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About The Cover

The car on this month's cover belongs to **Sue** and **Bill Clark**. They recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. This is their 4th Corvette together. Prior to having two children they owned "his" and "hers" Corvettes and when properly parked next to each other the plates read **76 Corv Vett 78**. **Sue** and **Bill** were SCC members for a short time in '77 & '78. **Sue's** brand new '78 brown on brown coupe was shown on the front lawn at Key Chevrolet in



Cupertino for the fall '77 SCC annual show now known as Spectacular.

Work and babies resulted in their two Corvettes turning into a station wagon and them out of SCC. Retirement and an empty nest returned them to the Vette world and to SCC with their 2010 Grand Sport purchased new from Boardwalk Chevrolet.



Sue has participated in several Spectaculars helping with the accounting and tabulation of results and one year was the director of the Raffle. **Bill** has assisted in various security activities. Together they have enjoyed participating in various car shows, activities and trips around the state with the club.



One of the photos depicts the 2020 reality showing their GS at or near their home as the pandemic and it's social restrictions has resulted in their car spending most of the year pretty close to home. The future of Corvetting is to involve and encourage the younger generations to get involved. To this end **Sue** and **Bill** are getting their granddaughters an early start to appreciate Corvettes.



Sue and **Bill** say, as do we all, that they are so looking forward to some opening up and being able to see friends and participate in Club activities in a clear '21 and a new '22.



President - Greg Selzer



Welcome to a very special issue of First Class Glass

This month **Geno Brickey** has put together a special edition of First Class Glass honoring **Ron Minearo** and many of the things he has done for Santa Clara Corvettes. I would like to thank **Geno** and everyone who contributed memories and photos of the times they spent with **Ron** and **Jan**. I'm really looking forward to reading them. **Ron** was a very special man who made Santa Clara Corvettes a better car club.

The clutch is down and we are shifting into first gear

Like many of you, when we started living with the COVID pandemic over a year ago I was overwhelmed by the weight of it all. Sorting out what to do, what not to do, and living in a society that was unlike anything we had experienced in our lifetimes was daunting to say the least. But we gradually figured it out. Meanwhile, scientists and medical people created vaccines in record time and others figured out how to get it to everyone faster than I ever thought they could.

Now it feels like I have to unlearn everything that we needed to do last year and it's not as easy as

I thought it would be. The CDC has opened up their guidelines for social activities and Santa Clara County is now in the yellow tier. Santa Clara Corvettes won't be wasting any time getting back in gear. As you'll see in **Cheryl** and **Linda's** column a SCC picnic date has been set and they're restarting many of the events that were planned for 2020.

Don't forget that our own Corvette Spectacular car show is back on for September 19, so put it on your calendar and while you're at it let **Nicole** and **David Wilson**, (dojeseller@hotmail.com) know how you would like to participate and support the event. They'll have more details at each month's business meetings.

I also just heard today that the NCCA has booked their car show in Blackhawk for August 8th. No official announcement for that yet but if you're 'car show people' keep an eye out for it. I think there's quite a bit of pent-up energy and I expect the WSCC car shows will fill up fast. Don't dawdle.

Looking forward to being with (not just seeing) you all again-soon.

Greg

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Welcome!

Al Thompson - Membership Director

From the Membership Desk

This month I will focus on the interior. If you are looking to add an affordable personal touch to the inside here are a few recommendations:

Step it up and upgrade your floor mats. I have two sets of mats, one for every day and one reserved for car shows. Changing out the mats is a simple and easy



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way to get a premium look. Plus, it's one less thing to clean on show days.

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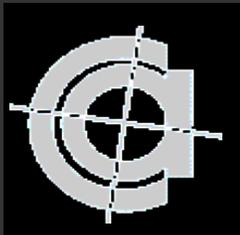
We covered some of your interior and exterior, so let's cover membership. Our membership status has increased:

- We have 193 members on our Roster.
- 65 Families Members
- 63 Single Membership
- 2 Families joined last month.
- 1 Member renewed their membership.

Remember, if it's behind you it doesn't matter. Enjoy your ride.

Until next month.....

Al Thompson



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Social Directors Cheryl Klynn & Linda Lariz



Well, SCC family and friends, it looks like we may be edging closer to shining those Beauties up and getting back to normal again. We have scheduled our annual picnic for Sunday, July 25th, at Hellyer Park in San Jose at the Buena Vista Group site. We will be charging \$10/member to reserve your place. This will be refunded when you arrive at the picnic. Members will receive an email with all the details. All park rules will be followed.

