions last year after receiving reports that some owners had experienced gasket failures. It does not appear as though this line pressure problem is related to either of those issues.



GM says permanent repair information for owners experiencing the line pressure problem described in this article “will be released when available.”

Chevrolet is Killing the Cylinder Lock for the 2023 Corvette’s Rear Hatch and Trunk

By
Keith Cornett

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Here's a feature on that appeared on the first three model years of the Corvette Stingray but apparently, GM is retiring it for the [2023 Corvette model year](#).

For years, Chevrolet has provided a physical key that could be used to open the driver's side door or the rear hatch to gain access to the car. The key was stored in the fob and the locks were hidden under the driver-side boomerang and on the exterior rear of the car behind the license plate. In the case of your battery being dead which renders the electronic locks inoperable, you would simply use the keys provided to gain access to the car.

GM is now saying that beginning with the 2023 Corvette models, they are doing away with the cylinder key lock mechanism for the rear hatch. For access to the rear hatch, they suggest using any of the three electronic buttons (driver's side door, keyfob, hatch release button) first. In case there is an issue with the latching mechanism that has seized, the only solution for opening it is to use a 3-inch hole-saw and drill into the hatch so that the fasteners holding it closed can be released.

Here is the [technical update](#) from General Motors:

If you need to access the rear compartment on a 2023+ model year Corvette:

Attempt to open the rear hatch /rear compartment using all 3 electrical attempts. Try the interior switch, the exterior touch pad, and the key fob. This will electrically command the rear hatch/rear compartment to release. There is no alternate method to gain access to the rear hatch / rear compartment if these attempts do not work. The vehicle will have to be damaged in order to open the rear hatch / rear compartment. See the section later in this document titled, "Accessing the rear hatch / rear compartment with a seized up latch."

Accessing the rear hatch / rear compartment with a seized up latch:

First obtain a 3" hole saw for the following procedure. Send the vehicle to a body shop as needed. Starting at the trailing edge of the rear hatch / rear compartment, measure forward 3 and 1/2". Make this mark at the centerline of the panel. This will be the center of the hole that will have to be drilled into the panel. This will place the pilot hole location right in a portion of the stingray emblem when it has been positioned properly. Drill a 3" hole through the rear hatch / rear compartment panel. This will allow the technician to lift the rear panel upwards and the small 3" cut-out portion of the panel will stay attached to the rear latch / striker assembly. The servicing technician will then have access to the fasteners that hold the latch to the vehicle and can continue servicing the vehicle from there."

We're not exactly sure why this change was made, but most likely it comes down to the cost of the locks and installing them on every C8 Corvette versus the costs to warranty a defective hatch mechanism whenever those issues arise. Why there isn't a manual pull cord to open the rear hatch from the cockpit is one of the questions we have as we can imagine most of the latch seizures are bound to happen long after the warranty has run out.

C8 Corvette Interior Refresh on The Way



The [Corvette C8](#) will receive a refreshed interior, *GM Authority* has learned, which could potentially arrive for the 2024 model year.



This interior overhaul for the current [Corvette](#) will implement small improvements and changes based on owner feedback. We know the inductive phone charged will either be improved or relocated, as it's currently located in a rather awkward position between the two seats and below the waterfall speaker grille, making it a bit difficult to access. GM [pushed an over-the-air update to the Corvette C8 this year](#) that added a notification feature for the charging pad, as many owners were exiting the vehicle and forgetting it was located in this strangely-positioned pocket. There will also be a passenger grab handle for easier ingress/egress, similar to the interior grab handle on the Corvette C7, along with other small comfort and usability tweaks.



We [first reported on this cabin redesign](#) for the Corvette C8 back in February, but while we considered it to be a rumor at that point, our intel now suggests this overhaul is indeed on the way. That story, which cited sources from a Corvette enthusiast forum, also indicated the row of buttons placed along the right-hand side of the center console would be relocated and/or reconfigured in some way. It seems possible the cabin refresh may also include a new display screen and/or digital dash display, new interior upholstery colors and other new options and features.



