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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

February 1st • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Board Meeting

February 15th • 6:30 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Lets Meet For Breakfast

Saturday • February 18th • 9:00 a.m.
Big Boy Restaurant • 660 N. Cedar St. • Mason

Lunch - Inspired by the Letter "G"

Saturday • February 25th • 12:00 p.m.
Guerrazzi's • 15643 Old U.S. 27 • Lansing

GM Heritage Center Tour

Saturday • March 24th • 10:00 a.m.
See Flyer for Details on page 12

February Birthdays

Sandy Burt (3) • Diana Parks (7)
Ed Politza (22) • Diana Mosher (24)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Back off the road again! I'd like to say it feels good to be back in good old Michigan after cruising around the southwest of the good old USA - but it doesn't. It's cold in Michigan. I started writing this from a motel room in Lebanon, Missouri. A quick call home and we decided to delay our run back until after the "storm". Seems we somehow timed our return to arrive in Mason Friday evening. We still ended up spending the night in Fort Wayne because of the snow. Not good because we missed breakfast with the club on Saturday morning. It will be good to be back around all our friends again, though. There sure were a lot of Corvettes being driven around in Scottsdale. Must be they don't put them into storage during their winters.



Speaking of storage, this is probably a good time to check on your baby, if you can access her. Make sure the battery maintainer is still doing its thing (frozen batteries are no fun), the mice have stayed out, and the tires are still up. It won't be long and you'll be starting her up for the first run in the spring, and you don't want any surprises. I've never had any problems, but it's good to have something to worry about while waiting for the snow to melt. With all the fantastic weather we have had up until just lately, spring will seem right around the corner.

There still isn't a lot going on with the club this time of year. I see some plans developing for another trip to the GM Heritage Center. They rotate their displays frequently, so there should be some new and interesting cars to see. Keep an eye on the Events Calendar. Our first show will be the Blessing of the Vettes, scheduled for June 9, with a Rally to follow. This is something we haven't done in years, so be prepared for a fun time. Moving the show a month closer to summer should result in nicer weather. We haven't been too lucky the past couple years.

See ya'll at the next meeting. Remember – Don't squat with yer spurs on (learned that out West).

Craig



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53rd Annual Convention

Submitted by Gloria Reiffer



Corvette Family Members.....

West Region is looking forward to hosting you at the 53rd NCCC Convention. Yes, we are talking about the 53rd annual, and yes, 1953 was when the first Corvette was assembled and started a "Love Story" between sports car enthusiasts and the Corvette.

We in NCCC really have a "thing" for our cars, and like being with others who enjoy their Corvette and/or Corvettes. It's for this reason that NCCC has an annual Convention – a time to get together for fun! Come to Topeka, Kansas, June 23-29 and have fun with your Corvette family.

Do you like autocross? Competition events will be held at Heartland Park Topeka. The low-speed autocross will take place on a 23-acre pad with a course designed to challenge your driving skills. If it's high speed autocross you prefer – sign up now and look forward to a well-designed 2.3 mile course. Oh, you say you prefer drags, bring your best car because you're going to have a great time on Heartland's first-class drag strip. This NHRA track has seen some of American's best drag racers blast down this strip and now it's your turn to enjoy the thrill. If you love drag racing then Heartland Park has your Christmas tree in June!



Maybe racing isn't your choice; don't worry, we have a lot of things planned for our non-racing family. The Concours and People's Choice Car shows will be held on Sunday. It will be a time to show off the best you've got...wax her up and show her off! Enter your tow rig into the Concours judging.

How about a parade! There will be one *huge* parade on Wednesday evening. We will travel south approximately 5 miles down Topeka Blvd to Heartland Park, drive around the track and make our way back to the State Capitol grounds for a summer picnic. Close your eyes and imagine up to 250 gorgeous Corvettes all in a row – now that's a parade! You'll want to be a part of this!

You want more...how about the Rallye that will introduce you to some historic information about Topeka. The fun doesn't stop there; enjoy a Wizard of Oz themed Funkhana! Have you started working on your

Valve Cover Racer? Not only will you go for speed and distance, but your car will be entered in the Valve Cover People's Choice Car Show!

West Region is offering four exciting guided day-trips. One will introduce you to some of what Topeka has to offer including a delicious lunch at the Top of the Tower restaurant, one of Topeka's finest and the one with the best 16th floor view in town. How about bus trips? West Region will have two for you to pick from on Wednesday. One will take you to the Harley-Davidson Plant near Kansas City where you'll go to the factory floor and witness all kinds of assembly excitement - frame-bending, robotic welding technology, laser-cutting.....and more. Then on to view the "Steamboat Arabia," a boat that spent

132 years buried in the earth of Missouri. The other will give you a narrated historical tour of Independence, Mo., the site of the beginning of the Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails. Hear about the bloody Kansas Border Wars and the outlaws who rode the area. Tour the Harry Truman Presidential Library and have lunch at the world famous Country Club Plaza.

