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# GLASS SASS

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WVCA President Kelly Smothers

**G**reetings Veters. Fall is here. Many are putting their toys in the shop, plugging in the battery saver, putting that soft car cover on it, and tucking it in for the Winter. Of course there are those that drive all year round, so be careful out there. I don't have a lot to put into writing this month. We are winding down the year, and getting ready to relax a little next couple of months while spending some time with our kids.

I will be getting the website calendar updated to reflect what we know now for 2023 events. I've heard dates for the Cherry Blossom Run, which is always a club favorite.

This last summer we had great turnouts for Jacket Nights. It was great seeing folks and their corvettes. I think we are still looking for hosts for future months, so, if you have a favorite food haunt that can accommodate about 25-30 people, please volunteer to host.

Our recent Halloween Party hosted by the Massey's was a big success. Lots of cool costumes and camaraderie. Peters won the best costume (steampunk) and Buddy (the Raaf's faithful family member) won second. I would like to add that at events like this one, the price of the meal is based on whether you RSVP'd positively to come to the event. If you are a no show, then we (WVCA) are obligated to pay the restaurant for the number of people that did not show up. Special catered events like this are not like Jacket nights where we individually bill. We will make sure people know this in advance in the future. Our Christmas dinner will be similar in nature.

Club Business - October Jacket Night had another amazing turn out. Brent and TJ picked a great spot, and we had the back room all to ourselves. Excellent food. Well done folks.

Stan called me about Lambo doors, just say'n. ;)

I would like to remind many of you that we try very hard to keep our website <https://www.willamettevalleycorvettes.com/index.php/events> updated with events. You can also find meeting links to any online meetings as well.

I am posting what we are tracking for the remainder of the calendar year:

## November

11/4 - General Membership Meeting - @ [Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, Oregon 97303](#) - We will have the room set up with social distancing in mind. Conference number for audio only: (518) 418-1943 to join via computer (you do not need video to watch, and can also dial in if you wish.) <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/wvca>

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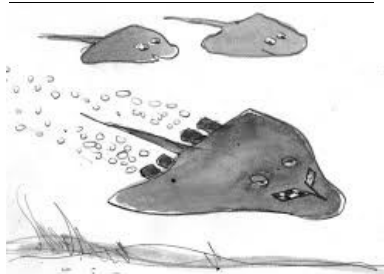
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"Cool. A Corvette stingray."

**Called to order:**

6:30pm

**Guests:**

N/A

**New Members:**

Roxy & Randy - Voted in unanimously.

**Guest Speaker:**

John Elegant Co-founder of Mid Engine Corvette Forum. Membership is free to the Mid Engine Corvette forum. Aug 22, 2024 a cruise to the Corvette Museum is planned.

Z06 release. Like nothing else. Setting records. 670hp in a vehicle that you can be licensed and driven legally on streets. Next closest is 622hp. Red line 8600rpm. This has been in the works for 6 years and it is the first time GM could talk about it. MPH hasn't been done yet but expecting 0-60mph in 2.5 seconds? Exhaust was moved to the center so it sounded and felt better than with the exhaust on the outside corners. Ferrari Chat website has 40 pages about the Corvette C8. They removed those posts because the Corvette was getting talked up over the Ferrari. Copies of those pages are on the Mid Engine Corvette Forum. The Aero package can be added to any of the packages. Carbon Fiber wheels are an option. They are made by Carbon Revolutions in Australia. 21" diameter 13" wide and only 17 pounds, 42% lighter than the

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metal forged wheels. Because of the issues Mustang had historically GM required very specific specs and Carbon Revolution was able to meet all of the requirements. There should be no issues with these. GM has slowed down the build process for these vehicles and trained their most experienced builders to build them.

**Birthdays:**

Roger	Burgess	11/04
John	Freitag	11/08
Dana	Malby	11/09
Kathleen	Ridge	11/19
Joe	Peters	11/20
Brent Andersen		11/26

**Previous months minutes:**

Corrections or changes to the minutes- none.

Motion to approve October 2021 Minutes. Motion to accept Buzz 1<sup>st</sup> / Larry 2nd. None opposed. Minutes Accepted.

**Treasurer's report:**

November Beginning Balance in Checking \$ 5,109.60

**Deposits**

Dues	\$
NCM Museum Membership Fund	\$

Merchant Services (refund from August debit) \$

**Expenses**

Oregon Secretary of State \$

End of Month Balance

On Hand Cash \$ 101.50

Savings(.08 interest)

\$10,611.23 Motion to approve treasurer's report- Approved.

