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## From the val Office

Happy New Year to all members!

As I sit and write this, the snow is on the ground and we are expecting freezing rain. I think we are all looking forward to Spring and the 2013 Corvette season. AACC's SpringFest (May 5th at DeSales University) will be here before we know it. Marty and Laura have already handed out flyers, volunteer lists, and the paper work needed for event / trophy sponsors and tricky tray donors. Now, we need you — all our members — to pitch in and find an area where you can help. You can either sign the volunteer form at a meeting, send Marty and Laura an email, or call them at the number to the left.

Coming up on March 2nd is the Atlantic City Classic Car Show and Auction. Marty sent an email to all our members announcing this. We plan to take a TransBridge bus to the Tropicana Casino. If you did not get Marty's email, please see the article on page 4 for the details. You must reserve your seat on the bus. I plan to go and contribute my usual \$10.00 to the casino industry. At this time, it is the only winter escape I know...

Later in March (the 17th) will be the Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade and postparty. David and Susan Hornung are again our hosts. Watch for more information at the February meetings and in the March newsletter.

Pray for our Service men and women who protect our country. Save the wave.

Happy Trails,

Frank Shuletsky AACC President

## AACC Meetings @ Blue Monkey



The Allentown Area Corvette Club meets at 8:00 p.m. in the **Palm Room** (upstairs) at the **Blue Monkey**, 1092-1094 Howertown Road, North Catasaqua, PA.

Full menu and bar service is available.

**Upcoming Club Meetings** 

Feb. 13 & 27 Mar. 13 & 27 Apr. 10 & 24



### Club Events

- > 13—Club Meeting, Blue Monkey, 8 pm, N. Catasaugua, PA (p.1)
- > 14—Valentine's Day
- > 18—President's Day
- > 27—Club Meeting, Blue Monkey, 8 pm, N. Catasaugua, PA (p.1)

### 2013 Events

- Mar 2: AC Classic Car Show, Atlantic City, NJ (p.4)
- Mar 17: Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade & Post Party, Allentown, PA
- Apr 5: NYC Auto Show (see the new C7 in person!) (p.3)
- Apr. 6: Iron Pigs Game, Allentown, PA (p.3)
- May 5: AACC SpringFest, DeSales Univ., Center Valley, PA (Event Flyer on pp. 17-18)
- Aug 18 (or 25): **AACC Family** Picnic (Bethlehem Twsp, PA).
- Sep 5-10: AACC Mystery Trip (Participate to find out where...)
- Sep 22: AACC Fiberglass & Steel, ArtsQuest, Bethlehem, PA

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### NCCC Events

Please support our fellow East Region NCCC clubs by participating in these events (☑ = NCCC-Sanctioned)



☑ 2/22-24: National NCCC Governor's Meeting, St. Louis, MO

☑ 4/26-28: National NCCC Governor's Meeting, St. Louis, MO

☑ 4/28: (2) Concours, BACC, Location TBD

**☑** 5/4: (I) HPDE, CVCC, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA

**☑** 5/5: (I) Concours, YCCC, Location TBD

☑ 5/18: (2) Concours, CVCC, Location TBD

☑ 5/19: (2) Concours, RCC, Location TBD

Location TBD

**☑** 5/25: (7) Concours, USAICC,

Location TBD



For more information on NCCC events contact AACC's Governor: Pete Lileck

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## Wanna Cruise?

Tue., Mar. 5 to Thu., Mar. 14 — Mike & Cindy
Cutro would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining them for a 10-day cruise from
Bayonne, NJ on March 5, 2013 on Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas. Inside cabins start as low as \$799. Anyone who is interested please contact Mike via email (cutro@hotmail.com) or on his mobile at 201-572-8023 for more details. Ports of call include Labadee, Haiti (Royal Caribbean's Pri-

vate Island); San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas;

### See the C7 in NYC

and Philipsburg, St. Maarten.

**Fri., Apr. 5** — We are leaving Friday morning at 7:30 AM SHARP from the Park-N-Ride, Rte. 33 @ William Penn Hwy.,



Bethlehem Township, PA. We will depart from the Auto Show at 6:00 PM SHARP for our return to the Park-N-Ride. Please remember that alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted on the bus.

This trip is SOLD OUT!!

## Party at the Pigs



**Sat., Apr. 6** — AACC is planning a night out at Coca-Cola Park to see the Lehigh Valley IRON PIGS play the Syracuse Chiefs on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for a 6:35pm game. We have reserved the covered

PennTeleData Party Porch which overlooks the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line and accommodates groups up to 65. A minimum of 35 people is needed for a Saturday night game. This section includes access to the Club Level Bar & Lounge along with early admission via the Club Level Entrance. Cost: \$37/person (incl. food and non-alcoholic drinks).

The 2013 menu is not yet available. Frank Madura is chairing this event and will provide further information and a sign-up sheet in February.