With so much to do it will hard to choose?

Want more...West Region will give you an opportunity to view first-hand the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas. Spring will be an awesome time for you to drive the winding roads, view the rock fences and enjoy the beauty. You will make your way to Manhattan's Colbert Hills Golf Course for lunch in their club house decorated with Kansas limestone. From there you will see the Blast of the Past Museum, a private collection of band organs, juke boxes, carousel horses, restored gas pumps and more. You'll even have a chance to purchase wine with a Wizard of Oz label and tour a city of antique stores before returning to Topeka in time to take part in the parade.

This is just a sample of what West Region has to offer at the, NCCC's 53rd Annual Convention...it's all about fun with the family. Remember registration opens February 1, 2012!

See you there,

LARRY BEEBE, CONVENTION DIRECTOR
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Let's Meet for Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

February 18, 2012

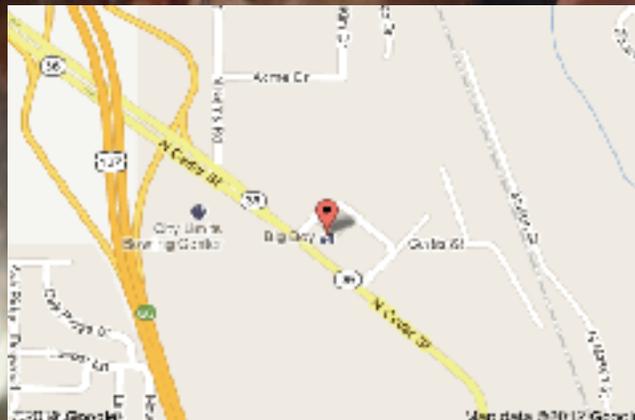
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**RSVP: Sign up Sheet at February 1st
Membership Meeting**

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WHAT'S COOKING...

Submitted by Julie Lasher

This article is not about cars in general or our beloved Corvettes. It is about another of our loves, eating. For those of us not fortunate enough to be snowbirds and must endure another Michigan winter, here is a soup that "sticks to the bones." *The Plaza III* is a restaurant in Kansas City and they are "famous" for this soup. There are many versions on the internet but my recipe is from *The Kansas City Star* in 1988. Enjoy Bon Appétit.

PLAZA III STEAK SOUP

4 Tbsp butter

¼ Cup flour

2-10 oz. cans beef broth or consommé
(I highly recommend the consommé)

¼ Cup diced carrots

¼ Cup diced onion

¼ Cup diced celery

½ Cup chopped canned tomatoes
(I use a little more)

¾ Tsp Kitchen Bouquet browning sauce

1 beef bouillon cube

¼ Tsp pepper

5 ounces frozen mixed vegetables

1 pounds lean ground beef, browned & drained



Melt, but do not brown, the butter in a large soup pot. Add flour and stir to form a roux. Cook on medium heat without browning for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Add consommé to roux and stir until smooth and lightly thickened. Bring to full boil; add the carrots, onion, celery, tomatoes, bouillon cube and pepper. Allow to regain boil, then reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are just tender, 20-30 minutes.

Stir in browning sauce to achieve richer color and flavor.

Stir in frozen vegetables and cooked ground beef. Simmer for 15 minutes more.

Serves 4



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Inspired by the letter...



Hosted By
Angela Hyde



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Sign Up Sheets at the February 1st Meeting**

Corvette Marks 60 Years of Performance with 427 Convertible

Source: GM Media



DETROIT – Chevrolet today unveiled the 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition – the fastest, most capable convertible in Corvette’s history – as well as a 60th Anniversary Package that will be available on all 2013 Corvette models.

“The 2013 model year will be historic for Corvette, marking its 60th Anniversary and the final year for the current ‘C6’ generation,” said Chris Perry, vice president, Global Marketing and Strategy for Chevrolet. “We couldn’t think of a more fitting way to celebrate these milestones than bringing back one of the most-coveted combinations in the brand’s history – the Corvette convertible and a 427 cubic-inch engine.”

The 60th Anniversary Package and 427 Convertible will make their public debut at the Barrett Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Jan 21, and will arrive at U.S. Chevrolet dealers early this summer.

Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition

The Corvette 427 Convertible blends elements of the Z06 and ZR1 models to create the fastest and most-capable convertible in Corvette’s history.

Its heart is the 427-cubic-inch (7.0L) LS7 engine from the Corvette Z06. Rated at 505 horsepower (377 kW) and 470 lb.-ft. of torque (637 Nm), it is the most powerful engine ever installed in a production Corvette convertible – and, like the Z06, the 427 Convertible is only available with a six-speed manual transmission.