The 2023 model year Corvette Stingray is equipped with the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine, which is rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque in standard spec, and 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque when equipped with the factory performance exhaust system. Output is routed exclusively to the rear wheels by way of the GM eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. Production takes place exclusively at the [GM Bowling Green plant](#) in Kentucky. The 2023 model year also sees the introduction of the new high-performance [2023 Corvette Z6](#) model variant, which equips the new DOHC [5.5L LT6](#) flat-plane crank V8 engine.

CORVETTE NEWS:

GM Now Actively Testing Corvette C8 ZR1

- BY [JONATHAN LOPEZ](#)
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The eighth-generation [Chevy Corvette C8](#) lineup continues to expand, with the “base model” [C8 Stingray](#) and track-ready [C8 Z06](#) set to be joined by the upcoming [Chevy Corvette C8 ZR1](#). Now, *GM Authority* has learned from sources familiar with the matter that team Corvette is actively developing the Corvette C8 ZR1.



For those readers who may be unaware, the Corvette C8 ZR1 is slated to arrive as the “next level” of go-faster machinery under the eighth-generation Vette umbrella, slotting in above the Z06 as an ultra-high performer for both the road and the track. The engine, drivetrain, chassis, and exterior styling are all expected to reflect this designation, differentiating the Corvette C8 ZR1 from the rest of the C8 lineup.

Per *GM Authority* sources, the Corvette team is now running the Corvette C8 ZR1 in an integrated prototype form, conducting vehicle tests both within GM’s facilities, as well as out in the real world.

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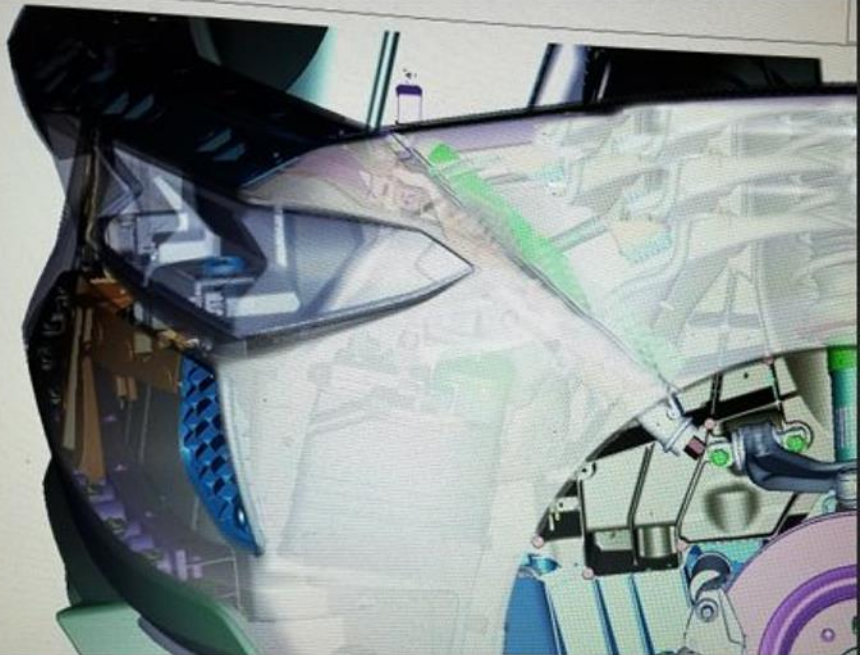
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One of the most important updates will be for the engine, with the Corvette C8 ZR1 utilizing a twin-turbocharged variant of the **5.5L V8 LT6** engine currently equipped by the Corvette C8 Z06. Known as the **LT7**, this boosted powerplant is expected to feature a DOHC configuration and 32 valves, with output around the 800-horsepower mark and a substantial boost in torque to around 850 pound-feet. The twin-turbo 5.5L V8 LT7 will also feature a lower redline and flatter power curve as compared to the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6 gasoline engine in the C8 Z06.

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Further upgrades will likely include a more capable tune for the **Magnetic Ride Control** suspension, wider wheels and tires, larger brakes, and a more aggressive body design, all of which will add up to one very capable performance machine. Also expect high-tech bits like active aerodynamics, plus further light-weighting efforts as compared to the rest of the C8 Corvette lineup. As for a release, expect the Corvette C8 ZR1 to drop for the 2024 model year.

