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A Spokane Corvette Lover

Cruisin' by Greg Zyla (Date unknown)

Q: Greg, I'm a lover of Corvettes, and want to know which one is the most in demand and collectible? Would it be the first year of 1953? - K.H., Spokane, Wash.

A: Not by a long shot K.H. We contacted one of the corvette world's most prominent members, Terry Michaelis of ProTeam Corvettes in Napoleon, Ohio. Here's what he had to say: "If money is no object, at the top of my Corvette list is the 1963 Corvette Grand Sport, of which only five were ever built. Next would be the 1969 ZL1 all-aluminum 427, of which GM made just 20.

The five 1963 Grand Sports he speaks of were conceived by Zora Arkus Duntov, father of the Corvette, in 1962. These special, lightweight Corvettes were delivered to sports car race teams and driven by top-notch drivers like Dave McDonald, Jim Hall, Hap Sharp, Don Yenke, A.J. Foyt and Roger Penske. Duntov wanted to build 125, but GM pulled the plug after only 5 were delivered.

Michaelis said that the last 1963 Grand Sport traded hands three years ago for \$4.4 million, and you wouldn't touch it today for less than \$6 million. (For more info, see www.grandsportregistry.com/63_history.html)

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Of the 35,310 Corvettes built, 7,731 were Z06's. 1,460 of those had the 3LZ package and 819 had the 67U Machine Silver Exterior color code.

Corvette Action Center

Our '08 Z06 was purchased in Aug of 2008 from Jim Driggers at Lithia Motors in Spokane. It is machine silver on the exterior with a stitched sienna interior. It is equipped with the 3LZ premium equipment group, Z06 chrome aluminum wheels and a navigation system. The care has already had to survive a trip on a flatbed roll back truck. Charlie and I were on our way to the Sept. 13th show in Palouse when we experienced a loud bang and an instrument panel letting us know of the loss of air in the tire. We had hit some type of railroad bolt in the road. We have to say that Oakesdale is not the most exciting place to await a tow truck-we couldn't even find a restaurant open! After the tow back to Lithia, a Lithia shuttle ride home and a week later, we were back in business again. Hopefully we will make the Palouse Car Show in 09. The picture was taken on the EWU campus.

Steve & Charlie Gonzales



SPOKANE CORVETTE CLUB

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Mike DeFreese. The Minutes from September's meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Treasurer Barb Beck reported a beginning balance of \$6944.65, income of \$844.00, expenses of \$544.69, and an ending balance of \$7243.96.

Old Business

Review of activities over the last month. We had a big Autocross on 9/12. There was quite a good turnout at the Camp Chevrolet Appreciation Day. Those who went to Nelson, BC had a good time. Members also went to Thompson Falls and to the dinner run at Lenny's in Cheney.

New Business

For a complete and up-to-date listing of upcoming events, please see the website.

There will be a dinner run to Chapala's (on 28th Avenue) at 7:00 on 10/21. Just meet there at the restaurant.

Cathy Lee talked about the fundraiser for Transitions for Women, which will be held on 10/14 at Inn at the Park. The members moved, seconded, and passed a donation of \$150.00 to Transitions.

Members are reminded to bring food donations to every meeting to be donated to the food bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Crabb, secretary

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As for price, a 1969 ZL1 all-aluminum 427 Corvette should fetch close to \$4 million, and a 1967 L88 is in the \$1.7 million and up range. For more available cars, Michaelis recommends the L88s from 1968 and 1969, of which 196 were built. "Right now, they are bringing \$350,000 to \$750,000. The \$350,000 car is probably a T-top, not a great color, maybe green or yellow or maroon. The popular Corvette colors are red and black. A black convertible just sold for \$675,000."

Historic Dates

October 4, 1973: The Four-Rotor Corvette show car, later renamed the Aero Vette, debuts at the Paris Auto Show.

October 1985: Corvette reintroduces a convertible model to the motoring press at Yosemite National Park in California.

Glossary of Terms

Glider: Corvette assembled at St Louis with no engine or transmission.

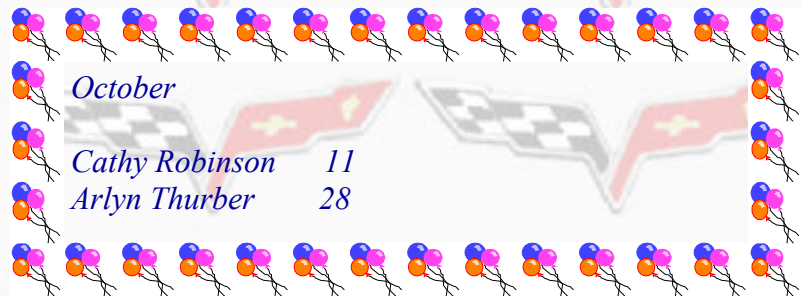
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Schedule of Club Events



Check the Club Web Site www.spokanecorvetteclub.com for a complete listing of Other Local & Regional Car Events.

UP COMING EVENTS

November:

12th - Meeting at Casey's, 7 PM

18th - Dinner Run to be announced.

December:

10th - Meeting at Casey's, 7 PM

12th - Hockey Game. It's Teddy Bear Toss Night. Everyone needs to bring a teddy bear (any size). Between one of the periods, the bears are tossed out onto the ice and all bears are donated to Charities or for Christmas gifts. Rex Reed will see about getting the tickets and seating. More details at the Nov. meeting.



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