11/17 Jacket Night: TBD Host: Need Host

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12/15 Jacket Night: TBD Host: Need Host

12/17 Christmas Dinner - 5:30PM

As you can see, we still need hosts for Jacket Nights and Cruises. That's all I have this month.

Kelly

p/s

Update on Mistress. Still in paint, but been busy with paint correction on the C6.

Motion to accept Julie 1<sup>st</sup>/Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. None opposed. Accepted.

### (Minutes cont from page2)

#### President's report:

There are some iron on patches at \$25 if anyone wants to add them to their Jackets.

There are a few name tags that still need to be picked up. Pay me after the meeting please. \$9.00 each.

Dues are due. There are around 15 pieces of mail picked up from the PO box today so those checks for dues will be cashed soon.

Santa Cruz to donate toys for the kids. Followed by an impromptu Cars and Coffee. All makes and models.

Christmas Party- Julie coordinating. December 17th 5:30 A flyer will go out. Turkey and all the trimmings. Couples are 36 and single 18 including gratuity. No host bar. Collect payment for dinner at the next meeting. Gift exchange \$25- gift for a gift. Bring one get one. Will also collect stuffed animals to donate to the giving tree.

#### Vice President's report:

November 17th Jacket Night - Need a host. Jacket Night at Route 99 in October was great and they

have room for us after meetings if we want.

December 12th no Jacket Night instead we will do dinner and drive through the Keizer Lights. More details to come. Will eat at La Casa Baez.

The Halloween Party was great fun.

#### Committees Reports:

**Nominations for next year's board members. Based on the vote next years board is as follows:**

**President Kelly Smothers**

**Vice President Shane Massey**

**Secretary Andrea Massey**

**Treasurer Brent Wilson**

**Member at Large Joe Peters**

**Historian Stephen Sims**

Car shows and cruises will be on the website.

**Member at Large update:** None

**Bowling Green update:** Z06

**Tech time/Corvette news:**None

#### Old business:

Club and Corvette Swag? If someone has ideas or wants to help should talk to Kelly. Any help is welcome.

#### New business or good of order:

**Trivia:** What special small block performance package was released for the 1970 model year?

1970 saw the introduction of the **LT-1 package**. The high-performance LT-1 motor was complemented by transistorized ignition, a special big-block style hood, 2 ½ inch exhaust, a higher-revving tach, aluminum intake, Holley carburetor, and more extras.

**Bonus:** What else was released that year.

The 454 big block engine option was released this year as well, and also included special extra features. The last years for the LT-1 and 454 options were 1972 and 1974, respectively.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$20.00 each Winners are Kathy & someone. **Adjourned** 7:30pm

## What: WVCA Annual Christmas Dinner

**When:** December 17th, 5:30PM

**Where:** Willamette Valley Country Club, Address: 900 Country Club Pl, Canby, OR 97013

**Dinner Menu:** Turkey and all the Trimmings  
Couples \$36 Single \$18 Gratuity is included.  
Payment due December Club Meeting

**Gift Exchange:** \$25.00 gift exchange, gift for gift, Bring one, get one. Rules provided at event.

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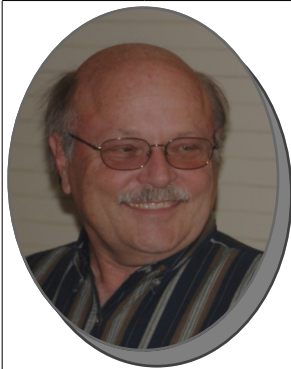
or

<https://forms.gle/FrNkKbsUVqiam9xR8>

Please bring a stuffed animal or two for a child in need.

**NO Host Bar**





## HERE COMES THE DARK DAMP DREARY SEASON AKA WINTER

By: Paul Ennor

I'll keep this month's article short but because there seems to be a small cadre of members who tell me they look forward to my monthly contribution to our newsletter, I will come up with something. As I sit here this morning at my old computer it's November 1<sup>st</sup>. I sat outside last night on Halloween dressed as an old man (My daily look) handing out candy to the twenty or so kids who came out trick or treating. Pat and I decided to skip the Clubs Halloween party this year. We just didn't have the ambition, motivation or ideas to try to put together a costume this year. I hope that those of you who did attend had a great time. I'm looking forward to seeing some pictures. Since I have sworn off of Facebook and deleted my account, I won't see them there.