## Deepest Sympathy



Condolences go out to the following club members on the loss of their parents.

December 27, 2012, Nick Recchia's mother, Mary Iacono Recchia, passed away

in Easton.

**Jim Bambu**'s father, Robert Bambu, passed in Bethlehem on January 7th.

Nick & Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

## Get Well Soon!

Best wishes go out to both Chuck Sandy and Susan Hornung who are recuperating at home following recent surgeries.



## It's a Boy!!

Bob Levers was in California for the birth of his grandson, Hayden Christian, to daughter Lois and her husband Chad. Hayden was born Jan. 22nd at 7 lb. 7.2 oz., 19-inches.

Everyone is doing fine

and Bob is working on his suntan!



## Membership Corner

As of AACC's meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> there were:

• 162 active members • 3 potential members

The following are **Potential Members** as of January 2013:

Scott & Jeanette Marakovits......Northampton, PA......'05 Conv.

Tim Curry.......Allentown, PA.......'02 Conv.

We all look forward to seeing your "babies" after the winter thaw!

## A.C. Classic Car Show Marty Hegyi ('69)

Is anyone interested in attending the A.C. Classic Car show and Auction on **Saturday, March 2, 2013** at the Atlantic City (NJ) Convention center? The show features classic cars of all makes and models as well as a large vendor area and car auction. In the past, Ken Beck organized a club-chartered bus trip for this event, but attendance seemed to fade over the last few years.

TransBridge Lines has a weekly Saturday bus run to the Tropicana Casino which leaves at 9:15 AM from their LVIP (2012 Industrial Drive) depot in Bethlehem. Parking at the bus depot is free. The Convention Center is about 1 mile from the Tropicana Hotel.

The cost would be as follows: \$29—Round trip bus fare, per person (includes \$25 Card Play). Bus reservations are required. Call (610) 868-6001. to make reservations. Show admission fee is \$20 per person. Order your tickets directly at www.acclassiccars.com.

We would have 6 hours to spend in A.C. after we arrive, and then return back home on the same bus. The bus arrives at approx. 12 noon and departs A.C. at 6 PM, and returns to the LVIP approx. 8:30PM.

Please call Marty at (610) 730 - 2846 if you are interested in joining him for this trip.

Marty Hegyi AACC Membership Co-Chair

## Feb. Birthdays

- 6 Karin Benton
- 10 Pete Lileck
- 12 Chuck Sandy
- 13 Mary Anne Ruch
- 14 Nancy JesseeJoy Stear
- 15 Barb Szymanski
- 17 Randy ApgarBeverly Ann Smith
- 20 Joann Warmkessel
- 27 Buell Ruch Eileen Recchia









Sun., Jan. 13 — The countdown ended. The day finally arrived. 1/13/2013 was here and so was the seventh generation of our favorite American sports car!! Corvette enthusiasts all over the world were huddled around their computer screens tuned to a YouTube channel for the reveal at www.one13thirteen.com. The video clip ended and the red C7 coupe rolled onto center stage to an eager live (and internet) audience.

While details of the engine were released in December, the body design and technology were a bit more stealthy. Details of the latest generation hit the internet shortly after the reveal. The following information was taken from the National Corvette Museum's online publication.

### Return of the Stingray

Chevrolet is redefining modern performance with today's debut of the all-new Corvette Stingray. And only a Corvette with the perfect balance of technology, design and performance can wear the iconic Stingray designation.

The 2014 Corvette Stingray is the most powerful standard model ever, with an estimated 450 horsepower (335 kW) and 450 lb.-ft. of torque (610 Nm). It is also the most capable standard model ever, able to accelerate from 0-60 in less than four seconds and achieve more than 1g in cornering grip. It is expected to be the most fuel-efficient Corvette, exceeding the EPA-estimated 26 mpg of the current model.

The all-new Corvette Stingray shares only two parts with the previous generation Corvette. It incorporates an all-new frame structure and chassis, a new powertrain and supporting technologies, as well as completely new exterior and interior designs. Highlights include:

- An interior that includes real carbon fiber, aluminum and hand-wrapped leather materials, two new seat choices each featuring a lightweight magnesium frame for exceptional support – and dual eight-inch configurable driver/ infotainment screens
- Advanced driver technologies, including a five-position Drive Mode Selector that tailors 12 vehicle attributes to the



## OC Weekend 2013 Laura Hegyi (107)

If you planned to stay at The Grand Hotel & Spa for next year's Corvettes on the Boardwalk (Ocean City, MD), checking in Thu., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and out Sun., Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, only 20 side-view / 2-Queen bed rooms are available (as of Jan. 9, 2013). the price is \$99 for Thu. and \$119 for Fri. & Sat. nights. No discounts are being offered for those dates. Hotel management advised to book the room now with the possibility to call back later for a possible upgrade to an ocean view room (if available).