We will continue to meet for TGITs on Zoom twice a month until we can meet in person. June TGIT's are Thursday, the 10th "MASKS OFF?? ". And on the 24th, we'll celebrate dads "BUY DAD A BEER". We are anxious to get together and will announce as soon as we can meet for a real TGIT at a restaurant.

I've also reached out to our contact at the Nike Missile Site SF-51 in Marin. The site just re-opened in the last two weeks with very limited visits. If you'll recall, one of the docents for the site was stationed there in the 1950's and remains an active volunteer. David Kreutzinger is a Corvette owner and member of DVC. He is checking schedules and will find a time for



us to have our personal tour of the site as soon as it becomes available.

We are reaching out to large venues for our annual Christmas "Steal the Gift" Luncheon and the Awards Banquet (January 2022).

We know that it's exciting to see the opportunity for us

We have been looking into rescheduling the events that we had to cancel early in 2020.

We have been in contact with John Mozart's personal assistant. She has let us know that as soon as he is ready (and able) to open the Mozart Foundation Auto Museum we will work to reschedule that unicorn. This is one of the events we were all anxious to attend and hopefully, we will be able to enjoy this impeccable and unique collection sometime late summer. We will plan a group lunch afterwards.

to be together, but we will not be having any events until City/County/State regulations permit us to have large gatherings. Keep in mind that many groups will be scrambling for dates for their events. So, there will be fierce competition.

Bear with us, be patient and know that we are anxious to have our SCC family together and having fun again.

Your Social Directors,

Cheryl and Linda



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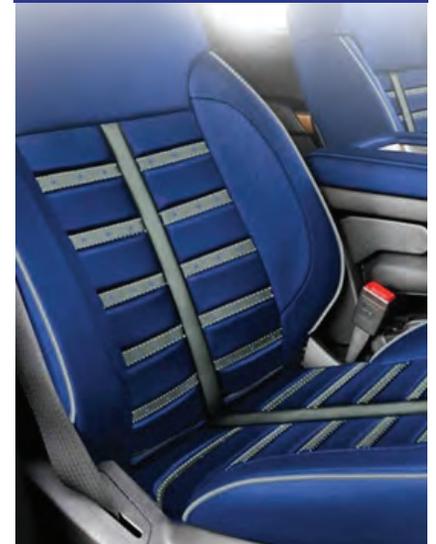
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What's Happening with the "C8 Watch" Now?



Here is the latest I have been able to find out on the C8 Watch. It is another START-STOP-PAUSE year for C8 production. This time for different reasons. I worked in Hi-tech manufacturing for 35 years as Director of Operations and know first hand that shortages can wreak havoc in the production schedule, effects quality, increases overhead hidden costs, employees morale goes down, and the Materials managers and Production managers are at each others throats. I almost want to go back there to help them improve their JIT materials system. Mainly because these shutdowns and 6% (since January) inflation will ultimately drive up next years sticker price. Here is reprint from an online article from

THEDRIVE.COM that explains what I am talking about.

Ongoing parts shortages are keeping the Bowling Green factory from pumping out cars.

By [Lewin Day](#) May 20, 2021

A modern automotive factory is a beautifully tuned machine, capable of running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, turning out vehicles around the clock. That is, of course, assuming the requisite parts show up on time. With just-in-time manufacturing practices now the norm, a small disturbance to one part of the supply chain can bring entire production lines to a grinding halt. That's happening again with the Corvette this year, [with the Bowling Green plant set to shut down for the week beginning May 24, reports Automotive News.](#)

It marks the seventh time by our count that parts issues have halted the line since production started for the 2021 model year, in what is becoming an ongoing headache for General Motors. The company has declined to expand on the specific nature of the problem, only clarifying that it is unrelated to the [global microchip shortage](#) currently [affecting the industry](#). The earliest production will be able to resume is June 1, a date that hopefully won't have to slide out any further.

Earlier shutdowns occurred [from March 1 to March 5](#) and [from May 10 to May 17](#), with the 9-week stretch in between the longest period of full production the 2021 Corvette has yet seen. [With a host of problems occurring earlier in the year as well](#), it's been a rough ride so far for the C8 Corvette.

