

# FIBERGLASS FOREVER

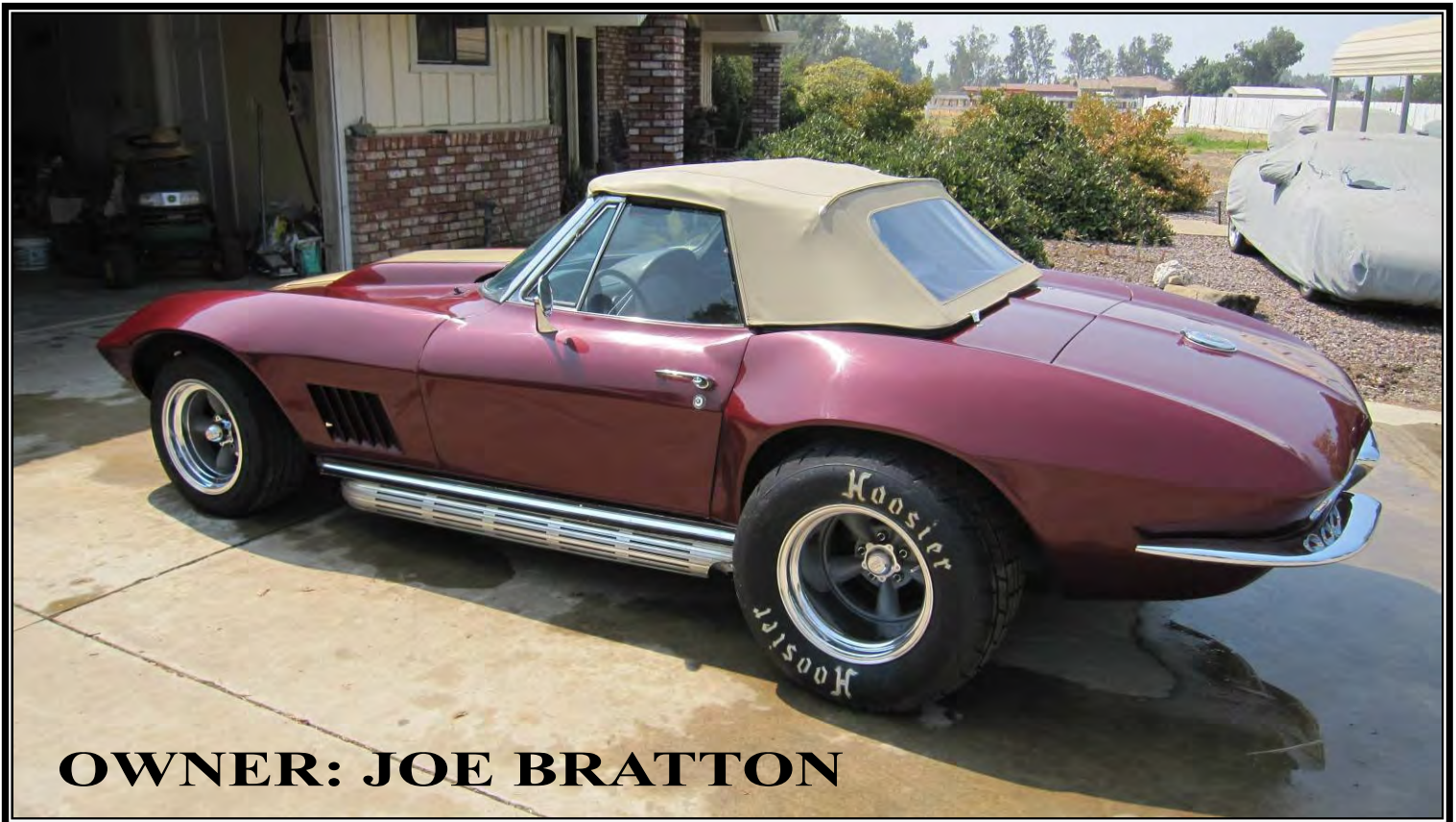


## CORVETTES OF FRESNO

"HOME OF THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

ESTABLISHED 1963

MARCH 2016



**OWNER: JOE BRATTON**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 5, 2016 SATURDAY - SANGER BLOSSOM DAYS CAR SHOW - LEE DELAP

MARCH 12, SATURDAY - BELLA VISTA MEMORY CARE CAR SHOW

MARCH 26, SATURDAY 2016 - DINNER RUN TO DUCEY'S AT BASS LAKE - CHUCK FECCIA

APRIL 9, 2016 SATURDAY TOWER DISTRICT CAR SHOW

APRIL 15 2016 FRIDAY - KINGSBURG CAR SHOW DINNER RUN - HARRY BELLOW

APRIL 15-17, 2016 - GAMBLERS CLASSIC IN LAUGHLIN, NV - ALLEN TEIXEIRA

# TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016



# Tahoe 48

**"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL  
CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"**

**September 8-11, 2016**

**Silver Legacy Resort Hotel & Casino - 407 N. Virginia St. Reno, Nevada**

**(COVERED SECURE PARKING ON LEVELS 7 - 8 - 9 OF THE SELF PARKING GARAGE)**

**Registration: Forms available on the website: [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com)**

**also released via e-mail - [jimagar14@gmail.com](mailto:jimagar14@gmail.com) - [teixeira2k@att.net](mailto:teixeira2k@att.net)**

**LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS**

**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15th 2016**

**How Much: \$195.00 per couple, \$125.00 singles**

**EARLY BIRD DRAWING**

**ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2016 WILL BE ENTERED IN A  
DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00 CASH!**

**DUE TO CONTRACTS WITH OUR VENDORS WE CANNOT ISSUE ANY REFUNDS ON  
CANCELATIONS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2016 (No Exceptions)**

**Highlights**

**Welcome Social Thursday Night at Rum Bullions Island Bar**

**Shine & Show Friday Morning**

**Slot Tournament \$10.00pp - Friday Afternoon**

**Catch a Rising Star Comedy Show - Friday Night (some parts may be objectionable)**

**Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch - (extra hands \$5.00)**

**Saturday Morning & Afternoon 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED**

**Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night (INCLUDED)**

**ALL TICKETS FOR RAFFLE & 50/25/25 DRAWING TO BE PURCHASED AT EVENT**

**PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL**

**[www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) for Additional Details & Updates**

**All Net proceeds from Tahoe 48 will be donated to Charity**

**Accommodations**

**Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 916CORV  
Room Rates: Thursday \$79.00 Friday & Saturday \$125.00 (plus tax & resort fee)**

**Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!**

**(must book through group code 916CORV to get included breakfast buffet)**

**Register now so you don't miss out on the 48th Tahoe Tour**

**Register by August 9, 2016 for Room Rate Guarantee**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### Thursday:

**REGISTRATION HOURS THURSDAY - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**(Registration will close promptly at 5:00 pm)**

**TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE REGISTRATION  
CALL LYNNE AGAR @ 559-593-1126 PRIOR TO 5:00 PM THURSDAY**

**5:00 pm -7:00 pm - Welcome Social - Rum Bullions Island Bar**

### Friday:

**8:00 - 9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast at Flavors Buffet**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Participant's Choice Shine "N" Show**

**3:00pm – 5:00 pm - Slot Tournament - Silver Baron Room - \$10.00 p/p Payable at Event  
4 GUARANTEED WINNERS (all event participants invited to attend)**

**7:00am - 9:00 pm - Laugh Factory Comedy Show - Special Guest Appearance by Donnie Dukes (some parts may be objectionable)**

### Saturday:

**8:00am – 9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast at Flavors Buffet**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch.  
(lunch not included) 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED**