The LS7 was co-developed with the Corvette Le Mans-winning GT1 engine and features lightweight titanium connecting rods and intake valves, as well as racing-inspired high-flow cylinder heads and a dry-sump oiling system. It is assembled by hand at GM’s Performance Build Center, where customers who purchase the 427 Convertible Collec-



Saturday March 24th



Our friends from Huron Valley Corvette Club have invited us to join them for a tour of the GM Heritage Center

*Meet at 8:30 at the east-bound I-96 Rest Area
halfway between exits 133 (M-59) and 137 (D-19)*

*Or at 9:45 at the
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*RSVP by Feb 26 to Ted or Julie Lasher 810-360-7433 or 7434
(lashers@chartermi.net)*

\$20 / person by check at the door

60th Anniversary, Continued from page 9

tor Edition can purchase the Corvette Build Experience option and assemble the engine that will power their new car.

Supporting performance elements in the Corvette 427 Convertible include the driveline and rear axle system from the Corvette Z06, a rear-mounted battery and standard Magnetic Selective Ride Control. The standard 19-inch front and 20-inch rear wheels are wrapped in ZR1-style Michelin PS2 tires. Lightweight machine-face Cup wheels – introduced on the 2012 Corvette Z06 with Z07 and Corvette ZR1 with PDE performance packages – come standard and include unique gray-painted pockets. Black Cup wheels or chrome ZR1-style wheels are also available.

The 427 Convertible also features several carbon-fiber components that help reduce weight, including:

- Carbon fiber raised hood (introduced on the 2011 Z06 Carbon Edition)
- Carbon fiber Z06-style fenders
- Carbon fiber floor panels
- The “CFZ” carbon fiber front splitter and rocker panels are optional on the 427 Convertible, and included with the 60th Anniversary package

The weight reduction brings the 427 Convertible’s curb weight to 3,355 pounds (1,522 kg). Combined with its 505-horsepower LS7 engine, it gives the 427 Convertible a power-to-weight ratio of 6.64 – or one horsepower for every 6.64 pounds of vehicle mass. That’s better than:



- Porsche 911 Turbo S Cabriolet – 6.90
- Audi R8 5.2 RSI Spyder – 7.58
- Aston Martin DBS Volante Convertible – 7.82
- Ferrari California Convertible – 8.31

The combination of low mass and high output will make the 427 Convertible one of the fastest convertibles in the world, delivering estimated 0-60 performance of 3.8 seconds, quarter-mile performance of 11.8 seconds, lateral acceleration of 1.04 g and a top speed of more than 190 mph.



The 427 Convertible is available in 2LT, 3LT and 4LT trim levels and will carry a unique vehicle identification number sequence, similar to the Corvette ZR1.

Corvette 60th Anniversary Package

All 2013 Corvette models, including the 427 Convertible, will be available with a 60th Anniversary Package, featuring an Arctic White exterior with a Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede accents. Convertible models will have a blue top.

Additional content includes a ZR1-style rear spoiler, special badging, gray-painted brake calipers and the “60th” logo on the wheel center caps, steering wheel and seat headrests. An optional graphics package adds full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue, including a tonal stripe stitched into the convertible top, extending the graphic theme over the roof.

For 2013, all Corvettes will feature 60th Anniversary badges on the fascias and the “waterfall” panel on convertible models, as well as 60th logos in the instrument panel gauge cluster and on the sill plates.

Charity Auction at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale

The first Corvette 427 Convertible offered to the public will go to the highest bidder at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale collector car auction, on Saturday, Jan. 21. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Drive to End Hunger food relief program.

Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports are teaming up for the auction, including Hendrick team driver and four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion Jeff Gordon. Team owner Rick Hendrick helped launch the Drive to End Hunger program with AARP and the AARP Foundation.

The Drive to End Hunger is part of a multi-year sponsorship for Gordon’s No. 24 Chevrolet. It calls on racing fans, cor-

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Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of January 22, 2012