Next thing on the calendar, Fall back! Who else hates semi-annual ritual of messing with our clocks other than me? It's a pain in the you-know-what. Maybe if I didn't have a dozen or more clocks to mess with it would be less of a hassle. I know, this sounds like a personal problem but this is my article so hang in there ☐. At least this ritual forces me to change all the batteries which causes me to buy a basket load of AA batteries which in turn leaves me ready for Christmas which somehow always requires a lot of those. Oh, ya, it's November, forgot, that means that I need to pay my property taxes too ☐! As you can tell, I'm rambling because I have little or nothing Corvette related to write about.

Because it was a rare sunny fall day, I did take the old '82 for a short drive in the country toward Hopewell Saturday to keep the battery up and circulate the oil before its winter hibernation.

Historically, November used to be the month WVCA had a year-end banquet. It was the only time during the year when we all got dressed up. We would get together in a banquet room for a formal dinner where we gave out various awards, shared stories based on the happenings during the Corvette season, danced to oldies and just had a good time. After the big banquet the rest of the November calendar was usually empty except for the monthly meetings. It was a month reserved for family activities like Thanksgiving, Christmas shopping, and

winterizing the Corvette for the long months of storage ahead. Back in the day many members also took insurance off of their Vette to save a few bucks since it was going to be parked, stored, not driven or just worked on in a shop all winter. I never did this myself. Did you, or do you do this today? Just curious.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday this year. In spite of all the mess that the pandemic as made of our lives the past year and a half we still have a lot to be thankful for. We have three safe and effective vaccines to keep Covid-19 at bay. I personally hope that you and yours have taken advantage. Pat and I have been poked three times.

As for Corvettenews; the amazing new Z06 model has been announced with more horse power than any of us needs but it is an engineering marvel with an all new and possibly (probably?) the last new V8 internal combustion engine that GM will ever design. I'm sure we all have opinions about this but, GM has announced its intention to go fully electric by 2035. Next up: the E-Ray!

## Halloween 2021 @ WVCA

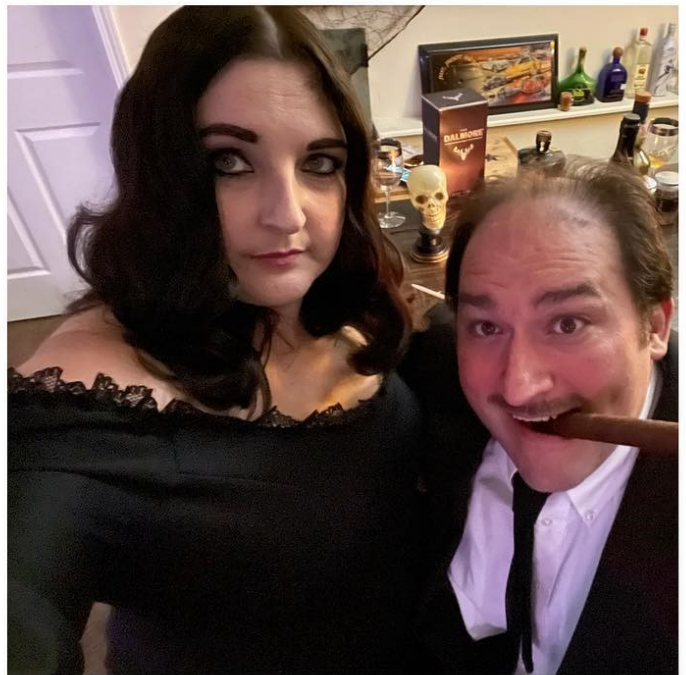


Lots of very cool participants in the costume contest, but the TWO winners were the steam-punk couple, Joe & Pat, and Buzz (the Service dog, not the editor). Had some fun and ate some Hawaiian luau type of food at the Santiam Golf Course.









We have voted and the results are in, and I think we did a better job than the National elections! It was a fairly easy process, because there was not much interest on behalf of the Club for holding an office, so...the current members of the Board graciously accepted the nominations from the Club to continue in their current positions for the next year. The date for the "transition" will be January 1st 2022.





## Mid Engine Monthly Update: Z06 Revealed & More

*John Elegant*

Lots is happening in the C8 world starting of course with the debut of the 2023 C8 Z06. GM officially revealed it yesterday (October 26th) to the public. I was fortunate to be there at the Pedersen Automotive Museum. For those who saw the earlier, Sept 27th GM prematurely-released picture of it and were not convinced, when you see the Z06 in person it will be a treat. It is a *massively-powerful yet beautiful beast when you stand next to it yet compared to the Stingray for it is 3.6" wider and 2.3" longer* (or optionally 3.6" longer with the Z07 package) and with more sharply definite features. Also it has that one massive front center, additional heat exchanger that alone results in 50% more air flow through the car than in the Stingray.