[The pain is only compounded by the fact that the new mid-engined sports car was America's fastest selling car in March.](#) C8 Corvettes are spending just 13.1 days on a dealer lot before being sold—over three times quicker than the 49 days averaged by other new cars. Obviously, there's a cause-and-effect here, with the Corvette's limited supply having an impact, but it nevertheless shows that the repeat production issues could not come at a worse time. The launch of a new halo model is absolutely key to success, before hype dies down and new competitors enter the market. [While the C8 is now in its second model year, updates are minor](#)—and with last year's delays as well, the car is still very much the new kid on the block.

It's likely that GM will get on top of the problems in time, as manufacturing engineers that can't keep production lines running tend to have short careers in the industry. However, with the backdrop of the ongoing semiconductor shortage, it's entirely possible other factors outside of GM's control could yet frustrate their plans to build America's premier mid-engined sports car in real numbers. Time will tell whether the throngs of eager buyers will get behind the wheel of a new Corvette this year.

Stay tuned for more to come on the latest C8 Watch.

Geno Brickey

Tribute to Ron Minearo

Please see the tributes to Ron Minearo written by friends and members in the following pages. There are stories and pictures that tell their own story.



#1. **Ron** was a very energetic person who never seemed to run down. One of my favorite memories of him was back in 2011. The WSCC Convention was held in Minden, NV. Our host hotel was smart enough to put most of the Corvetters in one building that had a huge parking lot next to it. On the day of our Hospitality Room Competition, the Santa Clara Corvette room theme was "Biker Bar". We had a real bar in the room as well as a lady doing tattoos on your body (they would come off with a few washings).

As the evening progressed, more and more members congregated in the parking lot with beverages in hand and lots of joyful noise. The manager requested that we shut it off at 9pm. Well, we were just all getting started and we told him that we were partying on!! He came back a little later and

asked again and when he got the same answer he invited the whole party to move inside to the cabaret where a band was playing and the drinks would be free to us. That was too much to pass up.

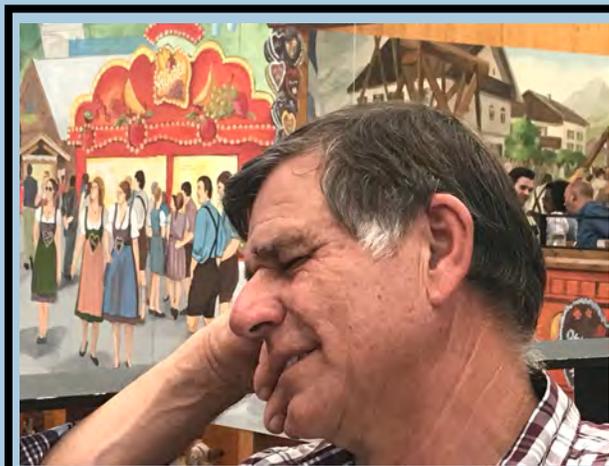
As the party got really going inside so did **Ron**. After a while **Ron** tossed off his shirt and got up on the stage topless and was singing and dancing along with the band. He was such a hit that several of the ladies in our group removed their bras and tossed them up on the stage. **Ron** was King of the evening and the hit of the Convention!!



#2. In 2018, **Andy & Scarlet** planned a SCC club tour to Germany. About 20 SCC members signed up to go including **Ron & Jan**. We were going to see and do some really fun things this trip highlighted by spending a day at Oktoberfest in Munich and a day at the famous Nurburgring Race facility.

I sent **Ron** some YouTube footage of some really fast cars going around "The Ring" which has over 170 corners in its 12+ mile length. It is possible to pay semi professional drivers to take you around the course in some pretty fast and well prepared cars which I planned to do. **Ron**, on the other hand wanted to actually drive himself. He spent months memorizing the course on race simulators. When we finally got to the track, **Ron** went on his way to meet up with the company that was renting the race prepared car. We did not see him for most of the day but was he ever a happy camper having driven the "Green Hell" at speed. The man loved to go fast on road courses!

Keith Mendia



We were on **Andy's** trip to Germany in 2018. This is a picture at Oktoberfest. There was all sorts of stuff going on around him. Don't know if the nap was brought on by too much beer or too much traveling.

I would just caption the picture as too much beer.

Shirley and Jerry Svindal

Tribute to Ron Minearo

Ron Minearo was the embodiment of the ideal club member - someone who selflessly gave of his time and energy for the benefit of the group. There was never anyone who "pitched in" more than **Ron** - regardless the activity. Autocross?, Spectacular?, Vice-President?, President?, Social activity?...he was always present with his congenial smile and willingness to do whatever was necessary to make things successful.