More than three years have passed since Chevrolet announced the C8 iteration of “America’s sports car” back in April of 2019, and we still have just one version on sale, the Corvette Stingray. The other one, a mighty new, record-breaking Z06 is still lurking around the corners.

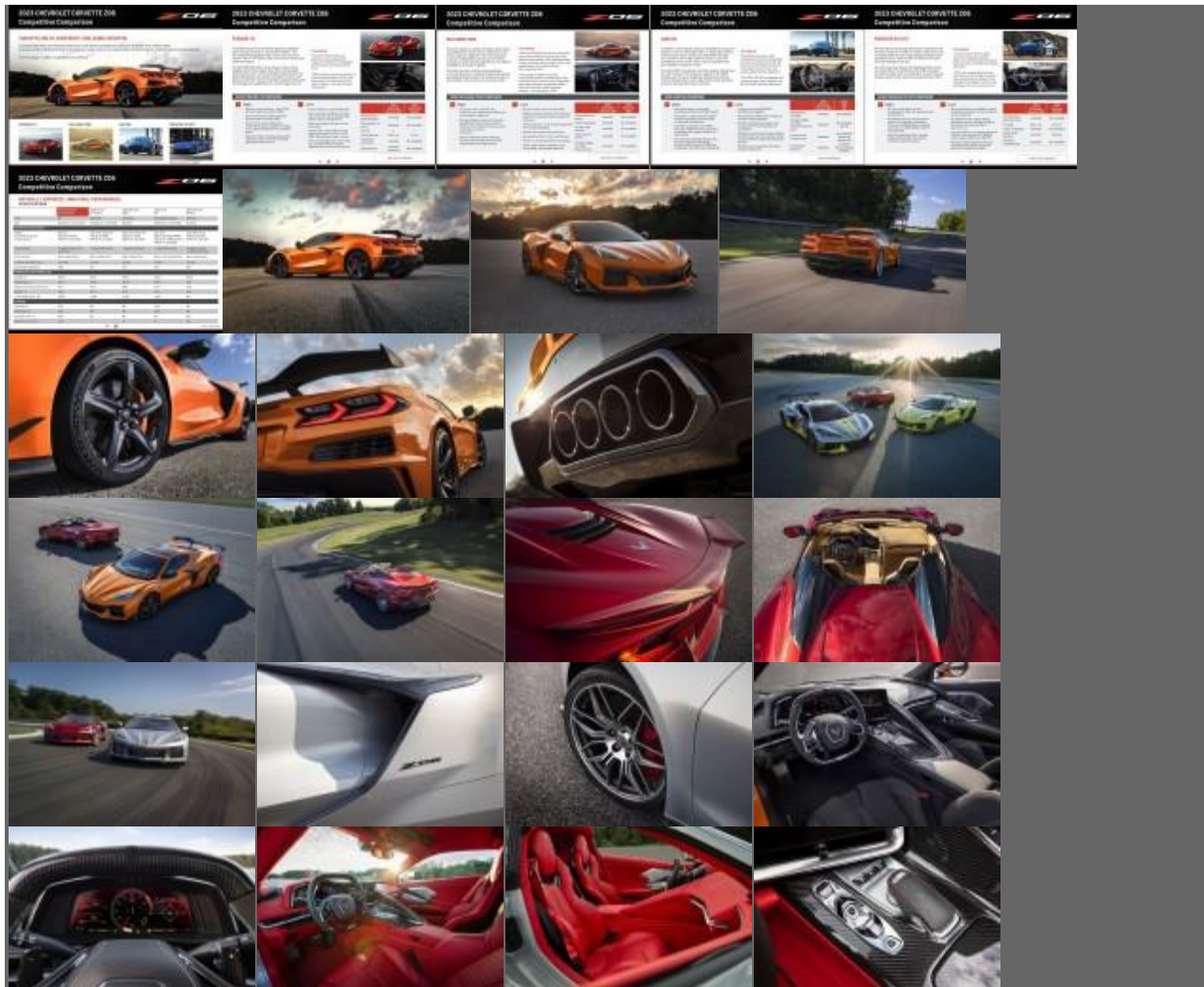
Corvette Z06 Competitive Comparison Means We Could Have a Pricing Heart Attack?