A deposit equal to the first night stay + taxes (\$110.99) is required, but you can cancel and get a full refund 72 hours prior to the check-in date. Since the show moved ahead one week for 2013, these conflicts exist: Peddler's Village Show (Sun., Oct.6) and Fall Carlisle (Oct. 3 – 6).

## Who's Hungry? Laura Hegyi (107)

Interested club members can attend these 3 cooking classes as a group at the Northampton Community College.

### Mon., Feb. 11 @ 6:30-9:30 pm — LET'S DO MARDI GRAS! (course code: COOK139)

Take a taste trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. Explore the difference between Creole and Cajun cooking and learn to make dishes that will bring the flavors of Mardi Gras home to be enjoyed by you and your friends. Enjoy sampling these delicious foods! **FEE \$46.** Instructor: Marilynn Frable.

### Mon., Mar. 25@ 6:30-9:30 pm — APPETIZERS! APPETIZERS! (course code: COOK144)

In this class we will be making beautiful and delicious appetizers, that aren't your typical Swedish meatballs. They will be easy to make and easy on the pocketbook! We will be making one dip, two hot and one cold appetizer, and when your guests gobble them up you will be able to stand back and proudly say I made that! One of the recipes that we will be making has even been awarded a blue ribbon by a popular recipe website! **FEE \$46.** Instructor: Streeter.

### Thu., May 9 @ 6:30-9:30 pm — CREATIVE CHEESECAKES (course code: COOK140)

These decadent desserts are simple & easy to make. From fuss-free delicious cheesecakes, to lean & luscious versions of the timeless classics. Learn how to make a variety of creamy rich cheesecakes to tempt your taste buds. Cheesecakes aren't just for dessert. Surprise your guests with savory versions of this classic at your next gettogether. **FEE \$46.** Instructor: Marilynn Frable.

All classes are first-come, first-serve, and fill quickly. If you are interested, you can either register online at <a href="https://www.northampton.edu/lifelearn">www.northampton.edu/lifelearn</a> or e-mail me, Laura Hegyi, (<a href="https://www.northampton.edu/lifelearn">Nicki@omnivestgrp.com</a>) with the class(es) you want to take and I will register you. (Then send me a check for the cost of the course(s).) If you choose to register/pay on your own, please let me know so that I can keep of list of who is attending which class. Classes are "hands-on", so come prepared to cook! For your safety, wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate attire. Aprons are welcomed! BRING CONTAINERS SHOULD THERE BE SAMPLES TO TAKE HOME.



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fit the driver's environment and a new seven-speed manual transmission with Active Rev Matching that anticipates gear selections and matches engine speed for perfect shifts every time

 An all-new 6.2L LT1 V-8 engine combines advanced technologies, including direct injection, Active Fuel Management, continuously variable valve timing and an advanced combustion system that delivers more power while using less fuel



- Lightweight materials, including a carbon fiber hood and removable roof panel; composite fenders, doors and rear quarter panels; carbon-nano composite underbody panels and a new aluminum frame help shift weight rearward for an optimal 50/50 weight balance that supports a world-class power-to-weight ratio
- A sculptured exterior features advanced high-intensity discharge and light-emitting diode lighting and racingproven aerodynamics that balance low drag for efficiency and performance elements for improved stability and track capability
- Track-capable Z51 Performance Package including: an electronic limited-slip differential, dry-sump oiling system, integral brake, differential and transmission cooling, as well as a unique aero package that further improves highspeed stability.

The new Corvette Stingray will be built at GM's Bowling Green, Ky., assembly plant, which underwent a \$131-million upgrade, including approximately \$52 million for a new body shop to manufacture the aluminum frame in-house for the first time.

The 2014 Corvette Stingray coupe goes on sale in the third quarter of 2013.

### Handcrafted, high-tech interior

- Premium materials including genuine aluminum and available carbon fiber trim
- More connected driving experience through the smaller-diameter steering wheel and two new seat choices
- Advanced technologies including standard dual, high-resolution information screens and available color head-up display.

"The new Corvette Stingray interior blends fine materials and craftsmanship with advanced technologies that contribute to a more connected and more engaging driving experience," said Helen Emsley, interior design director.

The smaller, 14.1-inch-diameter (360 mm) steering wheel fosters a more direct, immediate feel to directional inputs. The attention to the driver extends to the smallest details, including the flat, precise stitching on the steering wheel



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designed to provide a smooth, consistent feel.

Precise and elegant stitching also is seen in the available Napa leather trim of the all-new seats.

Two seating choices will be offered: a GT seat for all-around comfort and a Competition Sport seat with more aggressive side bolstering, which provides greater support on the track.

The frame structure for both seats is made of magnesium for greater strength and less weight than comparable steel

frames. They're also more rigid, contributing to the enhanced feeling of support during performance driving.