Ron had an innate quality...leadership. He exemplified this during his terms of office for SCC and afterwards when he was the voice of reason and wisdom at meetings. Always full of energy and new ideas it was easy to follow his lead - regardless of the task at hand.

One of my favorite memories of **Ron** was around six years ago at Corvette Spectacular when he decided that it was very tiring to walk up and down Main Street so many times during the show so he brought his roller skates that year. He was quite a sight in his white cowboy hat, bright red Corvette shirt and his roller skates!

Dave Johnston

Ron Minearo

My fond memories of **Ron** were when he and I were enjoying Oktoberfest festivals whether it was in Clayton, CA or Munich, Germany.

Ken Jacksteit



Location :

Nurburgring, Germany

We were having lunch just outside of the Nurburgring and saw **Ron Minearo** taking a break from his rounds at the Ring.

We noticed that he had rented a car to do his track runs. We asked if he had a picture taken of him with the car. He said he hadn't.

He was so happy that he would have a picture of this special event.

Gloria and Al Fuerniss

Tribute to Ron Minearo

Liz and I met **Ron** when we joined SCC in 2007. He was always an active player in many of SCC's activities. His presence always added joy and interest to our involvement with SCC, as he gave so much of himself.

In my role heading up Motorsports, I always found **Ron** to be there, not only participating, but also helping make the events a success. He always helped with course set-up, and helped out during the event whenever he wasn't driving, taking on extra roles as announcer or safety steward. He also filled a very important role, often towing the equipment trailer to and from the events.

Just from these interactions, I found **Ron** to be a special club member who was the kind of volunteer who makes clubs like ours successful.

But when **Liz** and I really got to know **Ron** (and **Jan**) was when we decided to sell our house in Los Altos and move to Massachusetts. **Ron** had been quite helpful over the years whenever we had "what if" questions, so it was an easy decision to hire him as our agent in selling our house.

I can attest that his knowledge and experience made all the difference for us in going through the entire (painful) process of emptying the house, preparing it for the market, conducting the open houses, and guiding us through negotiations. Our last 3 months in CA were a flurry of activity and very disruptive. But the team of **Ron** and **Jan** was a stabilizing force, and I credit **Ron** with having the skills and drive that made our sale successful.

They are so knowledgeable, organized, and professional. I continue to think of them both as we continue to empty those boxes.

A great example of his willingness to help out was when I had my utility trailer full of trash, but was struggling to find time to take it to the dump. He stepped up, brought his truck over, and hauled it away. I was very impressed and still wonder how many other realtors would have done that.

A few weeks after the signed offer, when closing was secure, he and **Jan** invited us and our two boys out for a celebratory dinner. It was very nice as we dined outdoors on Main St in Los Altos, COVID style. This was on February 27th. Three days later we left CA on our cross-country move, so that dinner was the last time we saw **Ron**.



(l-to-r) Brian, **Liz**, **Jan**, **Ron**, **Stuart**, Dave

We are so fortunate to have had this period to get to know them both. I now cherish all those **Ron Minearo** pens that I teased him about, saying, "You're with me wherever I go, **Ron!**" And he will continue to be.

Stuart and Liz Calhoon



Ron doing whatever it takes.

Tribute to Ron Minearo

Buzz & I looked forward each year in coordinating with **Ron** & **Jan** in reviewing the registration & table set up for the Corvette Racing Banquet. **Ron** and **Jan Minearo** were very supportive at the CR Banquet for many years. **Jan** took charge of the CR banquet registration and **Ron** made sure that all banquet participants were seated appropriately at reserved tables, and that everyone was taken care of as far as being seated at a table, making the banquet experience more enjoyable. We appreciated **Ron** & **Jan's** friendship on a personal and business level. We are so ever grateful! Thank you **Ron** and **Jan!** I can just hear **Ron** saying "Good Evening Everyone!"

With Love, **Ruth Marston (and Buzz in Spirit)**



Some years ago at a SCC Christmas party dinner in Santa Clara, the gift exchange included a bottle of Limoncello – the Italian liqueur drink. I asked **Ron** about it as I had never before heard of the drink. He told me that he would share how to make it at home. A few months later, **Ron** and **Jan** invited **Valerie** and me to a presentation at The Italian American Heritage Hall in San Jose where we learned how to make Limoncello. Since that time **Valerie** (who is Italian) and I have made many batches and others in our club have made batches as well. The next time we each raise a glass of Limoncello, let's all remember our friend, **Ron**. Be seein' you, **Ron**...