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First and foremost, let us start with the bad news. While everyone was expecting Chevrolet to finally announce the 670-horsepower FPC (flat-plane crankshaft) V8 Corvette Z06 pricing details, the GM division in turn revealed the \$61,900 C8 Stingray will immediately incur a rather significant MSRP bump. Now, if you check out the online configurator tool, a Stingray Coupe is featured at a starting MSRP of \$63,295, while the fashionable Convertible goes for at least \$70,795.

And that is before those pesky dealer markups, of course. But let us get back on the 5.5-liter Z06 track because a Corvette Forum member recently spilled the beans on an official 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 Competitive Comparison document that listed the supercar's main rivals: Ferrari F8 Tributo, McLaren 720S, Audi R8, and Porsche 911 GT3! That is quite a select bunch and goes to show how important European competitors have become for Team Corvette over the past few years since the C8's development switched to a mid-engine, rear-biased configuration.

Interestingly, the specification sheet is not just a mathematical nightmare with lots of tough numbers (those are relegated to the final page, of course) and after a little bit of Z06 pride on the account of this Corvette version offering “*an elevated experience and leaving competitors trailing in its 8,600-rpm redline wake,*” it is rather cerebral and well-documented. So, each of the targeted foes gets a few words about their main accomplishments and the Corvette tries to counter each strong point with its own set of assets.

Naturally, Chevy pushes the pedal to the metal on what could be perceived as major flaws against the Americana darling. For example, the initial Ferrari F8 Tributo foe is too exclusive for its own good, has a huge asking price, and has no removable roof panel to enjoy the wind in your hair when you're tired of the Coupe stiffness.



The next rival, McLaren's already-iconic 720S has a strong racing pedigree – but obviously, that is no problem for the Corvette – along with an extensive list of Z06 features that are not available on the British

supercar, from carbon fiber wheels to a HUD or techy stuff like wireless CarPlay and Android Auto. On the other hand, it is rather hard to argue with the V10-equipped Audi R8 which has a thrilling engine noise (almost) like no other. Sure, the 'Vette team found some stuff, but they are pretty subtle.

Last, but not least, the incredible Porsche 911 GT3 might be one of the hardest foes to beat, as the 992-series track-focused machine is already riddled with various accolades and awards. Still, it seems that a Z06 might be a little better for daily driving and probably also a

tad less expensive. Speaking of the latter value, we can now circle back to that pesky MSRP.

As it turns out, among the four compared rivals the “cheapest” is the \$151k+ Audi R8 while the Ferrari F8 is, of course, in a league of its own. As for the Corvette Z06, there is a big “NA” (not available) along with a bunch of other values marked with an equally disconcerting “TBD” (to be determined).

Those numbers are particularly important in the economy of this comparison, though, since we are dealing with specialized sports cars. Alas, we are going to have to wait a little longer before we can find out if Chevrolet’s Z06 beats the 5.2-second McLaren 720S across the zero to 100 mph (162 kph) acceleration sprint or the latter’s 212 mph (341 kph) top speed, which is even better than the 211-mph (340 kph) Ferrari F8!

What if the Next Corvette Comes as an Electric Sedan with Two Extra Doors

By



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Photo Credit: [AutoEvolution.com](https://www.autoevolution.com)

Times are changing, for sure, but is the world ready for an all-electric four-door Corvette sedan?

Our friends over at [AutoEvolution](https://www.autoevolution.com) think so.

They recently posted renderings of what the [C8 Corvette](https://www.autoevolution.com) could look like if it had two extra doors, and we have to admit we had to look twice to make sure there were indeed four doors. Once that was confirmed, we also must admit we kind of like the look – reminds us of the now-defunct Mazda RX8s in a way. We think it looks better than the four-passenger concept C2 Sting Ray that fortunately never hit the production line back in the 1960s.

But as we said, times are changing. If you must have a four-door electric car, why not get one with the character of the Corvette? The internet has speculated for years about Chevy possibly spinning off the Corvette brand to make an SUV, the way Porsche, Lamborghini, and Ferrari have done. Some might say, why not take the branding a step further and offer a four-door electric sedan and an SUV, too.



We happen to think General Motors will be successful with its forthcoming electric vehicles because they'll not only deliver a new kind of green power but more importantly, they're exciting to look at – witness the new Hummer and Cadillac Lyriq, if you don't believe us.