Additional performance-enhancing details of the interior resulted from designers' "field trips" to GM's Proving Ground in Milford, Mich., where high-performance driving experiences spurred the design and implementation of several features, including a steel-reinforced grab bar on the center console for the passenger and soft-touch materials on the edge of the console, where the driver naturally braces during high-load cornering.



High-performance driving also influenced elements of the configurable display screens and available head-up display, which vary depending on the driving mode, including the Track display inspired by the C6.R.

The performance-supporting elements inside the new Corvette Stingray are complemented by unprecedented attention to detail and build quality, including the sweeping arch motif over the driver cockpit trim and the seamless transition of the line from the instrument panel to the door.

All models feature a fully-wrapped interior, where every surface is covered with premium, soft-touch materials. Available materials, depending on the trim level, include Napa leather, aluminum, carbon fiber and micro-suede.

A blend of hand craftsmanship and machined precision is intended to ensure the fit, finish and ambience of the cabin is first-rate. The leather-wrapped instrument panel, for example, features hand-selected and hand-stretched materials for better grain matching with stitching performed by robots that deliver perfect seams.

There's even a micro-LED screen for the passenger's climate control placed below the vent on the dash, away from the performance features on the instrument panel.

### Driver-oriented technologies

- Driver Mode Selector optimizes 12 vehicle attributes
- Configurable screens and head-up display can be tailored to the driver's preference
- Central touch screen uses gesture-recognition technology.



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At the core of the Corvette Stingray's driver-focused technologies is the cockpit-mounted Driver Mode Selector, which

allows drivers to optimize the car for their driving preference and road conditions via five settings: Weather, Eco, Tour, Sport and Track.

The Driver Mode Selector is easy to use via a rotary knob near the shifter. The Tour mode is the default setting for everyday driving; Weather mode is designed primarily for added confidence while driving in rain and snow; Eco mode is for achieving optimal fuel economy; Sport mode is for spirited road driving and Track mode is for track use.

Twelve performance parameters are adjusted with the selection of each mode, including:



- Gauge cluster configuration: The Tour, Eco and Weather modes feature displays for trip data, audio and navigation; Sport mode shows classic, easy-to-read sports car gauges; and Track mode's configuration shows a gauge design based on the Corvette Racing C6.R race car display with lap timer
- ETC (Electronic Throttle Control): Adjusts the throttle input curve for the selected mode for improved responsiveness
- Paddle-shift automatic transmission: Adjusts shift comfort and shift points
- Active Fuel Management: in normal mode, the LT1 engine uses V-8 power during acceleration and V-4 power when
  coasting; in Eco mode the engine remains in V-4 mode to improve fuel economy until aggressive acceleration is
  needed
- Exhaust (active exhaust system): The system adjusts the timing of the electronically controlled exhaust valves to enhance audible feedback from the V-8 depending on the drive mode
- Electronic limited-slip differential (Z51): Adjusts the rate at which the limited slip engages, to balance between steering response and stability in different driving conditions; more aggressive performance in Sport and Track modes
- Steering: Assist effort is adjusted in the modes to provide the driver with the correct steering feel for the driving condition
- Magnetic Ride Control: Adjusts shock damping based on road conditions, from optimized comfort to performance driving
- Launch control: Available in Sport and Track modes for manual and automatic transmissions, providing maximum off-the-line acceleration



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- Active handling (StabiliTrak stability control): A "competitive" setting is available in Sport and Track modes and is more suited for on-track conditions. It can also be disabled, giving the driver complete control
- Traction control: Weather mode tailors traction control and engine torque for driving in inclement conditions
- Performance Traction Management: Available in the Sport and Track modes and offers five settings of torque reduction and brake intervention for track driving.

Three configurable displays, including a pair of eight-inch screens and color head-up display, deliver personalized information and convey the different performance parameters of each drive mode.

The two eight-inch screens offer excellent visibility in direct sunlight, with 650 cd/m2 of brightness for the one integrated into the instrument cluster and 1,000 cd/m2 of brightness for the one in the center stack, making it among the brightest screens in the industry. The screen in the center stack also features touch-screen control with gesture recognition and can be lowered to reveal a hidden storage that includes a USB input for device charging or uploads.

The Corvette Stingray delivers an advanced infotainment system, featuring Chevrolet MyLink and high-definition radio, as well as enhanced OnStar with 3D navigation maps. An additional USB port in the center console, a stand-alone audio input jack and an SD card slot provide seamless connectivity.

An available premium 10-speaker audio system includes a bass box and two subwoofers – and speakers with rare-earth magnets that deliver greater sound quality with reduced weight and size.