Steve and Valerie Bolaris



Tribute to Ron Minearo



Ron was not only loved by all but he was one of my closest friends. It was **Ron** who convinced me into taking up golf. I can't remember the exact year but I'm pretty sure the first time we played together was in Hawaii. I was already in my 50's and I had no conception of how to play the game. It couldn't have been a better place to start and with **Ron's** guidance I got hooked. Since that first trip my wife and I have returned to Maui with **Ron** and **Jan** many times to stay at their lovely timeshare. It has become an annual event that we always look forward to. Trips to Maui also included several of our Corvette friends as well. **Ron** also put together a golf outing in Arizona with several of us Corvetters that not only included several golf outings but a awesome BBQ lunch with **Buzz** and **Ruth Marsten**. A truly memorable event. I know golf was **Ron's** biggest passion and now has become mine as well. Every time I pick up a club I think of **Ron**. My good friend I miss you.

Rick Bronner

My Tribute to the memory of **Ron Minearo**

Racing, Generosity, Cooperation, Shared Experience, Great for All

Five or 6 years ago, there was an HOD Corvette Track Day at Laguna Seca after the September IMSA Races. A group of SCC members were participating. **Ron** had loaned me some special "SuperTrapp" mufflers to use at Laguna Seca on previous occasions. These special mufflers are effective in meeting sound requirements there. This day, **Ron** and I were running in different classes and so we shared the mufflers throughout the day. It was quite comical to see us taking these very hot mufflers off one car and immediately installing them on the other car, all in a matter of minutes in the paddock between our Run Group sessions. The mufflers became extremely hot and so we were wearing very heavy gloves. As the day wore on the mufflers were getting hotter and hotter but we continued to exchange them back and forth. This is a great example of how **Ron** would find any way possible to help others and create a shared experience. By generously sharing the mufflers, we were both able to run and not break Laguna Seca's sound limit. I learned how sharing and unselfish **Ron** was that day. A lesson I will never forget.

Thank you, **Ron**

Collins Orton

Tribute to Ron Minearo



Ron was a great friend and terrific person. Kind and generous to a fault. We had many great times with him and **Jan**, wine tasting, golf outings, and fun times in Hawaii. We miss him greatly.

Nick & Joyce



From John & Barbara Warner

Tribute to Ron Minearo

I have known **Ron** for over a decade through my shop TPS Motorsports. He was the 1st member of Santa Clara Corvettes to have us work on his car years ago and we always had a great time talking to each other. **Ron** was always very easy talk to, pragmatic, and there were no subject which was off topic for us to talk about. I lost my father when he was 54 and **Ron** was very much like a father to me offering "Fatherly" advice when I asked for his opinion. Through the years I would call **Ron** and he always made time to talk to me. I loved talking to him and I will miss him dearly.

Below is the last picture I took of **Ron** pulling his car onto his trailer after we did repairs, maintenance, and full inspection to C5 Z06. He had contacted us to help him obtain an SCCA drivers license, and we had put all the things in place for him to do so. Have fun in the track up above.... Thank you **Ron** for always being there and being a good friend.

Mike Mak



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Tribute to Ron Minearo



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What's News?

The second round of the food distribution for Second Harvest Food Bank was on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 9 am to 11:45 am. We once again gathered at Mission College in Santa Clara in parking lot A to distribute food to approximately 660 families.

Since 6 of the 9 volunteers helped out during round one in March, we knew the ropes and quickly took to our job assignments while helping out the newbies. We had eight SCC members and one potential SCC member join in the fun. The potential member, Mark Chambliss, had heard about this event from the SCC Facebook page. He owns a Red Mist C8, which unfortunately he did not bring with him. I can't wait to see that color in person.

There were plenty of other volunteers including one woman who was 90 years old!



The time went by as fast as the food did and before we knew it, we were relaxing at Tomatina's restaurant just a mile away. We enjoyed our lunch specials on this warm and sunny day under the covered patio.

The volunteers in the picture are:
Maxine Wiley, Roger Wiley, Chuck Vivian, Linda Lariz, Jerry Svindal, Shirley Svindal, Greg Selzer, Ken Jacksteit, Mark Chambliss

I want to give a shoutout to Maxine Wiley. When I brought this concept of a Charity Coordinator to the Board last summer, I really had no idea how successful this would be. It really depended on someone who would capture the concept and see the potential and make it happen. With these two events and as of this writing over \$8,000 in contributions to SHFB, Maxine is off to a great start and has exceeded my expectations. I'm sure the upcoming charities will do just as well. Thanks to Maxine for a job well done.

