

Circle City Corvettes Newsletter

August 2018

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President's Comments

We had a great Corvettes and Coffee on 14 July at the Panera Bread in Dothan and it was followed by a Club Cruise to an awesome car collection and then a fabulous lunch. We had 18 Corvettes show up for the cruise. We went to the Vinson Car Collection in Dothan and got to see some great cars, trucks and jeeps. Mr. Vinson went through all his vehicles and gave us some information on each one. After the visit to Vinson's Car Collection we went to Annie Pearl's Restaurant and had a great meal from their buffet. It was a really fun day and I want to thank Bruce for planning the entire event. Great job and I really appreciate it.

We are in the process of planning another Track Day in October. The date will be 29 October. We will have more information on this event at the August Club meeting.

We are also looking at having other activities at the Museum for those who aren't interested in running on the track. The last Track Day was a great success and I know this one will be too. Last time most of the participants drove up as a group and we will see if we can't do that again this year.

I am hoping that the fall weather will be a bit kinder to us than this summer has been. I know that there were a lot of events that just got rained out. The Club was asked by Mr. Wayne Bates if we wanted to come back and see his unique collection of cars and other car memorabilia in Dothan. It was a great trip the last time so I hope that we can go back there sometime in September.

I really appreciate all the feedback and great ideas that I am getting from Club members on other things we can do as a Club and how we can make the things that we are doing now be even better. I

believe in continuous improvement and the best ideas come from the Club members.

Save the Wave.

Carl

August 4th – Weevil City Cruisers

The Club participated in the Weevil City Cruisers August Cruise where Barb and Pat Pattberg won the "Car of the Month". Congratulations to Barb and Pat.



Restaurant and had a fabulous lunch. It was a great Club Event and all the thanks goes to Bruce for planning and coordinating the entire event. Thank you, Bruce.



July 14th – Club Cruise at Vinson Car Collection

The Club had a fantastic Cruise to the Vinson Car Collection on 14 July. We all left for the collection after a great Corvettes and Coffee in Dothan. We had 18 Corvettes head out to the collection and we got to see some great and unique vehicles there. Mr. Vinson took us around to see all the cars, trucks and Jeeps with some interesting facts on each one. After the tour and visit we went to Annie Pearl's

Vinson Car Collection - July 14th (Con't)



Monthly NCM and Corvette News



Interesting Corvette Facts

1. Chevy made more concept 'Vettes than the Sting Ray. We all know the Sting Ray (and now, the Stingray) as an iconic offshoot of the Corvette brand. It started as a concept in 1957, and eventually became synonymous with the 'Vette itself. However, there were more concept 'Vettes that never saw the light of day, including the Mako Shark and Mako Shark II. Perhaps the most famous was the mid-engine Aerovette, designed in 1980 but never produced.
2. The new Corvette is one of the fastest cars ever...in reverse. Yes, that's a real thing. The 2014 Corvette Stingray was clocked going 53 mph, backwards. That sounds cool, right? It also sounds downright terrifying.
3. The use of Fiberglass made the 'Vette the car of the future. The use of fiberglass in automobile design reached its heyday in the 1980s, but it seemed impossible in 1953. That was when Corvette eschewed the use of steel, opting for fiberglass instead, which was thought to be dangerous during accidents. However, the 'Vette's proved to be sturdy during accident, and the model's ahead-of-its-time status was secure
4. The first Corvette came with only two options. Today, we know that we can outfit our purchases with nearly everything short of a red-licorice dispenser when we're in the process of buying. The 1953 Corvette, however, had only two options: you could add a heater for \$91, and an AM radio for \$145. Fully loaded, indeed!

SPECIAL CORVETTES

Corvette Moray

What would happen if the Italians were to design a Corvette AND make it look like a Corvette? The answer is the Corvette Moray. ([more](#))



EX-122: The Original

First displayed on January 17, 1953, EX 122 can be said to be the first Corvette that America fell in love with. It is undeniably the oldest Corvette in existence and serves as a reminder of how far the Corvette has come as well as a great piece of automotive history. ([more](#))



1959 Sting Ray Racer

More than just a very successful race car, the 1959 Sting Ray Racer foretold the future of Corvette styling. ([more](#))



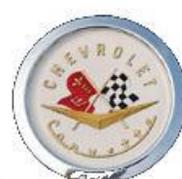
Harley Earl's 1963 Customized Corvette

Harley Earl is an automotive design legend and was instrumental towards making the Corvette a reality. Read about his retirement present from GM - a very customized 1963 roadster. ([more](#))



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