0	Jim Balla*	0	Randy Gisse	0	Shalimar Maynard	1	David Sowders
7	Sandy Bechtel	0	Vidal Gonzalez	0	Diana Mosher	0	Fran Sowders
1	James Boettcher	1	Ward Harris	0	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
1	Mara Boettcher	1	Howard Hein	0	Steve Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
0	Colleen Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin**	0	Dominique Palacios	1	Alex Spitzley
5	Rich Bratschi	2	Angela Hyde	0	Jerry Palacios	1	Joan Spitzley
2	Connie Britz	6	Craig Iansiti	3	Diana Parks	0	Janet Sprague
7	Mike Britz	6	Janet Iansiti	3	Howard Parks	0	Michael Sprague
3	NancyLee Buck	0	Dick Iding**	0	Joe Platte	0	Ralph Swan
7	Randy Buck	0	Greg Kapp	1	Ed Politza	0	Susan Swan
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1	Terry Burke	4	Sue Keith	6	David Pursel	1	Tom Taylor
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0	Dana Conley	6	Julie Lasher	4	Randy Putmon	1	Katherine Twining
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0	Darwin Day	0	Carlo Litrenta	1	Milton Scales	1	Larry Wight
1	Art Doty*	0	Janet Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*	0	Gary Wyma
1	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray**	0	Richard Shatkosky*	1	Kathy Wyma
0	Jennifer Everhart*	1	Bob Maynard	0	Thomas Sipka		

Current 2012 Top Ten

7	Sandy Bechtel	7	Gloria Reiffer	6	Janet Iansiti	6	David Pursel
7	Mike Britz	7	Simon Reiffer	6	Kim Keith		
7	Randy Buck	6	Craig Iansiti	6	Julie Lasher		



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porations and charitable organizations to raise money, build awareness, and engage Americans who face the threat of hunger.

A legacy of 427-powered Corvettes

Early 427-powered Corvettes, particularly convertibles, offered from 1966 to 1969 are some of the most-coveted and collectable Corvettes ever produced.

The first 427-powered Corvette rolled off the assembly line for the 1966 model year. Two performance levels of the 427 were initially offered – an “L30” version rated at 390 horsepower and the “L72,” which cranked out 425 horsepower. Both were rated at 460 lb-ft. of torque.

The range of 427 engines grew in 1967, with the addition of the “L71” and “L88” options. The L71 added a unique triple-carburetor induction system that helped boost output to 435 horsepower. Known to collectors as “427/435” cars, these ‘67 models – especially the convertibles – are especially sought-after collector cars.

The “L88” delivered 430-horsepower (with a single four-barrel carburetor) thanks to racing-tuned aluminum heads. Intended for customers who would immediately transform their new Corvette into a race car, the L88 was installed in just 216 production Corvettes between 1967 and 1969.

In 1969, a special “L89” 427 engine combined the L71’s induction system with the L88’s aluminum heads, offering maximum horsepower with an approximately 100-pound weight advantage over the standard iron heads. Also in 1969, Chevrolet built two “ZL1” 427 Corvette coupes. The ZL1 engine was essentially an all-aluminum version of the L88, with the aluminum cylinder block and heads offering a tremendous weight advantage for racing. More of the engines were sold as crate engines to racers.

By 1970, the big-block engine grew to 454 cubic inches, just as the trend in high-compression, high-performance engines was beginning to wane. The four-year run of 427 Corvettes was already established as the golden era of performance

Commemorative Collector Edition and Anniversary Edition models

Rare and low-production examples of the Corvette have been around since its 1953 introduction, but Chevrolet didn’t begin building commemorative models until 1978, when the 25th Anniversary model – also known as the Silver Anniversary Corvette – was offered. The Corvette was in its third generation then and at the close of that epoch in 1982, a Collectors Edition was offered, as well.

Those special models launched what has become a tradition for the Chevrolet Corvette, which has offered milestone anniversary and generational collector-edition models ever since. The 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible represents the first time a Collector Edition and Anniversary Edition are being offered in the same year – and available on the same car.



Family welcomes soldier home with restored Corvette

by Lindsay Field • lfield@cherokeetribune.com • Source: CherokeeTribune.com

ACWORTH — Around 50 people showed up Saturday morning at Day's Chevrolet in Acworth to surprise a soldier with his restored 1980 Corvette.

When Holly Troxel's husband, Sgt. First Class Adam Troxel, returned from his previous tours with the Army, she did her best to always surprise him with something.

"I'm kind of known for having my husband some sort of surprise after he returns from deployment, whether it's a new lawn mower that he wanted or a new watch," she said.

However, the surprise that Adam Troxel received after his nine-month long tour in Kuwait this time cost a little more than a watch.

Holly Troxel decided to get help from Marietta's Classic Glass Corvette Club to restore her husband's 1980 red Corvette that he traded his Bronco for last January.

Their 15-year-old son, Cody, coaxed his dad into going to the dealership to show him a car he was interested in when he turns 16.

When the Troxel family arrived at the dealership, a large crowd in the showroom welcomed them with a round of applause not only because of the project, but also for Adam Troxel's service to his country.

"Today is your day," said outgoing president of the club, Larry Yon. "I want you to know that Classic Glass Corvette Club is honored and proud of what we've done for you. We are proud to have you as a member of our club and we are proud of your service."

