



THE VETTE GAZETTE

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In the last newsletter I went into some detail about all the deicers they put on the road around Colorado during the winter time. As with anything I write other input is always more than welcome , Rocky

Corvette Trivia 1:

In 1960 the windshield washer reservoir was optional, however its mounting location was different how?

Mangini took a few moments to give some great insight about the deicers and some



pretty sound advice as follows, " Notice: They all use Magnesium Chloride in all but one of the De-Icer's. Even though Magnesium Chloride is less corrosive than salt, it is

still a very corrosive chemical and eats away at metal, chrome, wires and hoses. It should be removed immediately with soap and water to eliminate the damage it can cause to the undercarriage of you vehicle. In my experience, if left on chrome parts

of your vehicle it will soon eat through the chrome and you will start to notice rust dimples that cannot be removed. I have lived in the County of Pueblo for many years driving on gravel roads laden in magnesium chloride. You don't want this chemical on your vehicle, it will destroy your chrome bumpers and chrome running boards and other parts of your vehicle!

Corvette Trivia 2:

What was the First year for catalytic converters to appear on the Corvette?

I am a firm believer in "if you don't need to drive your corvette in snowy weather, leave it in the garage"

Since 1963 the Corvette has had concealed headlights a.k.a. popups it has become a tradition, until the C6 corvette came out the concealed headlights were replaced by stationary headlights. The stationary headlights offer a big advantage



over the concealed headlights in several areas, one being the drag that concealed have while up at

Corvette Trivia 3:

With it being the last of a generation (what year) holding two years in second place in auto week, it regained first place, with the dodge viper taking second?

night, produce drag, they weigh a considerable amount more than the counterpart, somewhat expensive to fix being the most common part to go out is the gear which is made of plastic (brass gears are available for replacements) the light output is less then desirable. They do have a few positive traits that set them apart from the stationary setup, the car looks very classic, most of the driving is done during the day, so the headlights will stay looking new longer then



a stationary setup, they do make complete replacement for the popups that will still retain the concealed look but provide a lot more light on the road compared to stock. With all of that said the 2004 Corvette and Lotus Esprit was the last car in production in the world to still have concealed popup headlights.

Enter the stationary headlights, they give the Corvette more of an aggressive stance, weigh less and produce hardly no drag on the car its self. The light output is amazing,



as well as from a distance they have a sinister look to them while the day time running lamps are on. The only negatives that a stationary light has is that the more you drive the car the more pits and sometimes chips that they receive , which makes them look worn, but they will still function fine.



Not much going on in the world of corvette racing at the moment, here is the upcoming events for 2013!

Corvette Racing's next event is the season-opening Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring at Sebring International Raceway on Saturday, March 16, 2013.

2013 Corvette Racing Schedule

DATE	VENUE	Media
March 16	61th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Sebring, FL	
April 20	Tequila Patrón American Le Mans Series at Long Beach Long Beach, CA	ABC 4/21
May 11	American Le Mans Series Monterey Salinas, CA	ESPN2 5/12
June 22-23	24 Heures du Mans Le Mans, France	
July 6	American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix Lakeville, CT	ESPN2
July 21	Mobil 1 presents the Grand Prix of Mosport Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada	ESPN2
August 11	Road Race Showcase Elkhart Lake, WI	ABC
August 31	Grand Prix of Baltimore Baltimore, MD	ABC 9/1
September 21	Circuit of the Americas Austin, TX	ESPN2 9/22
October 5	ALMS at VIR Alton, VA	ESPN2 10/6
October 19	Petit Le Mans Braselton, GA	



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