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Event Calendar

February 2(Groundhog Day)

February Monthly Meeting

November 6

Vettes for Veterans Car Show

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Editor's Note:

In order to stabilize the publication date of the Newsletter, it will now be published several days after the Monthly Meeting . This will allow the Minutes of the previous month's meeting to be approved and the Minutes can then be included in the Newsletter. It will also make birthday announcements and upcoming events more relevant.

January Birthdays

Maria Duncan	January 8
Rick Hawes	January 25
Gloria Tecca	January 26
Jackie Watson	January 30



Palomar Run January 1, 2021

On New Years Day, 3 cars took a run up Palomar Mountain. Due to the crowds, they came back down the mountain until they found a place to have lunch, enjoy the view, and try out Doug's spotting telescope.

Gary Pebley, Doug & Susan Johnson, and Louis Scotti. Photo of Palomar Mountain is from Doug and Susan's driveway. Note remnants of snow on the ground.





Chinese C1 Corvette Ripoff

GM AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER
BY JONATHAN LOPEZ
SEP 30, 2020

First rolling off the line for the 1953 model year, the first-generation [Chevy Corvette](#) is an iconic piece of automotive design, instantly recognizable to car fans around the world. With that in mind, it's probably not all that surprising that Chinese automaker Songsan Motors made a near-exact copy of the C1 when styling its new SS Dolphin plug-in hybrid two-door..

As any Vette fan can tell, the new Songsan Motors SS Dolphin is essentially a direct copy/paste job of the 1958 Chevy Corvette C1, with identical lines front to back, including quad rounded headlamps, vertical grille slats for the front intake, offset detailing lines in the profile, and rounded rear fenders. Both a Coupe and a Convertible will be offered.

As outlined in a post to the [CarNewsChina.com Facebook page](#), this Chevy Corvette ripoff is equipped with a plug-in hybrid powertrain, including a turbocharged 1.5L engine and electric motor combo. Total system output is rated at 315 horsepower and 395 pound-feet of torque, with a six-speed dual-clutch transmission handling the cog swaps. Funny enough, output is routed exclusively to the front wheels, but the company still claims a sprint to 100 km (62 mph) in 5.9 seconds. The SS Dolphin also comes with a 16-kWh battery, and can cover more than 60 miles on EV power alone.

Inside, this hybrid C1 Chevy Corvette ripoff comes with a retro-looking interior that's offset by a host of modern touches, such as a digital readout behind the steering wheel, a touchscreen on the dash, and a multi-function steering wheel festooned with buttons. The exterior also comes with LED lighting. In place of the original Corvette badging, we see a chrome dolphin.

As for pricing, Songsan Motors is offering the SS Dolphin Coupe for 598,000 yuan, or about \$87,725 at current exchange rates. Pricing for the Convertible model is not yet available.





Of Interest

Award-Winning 1961 Corvette Donated November 18, 2020

As a member of NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society), it was only natural that Howard Maxwell would become involved with the National Corvette Museum, even years before there was a physical museum. A Founding (now Lifetime) Member since 1991 originally from Reading, Pa. and currently living in Ocala, Fla., Howie is not only a Corvette enthusiast, but also a judge for NCRS and Bloomington Gold.

“I was actually in Bloomington looking for a '67 big block car and happened to run across this 1961, and the original owner still had it,” shared Howie. “As a kid, like many others, I couldn't afford any Corvettes. A friend of mine was a pharmacist and he had a 1961 from new, and I had the chance to drive it. That put a desire in me to someday own a '61. So, when I saw this car and realized it was original and had only the one owner, it certainly intrigued me. Long story short, I bought it.”

The 1961 Honduras Maroon Corvette was ordered new by Howard Heinbach, and based on its VIN, it rolled off the GM St. Louis assembly line on June 30, 1961, just as the 1962 Corvettes were making their debut. It was 1989 when Howie would run across the car in Bloomington and purchase it.

“The car has always been garage kept and is an original, numbers-matching car. It has its original engine, 4-speed transmission and positraction rear-end as it came from the factory.”

The '61 was purchased with the coves painted the same color as the body per Mr. Heinbach's specifications, though contrasting color coves were available for that model year. The engine is a 283 cubic inch hi-lift cam 270 hp two 4-barrell carbureted car with white wall 670x15 tires, a signal seeking AM radio and white convertible top. After purchasing the car, Howie worked to bring it back to typical factory specifications and began attending events that would certify its authenticity.

“As mentioned before, to this day, the car has its original drivetrain and engine, all numbers matching, as well as all the correct date codes. The only exception is that the car got repainted early in its life (after being parked too close to a picket fence when they were spray painting the fence). Otherwise it could have been a Five Star Bow Tie car because of its originality.”