Adam Troxel joined the military in 1988, returned to active duty in 2006 after 11 years with the Acworth Police Department and has been deployed multiple times during his career to places such as South Korea, Iraq and Panama. He works with military intelligence, Holly Troxel said.

It took a while for Adam Troxel to recover from the shock because he thought his wife took the car to get the brakes fixed and an estimate on a paint job.

"Wow!" he said. "Thank you all so much. I am so humbled and so proud at the same time. I don't even know if I can sit in it, it's such a great work of art. It is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen since I met my wife."

Restoration began in the fall after Holly Troxel gave the club \$6,000 from a bonus her husband had received for re-enlist-



ing. The club worked to find out what she could afford to restore on the car.

"(Holly Troxel) was on a limited budget and since I was on the board, I was able to bring it to the board of directors for a great project for the Corvette club and giving back to someone who is fighting for our country," said Scott Oliver, a member of the club who helped coordinate the restoration.

"(The car) was running but it couldn't stop," he said. "The brakes were horrible. You couldn't open the drivers side door because the lock was punched out, door handles were broken and the interior looked like a pack of wolves were let loose in there."

He said about 15 club members and 15 area vendors deserve all the credit for the incredible job they did on Adam Troxel's Corvette. They volunteered their time and services to make his dream come true.

"It was awesome to get everybody in the Corvette community together," Oliver said. "We had a lot of people who wanted to help who had never done this before. It kind of became like a high school shop class."

Spending between \$15,000 and \$18,000 to restore the car, they gave it a new paint job, replaced the interior, and installed new brakes, brake lines and a master cylinder.

The only parts that were not restored were part of the engine, but the club found a vendor who was willing to pay for the parts.

"Adam wanted to restore that with his sons," Oliver said.

Troxel said he traded his Bronco with someone on the base at Fort Gordon where he lives during the week.

"I saw it on the post and figured that if someone could drive it on the post, it would run," Adam Troxel said. "The car was in really bad shape, but I could see the potential."

It was his intention to take the next 10 years to restore the car on his own, possibly working on it with his children.

The couple have three children, Cody, 19-year-old Casey and 13-year-old Kyla.

"This is 10 years worth of work and investment for me and a project that would have taken me a long time to do but now I get to enjoy it," he said. "This is far and above what I expected."



Australian Right Hand Drive 1963 Z06 Corvette Heading Back Home

by Steve Burns, www.corvetteblogger.com • Sources: Proteam Corvette and NCRS



We've all heard tales of those rare finds discovered in a friend's or relative's nearby garage or barn. Sometimes, however, those treasures aren't quite so close. Here's a very rare right-hand-drive 1963 Z06 that was living in Australia since new. It will be returning back home to the USA courtesy of our friends at Proteam Corvette next month.

Just 199 Corvettes had RPO Z06 on the options list in 1963. Far less than that are known today and they carry a healthy six-figure price tag with them. Z06's were factory racecars. They were equipped with heavy duty brakes and suspension, the 360hp fuel injected 327CI engine, and a 4 speed transmission. A 36 gallon fuel tank was available for a portion of the production run. The option package added \$1,818.14 to the base Corvette price of \$4,252.

According to the listing on Proteam's website and a thread we read last month on the NCRS discussion board the car spent its entire life overseas. The conversion to right-hand-

drive likely took place in Australia shortly after it landed there. Its early years were spent as a GM show car. Outings included appearances at the Sydney and Melbourne Motor Shows in 1963. The original owner took delivery of the car through R.C. Phillips Sports Car World. Check out the dealer's tag that's still riveted to the back of the car above the license plate. In 1980 it won best of show at the First Corvette Car Club of Australia convention. Since 1964, it's had just one additional owner prior to be acquired by Proteam who was one of 4 recent suitors for the car.

The car today remains in a highly original state and shows only 22,723 miles. Only normal wear items like belts, hoses, tires, and the battery have been replaced. An aftermarket radio and antenna were added at some point during its lifetime as the Z06 was originally radio delete. As you can see in the photos, all of the other Z06-specific items remain including the brakes, suspension, and fuel injection unit.



The full story of this car is not yet fully known and the folks at Proteam are looking for your help. They'd like to find (1) information regarding the car's build and purpose by Chevrolet/GM as well as (2) the April 1980 Melbourne Sunday Press article concerning the Corvette convention and this Z06 Corvette.

If you have some information on this truly unique car contact Proteam via email at terry@proteamcorvette.com.

The right-hand-drive 1963 Z06 should arrive on our soil sometime next month.