### Every line counts on Stingray's functionally elegant exterior

- Aerodynamic design integrates strategies from Corvette racing
- Signature lighting includes distinctive frosted light-emitting diode daytime driving lights, high-intensity discharge headlamps and indirect-LED taillamps
- Carbon fiber hood and removable roof panel enhance front/rear weight balance



While no single detail is repeated from previous generations, the new Corvette Stingray includes the distinctive profile defined by a long dash-to-axle ratio and the greenhouse evoking the canopy of a fighter jet with dual-element tail-lamps. To this foundation, designers built a form vocabulary from two very different sources: aerospace and nature.

Lighting is a signature element of the Corvette Stingray's design and reinforces its high-tech aesthetic. At the front, indirect white LED lamps form a distinctive daytime styling cue. They are set in a black-chrome lamp housing with stan-



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dard HID projector headlamps. The turn signals feature edge-lit amber LED lighting.

All-new, dual-element taillamps represent the greatest departure from tradition and are among the car's most dramatic elements. The three-dimensional, sculpted lenses house innovative indirect LED lighting. The state-of-the-art lighting uses hidden LED lamps that cast their light up from the bottom of the housing into a reverse reflector, creating an even glow. LED lamps are also used for the white backup lamps. The taillamps integrate functional aircraft-style air outlets for the available differential and transmission coolers.

When it comes to aerodynamics, the new Stingray is in a league of its own. Advanced computer-aided modeling programs were employed to predict and track airflow over, under and through the new Corvette's body. Engineers and designers also relied on data gleaned from the Corvette Racing program – the most successful program ever in the American Le Mans Series and the 2012 GT class champion – to help balance front and rear grip for high-speed stability.

Many hours were spent in the wind tunnel hand-sculpting surfaces for aesthetics and performance. Functional exterior elements include:

- All models have a new grille/radiator arrangement and hood vents. Venting air out of the hood reduces total frontend lift for improved steering response at high speeds
- The front fender side coves also help vent underhood air pressure to reduce aerodynamic drag
- Models with the automatic transmission or Z51 Performance Package feature a functional vent on driver's left side directing air over a heat exchanger for the transmission fluid and a similar arrangement on the passenger side that directs air over a heat exchanger for the electronic limited slip differential
- Airflow through the differential and transmission heat exchangers exit through the aircraft-inspired taillamp vents and lower-rear fascia air outlets
- The Z51 Performance Package also includes brake-cooling ducts, a unique rear spoiler and additional air deflectors for enhanced track capability.



## Engineered to race, built for the

- New aluminum frame structure is 57-percent stiffer and 99 pounds (45 kg) lighter than the current steel frame
- Innovative use of composite materials, including carbon fiber the hood and roof panels, lightweight Sheet Molded Compound for the fenders, doors and rear quarter panels, and carbon-nano composite for the underbody panels help reduce

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the weight of the body by a 37 pounds (17 kg)

• New LT1 V-8 uses advanced technologies to produce more power with less fuel and is paired with an industryexclusive seven-speed manual transmission with Active Rev Matching for more precise up and down shifts.

The new Corvette Stingray takes advantage of lightweight materials, advanced manufacturing techniques and technology transfer from the Corvette Racing program to produce an ideal 50/50 weight balance and to deliver a world-class power-to-weight ratio.

The technologically advanced foundation is an all-new aluminum frame structure that is 57 percent stiffer and 99 pounds (45 kg) lighter. The greater torsional rigidity reduces unwanted noise and improves ride and handling.

Compared to the previous generation, which used continuous hydroformed main frame rails with a constant 2mm wall thickness, the new Corvette's frame features main rails composed of five customized aluminum segments, including aluminum extrusions at each end, a center main rail section and hollow-cast nodes at the suspension interface points. Each segment is tuned – varying in thickness from 2mm to 11mm – tailoring the gauge, shape and strength properties to optimize the requirements for each frame section with minimal weight.

The frame is assembled at an all-new welding shop at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant using a unique laser welding process in which a computer-controlled beam of high energy joins the components with exceptional precision and tolerances of about 0.001-inch.

Supporting the frame's greater strength and lower weight are complementing chassis elements, including hollow-cast aluminum front and rear cradles that are approximately 25-percent lighter and 20-percent stiffer than the solid cradles used on the previous structure.

The innovative use of materials includes a standard carbon fiber hood and roof panel, as well as underbody panels created with carbon-nano composite technology, an advanced blend of traditional composite material and carbon fiber, which allows lighter underbody panels without a loss of strength or stiffness. Fenders, doors, rear quarter panels and the rear hatch panel are made with lighter-density Sheet Molded Compound than the previous generation. Combined, these materials save approximately 37 pounds (17 kg) versus the previous body structure.

The lightweight elements of the Stingray contribute to the ideal 50/50 weight balance. Combined with its estimated 450 horsepower (335 kW), the new Corvette delivers a better power-to-weight ratio than the Porsche 911 Carrera or Audi R8.

