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Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter



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Membership Meetings

General membership meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, exceptions are posted on the web site and members notified via group email.

Meetings are held at Spring Creek BBQ, Granbury TX, begin at 6:00 PM for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00 PM and usually over before 9:00 PM.

*Happy
Birthday*



Theresa Halford
Sharon Hill

Mar 19
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Anniversaries

Larry & Arlene DeYoung	Mar 15
Tom & Jeanne Limroth	Mar 26
Donny & Kerri Lawson	Mar 31

Happy Anniversary!!



2021
BRCC PRESIDENT
BECKY SKAGGS

We are going to gett back to our meetings on March 3. Yea! I look forward to reconnecting with everyone as it has been too long. I hope we have pleasant weather as it will be nice to see all the corvettes at Spring Creek BBQ especially if we have any new ones. Rumor has it we do. Please drive your new corvette. A new one is a corvette of any year that you are now the proud owner of since our last meeting in November. So exciting! I hope to see you at the March 3rd meeting, which will start at 7pm. Get there early if want to start dinner prior.

We have had some winter weather for sure in February. We delayed our February 26th cruise to March 5th. We are driving to Cross Plains to see Woody's Classic Car and Baseball Museum that was built in 2018. If you want to check it out, the link is woodysmuseum.com. We will take our lunch with drinks and eat in their dinner. They do not serve food. This was the best

option given the restaurants available in this small town. However, you can stop at the DQ or the Subway if you want to grab lunch to bring to the museum which is close. I will bring home-made cookies and the tickets to get in free, so let me know if you are going. I hope you will join us.

As a reminder our meeting on March 3rd will have three main focuses for this meeting. First, we will be providing a check to People Helping People from the money we raised at the car show this past October. Second, we need to select our charity for 2022 and 2023. I understand that we select a charity for two years, so it is that time again. Please bring your ideas and if you have someone from the charity that can join and do a short talk on it that would be great. Third, we will inaugurate our new officers. We will get other updates as appropriate from our various committees as well. I hope you can attend as it is important to have lots of input regarding which charity that we will select for the next two years. We may take more than one meeting to complete the charity selection.

We ended the year with seventy-six members given some moves. Let us continue to reach out to corvette owners and grow our club. Invite them to a cruise and a meeting. If you need some business cards, I have them with me at the meetings and the cruises.

I hope to see you soon at our March 3rd meeting and the cruise on March 5th.

All the best,

Becky Skaggs



BRCC 2022 CALENDAR

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 15	Cruise to Italy Tx & lunch at La Hacienda	Allan Kettlehut
March 5	Cross Plains with visit at Woody's Classic Car	Becky Skaggs
April 16	Social @Bob Stevens Ranch & Food	Bob Stevens
May 10-12	Lonestar Corvette Classic @ Texas Motor Speedway	
May 28	Field of Flags @ Revolver Brewery	Christine Copeland
July 4	4th of July Granbury Parade	Becky Skaggs
Oct 8	15TH BRCC Car Show	Halfords 432-413-3099
Oct 15	Cowtown Annual Car Show	
Nov 12	Vets for Vets @ Rooster's BBQ	Becky Skaggs
Non 26	Parade of Lights Christmas Parade	Becky Skaggs
Dec 1or2	Christmas Party	



2023 Corvette Will Offer 14 Paint Color Choices

BY JONATHAN LOPEZ — FEB 3, 2022

Since the Chevy Corvette C8 debuted for the 2020 model year, it's been offered with a selection of 12 different exterior paint options. Now, with the introduction of the 2023 Corvette, that paint options list expands to 14 thanks to the addition of the new 2023 Corvette 70th Anniversary Edition.



For those readers who may be unaware, the 2023 Corvette 70th Anniversary Edition is a limited-run version of the C8 Corvette that celebrates the nameplate's 70th anniversary, offered in both a Coupe and a Convertible body style. The Anniversary Edition is also available for both the 2023 Corvette Stingray and 2023 Corvette Z06.



Upgrades over standard versions of the sports car include cosmetic changes like unique badging, painted brake calipers, special seat upholstery, and other bits and pieces. Notably, the 70th Anniversary Edition is also offered in two unique exterior colors, namely White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat, matched with optional Satin Gray stripes, and Carbon Flash Metallic, matched with optional Satin Black stripes.

