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## President's Report

February 2022



Good riddance to January and hello to fast approaching spring! WooHoo.

As you know, we've cancelled the General Meeting for February. We'll see what the environment is like before making a decision about the March General Meeting. In the meantime, the Executive Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis via Zoom.

Our club sends flowers or fruit baskets to members for good wishes or sympathies. Gail Schroer, has been the one organizing these, but recently stepped down from this role. Thanks to Gail for doing an awesome job!! If you are interested in taking on this role, please let me know.

The Executive Committee has decided that the club will not participate in Motorama this year, given the current and projected rates of Covid. The organizers of Motorama believe that the show will be either cancelled or postponed to a later date.

I've sent an email requesting your suggestions for a new charity that COD could support. Please give it some thought and let me know any suggestions that you have of a charity worthy of our donation.

As some of you may know, I was diagnosed with breast cancer in late November and I had a mastectomy on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The treatment and course of recovery has not impacted my ability to continue as President. I just finished moving two households into one in Bowmanville and **I am ready to rock!!**

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day.



Anne Halverson



**Corvettes of Durham** was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm but have cancelled our site meetings due to COVID restrictions. During the summer months, we arrange 'offsite meetings' and cruise to different locations. If you have a favourite restaurant suitable for a meeting, please let one of the COD Executive know.

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## February Birthdays

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Marilynn Gordon	21st



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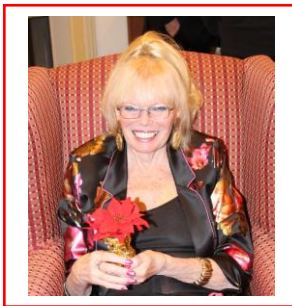
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# COD Newsworthy News



- ✚ Ken spoke with Gary Chalis who organizes **Motorama 2022** and informed him that our club will not sign up for the show based on the Covid numbers. Gary said that they have changed the date to April 29 – May 1. Call Ken for more information on Motorama.
- ✚ A return of the fan-favorite **Honda Indy Toronto** street course race is on Friday, July 15, 2022 at Exhibition Place.
- ✚ **Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP)**  
May 20 to 22 - Castrol Victoria Day SpeedFest  
June 17 to 19 - VARAC Vintage Racing Festival  
July 1 to 3 - SportsCar Grand Prix  
August 12 to 14 - Superbike Doubleheader  
September 2 to 4 - CTMP Labour Day Sprints
- ✚ Due to the uncertainty of Covid numbers all General Meeting's will be scheduled based on the Covid restrictions in place, which means the February General Meeting is cancelled. Anne will keep y'all posted on future meetings.



- ✚ I would like to thank Jan Raven for strongly encouraging and finally convincing me to go to the Christmas Dance. I enjoyed the dinner, not able to enjoy a dance, but most of all enjoyed seeing and talking to everyone that night. This recovery period after the transplant is a lot slower and longer than I thought it would be, but I'm getting there and I **WILL DANCE (with fletch)** again!  
Marilyn

- ✚ President Anne is recovering from her mastectomy and gave me a line that I can't put in the newsletter, but feel free to ask her...
- ✚ Barb has had her cataract surgery and even though she can see much better it's affected her hearing...she never answers me...

- ✚ **HAPPY V.D. ...oops i mean VALENTINE'S DAY** to all you happy people...and ladies, please stop sending me valentines...Barb is getting jealous...



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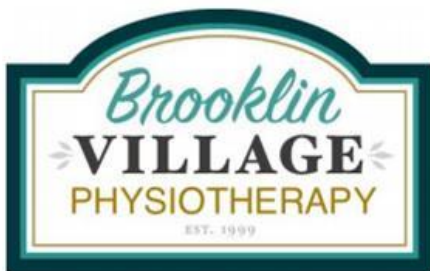
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*It Takes a Village....*



# 120 C8 Corvettes Damaged by the Kentucky Tornado Will Be Demolished

General Motors Bowling Green factory had to be temporarily closed because of damage.