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Zora's 1989 Corvette Sells for \$27,000 at Russo and Steele

by Keith Cornett, www.corvetteblogger.com • Source: Russo and Steele



At Saturday's Russo and Steele auction in Scottsdale, a very special 1989 Bright Red Corvette was driven up on the block. With 26,412 Corvettes built during the 1989 model year, what could be so special about this particular Corvette that would give it a coveted Saturday evening auction slot? This '89 Corvette Convertible was owned and driven by the Godfather of Corvette: Zora Arkus-Duntov.

With his name on the title and the gold script "Zora" painted on the doors, there was not doubt that this Red C4 was originally owned by the Corvette's first Chief Engineer. Zora put most of the 35,000 miles on it himself as he was known for attending Corvette-related events across the country.

Bidding on the Corvette was fairly strong considering we are talking about a 1989 Corvette convertible. But Zora's name worked its magic on the crowd and the Corvette was hammered sold for \$27,000.

Documentation of the Corvette includes the signed original Owners Manual, correspondence, articles and an information binder. The original title of the Corvette is still in Zora's name. When the Red on Red Corvette entered the Russo and Steele auction, it was announced that the Corvette would be sold on a bill of sale to retain Zora's signature on the title for the future owner.

Here is the video of Zora's 1989 Corvette from Russo and Steele's Saturday night auction:



If you've been to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, one of the well-known cars on display is Zora's blue 1974 Corvette. Zora sold his '74 Corvette in 1989 for a reported \$100,000 and used part of the proceeds to purchase the Red 1989 Corvette. He drove the C4 Corvette until he passed away in 1996.

After Zora passing, the Corvette joined the collection of Chevy dealer and collector Bob McDorman. McDorman sold the Corvette at a Mecum auction in 2010 for \$20,000.



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The Extremely Popular WindRestrictor is coming for C5 Corvette

Source: www.corvettenewsblog.com



Every now and then a product comes along that's so innovative and exciting it takes a consumer market by storm, and that's exactly what King Penn's LED lighted WindRestrictor did last year for the C6 Corvette public. Designed to help minimize wind noise when driving with the top down, wind buffers/screens are nothing new for Corvette drivers. A number of different net versions have been sold over the years, but none have offered the good looks and quality of the WindRestrictor.

Manufactured from incredible clear acrylic materials, the WindRestrictor provides the functionality of other wind screens with little to no decreased visibility. This visibility is a large plus over other models similar to it, but is by no means the only point of interest on this product. In addition to the incredible construction, the WindRestrictor is also a unique, stylish, and gorgeous custom product. It's available with a number of different etching options--for the Corvette, much any GM licensed Corvette emblem you can imagine is available--and has available LED lighting which shines through the clear WindRestrictor plate for a fantastic glow.

Also setting the WindRestrictor apart, visually and in construction quality, is its mounting system. Many other wind screens for the Corvette convertible use sub-par mounting systems that are bulky and unattractive and require removing the wind screen when the top is up, but the developers over at King Penn Industries realized this basic structural flaw in the standard wind screen construction and developed their WindRestrictor to be able to remain in place with the top both up and down.

Thankfully, this product is finally available for the fifth generation Corvette. It has been one of my favorites for the C6 since it's release, and will certainly be very welcome for the C5 Corvette as well. The quality and style are undeniable, and the design is unlike any other! Of course, this hasn't been officially announced by King Penn Industries yet, so until it is the release of the product is little more than "rumor" I acquired by talking to the right person on the right phone call, but you can trust me that it will certainly be happening. I'd expect to see the C5 Convertible Corvette WindRestrictor start hitting dealer websites within 3-4 weeks time.



Capital City Corvette Club

January 4, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

Social Time & Dining around 5:30 P.M.

President: Craig Iansiti called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M. He announced there was one Corvette in the parking lot and that belonged to Howard Parks. Everyone applauded Howard. Craig also explained that the agendas were printed on leftover Horsepower at the Zoo flyers to save on paper costs and that the date on the flyer was not this year's show date. He commented on our holiday party at Coral Gables which was the last big event of 2011. We had a good turnout with 43 members in attendance. He also noted that this meeting would include our annual awards presentations. In the past the awards banquet was a separate event, but with so many holiday parties this time of year, the board decided that combining it with the general meeting would be a good idea and also save the members the cost of a special banquet.

Craig then thanked departing board members, Carol Putmon and Connie Britz and welcomed one new board member, Janet Iansiti as Secretary, and one returning board member, Scott Bauries as Editor. Also, he noted that two board members had taken new positions – Sandy Bechtel is now Social Director and Randy Buck is now Public Relations Director.

Craig announced that we now have two new honorary club members: Jim Hoppin, the first club president and Lee MacGillivray, the first club sponsor. Both gentlemen will receive a membership packet including a membership card, club calendar and CD of 2009 club events.