**6:00pm - 7:00 pm - Pre-dinner Social - No Host Bar**

**7:00pm – 10:00 pm - Awards Dinner and Ceremony (INCLUDED)**

**ALL TICKETS FOR RAFFLE & 50/25/25 DRAWING TO BE PURCHASED AT EVENT**

**HAVE A SAFE WEEK-END - PLEASE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE \$195.00 REGISTRATION FEE?

- 1. HIGH QUALITY THERMAL PICNIC COOLER FOR EACH REGISTRATION**
- 2. BREAKFAST FOR 2 EACH MORNING AT FLAVORS BUFFET  
(must book through group code 916corv)**
- 3. WELCOME SOCIAL - RUM BULLIONS ISLAND BAR**
- 4. FRIDAY SHINE & SHOW**
- 5. FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY SHOW IN THE "LAUGH FACTORY SHOWROOM"**
- 6. SATURDAY - SCENIC POKER RUN ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE TAHOE ENDING WITH LUNCH  
(lunch not included) 100% payout for low & high hand. 1 POKER HAND INCLUDED**
- 7. SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET WITH PRIME RIB ON THE CARVING STATION**

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## CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

Is a non-profit organization formed by those owners who are proud to drive America's only true sports car  
**THE CORVETTE**

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East side of Cedar

If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, nametag and many other goodies.

The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.

### COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE START TIME IS 6:30 PM EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## 1967 TRIVIA

Only 20 RPO L88 427 engines were opted for in 1967. To discourage street use, GM rated these engines at a conservative 430 hp (5 HP less than the L71 engine option) although they actually pumped out well in excess of 500 ponies.

1967 was the first year to have three hood styles: the small block hood, the big block hood, and the L-88 hood, even though externally the L-88 looked like the regular big block hood.

In late February/early March, 1967, some small blocks received the big block hood due to a manufacturing problem with the small block hood mold. These were not given the hood stripe.

The "GM Mark of Excellence" sticker appeared, placed on the inside driver's door jamb, appeared in 1967 only.

Federal law mandated the removal of spinners from wheels in 1967, so the knock off wheel of 1963-66 was replaced with a bolt on wheel.

1967 was the first year "vinyl" was offered as an optional exterior covering for the hardtop.

The '67 model was the first to have the "tank sticker", or the build sheet, attached to the gas tank.

A 36 gallon fuel tank, the largest ever offered, was available as an option in the Corvette from 1963 to 1967.

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**EMAIL TO:  
[newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com](mailto:newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com)**



# THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hi Corvetters.

Can you believe that what started out as 8 Corvette owner friends and Hendrix Chevrolet 53 years ago, has grown to 137 fun members and 6 more on the way? That number includes COF North in Utah.

A special thanks to Donnie Dukes for philosophical enrichment with his words of enlightenment, and also to Gary and Nina Gagnebin for handling ticket sales. Their warm smile and good nature is contagious.

After our February meeting, Chuck Feccia hosted a round table discussion on events. A lot was discussed and hashed over with positive results. Coming out of that discussion are two unannounced fun events. The first one is a hush hush secret (**SHHHHH**) on May 14. It will be unpublished, however, you will be notified, so **SAVE THE DATE**.

The second event will be hosted by Tom and Teresa Ochoa. The event will be a first for our club and a fun intimate gathering. They will announce the details at our March meeting, so **BE SURE** and mark May 21 on your calendar. You will love it.

Our secretary, Nancy Teixeira, is doing a great job. It would, however, make her job a lot easier if you would state your name when making or seconding a motion. That way she can enter it in the minutes correctly. Let's face it, it's difficult to remember 137 names on the spot, and the acoustics aren't the greatest either.

Nick Dounias, with Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, gave us a run-down on their insurance package at our February meeting. Those in our group that have it, seem to swear by it. Check it out.

Thanks,

Your humble president, (?)





## CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2016



**Call to Order:** President Bert Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Board Members present were Gerri Ware, Nancy Teixeira, Chuck Feccia., and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Bert Sherman welcomed all members and guests.

Nick Dounias from Hagerty Insurance spoke to the group about what their company has to offer for coverage for your Corvette.

**Secretaries Report:** Minutes of the meeting January 2016 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the January 2016 minutes was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Ron Mattos, Motion carried.

A motion to accept the January 2016 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Pat Mattos and seconded by Lee Delap, motion carried unanimously!

**Treasurers Report:** Gerri Ware reported the accounts activity for January, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read by Lee Delap and seconded by Billie Talley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Membership:** Clay Mumby reported we have 60 members present and 8 guests. Guests introduced were Ron and Betsy Lingeren, Mark and Janie Spomer, Steve Garcia, Tim and Carol McCollum. Jack and Margie Back are now new members and were presented their membership package. Corvettes of Fresno have 135 members and 88 corvettes. February Anniversaries and Birthdays were acknowledged.

Members with perfect attendance for 2015 were acknowledged and presented a gift certificate they are the following: Chris and Kaye Campbell, Art Durham, Debbie Dukes, Nancy Teixeira, Shirley Doshier, Larry and Sharon Minnich, Lee Delap, and Gary Gagnebin.

The name tag drawing for February is \$20.00.

**Communication:** Jim Agar was absent, but Jim asked that any entries for the newsletter get to him by Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Webmaster:** Webmaster Chris Campbell was absent.

**Activities:** Please refer to the Calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site, [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign up sheets are on the side table.**

### **Past Events:**

**Jan 30 & 31** Turlock Swap Meet

**Feb 2** COF Board Meeting

**Feb 9** Tahoe 48 meeting

### **Up Coming Events:**

**Feb 27 & 28** Ice Breaker Run to Monterey Steve Profera is chairing and the route will be a mystery and the first group will leave at 7:30a.m. and 2nd group 8:00 a.m. from Herndon and 99, they will supply water and a snack to share with all that are traveling to Monterey. Also Steve encouraged everyone that is participating to bring a snack to share for Saturday night.

**March 1** COF Board Meeting 6:30 at Spaghetti Factory

**March 5** Sanger Blossom Days Car Show Lee Delap chair, flyers will be put on website

**March 8** Tahoe 48 meeting 7pm at Denny's Herndon and Blackstone

**March 12** Bella Vista Memory Care Car Show for COF only from 10 to 12 Sign up sheet on Table

**March 15** COF General meeting 7pm Yosemite Falls on Cedar

**March 26** Dinner run to Ducey's at Bass Lake Feccia's chairing will leave at 3:30 from Friant and Fresno, signup sheet on table

**April 5** COF Board Meeting

**April 9** Tower District Car Show

**April 14-17** Corvettes of Bakersfield Laughlin Run Allen Teixeira chairing sign up sheet and fliers available.

**April 15** Kingsburg Car Show Dinner Run Harry Bellow chairing

Chuck Feccia encouraged members to step up and host a run and a run planning meeting will be held immediately after the General meeting to discuss future runs, so please stay.

**Tahoe 48** Allen said the coolers are ordered and have been shipped and he encouraged everyone to attend the event and especially new members, Billie Talley also encouraged everyone to go because it is a great time.

**WSCC** Allen Teixeira announced that the next Redline is on line and you should receive a copy soon and let him know if you do not receive one. The Tahoe 48 flyer is in the new edition.

WSCC also reimbursed \$250.00 for half of the Board Insurance coverage premium we paid..

**Sunshine Report** given by Ruth Looney, Betty Foster is doing better after her stroke and Dave Cavanaugh is being treated for heart issues. A thank you card was received from Nonie Delap following her shoulder surgery.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Name Tag Drawing:** .The drawing is \$20.00 for February, Cindy Kochevar's name was drawn and she was not present so the drawing will go to \$30.00 next month.