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Dozens of [Chevrolet C8 Corvettes](#) may have survived a tornado last month, but that doesn't mean they're out of danger.

In fact, about 120 examples of the iconic sports car are now scheduled to be demolished, [according to Jalopnik](#). The vehicles, which were damaged when a catastrophic tornado hit Kentucky and five other states last month, will reportedly be scrapped to ensure no defective cars end up on the road.

The cars were damaged when a massive tornado struck the [General Motors](#)'s plant where the C8 [Corvette](#) is built in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Although the toll of the deadly tornado was worse in other areas, the factory suffered major damage, including its roof and employee entrance catching on fire.

Fortunately, none of the workers at the plant were hurt, but production was temporarily halted so that the damage could be dealt with, a process that has continues into this year.

The damage also extended to a number of completed vehicles that were ready to be shipped, including the C8 Corvettes that are headed for the crusher.

Although [footage of the banged-up cars](#) shows varying degrees of harm, you'd think at least some of them could be salvageable. While that may or may not be the case, they will be destroyed to ensure the safety of Chevy's customers. That means that some customers who were just about to get the mid-engine 'Vette have to wait even longer to get their hands on the vehicle.

"All customer vehicles coming off of the line after the downtime caused by December's storm meet the high level of quality our customers expect," a representative for Chevy told *Robb Report* on Thursday. "Vehicles and vehicle parts in the plant that were damaged by the storm are being scrapped and will not be used in production.

"If a customer's order was impacted by the storm, the customer will be contacted by their dealer and their order will be prioritized and re-sequenced

back into production, with an expected production date as quickly as possible.”

This is yet [another production issue](#) for the C8 Corvette, though. Initial production was [delayed by the UAW strike](#) in the fall of 2019, then Covid-19 brought the world to a stop in March 2020, causing more delays and [forcing GM to cut production](#) of the 2020 model drastically. This past year wasn't much better, with supply chain issues causing at least three separate stoppages.





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Chevy is offering price protection to Corvette buyers amid an ongoing inventory shortage. According to a bulletin sent to dealers, the incentive involves a price protection credit to offset possible mid-year price increases. The deal may offer some assurance to customers still awaiting the extremely hard-to-find sports car.

Through January 3rd, just about every GM model is eligible for a special Price Protection Program. Based on the fine print, the incentive can be applied toward vehicles built on or after the effective date of a price hike. To take advantage of it, buyers will need to have placed an order before new pricing goes into effect.



Fortunately, there's no word yet on a Corvette price increase. While manufacturer price hikes are common from year-to-year, shoppers may not know that mid-year price increases can happen at any time. [2022 Corvette pricing](#) starts at \$62,195, \$1,200 more than the sold-out [2021 model](#) because of a change in equipment.

With a great deal of uncertainty surrounding delivery dates and production schedules, the program could be particularly helpful for Corvette buyers looking to lock-in current MSRPs. Other brands have been [paying buyers to wait](#), sometimes with interest rate-lock offers and cash incentives on factory-ordered cars.

Soon after the [2023 Corvette](#) was revealed, early [Z06 reservation details](#) began to emerge. One dealer even [asked people to stop calling](#) due to its enormous backlog of open 2022 Corvette orders. Next year, the Z06 promises to offer the most powerful naturally-aspirated production V8 with [an output of 670 horsepower](#).

If you're in the market for a Corvette, [expect to pay a premium](#). Base models remain [practically impossible to find](#) and there continue to be significant dealer markups. Sadly, shoppers may find that simply being able to find a dealer willing to sell the extremely sought-after car at MSRP could be a chore in itself.



# Trading Post

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## Astronaut Alan Shepard's 1968 Corvette 427/435 Offered at Barrett-Jackson



A first-year [C3 Corvette](#) owned new by an astronaut with perhaps the oldest ties to Chevy's legendary sports car is being [offered at no reserve](#) at the Barrett-Jackson Auction set for Jan. 22-30 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

[Alan Shepard](#) was one of the first 12 astronauts in the NASA program and went on to become the first American in outer space and eventually was one of the few who ever walked on the moon.