Ken Jacksteit

WSCC NEWS

WSCC's last published Redline Newsletter for May, June, July 2021 issue had this under "Club Activities".

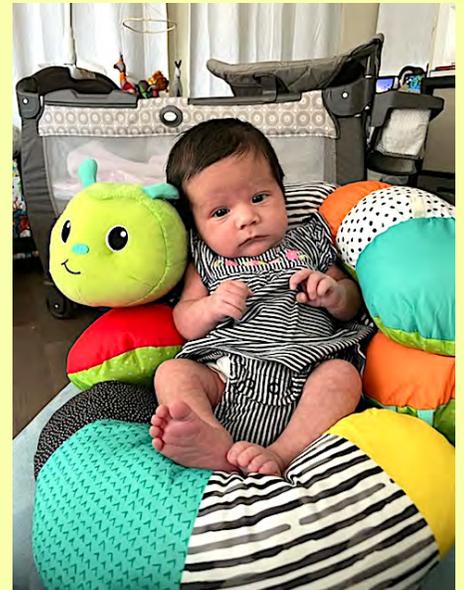
Due to the continued Covid impact WSCC has not been able to hold our historical 2020 Awards presentations. If we had, I would have presented "Continued Excellence" Awards to NCCA and Santa Clara for their outstanding Newsletters. In spite of covid impacts and restrictions, they have continued to publish excellent monthly issues that exceed WSCC standards.

The current Publication Directors for Santa Clara are Geno Brickey and Jerry Banks.
The current Publications Director for NCCA is Scott DeVine.

Great News

As some of you know, my son and SCC sponsor, Shane and his wife Kim, have been trying to adopt a newborn for just over two years now. The process was extensive. Usually in this process you are aware approximately 3 months prior to the birth that you have been selected by the mother to be the adoptive parents. Rarely are you selected and called at the last minute. Since they knew this was a possibility, they were prepared with a car seat and the basic necessities for the past two years.

Well, on April 9th at 3:45 pm they were called to drive to a Merced hospital to pick up their infant daughter who was born on April 7th weighing in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and measuring 19 inches. They dropped everything and got to Merced later that night.



The baby was released from the hospital in good health two days later. The adoption wasn't official until the State of California put their official seal of approval, which takes about two weeks. So nothing was announced until that time had passed.

So this new grandpa officially announces and welcomes into this world Evangeline Serenity Jacksteit. And yes, that full head of hair was from day one and keeps growing.

Ken Jacksteit



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National Corvette Museum News

Corvette to Pace Indy 500 By [Mariah Hughes](#) May 12, 2021



The 2021 Mid-Engine Corvette Stingray Convertible To Lead Field to Green Flag of 105th Indianapolis 500 Presented by Gainbridge.

May 11, 2021 | By Indianapolis Motor Speedway

This is the 18th time a Chevrolet Corvette has paced 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing'

The 2021 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Stingray hardtop convertible will lead the 33-car field to the green flag for the 105th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on May 30, 2021. The Arctic White Stingray will be the first Corvette convertible since 2008 to pace the iconic race.

Chevrolet and Corvette have led the starting field more than any other manufacturer and nameplate, respectively. The 2021 race marks the 32nd time for Chevrolet to pace dating back to 1948, and the 18th time since 1978 for America's favorite sports car. "The Chevrolet team is privileged every time we're invited to pace the Indianapolis 500," said Steve Majoros, vice president of Chevrolet Marketing. "We are confident the track-capable Corvette Stingray Convertible will catch every race fan's eye as it leads the pack toward the Yard of Bricks. From the color scheme, to the special race weekend decals and how the safety lighting is skillfully integrated into the nacelles of the hard-top convertible Corvette's revolutionary appearance, we're putting Chevrolet's best on display for the fans."

The exterior and interior of the Corvette Convertible will be on full display as the car fulfills responsibilities on and off track. Sky Cool Gray and Strike Yellow upholstery selected for the cabin influenced the racy exterior appearance of the pace car. A close look at the car reveals Indianapolis 500 logos adapted specifically for pace car use, an



exclusive stripe package, unique Stingray decals and more. For racers, highly visible safety lighting on the pace car is a top priority. Corvette designers prioritized form and function by incorporating four lights into each of the tonneau cover nacelles, in addition to strobe lights in the headlights, front louvers and taillights. This maintains the Corvette Convertible's signature silhouette and eliminates need for a traditional lightbar.