Under Howie's care, the car has received many NCRS Top Flight Awards, as well as passing a stringent Performance Verification Test before being awarded the Zora A. Duntov Award in 1991 at the California Annual Meeting of NCRS. “Mr. Duntov was there

and presented the award. That was one of the highlights of my life as the majority of my family was there also.”

The car received the NCRS Founders Award and Bloomington Gold Certification in 1995. Since those certifications, the car has been invited to be shown at the Concours of the Eastern United States, Hilton Head Island Concours and many others.

After spending time on the show circuit, the vehicle was driven cross country on two separate occasions (from Pennsylvania to California, and Pennsylvania to Colorado). “I never considered this car a trailer queen and have several Sam Fultz Memorial awards from NCRS for driving the car the furthest distance to a meet, while still receiving a Top Flight Certificate!” The car participated in the Fifty-Year Evolution of the Corvette caravan and display that took place in June of 2003 in Nashville, TN and Bowling Green, KY.

“It was fun being treated as a VIP since as a judge for NCRS and Bloomington Gold I am usually working at most events. It was an enjoyable experience and we were able to share some of the history of the car with the fans that came to see one Corvette from every year of production for the first 50 years of Corvette.”

Derek Moore, Director of Collections and Curator for the Museum shared that one of his goals has been to acquire one of every year Corvette. “One of the big things our Museum is about is presenting Corvette history and telling the story of not only the generations, but the years Corvette has been produced and been a part of the Corvette lifestyle,” shared Derek. “To have a Lifetime Member, someone who has supported this institution from the very beginning be one of the people to step up and help us fulfill that mission and goal of having one of each model year of Corvette, and to do it with such an amazing car is huge.”

“Nowadays, a lot of people are turning cars into restomods,” said Howie. “I was afraid if we sold it, somebody would just want the shell and would basically put a new car underneath it, giving them more conveniences, which is understandable. For me, I’m a history buff and I like the idea of preserving the history of something. If I donate it to the Museum, it’s pretty much going to stay in the shape it was in when it was built. This way I know it’s in a place where lots of people get to enjoy it, not just one person.”





Howie Maxwell presents the keys to his 1961 Corvette to Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum

C8 Corvette Falls Off Lift at Dealership

By [Cameron Vanderhorst](#) - June 1, 2020. Corvette Forum

One stupid mistake ruined this new Corvette, and the owner is understandably upset.

We're proud to admit that we're Corvette obsessed here at *Corvette Forum*. Besides our usual work for the homepage, scouring the forums, and browsing car listings, we've filled our social media feeds with Corvettes, too. Over on Facebook, we're members of the **C8 Corvette Owners (And Friends)** group.

Usually, the mood is pretty positive over there. Everyone is showing off their shiny new Corvettes, and everyone is still buzzing with excitement about the 2020 Corvette. However, we saw a post this weekend that made our heart sink.

A dealership was servicing a Torch Red C8 belonging to **Jake Miller**, when it fell off of the lift and crashed to the ground. **Auto Evolution** came across the post in a different Facebook group, where the owner responded, understandably upset. "That's my f***ing car, how the hell did this get on Instagram?"

He knew about the incident, but he didn't know that the photos had been shared and that he had become an overnight celebrity for all of the wrong reasons. He explains that it was not an equipment issue, but operator error that ruined his Corvette.

The Wrong Way to Lift a Corvette

With the engine now being in the middle of the car, the weight bias is shifted rearward. Lifting a C8 the same way you'd lift a C7 — or any other Corvette — is a recipe for disaster. Falling backward off the lift is exactly what will happen. Luckily, no one was hurt, but the incident could have been a whole lot worse.

Chevrolet has developed training for every aspect of **C8 Corvette** service, from basic to major services. Naturally, lift training is part of the program, and this balance issue is explained in the training. However, it's possible that the tech who made the mistake wasn't trained on the Corvette — or they simply forgot.

We reached out to Miller, but we haven't received a response. It's probably for the best, as he's still on the process of working with the dealership to figure out how to make things right. We wouldn't want to compromise that.

We can't imagine how frustrating this situation must be for Miller. If it were up to us, the dealer would buy back Miller's car at full MSRP and find him **a brand new one**. We hope that, no matter what happens, he's happy in the end.



Corvette Club of Ontario Red Photo Shoot

Jamie Krane is president of the Corvette Club of Ontario (Canada). One of his club's tasks during this pandemic is to come up with events members can enjoy while maintaining social distancing. Following considerable brainstorming, they came up with the idea of assembling one example of each of the eight generations of Corvette for a family portrait.