Those 450 horses are generated by an all-new LT1 6.2L Small Block V-8 engine, which produces an estimated 450 lb.-ft. of torque (610 Nm). More importantly, it generates 50 lb.-ft. more low-end torque than the previous 6.2L engine, matching the 7.0L LS7 engine from the 2013 Corvette Z06 from 1,000 to 4,000 rpm.

The engine's performance comes from combining advanced technologies like direct injection, Active Fuel Management



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and continuously variable valve timing with an advanced combustion system. More than 10 million hours of computational analysis went into the new Small Block's design, including more than 6 million hours alone on the combustion system.

The LT1 is backed by a choice of active exhaust systems that are less restrictive than the previous generation, due in part to an increase in diameter from 2.5 inches to 2.75 inches. The standard system offers a 13-percent improvement in airflow and features a pair of butterfly valves that contribute to greater refinement at cruising speeds when the engine is operating in fuel-saving V-4 mode.



An available dual-mode active exhaust system offers a 27-percent improvement in airflow. It features two additional valves that open to a lower-restriction path through the mufflers. When open, these valves increase engine performance and produce a more powerful exhaust note.

The LT1 is mated to either a six-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission or an industry-exclusive TRE-MEC TR6070 seven-speed manual with Active Rev Matching. The Corvette retains its distinctive rear transaxle layout for optimal weight balance.

The seven-speed manual incorporates rev-matching

technology for upshifts and downshifts. This driver-selectable feature can be easily engaged or disengaged via paddles on the steering wheel. The seven-speed is used with a new dual-mass flywheel and dual-disc clutch, which deliver greater shift quality and feel through lower inertia. The transmission with the Z51 Performance Package includes specific close-ratio gearing for more aggressive driving.

A six-speed Hydra-Matic 6L80 paddle-shift automatic is also available. It is optimized for use with Active Fuel Management and features a lower-inertia torque converter for improved shift quality and shift speeds. In addition, shift feel and shift points can be adjusted through the Driver Mode Selector.

### More direct, more connected driving feel

- Third-generation Magnetic Ride Control for greater comfort and control
- Electric power steering system tailors steering response and feel
- Electronic limited-slip differential delivers optimal traction



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The new Corvette Stingray's chassis and suspension are designed to take advantage of the lighter, stiffer structure. The reduced structural flex allowed engineers to more precisely tune the suspension and steering for a more nimble and responsive driving experience.

While the Corvette Stingray retains the racing-proven short/long-arm suspension design, front and rear, the components are all-new. Improvements to the suspension include hollow lower control arms which save approximately nine pounds (4 kg) per vehicle and new aluminum rear toe links which save 2.4 pounds (1.1 kg) over previous steel links.

The Corvette Stingray rides on new  $18 \times 8.5$ -inch front and  $19 \times 10$ -inch rear wheels, while models with the Z51 Performance Package roll on  $19 \times 8.5$ -inch front and  $20 \times 10$ -inch rear forged aluminum wheels. New Michelin Pilot Super Sport run-flat tires developed specifically for the seventh-generation Corvette deliver comparable levels of grip than the wider tires of previous models.

As a result, the track-oriented Corvette Stingray with the Z51 Performance Package is capable of 1g in cornering acceleration – comparable to the 2013 Corvette Grand Sport. Significantly, that is achieved with narrower and lighter wheels and tires. The reduced "footprint" reduces rolling resistance, steering effort and road noise, contributing to a more nimble feel, more immediate steering response and greater touring comfort and efficiency.

Dimensionally, the new Corvette's wheelbase is approximately an inch longer than the previous generation, with front and rear tracks that are almost an inch wider. Those changes provide a more stable feel, particularly at high speeds, while the turning radius is decreased by approximately two feet for greater maneuverability in tight turns.

The Corvette Stingray features standard 35mm-piston Bilstein monotube shocks that connect to dual-path aluminum shock mounts that separate the shock rod and shock body load paths. The Z51 Performance Package comes with 45mm-piston Bilstein dampers for more aggressive body control and track capability. Z51 is available with the third-generation Magnetic Ride Control, which features a new twin-wire/dual-coil damper system that reacts 40 percent faster, enabling improved ride comfort and body control.

The new electric power steering system offers variable ratios and variable effort to tailor responsiveness and feel for each driving situation. It also delivers more precise control and feedback to the driver, along with greater variability of effort for high-performance driving and greater on-center sensitivity and linearity. Steering feel was further improved by increasing steering column stiffness by 150 percent, increasing intermediate shaft torsional stiffness by 600 percent, and mounting the steering gear to the front cradle structure. As a result, the steering system is five times stiffer than the previous generation.

A smart electronic limited-slip differential (eLSD) is included in the Z51 Performance Package and continuously makes the most of the torque split between the rear wheels. The system features a hydraulically actuated clutch that can infinitely vary clutch engagement and can respond from open to full engagement in tenths of a second. It shifts torque



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based on a unique algorithm which factors in vehicle speed, steering input and throttle position to improve steering feel, handling balance and traction.