There was one guest attending the meeting. Fred Cowper was a member of the GMC Corvette Club in Rochester, Michigan about 30 years ago. He has owned 18 different Corvettes and is hoping to have another one at some point. Everyone welcomed Fred, and Craig invited him to attend any of our events.

On a sad note, the club was notified of the death of a former member, Nancy Dodson. Nancy was a member up until 2002, and had been on the 2000 Annual Convention committee. She had also served as Membership Director.

Board of Director Reports:

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer reminded everyone that if they wanted to purchase 2012 NCCC lapel pins, he needed to know tonight. He noted that the national website had the minutes from the November meeting, and that the 2013 annual convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Craig asked Simon if he had heard anything about the extra sanction numbers requested by Rich. Simon had no new information.

Secretary: Janet Iansiti asked that minutes from the November 2011 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reported the club's current account balances. He stated that over the next couple of weeks he would close out 2011 and prepare a new 2012 budget to submit to the board for approval.

Membership: Dave Pursel announced the club has 88 members – 90 with the two new honorary members. We are down about 10 members from last year. There are currently 60 FCOAs and that number will be down to 54 by the end of this year as 6 of them will turn 16 years old. He stated he had difficulty with his printer and therefore some of our new members still need membership cards. He will have them at the February meeting.

Dave also stated that he had recently emailed everyone a new membership list and requested that they review it and notify him of any corrections.

Editor: Scott Bauries had nothing to report.

Public Relations: Randy Buck had nothing to report.

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel reminded everyone to check out the two flyers on the tables. One was for a breakfast and the other for a luncheon, both in January. She stated that even if we can't drive our cars, we still have to eat. She questioned whether the club was interested in doing the annual bowling event with the Jackson club, usually scheduled for April. Everyone agreed we should do it again this year. Sandy reminded everyone to contact her first when scheduling events in order to avoid conflicts with dates and times.

Sandy then recognized both December and January birthdays by giving those members present a candy bar.

Competition: Rich Bratschi was not present.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher sent a sympathy card to Angela Hyde for the loss of her mother and one to Sue Politza for the loss of her father. She also sent a sympathy card to Michael Dodson.

Historian: Sue Keith had nothing new to report.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not present.

Photographer: Ted Lasher still has 2012 club calendars for sale at \$15 each. \$8 from each calendar goes to the John Bechtel Scholarship Fund. So far he has collected \$96 for the fund.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was not present and Carol said he had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt was not present.

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Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer announced she had changed the registrar for our club website to AT&T. We were previously paying \$16.95 per year per address and now only pay \$8.95 for both addresses for the entire year. She asked that anyone report any problems they see on the website to her. Since the change in registrar there have been pictures showing up with Xs on some pages.

Points: Kim Keith hosted the **Awards Program** by regaling the members with comical stories, jokes and fun facts. Kim then gave out statistics on attendance for 2011 events, and also displayed charts showing all points that were compiled for each member.

He held a contest with **Milton Scales** and **Janet Iansiti** both winning prizes. A door prize raffle was held and numerous other members also won prizes.

The Top Ten Awards for 2011 were then presented to the following members:

- 1st place – Gloria Reiffer**
- 2nd place – Simon Reiffer**
- 3rd place – Craig Iansiti**
- 4th place – Sue Keith and Randy Buck**
- 6th place – Kim Keith**
- 7th place – Nancy Lee Buck**
- 8th place – Janet Iansiti**
- 9th place – Robert Ribar**
- 10th place – Carol Putmon**

Respectfully submitted by Janet Iansiti, Secretary

Craig Iansiti presented the **President's Award** to **Sue Keith**, our historian, for her extraordinary diligence in tracking down club history during the past year.

Simon Reiffer was the recipient of the **2011 Turkey Award**. Simon says it was not his fault that he hit a post with the nose of his car – the post moved. No matter whose fault it was, the car has now been repainted.

The only member comment was from Howard Hein who asked Craig to comment on a possible trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas in October. They host a big Corvette event and it is a great place to visit in the fall. Craig said more information would be forthcoming.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Sandy Bechtel.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.



Capital City Corvette Club

January 18, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Simon Reifer at 6:32p.m.

Mail was addressed: noted that fee for Post Office Box is due, Mike Britz will send check.

November Board Minutes were approved with no changes.

Reports

President: absent

Secretary: absent (minutes taken by Colleen Bratschi)

Treasurer: Mike Britz went over 2012 proposed budget. Food bank, & membership (-10) were addressed. Approval was made by Rich Bratschi, and seconded Scott Bauries. Copies to be presented to members at the Rebruary membership meeting for approval. Mike stated all bills had been paid.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer stated that all members should have received renewal packets from NCCC. If you have not received yours yet please get with him.

