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## Newsletter November 2021

### Elected Officers

**President:** Cathy Cardoza  
**Vice-President:** Ron Howard  
**Secretary:** Paul Mitchell  
**Treasurer:** Carol Misner  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Wayne Shelford  
**Membership:** Robin Miranda  
**Past President (2020):** Ron Howard

### Appointed Positions

**Sunshine:** Sandee Anderson  
**Activities:** Ron Howard  
**Event Reminder:** Dina Vierra  
**Internet Site:** Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis  
**Parade Coordinator:** Sharon Leigh, Kerry Razza  
**Natl Corvette Museum:** Len Atlas  
**Historian:** Group Effort  
**Photographer:** Group Effort

### December Birthdays

Bob Bruton	Frances Phillips
Wayne Gillaspey	Robert Riker
Rita LeBlanc	Dave Siddon
Carol Misner	Brian Uerlinger
Dennis Misner	Lawrence Weiner
Dora Moore	

### December Anniversaries

William & Marlene Bozarth Ron & Patty Howard

### SOCA Logo Apparel

Competitive Athletics, 105 NE 7th St., Grants Pass  
(541) 479-1001

### Next Club Social

The next club social/Christmas Party is on December 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at the Grants Pass Golf Club. See the "Events" section (page 2) for details.

### Why Join SOCA?

- Promote *esprit de corps* among Corvette enthusiasts.
- Create interest in the Corvette as a true dual-purpose sports car.
- Provide a means of technical information and service to members.
- Encourage dealer and manufacturer cooperation.
- Organize and promote events of a social nature and provide social gatherings for enthusiasts with common interest.
- Sponsor or participate in activities to benefit the community through recognized charities as selected by the members of the Association.

### Upcoming Meetings

**General Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River.

**Visitors are always welcome!**





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**2021 - 2022 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events**

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>
Club meeting (Wed.)	1	5	2	2	6	4	1	6	3	7	5

*(All dates below are Saturdays, except as noted.  
 The dates shown are tentative and subject to change or cancellation.)*

**NOVEMBER**

*(Daylight Savings Time ends November 7)*

Thanksgiving 25 – Thanksgiving holiday (Thursday)

**DECEMBER**

Parade 4 – Grants Pass Christmas Parade, time TBA

**Social**

**When:** Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Food service will start between approximately 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97527

**Menu:** Prime Rib or Herb-Crusted Chicken meal with roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetables, green salad, dinner rolls, and dessert. Iced tea and lemonade are included with each meal.

**Meal ticket price (gratuity is included):**

**Prime Rib** meal is \$40.00 per person.

**Herb-Crusted Chicken** meal is \$33.00 per person.

**Tickets:** Purchase Christmas Party meal tickets with **exact change** or check from SOCA Treasurer Carol Misner at the **November 3** and **December 1** SOCA Members meetings. You can also mail a check to:

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*If you mail a check, please include the name of each person who will be attending, and the number of Prime Rib meals or Chicken meals you are purchasing. Tickets will not be mailed to you; you will pick up your tickets at the door.*

**Cash Bar:** Bar service will be available at a "Cash Bar/No-Host Bar." Attendees pay for their own drinks.

**Gifts:** Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift (\$20.00 equivalent) for a gift exchange. Unlike previous years, this year there will not be additional Christmas gifts provided by SOCA.

**Fine print:** All Christmas Party tickets will be sold beforehand; no tickets will be sold after December 1 or at the door. Treat the tickets like cash. No lost tickets will be replaced, and refunds are not provided for unused tickets. Changing purchased meal tickets from Prime Rib to Chicken, or vice versa, is not an available option after December 1.

For additional events, information, and links ... see the SOCA website "Events Page:" <https://www.sovette.com/events>



## Techin & Toolin

### **Mid Engine Monthly Update: Z06 Revealed & More (John Elegant)**

A lot is happening in the C8 world, starting (of course) with the debut of the 2023 C8 Z06 Corvette. GM officially revealed it yesterday (October 26, 2021) 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 the car 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 — here is a link to one.:

[\\*https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323332-z06-official-press-release](https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/323332-z06-official-press-release)



Before we get to 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 do we get GM's Z06 St. Helens "Build and Price" program?** A: About the end of winter. **3) When will orders first go in?** A: About early May. And lastly, **4) When will customer production start and the first ones arrive at dealerships?** A: Around the Labor Day holiday.

The Z06's summary details are: MSRP? Not announced, but informative guessing is \$88,000-\$90,000; LS6's redline is 8,600 RPM, HP is 670 and TQ is 460. While that is 175 HP more than Stingray, it is 10 pound-ft 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 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

Nürburgring 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.

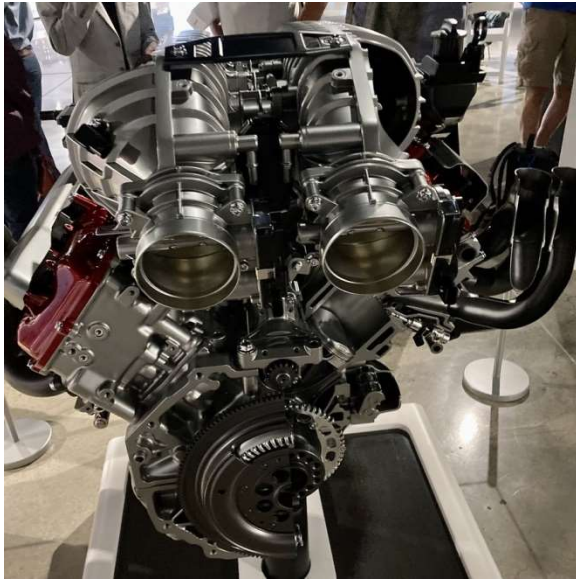


To summarize, in temperament it is far from the Stingray's calm and relaxed manner while running errands. In talking with a Corvette Z06 development engineer, driving the Z06 is a far more visceral and passionate thrill ride compared to even when the Stingray is going 9/10's. Every potential buyer needs 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 the car it is POWERFULLY IMPOSING. Its extra width, clearly race-inspired front fascia, its massive, standard 275/R20 fronts and 345/R21 rears (rear tires wider than on the 755 HP 2019 ZR1), and many more of its components scream, "I am superbly capable; try me out." Factoid: The C8 Z06 is the same width as the C8.R.



Underscoring that it 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, 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).

The Z06 quintessence Corvette track car will be available as an 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



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*"Thank you" to Florin Baldrige for providing "Techin and Toolin" articles for the SOCA newsletter each month.*