There are now nine major new Z06 threads at MidEngineCorvetteForum should you want to delve into the Z06's details — and to see/read all of the official GM pictures, press release, its LS6 engine details, videos and more. To make it easiest, here are links for them and more.

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323332-z06-official-press-release>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323312-official-gm-z06-reveal-pictures>

\*: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/323587-2023-z06-reveal-photos>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/323515-1st-z06-walk-around-video-thanks-to-jeremy-welborn>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323365-z06-street-legal-race-car>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323370-impressions-standing-next-to-a-z06>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/323812-2023-z06-z07-tons-of-carbon-fiber-70th-anniversary-embossed-glass>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323368-key-z06-components-yet-still-unanswered-questions>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323536-2023-z06-lt6-interview-cutaway-walk-around-detailed-presentation>

\*<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/323924-30-minutes-tech-talk-with-gm-engineers-by-speed-phenom>

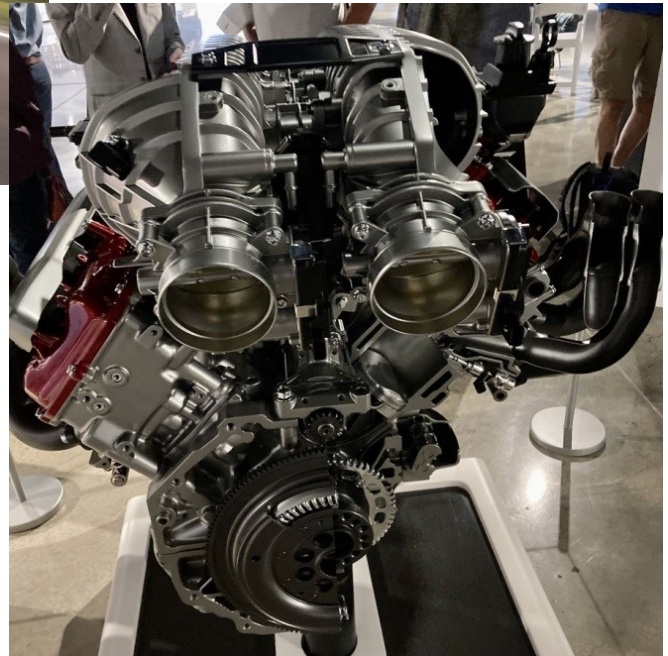
Before we get to the its component details, three major questions I heard going into to the reveal event were: 1) When will the visualizer allow me to build mine? Answer: RIGHT NOW! 2) When dowe get GM's Z06St. Helens "Build and Price" program? About the end of winter. 3) When will orders first go in? About early May. And lastly, 4) When will customer production start and the first ones arrive at dealerships. About Labor Day.



nts and 345/R21 rears (rears wider even than on 755 HP 2019 ZR1), and many more of its comments scream, “I am superbly capable; try me” Factoid: The C8 Z06 is the same width as the R.

The Z06’s summary details are: (though again please notice the Official GM press release is linked above). MSRP= Not announced but informative guessing = \$88,000-\$90,000; LS6’s redline is 8,600 RPM, HP= 670 and TQ = 460. While that is 175 HP more than Stingray, it is 10 ft/pounds less torque. The redline is 8,600 RPM. Not one major performance variable was shared yet by GM except 0-to-60 for the Z07 version of in 2.6 seconds. The entry Z06 is even more a track-oriented car than was the C7 Z06/Z07. Watching even the entry C8 Z06 version running hot laps at the Nurburgring confirmed that even it is track-focused sports car. Still the entry Z06 one can be comfortable driving hundreds of miles in a day *if you like a firm ride*; and, you can use it as your daily driver; but it is more tailored to be driving at least at 8/10’s. Keeping it snarling at between 7,000 and 8,600 RPM will be a gut-check, emotional experience. This is true of even the standard, no-option Z06. To summarize, in temperament it is far from the Stingray’s calm and relaxed manner while running errands. In talking with a Corvette Z06 development engineer, driving the Z06 is a far more visceral and passionate thrill ride compared to even when the Stingray is going 9/10’s. Every potential buyer needs to decide if the Z06 with its torque being where it is the rev band is your cup of tea? In order words are you a mostly-relaxed-style driver, or do you mostly drive close to your Corvette’s limit?