"The 2021 Corvette Stingray hardtop convertible is such a world-class performance car that's a perfect match to lead the talented field of 33 drivers to the green flag in 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,'" Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said. "We continue

to be grateful for our strong, enduring partnership with Chevrolet and its many contributions to the success of our events and the exciting appeal of competition at the Racing Capital of the World."

The mid-engine 2021 Corvette Stingray was engineered first and foremost as a convertible. The convertible maintains the tunnel-dominant structure and use of high-integrity die-cast parts found in the Stingray coupe. Like the coupe, the Stingray convertible's design was inspired by fighter jets. The tonneau cover features aerodynamically shaped nacelles influenced by the housing used for jet engines. The nacelles, which were also used as inspiration on the Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle (CERV) I and II, as well as the Corvette SS and SR2 concepts, help reduce air recirculation into the cabin and provide a remarkably exotic profile with the top up or down. The tonneau also provides a rear power-adjustable window and a vent for mid-engine cooling.

The 2021 Corvette Stingray convertible is powered by the next-generation 6.2L Small Block V-8 LT2 engine, the only naturally aspirated V-8 in the segment. It will produce 495 horsepower (369 kW) and 470 lb-ft (637 Nm) of torque when equipped with performance exhaust — the most horsepower and torque for any entry Corvette.

The LT2 is paired with Chevrolet's first eight-speed dual-clutch transmission, which provides lightning-fast shifts and excellent power transfer. This transmission is uniquely designed to provide the best of both worlds: the spirited, directly connected feeling of a manual and the premium driving comfort of an automatic. The double-paddle de-clutch feature even allows the driver to disconnect the clutch by holding both paddles for more manual control.

When combined, the advanced propulsion system, revised chassis tuning and retractable hardtop make the Stingray the most no-compromise Corvette convertible in history. Chevrolet has a storied history at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Chevrolet was founded in 1911, the year of the inaugural 500-mile race. Company co-founder and namesake Louis Chevrolet, along with brothers Arthur and Gaston, competed in early Indy 500s. Arthur competed in the 1911 race and Gaston won in 1920.

Nine drivers with Chevrolet engines have combined to win "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" 11 times, with Rick Mears, Emerson Fittipaldi, Arie Luyendyk, Al Unser Jr., Helio Castroneves, Tony Kanaan, Juan Pablo Montoya, Will Power and, most recently, Simon Pagenaud in 2019. Team Chevy also has won the NTT INDYCAR SERIES manufacturer championship six times since 2012.

Visit [IMS.com](#) for more information about this year's schedule.

The race will be televised live on NBC for the third consecutive year, with the pre-race show starting at 11 a.m. The INDYCAR Radio Network will provide live coverage of the race to its affiliates and on Sirius 211, XM 205, [indycar.com](#) and the INDYCAR Mobile App powered by NTT DATA.

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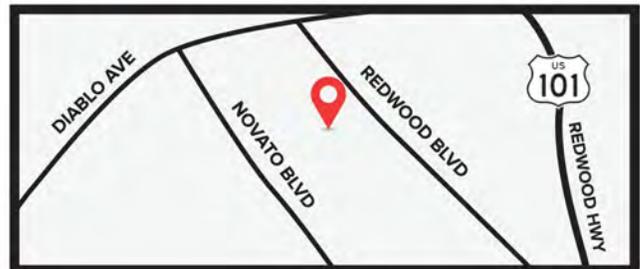
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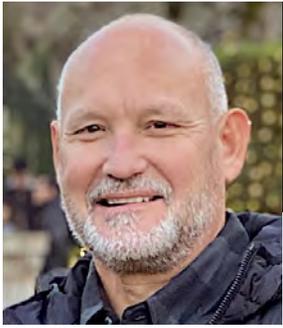
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Mark Koller: Competition Car Show



Caring for your car's paint will not only preserve its appearance but will also preserve its value. Understanding your car's paint will

be of importance if you wish to provide care and/or repair on your own. In the simplest of explanations, your car is painted in three basic stages. First, the primer coat is applied to the body panels and serves to bond the paint layer to the panel. Second comes the color coats, which determine the color of your car. And last but not least, comes the clear coats, which add both protection and shine to the paint. For the do-it-yourself crowd, the clear coat is what you will be primarily dealing with in paint preservation and/or correction.

