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## PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Some of the following was pulled from the web

A new generation of the Chevrolet Corvette, the C8, will be unveiled on July 18, and in anticipation of the car's arrival General Motors is expanding capacity at its Bowling Green Assembly plant in Kentucky, which is home to Corvette production.

GM Chairman and CEO Mary Barra in a plant presentation on Thursday announced that a second shift and over 400 jobs would be added to support production of the new Corvette, which arrives for 2020 and sees the nameplate move to a mid-engine layout for the first time. The influx of workers will see the plant's staff numbers swell to more than 1,300.

The extra shift suggests GM anticipates higher demand for the C8 Corvette, which is expected to be sold globally and offer both left- and right-hand-drive versions. There are also rumors GM will add production of a new high-performance engine at the plant, thought to be a twin-turbocharged V-8.

We should point out that adding jobs at the Bowling Green part at the arrival of a new Corvette has been common with previous generations, as sales of sports cars tend to peak in the first few years of a model's run before dropping off. For example, sales of the current C7 Corvette in the United States and Canada topped 35,000 units in its first full year on the market and about 20,000 units in 2018.

GM has invested more than \$900 million in the Bowling Green plant since 2011. This includes investments towards a new body shop, new paint shop, and additional plant upgrades. There's also been more capacity added to the Performance Build Center, a facility for production of high-performance engines that was integrated with the Bowling Green plant in 2013.

While the original C1 Corvette was unveiled in 1953, the Bowling Green plant was only opened in 1981. Since then more than a million Corvettes have rolled off the line there.

"The Corvette's iconic status owes so much to the men and women of Bowling Green, where it has been built exclusively for almost 40 years," Barra said at the announcement. "This is the workforce that can deliver a next generation Corvette worthy of both its historic past and an equally exciting future, and today's announcement gets us one step closer to its reveal on July 18."

Before the arrival of the new Corvette, GM will auction off the final C7, a black Z06, for charity. The sale of the final Corvette with an engine mounted up front will take place on June 28 at Barrett-Jackson's auction in Connecticut.



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RCC CLUB MEETING MINUTES, **MAY**, Rita Kerr, Secretary

No Minutes—annual club picnic

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS WITH **JUNE BIRTHDAYS!**

**Beth Dwiggin  
Mike Elliott  
David Grant  
Mike Hancock  
Celia Hancock**





# CAR SHOWS/EVENTS



Roland, OK Cruise night  
June 14

TBA  
Van Buren Cruisers car show and cruise night, Van Buren, AR



July 6  
August 23-24

Sallisaw, OK cruise night/burn-out 5:00-11:00 p.m.  
NWA Summers End Corvette Show, Pennacle Hills, Rogers, AR



August 27

National Corvette Caravan



# MEETINGS and EVENTS 2019

Jan Marshall, Events [Coordinator.....vettejbs@cox.net](mailto:vettejbs@cox.net)

Dinner at 6:00

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified



## DATE

## LOCATION



### MEETINGS:



June 10

CANCELLED



July 8

Western Sizzlin', Rogers Ave. Ft. Smith, AR



August 12

El Celaya Restaurant, Roland, OK



September 9

Western Sizzlin', Rogers Ave. Ft. Smith, AR



December

Annual Christmas Party/Dirty Santa TBA





EVENTS:

LOCATION



June 22 Cruise

Mt. Magazine Skycrest Restaurant, Mt. Magazine, AR



July 20 Cruise

Oark General Store, Oark, AR



August 10 cruise

Grapevine Restaurant, Paris, AR **2:00 p.m. reservations made**



September 27 cruise

The Wooden Spoon, Gentry AR



October 3,4,5,6

Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend, Eureka Springs, AR



October 4, Fri.

Dinner La Cazuelas Mexican Restaurant, Green Forest AR, **7:00 p.m. reservations made**



November 10

Lake Ft. Smith day-long event



November 16

Modo Mio Italian Restaurant, Krebs, OK **1:00 p.m. reservations made**



December

Parades, TBA



December

Christmas Lights, Muskogee, OK TBA



SAVE THE WAVE









# RCC UPDATE



**CLUB DUES:** Dues for 2019 are \$30. These are due and payable anytime **NOW** to “Razorback Corvette Club”. Mail or give dues to Rita Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer, RCC. 

**MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE:** If you have not e-mailed Rita Kerr any updated information about your birthdays and your Vettes, please send that information to her. E-mail Club photographer, David Grant, your Vette pictures for the website. 

**CLUB PATCHES, DECALS, and/or BUSINESS CARDS:** Rita has club patches if you need one of them. They are \$5.00 each. She also has club window decals. She can give you information about ordering club business cards.

**EVENTS/MEETINGS/CRUISES:** Be thinking of cruises and events you would like for RCC to consider. If any members are interested in hosting an event, meeting, or cruise, or have ideas for these, please e-mail Jan Marshall at [Vettejbs@gmail.com](mailto:Vettejbs@gmail.com)

**WEBSITE:** Don't forget you can access the club website at anytime for Copies of the newsletters, meeting information, pictures of events, and Ft. Smith activities [www.razorvette.net](http://www.razorvette.net)



# CORVETTES FOR SALE:

In the past I have sent several e-mails to the membership about Vettes for sale. Since space is too limited to list each one in the newsletter, I will continue to do this as separate mailings to members

**Members,**  
Wondering where to go to get that Vette serviced or worked on????????? Many of our members are very knowledgeable about where to go and where not to go. If you need help with any type of Vette repair or service, please contact another member or just ask at the next meeting.

Members wanting to place articles or information into the Newsletter need to e-mail Jan at [vettejbs@cox.net](mailto:vettejbs@cox.net) by the first Monday of each month in order to meet the Newsletter time schedule.