**50/25/25 Raffle:** Jim Kozera had the first ticket drawn for \$47.00 Jim Graciously donated the 47.00 to Tahoe 48, and the second ticket was Don Dukes for \$47.00.

There being no further business a motion was made by Nick DiLiddo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Lan Mumby the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Nancy Teixeira**

**By/ net**



**NANCY TEIXEIRA**  
**SECRETARY**

# CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2016 Calendar Year COF has 135 members and 88 cars.

## Members & Guests

Total attendance: 68 - 60 Members & 8 Guests, Ron and Betsy Lingeren, Mark and Janie Spomer, Steve Garcia, Tim and Carol McCollum.

Jack and Margie Back are now new members.

## Nametag drawing

Cindy Kochevar's name was drawn & She was not present, the drawing will be for \$30.00 next month.

Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win.



CLAY MUMBY  
MEMBERSHIP

## Club Directories and Updates

The 2016 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



CLAY & LAN MUMBY 2  
MICHAEL & TONI LABRUCHERIE 22



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS



CHUCK WARE 1 - TOM OCHOA 12 - JERRY PELOIAN 18  
CHUCK FECCIA 26 - TONI LABRUCHERI 27 - STEVE MOE 30



### 50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

JIM KOZERA  
DON DUKES

EACH WON  
\$47.00



CONGRATULATIONS!

### 100% ATTENDANCE FOR 2015

Chris and Kaye Campbell - Art Durham  
Debbie Dukes - Nancy Teixeira  
Shirley Doshier  
Larry and Sharon Minnich  
Lee Delap Gary Gagnebin.



CLAY MUMBY WELCOMES OUR NEWEST  
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# CHUCK'S 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



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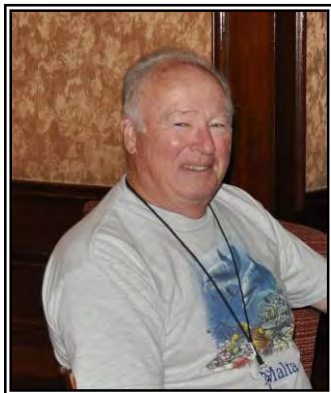
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JUNE 3-5, 2016 - MONTEREY COAST CORVETTE CRUISE - FLYER IN NEWSLETTER & WEB



**CHUCK FECCIA  
VP ACTIVITIES**

## TAHOE 48 MEETING

TAHOE 48 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM  
TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2016 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF  
BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

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**PLAN A RUN  
TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE  
TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016**



## 28th Annual Sanger Chamber of Commerce

BLOSSOM DAY FESTIVAL / Car Show / & Run

MARCH 5, 2016

Festival: 9:00am – 4:00pm Car Show: 11:00am – 3:00pm

*All Events in Downtown Sanger*



### BLOSSOM DAY EVENTS:

9 am – 4pm 7<sup>th</sup> & “N” Streets  
In Downtown Sanger  
Blossom Trail 10K Run  
(Various Runs from 7:00am-8:25am)

Arts & Crafts Booths

Food Booths & Kids Activities

Blood Mobile 11am-2pm on 7<sup>th</sup> & “N” St.

Sanger Library Book Sale 10am-5pm

Sanger Depot Museum open 9am-4pm

Live Music at 7<sup>th</sup> and “O” Streets

2016 Blossom Trail Posters For Sale

Blossom Trail Maps

### CAR SHOW AWARDS:

Car Show: 11am - 3pm  
Staging: 10am ~ Awards: 2:45pm

Best of Show

Best Muscle Car / Best Hardtop

Best Street Rod / Best Diesel Truck

Best Truck / Best Interior

Best Engine / Best Special Interest

Best Stock Original / Best Mustang &

Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards

Best Custom / Best Convertible

Best Paint / Best Import

Best Low Rider / Best PT Cruiser

Best Rat Rod / Best Mo-Par

Best Flames / Best GM

Best Ford

Best Camaro

Best Corvette

Best Motorcycle / Best GTO

For booths or car show information please contact the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, 1789 Jensen Avenue, Suite B, Sanger, CA 93657 559-875-4575 fax 559-875-0745. For run info call Parks & Rec 559-876-6300 ext 4.



**“SANGER SALES TAX HOLIDAY”** on March 5th & 6th. Shop in Sanger and SAVE!

*Save Sanger’s percentage off sales tax on Saturday AND Sunday in SANGER!*

Car Show Entry Fees: Only \$35.00 and includes: Dash Plaques & Commemorative gift for the first 50 pre-registered entries! Car Show Staging: 10AM off of Academy Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Car Show Sponsorship Trophies available - great advertising opportunity Contact: 559. 875.4575

*Join us as you take a drive on the 62-mile self-guided Fresno County Blossom Trail!*

EVENT PARKING throughout Sanger parking lots.

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SANGER BLOSSOM DAY FESTIVAL AND  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SANGER CHAMBER BLOSSOM TRAIL CAR SHOW**

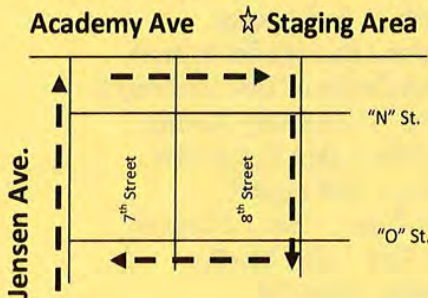


Saturday, March 5, 2016                      Downtown Sanger, South of 7<sup>th</sup> Street on "O" Street

**Time:** Staging 10AM off Academy Ave., on "8th" St.    • **Car Show:** 11AM-3PM    • Awards after 2:45PM  
**Registration:** \$35.00 per single Car Entry    • Exclusive: Commemorative Gift & Dash Plaque to the first 50  
 Pre-registered entries ONLY!    • Arts + Crafts, Food + Entertainment + Kids Area + More 9:00AM- 4:00PM

*Trophies Awarded:*

- Best of Show • Best Muscle • Car Best Street Rod • Best Truck • Best Interior • Best Engine • Best Stock Original •  
 • Best Custom • Best Convertible • Best Paint • Best Low Rider • Best Rat Rod • Best Flames •  
 • Best Special Interest • Best Mustang • Best PT Cruiser • Best Mo-Par • Best GM • Best Ford • Best Corvette •  
 • Best Import • Best Camaro • Best Motorcycle • Best Diesel Truck • Best Hardtop • Best GTO •



The Staging Area for entries will be off of Academy on 8<sup>th</sup> Street at **10AM**. Line up on 7th Street and on "O" Street. Overflow will be able to park on "7th" Street **AFTER** the run area is cleared of runners. This Car Show is in conjunction with the **Blossom Day Festival & Blossom Trail 10K Run** which includes a Points Race! The Sanger Chamber of Commerce Blossom Day Car Show is a non-profit car show and the proceeds will go toward sponsoring our community events

**CAR SHOW APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Information:** Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

**Trophy Sponsorships Available**  \$25  \$50  Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC: Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees Enclosed/Charged:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Waiver & Liability:** I/we, hereby release, waive and discharge all

right of damage from the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, the City of Sanger, members and volunteers for injuries, losses and/or damage that may occur as a result of participation in this car show. Entry Fees are a donation and no refunds will be given Rain or Shine. I/we understand there is to be no playing of radios/stereos, no blowing of horns, or racing of engines during the show. Rules of the road will be strictly enforced by the Sanger Police Department.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail/fax application to the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, 1789 Jensen Avenue, Suite B, Sanger, CA 93657, OR call 559-875-4575 Fax: 559-875-0745

# Tower Classic Car Show

April 9, 2016  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**FREE to attend. Contact [www.Hotrodsfresno.com](http://www.Hotrodsfresno.com) for entry fees.  
Fresno, Tower District (Olive & Wishon Avenues)**