Understanding the basics between what polishes, glazes, waxes and sealants are designed to do is equally important to understand. Polishes and glazes are designed to bring shine to your paint, while waxes and sealants are designed to protect that shine. If you use the wrong product for the wrong job, you will be disappointed at best. Polishes also come in a variety of formulas designed to maintain, enhance, or even repair the shine if it was poorly maintained or damaged.

Minor surface scratches, paint transfers, swirl marks and scuffs can usually be removed with correcting/cutting polishes and the use of cutting pads, as long as the damage does not penetrate through the clear coat. One easy way to determine this is to slide the edge of your fingernail perpendicular to the scratch and feel if your fingernail drops into the scratch itself. If so, this usually indicates the scratch is too deep to repair without repainting the area damaged. If not, the damage can most likely be buffed out with a very fine grade sandpaper and/or cutting pads and polishes.

When detailing your car, preparation is key. For the best results, this is done in stages. First washing the car, followed by a deep clean with a clay bar. Once dried off,

use cutting polishes to remove oxidation or swirl marks followed by non-cutting polish and or glaze to maintain or enhance the shine. Finish by applying layers of wax and or sealant to provide protection from UV



rays, water, and debris. Clear wraps and ceramic coatings are more advanced mediums to both protect and maintain the shine of your paint, but that's another story all together, and rarely fits into the average DIY toolbox.

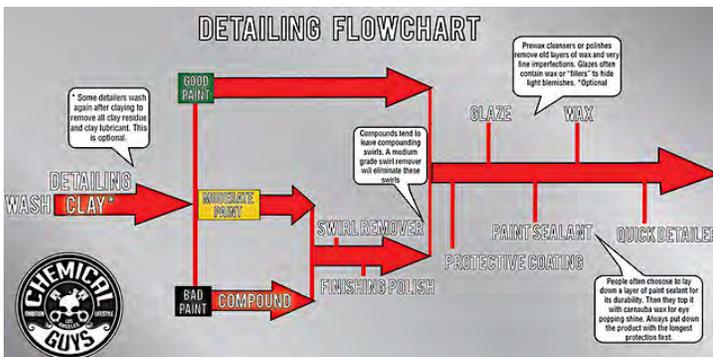
As far as particular paint detailing products are concerned, there are several lines commercially available from Meguiar's, Chemical Guys, Adams, Ammonyc, and American Global to name a few. If you are interested in how easy or difficult such processes can be, I have listed below a link, courtesy of **Dave Johnston**, to a very informative and entertaining video on paint correction. I have also listed a few product websites that specialize in paint maintenance and instructional DIY videos.

YouTube Video on Paint Correction Q&A:

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2021/04/28/paint-color-correction-questions-answered-for-the-weekend-diyer?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021-04-28

Websites for products and DIY videos

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June 2021

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

July 2021

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 2 Zoom Social at 6:30pm and Zoom Business Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 5-6 NBCA Auto-x Thunderhill
- 6 D-Day Anniversary
- 7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- 10 TGIT Zoom 5:00 - 7:00 pm "Masks Off?"
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 Father's Day
- 24 TGIT Zoom 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Buy Dad a Beer
- 27 National Ice Cream Cake Day
- 30 Zoom Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

- 2 World UFO Day
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 International Kissing Day
- 7 Zoom Social at 6:30pm and Zoom Business Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 15 TGIT Zoom 5-7 pm
- 21 National Hot Dog Day
- 23 National Vanilla Ice Cream Day
- 25 SCC Annual Picnic at Hellyer Park
- 28 Zoom Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 29 TGIT Zoom Social 5-7 pm "Get Together"

*Some dates may be added after this goes to press so always check the sccorvettes.org website for the most current information.

June Birthdays

- 04 - Sue Kennedy
- 05 - Andy Hoepfner
- 05 - Mary Ann Kono
- 08 - Mark Koller
- 09 - Hazel Lee
- 10 - Donna Courtney
- 13 - Glenn Gramling
- 14 - Burt Tsubahara
- 15 - Ray Gee
- 16 - Gloria Fuerniss
- 20 - Douglas Leonard
- 20 - Walt Kimball
- 24 - Jaye Eriksen
- 26 - Stephanie Koller
- 29 - Scarlet Reed



June Anniversaries

- 1995 - Ren'ee Kojack
- 2002 - Liz Bronner
- 2002 - Rick Bronner
- 2003 - Cheryl Klynn
- 2003 - Lee Klynn
- 2013 - Nancie Kalivoda
- 2013 - Tom Kalivoda
- 2014 - Gary Leighton
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