You could likely add a Corvette four-door sedan to that list of exciting vehicles, too, as the car would look great if it's a Corvette, not to mention being able to take advantage of GM's new Ultium battery technology and a possible dual-motor setup that could easily make 800 or more horsepower. Of course, a four-door Corvette might not be as practical as some other electric vehicles, because even with a stretched wheelbase, it looks like there probably wouldn't be a lot of room for rear passengers unless they're youngsters.

We're interested to see what you think about these renderings that show a four-door C8 in Accelerate Yellow, Torch Red, and Elkhart Lake Blue. Would you buy one?

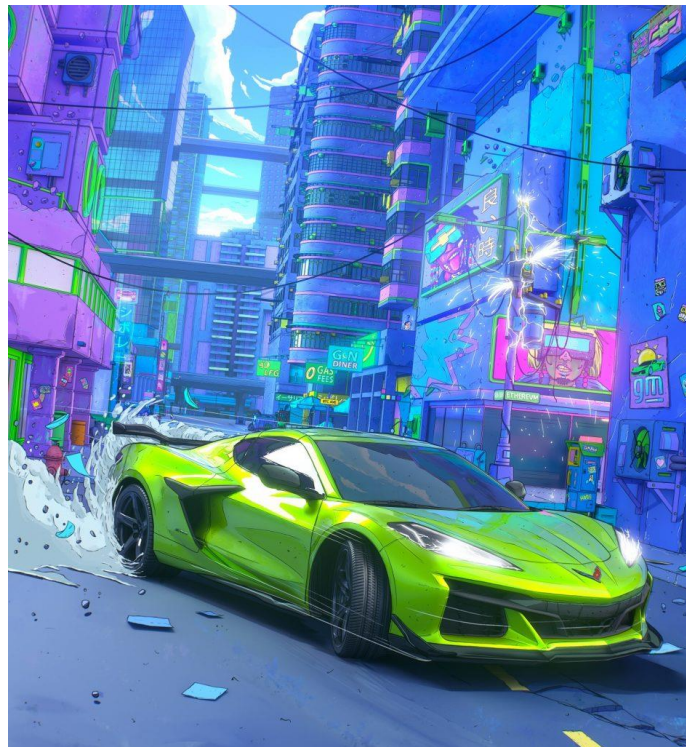
2023 Corvette Z06 Minted Green Paint Won't Be Covered Under Warranty

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Last week, GM announced that it would auction off a one-of-one **2023 Corvette Z06** finished in an **exclusive Minted Green exterior color**, along with an associated NFT that enables the winning bidder to claim they “own” the one-of-one exterior color.



xsullo NFT of the 2023 Corvette Z06 in Minted Green

The fine print of the contest reveals an interesting detail about the new Mint Green exterior color for the 2023 Corvette Z06 that many readers may not have noticed when the auction was first announced. The rules indicate the vehicle will be “painted by a GM-authorized third party with the color Minted Green (RPO Code RFN),” and that “such paint job will not be covered by GM’s New Vehicle Warranty,” as a result. So, while this is a factory GM exterior color with an RPO code, it’s not backed by the automaker’s factory warranty.

It’s also worth noting that the winning bidder of the Corvette Z06 and the associated NFT do not actually “own” the Minted Green exterior color. As the fine print states, “GM agrees that it will not apply this Color to another production vehicle 2023 Corvette Z06,” and “‘Own the Color’ in no way imparts, transfers, or bestows any ownership rights or title to Minted Green, other than the agreement from Chevrolet stated above.”

“The Successful Bidder acknowledges that ‘Own the Color’ is the title of the



NFT/marketing campaign only and Successful Bidder has no rights pursuant to ‘Own the Color,’” the fine print states.

This joint NFT and 2023 Corvette Z06 auction went live on June 20th and will end on June 24th. Bids must be placed in the Ethereum cryptocurrency and all proceeds from the sale will benefit DonorsChoose, a nonprofit organization that allows American public-school teachers to request and receive school supplies for everyday classroom work or special student projects. The prize vehicle comes equipped with the [Z07 Performance Package](#) and will be delivered to the customer through an official Chevrolet dealership of their choosing.

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