The two unique exterior colors for the 2023 Corvette 70th Anniversary Edition join 12 other exterior color options for the mid-engine Vette. The other 12 options include (relevant paint code listed in parentheses):

- Caffeine Metallic (G48)
- Arctic White (G8G)
- Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic (G9F)

- Hypersonic Gray Metallic (GA7)
- Black (GBA)
- Amplify Orange Tintcoat (GC5)
- Accelerate Yellow Metallic (GD0)
- Torch Red (GKZ)
- Rapid Blue (GMO)
- Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat (GPH)
- Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic (GS7)
- Silver Flare Metallic (GSJ)

As a reminder, the C8 Corvette rides on top of the Y2 platform, with the C8 Corvette Stingray featuring the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine, rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque, and the C8 Corvette Z06 featuring the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6, rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque.



Reminder: 2023 Corvette Z06 Will Not Offer A Manual Transmission

BY SAM MCEACHERN — NOV 19, 2021

The 2023 Corvette Z06 will not be offered with a manual transmission at launch, and the model is unlikely to offer one at any point during the C8 Corvette's life cycle.

A group of Chevy representatives were present at Petit Le Mans last weekend to give a product presentation about the new 2023 Corvette Z06. In addition to the presentation, the Chevy reps also fielded questions from race fans in attendance and online – with one curious social media user asking the team if they have plans to offer a manual transmission on the new Corvette Z06 at any point.

The answer, unsurprisingly, was an assertive “no.” Corvette Engineering Manager Josh Holder went on to provide the customary “never say never,” exception, but it's clear from his tone that Chevy currently has no plans to offer three pedals and a stick in any variant of the mid-engine C8 Corvette.

This will be disappointing news for some Chevy fans that remained hopeful a stick would be introduced, but with C8 Corvette sales already exceeding the automaker's expectations by a wide margin, Chevy has little incentive to invest the money required to produce a manual transmission model. Back in early 2020, Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter also explained why the C8 Corvette won't offer a manual gearbox. Additionally, the C8 Corvette Z06 was conceived as a road-going version of the Corvette C8.R racecar that has powered Corvette Racing to two straight IMSA championships. The Corvette C8.R is equipped with a six-speed sequential transmission with paddle shifters, so the presence of a paddle-shifted transmission on the 2023 Corvette Z06 actually aligns it closer with the race car. The quick-shifting eight-speed dual-clutch in the Corvette Z06 also enables the supercar to accelerate from zero to mph in a headline-making 2.6 seconds, further justifying its presence over a manual.





Things You Didn't Know About The C2 Corvette

By Steven Symes

1. 1963 Pilot Line Cars

The C2 "Pilot Line" or prototype cars totaled up to 23 vehicles, almost all convertibles. They were manufactured on the line at the same time as 1962 Corvettes were being assembled, sharing some components with them. These pre-production models also came with a 1962 Chevy Nova handbrake. As for the body panels, they were built using mahogany wood buck and hand-made fiberglass.

2. Stingray or Sting Ray

When the C2 first launched, everyone knew the styling was influenced heavily by marine life. That was evident in the name of the new body style, which was written on the cars as "Sting Ray." That's right, all the way from the 1963 to 1967 model years the name was two separate words. Today, we're all used to writing it out as "Stingray," but that came about with the second year of the C3 in 1969.

3. Vinyl Up Top

These days it seems like there's a split among enthusiasts about whether vinyl on car roofs is stylish or not. Up through the 1966 model year, Corvette owners who wanted a convertible with the removable top for cold weather driving couldn't get black vinyl. Instead, they had to go with a bodycolor roof. For the final year of the C2, the 1967, GM gave convertible shoppers this option, expanding styling choices.

4. Split Window Controversy

Easily one of the most desirable Corvettes of all time, at least when it comes to collectors, is the 1963 coupe. That split window in the rear was discontinued after just one production year, thanks to Corvette owners complaining they couldn't see properly to reverse or even while driving down the road. Instead of ignoring the feedback, GM made the rear window for the 1964 and beyond a solid pane of glass. This means the '63 coupes are rare and quite valuable today.

5. More Torsional Rigidity

Enthusiasts who are even just a little technical understand the importance of torsional rigidity when it comes to handling. While everyone knows about the switch from the split window to a regular rear window from the '63 to '64 models, they might not be aware that GM added more steel framework to both the convertible and coupe. They each feature steel pretty much surrounding the passenger compartment, plus in the coupe the steel extends overhead in the roof so sticking turns became that much more effortless. Optional wide-rim aluminum wheels also helped increase handling performance.