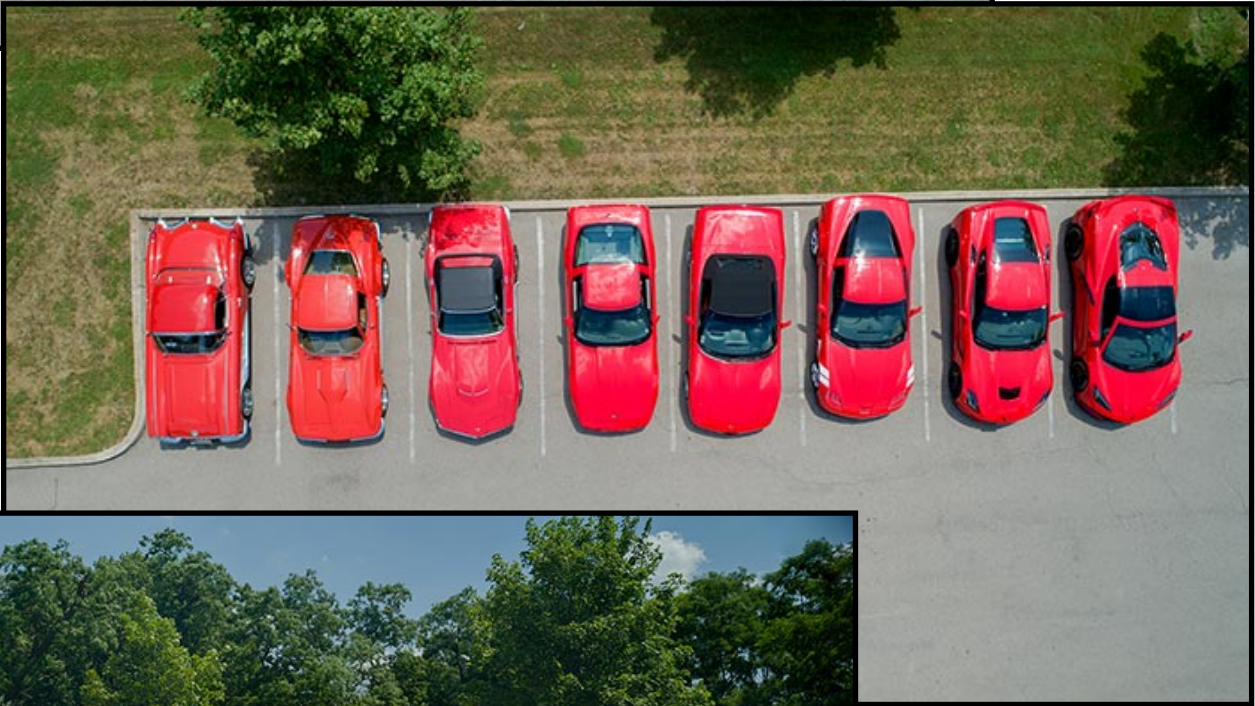
As far as anyone in the club knows, this would be the first time this had been accomplished, anywhere. True, similar images may have appeared. But to the best of the club's collective knowledge, they would have been Photoshopped into existence.

Turns out there was at least one Corvette from each of the generations within the club membership, and they were all red. (Corvette aficionados could tell the difference between the various reds.)

The inspiration was a book "All Corvettes are Red," by James L. Schefter, which tells the story of the development of the C5 Corvette (model years 1997-2004), which almost didn't happen because of GM's financial woes at the time.

The location for the shoot was Peter Klutt's Legendary Motorcar Company in Milton. Brian Edwards was signed on to do the shooting. He's not just a photographer and videographer, he's also a car nut extraordinaire.

He arranged the cars in a variety of poses. The plan is to market these images to various people who might like such a souvenir of this historic occasion, to raise money for the club's charity works. This year's beneficiary is The Salvation Army's food banks.



For Sale
Corvette Mike

WEEKLY SPECIAL
ORIGINAL ENGINE 1967 L88

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THE ONLY ORIGINAL ENGINE DUNTOV CERTIFIED 1967 L88 IN THE WORLD!!





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	8STD	Tires	BLACK TRK			
	02L88AA	Engine	HP V8			
	02C48AB	Air Con.	LESS HEAT X-DEFROST			
	02K66BA	Transistor Ign.	TRANSIST. IGN. EQ			
	02G81UA	Axle	POSITRAC AXLE 456R			
	02M22AB	Transmission	HD 4 SPD TRAN			
		Tires				
		Conv. Top				
		Aux. Top				
		Radio				
		Comfort & Conv.				
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	02J50HA		VACUUM POWER BRAKE			
	02J56AB		HEAVY DUTY BRAKE			