**(559) 497-8362  
[www.towerdistrict.org](http://www.towerdistrict.org)  
[www.hotrodsfresno.com](http://www.hotrodsfresno.com)**



**The Tower Classic Car Show, the largest classic car show in the Central Valley, takes place along Olive Avenue between Palm and Van Ness in the Tower District.**

**Over 500 cars are on display including Street Rods, Fat Fenders, T-Buckets, Roadsters, Muscle Cars, Pickups, Modifieds, and Nostalgia Rods dating from 1931 to 1972. Awards will be presented to 20 different classes of autos. The event also features dozens of vendor booths, live music, raffle prizes and lots of fun for the whole family.**

**The Tower Classic Car Show is a fabulous family event and a great way to spend an afternoon. Stroll up and down Olive Avenue admiring all of the classic beauties, listen to some live music, window shop at the unique Tower stores, and stop in for a bite to eat and a drink at your favorite Tower District restaurant or cafe'. It's a perfect family outing and best of all, the event is FREE!**

## **Dinner Run**

### **Ducey's Restaurant at Bass Lake**

**Saturday, March 26, 2016**

**Depart from Appleby's parking lot at Friant and Fresno St.**

**Leave at 3:30 PM**

**Dinner from the menu**

**More info, contact Chuck Feccia 259-8501 or  
Celia Feccia 246-6210**

**We're Back! April 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**19<sup>th</sup> Gambler's Classic is on!**



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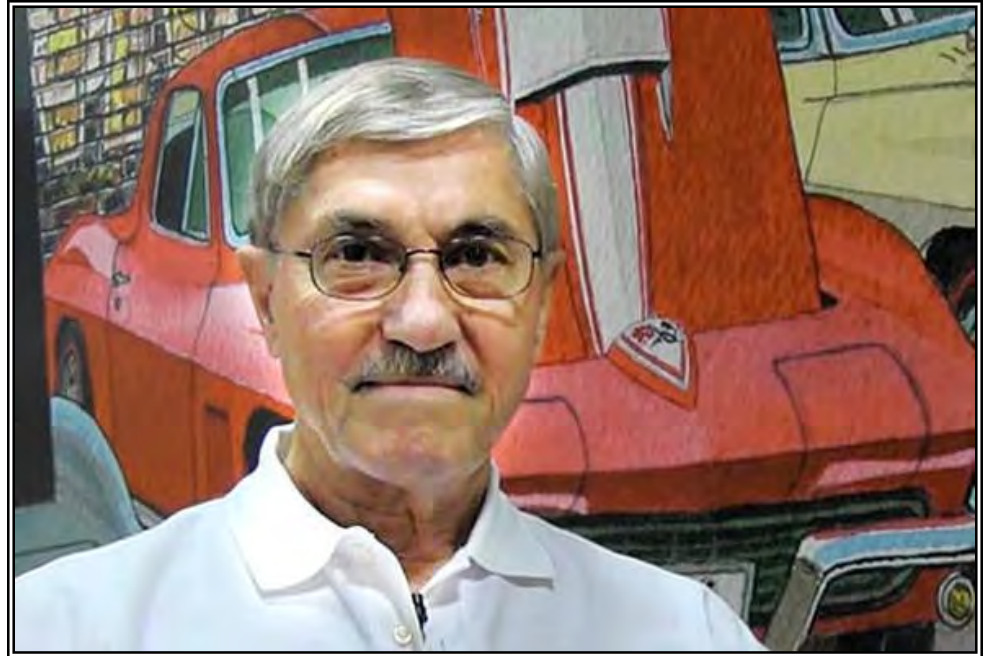


# Corvette Hall of Fame



## Ralph Kramer 2016

Ralph Kramer is one of the first Chevrolet executives to get the automaker to support the National Corvette Museum in its founding years and is credited with getting the one-millionth Corvette to be displayed at the Museum. Many current Hall of Fame members were introduced to the Museum by Kramer as he sought ways to create Chevrolet media events that shined a light on the NCM.



During his tenure at Chevrolet public relations, he managed the Chevrolet pace car and race engine presence at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. When he left GM in 1995, he became the Public Affairs Director and director of the Hall of Fame Museum at the Speedway. Recently, Kramer has written two books about the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and co-wrote “100 Years of Chevrolet” with 2014 Hall of Fame inductee Jerry Burton. Kramer served on the NCM’s Board of Directors from 1990-1998.

*“Though I left GM in 1995, I have remained involved with the National Corvette Museum ever since,” said Kramer. “They say you come for the car and you stay for the people, and that’s definitely true with Corvette. Coming to events in Bowling Green brings back great memories and it’s an opportunity to share Corvette history with those new to the hobby. I’m looking forward to the 22nd Anniversary Celebration and Corvette Hall of Fame induction Labor Day weekend and the opportunity to be inducted into a group of Corvette elite.”*



## Corvette Museum to Open Corvette Cave-In Exhibit on 2nd Anniversary of Sinkhole

It's hard to believe, but this Friday February 12th already marks 2 years since the sinkhole opened up in the National Corvette Museum's Skydome and swallowed 8 Corvettes. To mark that ominous date, the NCM will open a new exhibit called "Corvette Cave-In: The Skydome Sinkhole Experience". The museum will celebrate with a ribbon cutting ceremony starting at 10am CT at the Exhibit entrance. NCM members can get in for free while regular admission applies for other guests. The grand opening of the new exhibit will also be streamed on Periscope.



The National Corvette Museum's newest exhibit will be separated into eight different sections. Each area will combine photos, videos, information, artifacts and interactive activities for all ages. It will talk about the day it happened, why it happened, the cars affected, the social, video, and print media attention received, the recovery of all 8 cars, and how the hole was filled. Lastly, visitors will have a chance to climb down into the cave the beneath the NCM.

Here's a closer look at each of the 8 sections of the Corvette Cave In display:

**The Day** – This section sets the stage for February 12th, 2014. A panel describes the day and a monitor loops the security camera footage showing the floor opening up and another plays media clips from that fateful day.

**Media Coverage** – The media portion displays some facts about the vast media coverage from the event and shows several clips from various documentary and news programs that have feature the sinkhole.

**Pop Culture** – Here the NCM takes a look at how their event generated social media shares, creative memes, and even provided a significant attendance bump for the museum.

**Cars Affected** – Here the "Great 8" will be showcased. This panel will have photos, videos, and facts about each of the damaged cars. A showcase will illustrate precisely where each car fell into the hole.

**The Recovery** – This portion of the display chronicles how each car was systematically removed from the sinkhole. Here you can control a crane and digitally recover all eight cars swallowed by the hole.

**Karst Landscapes** -This section will take look at karst and what exactly it is. It'll talk about how caves and sinkholes are formed. Samples of rock formations from the NCM cave will be on display as well.

**What It Took to Fix the Sinkhole** – In this portion of the display they will recap the entire reclamation of the sinkhole. This display will discuss micropiles, the engineering involved in the process, and show a time-lapse video of the process. You'll also be able to control a webcam inside the cave and search for Corvette parts.

**The Grand Finale** – Here you can explore the mini cave and experience virtual simulation of a collapse.

**The Actual Cars** – Your tour will wind you into the Skydome where all eight sinkhole Corvettes are once again displayed. The 2 restored cars sit alongside the other 6 victims. The final car to be repaired, the black 1962, will be fixed in the NCM's new Maintenance and Preservation Department.

**Look Below the Surface** – Climb down a 48" manhole leading into the cave. Look through a window to see the floor of the cave 30 feet down.