The eLSD is fully integrated with StabiliTrak and Performance Traction Management systems. Its calibrations vary among three modes, based on the Drive Mode Selector setting:

- Mode 1 is the default setting for normal driving and emphasizes vehicle stability
- Mode 2 is engaged when electronic stability control is turned off in the Sport or Track Driver Modes. This calibration enables more nimble turn-in and traction while accelerating out of a corner
- Mode 3 is automatically selected when Performance Traction Management is engaged. This calibration has the same function as Mode 2, but is fine-tuned to work with Performance Traction Management.

Standard Brembo brakes, with four-piston fixed calipers derived from racing, deliver exceptional stopping power on the street or track. System highlights include:

- 12.6-inch (320 mm) front rotors and 13.3-inch (338 mm) rear rotors are standard and have 35 percent more swept area than previous-generation brakes. Consequently stopping distance is improved 9 percent
- Dual-cast, slotted 13.6-inch (345 mm) front rotors and 13.3-inch (338 mm) slotted rear rotors are included with Z51
   Performance Package. They have 6percent more swept area than the previous-generation Grand Sport and are cooled front and rear for improved track capability. Consequently stopping distance is improved 5 percent
- All brake packages have fixed front and rear calipers are stiffer for more even pad wear, reduced drag and improved modulation.

The National Corvette Museum wanted to make sure that all Corvette fans saw this announcement — besides posting on their website, the NCM sent a blast email to all subscribers with their NCM eNews! Watch for even more to hit the presses as any car magazine worth their weight will undoubtedly feature Chevy's latest icon on their covers. Now, if GM would only get some built so we can learn about the driving experience...or better yet, take a test drive at Faulkner Chevy in Bethlehem!





## Sales History Drives C7s to Dealerships Lindsey Fisher, CorvetteOnline.com

**Thu., Jan. 17** — With all the anticipation for the C7 Corvette's reveal now taken care of, enthusiasts are looking to the next big milestone – actually getting their hands on one of the new Stingrays. But according to Crain's Detroit Business website, enthusiasts might not be able to get behind the wheel of the new Corvette as easily as they thought. That's because, starting with the new C7 model, General Motors has put a sales-volume threshold in place which dealers must meet or exceed to carry the new showroom-stopper. What that means for consumers is unclear right now, but more than likely it means many Corvette enthusiasts will have to travel a bit further to purchase their new cars.

Putting a sales-volume threshold on automotive dealerships in order to carry a certain product is not a new concept, but the 2014 model year will mark the first time that General Motors has implemented such a system on its Chevy dealerships. Consequently, this threshold threatens to affect mostly smaller dealerships and rural areas, as dealerships that didn't sell at least four Corvettes in 2012 look to be excluded from receiving the C7 models in the future. This could mean that hundreds of Chevy dealerships will not receive the 2014 Corvette.

Dealerships were notified of the new sales requirement last January, and many are now facing the inability to use the new Corvette as a way to bring more business to their showrooms, let alone secure the new model for prospective buyers. ...[This] could certainly throw a wrench into the Corvette market in smaller areas in the near future.

## C7 VIN 0000 | Sells for \$1.05 Million Lindsey Fisher, CorvetteOnline.com

Mon., Jan. 21 — When the new C7 model was revealed back on January 13th, there were undoubtedly guesses on how the first production car would be sold and who would be the first owner. So it came as no surprise when Chevrolet announced that they would mark the historic sale by auctioning off the car for charity at none other than the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction. As expected, the car was beyond a crowd-pleaser when it hit the stage on Saturday, and a long-time GM and Corvette fan eventually walked away with the ultimate prize for \$1.05 million. Can you guess who added the VIN 00001 C7 to their collection?

Bidding on the first C7 Corvette got off to a fast start on Saturday evening, as one might expect for the rights to the first production car of the next-generation Corvette line. But when all was said and done, it was NASCAR Sprint Cup Hendrick Motorsports team owner Rick Hendrick who took home the coveted prize. Hendrick is obviously no stranger to the automotive world and has a soft spot especially for limited-edition Chevrolet performance cars. In fact, just in the past couple years, Hendrick has added the first two production Camaro ZL1s, the 69th production ZL1, a 2012 Centennial Edition Corvette Z06 with Vehicle Identification Number 100, and a new COPO Camaro...to his collection. ... Hendrick also purchased the 1969 Owens/Corning L88 Corvette that appeared on stage just before the C7 for \$1 million. As the owner of the rights to the first production C7, Hendrick will be able to outfit his new purchase any way he wishes, according to *Corvette Blogger*. He will also be allowed to take delivery of the car at the Corvette design studio where this stunning car began to come to life – a fitting end for a car auctioned off to benefit the College of Creative Studies, a four-year design college that sees students pursue degrees in automotive and transportation designs. ...