It was noted that NCCC has informed each club that the agency for our insurance has changed, but that the company is still Brown & Brown. There will be no change in waiver forms.

There will be a Regional Meeting held at 7pm on 2/21/12 (*La Senorita Mexican Restaurant* on Lake Lansing Road). All those who care to attend please feel free.

Finally all of our sanctioned events have been listed on both the Regional and Club calenders. Please mark yours.

Points: Kim Keith was absent, but let Simon know that all points were up to date.

Membership: Dave Pursel reported that we have 88 current members & 60 fcoa members. Membership lists were discussed. This list must be sent to each member

In January and June of each year. Members will receive only a listing of members addresses, phone #'s, and car descriptions. A more detailed membership list will be sent to the Board Members & the Web Master.

Due to an error that occurred with the new electronic membership filing a few members were lost in the NCCC loop. It was determined that these members will be refunded their 2012 renewal money with a letter of explanation from Dave Pursel. Motion on this matter was made by Rich Bratschi & seconded by Mike Britz.

Editor: Scott Bauries stated that there was nothing to report this month.

Competition: Rich Bratschi reported that our extra 3 sanctioned events that all clubs will receive in 2012 have been approved. They are :

- 1 For the Blessing of Vettes June 9
- 1 For the rally to be held after the Blessing on June 9
- 1 For Horsepower at the Zoo Sept. 16
- Our normal 7 sanctioned events are used for Spartan Low Speed which will be held July 28 & 29 this year.

Rich stated that we are still working with jackson club on which track will be used for the low speed this year, but spartan is a good possibility.

It was noted that all competitive events need a flyer and that a # wheather they are sanctioned or non-sanctioned must be obtained from Dave Johnston at the region, as required by our nccc insurance.

Public Relations: Randy Buck reported that sponsors are not purchasing the \$35.00 Ads in our newsletter as they have in the past. It was discussed that we need to as a club make sure businesses know what it is we are all about and what we do for the community. Randy will make up a letter to send out to past and future advertiser, but everyone needs to help get the word out on this matter. The money we earn on these ads pays for our web site yearly.

Social: Sandy Bechtel marked a few dates that we all need to remember for 2012:

- Jan. 2st breakfast – Cracker Barrel Okemos
- Jan. 28th lunch – Applebees – East Lansing
- Feb. 18th Breakfast – TBA
- Feb. 25th Lunch – TBA
- Mar 28th GM Heritage Tour
- Apr 15 or 22 Bowling with Jackson
- Apr. 28th Vermontville – Putmons sponsors
- May ? Club Garage Sale
- June 9 blessing and rally

There will me more dates to come and some to be confirmed but please add them to your phones or where every you keep track.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon said nothing to report

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer noted that 2012 web site dues will need to be paid soon, she will give invoice to mike for payment.

Member input: no outside members present.

It was noted that we needed to approve the appointed officers for the 2012 year. Simon made this motion and it was approved by Sandy Bechtel and Mike Britz.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Corvettes on eBay: Original Tire Air from a 1967 L88 Corvette

by Keith Cornett, www.corvetteblogger.com • Source: eBay



Here's a funny eBay ad aimed at classic Corvette restorers that is making the rounds this week. If you are looking to earn the maximum points possible when having your Corvette flight judged, then you shouldn't overlook the air in those reproduction tires. Today on eBay, you can buy the original tire air from a 1967 L88 Corvette.

The description of the ad is pretty straight forward:

1967 Corvette original tire air, carefully removed and bagged for reuse from an original spare, this was a real barn find, was actually in an L-88 tire tub , this is the only way to get all the points the judges are smelling for! Nothing like real 67 smell! Very rare find, you have probably been looking for a long time, do NOT snooze and lose! This is the real deal!

This will actually fit any Car, but its really appropriate only for 67. as its the correct aroma. This would be factory installed for any 1967 original application, be sure its what you need , most experienced, expert judges will quickly tell you you have the wrong air in your tires and you will never get the top award you are looking for if its the wrong vintage. I have also heard some judges can tell the difference

between GM or Ford air, so be careful here. These guys are sharp, highly trained, experienced, and know all.

Cannot ship via air , ground only, freight charges apply and depend on your location.

Local pick up only, will not ship

The bidding for this auction is for the plastic bag. The air is included at no cost.

Some guys will do just about anything to earn points for their NCRS Top Flight cars

For those of you that have or own a restored Corvette, make sure to view the ad and then scroll down to the bottom and read the questions to seller which includes whether or not the air is date coded and a Q/A on how to release it when the judges are around.

The auction closed January 19, 2012 with 0 bids. The opening bid was set at \$1,000, a price set high enough to scare away the clueless. We know that some auctions on eBay don't look right, but for us this one just didn't pass the sniff test.



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