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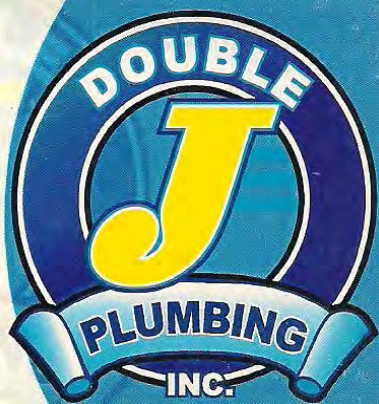
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## Utah Man Wins Two Corvettes Plus Cash in the Corvette Dream Giveaway

Another year has come to an end and with the new year, we have some exciting news to announce from our friends at the Corvette Dream Giveaway.

Dr. David Park of Utah was selected as the winner of two red Corvettes – a 1967 L71 427/435 Coupe and a 2015 Lingefelter Corvette Z06 – plus he received a check for \$50,000 to cover the prize taxes as well.

Dr. Park and his family were at the Dream Garage headquarters on Monday where he was presented the keys and titles to both cars.



We spoke with Dr. Park at the award celebration and he told us that he donated around \$100 or so for tickets in the Dream Giveaway and he said he never thought he would win, it was just a nice way to help a charity. He said he made the donation as soon as the giveaway went live earlier in 2015 and when the phone call came a few days ago telling him he had won two Corvettes, he had already forgotten about purchasing those tickets.

All the proceeds from the “Win the Vettes” giveaway go directly to the sponsoring charity, New Beginning Children’s Home which provides long-term residential care in a family style environment for children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected. In addition to New Beginning Children’s Homes, grants were also provided to the following organizations:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)  
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)  
Detroit Rescue Mission  
Smile Network International  
National Guard Educational Foundation  
We asked Greater St. Louis Honor Flight

David which Corvette he thought he was going to drive first and he said that he hadn’t thought that far ahead yet. While he is new to the Corvette hobby, David says his father-in-law is a huge Corvette fan and will probably want to go for a drive in the NCRS Top Flight 1967 Corvette.

On hand at the awards ceremony were two Bay Area Corvette clubs that brought about 40 members to witness the event. Scott Hoke from Mecum was in the house. Scott appeared in many of the promotional aspects of the Corvette Dream Giveaway. Ken Ferguson from New Beginning Children’s Homes and Bianca Kendall who represents the West Central Florida chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving were there as well as our friend Walt Thune who previously wrote an article about the Corvette Dream Giveaway for one of the Corvette magazines entitled “Are They Real?”

We hung around long after the ceremony was over and the Corvette clubs had cleared out. We watched as Dr. Park signed both titles to the Corvettes while Mrs. Park took possession of the \$50,000 expense check. So yeah, giving away two Corvettes with the proceeds going to multiple charities wasn't just a dream. For Dr. Park and his family, it really happened!

While at the ceremony, we were shown the two Corvettes that will be part of the 2016 Corvette Dream Giveaway and all I can say is wow! We're were very excited to work with the Corvette Dream Giveaway in 2015 and it looks like 2016 giveaway will be even better.

So congrats again to Dr. Park and his family as well as all of you who donated to the charities in the Corvette Dream Giveaway.

## National Corvette Seller Mike Furman Honored at GM Dealers Meeting

We were very happy to hear that National Corvette seller Mike Furman of Criswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg, Maryland was recently honored at a General Motors' dealers meeting earlier this month.

Mike was officially recognized as Chevrolet's No.1 Sales Rep in the East Coast Region for the 400 Corvettes as well as another 200 vehicles that he delivered to customers in 2015.



Mike said the dealers meeting was held at the Imax theater in Arlington, VA and it was a surreal moment when he saw his name flash across the huge movie screen.

Furman was easily the top Corvette sales person in the nation with his 400 Corvette sales in 2015 and he has become the go-to guy for many Corvette buyers who trust him with the ordering of their dream cars.

## January 2016 Corvette Sales

The first month of Corvette sales for 2016 has been reported and the news isn't that great. For January 2016, GM delivered 1,501 Corvettes which was a -29.4% decline from the same time period in January 2015 which saw 2,127 Corvettes sold.

It's the second time in the modern C7 era that Corvette sales have dropped under 2,000 per month and it's the lowest recorded sales month for the C7, sinking past November 2015's 1,952 Corvette sales.



Corvette sales are susceptible to weather conditions and last month's storm that blew across the country and dropped historic levels of snow on the East Coast is partly responsible. Looking through the archive, we know that demand does fall off during the winter months, but our concern though is that after 2.5 years of Stingray production, is demand for America's sports car finally slowing down? We'll have to watch and see.

Here's the GM Sales Report for Corvettes in January 2016:

Corvette Delivery Statistics for January 2016							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2016	2015	% Change	Months	2016	2015	% Change
December	1,501	2,127	-29.4%	Jan-Jan	1,501	2,127	-29.4%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2016	1,501												1,501
2015	2,127	2,605	3,785	3,469	3,514	2,807	2,794	2,725	2,572	2,526	1,952	2,453	33,329
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

GM delivered 203,745 vehicles in January with retail sales up 9%. While Corvette sales may be down, the rest of Chevrolet's portfolio is red hot. Chevrolet posted its best January since 2005 with car sales up 25%, truck sales up 5% and crossovers up 5%.

## Corvette Racing at Daytona: Historic 1-2 Finish for Corvette C7.R at Rolex 24

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Jan. 31, 2016) – A 24-hour race came down to 0.034 seconds Sunday as Corvette Racing won the 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona when the team's pair of Chevrolet Corvette C7.R race cars finished 1-2 in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.

Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler drove the winning No. 4 Corvette C7.R with Gavin holding off teammate Antonio Garcia in the No. 3 Corvette C7.R. The two finished side-by-side with Gavin taking the checkered flag by a matter of inches. Each of the Corvettes completed 722 laps for 2,570.32 miles. The margin of victory set a Rolex 24 record.

**“We thought this was going to be a great weekend because we had a couple of additional competitors in the series this year,” said Mark Reuss, General Motors Executive Vice President, Global Product Development. “I’ll tell you, this is the second year in row we placed both Corvette C7.Rs on the podium. I couldn’t be prouder of the team because they all worked so hard. They know how to win because it is a great team, and it is a great car. Honestly, that is what it is all about. It was an outstanding weekend.**



**“This is Daytona Rising right here,” Reuss added. “I just couldn’t be prouder of everybody, our drivers and team members executed with perfection.”**

**It is the second time Corvette Racing finished 1-2 in class at the Rolex 24; the first came in 2001 when a pair of Corvette C5-Rs placed first and fourth overall. This was the first Rolex 24 victory for the Gavin-Milner-Fässler trio.**

**The No. 4 Corvette C7.R also took an early lead in the Tequila Patrón North American Endurance Cup’s GTLM standings. The competition is a four-race series of the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship’s four long-distance events with points for segment winners that go toward an end-of-season championship.**

**The No. 3 Corvette C7.R also won the DEKRA Green Award for best performance combined with fuel efficiency in the GTLM class.**

**Both Corvettes showed impressive reliability and performance throughout the race. The final three hours told the story, as the No. 4 Corvette rebounded from a pitlane penalty with a strategic plan that allowed Gavin to drive the final one hour, 45 minutes on one pit stop.**

**He made the winning pass with 35 minutes left and had to contend late with the hard-charging Garcia, whose No. 3 Corvette was on a slightly different fuel strategy. It stopped three times in the final two-and-a-half hours. Rockenfeller drove a three-hour, 20-minute triple stint before handing off to Garcia for the end of the race. He pitted for the final time with 37 minutes left – 12 minutes later than Gavin. With a tank of E20 and fresh Michelin tires, Garcia re-entered the race third but moved up to second with 26 minutes left.**