Shepard's history with Corvettes goes all the way back to his first brush with the car, a used '53, and he was driving a used '57 while training in Florida for the Mercury space program.

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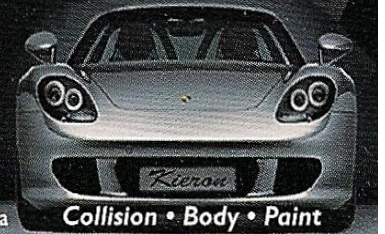
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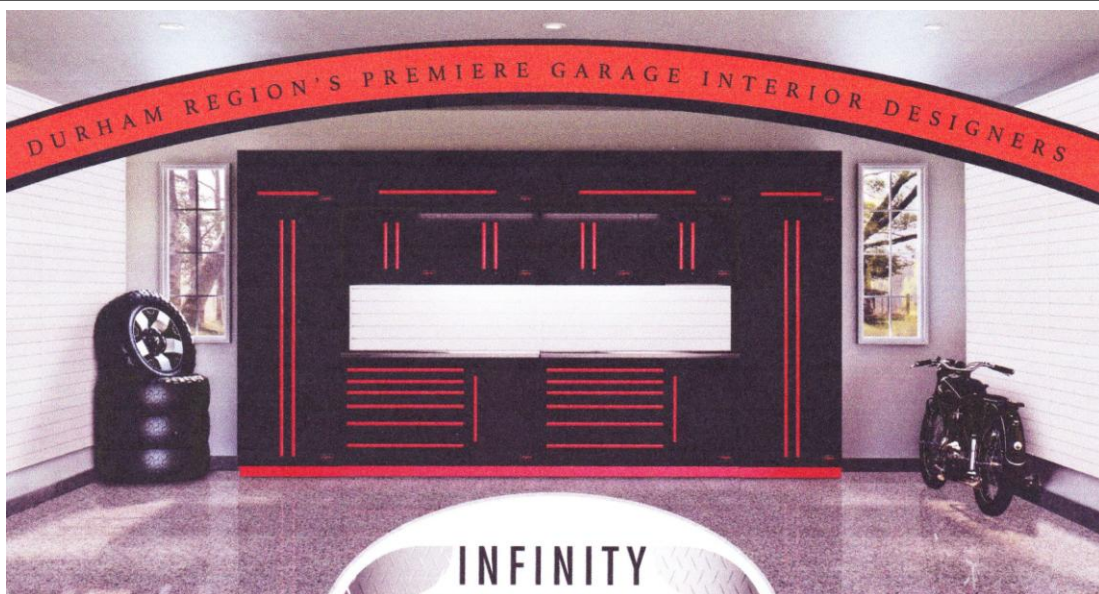


Corvette Racing and the C8.Rs will have their hands full at this year's Rolex 24 at Daytona if the size of the new GTD-Pro class that's entered for the Roar Before the Rolex 24 is any indication. No more racing ourselves as the new GTD-Pro class will feature eight manufacturers and 13 entries at the Roar!

- 3 – Porsche 911 GT3R
- 2 – BMW M4 GT3
- 2 – Corvette C8.R GTD
- 2 – Mercedes AMG GT3
- 1 – Aston Martin Vantage GT3
- 1 – Ferrari 488 GT3
- 1 – Lamborghini Huracan GT3
- 1 – Lexus RC F GT3

**GT Daytona Pro (GTD PRO):** The new class that replaces GT Le Mans (GTLM) is loaded with 13 entries and eight manufacturers. Corvette Racing bears watching as always, but in particular, as it shifts from the GTLM platform to the GT3 specification the GTD PRO falls under. The No. 3 Corvette won last year's Rolex 24 and the driver trio returns with Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Nicky Catsburg. The No. 4 Corvette won the 2021 qualifying race and is back on a one-off for the Rolex 24 before taking on a full season in the FIA World Endurance Championship.