Impressions from standing next to the Z06 are that both the standard and the Z07 version are ONE MEAN MACHINE” — though their visual differences are crystal clear from 25 yards. For those who want more “understated” one, of course the standard version without its optional aero package is what you are wanting. Even without one piece of optional aero, when one stands next to it it is POWERFULLY IMPOSING. Its extra width, clearly race-inspired front fascia, its massive, standard 275/R20



Underscoring that is has bigger brakes, even in the standard version they are 14.7” fronts and 15.0” rear ones. Want even more? Go option carbon ceramic brakes (CCB’s) which are standard in the Z07 and of 15.7” (f) and 15.4” (r) sizes. [Note: the reverse, the larger comparative F/R brake size is reversed on the CCB’s.]. Of course every Z06 front brake regardless of size, is six-pistons, and of dual-block construction. Rears are all mono-blocks.

Nice that the Corvette team again listened to us Corvette customers, for now with the C8 Z06 unlike the C7 Z06, you can optionally from the factory get a full complement of its Z07 aero features but if you choose not have the Z07’s stiffer shocks, springs and suspension bushing, nor needing to get the Z07’s mandatory Cup 2 R tires; instead on the standard/entry version you are getting the same PS4’s that come on the C8 Stingray — though of course all Z’s tires are bespoke and specifically tailored for the Z06’s unique handling and performance characteristics. The Z07 comes standard with optional carbon fiber wheels that reduce unsprung mass by 41 pounds — yet you can add them into your standard version should you wish. And more, even if you go the entry Z06 version, its optional aero package you will get not only the much bigger

(more front protruding) splitter, dive planes (canards), supplemental underbody aero strakes, and the Z07' high wing. Even the entry, no-option Z06 comes with a beautiful, body-colored-painted tasteful, low standard splitter and an adjustable for track use, rear-deck-mounted spoiler wickerbill (removable should you choose).

Z06 visual interior changes include the option of a fully dipped Adrenaline Red one, plus an optional visible, package # 2, carbon fiber steering wheel with "Z06" on it, PLUS 10 more pieces of visible carbon fiber should you choose (those more pieces are just on the inside).

Now let's talk about the C8 Stingray and the upcoming, probably-2024-model-year E-Ray for both have been making their own news. The Stingray's sales continues to be beyond superb — month after month being one of the top two fastest selling vehicles of every kind in America with last month the average amount of time a Corvette went unsold was just 8.6 days. Even though Bowling Green Assembly just completed a 22nd week in a row without a down day, and its production daily averages have been extremely strong, dealer after dealer is reporting that no matter how many C8 Stingrays they have DELIVERED in the last month, that their customer Stingray PURCHASING lists are still growing (yes in spite of many signing up on those dealers who have separate customer lists for both the Z06 and the E-Ray). The 1,000 unit C8.R Special Edition Stingrays are now completely sold out; sorry but many were unable to get one for themselves. The average sales price for the Stingray climbed to an all-time high during last month at \$92,366 (plus taxes), thought shamefully dealer markup has continued to boost that average amount and additionally the average customer is choosing more and more expensive options for their custom Stingrays. HTC's now account for 46% of 2022 Stingray orders. Meanwhile E-Ray sightings both at the Nurburgring and in the United States continue to grow.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/mid-engine-corvettes/mid-engine-exterior-interior-pictures-and-renderings/319503-e-ray-spotted>

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/318802-e-ray-nurburg>

The E-Ray will be different from the Stingray. While the E-Ray will be wide bodied like the Z06, and the E-Ray will have the same Stingray corner exhaust tips, they instead will differ in that they will be larger and flattened at their top compared to the Stingrays. The E-Ray front also looks a lot alike the Z06's with the additional center mounted heat exchanger. Most believe that the E-Ray will have its own unique wheels so from the side it is recognizable at a distance. When will the E-Ray be revealed? That is a major unknown, with some thinking it will be for the first time in Corvette history, a second major model reveal in one year, while others are sticking to the historical, predictable-time-projection that it would be a 2024 model. The answer to that question might be strongly hinted at when the E-Ray is first revealed — with many suggesting that reveal will be around the end of this coming winter, yet some others who have been historically way more right than wrong say, "no, the E-Ray will not be revealed until the end of late next summer."

The Z06 quintessence Corvette track car will be available as a HTC right from the get go, e.g., confirmed by Tadge at the reveal. Oh BTW, missed the virtual reveal, watch it here: <https://youtu.be/T2NK-9aFeE0>.

Thanks for reading. As always it matters not what Corvette you have, instead that we are lucky to each have one (or soon get it). Thanks for reading and here's to your, your family's and your friends' safety. John

## 2021-23 Standing Committees

**Carousel III Glass on the Grass Car Show for 2023**

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**Budget**

**Andrea Smothers (chair)**

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