**He steadily reeled in Gavin, and the two Corvettes were nose-to-tail with 10 minutes left. Garcia moved ahead with a late-race pass into Turn 1 on Gavin, who battled back at the exit of the corner to retake the lead.**

**“Today was an exciting day as our Corvette Racing team won the iconic Rolex 24 Hours At Daytona for the third time in six attempts,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. “It was extra special with a 1-2 finish in front of all of our Corvette fans.**

**“Watching the No. 3 and No. 4 C7.R teams race to the end was thrilling for all of us and I’m sure for our fans as well,” Campbell added. “It was an exciting finish, and we’re so grateful there were so many Corvette owners here and watching from around the world cheering us on.**

**TOMMY MILNER, CORVETTE RACING NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C.7R**

**TOMMY, WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE IN THE CORVETTE TODAY THAT MADE THE CORVETTE THE CLASS IN THE FIELD AND THE CAR TO BEAT?**

*“I think it was just our ability to drive the car at the limit every lap and do it comfortably and not sort of put ourselves in a position where we were fighting the car too much. I think we all had our gripes with the car in places, but the car was comfortable to drive the whole race. I mean, the guys worked super hard for us in the pits just making small tweaks however they could to make the car better.*

*“At the end of the day, I know Oliver before he got in the car he was kind of humming and having a little bit about getting in. He was a little bit tired and things like that. I didn’t give him a pep talk so to speak, but I tried to cheer him up a little bit. And I know (Doug) Fehan gave him a little bit of a pep talk, basically, and here he is now. Beating our teammates for giving us all heart attacks.*

*I think my dad, and my sister and my family were texting me saying, ‘Thanks, Oliver, for just about killing me (laughing).’”*

**OLIVER GAVIN, CORVETTE RACING NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C.7R**

**OLIVER, I MUST SAY, THAT WAS SOME OF THE MOST INTENSE RACING WE’VE EVER SEEN HERE IN THE ROLEX 24. IT HAD TO BE REALLY INTENSE FROM THE COCKPIT. WHAT WAS YOUR STRATEGY GOING INTO THE FINAL 10 MINUTES OF THAT RACE?**

*“Don’t let him by. It was going to always be intense because we’re teammates. The cars are very equal. I know Antonio really well. We run all the time together and we’re good friends, and I’ve raced with him for many, many years. I know how smart he is in the car, and I knew he was going to be looking for a weak spot and he would just try and pounce at the right point. Just that one lap coming down into turn one and coming off the tri oval, and he got really good tow by me and he was by me, and he left his brake just a tiny bit too late as he went into turn one. He was almost on the lock stop sideways and he just lost the rear of the car. I managed to sneak back the inside, and he was really close as we came off the corner.*

*“But we didn’t touch. All I could think about was my boss, Doug Fehan and what he would say if we did touch. But, no, it was all good and clean.*

*“Then on the last lap I was thinking I had just enough on him, but then he towed up behind me. It was like the line was just going away from me. I couldn’t get to the line fast enough. I’ve just seen a picture of it, actually, and it was pretty close.*



*“So, yeah, obviously thrilled, thrilled to get the victory. My first one here. Great to share it with these two guys; Tommy and Marcel drove brilliantly throughout the race. And it was an amazing effort by everybody at Corvette Racing, and I’m thrilled to be able to stand on the top step there and get an amazing victory here.”*

**THEY MADE A BIG DEAL ON TV THAT YOU GUYS WERE GIVEN CLEARANCE THE TWO CORVETTES WERE GIVEN CLEARANCE TO RACE EACH OTHER AT THE END. WHERE DOES THAT COME FROM? WHO SAYS GO AHEAD AND RACE EACH OTHER?**

*“It comes from Doug Fehan, our boss, the program manager. As soon as Antonio had passed the Porsche, I asked my engineer, I said how’s this going to work? And my engineer then said, okay, Doug Fehan has said that you will race and you’re clear to race clean and fair, but don’t touch one another and certainly don’t take one another out. “We’ve raced like this many years now, and I’ve already said that to race against Antonio is a pleasure. He’s an amazing teammate. I knew I was going to have my work cut out to beat him, and I suppose that does make it a little bit sweeter for me that we’ve come away with the win.”*

*“It was all full clearance, the race. So that’s always fun to see. And like Marcel says, it’s what the fans want to see is great racing.”*

**TALK ME THROUGH THAT BATTLE AT THE END.**

*“It was crazy. Antonio (Garcia) was coming so quickly. I think he had fresher tires. He has been so good in this car for the last couple of years and I knew I was going to have a battle on my hands. Then when he caught me and we got in a bit of a tow. He tried to pass me around the outside of Turn 1 and he was almost on the lock-stop sideways. I was still trying to get the spot back. It was as close as it possibly could get to us touching. He is a fantastic teammate and an amazing guy. I wouldn’t really want to race anybody else. I am just thrilled for everybody at Corvette Racing and our C7.R. Tommy (Milner), Marcel (Fässler), all the guys at Corvette Racing. Just a brilliantly, the whole day, it’s been tooth and nail the whole way with Ferrari, BMW, Ford, it’s been extraordinary.”*

**WHAT MAKES THIS WIN SO SPECIAL?**

*“It’s very special. I’ve had atrocious luck here in the past. My best result was last year, a third place. So for me to get a win here today is just amazing. I’m just so thrilled and happy for everyone – the whole team.”*

**OLIVER, WE SAW DURING THE LAST LAPS AND GTDs THAT A LOT OF CARS HAD FUEL CONSUMPTION PROBLEMS AND SLOWED DOWN. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR FUEL CONSUMPTION? IT SEEMS YOU WERE PRESSING ALL THE TIME AND YOU HAD NO PROBLEMS AT ALL ON FUEL CONSUMPTION?**

*“I think we had stopped the last so we were good to go till the end. Didn’t have a problem. Just the way that the strategy worked out for us, it was good. I think that the 3 car did have a problem with fuel pick up, so they weren’t getting all the fuel out of their tank, and that’s why they had to stop again. So that was unlucky for them, but somewhat a lucky break.”*

**OLIVER, IT SEEMED THAT THE VIBE ON THE GRID PRE RACE WAS REALLY STRONG, AND I ASSUME SOME OF THAT MIGHT BE BECAUSE THERE WERE A LOT OF NEW CARS HERE.**

**I'M CURIOUS, DID HAVING NEW CARS HERE INTEREST YOU AT ALL JUST FROM A CAR PERSPECTIVE OR IS IT JUST TOTALLY AS A RACER PERSPECTIVE WONDERING WHAT THEY'VE GOT?**

*“I think it’s fantastic for the series. I think it’s fantastic for all of us. We, as a team, Corvette Racing have embraced the Ford coming into the series. It’s a fantastic car. It’s a proper effort. Their car was very fast today when we got out there on track against it, you could see it’s still got great potential.”*

*“I think the GTLM class is amazing. It’s a wonderful class to race in. All-pro drivers, all-pro teams, factory efforts. The cars look great. I think it’s great to see how they’ve been developed aero wise. They’re really sexy, and great for the fans to look at. They’re aggressive. They’re a lot of fun to drive now. They’re really, I think it’s a really great step forward. So, yeah, very happy.”*

**IT IS A GREAT CLASS. CONGRATULATIONS OLIVER AND TO THE OTHERS. OLLY, COULD YOU TALK FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE ABOUT THE BUMP AND RUN WITH THE PORSCHE DOWN IN THE WEST HORSESHOE TOWARDS THE END?**