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# Corvette Assembly Plant Sets Single Day Production Record for C8 Corvettes



We always like to pass along good news when it comes our way and today's news is especially good for those Corvette enthusiasts whose orders for their new 2022 Corvettes are getting ready for production.

On Tuesday, the [Corvette Assembly Plant](#) completed the building of 197 new Corvettes which we believe is the single-day record for C8 Corvette production. The production team followed up that great news by producing 195 Corvettes on Wednesday. During normal times (yeah, when was that again?) the plant is set up to complete 184 Corvettes total or 92 per shift.



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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – January 17, 2022 – [Barrett-Jackson](#), the World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions, will auction one of the most highly anticipated Corvettes during the auction company's 50th anniversary celebration at WestWorld of Scottsdale, January 22-30. The first retail production 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 ([Lot #3009](#)) will cross the world-famous auction block on Saturday, January 29 to benefit Operation Homefront, the national nonprofit celebrating 20 years of building strong, stable, and secure military families.



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# 2022 Events Calendar



DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Feb 16 2022	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Cancelled	
Mar 16 2022	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA
April 20 2022	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA
April 29 – May 1	<b>MOTORAMA</b>	Ken Gordon	International Centre	
May 18 2022	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA
June 5 2022	<b>DREAMVETTES</b>	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales	TBA
June 15 2022	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA

## IRISH PHILOSOPHY

There are only two things to worry about  
either you are well or you are sick.

**If you are well,**  
then there is nothing to worry about.

**If you are sick,**  
there are two things to worry about.  
Either you will get well or you will die,

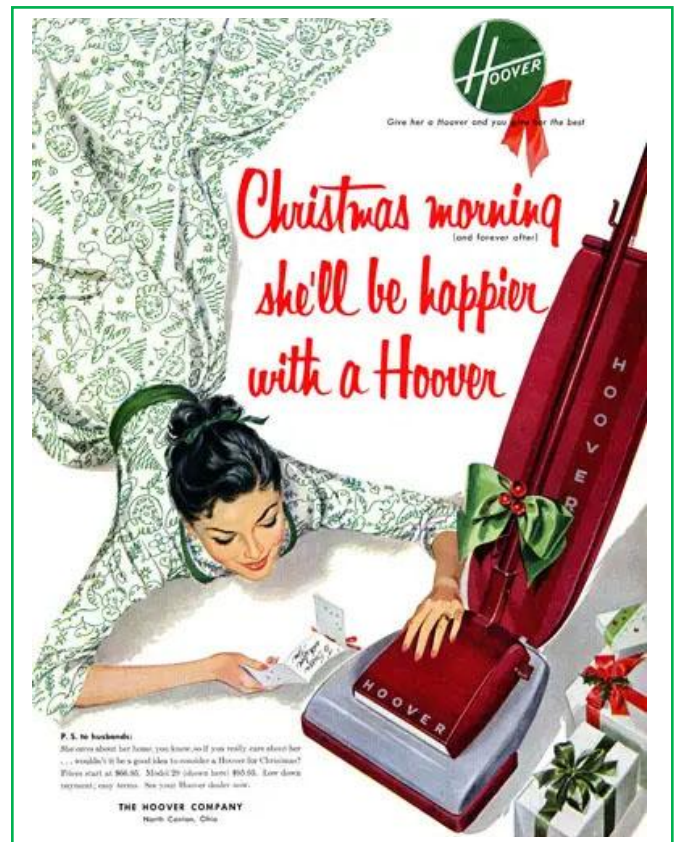
**If you get well,**  
there is nothing to worry about.

**If you die,**  
there are two things to worry about.  
Either you will go to heaven or hell.

**If you go to heaven,**  
there is nothing to worry about.

**But if you go to hell,**  
you'll be so damn busy shaking hands  
with your friends.

You won't have time to **WORRY!!**



*I don't think she will.....what were they thinking?*