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By Corvette Mike

The RAT motor appropriately was coined to depict the proper usage of the 427 Chevrolet big block motor back in the day! I just couldn't help but use the Christmas message to get my point across and to capture your attention. It was at this time of year back in the mid-80s that I had my first opportunity to purchase one of the original 20 1967 L88 Corvettes. Back then it would cost you \$125,000 to own such a beast. Unfortunately, that deal never came to fruition and it wasn't until years later that I was able to buy my very first one. This particular 67 L88 was owned for over 30 years by a famous Corvette collector by the name of Steve from Minnesota. He was a dealer and a collector and kept the original title untouched from 1967. The documentation and the history of this car is an amazing story. What I like about this particular L88 is that it's still retains its original chassis, original tags and its original motor, unlike so many others that do not have those important pieces. These cars were built to race and run hard. If they weren't then they defeated the purpose of what Chevrolet secretly built them for. To win races and beat the competition into the ground! So here today at the tail end of 2020, and I am offering this amazing 1967 fully documented, Duntov certified, and Triple Diamond award winning, Corvette for sale which has no equal. There will only be one new owner who can claim and boast the ownership of this amazing 1 owner titled 67 Corvette L88 in the world.

Christmas is over but this would make a great birthday present for your spouse! (Ed.)

YEAR END SPECIAL PRICED AT: \$3,427,430!

Corvette News



The First 2021 Corvette Is A Customer-Ordered Torch Red Stingray Z51 Coupe

Brian Bowling of West Virginia took delivery of his Torch Red 2021 Stingray on January 4 at the Museum - the first customer built car for the new model year - VIN 001. Brian previously owned a 1994 Corvette, saying the mid-engine configuration is what drew him back to America's Sports Car. He initially thought he was getting VIN 3, but got a call about a month ago offering to bump him to VIN 1.

Brian has owned quite a few hot rods over the years including a '71 Chevelle and a 2014 Shelby GT 500. Brian last visited the Museum in 1997, also drag racing at Beech Bend during his visit to Bowling Green. We expect to see Brian back this summer, but at the NCM Motorsports Park in his new ride. Congrats, Brian!

The Torch Red Coupe is well optioned with the Z51 Performance Package plus the FE4 Magnetic shocks, and a bevy of customizations that include the full-length racing stripes along with the Hash Mark graphics and a 3LT interior complete with Competition Sport Seats. The MSRP is estimated to be \$83,910.



December Meeting Minutes By Scott White

Business Meeting Minutes December 1, 2020

1. President Gary Pebley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. for the first meeting at Ciao.
2. Approval of Minutes for Nov 4, 2020
 - a. **Vicki Ford made the motion to approve and Glenn Peterson seconded....motion passed by vote of members**
 - b. Introduction of Visitors by Scott McClellan
 - c. None
 - d. Membership Report by Scott McClellan
 - e. Announced that there were 30 members in attendance
 - f. Dues are to be paid in January 2021, \$36 per member, \$72 per couple.
 - g. Late fees of \$20 will be charged if not received in February
 - h. Treasurer's Report by Dave Tracy
 - i. Dave reported that there were no debits or credits for the month of November
 - j. New Business Gary Pebley
 - k. It was recommended that \$5500 be donated to our charities...Buddy Watson made the motion to approve and Vicki Ford seconded...passed by vote and the \$5500 will be matched for a total donation of \$11000.
 - l. Discussion and vote regarding NCV's intent to conduct the Vettes for Veterans Car Show in November of 2021. Members in attendance voted to have the Car Show in 2021.
 - m. An annual Board Meeting of NCV is required to transfer responsibilities from 2020 Board Members to the incoming 2021 Board. A date has not been set for the meeting based on ongoing circumstances with the pandemic
 - n. Awards and Recognition to Janice Denier and Wendy Nash for their Board service to the club. Doug and Susan Johnson were recognized for their attendance and participation in the most NCV events for 2020.
 - o. Congratulations to the December birthdays, Linda Carpenter, JD Duncan, Martin Hibsich, Sharon LaFarge, Art Rahn and Janice Denier.

50/50 **On Hold due to Covid-19**

- a. Vettes for Veterans Car Show Update Buddy Watson
 - b. No update other than vote to proceed with show next year
- a. Regional Car Show Updates Martin Hibsich
 - b. No update
- c. Club sponsored Activities Wendy Nash
 - d. The Mystery Run on Sunday Nov 15 went through La Jolla, Mt. Soledad and ended up at Ciao's restaurant in Vista for lunch
 - e. A Mystery run is planned for Sunday Dec 27 and Wendy will send out more info.

11 Newsletter Glenn Peterson

- a.If you have any ideas or have something you would like to have published let Glenn know
 - b.Jean Perkins thanked Glenn for keeping the newsletter interesting during these Covid times
 - a.Social Director by Royann McClellan
 - b.Thanked Wendy and Glenn for their service to the club.
 - c.Tech Talk
 - d.None
- 50/50 **On Hold due to Covid-19**
- a.Discussion
 - b.None
 - c.The meeting was adjourned by President Pebley at 7:11 pm.

The next Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Scott White, NCV Secretary with notes taken by Janice Denier in my absence