*“Yeah, so, Earl (Bamber) and I were racing hard, and there had been a couple of spots and times where I’d got on the brakes and Earl was able stop his car quicker than I was, and I just managed to miss him. But the one time into Turn 5 I knew that we were quicker. Our car was better, and it was getting towards the end of the race. We know that it’s going to be the gloves are off.”*

*“So I just left my braking a little bit too late. He opened the door just a tiny amount, so I just stuck my nose in. Yes, we had some contact and it nudged him wide. I was given a warning by the officials, and if he wanted to do the same back to me they wouldn’t necessarily do anything about it.”*

*“I think it’s all part of racing. When it’s that close at the end of a 24-hour race, you’re racing for the Daytona 24 Hours. It’s not just a club race or whatever. It’s big international Sports Car Racing. There is an awful lot riding on it for everybody involved. Whether it’s the team, the drivers, the manufacturers. The drivers end up getting a very nice Rolex watch, so that was foremost in my mind.”*

**ANY SURPRISE THAT THE GTLM PODIUM IS FILLED WITH CARS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY NEW AND YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TEETHING PROBLEMS?**

*“Yeah, I suppose so. It’s always nice to come with a somewhat proven package. I think that was a confidence for everybody at Corvette Racing coming into the season that, yes, we’ve got a great base, with got a great car in the C7R. It was strong last year at this race. It was strong at Le Mans last year. It was strong at Sebring.”*

*“We know that with our updates, aero updates that we were going to be strong. But the rest fundamentally was very much the same. Whereas a number of manufacturers have come in with some very different and unique cars. And there are going to be some teething problems, and they, I’m sure, will be extremely strong at different points in the season, and they will be a serious thorn in our side.”*

*“So, yeah, you can’t rest on your laurels. Yes, we’ve won, but the work now is straight on to Sebring. We’re*

*testing there in about a week's time, so there's no sitting back and just resting on it. We're flat out with the testing still."*

**MARCEL FASSLER, CORVETTE RACING NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7R**

**MARCEL, HOW NERVOUS WERE YOU DURING THOSE CLOSING LAPS?**

*"I think I lost two of my years in my life. No, it was just thrilling. I could not see anymore to the TV. If I checked the watch, it was always the same time on it. It felt like it never stops. Yeah, it was just amazing to watch actually this nice battle. It was really great motorsport what we could see, especially in between teammates. It was really great to see that.*

*"Luckily Oliver did a good job out there and he brought us the win. It was really, really exciting. But it's not easy to watch as a teammate in the pit to see that it's going that close."*

**BRIAN HOYE, CREW CHIEF, NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7R**

**HOW PROUD ARE YOU OF THIS TEAM?**

*"Oh my gosh. I just can't believe that we were racing that hard to the end. Nobody was holding back. We had all the GM and Chevrolet leadership here; we had Mark Reuss, Jim Campbell and Mark Kent. We put on a great show. It's so hard to have everything sink in because nobody has really slept since yesterday morning when they got up. It takes a while to absorb it, but it just feels fantastic."*

**MIKE ROCKENFELLER, CORVETTE RACING NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7R**

*"To be honest, it was a great race for all of us – the fans and the team. For us drivers, it's a bit bittersweet. To lose a race by that amount especially after we had led for quite some time and had the pace today to win. But we had some issues; we had to pit earlier than planned a few times, so we had to do an extra stop. As we know, it counts when the flag drops at the end and we were just a little bit behind. Congrats to the other three drivers and the whole Corvette Racing team. For me, the first experience of a race event with the team was great. A 1-2 finish at Daytona... you can't ask for more. Well I could ask to have the watch! I don't so that's a little frustrating. But looking at the big picture, this was absolutely fantastic."*

**JAN MAGNUSSEN, CORVETTE RACING NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7R**

*"It was a fantastic race all day long. The team performed all year long. We managed to improve the car through the race through small changes and adjustments. It put us in a position to be fast at the end. We stayed out of trouble to make sure we had a good and fast Corvette at the end. A photo-finish like that... wow that's unbelievable and crazy!"*

**ANTONIO GARCIA, CORVETTE RACING NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7R**

*"The whole race was nearly perfect for us. We only had a couple ups-and-downs, like when I got turned around by another car. With 70 minutes to go, we got a fuel alarm that we thought was wrong. But later on we discovered that we weren't using all our fuel in the fuel cell. It put us back on strategy, and that was why I had to push a lot late in the race. Before my last stop, I knew I had to build a big enough gap where I wouldn't be too far behind the lead when I rejoined. I almost achieved that. The last stop was good and put*

*me in a situation to gain back track position. I still had to get around the Porsche and catch Oliver. We had a really good setup and car. I was proud and happy to have the chance to battle for the win with Oliver. It was one of the best races I've ever had. Oliver is very experienced and didn't make any mistakes, even though I was really pushing him very hard. We put on a mega show for all the Corvette fans. It is amazing that we have a Corvette 1-2. I feel very good about it. I'm happy for Oliver, Tommy and Marcel. We'll be ready to fight back at Sebring."*

Both Corvette C7.Rs took turns leading in GTLM in the opening 12 hours. Milner drove two triple-stints into the night while Gavin and Magnussen battled in the opening hours. Even near the 20-hour mark, the top five in GTLM were within a minute.

## **GM Opens New Performance and Racing Development Center**

General Motors is bringing its racing and performance efforts together as the company looks to integrate nearly 100 engine builders, engineers and support staff under one roof.

To help that effort, GM officially opened a new \$200 million state-of-the-art performance and racing center located on the Pontiac Powertrain Campus in Pontiac, MI.



The Performance and Racing team develops the engines for Corvette Racing as well as Chevrolet's efforts in NASCAR, NHRA, IndyCar other series.

"We race to win and learn," said Dan Nicholson, vice president, General Motors Global Powertrain. "This new facility offers unprecedented opportunities to connect our racing engineers and powertrain engineers, integrating their knowledge to give our racers an edge on the track and our customers better vehicles on the road." According to General Motors, the racing engines under responsibility at the new center include:

**NASCAR "R07" – a unique 358-cubic-inch V-8 engine designed and developed exclusively for NASCAR Sprint Cup racing**

**IndyCar 2.2L Twin-Turbo V-6 – a technical marvel that uses a pair of high-boost-producing turbochargers to help extract about 700 horsepower from the small-displacement, direct-injected V-6**

**NHRA COPO Camaro V-8 engines – racers competing with a new 2016 COPO Camaro in NHRA's Stock and Super Stock eliminator classes can select from supercharged and naturally aspirated LS- and LT-family engines**

**Corvette Racing 5.5L V-8 – Based on the production LT engine family, the naturally aspirated and all-aluminum 5.5L V-8 engine is used by the Corvette Racing C7.R team**

**Cadillac ATSV.R Twin Turbo – A racing engine based on the production model’s 3.6L twin-turbo engine.**

**The new facility is 111,420 square feet and will include engine assembly bays, a CNC machining area as well as an area for engine testing, dynos and an electronics lab for engine calibration.**

**“Chevrolet earned six manufacturer and five driver championships in 2015, and we are carrying that momentum into 2016,” said Jim Campbell, GM U.S. vice president of Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. “This new center is a valuable tool in developing powertrains with the right combination of performance, durability and efficiency to help our drivers and teams win races and championships.”**

**Louis Chevrolet established GM’s racing legacy more than a century ago and every win since then has helped us design and build better vehicles,” said Campbell. “With the new Powertrain Performance and Racing Center, we will advance that legacy with greater competitiveness on the track and stronger technology transfer to production vehicles.**

## **Rick Hendrick Buys the VIN 001 Collection of 1955-1957 Corvettes at Barrett Jackson**

**You might say Rick Hendrick loves being No. 1.**

**At least when it comes to owning collector cars.**

**Hendrick, of course, is well known for buying the first production models of new generations of Corvettes and Camaros, but last week he took a turn toward the No. 1s of the past, buying a**

**trio of VIN 001 Collection of Corvettes from 1955, 1956, and 1957 for a cool \$1.65 million during the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz.**



**“These things have been kept in incredible condition,” says former Hendrick driver and now FOX analyst Jeff Gordon, in Scottsdale with Hendrick. “These cars are truly a work of art.”**

**Less than 24 hours earlier, Hendrick also shelled out \$1.2 million for the first 2017 Acura NSX. He also bought a 1969 Corvette convertible, though not VIN 001. It is one of just 116 built with the legendary L88 engine and brought \$525,000 at the auction.**

Hendrick loves vehicles, that much is evident, so it was no surprise that he also bought “Optimus Prime” for \$110,000 at Barrett-Jackson. That’s the 1979 custom Peterbilt truck used during the filming of the first “Transformers” flick.