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## **NCM News & Events**



### East Region NCCC Joins One Acre Club

The National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) consists of over 17,000 members throughout the country. The East Region, which includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, is the largest chapter in terms of membership. The officers, governors and members of the East Region chapter voted to support the buying of an "Acre" for many reasons. One of the main motivating factors is the emotional connection to the Corvette that has played a large part in each of their lives.

With this connection in mind, the officers and governors of the East Region of NCCC wanted to make a meaningful contribution to help preserve the Corvette and show what it has meant to each one of them. "What better way to celebrate this car than supporting The National Corvette Museum?," said John Cantelmo, Chair of the NCM Ambassadors for the East Region of NCCC. "We felt that joining the "One Acre Club" was a fitting way to celebrate the friends we have made, the excitement the hobby has provided and it would help create a legacy for future generations of Corvette owners to experience. The NCM Motorsports Park will provide many Corvette drivers a venue to learn the capabilities of their cars while operating them under the guidance of an instructor and in a safe environment. We believe that the Park will enhance and bring the Corvette ownership experience to a whole new level."

### 2013 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees Announced



The National Corvette Museum has announced the following inductees to be recognized as part of the 16th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2013: Wil Cooksey in the category of GM/Chevrolet; Werner Meier in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian; and Johnny O'Connell, in the category of racing will all be recognized.

nized with the highest honor bestowed by the Museum for their contributions to the past, present and future of Corvette.

The 2013 Hall of Fame recipients will be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame during a ceremony and banquet on Thursday, August 29, 2013. Their induction will take place as part of the Museum's 19th Anniversary Corvette Celebration festivities August 29-31, 2013.

Corvette Hall of Fame inductee **Wil Cooksey**'s career with General Motors is the epitome of achievement. In 1993 he assumed the role of Plant Manager at the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant, serving in that capacity for 15 years. Cooksey was much more than a Plant Manager, going the extra mile to get to know the



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customers, traveling to car shows, enhancing the plant tour experience by encouraging employee interaction with guests and being very Corvette enthusiast and owner focused. He served on the Museum Board of Directors from 1994-2011, and was Board Chairman in 2008 & 2009.



Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee Werner Meier became involved in the hobby in 1969 when he purchased his first Corvette – a brand new 1969 on his 18th birthday. That same year he began participation in the Corvette Club of Michigan, but wasn't able to officially join until 1972 when he turned 21. A graduate of the General Motors Institute, he worked at GM as a manufacturing engineer, service engineer and Engineering Group Manager over a 33 year career, but it is his side hobby of Corvette restoration and collection that has garnered notoriety. Meier has owned, restored and/or serviced over 100 Corvettes, many of them very rare or unique.

Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee Johnny O'Connell is hailed as the most successful GM factory racecar driver from the U.S. O'Connell joined the factory Corvette Racing team in 2001, scoring the team's first overall victory at the 24 Hours of Daytona in the Corvette C5.R, followed by the team's first 24 Hours of Le Mans class victory in 2001. Since then he has helped GM's factory team capture eight straight manufacturers' titles and achieving seven class wins in the 12 Hours of Sebring, more than any other driver. After ten years with Corvette, O'Connell joined Team Cadillac in 2011, competing in the SCCA World Challenge GT alongside former Corvette Racing teammate Andy Pilgrim where they still race today.



Read more about our 2013 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees online at www.CorvetteMuseum.com.







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### Be the First to See the C7 Produced

June 27-28 enthusiasts have the opportunity to celebrate Corvette's history, look at its future, see how the future gets built and kick off the NCM Motorsports Park with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Although the plant has been closed for public tours and will remain closed until this Fall, special arrangements have been made to allow 200 Corvette enthusiasts to enter and tour the Bowling Green Assembly Plant during the event. This very special opportunity includes the plant tour and dinner on Thursday evening. NCM members can enjoy priority sign-up for \$250 until March 1st when it will become available to nonmembers as well. Be among the very first to see the new C7 up close and see how it's built.



A 60 Years of Corvette Evolution display along with seminars will delve into Corvette's storied history. Some of the first C7s will be on display for a real tire-kicking walk around unveiling the latest and greatest Corvettes and all of the new equipment and performance. The GM Corvette teams from Detroit and Bowling Green will be on hand to demonstrate and explain.

The two-day event is free and open to members and non-members alike, although non-members will have to pay for admission to enter the Museum display areas. Click here for more details and to register.

Find more NCM news online at <a href="www.CorvetteMuseum.com">www.CorvetteMuseum.com</a> or call 1.800.53.VETTE(538.3883)

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### 2013 NCM Events

Mar 29-30: Sebring HPDE

Apr 25-27: NCM Bash

May 16-18: ZR-1/C4 Gathering

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Jun 27-28: Corvette 60th Anniversary

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