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MID-ENGINE CORVETTE – LOOKS LIKE IT!

Previously we have commented on the rumor mill regarding the mid-engine Corvette. The concept has been in discussion since rumors began about what the C7 would look like. After the C7 Corvette made its debut, the lack of a mid-engine model almost took over some of the press that had been so sure it was happening. In recent weeks, the storm of articles has once again emerged (if it ever really stopped). Car and Driver, Motor Trend, Road and Track, Automobile, Autoweek and more have all devoted significant space to covering a car that “may” be coming. Well after looking through the various articles I think it is probably a safe bet to assume that we will see a mid-engine model in 2018-19. Having said that I also think it is safe to assume we will continue to see front engine models as well along side this already legendary new configuration. Rather than repeat what has been written, below is a collection of the recent articles on the topic as well as some alleged spy photos of a mid-engine Corvette mule. So, we will see what happens. After all, reliable sources have all but confirmed it....again.



Mid-engine Corvette, Bugatti Veyron or fuzzy picture of a police car – you decide.

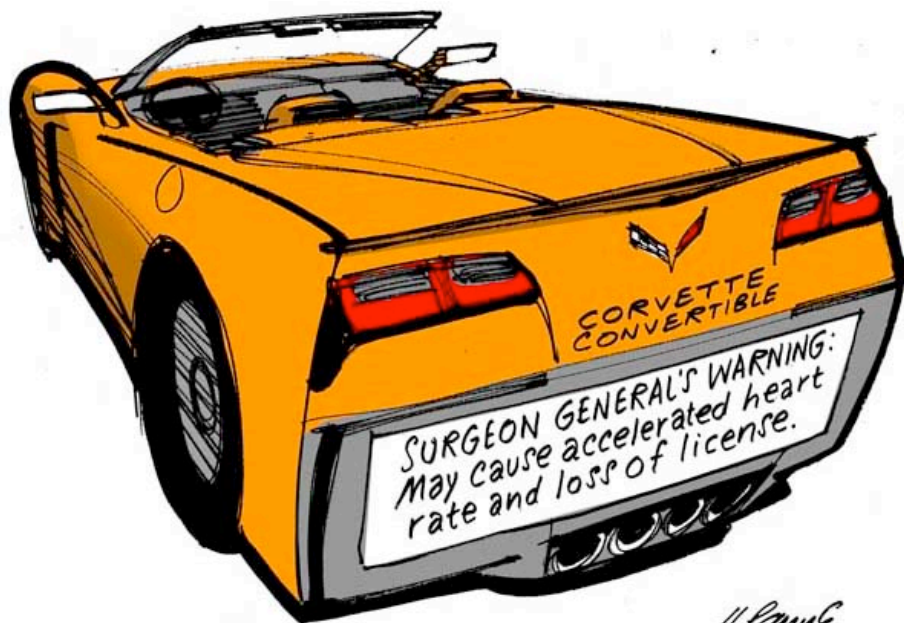
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LEMOYNE RECEPTION!

After a nice cruise up to the parking area near Lemoyne, the club enjoyed a wonderful evening of refreshments, art and casual conversation. Although there was not so much car-based activity, there were no complaints and it was interesting get a chance to meet the artist and see the exhibit. Thanks to Lynda who did an awesome job arranging the entire event! There was beer & wine at the art gallery, some very nice paintings/water colors and the dinner after the event was exceptional. Corvettes may rely on petroleum products but this crew clearly gravitates toward any event involving food and drink.



APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



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2016 GTLM Champions, Factory Team Champions and GTLM Driver Champions – NUFF SAID!

REVIEWS YOU CAN USE?

From time to time we have all purchased something for our cars that turned out to be a complete waste of time and money or something that was really fantastic. Except in casual conversation, we might never share such things with other club members. So, in an effort to help everyone find the best values, cool tools and worthwhile new products out there, we will embark on a new section of the newsletter devoted to members experiences and reviews of products, tools and other things related to Corvettes and cars in general. If you have a great or terrible experience you would like to relate, send me a paragraph or two about your experience and I will likely include it in an upcoming edition. To kick things off, I will include a review of my new Mckee car dryer in next month's edition. Of course that means I will have to get out there and do the complete car wash and polish thing but I am willing to suffer for my hobby.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

Build Your Own! – This is so cool! - If you are thinking about participating in the Corvette Z06 Engine Build program and Buyers' Tour, the programs can now be a one-visit experience. "The benefit of the new Engine Build Experience is that your build will be compressed so that you can complete both programs during one visit to Bowling Green instead of having days or even weeks between the two," said Shane Webb, Delivery Department Manager at the National Corvette Museum. The new experience and tour is available to anyone ordering a new Z06, regardless of trim level, and is an all-encompassing event over two or three consecutive days. The Engine Build Experience is the combination of two options for a total price tag of \$7,500 (RPO PBC - \$5,000 and RPO PD5 - \$2,500) and includes the engine build, buyer's tour, a photo album of your Corvette's assembly and dinner with a senior manager from Bowling Green Assembly and a NCM representative. The option is available on sold orders only. Contact your favorite Chevrolet dealer to add this option on to your Corvette Z06 order.