“This thing can do donuts at 70 miles per hour,” said producer Michael Bay, who was there to watch when the big truck crossed the block.

If you look closely in the next “Transformers” movie, by the way, you’ll be able to see Hendrick briefly as the winning bidder for Optimus Prime also gets a walk-on role as part of the deal.

The latest purchases will join other cool cars in Hendrick’s growing collection, including VIN No. 001 of the 2010 Camaro, 2011 Camaro convertible, 2014 Corvette, 2014 Corvette convertible, 2015 Corvette Z06 coupe, and 2015 Corvette Z06 convertible.

### Controversy After Owner Apprehends DUI Driver Who Crashed into His C4 Corvette

A parked Corvette is at the center of a controversy involving a drunk driver and a citizen who held him at gunpoint until police arrived.

It all happened around 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Petaluma, Calif., when Joe Clayworth looked out the second-story window of his home to see a large truck drive over the hood of a parked C4 Corvette and hit the fence of his South McDowell Boulevard home.



Clayworth had heard several loud collisions just moments earlier, apparently the results of Ryan Wilbur, 31, of Petaluma crashing head-on with another vehicle traveling the opposite direction on South McDowell and then striking several parked cars, including the Corvette.

Clayworth was inside his home looking over his new Glock 19 semi-automatic pistol when he heard the commotion. He ran outside with his gun and says he “screamed 30 times” at Wilbur to get out of the truck.

“If he had gotten free, he would have continued,” Clayworth says, noting that he continued to squeal his tires against the driveway trying to break loose.

What followed, however, has created a controversy on the Web. Police arrested Wilbur for suspected drunken driving as his blood alcohol level was five times the legal limit. They then turned their attention to Clayworth, who was detained at the scene in the back of a police car but not arrested as lawmen tried to sift their way through the crime scene.

**Petaluma Police Department Lt. Ken Savano said it was routine to take possession of the weapon and detain any individuals involved as officers make their way through their investigation.**

**“We don’t have the time to say, ‘OK, everybody calm down for a second,’ ” Savano said. “It’s often standard practice that if someone has a firearm, they are detained. It allows the officer to get some control at the scene, so the right questions can be asked.**

**Police still have Clayworth’s gun, as they try to determine whether Clayworth used it in a legal manner. If that investigation clears Clayworth and isn’t needed as evidence, Savano says the pistol could be released to him within two weeks.**

**“I told them I did nothing wrong,” Clayworth said.**

**The investigation could end up helping Clayworth in the long run, according to Savano.**

**“Our intent here is not to keep his gun from him,” Savano said. “We’re documenting it from the perspective of being impartial, and looking from the outside in. It’s so the criminal justice process can be completed in the way it was intended to be.”**

**Savano told the Petaluma 360 website that a record of legal use could benefit Clayworth by helping to defend him against the possibility of a future assault charge from the driver.**

**Clayworth describes himself as a law-abiding gun owner, noting that he completed the required background check and waiting period for the pistol only five days before the incident.**

**“It’s kind of weird that the whole anti-gun movement has gotten to the point that a person driving his truck through your property and smashing your car – that’s not enough reason to have a gun?” he said.**

## **Important Production Dates for 2016 and 2017 Corvette**

**Production of the 2016 Corvettes will end on June 24th. That means your last opportunity to order a 2016 Corvette will come with the final order cycle on May 12th. Get with your dealer sooner rather than later and if you’ve been getting the run-around from a smaller dealerships with limited inventory, you might want to take a look at the larger volume dealers who will have allocation and inventory right up to the very end of production.**



**Production of the 2017 Corvette Stingray will start on June 24th while the 2017 Z06 will start on September 5th. Yes, 2016 and**

2017 Corvette production will be ending and starting the same day which sort of implies no major tooling changes will be necessary for the 2017s Corvette Stingrays. However, it is interesting that GM is staggering the start of the 2017 Z06 until September 5th so that means nearly two and a half months without Z06 production. Let's hope that downtime will be put to good use!

The first order cycle for the 2017 Corvette Stingray will be May 26th while the first order cycle for the 2017 Corvette Z06 will start on July 28th.

GM will be showing off the changes for the 2017 Corvette Stingray and Z06 at the annual National Corvette Museum Bash event, now sponsored by Michelin. The 2017 Corvettes will be on display beginning on Thursday, April 28 and the annual "What's New with Corvette" seminar will be held the following morning at 10 am CT on Friday, April 29th.

Normally, the order guides are available just after the bash but pricing always seems to lag into June. As GM has raised pricing every single year of the C7's production, bargain hunters might consider looking at picking up a 2016 Corvette which are always discounted by the large volume dealers, especially at the end of the model year.

### **Take Delivery of Your New Corvette and Drive it at Daytona International Speedway**

Chevrolet already offers Corvette owners a unique way to take delivery of their rides through the R8C delivery program at the National Corvette Museum. Now Chevy is expanding delivery options for other bow-tie models as well. The automaker announced this morning that they are expanding their off-site deliveries of Corvettes and other select Chevrolet models at the Chevrolet Delivery Center at the Daytona International Speedway.



The program will kick off later in 2016 which allows customers to take delivery of their new cars (and trucks) as well as enjoy a tour of Daytona International Speedway and participate in an on-track driving experience. Owners that take delivery at the Chevrolet Delivery Center at DIS will receive a keepsake to commemorate the experience as well as authentication that their new Chevrolet was delivered and driven at the Speedway.



**“Chevrolet is committed to offering our customers the best overall vehicle ownership experience possible – starting with the most technologically advanced and most dynamic vehicles in the brands history,” said Alan Batey, president of General Motors North America and leader of Global Chevrolet. “Beyond the vehicle, we are determined to deliver exceptional service through our dealers and unique experiences that only Chevrolet can offer, like driving your first miles in your new vehicle at the famed Daytona International Speedway.”**

**The new delivery option comes as part of Chevrolet’s Founding Partnership at Daytona International Speedway. The track’s \$400 million DAYTONA Rising project features Chevrolet at one of the five major fan injectors as well as 20,000 square feet inside the motorsports stadium for Chevrolet new vehicle displays and fan engagements.**

**The Chevrolet Delivery Center at DIS will be located in the infield adjacent to Gatorade Victory Lane and will have the familiar appearance of a neighborhood Chevrolet dealership.**

**Customers will be able to select the Daytona delivery experience when ordering their new vehicles at their Chevrolet dealership. Pricing for the new program will be released later this year.**

**“The Chevrolet Delivery Center is the type of elevated experience that guests visiting Daytona International Speedway come to expect,” Daytona International Speedway president Joie Chitwood III said. “This new offering complements the enhancements already made to the ‘World Center of Racing’ through the \$400 million DAYTONA Rising redevelopment project. We’re looking forward to witnessing that first delivery later this year.”**



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