10 Things You Didn't Know About The C2 Corvette

By Steven Symes

6. Off-Road Exhaust

If you've looked through the options list for the C2 Corvettes, you might have noticed a line for an "off-road service exhaust system." Before anyone gets any weird ideas, GM wasn't suggesting taking a 'Vette on the Rubicon Trail or anything like that, obviously. Opting for this meant getting a muffler with three internal baffles instead of five. With less restriction in the exhaust flow the car sounded more aggressive, something people who heard the optional exhaust liked enough to pay extra for it. Of course, they could've just ordered the exposed side-mounted exhaust, but surprisingly not everyone was into that.

7. An American First

There's no doubt the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray was revolutionary in many ways, but you might not realize weight distribution is one of the big changes to America's sports car. Over half the weight sits on the rear axle, which was the first time an American front-engine car had such weight distribution, making it an oddity. The result of this design is better handling in turns, making the C2 a legitimate threat on the track.

8. Functional Stinger

Pretty much everyone loves the look of the stinger hood on certain C2 Corvette models, but the sad fact is the scoop wasn't functional, with one small exception. The 1967 model introduced the L88 427 engine which got an induction of fresh air through the hood scoop. Sadly, a mere 20 were made.

9. Thermal Efficiency

Anyone who knows the C2 Corvettes is aware the 1966 model year introduced two pavement-pounding 427 V8s. There are a lot of design tweaks which push output on these engines to impressive heights. Among them is the modified wedge-type cylinders designed for greater thermal efficiency. Thanks to a reduction in the ratio of chamber surface to chamber volume, more of the thermal energy was used to push the piston down instead of uselessly heating up the cylinder walls.

10. Rally Wheels

You might associate the iconic Rally Wheels with the C3 Corvette since that's when they really became popular, but the fact is they launched with the C2. It was the 1967 model which first used Rally Wheels as part of the standard equipment, although an aluminum wheel was an option some chose instead.





C2 Corvette Price List

Code	Description	Retail Price
837	Base Coupe	\$4,038.00
867	Base Convertible	\$4,037.00
898	Genuine Leather Seats	\$80.70
941	Sebring Silver Exterior Paint	\$80.70
A01	Soft Ray Tinted Glass, All Windows	\$16.15
A02	Soft Ray Tinted Glass, Windshield	\$10.80
A31	Power Windows	\$59.20
C07	Auxiliary Hardtop (Convert.)	\$236.75
C48	Heater/Defroster Delete	N/A
C60	Air Conditioning	\$421.80
G81	Positraction Rear Axle	\$43.05
G91	Special Highway Axle Ratio (3.08:1)	\$2.20
J50	Power Brakes	\$43.05
J65	Sintered Metallic Brakes	\$37.70
L75	327ci, 300hp Engine	\$53.80

L76	327ci 340hp Engine	\$107.60
L84	327ci, 360hp Engine - Fuel Injection	\$430.40
M20	4-speed Manual Transmission	\$188.30
M35	Powerglide Automatic Transmission	\$199.10
N03	36-Gallon Fuel Tank (Coupe)	\$202.30
N11	Offroad Exhaust System	\$37.70
N34	Woodgrained Plastic Steering Wheel	\$16.15
N40	Power Steering	\$75.35
P48	Cast Aluminum Knock-Off Wheels	\$322.80
P91	Blackwall Tires, 6.70x15 nylon cord	\$15.70
P92	Blackwall Tires, 6.70x15 rayon cord	\$31.55
T86	Backup Lamps	\$10.80
U65	AM Radio	\$137.75
U69	AM/FM Radio	\$174.35
Z06	Special Performance Equipment	\$1,818.45



BRCC Logo Merchandise

Pat Cooper has lots of great merchandise for sale with the BRCC logo on them. Here is a sampling of most of our items. *We are open to additional item upon request.*

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Merchandise
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Nike Polo Shirts 363-807\$ 30.00

Many colors, Yellow, Light Blue, Med Blue, Varsity Red, White, Black, Pink & Others



Sport Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover\$35.00

Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL

Mens: Black, Charcoal Grey, Navy Blue Med Blue, Forest Green Maroon

Ladies: Black Charcoal Grey, Med Blue Dust Rose, Pink Rush, Navy Blue, White



Sweatshirt 1/4 Zip 9-Oz Pullover.....\$35.00

Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL & Tall
Black, White, Vintage Heather, Graphite Heather, Light Heather, Forest Green, Dark Pink, Pink, Maroon True Red, True Navy, True Royal



Long Sleeve Dress Cotton/Poly S608 \$25.00

Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
All colors

Long Sleeve Denim Mens & Ladies\$35.00

Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
XS-6XL and Long



ADD \$3.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES

Name Tags\$9.00





Next Club Meeting March 3 rd Spring Creek BBQ



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Folks*