Not a Member? It's Really Easy! – Remember that being a member of the National Corvette Museum is not only a tax deductible contribution, but also gets you tons of perks like a quarterly subscription to America's Sports Car Magazine, discount in the Corvette Store, discounted registration on Museum events, free admission to the Museum, plus discounts on things like bricks, build sheets, window stickers, Corvette Plant tours, NCM Insurance, hotels and car rentals! Not only that but your membership helps us continue to preserve the history of

the iconic sports car. Annual membership is only \$50 a year but think about the other options that are available. For example, you can become a **lifetime member** through monthly payments while enjoying all the great benefits. You could also upgrade to the family membership for just a little more and bring your spouse into the museum family as well. It's never too late to join and remember there is a tax deduction included! Learn more and sign up online [here](#).

THEY ARE HERE! - New Raffle Tickets Available Now - The next \$10 per ticket Corvette Raffle will be drawn in February. This time it will be for a **2016 White Stingray Corvette Coupe**. Tickets will be available at the business meeting until gone. You can also contact John Opper for additional information. These will make great stocking stuffers and like last year, I have some nice red envelopes just right for holiday giving. How else can you give someone a Corvette for \$10?

UPCOMING AND NOTABLE!

- Business Meeting – October 6th – Wahoo Seafood, 7PM
- Charlotte Trip – Bank of America Race and Tour Hendrick Museum – October 7-10.
- Vintage Vettes – October 8th – Millers Ale House
- Donations for the Lighthouse Girls Xmas Gift Fund now being collected!

Check the Events Calendar on the website for more upcoming activities!

GARAGE SALE!

Members with any unwanted Corvette items for sale that might be of interest to others can send the details and pricing info for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

- **Corvette C6 Removable Top**, White, No hardware included. \$50 – Contact John Opper (850) 508-8957.
 - **Aluminum grill for C6 Corvette**. Simple attachment to existing inlet. No screws or bolts required. \$35 – Contact John Opper (850) 508-8957.
 - **Beautiful 1981 Red C3** for sale. Greg Laffitte - 229-560-9479
 - **1987 C4 Corvette Parts and Accessories – Cecil Bradley** via text at 850-688-3971 or email him at cfbradley9@gmail.com. Reasonable Offers Accepted
 - 1 Car-cover (Tan) with security grommets for C4 Corvettes (VG condition)
 - 1 Set of four 17" Corvette Wheels (VG Condition) with older tires.
 - 1 Set of New 4 Center Caps for 1987 Wheels
 - 1 - Kent-Moore ABS Tester (J35890) - works well (got it from Ebay)
 - 1 - Pin Out Box Tester(J35592) to be used with ABS Tester - got it from Ebay
 - 1 Set of two used half-shafts with older U-joints (removed from Corvette)
 - 1 - New Brake Master Cylinder for C4 (Never Used) - got it from Ebay
 - 1 Set of 1" Wheel Adapters for conversion from 16" wheels to 17" wheels; ideal for 1984-1986 Corvette or 1980's Camaro
 - 1 Set of Wheel Lugs with Gray Plastic Screw-On Caps
 - 1 Set of Factory Service & Electrical Diagnosis Manuals for 1987 Corvette (Fair condition)
 - 1 - Haynes Auto Service Manual for C4 Corvette (Fair condition)
 - 1 - 1987 Corvette Owners Manual (VG condition)
 - 1 - Air Filter Cover (Front Dam) - VG condition/never used
 - 1 - Used ABS Module (Taken from 1987 Corvette; Need to be Tested)
- Small Parts:
- 1 - 1/2" wheel adapter

- 3 Relay ASM (May need to be tested)
- 2 - used front left wheel sensors (for ABS) - got them from Ebay
- 3 - Gaskets for Throttle or Intake Manifolds
- 1 - Head Gasket for V8 (C4 Corvette)
- 1 - New Temp Switch for V8 (C4 Corvette)
- 1 - Set of New four rod-end dust boots
- 1 - used Bosch Module (not sure what it is for, could be ABS related)
- 1 - New Part for Convertible Lock Pillar T.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the newsletter, please contact:

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